

JUNE 16-25, 2017

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."

Lutheran Women's Mission League Informational Meeting

A representative from the LWML Old Dominion zone will be at Redeemer July 15th from 11:30 - 1pm in the Fellowship Hall conducting an informational session for any ladies that are interested. The LWML is a Missouri Synod organization of women that provides avenues and opportunities for women to use their God-given talents to

share God's message. As many of you may



know, Redeemer hosted an all-day meeting for the LWML last month.

Redeemer does not currently participate and this is a great opportunity for the ladies of Redeemer to grow and share their talents. We encourage all to attend and find out more! A light lunch will be provided. If you have any questions in the meantime please contact Anita Diederer at 540-455-5058.

TOMORROW! Men of Redeemer!

We need to help ourselves starting tomorrow, Saturday, June 17th. The trees that front the church along Harrison Road have been cut down. What is left are the trunks and any branches larger than eight inch-

es. We need to clear this wood. Anyone who wants the wood is welcome to it. I ask that you bring trucks, and/or trailers, chainsaws, wood splitters, rakes and blowers to Redeemer Saturday morning and help clear the wood. I will have

coffee and donuts.
- Mike Evenson



TOMORROW! Quilters!

Tomorrow, Saturday, June 17th from 9 a.m. until noon, we will be working on the quilts for Lutheran World Relief in the Fellowship Hall! All skill levels and

newcomers are welcome. If you're interested or have any questions, contact Nancy Minnich at 540-424-7028.



Redeemer Graduates! DEADLINE IS SUNDAY!

If you are aware of any Redeemer members completing an educational program from pre-k through post high school, please email Katie in the church office at info@embracedbyhim.or

g with their name and accomplishment no later than this Sunday, **June 18th**. We would like to acknowledge their accomplishments in July.



A Thank You Breakfast

Please plan to attend a special breakfast prepared by H.E.L.P. Ministry on Sunday, August 6, 9:00 am. It is to thank 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 con-



tributed their time, food, set up and cleanup chores, and financial gifts

to make a difference for someone else during a time of grief and loss. - Sharon Evenson and Linda Petermann (co-chairpersons).

This Week at a Glance

- Friday, June 16th** - RAAI - 11am
- AA - 7pm
- Sunday, June 18th** - Worship Services - 8am & 10:45am
- Celebration Sunday - 9:30am
- Monday, June 19th** - Bible Study - 7pm
- Boy Scouts - 7pm
- Tuesday, June 20th** - Ladies Night Out at Vinny's - 6:30pm
- Compassionate Friends - 7pm
- Wednesday, June 21st** - Bible Study - 10:30am
- Art Group - 2:30pm
- iNeighborhood Meeting - 6:30pm
- Friday, June 23rd** - RAAI - 11am
- AA - 7pm
- Sunday, June 25th** - Worship Services - 8am & 10:45am



This Week's Birthdays!

June 17th - Christopher Julius

June 20th - Katherine Joy

- Lillia Medlin
- Jennifer Sullivan
- Rachel Unruh



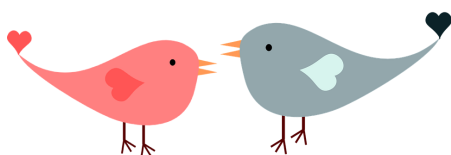
June 22nd - Berner Johnson

- Elijah Redding

June 24th - Evan Bronz

- Brian Gasperoni

This Week's Anniversaries



June 16th - Ronald & Karen Smith (33 Years)

June 17th - James & Melissa Bronz (11 Years)

June 17th - Kevin & Charlotte Martinek (23 Years)

June 18th - Randy & Laurie Mayer (34 Years)

June 22nd - Bjorn & Angie Thorpe (21 Years)



June/July 2017

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Details of Events	18 Worship 8am & 10:45am	19 Boy Scouts 7pm	20 Ladies Night Out at Vinny's 6:30pm	21 Bible Study 10:30am	22	23 RAAI 11am	24
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Peace University begins July 9th from 1-3pm. Led by Lisa Darley in Room 16/17. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible Study 7pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comp. Friends 7pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art Group 2:30pm 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AA 7pm 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Craft & Story Time will be held on July 9th at 9:30am 	25 Worship 8am & 10:45am	26 Boy Scouts 7pm	27	28 Bible Study 10:30am	29	30 RAAI 11am	1
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible Study 7pm Prayer Shawl Meeting 6pm 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AA 7pm 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas in July will be held on July 16th. Time is TBD. 	2 Worship 8am & 10:45am	3 Boy Scouts 7pm	4	5 Bible Study (Potluck) 10:30am	6	7 RAAI 11am	8 Men's Breakfast at Four Seasons 8am
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ladies Tea will be held on July 22nd from 1-4pm in the Fel- 	16 Worship 8am & 10:45am	17 Boy Scouts 7pm	18 Ladies Night Out at Vinny's 6:30pm	19 Bible Study 10:30am	20	21 RAAI 11am	22 Ladies Tea 1-4pm
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Acolytes

Early

June 18th - Mackenzie Waltman/Joshua Vigil

June 25th - TBD

Late

June 18th - Lucas Woollard/Rachel Ward

June 25th - Louis Wiltenmuth/Jonah Unruh

Lay Readers

June 18th - (E) Randy Mayer, (L) Laura Wiltenmuth
 First Reading - Exodus 19:2-8
 Epistle - Romans 5:6-15

June 25th - (E) TBD, (L) Marcus Woollard
 First Reading - Jeremiah 20:7-13
 Epistle - Romans 6:12-23

Ushers

Early

June 18th - Frank Misemer, Darrell Becker, Mike Weiland, Rob Hybl

June 25th - Mike Bush, David Bye, Randy Mayer, Mike Diederer

Late

June 18th - Berner Johnson, Craig Nehls, Josiah Koehler, John Overbey

June 25th - John Sullivan, Rich Gasperoni, Chris Koehler, Tim Moles

Men's Ministry Breakfast for Thurman Brisbane

June 24th - Matt Bestick, Ty Bartel, Mike Bush, & David Bye

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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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Money & The Great Devotion

Jesus' parting command was: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20). Jesus was very direct and explicit with His mandate. There is no question as to where or with whom we are to share the Gospel. The love that God gives to us is to be shared by us with all people everywhere. He has given us our marching orders, and, in His strength, we can give ourselves fully to His work.

Because God has chosen to use us as His tools to bring salvation to all people, we must use our lives and gifts to spread the Good News. Paul wrote, "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us" (2 Corinthians 5:20). One of the tools that God gives us to use in our mission of reaching out to others with the Gospel is our money. According to an old stewardship phrase, "Stewardship without mission is unnecessary and mission without stewardship is impossible." Stewardship and mission are inseparable. The funding of the Great Commission needs to come from believers. The money which God entrusts to us has many purposes, and the funding of mission work is of first importance. Through the giving of our money, we demonstrate our obedience to Jesus' command to reach out to all people. Paul wrote that, through our giving, we "test the sincerity of [our] love by comparing it with the earnestness of others" (2 Corinthians 8:8).

For nonbelievers and those who lack spiritual maturity, the giving of money is done begrudgingly out of a sense of obligation. By the grace of God, our attitude toward giving is a "want to" rather than a "got to" give. We view giving as a privilege and an opportunity to spread the Gospel through our money. Our giving expresses our gratitude for who God is and all that He has done for through His Son. Through faith, we hold onto our money loosely and then are privileged to experience the joy of giving as we give God our first and best. As Christians we understand that God has a claim on all that we have, so we willingly and cheerfully give our money to help all people hear of God's love. Money is an important tool for God's mission. Through our faithful giving, we are able to leverage our witnessing to all people.