

RLC Newsletter

April 2018

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A message from Pastor Allman by David Allman

On the secular calendar Easter lasts for one (1) day. On the Church calendar Easter is a season that lasts fifty (50) days. In the secular world people celebrate a bunny with the sharing of candy and hard boiled eggs. In the Church we celebrate the Risen Savior with the good news of salvation and eternal life. In the secular world most people end their Easter day miserable with a stomach ache. In the Church Easter does not really end because every Sunday celebration а of the is Resurrection. These thoughts cause me to wonder why the Church is thought to be out of touch with reality and not relevant to society?

On Facebook one day in March I saw an image with this message: "Trying to make the Gospel relevant is like trying to make water wet." To me this means that it is not our job to make the Gospel relevant, the Gospel is already relevant. Our job is to help others understand why the message of the secular world is the illusion; and, the power of the Resurrection is the truth that will set people free from that illusion.

Helping others understand this Truth requires that we first understand this ourselves. How many of us are fully committed to the Kingdom of God? How many of us still hold on to the illusion that money, possessions and personal pleasure will bring us fulfillment? In the opening chapters of the book "New Seeds of Contemplation" Thomas Merton talks about what he calls the "false self" and the "true self."

For Merton the *"true self"* can only be discovered through contemplative prayer. The *"false* self" is the illusion we have grown up believing, and often cherish even more than our relationship with God. When praver becomes an intimate conversation with God - our Abba Father - God will reveal to us this "true self" that God created us to be in this world. The "seeds" in the title of the book are the seeds of God's Will that are planted in us and grow to fruition as we live out God's Will in this world. Merton describes the "false self" as the part of us that wants to live outside of God's Will, believing that because God loves us as we are God is somehow finished with us.

Before we can help others understand why the Good News of Jesus is the Truth that will set them free, we have to be sure we understand and have already been set free ourselves. How many of us are <u>fully</u> committed to the Kingdom of God? How many of us still hold on to the illusion that money, possessions and personal pleasure will bring us fulfillment? I encourage you to begin to have contemplative conversations with God and listen with the intent to act according to what God tells you.

Pastor Allman



News from the Office Administrator ~APRIL 2018

by Susan Warner

By the time you are reading this we will be headed into Easter! It is my prayer that each of you will enter Easter with a sure knowledge that you are loved by God, enough that he allowed His Son to die on the cross and be raised on the third day. We have much to celebrate!

Our new devotional "Christ in Our Home" is here. The council decided to change our devotional to this one from "Portals of Prayer" because "Christ in Our Home" is lectionary based which gives us consistency with our Sunday readings. Please be sure and pick up a copy from the welcome table.

We are very excited to again be hosting the South Shore Concert Band here at Redeemer on Monday April 9th at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall (Buhr Hall). This band is made up of community members, all volunteers who gather weekly to rehearse. They perform during the program year in venues all across the area. Our own member, Loriann Fox, plays French horn and, my son Trevor, plays the trombone. Come and enjoy some wonderful band music!

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 at 813-634-1292. Our list of folks who are homebound keeps increasing and we could use more team members to visit them, particularly men to visit other men. 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!

Monday, April 9 at 7:00 PM - South Shore Concert Band

Tuesday, April 24 at 11:30 AM - Brain Dancing, Lunch included

Tuesday, November 13 at 11:30 AM – Dementia Presentation by A.J. Cipperly of Inspired Living, Lunch will be provided.



by Pastor David Allman

According to the American Heart Association there are seven main things everyone should do to keep your heart healthy. (1) Avoid smoking and using tobacco products; (2) Be physically active every day; (3) Eat a heart healthy diet; (4) Maintain a healthy weight; (5) Manage your blood pressure; (6) Control your cholesterol; and, (7) Keep your blood sugar healthy.

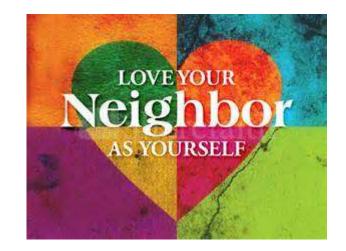
The human heart weighs less than a pound. I have read that the heart beats 115,200 times per day and 3,363,840,000 times in the average lifetime. As an adult your system of blood vessels – arteries, veins and capillaries – is close to 100,000 miles long, nearly enough to go around the world four times. Without your heart your body would cease to work. Heart disease is the number one cause of death in the Western Hemisphere.



That is all about your physical heart. God's Word speaks about your spiritual heart. In God's Word the heart is <u>not</u> the seat of emotions as we consider it; the spiritual heart is the seat of the human will. The spiritual heart is where we decide

whether we will or will not be obedient to God's Will. God also wants us to have a healthy spiritual heart. God is more interested in whose our "will" is than what we say or what we do. God said to the prophet Samuel "The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7, NLT).

When one of the teachers of the law asked Jesus which was the greatest commandment Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only LORD. And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these" (Mark 12:29-31, NLT).



At the heart of our relationship with God and with one another is a heart filled with obedience to God's Will, and that commitment can only come about through love, both vertical and horizontal. God has Samuel choose David to replace Saul as king of Israel because God is seeking someone committed to God's own heart – God's Will.

Jesus came to make us righteous before God. The way to be righteous before God, Jesus says, is to love God with your whole heart, mind, and strength – everything in you – to be someone committed to God's own heart – doing God's Will; and, to love your neighbor out of that same love. In God's Word love is an action word, not an emotion, not sentimentality and – as the song says – others will know that you are a Christian by your love.

Social Ministry & Benevolence Thank you!

Our Lady Of Guadlupe Food Pantry benefited from Redeemer's generosity in the month of February. Many staples were donated to replenish the pantry. Our Thrivent action team was able to purchase \$250 worth of food. This pantry services many Sun City Center residents and members in our congregation.

We encourage you to continue to share a can or box of food on a regular basis. Supporting the food pantry is a year round effort and we make monthly donations to the food pantry. This month they are asking for breafast items, althought any donation is appreciated. Hunger is a growing problem in our country, so every can counts.

The pantry truly appreciates our donation. Thank you for supporting the project.

God's blessing Social Ministry Team



Diane Brace delivered Redeemer's donation to Our Lady of Guadalupe's food pantry to Anita Bullaro.

April Benevolence

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

The Social Ministry Team is asking for your support of the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. This money allows Pastor Allman to assist a member who needs a little boost. The funds stay within the church and benefit our members. We hope you will support this cause.

Thank you, Social Ministry Team

April Social Ministry

Haven of Hope

Haven of Hope was founded by Janet Smith to help female prisoners after incarceration. After being released from jail, former prisoners find that they are unable to find a job or housing, and discover it is all too easy to fall back into their old lives of alcohol/drug abuse and crime. Haven of Hope wants to change that. Four women are currently living at Haven of Hope's home. They need items for the home to help their clients.

The list includes costume jewelry, dawn dish soap, dryer sheets, aluminum foil, kitchen and bathroom cleaning supplies, kitchen trash bags, personal hygiene products, and toilet paper. Walmart and ALDI gift cards would also be useful. There will be a shopping list available on the social ministry table.

Please consider helping this post-prison mission. You can donate items or a check marked Haven of Hope and we will do the shopping for you.

Thank you for supporting this cause. Social Ministry Committee

Sunshine Circle Easter Gift Bags

Thanks to those who baked cookies, brought items, assembled and delivered the 35 gift bags to our homebound members. And thanks to Honey Ashley for organizing the event.



Miriam Zane, Honey Ashley, Barb Lauer, Carolyn Cole, Caroline Nensewitz, Linda Miller, Sue Smeltzer, and Paula Simenson prepare Easter gift bags in Buhr Hall.



by Candy Allman

Recently, someone told me that our worship center is noisy on Sunday mornings. I am not sure if that was just an observation, a complaint or a compliment. I took it as a compliment. Let me explain. For everyone, coming to church is a time to spend with God, to sing some wonderful hymns, to listen to a great choir, to hear the word of God from our awesome pastor. To some of our folks, coming to church is also the only "social gathering" they have all week. For others, it is a time to see their friends that they haven't seen all week, to catch up on all that has happened since they last talked. It's spending time with their Christian family.



For the past couple of months, I have talked about how evangelizing can begin inside the church building. I have had several folks attend the monthly meetings (4th Wed of every month at 3:00 PM) to talk about how we can talk to folks after they have stepped into the church. One of the ways we are doing this is before church on Sunday mornings. I know you see and talk to me on Sunday mornings, now you are going to see a few more members evangelizing with me. This is part of our welcoming ministry. So yes, our worship center is noisy, I LOVE that, it shows that we are a family, we love our church and we love being here. It shows that we care about those around us, we pray with them and for them. They are our family and we are happy that they are here.

One way we are going to be prepared for worship is to spend some quiet time with God before the service begins. So, we are asking that when Sandy begins the prelude music, please use this quiet time to be with the Lord in prayer or scripture.

We are also asking if at all possible that we leave a couple aisle seats open in the back pews for latecomers or visitors. We have seen visitors leave because they were a little late and could not find a seat near the back, and we don't want this to happen, so if you can please move toward the center or even change your pew. We think that it would be appreciated by our latecomers and visitors and make them feel welcomed.



Thank you all for all you do for Redeemer, it is greatly appreciated.

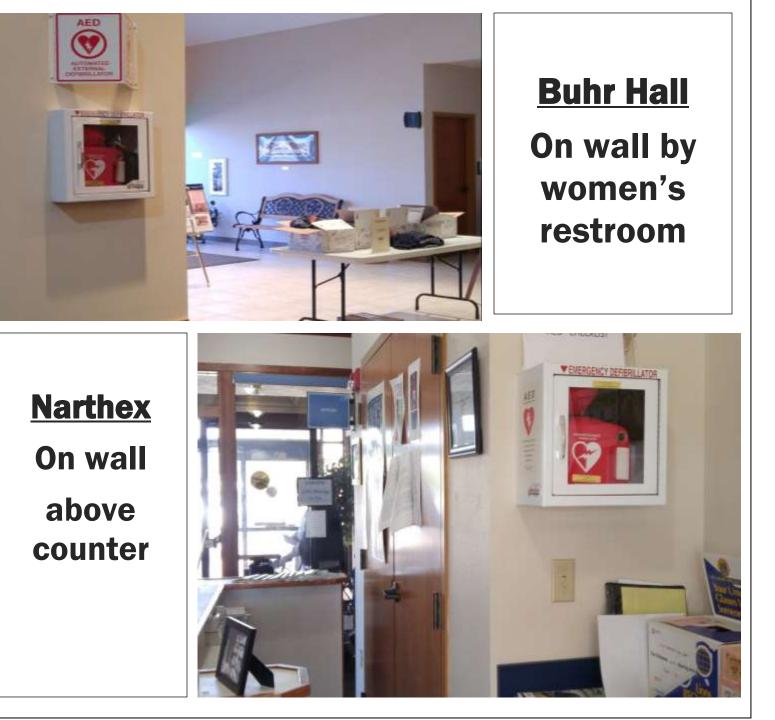
Candy Allman

<u>~Mark your calendar~</u> The next Welcome Team meeting will be on April 25th at 3:00 PM in the confrence room.

AED - Automated External Defibrillator

From Parish Nurse Team

If in an emergency you were asked to get the AED, would you know where the closest one is located? Please look at their location.



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BIRTHDAYS

- 6th Phil Eaton
- 8th Marion Giblin, LaVern Lentz, Eva Michna
- **11th Joyce lovine, Alice Miller**
- 13th Renate Bartz, Marilyn Bohl
- 14th Debby Nelson, Helga Spitzenberger
- 15th Mike Trefren
- 16th Helga Balter, Erika Barfels
- 17t^h Ron Pigeon, James Tucker
- 18th Jo Anne Owens, Mike Wiechers
- 19th Carol Brown, Angela Grill, Barb Lauer
- **21st Martha Matz**
- 27th- Paul Carrier
- 28th- Cheryl MacPhee
- 29th Gerry Adams, Candy Allman, Reinhold Baal, Wally Lowry
- 30th Everette Glas



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ANNIVERSARIES

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



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

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Time	Acolyte	Communion Assistants	Lector	
Sunday April 1 8:00 AM	Lucy Ann Clark	Lucy Ann Clark Carolyn Cole Debbie Andrews	Carolyn Cole	
Sunday April 1 10:00 AM	Dale Lyndahl	Dale Lyndahl Kay Lyndahl Walter Geissler	Kay Lyndahl	
Sunday April 8 10:00 AM	Lucy Ann Clark		Dan Pollert	
Sunday April 15 10:00 AM	Pete Moose	Pete Moose Debbie Andrews Dick Fricke	Edie Moose	
Sunday April 22 10:00 AM	Kay Adkins		Vorin Johnston	
Sunday April 29 10:00 AM	Walter Geissler		Rosalie Kelleher	

April Usher Team	March Altar Guild	Sound	
Dan Pollert's Team	Arlene Hansen, Judy Buskirk and Mary Ann Romano	Bill Adkins	



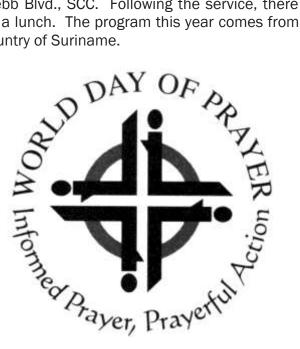
Rummage Sale Donation



The picture shows Caroline Nensewitz presenting a check from WELCA to Sigi Espino for the Hogar de Ninas Orphanage in Panama. The orphanage is supported by Tony and Sigi and was one of the three charities receiving funds from the Rummage Sale.

World Day of Prayer Service

This year's World Day of Prayer Service for Sun City Center will be held on Friday, April 6 at 11:00 AM at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 1239 Del Webb Blvd., SCC. Following the service, there will be a lunch. The program this year comes from the country of Suriname.



Samaritan Services Alzheimer's meeting

The Samaritans Alzheimer's Auxiliary monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 4th at the Redeemer Lutheran Church at 2:00 PM. The speaker will be Gill Jessee from the SCC Security Patrol. He will be speaking on "Silver Alert". Mark Septer of Cypress Creek Assisted Living will also be speaking. For more information please call Dolores Berens at the Samaritan Services office at 634-9283.



Women of ELCA Meeting

WELCA will meet on Wednesday, April 18th beginning with refreshments at 9:30 AM. Bill Adkins, who serves as Chapter Services Officer for the local DAV, helps with veteran's benefits and will share that information with us. He will especially highlight benefits for dependents of deceased veterans. Everyone (both men and women) are invited to attend. **Remember to wear your Redeemer name tag if you have one.**



"Brain Dancing"

Join us in Buhr Hall on Tuesday, April 24th at 11:30 AM for a fun event called "Brain Dancing". Christina Dyer, Certified Ageless Grace Educator will facilitate a seated movement class that is designed for all ages and abilities. This event will exercise your brain and you will receive the benefit of joint flexibility, memory recall, creativity, imagination, laughter, breathing, balance & more! The more attendees, the more fun we will have. This is an event that she has previously done in SCC that has been very well received. Since lunch will be provided through a Thrivent Action Team, please sign the sheet on the counter in the narthex if you will be attending.



Meals on Wheels volunteers needed in May

Meals on Wheels is in need of volunteers during the month of May. This year many of last year's team are no longer available. To keep Redeemer active in this meal delivery program, we need seven new volunteers that are willing to deliver in KINGS POINT.

If you may be interested in helping out, call one of the following numbers for more information:



Welcome New Members

On March 11th we recognized and celebrated our new ministry partners. If you are interested in joining us you can become a member at any time. Please see me (Susan Warner) in the office or on Sunday morning for a new member information form. We are so happy to have you! Our next new member recognition date will be scheduled in the fall.

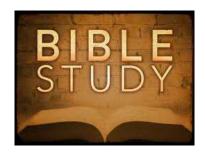


Redeemers new members as of March 11, 2018, are: Cal & Gerry Adams, David Barrett, Bob & Delores Casper, Rich & Anne Doerfler, Jane Magalski, Jim Moyers, John & Cheryl MacPhee, Leo Perrella Jr, Fred & Kaye Ristow, Dietrich & Helen Schaefer, Michael & Carolyn Stahl, Pr. Mike & Angie Wiechers.

Bible Study

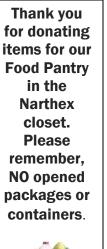
Members, visitors, guests, and friends, please join us on Thursday's at 10:00 AM for Bible study. We are currently comparing monotheistic religions, Christianity, Islam, and Judaism. No prior knowledge of the Bible required and you don't even need to bring a Bible, one will be provided for you.

Refreshments are served and it is FREE!



Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study meets at noon the 2nd Friday of each month. In the month of April women's bible study will meet on April 13th. Irene Brenner leads the bible study; a new topic is discussed every month. Any women interested in coming is welcome to attend. Refreshments are served and it is FREE!









bin in the corner of the church parking lot.



We love that people are greeting one another on Sunday mornings in the worship center. We also extend an invitation to begin preparations for worship when Sandy begins the prelude music. The music Sandy chooses can add to your prayer/meditation time as we anticipate coming into God's presence for worship.

Yom Hashoa service

The Yom Hashoa service this year will be held at SCC United Methodist Church on April 11 at 7:00 PM. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Exciting News for the Warner Family!

My husband and I (Susan Warner) received some exciting news in the last few weeks! Our oldest son, Kyle and his girlfriend are expecting our first grandchild, a little boy due August 2, 2018. Then last Friday (3/23) our youngest son, Tristan, proposed to his longtime girlfriend and she said yes! We are very excited to welcome these two to our family!





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

Ginny Acker, Mary Ann Addleman, Nancy Almaguer, Gerry Barnicle, Rev. Donald Beal, Ursula Beger, Becky Bergman, Shirley Bogedain, Marilyn Bohl, Fran Bullock, Delores Casper, Lenora Chapman, Anne Clouser, Carolyn Cole, Betty Corzine, Carol & John Crawford, Juanita Cunningham, Dottie Earl, Dorothy Erickson, Kitty Fogt, Patty Fricke, Joan Glas, Irene Griffin, Ken Heindel, Mary Jane Hermanns, Art Jarvela, Lee Kesler, Norman & Anne Koehler, Jean Kostka, Martin Lehners, Harvey & LaVern Lentz, Tillie McMahon, Herb McKittrick, Tamica McWilliams, Lynn & Phyllis Mead, Eva Michna, Alice Miller, Homer Morrison, Thyra Nagel, Louise Neam, Caroline Nensewitz, Bob Oliver, Sharon Olson, Nancy Payne, Gerda Regelin, Guy Romano, Marlene Scharback, John & Patti Schaefer, Helene Schwartz, Margaret Scott, Mariam Sorby, Linda Strohfus, Myrna Strom, Ingrid & Sam Thompson, Jane Trefren, Sally Trenski, Sylvia Wicktor, Ted Wilson.

Our Family Members and Friends

Mark, Gerry Albert, Ashley & Zach Allen, Allan & Phillis Amlee, Roman Amon, Mike Arnold, Lois Barrett, Abigail Bayless, Terri Bergin, Tim Berns, Lore & Max Bokma, Julie Boos, Mark Bordwine, Steve Bullock, Bud Clark, George Clark, Norma Cole, Orv & Marlene Conner, Portia Conway, Julia Cox, Reanna Diaz, Steve Evans, Peggy Farrell, Tom Flamm, Cindy Freeman, Robin French, Katherine, Austin & August French, Meg Gallagher, Mauricio Garcia & family, Michael Golywacz, Marie Grazino, Ernestine & Bob Greenslate, Matt Gunter, Rita Hale, Pat Hambrick, Christa & James Harkins, Miranda Harris, Dan Haverland, Leonard Hermanns Jr., Diane Heindel, Michael Hillard, John Holland, Elaine Humphreys, Cindy Hyland and family, Sandy & Bob Janicek, Sherry Janovec, Joe Kanoza, Jerry Kelleher III, Kathleen Kelleher, Joy Key, Gary, Joan, & Mike Kollerman, Aurora Kunnard, Nell Lucas, Ron, Vance & Bridgette Lumme, Annie Mangen, Zoe Marcus, Adam Marks, Emily Marks, George Martin, Terry Mattia, Caroline Mayne, Shannon McCormick, Marilyn Meister, Dennis Michel, Mary Fran Miller, Karen & Brodie Nelsen, Scott Nestor, Amy Newman, David Nuchols, Christina O'Neill, DeDe Nelson, George Perkons, Kelly Powell, Clariece Reitz, Neil Rich, Ed Robb, Lori Robb, Velma Roberts, Ann Rodrigues Mary Rollins, Liz Rollins, Ken Rome, Irv Rothman, Joe Ruckert, Pam Goldy-Rudy, Hope Rund, Merrell Rushworth, Jane Ruth, Kathy & Steve Sanfilippo, Dan Schierenbeck, Joan Schollmeyer, Lynn & Patrick Sheridan, Mary Soja, Cindi & Jeff Sommers, Pr. Peter Stiller, Thomas Sullivan, Bobby Timm, Sharon Toth, Jim Tucker, Maria Veiazquez, Clair Vilasi, Melvin Vore, Agnes Wagaman, Alex Watts, Donna Weber, MaryAnn Winters,

God bless our country, our first responders, and our mílitary men and women.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 AM-Easter 8:30 AM-Easter Brunch 10:00 AM-Holy Communion Worship	2 8:00 AM-Office closed	3 10:00 AM-RLC Staff Meeting 10:30 AM – Al-Anon Meeting 3:30 PM-AA Women's Group	4 9:30 AM-WELCA board meeting 11:30 AM-Social Ministry Meeting 2:00 PM-Alzheimer's Meeting 7:00 PM-Barbershop practice	5 10:00 AM-Bible Study 5:45 PM-Bells Practice 6:45 PM-Choir Practice		7
8 10:00 AM-Worship	10:00 AM- Interfaith council	10 10:00 AM-RLC Staff Meeting 3:30 PM-AA Women's Group	11 11:00 AM-Worship & Music 7:00 PM-Barbershop practice	12 10:00 AM-Parish Nurses Meeting 10:00 AM-Bible Study 5:45 PM-Bells Practice 6:45 PM-Choir Practice		14 9:00 AM Council Retreat (1)
15 10:00 AM-Holy Communion Worship		17 10:00 AM-RLC Staff Meeting 3:30 PM-AA Women's Group 7:00 PM – Finance Meeting	18 9:30 AM-WELCA General Meeting 7:00 PM-Barbershop practice	19 10:00 AM-Bible Study 5:45 PM-Bells Practice 6:45 PM-Choir Practice	20 9:30 AM- Quilters	21
22 10:00 AM-Worship	1:00 PM-Council Meeting	24 10:00 AM-RLC Staff Meeting 11:30 AM – Brain Dancing program (1) 3:30 PM-AA Women's Group	25 3:00 PM- Welcome Team meeting 7:00 PM-Barbershop practice	26 10:00 AM-Bible Study 5:45 PM-Bells Practice 6:45 PM-Choir Practice	27 9:30 AM- Quilters	28
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