



April Showers

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

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A Message from Pastor Allman

By Pastor David Allman

2 Peter 1:5-7 reads, "...make every effort to support your faith with goodness, and goodness with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with endurance, and endurance with godliness, and godliness with mutual affection, and mutual affection with love."

Typically April is the most important month in our Church Calendar, because Easter nearly always comes during April – notice I said nearly always. As believers we know that Easter is the celebration of The Resurrection, as opposed to bunnies, candy, egg hunts and ham dinners. The Resurrection is the core of our beliefs. I have heard that there are 'Christians' who do not believe in the Resurrection. I cannot fathom how that works.

In 1 Corinthians 15:17 Paul writes, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins." A dead Redeemer could not be a Redeemer for anyone. Jesus' Resurrection is the pledge of God's Divine power. Jesus was "raised to life for our justification" (Romans 4:25).

Just as in our present day, it was also true in Paul's day, that some people can be nominally (in name only) "in Christ," yet not really committing. The Apostle Peter encourages us to "make every effort to support (our) faith" (see above). Then Peter lists some of the qualities of a committed Christian: goodness, knowledge, self-control, endurance, godliness, mutual affection and love.

Certainly there are people who can have these qualities and not believe in Jesus as the Christ. That is not the point, and Peter is not writing to them. Peter is writing to believers and encouraging believers to adopt and/or grow in these qualities. And as we make that effort, we will also be supporting our faith.

May you all be blessed with goodness, knowledge, self control, endurance, godliness, mutual affection and love for Easter.

Pastor Allman 

Alpha will be returning in the Fall!

We are currently in the middle of our second Alpha Course here at Redeemer! We started in fall of 2016 in conjunction with St John the Divine and then began our second one in January with St John and St Andrew Presbyterian. The course will begin here at Redeemer on September 11, 2017 at 6:15 PM with supper, DVD and discussion groups. St Andrew will begin on September 12, 2017 at 9:15 AM with breakfast and St John will begin September 14, 2017 at 11:00 AM with lunch. If you haven't taken Alpha, plan to treat yourself this fall! If you have taken Alpha please invite your friends to "taste and see".

News from the Parish Administrator

By Susan Warner

We are so excited for the Dehne family and their new arrival, Lucas Conrad Dehne on 3/6/2017! Mom and baby are at home and doing well. In the office, we certainly feel Kadie's absence and I hope that you will be patient with us as we work hard to keep things going as smoothly as possible, while knowing that we are not going to get it all done every time. Both Candy Allman and Nancy Carrier will be helping in the office creating the bulletins and newsletters. From the bottom of my heart I thank those who have come forward to offer help; we will happily accept your kindness!

We are winding down now with our Winter Alpha! Folks are enjoying dinner and fellowship at 6:15 pm followed by the DVD at 6:45 pm and then small groups from 7:15-8:00 pm. If you haven't tried the Alpha course yet, stay tuned for the Fall 2017 schedule beginning September 11, 2017!

Our Visitation/Communion Teams continue to reach out to our members in need with companionship and communion. Our parish nurses are providing support to our members with medical issues. **If you know of anyone who needs visiting or help with a medical question, or if you would like to be one of our volunteers providing care, please feel free to contact me at carekeepersccr@gmail.com or call the church office. *Our list of folks who are homebound keeps increasing and we could use more team members to visit them.* If you have a couple of hours a month to reach out to one of these members please consider joining us. It makes such a difference in their lives as many are lonely and craving human interaction; I often receive feedback from those visited saying how much it meant to them. Believe me; you will be even more blessed by the visit!**

Upcoming Events

Thursdays at 10:00 AM – Bible Study in Buhr Hall. FREE!

May 9 – Virtual Dementia/GEMS 11:00 a.m.

October – Life Line Screening will return

Plans are in the works for a **Health Fair** in the fall – stay tuned!

Thank you for donating items for our Food Pantry in the Narthex closet. Please remember, NO opened packages or containers.



RECYCLE

Don't forget to use the paper/cardboard recycling bin in the corner of the church parking lot.

Support for others (Collection boxes are on the Narthex counter)



APRIL STEWARDSHIP

by Pastor David Allman

“Stewardship for April 2017 Newsletter

2 Corinthians 9:7-8, 11 reads, *“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And, God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work... You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgivings to God.”*

The Apostle Paul is writing to a society that believes that having an economic advantage entitles one to be treated with privilege and honor by their social inferiors. This sense of entitlement has worked its way into the practices of the congregation in Corinth. Paul is struggling against this attitude of entitlement among the wealthy who look ‘down their noses’ at their brothers and sisters in Christ who are less affluent.

How have things changed, or not changed, for we in the churches who read this message of Paul from God’s Word in this twenty-first century? Does our economic standing impact the way we view others? Do we consider those who are less affluent as inferior to ourselves; and, those who are more affluent as superior to ourselves?

Paul’s message teaches us that the amount of money that one has is less important than the attitude that one has toward money. Some misquote the Bible in saying that money is the root of all evil. The actual quote is *“The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil”* (1 Timothy 6:10, emphasis added).

The Greek word translated as ‘reluctantly’ in 2 Corinthians 9:7 is a Greek word that is closely connected to grief, so Paul is suggesting that giving money to God’s work should not cause one grief. And, if it does, then the person needs to examine their attitude toward money in relation to their attitude toward God and God’s work.

Redeemer has been blessed with enough money to do our ministries for all of 2016 and so far in 2017. *“...your great generosity, which (does) produce thanksgivings to God”* (Vs 11). We are all grateful that you have seen the value of the ministries that are happening at Redeemer. In keeping with Paul’s message we want to encourage everyone to continue to give cheerfully (not as one who grieves) as we continue to move forward into God’s preferred future for Redeemer.



Making the Most of Your Generosity

On Thursday, April 27th at 11:15 am (immediately following Bible Study) Richard Steinbrueck from Thrivent will be presenting a one hour workshop on how you can leave a legacy gift to your church. Come and join us for this important presentation! We will provide a lunch for the participants courtesy of Thrivent.

Benevolence for April

The benevolence for April is the Pastor's discretionary fund. This fund allows the Pastor to have funds to aid members of our congregation. Please consider donating to this cause.



In April we will be collecting toiletries, personal hygiene items for the Good Samaritan Mission in Balm. We are also including baby items in this project.

Personal hygiene items include toilet paper, soaps and shampoos, deodorant, hair accessories and toothpaste and tooth brushes.

Baby products include diapers, new clothing, lotions, baby wash, bottles and blankets.

A comprehensive list will be available on the Thrivent table.

If you wish, you can contribute cash for the project. The committee will shop for you. Please write Good Samaritan Mission on you envelop.

This mission reaches out to the community of migrant workers and educates them in many areas of social concerns. Please consider supporting their efforts.

Easter Brunch

WELCA is organizing a brunch on Easter

Sunday. Since there will be two services

this year, we will be serving from 8:30 to 9:30. Food will be provided through a Thrivent Action Team



and WELCA. Although you will not need to bring any food, each person attending is asked to bring a non-perishable food item that will be donated to a local food pantry.

Social Ministry Project Thanks you!

The pantry staff were very appreciative of the donation we made to the pantry in February. Through your generosity and a Thrivent Action team, we were able to provide nearly \$1000 worth of product to this worthy cause. Redeemer's congregation continues to impact our community in a very positive manner.



Women of the **ELCA** 

WELCA will meet on Wednesday, April 19th beginning with refreshments at 9:30 a.m. The program, starting at 10:00 a.m., will be a fashion show highlighting the Nearly New shop. This will also be the annual spring luncheon so everyone attending will need to bring a dish to share. More details will be in the Sunday bulletins closer to the date. Everyone is invited to attend.

Hello Redeemer Family,

Happy Spring and Happy Lent! If you've given up something this season, I hope that you're doing well at upholding your decisions and promises to God. The Lent and Easter seasons are some of the most joyous, but also a good time for self reflection. This year, I decided that instead of giving something up, I would add something to my life for 40 days. Growing up, my parents always told me that it was perfectly acceptable to do something to better yourself, rather than to solely give something up as a sacrifice. While my dad may have always joked that this meant I could do something like eat a chocolate chip cookie everyday, I have always understood the significance and importance of this practice.

April is my final full month here in Korea. As the end of our time here nears, Dean and I seem to experience a range of emotions daily. For each of us the feelings are different, as I'm moving home and he's moving to a country he has only visited once. While we are both very excited, the current climate of the U.S. at the time leaves us a bit worried. Unfortunately, it seems as though hatred and anger have divided the country. With Dean coming from England, we are unsure of how the process of securing him a visa will play out, but we are confident that God will help us along the way.

It's easy in this process to become overwhelmed, stressed, nervous, excited, anxious, etc. Personally, I feel like the emotions come in waves, but as the end

of our time here nears, the feelings only become stronger. In response to this, I have decided that each day, I need to take a step back and acknowledge everything that I am grateful for. While this may sound a bit vague and even easy to do, in the midst of a very stressful and life changing situation, I've found it not only very helpful, but also very necessary to thank God for everything that he has given me. It is easy to feel lost and unsure, however, taking the time to appreciate what I have been given has definitely helped ease the process of moving home. This Lent, I'm consciously adding appreciation and thankfulness to my everyday life, asking God for guidance each step of the way.

As the seasons change and the weather becomes nicer, so does our appreciation of the beautiful country around us. It feels good to finally be free from the bitter winter and enjoy the outside again. This past month, Dean and I went on a "hike" on a mountain here in Jeonju. After living in Korea for the last two years, I have realized that for Koreans, a lot of the time, hiking means climbing a lot of stairs up a very large mountain. Although our definitions of hiking may be different, it's still great exercise. We had a really great day going up to the top of the mountain, and getting a bird's eye view of Jeonju. The pictures I've included with this letter were taken that day.

Dean will be leaving Korea for England on May 3rd to go home and spend time with his family and friends. I will be leaving on May 19th to meet him there. After spending ten days in London and the English countryside, we will fly into

New York on May 29th. For the next two weeks, we will attend my best friend's wedding and do some traveling with my parents. While we know that we will be sad to leave Korea, we are very excited for what is to come! We expect to return to Riverview in mid-June, and begin our new adventure!

I hope you are all doing well, and I look forward to seeing you soon. Thank you to everyone who sends cards, as well as kind words through my parents. It always feels good to feel close to home.

God Bless,
Heather



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 6th – Phil Eaton
- 8th – Marion Giblin, LaVern Lentz
- 6th – Ursula Berger and Betty Mack
- 11th – Joyce Iovine, Alice Miller
- 13th – Renate Bartz, Marilyn Bohl
- 14th – Debby Nelson, Helga Spitzenberger
- 15th – Michael Trefren
- 16th – Helga Balter, Erika Barfels
- 17th – Ron Pigeon
- 18th – Jo Anne Owens
- 19th – Angela Grill, Barbara Lauer
- 21st – Martha Matz
- 25th – Martha Walker
- 27th – Paul Carrier
- 28th – Jean Simonsen
- 29th – Candy Allman, Reinhold Baal, Wally Lowry
- 30th – Everette Glas

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 4th – Hal & Susan Wold
- 8th – William & Marion Giblin
- 10th – Richard & Karin Meredith
- 16th – Donald & Karen Munford
- 25th – Howard & Kathleen Warfield
- 26th – Pete & Edie Moose
- 28th – Wayne & Janet Gehrke
- 29th – Kendall & Carol Schwindt



We ask if you notice information is missing or incorrect please let us know. Thank you!



Sunday Worship Assistants

<u>Time</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Communion Assistants</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Sunday April 2	Walter Geissler	Walter Geissler Denise Fitzpatrick Miriam Zane	Denise Fitzpatrick
Sunday April 9	Pete Moose	Pete Moose Edie Moose Loriann Fox	Edie Moose
Sunday April 16 8:00 a.m.	Walter Geissler	Walter Geissler Jan Glass Gerri Julian	Joan Kopycinski
Sunday April 16 10:00 a.m.	Lucy Ann Clark	Lucy Ann Clark Dick Fricke Gerri Julian	Dick Fricke
Sunday April 23	Gerri Julian		Dick Paulson
Sunday April 30	Kay Adkins		Jim Moyers
<u>Usher Team</u>		<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Sound</u>
Jim Schwartz		Karin Meredith Dorothy Paulson Honey Ashley	Bill Adkins

SIGNS OF A HEART ATTACK

MEN -VS- WOMEN

Lightheadedness
You may feel dizzy or feel like you might pass out.



Anxiety
You may feel a sense of doom or feel as if you're having a panic attack for no reason.

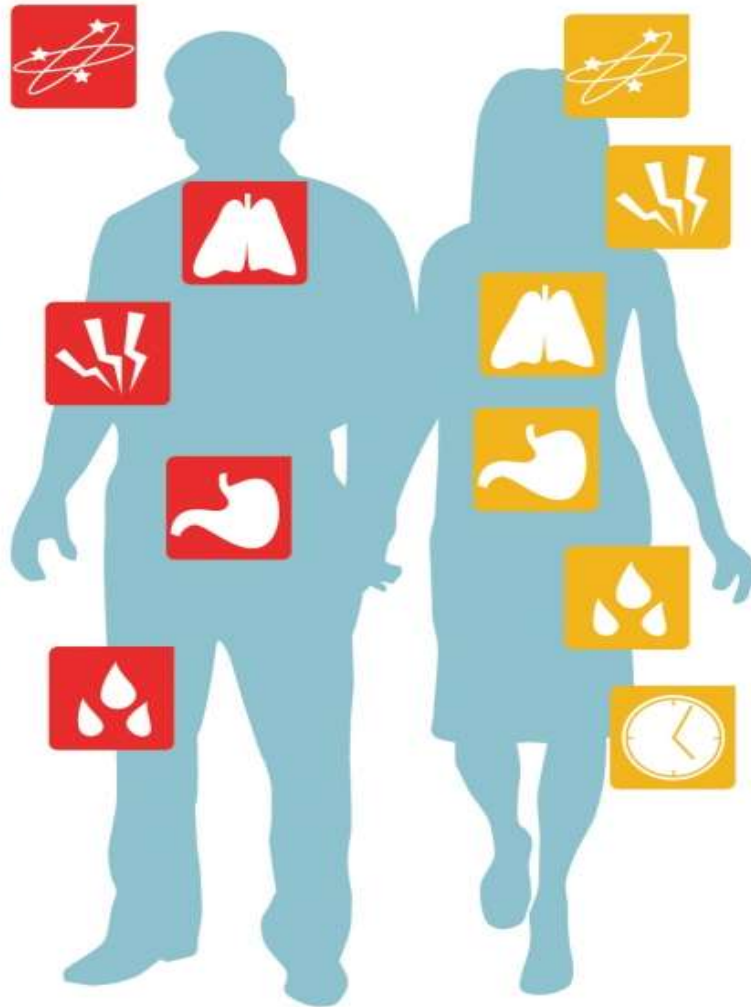
Shortness of Breath
You may pant for breath or try to take deep breaths. This often occurs BEFORE you develop chest discomfort.

Chest Discomfort or Pain; Upper Body Pain
This can feel like a tight ache, pressure, fullness or squeezing in the center of your chest lasting more than a few minutes. Pain or discomfort may spread beyond your chest to your shoulders, arms, back, neck, teeth or jaw.

Stomach Pain
Pain may extend downward into your abdominal area and may feel like heartburn.

Nausea and Vomiting
You may feel sick to your stomach or vomit.

Sweating
You may suddenly break into a sweat with cold, clammy skin.



Lightheadedness
You may feel dizzy or feel like you might pass out.

Shortness of Breath
You may pant for breath or try to take deep breaths. This may occur with or without chest discomfort.

Chest Discomfort
Discomfort or pressure in the center of the chest. It often lasts more than a few minutes, or goes away and returns.

Upper Body Pain
Pain in one or both arms, upper back, neck, jaw, or stomach

Stomach Pain
Pain may extend downward into your abdominal area and may feel like heartburn.

Nausea and Vomiting
You may feel sick to your stomach or vomit.

Sweating
Paleness or you may suddenly break into a sweat with cold, clammy skin.

Inability to Sleep
You may experience insomnia.

Unusual Fatigue
You may feel more tired than usual or for no apparent reason.



If you have any of these symptoms for more than five minutes and are unsure as to the cause, call 911. Sometimes just one or two of these symptoms can indicate a heart attack. Symptoms sometimes go away and return.

**every
minute
counts!**

KNOW YOUR RISKS

CALL US TODAY! 919-852-3999



GENERATIONS
FAMILY PRACTICE

Lenten Services

This year we will try something new for the Wednesday Worship services. We will make it easier for people who still work to join us for worship by hosting an evening service. An afternoon service will still be available. The worship service times for each Wednesday in Lent will be 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM respectively. A soup dinner will be held following the 3:00 PM Ash Wednesday service only.

The theme for Wednesdays will be “Journey of Stones” developed by Pr. Steven Molin.

April 5, 2017 (3:00 PM & 7:00 PM) - “Crying Stones”

April 13, 2017 (7:00 PM only) - “Stones to Bread” (Maundy Thursday)

April 14, 2017 (7:00 PM only) - “Journey of Hope” (Good Friday, Cantata)

April 16, 2017 (8:00 AM & 10:00AM) – Easter Sunday (Brunch in between)

We are very excited to bring everyone these two wonderful series and encourage everyone to dedicate these 40 days (plus Sundays) to God and to spend some time reflecting on our lives. Please save the dates on your calendars now.

Bible Study

Members, visitors, guests and friends, please join us for Bible Study on Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM. Currently we are studying the book of I Corinthians together. No prior knowledge of the Bible required and you don't even need to bring a Bible. One will be provided for you.



Women's Bible Study will be held on the first Friday in April (the 7th) from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM in the conference room. The study is written by women for women and will be led by Irene Brenner. All women are encouraged to attend this study.

Ushers needed

The Usher team is in need of some new ushers. This is a great way to serve, please contact Jim Schwartz at 633-0346 if you would like to volunteer. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

A JOURNEY TO HOPE

*We invite you to join us for a
Holy Week*

*“Journey to Hope” Cantata
with scripture and music.*

Presented by

Redeemer Choir

on Good Friday, at 7:00 p.m.

Jesus our Lamb and Our

Shepard is the “Journey to

Hope!!

A Day of Cabaret

Sun City Center's Faith Community presents a day of music, comedy and door prizes Sunday, April 30th, at the Community Hall on South Pebble Beach. Doors open at 1:00 and show begins at 2:00. Cost of tickets is \$10.00 in advance along with a non-perishable food item or \$12.00 at the door along with a non-perishable food item. Tickets will be available at Redeemer every Sunday in April during fellowship hour in Buhr Hall following the service or at the Atrium on Pebble Beach beginning April 1st Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9-12 noon. All proceeds and food items will benefit these local food banks; Angel's Attic, Beth-El Food Pantry, Lord's Lighthouse and Guadalupe Food Pantry.



We would like to introduce to you:

Lucas Dehne



Lucas & big brother, Evan



Congratulations to Kadie, Jon & Evan

April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10:00 AM-Holy Communion Worship	3 10:30 AM-Al-Anon 06:15 PM-Alpha	4 10:00 AM-RLC Staff Meeting 03:30 PM-AA Womens Group	5 09:30 AM-WELCA board meeting 01:00 PM-Social Ministry Meeting 02:00 PM-Alzheimer's Meeting 03:00 PM-Lent Service 06:30 PM-Barbershop practice 07:00 PM-Lent Service	6 10:00 AM-Bible Study 05:45 PM-Bells Practice 06:45 PM-Choir practice	7 09:30 AM-Needlers 12:00 PM-Women's Bible Study	8 10:00 AM-Betty Jarvela Memorial
9 10:00 AM-Worship	10 10:00 AM-Diabetes Group 10:30 AM-Al-Anon	11 10:00 AM-RLC Staff Meeting 03:30 PM-AA Womens Group	12 06:30 PM-Barbershop practice	13y 10:00 AM-Parish Nurses Meeting 7:00 PM-Maundy Thursday	14 09:30 AM-Needlers 07:00 PM-Good Friday	15
16 08:00 AM-Easter Svc Holy Communion 08:30 AM-Easter Brunch 10:00 AM-Holy Communion Worship	17 01:00 PM-Interfaith council board OFFICE CLOSED	18 10:00 AM-RLC Staff Meeting 03:30 PM-AA Womens Group	19 09:30 AM-Salad Luncheon 06:30 PM-Barbershop practice	20 09:15 AM-Finance Committeey 05:45 PM-Bells Practice 06:45 PM-Choir practice	21 09:30 AM-Needlers	22
23 10:00 AM-Worship 3:00 PM Post Alpha Bits Potluck	24 10:30 AM-Al-Anon 01:00 PM-Council Meeting	25 10:00 AM-RLC Staff Meeting 03:30 PM-AA Womens Group	26 06:30 PM-Barbershop practice	27 10:00 AM-Bible Study 11:30 AM-Legacy and Bequest 05:45 PM-Bells Practice 06:45 PM-Choir practice	28 09:30 AM-Needlers	29
30 11:15 AM-Blood Pressure Check						

*The people of Redeemer
believe in the power of prayer.*

Members

Joe Abrams, Don & Ginny Acker, Mary Ann Addleman, Al Alderman, Rev. Donald Beal, Marilyn Bohl, Fran Bullock, Lenora Chapman, Anne Clouser, Carolyn Cole, Dottie Earl, Dorothy Erickson, Kitty Fogt, Patty Fricke, Irene Griffin, Ken Heindel, Mary Jane Hermanns, Art Jarvela, Bev Johnson, Lee Kesler, Norman & Anne Koehler, Jean Kostka, Harvey & LaVern Lentz, Jim McIntosh, Tillie McMahon, Herb McKittrick, Lynn & Phyllis Mead, Alice Miller, Homer Morrison, Thyra Nagel, Louise Neam, Caroline Nensewitz, Sharon Olson, Nancy Payne, Paul Pruett, Gerda Regelin, Irv Rothman, Ron & Marlene Scharback, John & Patti Schaefer, Deya Schierenbeck, Martin & Helene Schwartz, Harold & Margaret Scott, Mary Shelton, Mariam Sorby, Linda Strohfus, Sylvia Wicktor, Edna Williams, Ted Wilson.

Our Family Members and Friends

Mark, Jack & Cynthia, Gerry Albert, Ashley & Zach Allen, Heather Allman, Roman Amon, Sally Ann Barclay, Donna Barnett, Abigail Bayless, Eric Bellis, Tim Berns, Bill Bierce, Lore & Max Bokma, Mark Bordwine, Steve Bullock, George Clark, Julia Cox, Reanna Diaz, Cindy Freeman, Robin French, Katherine, Austin & August French, Meg Gallagher, Linda Goelz, Lynn Golden, the family of Mark Gorski, Marie Grazino, Ernestine & Bob Greenslate, Matt Gunter, Donna Hallman, Jack Hambrick, Mary Ann Hanson, Christa & James Harkins, Mary Hayes, Leonard Hermanns, Jr., Diane Heindel, Michael Hillard, Linda Hilt, Cynthia Hyland & Hailey Ewert. Sandy & Bob Janicek, Sherry Janovec, Gary, Joan, & Mike Kollerman, John Konz, Kay Lewis's grandson Michael and his wife Kelly, Nell Lucas, Ron Lumme, Annie Mangan, Adam Marks, George Martin, Shannon McCormick, Dennis Michel, Elizabeth Milligan, Ron & Lori Moore, Peg Nagy, David Nuchols, George Perkons, Kelly Powell, Marlyn Quackenbush, Neil Rich, Julie Rio, Ed Robb, Lori Robb, Velma Roberts, Bob Roettger, Mary Rollins, Liz Rollins, Joe Ruckert, Pam Goldy-Rudy, Kathy & Steve Sanfilippo, Dan Schierenbeck, Joan Schollmeyer, Lynn & Patrick Sheridan, Fernanda Sullivan, Rosemary Sutliff, Sharon Taylor, Sharon Toth, Maria Veiazquez, Agnes Wagaman, Donna Weber, MaryAnn Winters, Kathy Zalesky.

*And always, God bless our country, our first responders,
and our military men and women.*

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