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Redeemer Newsletter

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Newsletter Changes

The monthly newsletter (hoping to become weekly in the VERY near future) will now be emailed out rather than via snail mail! By doing so, this is saving Redeemer time, money, and effort. It is our goal here at Redeemer to increase communication in any way that we can. Communication is key in many things and it plays an important part in a church community. The newsletter will also be uploaded to our church website for anyone to find! It is also our goal to leave no one out. Pastor John has

come up with alternative ways to address this problem if it were to arise. The church office will be more than happy to put a copy of the newsletter in the



members mailboxes downstairs. This addresses the issue of someone not having internet access or an

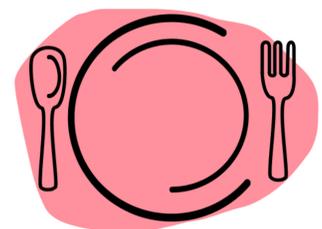
email address. This is also an option for those who simply prefer a hard copy to hold in their hands. There will also be a few copies left out each month in the lobby for the Welcome Center for those visiting Redeemer. It is our hope that this is a more efficient way of increasing communication between us! If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Katie through the church office via email or phone. (info@embracedbyhim.org or 540-898-4748).

Redeemer Ladies Appreciation Dinner

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 13 at 6pm. The Men of Redeemer are going to prepare and serve dinner for the ladies of the Church. This event is for all the ladies of Redeemer. There are some ladies who do not like to drive at night, so

the men will provide rides once you sign up. The event will be a sit down in the Fellowship Hall, buffet service of steak or chicken, salad, baked potato, rolls and desert. Table sign up will begin April 2nd. If there are any men whom I have not

emailed and who would like to help, please contact Mike Evenson.





Outreach Opportunities

April: Maundy Thursday – 4/13/17 – Coffee Commute – We will be going to the VRE station with free coffee, donuts and cookies and handing them out to commuters, along with a sticker with the info of the Easter Services and Events. Easter Extravaganza – Saturday, April Easter egg hunt, games,

moon bounce, scavenger hunt, music, tail gating and food. 1 to 4 pm.

May: Marathon Madness – 5/21/17 – 7 am to 11 am – Supporting members of Redeemer Lutheran church and the community, who are running or walking the 5 miler or ½ marathon. We will give away water and treats.

Panda Pantry: Providing food weekly to Salem and Berkley Elementary Schools to be given to students who get meal assistance, so they have food over the weekend. We will be collecting individual wrapped food items from now until Mid-June.

AmazonSmile

For all you Amazon online shoppers out there, start using AmazonSmile! It is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping expe-

rience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support. AmazonSmile donates 0.5% of your purchase to any charity of your choosing! Spread the

word! It is unfortunate that not many people know of this great opportunity!



From the Chair of Stewardship & Finance

“...we are still \$5,831.94 above the “break even” point.”

Happy Easter season, everyone! The month of February saw offerings lower than required to meet the budget for the month by \$10,090.29. However, it's important to note that we are still \$5,831.94 above the “break even” point. While that is trending lower than the budget requires, it means the church is still in the black for the year. It's also worth noting that these numbers do not include our savings, or our LCEF CD and Stewardship account. It does, however, include Joyful Response.

Several accounts look slightly over budget for the month of February, but this is caused by inconsistencies on when bills are processed. For example, the accepted share is something we contribute to District every month, but the month of January's check did not clear the bank until February, meaning it didn't show up in our January expenses, but double the checks showed up in our February expenses. That's why it's the annual budget that's really the important number. Lastly, you may

also notice that 660410 – Maintenance/Repairs has a considerable expense in it for February. That's the A/V upgrades. Those upgrades will be pulled out of that bucket and tracked as a separate expense based on what the voters directed in the special voter's meeting. As always, if you would like more detail, please email me at stewardship@embracedbyhim.org! I'd love to hear from you.

-Adam Eichelberger

Statement of Income & Expense - February 2017

	Feb 17	Budget	Jan - Feb 17	YTD Budget	Annual Bu...
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
500000 · Income	46,764.03	52,796.58	96,917.24	105,593.20	633,559.00
Total Income	<u>46,764.03</u>	<u>52,796.58</u>	<u>96,917.24</u>	<u>105,593.20</u>	<u>633,559.00</u>
Gross Profit	46,764.03	52,796.58	96,917.24	105,593.20	633,559.00
Expense					
600000 · Cooperative Efforts					
601010 · Accepted Share	10,252.99	5,231.25	10,252.99	10,462.50	62,775.00
601020 · Seminary Students	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
601030 · Alliance Defense Fund	100.00	100.00	200.00	200.00	1,200.00
601040 · Bethany Christian Service	50.00	50.00	100.00	100.00	600.00
601050 · Redeemer Share 1%	437.26	475.58	932.09	951.20	5,707.00
601060 · Hope House	83.33	83.33	166.66	166.70	1,000.00
Total 600000 · Cooperative Efforts	<u>10,923.58</u>	<u>5,940.16</u>	<u>11,651.74</u>	<u>11,880.40</u>	<u>71,282.00</u>
620000 · Personnel					
621000 · Pastor	14,157.85	12,542.08	26,507.24	25,084.12	150,505.00
621400 · Secretary	1,201.67	2,403.33	3,605.01	4,806.70	28,840.00
621500 · Music Director	6,324.82	4,999.50	11,234.35	9,999.00	59,994.00
621600 · Family Life Minister	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51,998.00
621700 · Treasurer	643.75	1,287.50	1,931.25	2,575.00	15,450.00
629000 · Payroll Expenses	373.36	642.67	1,124.10	1,285.30	8,916.98
Total 620000 · Personnel	<u>22,701.45</u>	<u>21,875.08</u>	<u>44,401.95</u>	<u>43,750.12</u>	<u>315,703.98</u>
630000 · Business Operations	2,550.87	2,790.41	4,036.04	5,580.90	33,485.00
640000 · Local Ministry	3,816.58	3,973.00	4,812.69	7,946.00	47,676.00
650000 · Worship					
650100 · Worship Bulletins	0.00	166.67	370.63	333.30	2,000.00
650110 · Children's Bulletins	0.00	20.83	60.00	41.70	250.00
650120 · Special Worship-Advent	0.00	12.50	0.00	25.00	150.00
650130 · Special Worship-Lent	71.50	12.50	71.50	25.00	150.00
650140 · Funeral Bulletins	0.00	6.25	84.25	12.50	75.00
650150 · Other Worship Bulletins	0.00	16.67	0.00	33.30	200.00
650160 · Communion Supplies	299.52	29.17	299.52	58.30	350.00
650170 · Other Altar Supplies	66.73	33.33	66.73	66.70	400.00
650180 · Worship Supplies-Other	284.40	133.33	491.40	266.70	1,600.00
650190 · Bulletin Inserts	0.00	91.67	0.00	183.30	1,100.00
Total 650000 · Worship	<u>722.15</u>	<u>522.92</u>	<u>1,444.03</u>	<u>1,045.80</u>	<u>6,275.00</u>
655000 · Elders	545.00	1,071.34	945.00	2,142.60	12,856.00
660000 · Property					
660100 · Debt Retirement	6,409.63	6,409.00	12,819.26	12,818.00	76,908.00
660200 · Insurance	0.00	918.17	-2,221.75	1,836.30	11,018.00
660300 · Building Cleaning	42.17	70.83	114.13	141.70	850.00

Whom Are You Looking At?

The disciples were thrilled. They had their Lord back in their presence once again. Since His Resurrection, He had appeared to them and others several times. They were still a little confused, though, when He talked about “wait[ing] for the gift [His] Father promised” (Acts 1:5), and, then, “He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight” (Acts 1:9). You can imagine their bewilderment. He had died and been buried and then had risen from the dead! He had walked among them and taught them again, and now . . . He is taken up into the

clouds. No wonder they stood there – probably with mouths agape – looking into the sky where they had last seen Him. It took “two men dressed in white” (Acts 1:10) to bring them back to their senses. “ ‘Men of Galilee,’ ” they said, ‘why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, Who has been taken from you into Heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into Heaven’ ” (Acts 1:11). Back they went to Jerusalem. Their eyes were no longer on the clouds, but they were still looking at Jesus. They waited. They prayed. They chose another disciple. And they waited some more – all the while

looking at Jesus. Whom are you looking at? Yes, Jesus has ascended. We can only imagine His joyful, triumphant return as all the hosts of Heaven welcomed back the risen, victorious Savior. Because He is that Savior, because He is the Author and perfecter of our faith, “let us fix our eyes on Jesus” (Hebrews 12:2). Through His Word and Sacraments, He will lead us in His ways; He will teach us obedience and self-sacrifice; He will teach us love for our neighbors. With joyful and generous hearts, we celebrate the new life that Easter brings us by sharing the message of the Cross and the Empty Tomb with all who will listen.



April 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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Details of Events

- **The Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Old Mill Park at 6:30am (2201 Caroline Street in Fredericksburg, VA 22401)**
- **Easter Services held at Redeemer will be at 8:30am & 10:45am**
- **Faith & Family Nights will be held on the 2nd and 23rd of April (3:45-8:30pm)**
- **There are no dinners for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services**

2 Worship 8am & 10:45am Sunday School 9:30am F&F Night 3:45 -8:30pm	3 Bible Study 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm	4	5 Bible Study (potluck) 10:30am Lenten Services 12:30 & 7pm Dinner 6pm Elders meeting 8pm	6 Ringers 6:15pm Choir 7pm	7 RAAI 11am AA 7pm	8 Men's Breakfast at Four Seasons 8am Palm Cross Making 9am
9 Worship 8am & 10:45am Sunday School 9:30am	10 Bible Study 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm	11	12 Bible Study 10:30am Council 7pm	13 Maundy Thursday Services 12:30 & 7pm	14 Good Friday Services 12:30 & 7pm	15
16 Easter Sunrise 6:30am Sanctuary Services 8:30 & 10:45am	17 Church office closed Bible Study 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm	18 Ladies Night Out at Vinny's 6:30pm Compassionate Friends 7pm	19 Bible Study 10:30am	20 Ringers 6:15pm Choir 7pm	21 RAAI 11am AA 7pm	22 Quilters 9am
23/30 Worship 8am & 10:45am Sunday School 9:30am (23rd) F&F Night 3:45- 8:30pm	24 Prayer Shawl Meeting 6pm Bible Study 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm	25	26 Bible Study 10:30am	27 Ringers 6:15pm Choir 7pm	28 RAAI 11am AA 7pm	29 VBS Meeting 9:30am



Happy Anniversary Lovebirds!

April 9th - Raymond & Heather Zimmerman (29 years)

April 20th - Ed & Janet Swager (21 years)

April 21st - Mike & Janice Weiland (27 years)

April 26th - Bill & Cindy Anderson (37 years)

April 30th - James & Mary Pittman (40 years)

Happy Birthday!



April 2nd - David Jenkins Jr.

Craig Nehls

Vicki Sullivan

Elizabeth Williams

April 4th - Avery Schwenzer

Lillian Tisdale

April 5th - Marjorie Miner

April 6th - Charlie Stello

April 8th - Kim Stahlman

April 9th - James Martinek

April 11th - Jean Rosenkaimar

Miqueas Vigil

April 12th - Monica Ashby

Will Ashby

Mike Bush

Kathleen Mulenga

April 13th Cara Gasperoni

Rylie Hopkins

April 14th - Vicki Ashby

Cody Denton

Michelle Gasperoni

April 15th - Payton Casavant

Julia Snellings

April 16th - Faith Miller

April 17th - Ben Carafiol

Sean Miller

April 18th - Nada Romero

April 19th - Josie Douglas

Sharon Evenson

April 21st - Joanna Hopkins

Ruth Rayne

Janice Verbosky

April 22nd - Justin Bolden

James Bronz II

April 24th - John Garner

April 25th - Milton Farr

Zsuzsanna Fehrmann

David Montgomery

April 26th - Madison Limerick

Christine Zimmerman

April 28th - Thia Eichelberger

April 30th - Julia Koehler

April 30th - Rich Moseley

Amanda Redman

Acolytes

Early

Apr 2nd- TBD
Apr 9th - Stephanie Biscamp/Sarah Lewis
Apr 16th- TBD
Apr 23rd - Mackenzie Waltman/Joshua Vigil
Apr 30th- TBD

Late

Apr 2nd – Ethan Schwenzer/Walker Berndt
Apr 9th – Jonah Unruh/Aiden Koehler
Apr 16th – Rachel Ward/Lucas Woollard
Apr 23rd - Johnny Hinz/Bryant Jones
Apr 30th - Louis Wiltenmuth/Sean Miller

Lay Readers

Apr 2nd- (E) Dee Allen (L) Faith Marburger
 First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14
 Epistle: Romans 8:1-11
Apr 9th - (E) Marian Dawgert (L) Candice Wiltenmuth
 First Reading - Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Epistle - Philippians 2:5-11
Apr 16th - (E) Mark Sullivan (L) Anita Diederer

First Reading - Acts 10:34-43
 Epistle - Colossians 3:1-4
Apr 23rd - (E) Kathy Bogle (L) Ray Ann Johnson
 First Reading - Acts 5:29-42
 Epistle - 1 Peter 1:3-9
Apr 30th - (E) Heidi Stello (L) John Overbey
 First Reading - Acts 2:14a, 36-41
 Epistle - 1 Peter 1:17-25

Ushers

Early

Apr 2nd – Tom Church, Jason Biscamp, Mike Eastman, Mo Long
Apr 9th - Dave Allen, William Lewis, Richard Rush, Sam Henley
Apr 16th – Mark Sullivan, Darrell Becker, Mike Weiland, Rob Hybl
Apr 23rd – Mike Bush, David Bye, Mike Diederer, Randy Mayer
Apr 30th - TBD- Volunteers needed

Late

Apr 2nd - Adam Eichelberger, Adam Tisdale, Douglas Berndt, Chas Jones
Apr 9th - Romans Apr 16 – Craig Nehls, Josiah Koehler, John Overbey, Berner Johnson
Apr 23rd – John Sullivan, Chris Koehler, Rich Gasperoni, Tim Moles
Apr 30th- Ken Elam, John Wiltenmuth, Kirk Hymes, TBD

Men’s Ministry Breakfast for Thurman Brisbane

April 29th - Steve Cumber, Tim Moles, Roger Medlin, & Moe Long

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 If you are unable to usher, please arrange for your replacement or contact Craig Nehls (540-972-2477). Additional Ushers are always welcome. Contact Craig if you’re interested in becoming one.

Lead Elders:
(E) Randy Mayer & (L) Steve Schwenzer



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“Our God given mission is to connect people with Jesus.”

“Our vision sees people connected with Jesus through a discipling process that **gathers** them into our fellowship of believers where we are **nurtured** in the Christian faith, as we **go** into our neighborhoods and beyond to do the work of our Lord and Savior.”

The Last Word

Emergencies happen. They even happen at church. In early March, Marie, a member of our church had a medical event that required an ambulance come to the church. Our staff of ushers, elders and medical people in the pews were very helpful. We made a small modification in closing our worship service and in exiting people from the sanctuary. Then we asked, what is Marie's phone number? Who should we call as we believe she lives alone? It turns out, her number on file was disconnected and we had no emergency contact number. We need a better plan. We live in tumultuous times. Sadly we have had to put security systems in schools, and houses of worship. Who could have imagined that these would be labeled, "soft targets" and would be assailants would want to cause harm to people who are the young among us or peaceful in their worship practice. Columbine and the Charleston, SC Mother Emmanuel Baptist church are indications of these realities. We thought parochial schools were immune to this, until October of 2006, when children in a one room Amish schoolhouse in Lancaster, PA were lined up and shot. Work has been underway in addressing security and emergency preparedness at Redeemer. I appreciate the work Chass Jones, our congregation VP has undertaken to move this along, as well as the work of laity in identifying these areas at the January vision meeting. Back in the

days when I was a firefighter in NY to serving as a school administrator and as a parish pastor, I have learned all too well that security and convenience are more often at opposite sides of the spectrum. What is convenient is often not secure and what is secure is not usually convenient. Recently, when we have guests come to our campus during the week, especially if they need access to the education wing, we have begun to ask them to "sign in" via the church office. Simply, our office needs to know who is here. In response to the work of our lay leaders seeing this need and then having it confirmed more clearly in January at the congregation vision event, VP Chass Jones organized a special training and orientation for council members, elders and preschool staff with Fire Chief Embrey of Spotsylvania County around the theme of emergency preparedness. This effort encouraged our leaders to go forward with further efforts in emergency preparedness. Later in March, (you will have received this letter by then) representatives of law enforcement will be coming to do a security assessment of our church and preschool. Security in effect includes the steps we take to avoid danger to life and property at Redeemer, (having an AED, training in first aid, or installing better locks, security cameras, alarm systems etc.). Emergency preparedness is what we do if an event were to occur (getting and using the AED, fire drills, or

how to deal with a person who intends harm once they have come to our campus). In an emergency, its to late to put security in place. Both require preparation, both require a plan. As you can imagine, they are related, but not the same thing. You can help. If you personally had an emergency event at Redeemer, who would we call? Certainly we would contact another person who lives with you (spouse, child, brother, sister etc.) If you live alone, there is a good chance that you haven't offered a contact to our office of someone in the area that you would want us to notify. To that, if we had an area event, such as an ice storm, that left us with limited ability to use phones and the like, who, OUT OF THE AREA, would you call (it is easier to get a text message out via cell phone than a phone call) to say you are alright or that you have an emergency need. The reason for calling someone out of the area is that loved ones, who live around the country couldn't call in to you if there was limited phone service, but if they knew who you called (assuming you can get one call or text message out) to say you are alright, they could contact them directly and get the update. At Redeemer, we love our members and want to be able to make that same connection on your behalf to a loved one when you can't. We would ask that you are proactive by completing the form on the next page and turn it into the office via mail/drop off.

Emergency Contact Form

Your Name: _____

Your Spouse/Significant Other/Children's Names:

Your Emergency Contact in the Area (*Someone that does not live with you*):

Emergency Contact's Phone Number:

Relationship to Emergency Contact:

Your Emergency Contact Out of the Area:

Emergency Contact's Phone Number:

Relation to Emergency Contact:

Please return this form to the church office by mail or drop off. You may also drop this in the offering plate during a Sunday service. Thank you for helping us help you.