

## from pastor Kelly Chatman //

Do you ever get a song in your head and you don't know how it got there but it just seems to stay with you? Somehow an old Negro spiritual got into my head and it is staying with me and I can't let it go. The name of the song is *Have you got good religion?*, otherwise known as *Certainly Lord!* The song is a time-honored spiritual that sustained African Americans in their faith and revived during the civil rights movement.

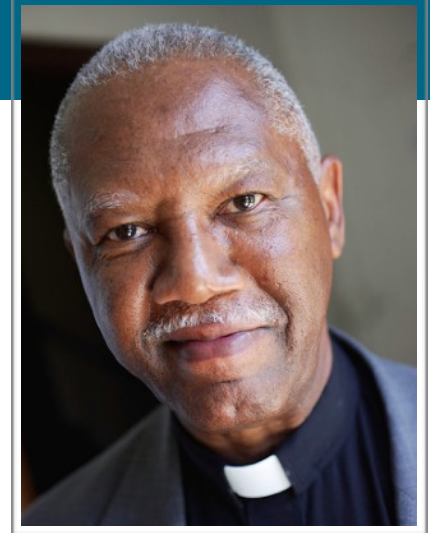
The song is a call-and-response in which the leader sings out, "Do you have good religion?" and the congregation responds, "Certainly Lord!" I like the song because it is communal: It's not intended to be sung alone, much like the Church itself. The church is a faith community, a collective reality. We sing and function best and most powerfully when we function as a faith community.

To be honest with you I am not really sure what "good religion" is but I know it when I see and feel it. I feel and see the church on Sunday, when we gather at the table and we share the sacrament, the bread and body of Christ. Good religion looks and feels like the words spoken at the baptismal font where we hear the promise of the faith community saying, "certainly Lord!"

But wait! That's not all. Good religion also extends beyond the walls of the sanctuary and the faith community where a broken and hungry world calls out to us, "Do you have good religion?" Do you have good religion, when children are separated from parents and refugees are seeking asylum? Do you have good religion, when health care is a privilege not available to everyone? Do you have good religion when sickness and death has come to your door and your faith is shaken?

Last month I was in Princeton, New Jersey where I had the opportunity to visit a farm. The farmer was our teacher and he shared with us how a farm can teach us about life and faith. The farmer reminded us how the food that is grown on the farm has a life cycle. There is a season for planting, growing harvesting and dying. Much of our attention tends to go to planting, growing, and harvesting. We pay little attention to the reality of death and dying. The farmer reminded us that death and dying are an important and natural part of life. This is true on the farm and in our daily living. On Sunday mornings we observe this reality in our congregation, though I don't voice this very much. I succumb to the fear that death is too personal and we are a "private" people. I ask for God's forgiveness here and hope to give voice to death as important not just to the farmer but for each of us as well. We are a death and resurrection people. We are people of the cross. Without death there is no resurrection.

Last year at Redeemer we did a series of one-to-one conversations and it was wonderful. If we could do those one-to-one conversations again I would ask that we include the topic of death and dying. I can't think of a clearer and more challenging way to remember the time-honored song, "Do you got good religion?" "Certainly, certainly, certainly Lord!"



\\ celebrating 20 years at REDEEMER CENTER FOR LIFE

*You are Cordially Invited!*

**Redeemer Center for Life**  
**20th Anniversary Fundraising Gala**  
Featuring Joe Davis & The Poetic Diaspora  
The Redeemer Praise Team  
Catering by Cajun Twist

**Saturday Evening | October 27, 2018**

Loppet Trailhead

1221 Theodore Wirth Parkway | Minneapolis, MN

5 to 6pm // Reception & Silent Auction

6pm to 7pm // Dinner

7pm // Story-telling, Poetry, & Music

Ticket Prices & Table Sponsorships Coming Soon.

Please Call Sara Huelle to Secure Your Reservation // 612-374-4139 (ext 17)



Redeemer Center for Life is proud to be celebrating 20 years of inclusive development, intentional relationship, listening, and responding to the Harrison Neighborhood's call for youth leadership opportunities, attainable housing, and workforce development!

Twenty years dedicated to acting as an agent of hope and transformation to preserve a vibrant community in the Harrison neighborhood and broader North Minneapolis.

We hope you will join us for RCFL's 2018 Gala where we'll celebrate 20 dynamic years, and raise funds toward a vibrant future and the continued building of Beloved Community in North Minneapolis.



## \\ NYA: northside youth association

Youth Programming at Redeemer is back this fall with the Northside Youth Association! Beginning October 1st, we invite all school-aged kids (K-12) to our fellowship hall for the Redeemer Afterschool Program (RAP) Mondays through Thursdays each week. We continue to host Sunday Fundays for Northside high schoolers at the Living Room. And watch for more information about Harrison Hangouts coming back to the Living Room on Saturdays in mid-October! For more information or to register your kids, contact Youth Programming Director Trai Dunlap at [traiveond@gmail.com](mailto:traiveond@gmail.com) or give him a call at 612-374-4139 x 22.

**RAP // Monday - Thursday, 4-6:30pm @ Redeemer Fellowship Hall**  
**Sunday Fundays // 2nd & 4th Sundays from 1-4p @ The Living Room**

## annual soul food sunday & fellowship //

We invite you to join us Sunday, October 28th, for our Annual Soul Food Feast immediately following morning services. We'll share fried chicken and all the fixin's as we gather around the table for a meal celebrating Redeemer and our community!

We will also be offering free flu shots for anyone aged 6 months and up from 10am-1:15pm in the church Library, so stop in for your annual inoculation!

**Soul Food Sunday // Sunday, October 28, 2018**  
**12:30-3pm Immediately Following Worship**

We'll also host fellowship meals following services on October 14th, November 11th, and December 16th! For more information or to volunteer with the fellowship team, contact Steve Patnode at [patnodes5@yahoo.com](mailto:patnodes5@yahoo.com).



## \\ annual women's retreat

The Women of Redeemer are heading back to Bay Lake Camp in Deerfield, MN for our annual women's retreat the first weekend of November! We invite any and all who identify as women to join us for this relaxing weekend of intentional community and fellowship. The cost is \$75 for one night and \$125 for both. Questions may be directed to Pastor Babette ([babette@redeemercenter.org](mailto:babette@redeemercenter.org) / 612-374-4139 x 16).

**Annual Women's Retreat @ Bay Lake Camp**  
**Friday-Sunday, November 2-4, 2018**

# church updates //

## financial update from mike tarras- october 2018 //

*"Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established."*  
James 5:7, ESV

We are in the final quarter of the church year, the holiday season is right around the corner, and lives are getting busier and busier. To help some of us streamline a small part of our lives I wanted to take this October newsletter to mention our online giving portal. I use this portal personally to automate my giving to our capital campaign. And I know that many of our members use the service to automate all of their giving. This is a service we have had for years which might be able to help some of you budget and automate your giving. You will see the QR code added to our Sunday bulletins, and you can also go to [redeemermpls.org/giving](http://redeemermpls.org/giving) to give a one-time gift, setup a recurring donation, give to the capital campaign, and even donate to RCFL. This is a secure service which might help take one small item off your to-do list in the upcoming months.

As always, I'm available at: 612.231.8323 or [mtarras@gmail.com](mailto:mtarras@gmail.com)

giving update //	actual:	budgeted:
revenue	\$240,789.72	\$257,287.32
expenses	\$313,167.88	\$313,167.88
monthly tithes	\$16,417.16	\$15,300.00
monthly partner giving	\$2,601.52	\$2,718.75

## executive council members //

president: Sarah Stadie  
secretary: Rachel Birkedal  
treasurer: Mike Terras

## council members //

Helen Collins (education), Geoff Meyer (evangelism + outreach), Siri Fiebiger (service + advocacy), Steve Patnode (fellowship), Stuart Munk (property), Linnae Nelson-Seys (stewardship), Paul Koopman (worship, arts, + music), Cora Iverson (youth)

## church staff //

<b>senior pastor</b>	Kelly Chatman
<b>associate pastor</b>	Babette Chatman
<b>office administrator &amp; communications</b>	Amy Koopman
<b>bookkeeper</b>	Laurie Beckman Yetzer
<b>music ministry</b>	Kent Goodroad Alyssa Schwitzer Traiveon Dunlap Emander Deward
<b>sunday school coordinator</b>	Helen Collins
<b>children and youth</b>	Seth Wynands Traiveon Dunlap
<b>maintenance staff</b>	Tyrone Wade

## every week at redeemer //

day //	activity	time / location	activity	time / location
<b>sun //</b>	<b>seeing white</b>	9am The Living Room	<b>prayer+praise</b>	10am / sanctuary
			<b>worship+liturgy</b>	10:30am / sanctuary
<b>mon //</b>	<b>health commons &amp; zumba</b>	6-7pm living room	<b>RAP</b>	4-6:30pm rlc fellowship hall
			<b>narcotics anonymous</b>	6pm / fellowship hall
<b>tue //</b>	<b>busy fingers crafting fellowship</b>	9am-12pm sewing room	<b>RAP</b>	4-6:30pm rlc fellowship hall
			<b>health commons &amp; yoga</b>	3-7pm @ the living room
<b>wed //</b>	<b>\$1 coffee @ venture north</b>	11am-7pm	<b>RAP</b>	4-6:30pm rlc fellowship hall
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			<b>health commons zumba</b>	6-7pm @ the living room
<b>fri //</b>	<b>church office closes</b>	12pm		
			<b>narcotics anonymous</b>	6pm / fellowship hall
<b>sat //</b>	<b>men's group</b>	10am-12pm / upstairs		

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- US Holidays
- Redeemer Center Public Calendar
- Redeemer Lutheran Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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#### JOIN US SUNDAYS:

Seeing White: 9am

Prayers & Praise 10am

Worship: 10:30am

#### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday: 9am-4pm

Friday: 9am-12pm



RAP (Redeemer Afterschool Program) is back! All kids are welcome to hang out at Redeemer Mondays-Thursdays from 4-6:30pm in the church fellowship hall!