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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 Messenger

...the newsletter of Redeemer Lutheran Church

Mission Trip

Hurricane Recovery – March 24 – 30, 2019

Travel Sunday 3/24/19 to New Bern, NC

Work Monday, 3/25/19 - Friday 3/29/19

Travel Home Saturday, 3/30/19 (or Friday 3/29/19).

We will drive from Fredericksburg (drive time approx. 4 hrs & 15 mins)

Housing & Meals provided for \$125/per person for the week. RLC has money in mission fund for members who would like to participate.

We will work on rebuild projects, thru **The Fuller Center for Housing, Disaster ReBuilders.**
No experience needed they will teach skills

needed.

Needed 5 to 10 adults to participate.
If you would like to come or have further questions please contact Rachelle Moles.



Fellowship Hall Clean Up

The Fellowship Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the annual clean up of the Fellowship Hall and kitchen on Saturday, February 23rd starting at 8am. We will have doughnuts, coffee and juice to keep you fueled! Please come when you can and stay as long as you like. Supplies will be provided and any and all help is greatly appreciated! Any questions? Please see Anita Diederer.

Family Fun Day

Saturday, February 23rd from 2 to 4. Bring your kids and your favorite games. Enjoy some time just letting the kids play with their Redeemer brothers and sisters. Bring a snack to share and drinks will be provided.

Chonda Pierce Event

Comedian Chonda Pierce will be at Woodbridge Baptist Church on Saturday March 2nd at 6pm for an event. Tickets are \$31 each if we purchase in blocks of 10. There will be a sign up sheet if you are interested in attending. Please pay in advance to either Anita Diederer or Susan Biscamp. Transportation will be coordinated through carpooling. Any questions, contact Anita Diederer at 540-455-5058

Christianity 101

For those who would like to know more about what Lutheran Christians teach and believe this course is provided periodically to provide this information. The course assumes that you have little working knowledge of the scripture (though you might) and little knowledge of Lutheran doctrine (again you might) the class leads to church membership if you desire. Our next offering will be Friday evening March 1, 2019 from 7p-9p and Saturday March 2, 2019 from 9a-5p Lunch is provided. Sign up on the Record of Fellowship sheet. We pray you'll consider taking this class.

Panda Pantry

Looking for donations of food or money. There is a real need for this service to the community. The schools have asked us to provide additional bags this year as the need is great. Please consider giving to this outreach program. Needed items: Fruit cups, ramen noodles, granola Bars, oatmeal, Rice Krispy Treats, chips, crackers (small sleeve Ritz or similar), canned meat (tuna), applesauce, Pop tarts, popcorn, juice boxes, mac & cheese, raviolis, and peanut butter/cheese crackers. Items need to be single serving small sizes, so the students can take them home in their backpacks.

Sunday School Teacher's Meeting

Thursday February 21st at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please attend we will be discussing the following important topics for next year and welcoming our New Sunday School Superintendents: Carrie Frank and Joan Woollard. Potential change of Sunday School Materials. Potential change of Rally Day (beginning of Sunday School) and Celebration Sunday (ending of Sunday School) due to the changes in public

Ladies of Redeemer

Please join Redeemer Women in Mission(LWML) for a cup of coffee or cocoa on Saturday, February 9th at 10am in the double classroom downstairs. We will be collecting Mites and talking through opportunities to serve Redeemer, the local community and other missions across the US and abroad. The hope is that our new LWML chapter will be one that provides Redeemer ladies of all ages a chance to share their gifts and talents: finding joy in service to others and to our Lord! We look forward to seeing you all! Any questions? Please see Marian Dawgert or Anita Diederer.

Redeemer Men

Come join the men of Redeemer at the 2019 Noble Man Conference. Formerly known as Iron Sharpens Iron, this year's Fredericksburg event will be held on March 9th from 8:30 am to 4:55 pm at Mount Ararat Baptist Church in Stafford. This year's nationally known guest speaker are:

Jarrold Jones the pastor of Grace Community Church in NY; considered one of the top 400 most influential churches in America | Author of two books | Blogs about faith, life, leadership, and living well at jarrodjones.com.

Chaplain Barry Black Rear Admiral (Ret.) | Served in the U.S. Navy for 27+ yrs. | Currently Chaplain of the US Senate | Author of From the Hood to the Hill, The Blessing of Adversity, & Nothing to Fear.

Choose from 16 equipping workshops being offered at the event.

As in the past, this year's event is open and encouraged for men ages 14 and above. So come and bring your sons and/or grandkids to this fantastic event. You are encouraged to purchase the box lunch offered with the package. There are few timely lunch options in the vicinity of Mount Ararat.

For those of you who have a raincheck from last year's weather cancelled event, please sign up on the board in the narthex and write "raincheck" after your name. For all others, write your name on the sign up sheet in the Narthex but also register at <http://www.noblewarriors.org/fredericksburg> and use the group discount code of "redeemermen" (don't include the quote marks).

Come join with the Christian men in the Fredericksburg area.

Sticky Christians - Overcoming “Church Shuffle Syndrome”

If it isn't some sort of record, it must be close to it. My father, who lived to be just a few months shy of 100, was a member of his church for 85 years.

I wish I could tell you that those 85 years were wonderful, glorious years for his church. Unfortunately, that wouldn't be quite true. While the majority of them were indeed great years of ministry, there were some truly horrible years that the church endured as well. And yet, through it all, my dad and mom – who died at the age of 79 – stuck it out.

Their example has influenced my understanding of what it means to be committed to a church. And since we live in a culture that values choice and change over commitment and stability – values that have influenced the way American Christians nationwide relate to their church – I'd like to explain my understanding of what it means to be a member of a church.

A local church is a real-time expression of the body of Christ. When we become a member of a church, we are grafted into that body as a functional organ. As an organ, we grow blood vessels, sinews, and nerves to other parts of the body. We develop meaningful relationships with others as we serve each other in love, becoming dependent on them and they on us. When someone simply up and leaves a church, a gaping hole forms that the rest of the body feels deeply.

The relationships we form in church will last into eternity. It's easy to think that our earthly marriage and family relationships are more important than those we have at church. But eternally speaking, that is not true. Marriage and family relationships end at death. Church relationships do not.¹

We participate in a church to serve, not to be served. Two basic kinds of people attend church: consumers and producers. Consumers will always leave a church when their needs are not being met, sometimes leaving behind them a trail of criticism and negativity. Producers, on the other hand, see a church as an opportunity to contribute, to further the mission of the church. Therefore, producers are much more committed and stable than consumers are.

Difficult times in a church are an opportunity for us to show our true Christian character. Let's face it, churches are battlegrounds. Eternal warfare is being waged on many different levels in all churches. Most of the time churches win those battles with genuine worship, prayer, and loving service. But sometimes churches – and their pastors – lose a battle or two big time. These are not times for us to cut and run. They are times for us to stay and be a healing balm for the body of Christ.

All churches change over time. Have you found a church you love? Sooner or later it will change. And some – maybe many – of those changes you won't like. Well, get over it. It's not your church. It's Christ's church. And he will do with it as he pleases.

This post first appeared in NewCommandment.org.

This Week at a Glance

Friday, February 15th - RAAI - 11am
Saturday, February 16th - Quilters - 9am
Sunday, February 17th - Worship Service - 8am & 10:45am
 - Sunday School- 9:30am
Monday, February 18th - Bible Study- 7pm
 - Boy Scouts - 7pm
Tuesday, February 19th - Ladies Night Out @ Vinny's- 6pm
 - Compassionate Friends -7pm
 - Theology on Tap -7pm
Wednesday, February 20th - Stretching Class - 9:15am
 - Bible Study - 10:30am
 - Art Group - 1pm
Thursday, February 21st - RAAI - 11am
 - Chimes - 6:15pm
 - Sunday School Teacher's Meeting - 6:30pm
 - Praise Him - 7pm
 - Choir 7:30pm
Saturday, February 23rd - Fellowship Hall Cleanup - 8am
 - Family Fun Time -2pm
Sunday, February 24th - Worship Service - 8am & 10:45am
 - Sunday School- 9:30am
 - Confirmation is **CANCELLED**



This Week's Birthdays!

February 15th - Wendy Criswell
February 16th - Makenzie Waltman
February 17th - Sebastian Martinek
 - Veronica Oetting
February 19th - Deanna Hinz
 - Shirley Schmidt
 - Jacob Sullivan
 - Ryan Tutchings
February 20th - Carol Dixon
February 22nd - Clinton Oetting
February 24th - Vanessa Martinek



Anniversaries



February 16th- Bob & Marie Daniels (28 Years)

***If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the office so we may update our records and join with the church in remembering these precious moments.**



February 2019

* denotes communion
at that service

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 RAAI 11am Kohanthites 6:30pm	2 Prayer Warrior Meeting 10am
					KINGS Game Night 6pm	
3 Worship 8am & *10:45am	4 Boy Scouts 7pm Bible Study 7pm	5	6 Stretching Class 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Art Group 1pm Elders Meeting 6pm	7 RAAI 11am Chimes 6:15pm Praise Him 7pm Choir 7:30pm Outreach Meeting 7pm	8 RAAI 11am	9 Men's Breakfast 8am DAR Meeting 9am LWML 10 am
10 Worship *8am & 10:45am ROMANS Bible Study after second service Confirmation 6pm	11 Boy Scouts 7pm Bible Study 7pm	12 From the Heart Stitchers 10 am	13 Stretching Class 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Council Meeting 7pm	14 RAAI 11am Chimes 6:15pm Praise Him 7pm Choir 7:30pm	15 RAAI 11am Romans Game Night	16 Quilters 9 am
17 Worship 8am & *10:45am	18 Boy Scouts 7pm Bible Study 7pm	19 Ladies Night Out @ Vinny's 6pm Compassionate Friends 7pm Theology on Tap 7pm	20 Stretching Class 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Art Group 1pm	21 RAAI 11am Chimes 6:15pm Praise Him 7pm Choir 7:30pm	22	23 Fellowship Hall Clean Up 8am Family Fin Day 2pm
24 Worship *8am & 10:45am	25 Boy Scouts 7pm Bible Study 7pm Ladies Bible Study 7pm Fran Kassouf's house	26 From the Heart Stitchers 10 am	27 Stretching Class 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am	28 RAAI 11am Chimes 6:15pm Praise Him 7pm Choir 7:30pm		

Acolytes

Early

February 3 - Jenna Sullivan/Lucas Woollard
February 10- Connor Frank/TBD
February 17 -TBD
February 24 -TBD

Late

February 3 -Sonya Hinz/Aiden Koehler
February 10- Rachael Ward/ Aaron Schwenzer
February 17 - Jonah Unruh/ Liam Miller
February 24 - Regan Schwenzer/Johnny Hinz

Lay Readers

February 3 (E) Carol LaBansky (L) Walker Berndt
First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13
February 10- (E) Moe Long (L) Linda Karpiscak
First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20
February 17 (E) Linda Gagion (L) John Karpiscak
First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:(1-11) 12-20

February 24 (E) Anita Diederer (L) Faith Marburger
First Reading: Genesis 45:3-15
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42

Ushers

Early

February 3 - Dave Allen, Mike Evenson, Jason Biscamp, Michael Biscamp
February 10- Tom Church, Tony Malm, Marcus Woollard, Richard Rush
February 17 Frank Misemer, Moe Long, Mike Eastman, Rob Hybl
February 24 Rick Mosely, David Bye, Mike Wieland, Gary Parker

Late

February 3 - Douglas Berndt, Walker Berndt, Perry Darley, Ken Elam
February 10- ROMANS
February 17 -Berner Johnson, Tim Moles, John Sullivan, John Wiltenmuth
February 24 - Johnny Hinz, Rich Gasperoni, Chris Koehler, Steve Schwenzer

Men's Ministry Breakfast for Thurman Brisben

If you are interested in participating in the monthly Thurman Brisben breakfasts please contact Mike Diederer at 540-845-5552

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.

February
Lead Elders:
(E) Jason
Biscamp (L)
Craig Nehls



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9am - 3pm

Playground Equipment

Great news! We have donated \$9259 towards the playground equipment. Since we want to fence the new equipment, and my estimate for fencing is about \$4000, we are just over 50% of the way there. Below is a picture of the pieces of equipment we want to purchase. So, if we all pull together we can probably have this stuff up by the end of the school year in May, or certainly by the beginning of the next school year. Now if we really hustle we can have this up in March.



Granite Manor Play Center



Red Play Jeep
Arch Climber
Spring Bouncer
Merry Go Cycle

Sunday Morning Fellowship

The Fellowship committee is looking for volunteers to bring treats for Sunday mornings before the Sunday school hour. There is a sign up sheet next to the door of the kitchen. We are scheduling out through the week after Easter. If you have any questions please contact Anita Diederer at 540-455-5058. Thanks so much!