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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."

A Thank You Breakfast

Please plan to attend this 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

time of crisis in their lives. We are grateful to the tireless vol-

unteers 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.



Men of Redeemer

We need to help ourselves starting Saturday, June 17th. The trees that front the church along Harrison Road will come down on June 12-14th. What will be left are the trunk and any branches larger than eight inches. We need to

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

coffee and donuts.
- Mike Evenson



Quilters!

On 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!



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.org

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

Mullinax's 60th Anniversary!

Bobbie and Mike are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this week and we would like to celebrate their love between services! The weather is calling for sun on Sunday so this is will be held outside so please join us and congratulate them when you see them! Congrats lovebirds!



This Week at a Glance

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| Friday, June 9th | - RAAI - 11am - AA - 7pm |
| Saturday, June 10th | - Men's Breakfast at Four Seasons - 8am - VBS Meeting - 9:30am - Room 16/17 |
| Sunday, June 11th | - Worship Services - 8am & 10:45am - Baptism of Cameron David Casavant - 10:45am Service - Sunday School - 9:30am |
| Monday, June 12th | - Bible Study - 7pm - Boy Scouts - 7pm |
| Tuesday, June 13th | - Compassionate Friends - 7pm |
| Wednesday, June 14th | - Bible Study - 10:30am - Council Meeting - 7pm |
| Thursday, June 15th | - Outreach Meeting - 7pm |
| Friday, June 16th | - RAAI - 11am - AA - 7pm |
| Sunday, June 18th | - Worship Services - 8am & 10:45am - Celebration Sunday - 9:30am |

This Week's Birthdays!

June 10th - Allen Marburger

June 13th - Tracy Hymes
- Mark Vigil

June 14th - Daniel Jedlicka
- Nathan Rees

June 15th - Lisa Cottrell

happy
Birthday

This Week's Anniversaries



June 14th - David & Linda Bye (37 Years)

June 16th - James & Melissa Bronz (11 Years)



June/July 2017

Details of Events

• June 11th is the last day of Sunday School.

• Celebration Sunday is our chance to recognize our Sunday School teachers and to learn more about Jesus Christ!

• Father's Day is June 18th!

• Financial Peace University begins July 9th from 1-3pm. Led by Lisa Darley in Room 16/17.

• Pastor Roy Maack will be here on July 9th to speak on behalf of Food For The Poor.

| | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 11 Worship 8am & 10:45am Sunday School 9:30am | 12 Boy Scouts 7pm Bible Study 7pm | 13 Comp. Friends 7pm | 14 Bible Study 10:30am Council 7pm Cub Scouts (Pavilion) 4- 9pm | 15 Outreach Meeting 7pm | 16 RAAI 11am AA 7pm | 17 |
| | 18 Worship 8am & 10:45am Celebration Sunday 9:30am | 19 Boy Scouts 7pm Bible Study 7pm | 20 Ladies Night Out at Vinny's 6:30pm Comp. Friends 7pm | 21 Bible Study 10:30am | 22 | 23 RAAI 11am AA 7pm | 24 |
| | 25 Worship 8am & 10:45am | 26 Boy Scouts 7pm Bible Study 7pm Prayer Shawl Meeting 6pm | 27 | 28 Bible Study 10:30am | 29 | 30 RAAI 11am AA 7pm | 1 |
| | 2 Worship 8am & 10:45am | 3 Boy Scouts 7pm Bible Study 7pm | 4 | 5 Bible Study (Potluck) 10:30am Art Group 2:30pm | 6 | 7 RAAI 11am AA 7pm | 8 Men's Breakfast at Four Seasons 8am |
| | 9 Worship 8am & 10:45am Family Craft & Story Time 9:30am FPU 1-3pm | 10 Boy Scouts 7pm Bible Study 7pm | 11 | 12 Bible Study 10:30am | 13 | 14 RAAI 11am AA 7pm | 15 |

Acolytes

Early

June 11th - Stephanie Biscamp/Sarah Lewis
June 18th - Mackenzie Waltman/Joshua Vigil
June 25th - TBD

Late

June 11th - Ethan Schwenzer/Johnny Hinz
June 18th - Lucas Woollard/Rachel Ward
June 25th - Louis Wiltenmuth/Jonah Unruh

Lay Readers

June 11th - (E) Laurie Mayer, (L) Maeve Montgomery
 First Reading - Genesis 1:1-2:4a
 Epistle - Acts 2:14a, 22-36

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

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

Ushers

Early

June 11th - Dave Allen, William Lewis, Sam Henley, Richard Rush
June 18th - Frank Misemer, Darrell Becker, Mike Weiland, Rob Hybl
June 25th - Mike Bush, David Bye, Randy Mayer, Mike Diederer

Late

June 11th - ROMANS
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.

June Lead
Elders:
(E) Jason Biscamp, (L) Craig Nehls



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Stewardship Devotion

Scripture Reading: “No man should appear before the Lord empty-handed: Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you” (Deuteronomy 16:16-17).

Giving Proportionately

God directs us to give in proportion to our blessings. “On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum in keeping with his income . . .” (1 Corinthians 16:2). Through faith, we willingly surrender our proportionate gifts from our income to the Lord. In both the Old and New Testaments, the standard proportion of a person’s income to give was the tithe or ten percent. By grace, Scripture gives us examples of believers who even gave beyond the tithe. Zacchaeus gave 50 percent (Luke 19:1-10) and the poor widow 100 percent (Luke 21:1-4). The Macedonians, who were poor and distressed, gave sacrificially beyond their ability to give. After they gave themselves to the Lord, they gave their resources joyfully and freely to help the poor (2 Corinthians 8:1-5).

Whether God gives us little or much, we are to give from the blessings that God provides. Our blessings come from the Lord, so His gifts to us will determine what we have available to give. If, in God’s sovereignty, He chooses to give us little, we will be able to give only a little. However, if He gives us much, we have the responsibility to give much. “From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked” (Luke 12:48). When we faithfully give in proportion to the blessings that we receive, a gift of \$1,000 from \$10,000 of income is just as God-pleasing to God as a \$10,000 gift from \$100,000 of income. The proportion that we give is determined more by our faith than our financial condition. As our faith grows, we are empowered to increase the proportion that we give. “For Christ’s love compels us” (2 Corinthians 5:14) to give generously. Through faith, we grow in our giving to the Lord through our churches. Rather than giving our leftovers, our giving becomes a priority. The two or three percent that we gave in past years is no longer satisfactory because we know that God deserves our first and best. As we grow in our proportionate giving, we see God’s grace at work in us as He gives us even more to give (2 Corinthians 9:8).

Discussion thoughts:

Read 1 Kings 17:2-24. What portion was the Widow of Zarephath asked to give?

Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5. Why did the Macedonians give so generously?

Why is proportionate giving fair to the rich and to the poor? Is there an amount of income that giving only a tithe would be selfish?

Prayer: Dear Lord, You are so generous with us. Grant us faithful and giving hearts so we can be generous with You. Help us to hold onto our things loosely. Empower us, Lord, to use our time, talents, and treasures in Your service. In Your precious name we pray. Amen.