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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."

BBQ Grilling Contest

For all of you wannabe BBQ Pitmasters this is your chance. Redeemer is going to have a BBQ Grilling Contest. Date is May 5. Now for the rest of Redeemer we are having a BBQ eating contest, same date, after 2nd Service. Rules for entry for the grilling will be posted with sign-up sheet in the Narthex soon. Sign-up sheets for sides will be posted also, we need your best recipes for serving twelve for: cole slaw, potato salad, and beans. Drinks, chips, and ice cream as well as hot dogs for the kids will be provided by Redeemer. We also need set-up and clean up help, sign up sheet for this will also be posted. We go rain or shine, either Pavilion or Fellowship Hall, so begin practicing your recipes folks.



Preschool Update

The preschool has been moving fast. We only have a few months left. The students are learning and growing so much. With the Winter moving out and Spring on its way it is time to get into to end of the year hustle. We will learn about the new season and the blessings it brings with new life. We have begun to learn about the Easter season also and the new life Jesus has for us. We had an ash Wednesday chapel and some of us even got an ash cross on our heads to remind us. We appreciate all the support you are giving so this ministry of love and learning in Christ can continue. If you have any questions please feel free to ask.

Preschool



Tower of Toilet Paper

During the month of March we are building a tower of toilet paper in the Narthex. We are collecting toilet paper, toiletry items and cleaning items. Items collected will be donated to Empower House and Hope House. Let's see how tall and wide we can make our tower. Items Needed: toilet paper, paper towels, dish detergent, Lysol spray, liquid cleaners, liquid hand soap, Windex, bleach, Oven cleaner, black trash bags, shampoo & conditioner (med or large, not trial size), tooth paste, deodorant, hairbrush, body wash, shave cream, men's/women's razors, and individually packaged toothbrushes.



Stop the Bleed

Continued Emergency training. Please come on Saturday March 23rd at Redeemer from 9:30 am to 11:30 am for a Stop the Bleed class presented by the local Health Emergency Team.

CCC Virtual Race

Redeemer is sponsoring a team for CCC \$5K race. Our goal is to raise \$500 by collecting \$5 donations. Each person who donates is invited to the finish line on April 6th at the CCC for lunch, meet students and see the facility. You can help connect college students with Jesus by giving just \$5. Please consider giving and supporting CCC and meet us at the finish line. Poster and collection box are in the Narthex. **THIS IS A VIRTUAL RACE! NO RUNNING OR WALKING REQUIRED.**

Playground Equipment

Great news! We are at \$11,996. We need to hustle to get this done by end of school year. So please go eat Malawi's pizza and donate, donate, donate.

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

Communion Assistant Statement

The Board of Elders at Redeemer Lutheran Church has recently implemented a new way of providing the Lord's Supper at communion services. These changes have replaced the assisting elder with a communion assistant. The use of communion assistants has generated much discussion in other congregations and before the changes were made here there was also much discussion between the Pastor and members of the Board of Elders.

The role of women in the church is a very big topic in our church body today. There have been considerable changes in the practices of the churches in our synod over the past few decades.

Consequently, there is not uniformity in our synod in these areas. Different churches in our synod have different practices regarding women serving in these ways:

Lay Readers

Leading mixed bible studies or small groups

Congregation President/ Committee Chair

Ushers

Acolyte

Distributing communion

Altar Guild

How does the LCMS view the issue: There have been several publications of the LCMS Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR), and several Synodical Convention Resolutions that have addressed the service of women in the congregation.

In 1985, the CTCR, in their document, "*Women in the Church—Scriptural Principles and Ecclesial Practice*" directly addressed the question, "May women serve as assistants in the distribution of the Lord's Supper?" The commission answered the question as follows: "*While some might argue that assisting the presiding minister in the distribution of the elements is not necessarily a distinctive function of the pastoral office, the commission strongly recommends that, to avoid confusion regarding the office of the public ministry and to avoid giving offense to the church, such assistance be limited to men.*"

After much prayer, discussion and study on this issue, we are convinced that no words of Scripture forbid women from serving as communion assistants. We also believe that being a communion assistant is not a distinctive function of the pastoral office and therefore is an area of service that should be open to qualified men and women.

During the Lord's Supper, the Pastor consecrates and administers the elements. The Pastor distributes the bread to each person saying "*The true body of Christ given for you*", the communion assistant delivers the individual cup, and the Elder provides the chalice and says to the person, "*The true blood of Christ shed for you*". At the conclusion of distributing the blood of Christ, the Elder will then dismiss the table. After all have communed the Pastor will provide a dismissal to the congregation before the singing of the canticle. Therefore only the Pastor and the Elder are distributing the elements of the Lord's Supper.

Sources:

"Women Serving as Communion Assistants", St John's Lutheran Church, Napa, CA

"May Women Serve Communion at Prince of Peace?" A Position Paper from the Board of Elders of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church—Palatine, Illinois

Redeemer Lutheran Church Board of Elders

October 2018

This Week at a Glance

- Friday, March 15th** - Pastor & Fran Devotionals -9:30am
- RAAI - 11am
- Saturday, March 16th** - Quilters - 9am
- KINGS - 6pm
- Sunday, March 17th** - Worship Service - 8am & 10:45am
- Sunday School- 9:30am
- Monday, March 18th** - Bible Study- 7pm
- Boy Scouts - 7pm
- Council Meeting - 7pm
- Women's Bible Study @ Fran Kassouf's House - 7pm
- Tuesday, March 19th** - Ladies Night Out @ Vinny's - 6pm
- Compassionate Friends - 7pm
- Theology on Tap - 7pm
- Wednesday, March 20th** - Stretching Class - 9:15am
- Bible Study - 10:30am
- Midweek Lenten Service 12:30pm & 7pm with Dinner at 6pm **Thursday, March 21st** - RAAI - 11am
- Chimes - 6:15pm
- Praise Him - 7pm
- Choir 7:30pm
- Friday, March 22nd** - Pastor & Fran Devotionals -9:30am
- RAAI - 11am
- Saturday, March 23rd** -Stop the Bleed- 9:30am
- Family Fun Day - 2pm
- Sunday, March 24th** - Worship Service - 8am & 10:45am
- Sunday School- 9:30am
- Confirmation - 6pm



This Week's Birthdays!

- March 16th** - Mary Rivera
- March 17th** - Melvin Gray
- Dusty Hinz
- March 20th** - Janet Swager
- Cathy Gleason
- March 21st** - Lauren Hybl
- Randy Mayer
- March 23rd** - Madeline Bye
- Ellen Church
- Jennifer Nehls
- March 24th** - Barbara Roberts
- Mary Smith



Anniversaries

***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.**



March 2019

* denotes communion
at that service

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 RAAI 11am Kohanthites 6:30pm Christianity 101 7pm	2 LWML Meeting 9am Christianity 101 9am
3 Worship 8am & *10:45am	4 Boy Scouts 7pm Bible Study 7pm Ladies Bible Study 7pm Fran Kassouf's house	5	6 Stretching Class 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Art Group 1pm Ash Wednesday Service 12:30pm & 7pm Lenten Dinner 6pm	7 RAAI 11am Chimes 6:15pm Praise Him 7pm Choir 7:30pm Outreach Meeting 7pm	8 RAAI 11am Friday Devotional 9:30am	9 DAR Meeting 10am KINGS Game Night 6pm
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 Lenten Service 12:30pm & 7pm Lenten Dinner 6pm	14 RAAI 11am Chimes 6:15pm Praise Him 7pm Choir 7:30pm	15 RAAI 11am Romans Game Night Friday Devotional 9:30am	16 Quilters 9 am
17 Worship 8am & *10:45am	18 Boy Scouts 7pm Council Meeting 7pm Bible Study 7pm Ladies Bible Study 7pm Fran Kassouf's house	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 Lenten Service 12:30pm & 7pm Lenten Dinner 6pm	21 RAAI 11am Chimes 6:15pm Praise Him 7pm Choir 7:30pm	22 RAAI 11am Friday Devotional 9:30am	23 Family Fin Day 2pm
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Acolytes

Early

March 3 - Jenna Sullivan/Lucas Woollard
March 10- Connor Frank/Aiden Koehler
March 17 -TBD
March 24 -TBD
March 31- Connor Frank/Aiden Koehler

Late

March 3 - Rachael Ward/ Aaron Schwenzer
March 10- Regan Schwenzer/Johnny Hinz
March 17 - Jonah Unruh/ Liam Miller
March 24 - Rachael Ward/Johnny Hinz
March 31- Regan Schwenzer/ Jonah Unruh

Lay Readers

March 3 (E) Tony Antonelli (L) Doug Berndt
First Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Epistle: Hebrews 3:1-6
March 10- (E) Dee Allen (L) Linda Karpiscak
First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Epistle: Romans 10:8b-13
March 17 (E) Carol LaBansky (L) Perry Darley
First Reading: Jeremiah 26:8-15
Epistle: Philippians 3:17-4:1

March 24 (E) Linda Bye (L) Candace Wiltenmuth
First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-20
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
March 31(E) Lea Wiltenmuth (L) John Overbey
First Reading: Isaiah 12:1-6
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Ushers

Early

March 3 - Dave Allen, Mike Evenson, Jason Biscamp, Michael Biscamp
March 10- Tom Church, Tony Malm, Marcus Woollard, Richard Rush
March 17 Frank Misemer, Moe Long, Mike Eastman, Rob Hybl
March 24 Rick Mosely, David Bye, Mike Wieland, Gary Parker
March 31 - Moe Long, Mike Diederer, Sam Henley, Gary Parker

Late

March 3 - Douglas Berndt, Walker Berndt, Perry Darley , Ken Elam
March 10- ROMANS
March 17 -Berner Johnson, Craig Nehls, John Sullivan, John Wiltenmuth
March 24 - Johnny Hinz, Rich Gasperoni, Chris Koehler, Steve Schwenzer
March 31- Tim Moles, Matt Unruh, John Sullivan, John Overbey

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.

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday
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Prayer Breakfast

Prayer Breakfast
April 6
9-11 a.m.
Prince of Peace
8304 Old Keene Mill Road
Springfield, VA 22152



Thomas Messick

Suffering Turks: How the
Church Can Help

The country of Turkey is in a state of crisis in the aftermath of the 2016 coup attempt with thousands of people's lives being turned upside down. Many Turks have fled to the US to avoid governmental repercussions, especially Muslims who follow the teachings of Fethullah Gülen. As Turks living in the U.S. process through the purpose of suffering and persecution within their Islamic textual tradition, the Church must intercept them in their pain and point them to Jesus Christ who overcame suffering through His death and resurrection.

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