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The Messenger

...the newsletter of Redeemer Lutheran Church

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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.”

Theology on Tap

The next meeting for Theology on Tap will be held on July 26, 2017 at 7:30pm at Six Bears and a Goat. The meeting

location address is: 1140 International Parkway Fredericksburg, VA. 22406.

All men are invited

to the meeting and encouraged to bring a friend.



Outreach Bulletin Board

If you are involved in outreach within the church or outside of the church and would like to add something to the bulletin board in the fellowship

hall to let people know how we are connecting people to Jesus either locally or abroad... Please provide a small write up and a photo or two to

be put up there. If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch with me (540-834-3988). Thanks, Rachelle.

Volunteer Opportunity

The Fellowship Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the coffee service in the narthex (or outside if the weather permits) after the first and/or second service during the summer. This is a

great opportunity to connect with your Redeemer family after the service and also welcome our visitors! If you are interested in helping for either service please contact Anita Diederer at

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Summer Meals - Kids on the Go Summer Feeding Program

Sponsored by Fredericksburg Food Bank - Kids on the Go Summer Feeding Program is in need of volunteers at their Salem

Church Library location from June 21 – Aug 24, Tues, Wed & Thurs from 11:30-1:00 pm. If you would like to volunteer,

please contact LaToya Brown at labrown@fredfood.org for details. There are also locations in Caroline and Stafford Counties.

H.E.L.P Thank You Breakfast

Please plan to attend a special breakfast prepared by H.E.L.P. ministry (Sharon Evenson, Linda Petermann) for Sunday, August 6th at 9:00 am to thank all the many volunteers who have contributed food

or other resources to the funeral reception ministry at Redeemer. Many families have been blessed by this personal touch over the years at a time of crisis in their lives. We are grateful to the tireless

volunteers who have contributed their time, food, set up, clean up, financial gifts and other particular gifts to make a difference for someone else during a time of grief and loss. **Everyone is invited.**

Did You Know

- * The foundation is in and the electric hook ups are ready. The new digital sign is on its way! Watch for it!
- * Special cards (birthday, get well, etc) are sent out weekly by Nancy Minnich with the help of the Wednesday Morning Bible class. Thanks Nancy!
- * The Youth baked about 600 cookies that were decorated last Sunday. They will be given to the Thurman Brisbane Homeless Center and the Christmas Tea. M-mmm!
- * Pastor Kassouf is excited as he now has new graphic software to play with as part of our new technology.

Did
You
Know ?

A Letter of Thanks

July 10, 2017

Redeemer Lutheran Church
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Fredericksburg, VA 22408

Dear Pastor Kassouf,

I realize that it is challenging to measure the impact of a sermon or homily on any given Sunday, but it is my hope that our Food For The Poor speaker, Pastor Roy Maack, brought encouragement to your people and was a catalyst in continuing their passion for the poor.

Our church and School Department exists to continue the relationship that has already begun with your church. We help link your church to a specific project such as food, clean water, safe housing, and agricultural sustainability.

You have already been generous to the poor and are so grateful for your support. Above and beyond, if you would like to know how your church can engage in a project, please reach out to me.

Thank you again for allowing us to be with your people. May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Kevin Mayne, Director
Church, School, and Community Development
Food For The Poor, Inc.

*Thank
you*

Stewardship Corner

Jesus placed great emphasis on the proper handling of our money. In Luke 16:11 we read, "So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?" If

we are faithful with the money that God has entrusted to us, He will trust us with things of greater value, ultimately those of the spirit, the eternal. The improper use of our money can be an obstacle to our

relationship with Jesus. With God's help, we can handle our money faithfully and enjoy the spiritual blessings that come from an intimate relationship with our Lord.



This Week at a Glance

Friday, July 21st

- RAAI - 11am
- AA - 7pm

Saturday, July 22nd

- Ladies Tea - 1pm

Sunday, July 23rd

- Worship Services - 8am & 10:45am

Monday, July 24th

- Prayer Shawl - 6pm
- Thrivent Financial - 6pm
- Bible Study - 7pm
- Boy Scouts - 7pm

Wednesday, July 26th

- Bible Study - 10:30 am
- Theology on Tap - 7:30pm

Thursday, July 27th

- RAAI - 11am
- Outreach Meeting - 6pm

Friday, July 28th

- RAAI - 11am
- AA- 7 pm

Saturday, July 29th

- VBS Meeting - 9:30am

Sunday, July 30th

- Worship Services - 8am & 10:45am
- Usher/Greeter/Reader Training - 9:30am
- Financial Peace - 1pm



This Week's Birthdays!

July 26th - Noah Garrity

- Thomas Keefer
- Ted Williams

July 27th - Jason Biscamp

- Kyle Jedlicka
- Jeanne Whitman



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July 29th - Ossie Schmidt

July 30th - Wanda Fife

- Gary Grandowski
- Samuel Henley
- Frank Misemer

This Week's Anniversaries



July 30th- L. J. & Teresa Cerritelli (29 Years)

July 30th- Kirk & Tracy Hymes (34 Years)



July / August 2017

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Details of Events						21 RAAI 11am	22 Ladies Tea 1-4pm
						AA 7pm	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ladies Tea will be held on July 22nd from 1-4pm in the Fellowship Hall. There will be no bible study on August 9th VBS will be held August 7th-11th 	23 Worship 8am & 10:45am	24 Boy Scouts 7pm Prayer Shawl 6pm Thrivent Financial 6pm	25	26 Bible Study 10:30am Theology on Tap 7:30pm	27 RAAI 11am Outreach Meeting 6pm	28 RAAI 11am AA 7pm	29 VBS Meeting 9:30 FH
	30 Worship 8am & 10:45am	31 Boy Scouts 7pm Bible Study 7pm	1	2 Bible Study (Potluck) 10:30am Art Group 2:30pm Elder's 6pm	3 RAAI 11am	4 RAAI 11am AA 7pm	5
	6 Worship 8am & 10:45am H.E.L.P. Thank You Breakfast 9am FPU 1-3pm	7 VBS 9am Boy Scouts 7pm Bible Study 7pm	8 VBS 9am	9 No Bible Study VBS 9am Council Meeting 7pm	10 VBS 9am	11 VBS 9am & Closing Ceremony 7pm	12
	13 Worship 8am & 10:45am VBS Closing Ceremony 9:30am FPU 1pm	14 Boy Scouts 7p Bible Study 7p	15 Ladies Night Out At Vinny's 6:30 p Comp. Friends 7pm	16 Bible Study 10:30am Art Group 2:30pm	17 RAAI 11am	18 RAAI 11am AA 7pm	

Acolytes

Early

July 23rd - TBD
July 30th - Stephanie Biscamp/Sarah Lewis

Late

July 23rd - Louis Wiltenmuth/Jonah Unruh
July 30th - Rachel Ward/ Walker Berndt

Lay Readers

July 23rd - (E) Debbie Schuldaski
(L) Rebecca Richey
First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8
Epistle: Romans 8:18-27

July 30th - (E) Shannon Sullivan Hard
(L) Diane Jenkins
First Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-9
Epistle: Romans 8:28-39

Ushers

Early

July 23rd - Dave Allen, William Lewis, Sam Henley, Richard Rush

July 30th - Mike Evenson, Randy Mayer, Dave Allen, Tom Church

Late

July 23rd - John Sullivan, Rich Gasperoni, Chris Koehler, Tim Moles

July 30th - Ken Elam, John Wiltenmuth, Marcus Woollard, John Sullivan

Men’s Ministry Breakfast for Thurman Brisbane

July 22nd - Trevor Casavant, Eric Church, Robert Denecke, Jim Dixon

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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.
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July Lead
Elders:
(E) Hank Farr,
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Faithful in All Things

Jesus said, *"Whoever can be trusted with very little can be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much"* (Luke 16:10). Jesus is saying that a faithful person will handle God's gifts faithfully regardless of whether they have few or many gifts entrusted to them. Faithfulness is not determined by the amount entrusted but by the character of the person who uses it.

A faithful person will do the small things well. One day a young man went to a bank to apply for a job. After his interview, he was leaving the bank and happened to notice some small trash on the floor. He picked it up and put it in the waste paper basket. Seconds later, he helped an elderly lady with the door. Unknown to the young man, the man who had interviewed him for the job was observing him. The young man was promptly summoned back and given the job. The employer's comment: "Anyone who pays attention to the small things as you just did needs to work here."

Unfortunately, we Christians may incorrectly think that small things aren't important to God. We may have the attitude that God won't be concerned with the small amount of money or other gifts that we have been given. In the Bible, God spoke mightily through the little that people had. God used the widow and her two mites to teach us a lesson about sacrificial giving. He used the small amount of flour and oil that the Widow of Zarephath had to demonstrate obedience. Jesus used the loaves and fish of a young boy to reveal how God can magnify a small gift. God commended their faith with small things, and He didn't overlook what faithful people did with small things.

Through God's Word, we understand that small things do count. Because we understand our need to be faithful with all things, we should ask ourselves how we are handling the seemingly small things in our lives. Are we handling small things well in our homes, jobs, and churches? Can non-Christians see a difference in us? With God's help, we can be faithful with ALL that we've been given. Through our faithfulness, God will be glorified.

Something to Ponder

Instead of asking myself if I'm satisfied with the service today, I'm gonna ask God if He is satisfied with my service today.