



May 2018

A SERIOUS SPIRITUAL CRISIS

We do our very best to remain free of illness. We avoid contact with others. We may even wear a surgical mask to prevent the ingesting of germs or spreading germs of our own. No one likes to get sick. But when we do, we aim to get well as soon as possible. Before making a doctor’s appointment we use all our Marcus Welby know-how self-diagnosing our condition or we might simply Google our symptoms in hopes of finding an answer. We try household remedies that may have worked before or we use over the counter drugs to save on the cost of a doctor’s visit as well as what we believe to be some unnecessary, over-priced prescription drugs.

When nothing seems to work and all else fails, we give in to calling the doctor for help. We finally call to get the professional health care and correct diagnosis we should’ve obtained in the first place.

What we thought to be a minor cough or cold turns out to be a full-blown upper respiratory infection or an unusual strand of the flu bug or worse – a hospital stay. The doctor prescribes two weeks of antibiotics and bedrest. And the thing is it’s happening at the worst possible time! You’re getting ready to go on vacation or you no longer have any sick days available to use. But here’s the good news: you’re getting the proper care for your illness. And as a result, you’re feeling better.

Have you ever treated your spiritual condition in the same way you do your physical condition? No!?! Perhaps you should.

Can you imagine, as a baptized child of God, neglecting all the symptoms leading to spiritual death? Perhaps you have but, you paid no attention to the signs.

In the same way we do everything to prevent ourselves from getting sick, we actually do the opposite when it comes to our spiritual health. Because we have the gift of faith, we know that we need to be connected to the Word of God frequently and faithfully in prayer, study, devotions and worship.

But what happens? We self-diagnose our condition. We try out our own remedies for spiritual wellness. We search the internet for quick spiritual fixes only ending up worse than before.



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We even say to ourselves, “Well, I can’t go to church now, I have to clean my act up first.” If you have ever said that to yourself, then you really need to go to church and become cleansed by the One who loves you, forgives your sins, and restores you once again to the Father of all mercy and grace.

Unfortunately what happens is that we believe that in going to church this one time

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will do the trick, will get you spiritually healthy again, at least it should for the next six months. Well, it's a good start, but it's not the magic pill that lasts forever. To remain spiritually healthy is to take a daily dose of God's Word and to receive His Sacrament frequently (as often as it is given). This, of course, takes commitment. It's a way of life.

Look at it this way: Our bodies get hungry, they thirst, they desire rest and sleep. So what do we do? We eat food, drink water, and get some rest by sleeping. Furthermore, we have responsibilities to care for our children and to pay the bills. What do we do? We go to work every day we are scheduled. And what are the consequences for not doing the above? We starve, we thirst, we become fatigued, we lose our homes, and even our children. And so it is with our spirituality. We need to feed our hungry soul, our thirsty spirit, our comatose souls. We need to be more responsible or we may lose the free gift God has graciously given us. We need Jesus every day as much as we need food and drink every day.

Just as an athlete trains for competition, believers in Christ Jesus train for battle every day. They make a commitment. They make sacrifices. They give up many of the temptations of the world and commit to this way of training in order to be ready for the competition, that is, our enemies: Satan, the sinful world, and our old Adam.

As Christians, we are continually at war

with the world, the devil, and even our sinful nature. The odds are against us to defeat these enemies alone. But Jesus says, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5). Moreover, He says, "take heart; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). God's Word also encourages us to know, "He [Holy Spirit] who is in you is greater than he [evil spirit] who is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

And so we can conclude we are in the midst of a spiritual crisis – as individual Christians and as a Christian congregation. What can be done? Repent and return to Christ. Repent and read His Word. Repent and return to His Church. Repent and receive His gifts in Word and Sacrament.

This article was written not to condemn you but to bring to light the truth of your spiritual condition, which turns out to be a spiritual crisis. This article is to call you to return to the only means by which your spiritual crisis can be transformed into a spiritual healing, renewing, and restoring. For when the spiritual is in good order everything else in life amazingly gets in order. Don't believe me? I'm living proof. I am a poor miserable sinner forgiven and restored to the God of all grace and mercy, not because I deserve it (because I don't) but because He loves me. And if He can love an unlovable sinner like me, imagine what He can do with you and your spiritual crisis.

Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Jim Kress

Check out our Websites and Facebook pages

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Child Care — www.redeemerfl-cc.com

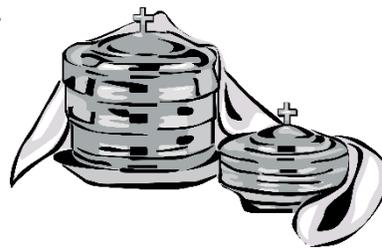
School — www.redeemerfl-school.com

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VOLUNTEERS

Altar Guild Volunteers

As we move into the Summer months, we lose several volunteers for Altar Guild. If you have ever participated in Altar Guild in the past or would like to learn how to participate, we could definitely use your help! Yes...I'm begging for volunteers. It is a quiet way to serve the Lord and quite necessary. Please consider this opportunity for stewardship of the Altar. If you have questions or concerns, please call or email Lisa Kress at 941-889-8938 / lisakress1968@gmail.com



Although our choir season concluded on Easter, we are still in need of more sopranos, altos, tenors, and bass voices. Please contact Collins Sita, Choir Director or Bill Bowers, Organist to consider singing during the summer months. This time could certainly be used to build confidence and acquire more experience in singing Christ-centered hymns to His praise, honor, and glory.



St. Paul teaches, “Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches” (Galatians 6:6).

And again, he says, “Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel” (1 Corinthians 9:13–14).

In other words, ministers of the gospel are supported by the offerings of those who are served by them. And this is how the Church lives even now. It is standard practice.

But this deserves closer examination. For it instructs us not *just* that we are to give but also *what* we are to give. And it does so with four little words: “In the same way ...”

St. Paul is building his case for supporting the preachers of the Gospel with the sacrificial giving of individual members on the example of the Old Testament people who supported the Levites with their offerings and sacrifices.

We’re to support the Gospel ministry “in the same way.” But how did the Old Testament people support the Levites?

Moses records this: “You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always” (Deuteronomy 14:22–23).

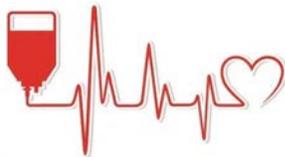
The Levites were supported by the tithe, 10 percent of all the yearly yield of that which was harvested.

Does that seem like a lot? Does it surprise you that St. Paul instructs us that we are to support the New Testament Gospel ministry “in the same way?”

If it does, ask yourself: is the Church’s job in the New Testament bigger or smaller than the Levites’ job in the Old Testament? Back then there was one Temple, and the ministry was almost exclusively located in one nation among the descendants of Abraham.

Jesus calls us to teach and baptize all nations (Matt. 28). And there are churches and ministries all around the world. How could we support this new Gospel ministry with anything less than the Israelites supported the Old Testament ministry?

Redeemer Blood Drive



Thank you all for participating in the recent blood drive on Sunday, April 22, 2018. We were blessed to be able to provide 11 units of blood to One Blood. Did you know that the blood donated is used within 72 hours? Additionally, this will provide up to 33 patients the lifesaving blood that they need. Mark your calendars for upcoming Blood Drives at Redeemer which include Sunday, October 28, 2018.

**NEW SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS
BEGINNING MAY 13th FOLLOWING DIVINE SERVICE**

STEWARDSHIP BASICS

This new eight-part Bible study from LCMS Stewardship Ministry, is given to help congregations start a discussion of whole-life stewardship. Like many congregations, Redeemer Lutheran Church struggles financially. Why? Although the members of Redeemer care very deeply for their church, perhaps some or even most are unfamiliar or uncertain about their role and responsibility God has called us into His vineyard as steward.

This study is being offered to all members, guests, and visitors of Redeemer. This basic study will take place at a convenient time in order for everyone to attend: following Divine Service on Sundays (approximately 10:30), beginning May 13th.

Stewardship is a topic that rarely provokes a neutral reaction. It either brings disdain because it makes those who hear the message uncomfortable, or it promotes a legalism that is not true to the Scriptures. Neither reaction is godly. To arrive at the desired destination, one needs to begin at the proper place.

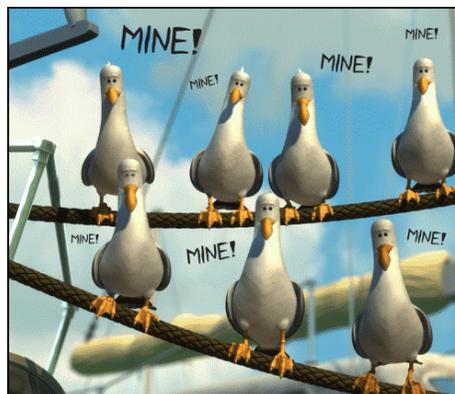
“Stewardship Basics” endeavors to do this. It starts with the Creator, not the steward, to show that stewardship is a journey that begins with identity. From creation, human beings were tasked with the stewardship of all that the Lord God made. But this stewardship was not left to the will and whim of man. Instead, being created in the image of God, the steward is to reflect the owner’s will in every aspect of his or her stewardship.

Stewards can be good. But because of the first stewardship crisis of Genesis 3, all stewardship is flawed. Usurping the role of the Creator, sinful stewards claimed ownership of what was not theirs. The result was judgment. This judgment did not excuse the steward from his or her created purpose; it only made stewardship an unpleasant labor. But in the blessing of the Gospel, the steward is redeemed and set free to reflect the image of the Creator and Redeemer.

Stewardship that begins in the right place can, by the leading of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel, produce an understanding of stewardship that is liberating. The desired result is faithfulness, not the humorous meme to the right.

This study was the central piece to the Major Applied Project for the Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador’s Doctor of Ministry degree. It is presented here to help congregations find the correct starting point for a renewed discussion of who God has created and redeemed His stewards to be for Him. It is not intended to be a comprehensive study, but rather it is a starting point to frame an ongoing effort in stewardship.

Hopefully, those using it will find that it can be very helpful in starting a discussion of whole-life stewardship that seeks to promote faithfulness. To God be the glory!



SUMMER SERIES BIBLE CLASS

This summer in the church Narthex, a Bible Class Series is being offered to all members and friends of the Redeemer family each **Wednesday at 10 AM**. The first series is called *Overcoming Doubt*.



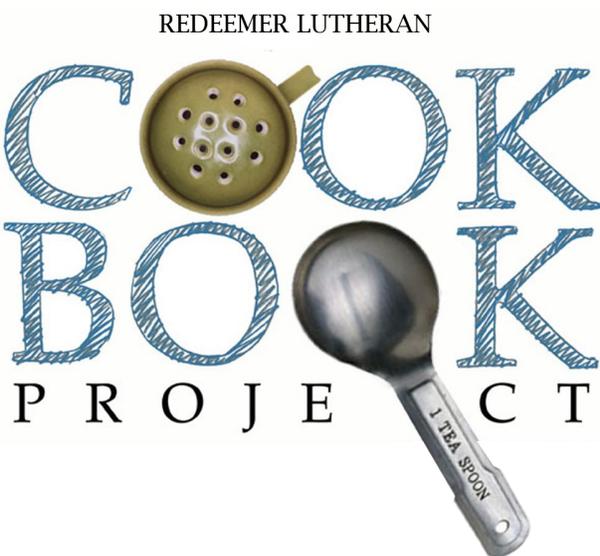
Doubting is normal for human beings. Whether our doubts lead us to good or evil depends on what we do with them. We can run to our Lord with them and come out stronger in faith. Or we can let doubt run us away from our Lord. Because Christians are human, Christians also doubt. But surrounded by good Christian friends and the Word of God, it is better to face doubts than to run from them.

As a group of good Christian friends, we can use this Bible Class to get into the Word. Once there, God Himself speaks to our doubts. Expect to meet a God of great patience and unlimited grace who is known to say, “Come now, let us reason together” (Isaiah 1:18).

Assured of His grace, we will explore Scripture as our God speaks to some of humankind’s common doubts.

If you find any interest in this class come join us each Wednesday. Use this Summer Series of Bible Classes to gain insight into the Scriptures. Learn what God is saying about Himself, about you, and about His Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ.

REDEEMER COOKBOOK



The Redeemer Cookbook Committee is requesting your assistance. With all the many wonderful cooks and bakers and candy stick makers, the committee is inviting all members of Redeemer Lutheran Church, School and Child Care to submit their favorite recipes for the construction of this treasured work of love. The DEADLINE is June 1st. You can submit your recipe in the Recipe Collection Box located on the Visitor’s Desk or email them to Pam Replinger at reps1@comcast.net. If you have any questions, contact Pam at (941) 875-4547.



*Baptized into Your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly, Among Your saints, Your chosen host,
Buried with Christ and dead to sin, Your Spirit now shall live within.*

*All that I am and love most dearly, Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely, Help me Your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own, Serve any will but Yours alone.*

These verses are from the hymn “Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy” (LSB 590). They tell of our baptismal life in Christ. The first verse tells of what God has done for us. God reached out to us and made us His own. The second verse tells of our response to that great love that was shown to us. Why am I starting with this for this article???

I was especially taken with verse two as it relates to congregational life and the purpose and mission of LCEF. We pray that we are faithful stewards of all that God has given us. LCEF benefits Redeemer and it benefits congregations across the United States. However, LCEF needs us to be able to function through congregations and missions.

We need to move beyond our church and out into the world, bringing the Gospel message to those who have not yet heard. Lutheran Church Extension Fund’s mission is to support the church in fulfilling its mission of sharing the Gospel. With funds that are available through investors, LCEF is able to support congregations and its workers through loans and services that will further the mission of Christ.

LCEF has given us a way to reach out and serve the Lord. Prayerfully consider becoming an investor, if even in a small way. It’s a safe way to make resources available for congregations fulfilling their Gospel mission and making ministry happen. Let me know if you have any questions about LCEF. If I cannot answer them, I know people who can!

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Steinke
LCEF Congregational Advocate



Redeemer Lutheran
FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday, May 19th
Beginning at noon ...
until we run out of fun!

Sponsored by Redeemer Youth Group

All families of Redeemer Lutheran Church, School, and Child Care are invited to attend this fun-filled event. So many games to play ... and food to eat ... and fellowship to experience among our amazing Redeemer community. Please indicate how many will be coming in your party so that we can plan for enough fun for everyone!



Investment Interest Rates-April 2018

| Minimum | Term | Rate | APY | Minimum | Term | Rate | APY |
|--|------------------|--------|--------|---------|------|------|-----|
| Dedicated Certificate (custodial account for minors: \$25 minimum) | | | | | | | |
| \$100 | --- | 0.250% | 0.250% | | | | |
| \$1,000 | --- | 0.375% | 0.376% | | | | |
| \$5,000 | --- | 0.500% | 0.501% | | | | |
| IRA Dedicated Certificate | | | | | | | |
| \$100 | --- | 0.500% | 0.501% | | | | |
| \$1,000 | --- | 0.625% | 0.626% | | | | |
| \$5,000 | --- | 0.750% | 0.752% | | | | |
| \$10,000 | --- | 1.000% | 1.004% | | | | |
| Y.I. StewardAccount® (portion of balance over \$1,000 earns second-tier rate) | | | | | | | |
| \$25-\$1,000 | --- | 3.500% | 3.557% | | | | |
| Over \$1,000 | --- | 1.125% | 1.131% | | | | |
| StewardAccount Certificate | | | | | | | |
| \$100 | --- | 0.500% | 0.501% | | | | |
| \$1,000 | --- | 0.625% | 0.627% | | | | |
| \$5,000 | --- | 0.750% | 0.753% | | | | |
| \$10,000 | --- | 1.000% | 1.005% | | | | |
| Family Emergency StewardAccount (balances under \$10,000 require monthly electronic investments) | | | | | | | |
| \$25 | --- | 1.125% | 1.131% | | | | |
| ConnectPlus Term Note--Fixed | | | | | | | |
| \$500-\$5,000 | 2 yrs. | 3.000% | 3.034% | | | | |
| Over \$5,000 | --- | 1.125% | 1.130% | | | | |
| PartnerPlus Term Note--Fixed | | | | | | | |
| \$500-\$25,000 | 2 yrs. | 2.375% | 2.396% | | | | |
| \$500-\$25,000 | 4 yrs. | 2.875% | 2.906% | | | | |
| Over \$25,000 | 2 & 4 yrs. | 1.125% | 1.130% | | | | |
| Term Notes and IRA Term Notes--Fixed | | | | | | | |
| \$500 | 6 mos. | 1.000% | 1.004% | | | | |
| \$500 | 9 mos. | 1.125% | 1.130% | | | | |
| \$500 | 1 yr. | 1.875% | 1.888% | | | | |
| \$500 | 18 mos. | 2.000% | 2.015% | | | | |
| \$500 | 2 yrs. | 2.125% | 2.142% | | | | |
| \$500 | 3 yrs. | 2.125% | 2.142% | | | | |
| \$500 | 4 yrs. | 2.250% | 2.269% | | | | |
| \$500 | 5 yrs. | 2.500% | 2.524% | | | | |
| Term Notes and IRA Term Notes--Floating | | | | | | | |
| \$100 | 30 mos. | 1.875% | 1.888% | | | | |
| \$100 | 60 mos. | 2.250% | 2.269% | | | | |
| IRA Jumbo Note | | | | | | | |
| \$100,000 | 5 yrs. fixed | 2.875% | 2.906% | | | | |
| \$100,000 | 60 mos. floating | 2.250% | 2.269% | | | | |
| HSA Certificate | | | | | | | |
| \$1 | --- | 0.625% | 0.627% | | | | |
| \$2,500 | --- | 1.125% | 1.131% | | | | |
| \$5,000 | --- | 1.500% | 1.510% | | | | |
| \$15,000 | --- | 2.125% | 2.146% | | | | |
| Congregation Certificates--Demand | | | | | | | |
| \$100 | --- | 0.500% | 0.501% | | | | |
| Congregation StewardAccount Certificates | | | | | | | |
| \$100 | --- | 0.750% | 0.753% | | | | |
| \$250,000 | --- | 0.875% | 0.879% | | | | |
| \$500,000 | --- | 1.000% | 1.005% | | | | |
| \$1,000,000 | --- | 1.125% | 1.131% | | | | |
| Cemetery Care StewardAccount | | | | | | | |
| \$1,000 | --- | 0.500% | 0.501% | | | | |
| \$25,000 | --- | 0.625% | 0.627% | | | | |
| \$50,000 | --- | 0.750% | 0.753% | | | | |
| \$100,000 | --- | 1.000% | 1.005% | | | | |
| Congregation Term Notes--Fixed | | | | | | | |
| \$500 | 6 mos. | 1.000% | 1.004% | | | | |
| \$500 | 9 mos. | 1.125% | 1.130% | | | | |
| \$500 | 1 year | 1.875% | 1.888% | | | | |
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| \$500 | 2 yrs. | 2.125% | 2.142% | | | | |
| \$500 | 3 yrs. | 2.125% | 2.142% | | | | |
| \$500 | 4 yrs. | 2.250% | 2.269% | | | | |
| \$500 | 5 yrs. | 2.500% | 2.524% | | | | |
| Congregation Term Notes--Floating | | | | | | | |
| \$100 | 30 mos. | 1.875% | 1.888% | | | | |
| \$100 | 60 mos. | 2.250% | 2.269% | | | | |
| Congregation Endowment Note--Fixed | | | | | | | |
| \$1,000 | 5 yrs. | 2.000% | 2.015% | | | | |
| \$10,000 | 5 yrs. | 2.125% | 2.142% | | | | |
| \$100,000 | 5 yrs. | 2.250% | 2.269% | | | | |
| Congregation Endowment Note--Floating | | | | | | | |
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| \$100,000 | 60 mos. | 2.250% | 2.269% | | | | |

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FROM THE TREASURER

Treasurer's Report As of March 31, 2018

| | <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>BUDGET</u> | <u>OVER/UNDER</u> |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| INCOME | 15,271 | 13,442 | 1,829 |
| <u>EXPENSES</u> | <u>18,052</u> | <u>15,991</u> | 2,061 |
| +/- | (2,781) | (2,549) | |
| | | | |
| YEAR TO DATE | | | |
| INCOME | 41,338 | 40,395 | 943 |
| <u>EXPENSES</u> | <u>55,554</u> | <u>48,218</u> | 7,336 |
| +/- | (14,216) | (7,823) | |



Respectfully submitted,
Jean Clappe-Mixell
North Star Bookkeeping LLC

PROPERTY APPRECIATION DAY

We sure could use some help on our Property Appreciation Days every month. There is outside work to do and cleaning and dusting that needs done inside the Church. If you can help, please come to the church and we will put you to work.

Our next Property Appreciation Day is Saturday, May 19th at 8:00 am.



- ◆ Call Bill Bowers at (941) 416-5661 for real estate assistance.
- ◆ Call Kristine Baltimore at (941) 681-6514 for residential cleaning.
- ◆ Babes Plumbing Englewood Office 941-475-8146;
Main Office 941-488-2402



Church email addresses have changed! Be sure to correct your email contact list to reflect the new addresses:

Pastor: redeempastor1@gmail.com
Church secretary: redeemerfl@gmail.com
Church treasurer: redeemertreasurer1@gmail.com
Child Care: redeemerchildcare@gmail.com

PRAYERS



IN NEED OF PRAYER

SHUT-INS: Judy Clasen, Susan Jahns, Rita Kaufman, Duwayne Schoeneck.

HEALING: Members: Neva Aldene, Deb Anderson, Carl Bertka, Paul Brown, Jean Cote, Jan Detrow, Charlie & Pat Finkenbine, Denise Fountain, Mike Guastella, Wendy Horvath, Chuck Malecki, Angela Mannato, Paul McDonald, Ken Mielke, Leslie Miles, Glenn & Marlene Mossner, Bob Payne, Tom Poyer, Russ Spooner, Fred Toth, Robert Vickey, Larry Wiech, Sally Zierdt, and Artie Zipp.

FRIENDS & RELATIVES: Linny Aspery, Jean Bajner, Brynn Beenders, Bert Blackford, Grace Blum, Michelle Bernard, Bill Bowers, Jr., Dennis Burchell, Georgia Bush, Jack Carlos, Diane Carr, Sally Chambers, Esther Clapham, Bobbett Clark, The Family & Friends of Dick Clemens, Joanne and Randy Clymo, Donna Connors, Colleen Conway, Martin Cressman, Molly Criely, Renee Dempsey, Dale & Trudy DesJardins, Ed Detrow, Rital Devine, Irene DiTommaso, Barb Dumeah, Chris Durner, Bruce Everson, Donna Fancher, Darla Finkenbine, Gerald and Mary

Fischer, Marla Flores, Lou Fountain, Manual Galan, Liam Garland, Sandra Gettings, Nancy Gleis, Fran Grenon, Melisa Gustavus, Shelley Roedel Gutz, Marlene Hagen, Jake Harper, Debbie Harrison, Larry Headun, Dennis Hegarty, Claudette Hendershot, Glory Herget, John Hill, Rick Hill, Robin Hincman, Roger Hinzmann David Hirtle, Larry Hladun, Linda Holt, John Hunter, Linda Hunter, Stanley and Lynne Jablonski, Deb Jacobson, Bill Jaquest, Heather Johnson, Rachel Kagay, Michelle Kalstrup, Steve Kallsen, John Kearns, Rev. Michael Kettner, Elizabeth Lynn Klopfenstein, Erin Kress, Nancy Lake, Stacey Lampert, Ray Likowski, Janet Lixey, John Lockhart, Joe Manson, The Maxson Family, Candace McGowan, Pete Mogg, Mike Morrissey, Trista Mosier, Esther Murphy, Audrey Nanni, Charles Pentecost Jr., Julie Pool, Robin Potts, John Purdy, George Raetzke, Mary Raines, Rev. Ronald Rock, Lois Skinner, Paul Sullivan, Nancy Sly, Luke Suski, Charles Tolley, Jim St. John, George Vespa, Steven Walker, Christy Wallace, Helen Weishaar, Gordan Winkel, Wava Zeitlow, and Mary Ann Zipp.

Military Personnel: Mark Baranowsky, Michael Broughton, Thomas Francis Styns II, Brian Jackson, Jonathan Koen, David MacLeod, and Charles D. Weishaar.

Pastor and members of the church are always willing to pray for you, family members and friends. If a loved one appears on our prayer list above, please call Pastor or the church office to give us a health update so that we may either keep or remove their name. Thank you!



ELDER & COMMUNION ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

| Date | Elder & Reader | Communion Asst |
|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| Sun, May 6th | Bob Varone | Dennis Replinger |
| Sun, May 13th | Paul Brown | Bob Varone |
| Sun, May 20th | Collins Sita | Dennis Replinger |
| Sun, May 27th | Mike Nagel | Steve Horvath |



| Date | Crucifier | Acolyte |
|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Sun, May 6th | Toby Hancock | John Miller |
| Sun, May 13th | Daniel Black | Brianna Neef |
| Sun, May 20th | Mykalina Sabol | Ariana Miller |
| Sun, May 27th | Mackenzie McDowall | Jayden Bishop |

ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE



| Date | Set-Up | Clean-Up |
|---------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Sun, May 6th | Gretchen Armstrong | Dottie LaMere |
| Sun, May 13th | Bob Varone | Sandi Libke |
| Sun, May 20th | Mindy Duncan | Neva Aldene/Jean Cote |
| Sun, May 27th | Lisa Kress | Gretchen Armstrong |

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many — Mark 10:45

The deadline for the JUNE Newsletter is May 18th
Please have all your submissions sent to patchas123@gmail.com
OR drop them off at the church office by the date indicated above.
Thank You!

Angel Scholarship Fund

A great BIG Thank You to those who donated to the Angel Fund in the Month of April. Over \$400.00 was received and given to Scholarship Families.

Meet Myah,

Myah is three years old and has been enrolled at Redeemer Child Care since she was an infant. During Myah's birth she had a stroke and Doctors said she would not be like other children her age. Myah has overcome many trials in her life and has excelled beyond what the Doctors told her mother. When her Doctors said she would not crawl, she crawled. When the Doctors said she would not walk, she walked. When the Doctors said she would not talk, she talked. Myah is like other children her age! Myah is outgoing, friendly, happy and full of energy!

When Myah's mother Claire needed to go to work, she called Redeemer and asked if we had a scholarship program and we were able to say yes. With the help of Redeemer Church Members giving donations to the Angel Fund, the Child Care was able to give a discount on tuition. With the help of the scholarship Claire was able to work and get Myah the assistance she needed. Myah's therapists were able to come to Redeemer Child Care every week and work with Myah.

Thank you for your Love and Support! You have changed a family's life.



Directory Update:

The Church Directory Update has proven to be a larger project than originally thought. There are many pieces of it that still need to be updated and there are only 2 people on this committee. As it is, we are missing several members photos and information pages. If you have not already seen Lisa for your photo and or to give your information page for the directory, please do so ASAP. While it was thought that this could be accomplished prior to Easter, it has become difficult because of the delays in getting photos from many members. I have pushed this project off to work on through the summer with the hopes that we will have it available by the end of October for all members. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this project or are still needing your photo taken, please call or email Lisa Kress: 941-889-8938/ lisakress1968@gmail.com

In Bible class, we are learning about the Apostle Paul. We learned that he was the first missionary and about the journeys that he took. We learned that Paul helped lay the foundation of the church. God used him to help spread the Gospel throughout the world; so his life and travel are worth studying about. He is our example on how we should also be spreading the love of Jesus to our families, neighbors, and other parts of the world. Our students may be small, but they sure can tell you about what Jesus has done for them.

In Science, we will continue to study about animals. We are learning how God made everything for a reason. God made each kind of animal for a special reason. Just as God has made us special, he also made animals special. God gave each animal special eyes, legs, hair, skin, necks, and even teeth. If it were not for these special things the animals could die. We will soon be learning all about ladybugs and how they help us. First Graders will be working on writing a report about them. We will finish this unit with a trip to the Big Cat Habitat.

In PE, we are almost done with our swim lessons at the pool. Each student has progressed tremendously. Some of them started out afraid to get in the water. We are now floating on our backs and swimming under water. Swimming has been the highlight of our month. We also are learning our gymnastics routine to show our parents on May 5th. The YMCA instructors have done a great job with our students this year.



I can't believe we are in the last month of school. I'm not sure if I want the year to be over yet. Blessings to all of you!

Letter O verse:

O give thanks to the Lord; for He is good. Psalm 118:1

Submitted by Nicole Hopkins

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Emily Ebyrkett



Some of my favorites are:

Food: Steak
Movie: Minions
Color: Blue
Drink: Coke
Season: Winter
Sports: Football
Fast Food: McDonald's
Store: Wal-Mart
Dessert: Cheesecake
Candy: Smarties
Restaurant: Outback Steak House
Flower: Sunflower

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Also on Class Dojo

Meet The Teacher! This month's featured teacher is Miss Emily Byrkett. Hi! My name is Emily and I am 23 years old. I have lived in Englewood Florida my whole life. I have three sisters and one brother. I have a 3 year old son and his name is Jonathan. He also attends Redeemer. We love going to the beach and visiting new places. I will be the VPK Aide & After School Teacher this year at Redeemer. I went to Myakka for Elementary School, LA Ainger for Middle School and Lemon Bay for high school. I started working for Redeemer in January 2015. Redeemer offered me a scholarship to go to school to get my CDA (Child Development Associate Degree). I received my CDA in October of 2016. Shortly after that, I finished my training to be in the VPK class.



FAMILY BREAKFAST

Remember to attend our delicious Family Breakfast on the first Sunday of every month following Divine Service. If you would like to assist in any way, please contact Neva Aldene.

CLASS OF THE MONTH



This week in the Three Year Old room has been a lot of fun! We learned about emotions and different ways to deal with them. We read the books *Llama Llama Mad at Mama* and *When Sophie Gets Angry -- Really, Really Angry* to learn and talk about anger. *Llama Llama Mad at Mama* taught us that sometimes we have to do things that we don't want to do and that can make us feel frustrated. Feeling frustrated is okay, but it is not okay to open food, have a temper tantrum, or throw things on the floor like Llama Llama did. It also taught us that it is important to have patience when going shopping. *When Sophie Gets Angry -- Really, Really Angry* taught us that sometimes you need to walk away and be alone to calm down when you become angry. We have been practicing taking a book or a puzzle to a quiet place in the classroom when we get upset or angry. Both books taught us that people deal with their emotions differently.

"I'm bringing home a baby bumblebee" has become one of our favorite songs to sing! We made a bumblebee craft and looked for bumblebees outside on the playground. We didn't find any bumblebees throughout the week, but we did find a frog and turtles! After finding the frog, we enjoyed hopping around the playground, saying "Ribbit" like a frog. We practiced walking slowly like turtles through the hallways and being quiet like them, too. We also talked about how exciting it was to find different animals outside but we have to keep them, and ourselves, safe by not touching them.



This week we talked about God giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes, our actions and words don't show and tell the love of Jesus but the Holy Spirit helps us share that Jesus is the Savior of the world. We can share the love of Jesus everywhere through the power of the Holy Spirit. We learned a lot of new songs and prayers that teach us about the Holy Spirit and how the Holy Spirit helps us tell others about God's love.

"Holy Spirit, come today,
Come today, come today.
Holy Spirit, come today;
Come fill my heart, I pray."

Sung to the tune of "Mary had a little lamb" was our favorite song we learned!

Submitted by Brandy Schneck



Don't forget to sign up for School Age and VPK Summer Camp

Bible Lessons

Chapel is on Mondays
at 3:45

4/30 Jesus Says Do Not Worry

Matthew 6:25-34

5/7 God's People Share His Word

2 Timothy 1:5, 3:14-17

5/14 God's People Share His Word

Acts 16:11-15, 40

5/21 God Saves His People
The Book of Esther

5/28 God Forgives Those Who Wander from Him

Luke 15:11-32



Dear Jesus, when I am afraid, remind me of Your power and love. Thank You for faithful pastors and teachers who tell me about Jesus, my Savior.
Amen.

It's Hot Outside!

Send plenty of drinks and wear sunblock!

Birthdays

Robert 5/2

Hyla 5/4

Violet H. 5/5

Chelsea 5/13

Jacob M 5/7

Kyleigh 5/14

Layna 5/14

Brianna 5/15

Madison 5/17

Riley 5/21

Ms. Felicia 5/27

Kira 5/28

Nazareth 5/30



Special Days in May

5/7-5/11 Teacher Appreciation Week

5/13 Mother's Day

5/25 Last Day of Public School

5/28 Memorial Day
CLOSED

VPK Graduation



Congratulations to the VPK Class of 2018!

Marianna, Alivia, Jackson, Bryant, Cali, Melvin, Jordan, Samantha, Braxton, Logan, Lilyana, Robert, Kiera & Emilee

Graduation will be on
May 24, 2018
6:30 pm

Gymnastics Awards

Ms. Paige's Class, VPK & School

Join us for the end of the school year Gymnastic Class and Awards on Saturday May 5, 2018 at the Venice YMCA
Check your child's mailbox for an invitation!

INSPIRATION

Thank You Lord

**Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings.
Thank you, Lord, that I can hear. There are many who are deaf.**

**Even though I keep my eyes closed against the morning light as long
as possible. Thank you, Lord, that I can see. Many are blind.**

**Even though I huddle in my bed and put off rising. Thank you, Lord, that I
have the strength to rise. There are many who are bedridden.**

**Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, t
oast is burned, tempers are short, and my children are so loud.
Thank you, Lord, for my family. There are many who are lonely.**

**Even though our breakfast table never looks like the picture
in magazines and the menu is at times unbalanced.
Thank you, Lord, for the food we have There are many who are hungry.**

**Even though the routine of my job often is monotonous. Thank you,
Lord, for the opportunity to work. There are many who have no job.**

**Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day
and wish my circumstances were not so modest.
Thank you, Lord, for life.**



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Divine Service: 9:15 AM
Bible Class: 10:30 AM
Sunday School: 10:30 AM

The Redeemer Lutheran Church, School & Child Care Family are called into the service of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by His command (Matthew 28:18-20) to:

- ♦*Disciple all nations, that is, all people;*
- ♦*Baptize in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;*
- ♦*Proclaim the Gospel and teach His Word in its truth and purity; and*
- ♦*Never be ashamed of the Gospel—it is the power of God unto salvation (Romans 1:16).*