

Oct./Nov. 2022

Helping Hands

For the South Side of Lansing



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Trunk-or-Treat
Monday, October 31,
6:00-8:00pm.
2727 W. Holmes Rd., Lansing

All children are welcome to participate in a FREE and SAFE alternative on Halloween @ Redeemer Church.

We will hold this event in our front parking lot **from 6-8 pm on Monday, October 31, 2022.** Our cars will be lined up with trunks open, ready to serve our community “Goblins” with oodles of candy. **This will be a “Walk-Up” Event.**

For more information, please contact the church office at 517-882-8000 or www.redeemerlansing.com.

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Includes: Tacos, Beans, Rice, Guacamole, Chips, Drinks, Ice Cream

Thursday, November 10, 2022
6:00 —7:30pm

Suggested Cost:

Adults \$10/Seniors \$9(age 60 and up)
Children \$5 (age 10 and under)

- *All you can eat,
- *Take Out is Available



All are invited to attend. Bring your family, friends and neighbors.

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Sunday Choir Rehearsal, @ 8:30am
Sunday Adult Study, “*Various Studies*” @ 9:00am
Sunday Children’s Study/Fellowship Time, @ 9:00am
Sunday Worship begins at 10:00am
**Holy Communion is Celebrated Every Sunday and Open
To all of God’s Children*
Sunday Luncheon follows worship,
**Will Begin Again, Mid-October 2022.*
Wed. Adult Enrichment Hour, 7:00pm

CHURCH STAFF

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Church Council meetings are open to all members.
**Their normal meeting time is the 3rd Sunday of
each month @ Noon.**

Helping Hands Christian Learning Center Board
meetings are open to all to all members, parents and
community members. **Their normal meeting time is
the 4th Thursday of each month @ 6:00pm**

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Nov. 20, 2022

*The editors reserve the right to make changes
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Cindy Vogt	Oct. 05
Mary Ann Wilson	Oct. 07
Howard Vogt	Oct. 13
Jeff Sand	Oct. 17

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Paula Gartung	Oct. 04
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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Amanda Bilinski	Nov. 05
Jeanette Eastham	Nov. 14
Carla Fitzgerald	Nov. 22
Kay LaMar	Nov. 28

We are sorry if we missed your special day. Please let the office know of your date by calling the office, 882-8000, emailing, janhite@sbcglobal.net or dropping your name and Birth date or Anniversary date in the offering plate. **Thank You!**



Please Remember...

Daylight Savings Time
will End on Sunday morn-
ing, **November 6th @**
2:00 a.m.



Set your Clocks Back (1)
hour before you go to
bed on Saturday night, **November 5th**

Yes, we “**FALL BEHIND**” so we have an
extra hour of sleep.

DON'T FORGET!!!



Helping Hands Christian Learning Center

Our Mission: to provide nurturing care to God's children through our helping hands, offering a safe haven for holistic growth.

Raising a Thankful Child

By Julie A. Riess

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, we may find ourselves reflecting more often on how to raise a thankful child. At first glance, parents might think about how to teach the social scripts of thank you. Should a 2-year-old be forced to say thank you to Grandma for a gift? Should a 4-year-old sign a thank you note for a birthday present? Should a 6-year-old show appreciation for a large helping of spinach and cranberry sauce on his or her Thanksgiving plate?

Parents often have the best intentions of raising a thankful child as part of their parental job descriptions. We tend to use the social graces of please and thank you as one index of raising a "good kid." Indeed, manners such as these are important tools for getting along and working together with others in our society.

Even young children can be taught to say please and thank you. Giving them prompts ("What do you say?"), withholding the requested item ("You can't have the cookie unless I hear the magic words"), and modeling ("Could you please pass the juice?") are ways to encourage learning these manners. But is learning to say thank you the same as being thankful?

Think about something in the past year for which you are thankful. Is it a person, place, or thing? an event? a state of being? Did you say thank you? How did you express your gratitude? Did it feel sincere or more like satisfying a social grace?

The development of morality is marked in part by the emergence of the moral emotions such as shame, pride, guilt, embarrassment, and empathy. As these emotions develop, they allow children to feel a response in relationship to their own actions toward others. The emotional feedback contributes to that sense of sincerity.

Our gut reactions may highlight a comparison of manners vs. morals. While both reflect an aspect of how we treat others, children can use manners just by learning a script. The problem in learning scripts for manners for a child too young or separated from meaning is that children satisfy the social grace without experiencing the emotional response or acting upon their own intent. For example, 4-year-old Beth runs to greet her grandmother. "Thanks, Grandma!" she says, grabbing the present out of her grandmother's hand. She opens the box to find six pairs of

white socks. Crestfallen, she says, "Thank you, Grandma, for my socks." Beth's first thanks is genuine appreciation for receiving a present, but her second thank you is the script that she is supposed to say.

Teaching manners is a fine art of modeling but not always the making of meaning. Raising thankful children is a fine art of helping them make their own meaning. Maybe it is a crumpled, crayon-scribbled card. Maybe it is a fresh bouquet of dandelions (and a few other weeds) from the back yard or local park. Maybe it is just a warm hug after a cold ice cream treat.

Children express some sense of thankfulness and desire to be appreciated all the time. It is our role as parents to model appreciation and reflect those genuine feelings back to the child. With a warm smile and a sincere voice, we can say, "Thank you for my beautiful card. I can tell you worked hard on it. You used so many different colors! It makes me feel really good and happy inside. I'm going to put it up right here on the refrigerator so our whole family can enjoy it."

Thankfulness also emerges from children raised with the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Like adults, children need to be exposed to genuine appreciation and to feel appreciated.

Many years ago on our family vacation, my 8-year-old daughter saved some of her carnival money and schemed a way to buy me a small candle and matching stand. The gift brought tears to my eyes, and we both knew our appreciation was genuine. And yes, I said thank you.



What's Happening

October/November

- 10/14—No School LCA & LSD
- 10/27—HHCLC Board of Director's Meeting
- 10/31—HHCLC Halloween Party & Parade
- 10/31—Redeemer Trunk and Treat 6:00—8:00pm
- 10/31—No School Cole 1/2 day LSD
- 11/02—No School LCA
- 11/08—No School LSD
- 11/18—1/2 day Cole
- 11/21-11/25—PD & Thanksgiving Break LSD
- 11/23-11/25—Thanksgiving Break LCA and Cole Academy
- 11/24—Happy Thanksgiving Center Closed
- 11/25—Center Closed

Helping Hands Christian Learning Center is a ministry of Redeemer Church and has been servicing the community for 24 years. Here we offer love and quality care to God's children. Come in today to see what we have to offer you and your family.



Sunday Schedule

- Choir Rehearsal: 8:00am
- Adult & Youth Study Time: 9:00am
- Worship: 10:00am
- Lunch and Fellowship: 11:15am
- Adult Enrichment Class: Wed.7:00pm

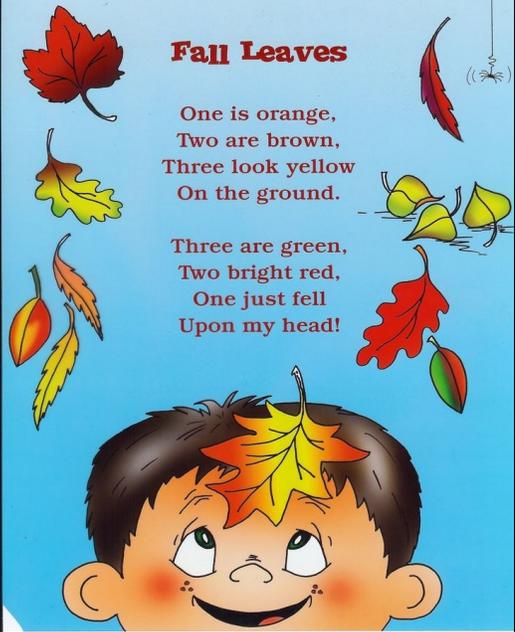
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October/November

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Ms. Linda	10/04
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Joy W.	10/10
Rachel C W	10/19
Ryan E.	10/24
Henry D.	10/25
Samariya D.	10/29
Saylor A.	10/30
Wesley A.	10/30
Sullivan S.	11/08
Jaxen S.	11/25
Ms. Carla	11/22
Ms. Lucila	11/29



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Throughout the years, we the people of Redeemer have
found ways to change with the times and become more
aware of the people who are around us so that we could
share with them the *Good News of Jesus Christ* and
also provide for those who are in need.

We have and will continue to *"Make Christ known
through our Helping Hands."* God be with us as we
do!

-Pr. Jan



Please join us for these upcoming Events

Mobile Food Bank...

Date: *Saturday, November 19, 2022*
9:00-11:00am

Located: South Church of the Nazarene
401 W. Holmes Rd.
Lansing, MI 48910



The Human Relations and Community Services Department and the Mid-Michigan Food Bank will be distributing free, fresh, non-perishable food items to:

- The disadvantaged and vulnerable
 - Senior citizens on fixed incomes
- Families/individuals with limited or low income jobs
*All participants must bring a valid state identification card or driver's license

Trunk-or-Treat...

Date: *Monday, October 31, 2022*
6:00-8:00pm.

Join your community for a fun, safe time of trick or treating. This year, due to Covid, our format for this event is still up in the air. It could be a "Drive Thru" OR if statistic on Covid in our area drop, we may go back to handing out the candy ourselves. Our goal, is to keep EVERYONE as SAFE as possible. When you arrive you will know our decision. Either way, your children will receive SAFE and GREAT treats. So plan on a wonderful event, **Sunday, Oct. 31, 6-8 pm.** Please spread the news—and invite all your children's friends!!



"Thanksgiving Baskets...For the Needy"

This year we will be providing 15 food baskets for those in need in our community this year during the Thanksgiving season.

We will be teaming up with "Helping Hands" families and children. The "Sign-Up" Sheet for food items will soon be up in the Entrance Area of the church. Please sign up to bring food items or to donate \$10 toward this worthy cause. If you are NOT attending church, but would like to donate food items, you can call the church OR email Pastor Jan at janhite@sbcglobal.net and see what items are needed. Call, 882-8000. Thank you.



Many families in our community continue to struggle due to the increase cost of life in general, so, try and enlighten their holidays by putting a healthy Thanksgiving dinner on their table. Our prayer as a church

and school is that we can try and care for others in need as much as possible.

Items are due into the church by **Sunday, November 20th at 11:30am.** Baskets will be assembled on Sunday, Nov. 20th and made ready for pick up and delivery that day. **Drivers are needed also.**

Remember, Jesus said, *"What ever you do unto the least of these who are my family, you have done to me."* Let us reach out with the hands of Jesus and help others!

"Lansing Food Bank" Fundraiser, EMPTY BOWLS...Friday, October 21, 2022, 11am-1:30pm

Held at Arcadia Smokehouse, 2101 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, Mi. 48912. Cost: \$30 each. This even is Pre-Sale only. To buy tickets, go to: GLFoodBank.org
All funds raised help feed our hungry this winter.



Voting Is Important...

Remember there is an Election Day coming up, **Tuesday, November 8th.** Freedom to Vote was WON by many and is a privilege we don't want to take lightly.

We can all vote **EARLY, AT HOME or ON ELECTION DAY.** See the South Washington Office Complex, 2500 S. Washington. It is open during regular business hours 8am till 5pm, as well as extended

Wednesday and weekend hours. Also the City Clerk's Office, 9th Floor of City Hall is Available, 8am till 5pm to complete absentee applications and ballots.



Taco Dinner...

Date: *Thursday, November 10, 2022*
6:00-7:30pm.

We are finally going to hold a true Taco Dinner. Yes, this meal will be inside the church with all the fixings. You and your family and friends are invited to enjoy Tacos, chips, beans, rice, all the toppings including Guacamole, various drinks and Melting Moments Ice Cream to top off a great meal. And of course it is ALL YOU CAN EAT! There is "Take Out."

Cost is: Adults: \$10, Seniors: \$9 and Children: \$5.



We are looking forward to seeing all of you again!!!

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CURRENT SUNDAY MORNINGS Praise Time!

Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

- Holy Communion is shared each week
- ALL are welcome *Dress is casual

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- **Masks are still recommended for your safety.**



A Great Big Thank You to all our faithful Members. We appreciate you!

A BIG thank you to all our Faithful Members & Friends who... Made this year's Ice Cream Social a great success. We thank those who donated gift cards for our 50/50 raffle, those who donated cash or items for the ice cream social, and to those who volunteered hours of endless time to make this popular event a wonderful event. As you all know, our community looks forward to this social every year and it would NOT happen without you.

Also we say, "Thank You" to everyone who helped with our 100th Anniversary Celebration. The 4 weeks of remembering what we have accomplished and who we are were fantastic. The worship, music, food, flowers, decorations, displays and especially those who gathered were amazing. JOB WELL DONE!!

