



“WHAT HAVE YOU COME OUT TO SEE?”

We would all agree that cancer – cancer of any kind – is no friend of ours. Recently I found out a very good friend of mine was diagnosed with prostate cancer. As many of you know, before treatment can take place, the doctor and patient, as well as the patient’s family, have to determine what kind of treatment to undertake to battle the cancer.

Now, depending on the situation and the patient’s circumstances, the treatment options for men with prostate cancer might include: Surgery, Radiation, Chemotherapy, Hormone therapy, Cryosurgery, or Vaccine treatment. These treatments are generally used one at a time, although in some cases they may be combined. Nevertheless, treatment against this incurable and deadly disease is needed.

I am also certain that before my friend and his wife make the decision, regarding what kind of treatment to receive, they will undoubtedly seek guidance and wisdom from God through His Word and prayer.

I took the title, “What Have You Come Out to See,” from an article the Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Class recently studied in *Good News Magazine* – God’s Healing Medicine for You. The words come from the Lord Jesus Himself speaking to the crowds concerning John the Baptist saying, “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? ... What then did you go out to see?” (Luke 7:24-26).

The author of this particular article posed this question to the reader. Suppose Jesus were to make Himself physically visible at your church door next Sunday morning as you entered, and what if Jesus were to ask you, “What have you come to church today to hear, or to receive?” How would you answer His question?

For many who come to Redeemer, I am confident they would respond just as the Ladies did in Bible Class: to receive His Word and His Sacrament; to be forgiven and; to know that Jesus loves me.

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STEWARDSHIP

We are saved by faith alone, but the faith that saves us is never alone. That is because faith is a living, busy, and active thing. It inhales all of God's riches in Christ and exhales this in love and service to the neighbor.

But who is my neighbor? God in His mercy has placed us into three distinct communities: society, family, and the church. That means we have a duty to those around us in each of these communities. We pray for the people in these three communities daily. We rejoice with them in times of joy and suffer with them in times of sadness. And we give to them from the income that God provides as we are able and as they have need.

So we pay taxes to our governments so that they may do the work that is needed for our neighbors in society. We give to our families so that they have food and clothing, house and home, even educations. And we give to our church—our local congregations—so that the gospel may be preached and the sacraments administered for us and others.

The beauty of this is that God smiles upon all that giving. When you pay your taxes, God is pleased that you have served your neighbor who needs what the

government provides. When you provide for your family, God is pleased. That you have helped your neighbor with the necessities of life by sharing with them what He has given to you, God is pleased. And when you give to your local congregation to support the ongoing preaching of the gospel, God is pleased. To all this giving, He says to you, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

Looking at giving in this light makes it a joy to give. The joy is multiplied. There is joy in you because you have served your neighbor in his need. There is joy in your neighbor for God has answered their prayers through you. And God rejoices and is pleased with it all. It might just make the humdrum of grocery shopping and mortgage payments a bit more joyous. It might even make April 15 tolerable (St. Paul had to have this pep talk with the Romans, also, "This is why you pay taxes...." Rom. 13:6). And it surely will make the envelope placed into the offering plate a joyful thing.

Indeed God is pleased with you. You are saved by faith alone because of Jesus Christ. And that saving faith is never alone. It is busy and active. It serves the neighbor in society, family, and church with free and cheerful giving.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Time sure seems to fly these days....it was just like yesterday I just took down our Christmas tree and now we'll soon be celebrating Ash Wednesday and the Lent Season.

At our January 24th Voter's Meeting the proposed revisions to our Constitution and By Laws were addressed. Unfortunately only the By Law Revisions were passed unanimously since the requirement for one-half of the total voting membership was needed to be present to amend our Constitution. We will now be sending ballots to Voting members of record asking for you to vote to amend our Constitution. An important part of the By Laws passed included changes on how our Board of Elders, will be elected (not appointed) by the Voter's Assembly. Pastor Kress and the Nominating Committee will be looking for potential Elders, if you have an interest, please contact Pastor. As you know the Elders play a very important role in our ministry, primarily to maintain the spiritual welfare of the Pastor and all baptized, communicant, and associate members of the Congregation. We also are in need of filling a few other very important positions. Pam Replinger, Chair of the Board of Christian Education needs a Sunday School Superintendent. Our Board of Human Care Ministries has been in need of a Chairperson ever since Carol Carlos (and Joe) moved away. We also need a Chairperson for the Board of Assimilation. Please prayerfully consider helping us out to fill these so important positions. In the Narthex is a poster asking for your help. Please consider how you can use your time, talents and resources the Lord has blessed you with.

Please plan to attend our Wednesday Lenten services pointing us to the passion of Christ during Holy Week, beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 10th.

Blessings,
Stephen Wurster



SERVING THE LORD

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<u>Altar Guild</u>	
<u>Coffee Hour</u>	

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Unfortunately, many members of our congregation would not be able to answer Jesus' question because they are not attending Divine Service faithfully to even hear the question from Jesus.

I realize my last sentence is a very condemning statement. However, let me remind each and every one of you (including myself), that we have ALL been diagnosed with an incurable, deadly disease. The incurable disease is sin (Psalm 51:5; Romans 3:23), which we inherited from our first parents (Adam and Eve). There is no remedy that man can provide in order to remove or cure this deadly disease. Because of sin, both original and actual, we are utterly condemned. Therefore we cry out like the Apostle Paul, “Who can save me from this body of death?” (Romans 7:24). The answer to the question, of course, is Jesus.

Just like the cancer patient in need of treatment for his incurable disease, so are we in need of treatment for our incurable disease. The cancer patient goes to the doctor each week to hear the status of his affliction and to receive the treatment for his disease, so do we need to go to Church to hear of our affliction and to receive treatment from our Divine Physician.

So, go to church. Go to church where Jesus will give you His treatment for your spiritual cancer, a treatment which will assure you that the spiritual cancer you have been diagnosed can never, ever destroy your faith in Jesus.

On February 10th we enter into the penitential season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. Divine Service will be offered at 4:30 & 7:00 PM with the Imposition of Ashes (BTW: Divine Service indicates the celebration of Holy Communion). There will also be a Lenten Dinner provided in Fellowship Hall between services, which will be approximately 5:30 PM. Please look for the signup sheet in the narthex on the visitors' desk.

Choir will continue to practice at 6:00 PM on Wednesday. They are preparing to sing beautiful anthems during the Lenten season as well as Easter. If you are interested in singing with the choir during this time, please come to choir practice held in the choir room behind the sanctuary wall. We welcome all members, associate members, guests, and visitors.

There will be one change during the Midweek Lenten Services this year. We will offer only ONE service each Wednesday (with the exception of Ash Wednesday and Holy Week). Our Midweek Lenten Service will be conducted at 4:30 PM with a Lenten Dinner following. I apologize to those who have always and faithfully attended our 7:00 PM Midweek Services. Please consider attending the 4:30 PM services this Lententide.

Look for the many opportunities to worship this upcoming season of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Come to church to see Jesus with the eyes of faith; listen to His comforting Word through the voice of the Pastor; and receive from the Pastor as from the hand of Jesus Himself the medicine for your spiritual cancer, His true body and blood; given and shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins.

Your Servant in Christ Jesus,
Pastor Jim Kress

TRAVELS OF AQUILA AND PRISCILLA

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we are now on the road again. Well almost, I'll explain later.

We hope that all of you had a wonderful holiday season and thus far this year has been good to you. We have had the pleasure of spending time with our daughter and her family. Her three children were able to be home for Christmas. What a blessing we have that all of our grandchildren have grown to be responsible adults and gainfully employed in their chosen fields of endeavor.

During our stay in Austin, we spent some time getting established as citizens of the Republic of Texas, we are no longer Floridians. This is not to say that we don't miss you and the wonderful weather in the sunshine state.

Even though we kept pretty busy we did find time to spend three days down in San Antonio. San Antonio is a wonderful long weekend town. Pretty riverwalk with all different shops and restaurants, semi tropical landscaping. (similar to what you are used to seeing in Florida). A feel like being in Mexico, but a lot cleaner and you can drink the water.

On Aquila's birthday we decided to drive to Enchanted Rock State Park, about one and a half hours drive northwest of Austin. Enchanted Rock rises about 450 feet above the surrounding landscape and is the third largest rock in this hemisphere. Record climb time is 15 minutes, it took Aquila 45 minutes from the parking lot to the top but two hours to get back. Reason, Aquila, could not find the trail he took to get to the top so he chose to choose rock formations that looked like the one's he saw coming up for a guide. Needless to say he wound up on the opposite side of the rock.

We resumed our travels heading west on January 7th with plans to use Fort Stockton TX as our base to explore Southwest Texas. On the way to Fort

Stockton we stopped at Fort Lancaster. During the early 1800's a chain of forts were established along the southern route to protect wagon trains as they traveled through Comanche territory. The forts were abandon by the Union during the Civil War and some were occupied by the Confederacy. Peak travel occurred during the Gold Rush years but by the late 1860's with the transcontinental railroad came into place the forts were no longer needed. Some of these forts have been partially restored and it is quit interesting to learn about what life was like in the forts.



Our favorites are Ft. Lancaster were you can still see the ruts in the rocks the wagons made as they came down the hillside into the fort. The other is Fort Davis, the home of the Black Buffalo soldiers, very well restored.

While we stayed in Fort Stockton we visited Big Bend National Park, Big Bend Ranch Texas State Park and McDonald Observatory.

Big Bend is a huge park with many climate zones from sub tropical along the Rio Grande to Alpine in the mountains.

Vistas and rock formations that are a joy to behold. Photography can not do it little justice. God sure dose have a great paint brush, because of the composition of each of the different formations we must have seen the full color spectrum from white to black. We walked a few trails, visited what was left of some homesites and graves of early pioneers that had made an attempt to settle in this area.

Also, spotted coyote, javelin, deer, and of course road runners.

The State Park has a highway that parallels the Rio Grand. Because of the nature of the river path and the terrain sometimes you are high looking down

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the river and a stones throw from Mexico and other times looking across a wider river bottom with a high palisade on the other side. It is amazing that because of all the grit the water carries it is actually sanding or craving itself a path through rock. We chose to walk a trail about three miles long through Closed Canyon, a narrow gorge with sheer rock walls about 15 stories high on each side. In some cases we had to slide down on our backside.

Coming back up we had to crawl up on all four. Even though we were tuckered out after that ordeal we enjoyed just about every minute of that walk through God's creation.

McDonald Observatory sits on top of Mount Locke about 7000 ft above sea level. The views from here are incredible, one can see 40 miles to the horizon. There are a variety of telescopes that are used at this site for astronomical observatory including a radio antenna system that monitors radio waves from distance stars. The accuracy of the system

is that if was a visual device it would enable a person on earth to see a football on the moon. At the beginning I said we were on the road again almost.

Well as we write this we are in Austin, because Aquila mentioned to Priscilla that he noticed a bump on his belly. Next morning we were at Pecos Memorial hospital having a CT scan. Turns out to be a hernia. Doc suggest we get it fixed. Aquila, wants to keep going west. Priscilla says we are going back to get it fixed. The kids are called, they say Dad get it fixed. Aquila, thinks it over and decides if something goes wrong you are going to hear a lot of "I told you so" and most important of all he remembers a happy wife is a happy life. So back to Austin, to see a surgeon. Surgeon, "says not to worry hernia is small it can wait. Besides, it would be a lot better for you if there wasn't so much of you. If you want to get it fixed after you finish your trip I'll still be here." So we should be on the road again in a few days.



FROM THE TREASURER

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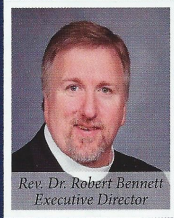
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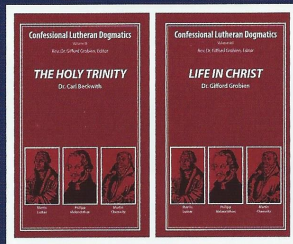
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THE PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

The President's Circle is a ministry of the Florida-Georgia District that provides the resources our District President needs in order to respond to emergencies in the lives of our District church workers and ministries. Anyone can be a part of The Circle. Please consider partnering with us to provide Acts of Grace to those in serious need.

Since the early days of the church, God's people have worked together to further the spread of the Gospel. Throughout the centuries, Christians have shared resources with one another especially in times of distress. For decades the Florida-Georgia district has assisted ministries and church workers by providing special support and assistance with resources gathered by churches in the district.



The President's Circle strives to build on this ministry of the district, to work within the structure of the district to bring Acts of Grace to people and ministries in times of specific need with special resources gathered for this purpose. The Circle's resources are only used to care specifically for ministries and workers during times of extreme need.

It seems that when times are difficult, needs are at their greatest. Every day in our district church workers and ministries are struggling because of unforeseen trials and disasters. Often times the needs are known by our District President and his staff, but are not able to be met – the funds and resources to help are no longer there.

Through the cooperative effort of the Circle, directed by the President, support and resources can be distributed where they are needed when times are most difficult. By your membership in the Circle, you are furthering the work of the Church by bringing Acts of Grace to those in serious need.

Members of the President's Circle work together to bring Acts of Grace to those in need in three very important ways:

Financial Support – Monthly automatic giving provides monetary resources to help those going through major financial struggles. Funds are distributed to assist church workers and ministries in times of serious need to get things back on track – not to sustain.

Prayer – The Circle creates a unique network of Christians who together seek to help those in serious need. Prayer requests will often go out to Circle members via the President's office.

Resource Sharing – Often time's churches and members have special resources that can be shared when serious needs arise in the lives of church workers and ministries. An ever expanding resource database is currently being built by Circle members for the President and his staff to draw upon in times of need. (Coming soon)

If you are interested in becoming a Circle Member, please visit the following link of the Florida-Georgia District: <http://flgadistrict.org/presidents-circle/>

As a Circle Member, you will be contacted with various membership options. Most members join as monthly givers – donating \$10 a month or more. This allows The Circle's fund to be sustained throughout the year. Furthermore, you will receive regular reports and special messages from The Circle leadership as well as from the President. Thank you for your support of and membership in this important ministry. – Rev. Gregory S. Walton, President

Dearest Friends and Members of Redeemer Lutheran Church,

As some of you know, I have served at Redeemer Lutheran Child Care (RLCC) for the better part of 5 years. I have learned a great deal in the child care industry and I have been blessed with so many wonderful opportunities to share the love of Christ with many families, staff, and most importantly to me, the children. Equally, I have been blessed to be mentored by a dedicated boss and friend, Wendy Horvath. This is what makes what I am about to share with many of you so difficult. Beginning February 8, 2016 I will be the new Director of Child Care at the Lutheran Child Development Center (LCDC) at Lutheran Church of the Cross in Port Charlotte. I have appreciated my time at the Child Care and working with the members of the School Board, which again, is what is making my parting "such sweet sorrow". A large piece of my heart will be left at RLCC as I begin my work at LCDC. I will miss the children, the staff, the families, as well as the support of Redeemer members. Although I will no longer be visible during the week on the Redeemer campus, I will continue to be available on Sunday mornings and involved in the life of the church at Redeemer. Thank you again for all the support you have given me over the last few years. You have all been a blessing to me and will continue to be a blessing to the Child Care Center here at Redeemer.

God's Peace,
Lisa Kress





VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH



This month we would like to say “Thank You” and “We Love You” to Pam Replinger!!! Pam has been volunteering at Redeemer since 2009 when she and her husband, Dennis, became members.. She is the Chair of the Board of Christian Education, serves on the School Board, oversees the Sunday School program and Vacation Bible School. Since the moment she walked through the doors of the sanctuary, Pam has been a very active member of Redeemer. She sings in the choir, she assists the Board of Finance as a counter, she assisted Dr. Bud Harty on the Vision path Committee, and she also was a member of the Directory Committee. Pam does all these things as a volunteer while still working full-time at Lemon Bay High School. Redeemer is blessed to have Pam’s energy, passion, and gentle personality. Thank you again Pam, We Love you.



PRAYERS



SHUT-INS: Carl & Betty Bertka, Alice Borowski, Betty Keller, Helen Perry, and Ruth Sutley.

HEALING: Mickie Abel, Marion Bise, Frank Demma, Pat Finkenbine, Bernice Heppner, Susan Jahns, Dave Johnson, Rita Kaufmann, Sandy McGrath, Bob Mortenson, Bob Payne, Carolyn Plesner, Joyce Redding, Duwayne Schoeneck, Fred Toth, Bob Varone, Robert Vickey, and Steve Wurster.

Friends & Relatives: Linny Aspery, Dick & Marilyn Bjornas, Grace Blum, Michelle Bernard, Bill Bowers, Jr., Debbie Buel, Dennis Burchell, Georgia Bush, Jack Carlos, Diane Carr, Debbie Carr, Esther Clapham, Bobbett Clark, Joanne Clymo, Martin Cressman, Renee Dempsey, Dale DesJardins, Brian DeTrow, Ed DeTrow, Irene DiTommaso, James Dodge, Barb Dumeah, Bruce Everson, Donna Fancher, Darla Finkenbine, Marla Flores, Lou Fountain, Denver Fredett, Manual Galan, Glenn Galway, Liam Garland, Sandra Gettings, Nancy Gleis, Friends and Family of Richard Grayson, Shelley Roedel Gutz, Debbie Harrison, Larry Headun, Claudette Hendershot, Joel Heppner,

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Military Personnel: Mark Baranowsky, Michael Broughton, Brian Jackson, Joshua Jones, Jonathan Koen, David MacLeod, Steven Seigmundt, and Charles D. Weishaar.

Pastor and members of the church are always willing to pray for you, family members and friends. If a loved one appears on our prayer list above, please call Pastor or the church office to give us a health update so that we may either keep or remove their name. Thank you!

***The deadline for the March Newsletter is February 16th
Please have all your submissions sent to redemerfl@verizon.net OR drop it off at
the church office to Deb by the date indicated above.
Thank You!***

BIBLE STUDIES

With all the hype and excitement of the new Avengers fictional movie, *Age of Ultron*, I thought it would be advantageous for us to look into a book of the Bible containing some nonfictional biblical super heroes. The Book of Judges is just such a book. Following the death of Joshua and before the rise of Israel's monarchy, God preserved His people from being absorbed by pagan cultures through the ministry of savior-judges. Although immanently human and sometimes exceedingly wicked, God's gracious work through these men and women foreshadows His greater work of deliverance through the true and perfect Savior-Judge, Jesus Christ. In Judges you will learn about: the successful woman-man team of Deborah and Barak; the mighty Spirit-powered deeds of Samson; and God's faithfulness



to His covenantal promises to His people, ultimately fulfilled in His Son, Jesus Christ. Come join us on **Sunday mornings at 8:00 AM** in the church sanctuary to learn more about these biblical super heroes. You will be amazed how God worked through men and women and how He continues to work through you. Are you a super hero?

T**UESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS:** On Tuesdays, at 10 AM in the small meeting room of Fellowship Hall we have begun an exciting year diving into the Word of God. This year we shall consider: ***THE PERSON AND WORK OF JESUS CHRIST: WHAT'S IN THE NAME?*** Did you know that the name *Jesus* means "the Lord saves?" So, Jesus is His personal name. Did you know that the name *Christ* means "the Anointed?" Jesus has been anointed by God, the Father with the Holy Spirit without limit to be our Prophet, Priest, and King. So, Christ is His work or office. Furthermore, have you ever wondered if there is any significance when reading God's Word sometimes scripture will read "Jesus Christ" and other times scripture will read "Christ Jesus?" I have had those same questions. Come join us on Tuesday Mornings at 10AM and let's search the SCRIPTURES and see what they have to say about it.

L**ADIES BIBLE CLASS ON THURSDAY:** On Thursdays, at 10AM, the ladies of Redeemer Lutheran Church and their lady friends meet in the large meeting room of Fellowship Hall to study God's Word with the aid of *GOOD NEWS* magazine. We will discover **GOD'S HEALING MEDICINE FOR YOU.** Have you ever been sick and needed medicine to heal you? What would you do? You would go to your doctor and he would prescribe medicine to bring you back to health, right? Well, we are all sick with sin. We cannot avoid it. We need to go to our Divine Physician to receive from Him prescribed medicine to heal us from our sin sickness. Ladies! Come join us on Thursday mornings at 10AM to learn more about our terminal illness of sin and how God, in Christ, has provided us with the medicine of His Word and Sacraments to fight against the effects of this dreaded disease and finally deliver us into everlasting life with Him in heaven.



LENT SERVICE SCHEDULE IN FEBRUARY

February 10th – Ash Wednesday – with Imposition of Ashes

Divine Service 4:30 PM & 7:00 PM

Lenten Dinner between services at 5:30 PM

February 17th – Midweek Service

Lent Service at 4:30 PM

Lenten Dinner at 5:30 PM

February 24th – Midweek Service

Lenten Service at 4:30 PM

Lenten Dinner at 5:30 PM



Date	Set-up	Take-down
Sunday, February 7th	Lisa Kress	Vicki Fernald
Sunday, February 14th	Sandi Libke Jane Harty	Carolyn Francis Bernice Heppner
Sunday, February 21st	Gretchen Armstrong Gale Bakalik	Micki Abel Dottie LaMere
Sunday, February 28th	Gwen Wurster	Bob Varone Sally Zierdt

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Everyone is invited to the Fellowship every Thursday, starting at 10:00AM. The more people attending, the more FUN we can have!!! The most popular things to play are: Pinochle, Phase 10, SkipBO, and Hand & Foot. We also have Dominoes or other games if they are requested. There must be something you would like to have fun with, so come on out. Once in awhile we have a special home made lunch but usually everyone brings a bag lunch. Drinks and dessert furnished.

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE RESULTS

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

The Annual Rummage Sale was a GREAT success! We raised \$1,510.61 and it would not have happened without everyone's help; from the people who set-up and priced items, people who cleaned out their closets, garages and sheds to bring items for sale, everyone who worked on the days of the sale and everyone who participated!



ENGLEWOOD HELPING HANDS

At this time of year, Englewood Helping Hands is very busy and are always in need of supplies for their pantry. Also, if you would like to volunteer to help at the pantry, contact Englewood Helping Hands at 941-474-5864. If you would like to donate to their pantry, following is a list of the current needs: canned chicken, tuna or ham, peanut butter & jelly, mac & cheese, canned fruit, cereal, rice, soups, toilet paper, paper towels, bar soap, shampoo, clothes detergent and dish soap. Thank you for all your support.

PROPERTY APPRECIATION DAY

We sure could use some help on our Property Appreciations Days every month. There is outside work to do and cleaning and dusting that needs done inside the Church. If you can help, please come to the church and we will put you to work.

Our next Property Appreciation Day is February 13th at 8:00 AM.



BALLOT RETURN BOX

Everyone should have received their Ballots concerning the approval of the proposed amendments to our Constitution. If you have not returned your Ballot to the Church office, please place it in the Ballot Return Box located in the Narthex. All ballots must be received no later than February 14th.



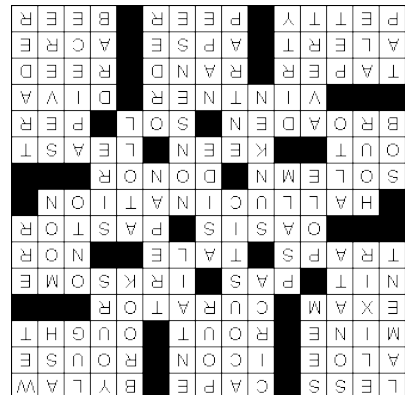
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LENTEN DINNERS

The Season of Lent brings midweek Divine Service with our Lenten Dinners served at 5:30 PM. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex indicating the number of people that will be attending and the type of dessert you will be brining. If you would like to help, please contact the church office.



POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

Below are just a few of the positions which are vacant at this time. Please read the descriptions and prayerfully consider stepping up to fill one of these positions. Without the many wonderful and faithful volunteers, we would not be able to fully minister to our congregation and the community.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: The primary duties would be to coordinate the schedules for Sunday School teachers, prepare the materials & make sure they are available, review attendance and work with parents to encourage attendance and see if rides are needed (not to necessarily provide the rides, but to contact somebody who could); work with Pam Replinger to address any concerns of Sunday School teachers, and assist in Rally Day and Vacation Bible School as able.

BOARD OF HUMAN CARE: The Chair of this very critical board works closely with the Pastor to insure proper care to individual members and families of the congregation. The Board of Human Care is expansive as it gives attention to emotional, physical, psychological, and spiritual maladies of God's people. With the help of the Pastor, the Chair trains members of the Board of Human Care to make hospital visits as well as visits to the shut-in and the infirm. The Chair oversees a prayer-chain with members who are not connected to the internet to receive E-prayers. The Chair also assigns a Coordinator to other programs of mercy within the congregation, i.e. Monthly Blood Pressure, Disaster Preparedness, Stephen Ministries, Caring Network, Cards of Comfort, and Christian Support Groups. The Board of Human Care may also participate in community events, i.e. Blood Drives and Relay For Life. The Chair of this board is also required to attend the monthly Church Council Meeting (2nd Monday at 7 PM), and prepare a brief report of the board's work to the Council and to the Voters' Assembly each quarter.

BOARD OF ASSIMILATION: The Chair of this important board works with the Pastor and the Chairs of other boards and committees to integrate new members into the life of the congregation. The Chair monitors the guidelines for proper use of the visitor's desk in the narthex. The Chair delegates the following responsibilities to the members of the Board of Assimilation: Supply greeters for Sunday Church services; Provide 'visitor bags' for first time visitors to Redeemer before Sunday services; Provide New Member Packets for all incoming new members; Take pictures of all new members; Place pictures in New Member Showcase (located in the narthex); and Provide the Newsletter Editor with pictures of all new members. The Chair of this board is also required to attend the monthly Church Council Meeting (2nd Monday at 7 PM), and prepare a brief report of the board's work to the Council and to the Voters' Assembly each quarter.



Redeemer Child Care



February 2016 Bible Lessons

Chapel is on Mondays at
3:45

2/1 Jesus Tells His Children
to Come

Mark 10:13-16

2/8 Jesus Says to Show
Mercy

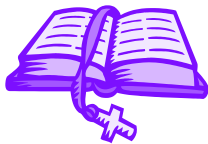
Luke 10:25-37

2/15 God Provides for His
Children

Luke 21:1-4

2/22 Jesus Came to Save
Sinners

Luke 19:1-10



Dear Jesus, Thank You
for pastors and
teachers who tell me of
Your love. I rejoice that
my name is written in
heaven.

Amen

President's Day
**Closed February 15,
2016**

A Great Big Thank You!

Dear Ms. Lisa,
As my favorite teacher
leaves and goes away, I love
her very much is what I
want to say. As she explores
a whole new future I want
say how much I'll always
miss her! Love From VPK,
Hunter, Isabelle, Lachlan,
Khloe, Chloe, Kayden, Violet,
Julie, Kira, Ella, Aubrie &
Arabella

Though farewells are sad,
ours is filled with happiness,
because you are pursuing
better pastures.

May God bless you with
success on this new
endeavor. We thank you for
being a great mentor.

May you always be that
guiding star in whatever
path you choose.

Love, Wendy, Debra, Emily,
Alexis, Jadilyn, Brittney,
Nicole, Mark, Lisa, Shala,
Lindsay, Tori, Vicky,

Summer, Megan & Katie
We are going to miss you!

What We Are Learning

2/1 Jesus Blesses the
Children

2/8 The Parable of the
Good Samaritan

2/15 The Widow's Mite

2/22- Jesus Eats with
Zacchaeus



Congratulations on your years of service!



Ms. Emily 1 year
Ms. Jadilyn 2 year

Submitted by Wendy Horvath



Choir



Voices Needed

Choir meets each Wednesday at 6:00 PM. Choir is preparing for a new season of performances and is inviting you to join them. If you love to sing, prayerfully consider responding to their invitation and join the choir. There is always room for more angelic voices or voices that love to sing praises to God! Rehearsals are every Wednesday in the Choir Room located behind the altar. If you are interested in becoming a member of the choir and have questions, please contact Collins Sita for more information.



CLASSIFIEDS

Lawn Care

Call Todd Armstrong at (941)961-7584 for your lawn care needs.

Cleaning Services

CK-Clean LLC—Residential cleaning service—Kristine Bowers
Baltimore (941) 681-6514

FREE

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS, HERE IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY!!! We have limited space, but space available, for you to place your FREE advertisement. Please contact the Church office by phone or email if you would like to place an ad.

LOST AND FOUND

If anyone is missing any items, namely eyeglasses, gloves, umbrellas, etc., please check the Lost & Found box located in the narthex.

GREETERS

<i>Feb. 7th</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Feb. 14th</i>	<i>Tom & Dianne Murdock</i>
<i>Feb. 21st</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Feb. 28th</i>	<i>TBA</i>

*Submitted by
Assimilation*



COFFEE HOUR

<i>Feb. 7th</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Feb. 14th</i>	<i>Pauline Vickey Neva Aldene</i>
<i>Feb. 21st</i>	<i>Georgia Lang</i>
<i>Feb. 28th</i>	<i>Tom & Dianne Murdock</i>

*Submitted by Brd. of
Community &
Parish Fellowship*



PUZZLE PAGE

Across

- 1. Comparative of little
- 5. Mantle
- 9. Rule made by local authority
- 14. Succulent
- 15. Symbol
- 16. Awaken
- 17. Excavation
- 18. Overwhelming defeat
- 19. Bound under moral obligation
- 20. Test
- 21. Custodian
- 23. Unit of luminance
- 24. Ballet step
- 25. Tedious
- 29. Snares
- 31. Story
- 33. Usually follows neither
- 34. Fertile part of a desert
- 36. Minister
- 39. Visual misconception
- 42. Earnest
- 43. Benefactor
- 44. Not in
- 45. Intense or sharp
- 47. The lowest degree
- 51. Widen
- 54. Ancient Roman god
- 56. For each
- 57. Wine merchant
- 59. Prima donna
- 60. Candle
- 63. South African currency
- 64. Part of a woodwind instrument
- 65. Alarm
- 66. Part of a church
- 67. Land measure
- 68. Trivial
- 69. Person of equal standing in a group
- 70. Alcoholic beverage

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Down

- 1. Dirge
- 2. Potion
- 3. Musical composition
- 4. Appear
- 5. Approximately in or at
- 6. Physical science relating to sound
- 7. Decant
- 8. Imply
- 9. Stream
- 10. Belonging to you
- 11. Carry with difficulty
- 12. Type of tree
- 13. Moisture
- 22. Surgical instrument
- 24. Sacred song
- 26. Upon
- 27. Natural satellite
- 28. Make a mistake
- 30. Rod
- 32. Stage whisper
- 35. Submerged
- 37. Coral reef surrounding a lagoon
- 38. Father
- 39. Unit of time
- 40. Singing voice
- 41. Having no intelligible meaning
- 42. Weep
- 46. Ensnare
- 48. Each
- 49. Austere
- 50. Merchant
- 52. Deflect
- 53. Unclean
- 55. Command
- 58. Part of the neck
- 59. Dreary
- 60. Strike lightly
- 61. Brew
- 62. Domesticated animal

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Bible Study: 8:00 AM

Divine Service: 9:15 AM

Sunday School: 9:15 AM

CHURCH OFFICE PHONE: 941-475-2410

The Redeemer Lutheran Church & Child Care Family are called into the service of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by His command (Matthew 28:18-20) to:

- Disciple all nations, that is, all people;*
- Baptize in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;*
- Proclaim the Gospel and teach His Word in its truth and purity.*