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# RLC Newsletter

February  
2020

## A Message from Pastor Allman

It does not seem reasonable to be talking about Lent already, especially since (at least as of this writing) we are still reeling from the busy Christmas season. Yet, Lent begins February 26th with Ash Wednesday, so it is time to get the word out and save the dates on your calendar now. Ash Wednesday worship, with the imposition of ashes and distribution of Holy Communion, will begin at 4:00 PM. Our Women of the ELCA group will sponsor the annual soup supper immediately following worship.

You will find separate information in this newsletter regarding themes, dates, and times for subsequent worship services and small group discussions during Lent. You may want to print that page and hang it on your refrigerator.

For Wednesdays' Worship, subsequent to Ash Wednesdays,

this year we will be talking about *Sensing the Gospel: A Five-Part Series for Lent*, developed by Matt Skinner, Professor of New Testament, Luther Seminary, Saint Paul, Minn. We encounter God and God's salvation in embodied ways – in our bodies' abilities to perceive familiar realities and to interpret new ones. Lent allows us to consider together who we are and how we encounter an incarnate God. Those worship services (March 4th – April 1st) will begin at 3:00 PM. Please take note of the starting time being different than Ash Wednesday.

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bestselling author Max Lucado provides a personal plan for a life filled with lasting and fulfilling joy, supported by Jesus' teaching and modern research. Do you feel happy? How long has it been since you felt a level of contagious, infectious, unflappable, unstoppable happiness? Each video will begin at 7:00 PM and small group discussion will follow until 8:00 PM. Look for more information to follow in this newsletter, bulletins, and as a sign up sheet.

It is yet a short few weeks until we embark on the 40-day (not counting Sundays) journey of Lent. A time to reflect on our lives, and possibly discover changes we can make which will draw us closer to God. I look forward to making this journey with you.

Pastor Allman 

## News from the Office Administrator February 2020

February is looking like a full month! We begin with the Rummage Sale and end with Ash Wednesday. Every year the Rummage Sale is a big event that raises money for many projects; we are hoping that this year will be just as successful. This event is now hosted by the Fundraising Team that will make recommendations for the use of the proceeds to Church Council for approval. Please come out and support the sale. We need everyone!

On Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, Carla Miles will be the speaker for the WELCA general meeting. She is the president of The Hope Fund, a nonprofit, 501©3 corporation registered in the state of Florida. The Hope Fund is run entirely by volunteers. One hundred percent of the funds raised are for the children. There are no administrative fees. Volunteers work with children in many ways, including one-on-one tutoring, teaching new skills (like chess) and just being a friend. Come hear more about this wonderful organization.

On Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be hosting our annual Ministry Fair. This is a great opportunity for the congregation to see the many things that are going on in our midst. All of the different groups that we have will have tables with information. Please plan to attend this event; you might find some things of interest for you! There will be a light lunch served and we are hoping to have Publix gift cards to raffle off as well.

At Redeemer we have an active Visitation/Communion Team! They visit and take communion to our many home bound members. Our Parish Nurses help with medical questions and concerns. Helping our people in these ways is a blessing both to the recipients as well as the caregivers. If you are interested in serving with either of these teams, please give me a call or send me an email: Susan 813-634-1292 or [carekeepersccr@gmail.com](mailto:carekeepersccr@gmail.com). You will be blessed!

### Upcoming Events at Redeemer:

**Thursdays at 10:00 AM** – Bible Study in Buhr Hall. Refreshments will be served! No Bible Study Feb 6.

**Friday, Feb. 14 at 12:00 PM** – Women's Bible Study in Buhr Hall

**Friday & Saturday, Feb. 7-8** - Rummage Sale

**Monday, Feb. 17 at 5:00 PM** – Movie Night

**Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 9:30 AM** – WELCA presentation on the Hope Fund by Carla Miles

**Sunday, Feb. 23 at 11:15 AM** – Ministry Fair

**Wednesday, Feb 26 at 4:00 PM** – Ash Wednesday Service followed by a soup supper in Buhr Hall.

**Thank you for donating items for the food pantry in the narthex closet. Please remember, NO open packages or containers.**



*Please remember Redeemer when doing your estate planning*

### Support for others

(Collection boxes are on the narthex counter)



# FEBRUARY STEWARDSHIP

by Pastor David Allman

In Matthew 4:1-11 we read the familiar story of The Temptation of Jesus, in which Jesus faces three temptations from the Devil. These three temptations are not that different from the ones we face as well, sometimes on a daily basis.

## (1) Instant Gratification: Economic. (Verses 3-4)

There are some things that provide instant gratification and leave one feeling hollow afterward. From a food standpoint, for me those would be donuts, preferably chocolate. They leave me wanting more donuts, and ultimately also feeling guilty for consuming unhealthy calories. I may imagine Jesus saying, "One does not live by donuts alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." We all have a deeper spiritual hunger that can only be satisfied by the Word of God. Some have described this as an emptiness or a hole inside. Some try to fill this emptiness with worldly things: food, money, fame, popularity, alcohol, drugs, sex, et al. For our spiritual health and to satisfy the emptiness inside, we need regular spiritual connections to God more than we need regular worldly connections.



## (2) Testing God: religious. (Verses 6-7)

Testing God may come in the form of taking God for granted. My Spiritual Direction training has helped me in that regard. When I am meeting with a directee and I ask her/him "Where is God in all of this?" I often hear, "Well, God is always there." When I am the directee I am also confronted with the question, "Where is God in all of this?" Sometimes it is a challenge to allow God to be in the mix of daily life. Contemplative prayer is not merely solitude and quiet, it is also silencing all of our "selves" in order to make room for God's Holy Spirit to get through. Some people think prayer is "only for the big things" that are beyond our control. Silencing our "self" is the only way to relinquish control to God and discover the true self that God has created us to be.



## (3) Wrong methods: political. (Verses 8-10)

Sometimes people become dissatisfied with God (or God's timing) and try to cultivate what they want through their own power, or even try to manipulate God into doing what they want to achieve, ostensibly in God's name. James and John did this when they asked to sit at Jesus' right and left when he came into power. Peter did this when he rebuked Jesus for talking about his pending crucifixion; and, again when he refused to allow Jesus to wash his feet. Judas did this when he tried force Jesus into a confrontation by betraying Jesus to the Jewish leaders. What methods do we sometimes try to get God to do things our way?

Life is not merely defending oneself from temptations and attacks from the "devil." We are called to a Stewardship of Life to join in the Mission that God has put forward and was begun in Jesus, i.e. to spread the good news.

## Social Ministry & Benevolence Thank you!

The December benevolence to support the local DAV was a huge success. The money will be used to enhance the activities of our local chapter. Many of us have benefited from the worthwhile services of the local chapter. May God continue to bless those who offer their time and talents to benefit veterans and their families.

The project for local schools was an enormous success. Many members brought in underwear and socks for the local children. The Thrivent team and your generous donation allowed us to purchase nearly \$1000 worth of items. We delivered socks and undies to 5 local elementary schools. Once again the generosity of Redeemer's members and friends will impact a large group in our community.



*Social Ministry team members Nancy Carrier, Mary Christiano, and Jeanne Pruett deliver socks and undies to Ruskin Elementary School counselor, Jaimyn Sanchez.*



*Thompson Elementary School social worker, Michelle Joop, accepts undies and socks for students delivered by Social Ministry Team members Nancy Carrier, Mary Christiano, and Jeanne Pruett.*

The Social Ministry Team is looking for a few new volunteers to help with our projects. A big thank you to all who sponsor a Thrivent team which enhances our projects.

With Gratitude,

Social Ministry Team

## February Social Ministry and Benevolence

This month's social ministry project and benevolence will benefit Our Lady's Pantry of Our Lady of Guadalupe church. Our Lady's Pantry serves more than 200 families and households in need of food each week in the Wimauma-Balm-Sun City Center area. Throughout the month of February we will be collecting non-perishable food items on the table in the Narthex. If you wish to make a monetary donation, you may do so by writing a check to Redeemer and noting in the memo line that it is for Our Lady's Pantry. Financial donations enable the pantry to purchase fresh food and purchase greater quantities at greater discounts than retail. Thank you to Arlene Hansen for getting the Thrivent Community Impact Card with which she will be purchasing \$250 of food items.

With gratitude,

Social Ministry team



### Sunday food pantry donation suggestions

**Feb 2:** canned fruits or veggies

**Feb 9:** pasta and sauce or rice and beans

**Feb 16:** soup, boxed meals, or canned meats

**Feb 23:** peanut butter and jelly, oatmeal or cereal

# February

## Evangelism

by Candy Allman

One of the things we have heard many times over the past few years from our pastor is, “Come see.” I would imagine we have all said those words many, many times over the years. “Come see... my new home. Come see...my new baby. Come see...my new golf cart. Come see...my garden. Come see...my family;” yet how many times have you said, “Come see...my church. Come see/hear my...choir. Come see...our ladies group. Come see...our Bible Study.” You see where I’m going with this, right?

Why is it so hard for us to invite someone to church, when we can invite them to see other things that we are excited to experience? Do you think people will stop being your friend if you say, “Come see, Redeemer”? Maybe you think they will get angry at you for inviting them. Are you afraid you might offend them? What if that person knows you are a Christian, knows you love the Lord, knows you attend Redeemer and is just waiting for an invitation to join you on Sunday? Maybe they think you don’t like your church and that is why you don’t invite them to come see. Do you want to take that chance, a chance that someone you know is waiting for an invitation from you to come see?

**I am going to challenge you this month, just say “Come see...my church” to one person, just one.** You will see just how easy it is to evangelize. You don’t have to know everything, or even much, you just have say, “Come see.” I would be curious to know how it turned out for you. If you would like to talk more about evangelism and/or how to evangelize, contact me, and I will be happy to talk with you more about how to say, “COME SEE...”



### Wednesdays in Lent (2020) Evening 7:00 PM Video/Discussion Series.

*How Happiness Happens: Finding Lasting Joy in a World of Comparison, Disappointment, and Unmet Expectations* by Max Lucado.

In a world searching for happiness, bestselling author Max Lucado provides a personal plan for a life filled with lasting and fulfilling joy, supported by Jesus’ teaching and modern research. Do you feel happy? How long has it been since you felt a level of contagious, infectious, unflappable, unstoppable happiness?

Each video will begin at 7:00 PM and small group discussion will follow until 8:00 PM. You do not need to read the book first. Study Guides can be requested for a cost. Please sign up and pay for books by February 16th. Watch for more details to come.

Video topics are as follows:

March 4, 2020:

**Accept One Another** (Romans 15:7).

March 11, 2020:

**Bear with One Another** (Ephesian 4:2)

March 18, 2020:

**Serve One Another** (Galatians 5:13)

March 25, 2020:

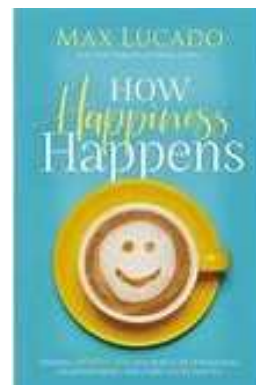
**Forgive One Another** (Ephesians 4:32)

April 1, 2020:

**Carry One Another’s Burdens** (Galatians 6:2)

April 8, 2020:

**Love One Another** (1 John 3:11)



*From Parish Nurse Team*

## VAPING INFORMATION

Listed below is some health information about vaping.



### **1: Vaping Is Less Harmful Than Smoking, but It's Still Not Safe**

E-cigarettes heat nicotine (extracted from tobacco), flavorings and other chemicals to create a water vapor that you inhale. Regular tobacco cigarettes contain 7,000 chemicals, many of which are toxic. While we don't know exactly what chemicals are in e-cigarettes, they probably expose you to fewer toxic chemicals than traditional cigarettes. However, there has also been an outbreak of lung injuries and deaths associated with vaping - associated lung injury (EVALI).

### **2: Research Suggests Vaping Is Bad for Your Heart and Lungs**

Nicotine is the primary agent in both regular cigarettes and e-cigarettes, and it is a highly addictive and toxic substance. It raises your blood pressure and spikes your adrenaline, which increases your heart rate and the likelihood of having a heart attack. There are many unknowns about vaping, including what chemicals make up the vapor and how they affect physical health over the long term. People need to understand that e-cigarettes are potentially dangerous to your health. Emerging data suggests links to chronic lung disease, asthma, and cardiovascular disease.

### **3: Electronic Cigarettes Are Just As Addictive As Traditional Ones**

Many e-cigarette users get even more nicotine than they would from a tobacco product — you can buy extra-strength cartridges with a higher concentration of nicotine, or you can increase the e-cigarette's voltage.

### **4: Electronic Cigarettes Aren't the Best Smoking Cessation Tool**

Although they've been marketed as an aid to help you quit smoking, e-cigarettes have not received FDA approval as smoking cessation devices. A recent study found that most people who intended to use e-cigarettes to kick the nicotine habit ended up continuing to smoke.

### **5: A New Generation Is Getting Hooked on Nicotine**

There are three reasons e-cigarettes may be particularly enticing to young people. First, many believe that vaping is less harmful than smoking. Second, e-cigarettes have a lower per-use cost. Finally, vape cartridges are often formulated with flavorings such as apple pie and watermelon that appeal to younger users. Many also find the lack of smoke appealing. With no smell, e-cigarettes reduce the stigma of smoking.

### **Want to Quit Smoking?**

There's a strong link between smoking and cardiovascular disease, and between smoking and cancer. But the sooner you quit, the quicker your body can rebound and repair itself. Talk to your doctor about what FDA approved smoking cessation program or tools would be best for you.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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- 1<sup>st</sup> – Dale Lyndahl**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> – John MacPhee**  
**5<sup>th</sup> – Tony Espino**  
**6<sup>th</sup> - Sam Thompson**  
**7<sup>th</sup> – Janet Gehrke, Jerry Miller**  
**8<sup>th</sup> – Mary Ann Sigler, Nora Wilhide**  
**10<sup>th</sup>- Tina Schwartz**  
**17<sup>th</sup> – Katharina Coryell, Myrna Strom**  
**18<sup>th</sup> – Brigitte Austen, David Decheine, Greg Kiel**  
**19<sup>th</sup> – Lucy Ann Clark**  
**21<sup>st</sup> – Margaret Scott, Nancy Viohl**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> – Kadie Dehne**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> – Gerda Regelin**  
**24<sup>th</sup> – Sigi Espino, Paul Hannesson**  
**27<sup>th</sup> – Marjorie Kesler**  
**28<sup>th</sup> – Chris McCann**



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dan & Deb Pollert**  
**11<sup>th</sup> – Bill & Kay Adkins**  
**17<sup>th</sup> – John & Amy Minor**  
**21<sup>st</sup> – Paul & Carol Hannesson**  
**27<sup>th</sup> – James & Mary Kay Young**



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





<b>Time</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Communion Assistants</b>	<b>Lector</b>
<b>Sun. Feb. 2 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Janice Walsh</b>	<b>Janice Walsh, Wendy Kitzman, Dick Fricke</b>	<b>Dick Fricke</b>
<b>Sun. Feb. 9 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Walter Geissler</b>		<b>Dan Pollert</b>
<b>Sun. Feb. 16 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Dale Lyndahl</b>	<b>Dietrich Schaefer, Kay &amp; Dale Lyndahl</b>	<b>Mike Corbett</b>
<b>Sun. Feb. 23 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Dietrich Schaefer</b>		<b>Nancy Frey</b>
<b>Wed. Feb. 26 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Walter Geissler</b>	<b>Walter Geissler, Lucy Ann Clark, Arlene Hansen</b>	<b>Hal Wold</b>
<b>Sun. Mar. 3 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Debbie Andrews</b>	<b>Debbie Andrews, Denise Fitzpatrick, Arlene Hansen</b>	<b>Denise Fitzpatrick</b>



**Unable to assist on Sunday or would like to be added to the schedule?**

Please call Carolyn Cole so she can make adjustments to the worship assistant schedule. Thanks.

Carolyn can be reached at 813-812-7527.

<b>February Usher Team</b>	<b>February Altar Guild</b>	<b>Sound</b>
<b>Bill Adkins Team</b>	<b>Carolyn Cole, Debbie Andrews</b>	<b>Bill Adkins</b>





## **14TH ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE**

The rummage sale is almost here! It will be Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM and Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

We have plenty of jobs available for anyone that wants to volunteer to help at the rummage sale. The signup sheets will be on the back counter of the narthex on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. (There will be no fellowship on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.) We will set up the hall on February 3, 4, and 5, from 9:00 AM -12:00 PM. We will be collecting baked goods on Thursday, February 6. Please bring baked goods between 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. Please be sure to label all baked goods if they are gluten free, sugar free or contain nuts.

You are welcome to donate smaller furniture items on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

We are NOT accepting computers, printers, TVs, VCRs, large furniture, large exercise equipment, magazines, no chipped dishes, or vintage golf clubs as we are limited for space.

If there are any questions, ask please Tina Schwartz or call 813-938-3934. Have a blessed day!



## **Friends & Family Event**

The friends and family shopping event will be from 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM on Thursday, February 6. Tickets for this event were handed out to individuals that made a donation to the rummage sale. You must have your ticket present for early shopping entrance.

## **Quilt Drawing**

There will be a drawing for quilts at the Rummage Sale. Tickets for the drawing will be available in Buhr Hall on Sundays following the worship service. The ticket cost is \$1 each, 3 for \$2 or 6 for \$5. Profits will be used to support the quilters.



## **50/50 Raffle**

During the rummage sale on both days the fund raising team will be selling tickets for a 50/50 raffle. A winner will be selected to split the pot 50/50 with what we have collected for that raffle.

## **Bake Sale**

Many bakers are needed for the bake sale that we will have as part of the Rummage Sale. A signup sheet is on the welcome counter. Please bring your item/items to Buhr Hall on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Please clearly label if items contain nuts, are gluten free, or sugar free.



## Women of the ELCA Meeting

WELCA will meet on Wednesday, February 19th beginning with refreshments at 9:30 AM. Following a presentation on the Hope Fund, there will be a devotion and short business meeting. All Redeemer women are encouraged to attend. Remember to wear your Redeemer name tag if you have one.



## Presentation on the Hope Fund

Carla Miles, founder and president of the Hope Fund, will provide a presentation on the program in Buhr Hall on Wednesday, February 19th at 10:00 AM. The Hope Fund is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization run entirely by volunteers dedicated to helping Wimauma school children learn, grow, and have fun in a safe and nurturing environment. Come and hear about a program benefiting youth.



## Ministry Fair

On Sunday, February 23, we will be having our annual Ministry Fair! The Fair will follow the 10:00 AM worship service and take place in Buhr Hall. This is your opportunity to see all the different ministries that are here at Redeemer as well as talk to representatives from those teams. You can make suggestions and ask questions, too. There will be an opportunity to sign up to join a ministry that is of interest to you. We hope to be raffling off Publix gift cards as we have in the past but we are still waiting to hear from Publix. A light lunch served as well. Come join us!



## Bible Study

Members, visitors, guests, and friends, please join us on Thursdays at 10:00 AM for Bible study. The current topic is Proverbs. No prior knowledge of the Bible is 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month. Women's Bible Study will meet again on **February 14th**. Susan Wold and Paula Simenson co-lead the Bible Study.

A new topic from the Gathering magazine is discussed every month.



## We are called! By Kathryn A. Kleinhans

Reformer Martin Luther used the word "vocation" or "calling" to refer to all aspects of human life. We are called to respond to God not just in our personal relationship with God but in our relationships with family and friends, in our work, and in our communities. This four-part Bible study will explore stories from both the Old and New Testament. As we reflect on how our biblical forebears heard and responded to God's call, we will gain insight into how God is calling us—and how God may be calling others through us.

### Session 2: The call of Jesus

This session focuses on Jesus' calling of the disciples, on Jesus' call to Saul (Paul) on the road to Damascus, and on Jesus' call to all Christians to take up the cross and follow. As Christians, how do we see ourselves in these stories today? How do we respond to the call of Jesus?

All women are welcome to attend, so come join us at noon on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> and bring a friend.

## Sensing the Gospel: A Five-Part Series for Lent,

by Matt Skinner, Professor of New Testament, Luther Seminary St. Paul, MN.

We encounter God and God's salvation in embodied ways – in our bodies' abilities to perceive familiar realities and to interpret new ones. Lent provides opportunities to acknowledge this. The season begins with smelly and greasy ash as a stark liturgical reminder of our flesh's dusty finitude. It will end with feet washed in cool water or a bittersweet taste of wine in mouths as we imagine the horrible sight of a man's body mangled on a cross. In between, Lent allows us to consider together who we are and how we encounter an incarnate God.

### Week One (Touch): March 4, 2020

Texts: Psalm 118:15-17; Revelation 21:1-4; and Luke 7:11-15

All the action in Luke 7 ceases when Jesus' hand contacts the bier carrying the son's corpse. Palpably, his touch injects life and renewal into desolate conditions.

### Week Two (Sight): March 11, 2020

Texts: Psalm 36:1-2, 7-9; 1 Corinthians 13:12; and Mark 8:22-25

This unique healing story, which only Mark tells, symbolizes that Gospel's emphasis on mystery and delayed disclosure. It is also a story about a Jesus who never gives up on myopic disciples and who alleviates human suffering whenever it presents itself.

### Week Three (Taste): March 18, 2020

Texts: Psalm 34:4-8; 1 Peter 2:2-3; and, John 2:1-10

Imagine the expression on the chief steward's face when he tastes the sample of Jesus' private reserve to determine whether it will be appropriate for consumption. Jesus' first miracle in John, changing water into wine, announces that Jesus' time indeed has begun, a time bursting with the flavors of fulfillment and abundance.

### Week Four (Hearing): March 25, 2020

Texts: Psalm 62; Romans 10:14-17; John 5:25-29  
Authority resides in the Son of God's voice because of its innate ability to accomplish what it says. When Jesus discusses judgment in John, he

places more emphasis on life than on condemnation. His ministry reverberates with sounds that beckon people toward life and safety.

### Week Five (Smell): April 1, 2020

Texts: Psalm 141:1-2; 2 Corinthians 2:14-16a; and, John 12:1-3

A pound of ointment, equal in value to a laborer's annual salary, spreads its aroma throughout the house. Some smells permeate everything. Our brains process scents in close proximity to our emotion and memory centers. God's grace may operate in similar ways.

## Service times during Lent

Beginning Ash Wednesday we will have services on Wednesdays. The Ash Wednesday service begins at 4:00 PM and will be followed by a soup supper.

The Lenten worship theme this year will be *Sensing the Gospel*. Wednesday service times will be at 3:00 PM (with the exception of Ash Wednesday). Pastor Allman will lead a special Lenten study titled *How Happiness Happens*. There will be a sign-up sheet on the welcome table mid February. This study will be held for six Wednesday's, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, and 8 at 7:00 PM. Easter Sunday we will have one service at 10:00 AM.

## Ash Wednesday Soup Meal

WELCA is organizing a soup meal following the 4:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service on February 26th. If you are willing to provide a crock pot of your favorite soup, bread, or dessert, please sign the sheet on the counter in the narthex. Plan to stay after the service to try a variety of delicious foods. This has always been a fun event.



## Movie Fun Night

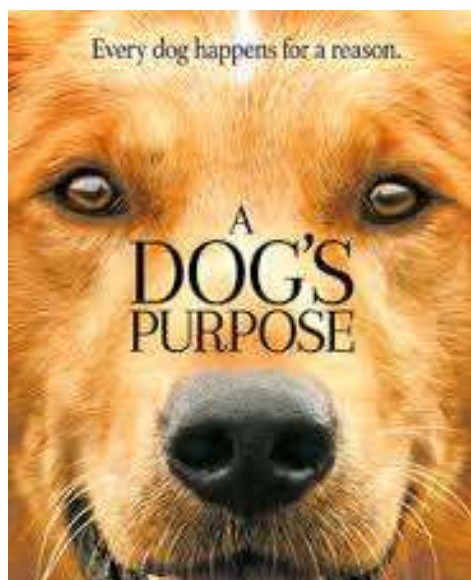
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>,  
5:00 PM**



Join us for Fun Night this month on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM to see *A Dog's Purpose*. Bring a food item to share for 8-10 people. We will have beverages available.

A devoted dog (Josh Gad) discovers the meaning of its own existence through the lives of the humans it teaches to laugh and love. Reincarnated as multiple canines over the course of five decades, the lovable pooch develops an unbreakable bond with a kindred spirit named Ethan (Bryce Gheisar). As the boy grows older and comes to a crossroad, the dog once again comes back into his life to remind him of his true self.

Bring a friend, preferably one who does not attend any church, so they can "Come and See" what they may be missing out on at Redeemer.



## God Spa for Women



All women of SJD and Redeemer Lutheran Churches are invited to join Candy Allman for a weekend of fun. Soak in the beautiful scenery and solitude of Luther Springs, relaxing your mind, body and spirit. Activities may include faith-filled conversation, devotions, music, journaling, guided meditation, water sports, relaxing and spa-type activities such as facial, manicures, pedicures. We will also have massages (for an additional cost). Lodging and all meals included.

Friday – Sunday April 17-19, 2020

\*Cost – Double: \$185

Single: \$235

For more information or to register click [here](#). There is a limited number of spaces for this event, so don't hesitate to register today.

\*scholarships available

### Blessing of the Quilts

Sixty-eight quilts made by Redeemer Quilters were blessed during the service on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Many of these quilts will be boxed and sent to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to all of our quilters for the many hours of work they put in making the quilts. They meet every Friday morning and would welcome your help. You do not need to know how to sew, as there are other jobs needed.

Thanks also to congregation members for donations of material and for contributing toward the cost of shipping the quilts.



## Church Membership

We are always welcoming new members, it's a great time to join. Ask Susan or Kadie for additional information.

The next New Member Sunday will be in March 22.



## Holy Land Trip

This Educational Opportunities Tour is scheduled from November 16-25, 2020.

For those considering the trip to the Holy Land, there will be two informational meetings:

**Redeemer Lutheran Church on Sunday, February 9th at 4:00 PM**

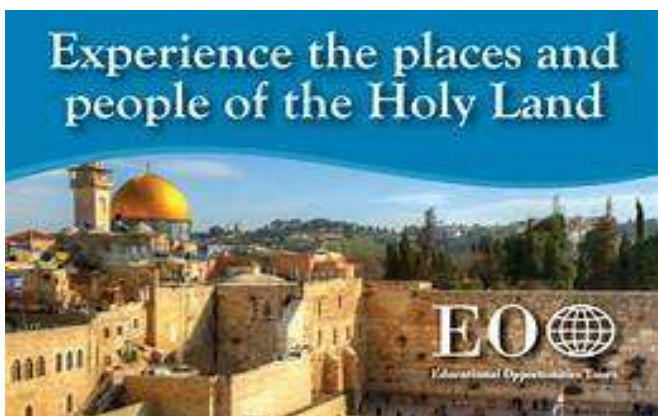
**St. John Divine on Wednesday, February 12th at 2:00 PM**

You are invited to either meeting, whichever fits your schedule best.

## Rummage Sale Helpers 2020



## Quilt Blessing 2020



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

Bill Allen, Gerry Barnicle, Becky Bergman, Meta Boesel, Marilyn Bohl, Diane Brace, Fran Bullock, Chuck Buskirk, Maggie Byrd, Delores Casper, Lenora Chapman, Roger Clark, Anne Clouser, Carolyn Cole, Peggy Collins, Bill & Katharina Coryell, Carol Crawford, Hazel Crosby, Traudel Deeds, Al Delaporte, Dottie Earl, Audrey & Joe Ercegovich, Patty Fricke, Jim Glass, Oliver & Kathie Hackett, Nancy Hayes, Ken Heindel, Mary Jane Hermanns, Jay & Audrey King, Anne Koehler, Jean Kostka, Louise Kunard, Cheryl & John MacPhee, Sandy McCaw, Alice Miller, Louise Neam, Sharon Olson, Dick & Dorothy Paulson, Nancy Payne, Nancy Philips, Gerda Regelin, Fred Ristow, Mary Ann Romano, John & Patti Schaefer, Marlene Scharback, Deya Schierenbeck, Margaret Scott, Mariam Sorby, Myrna Strom, Patrick Sturmer, Sam Thompson, Jane Trefren, Sylvia Wicktor, Ted Wilson.

## *Our Family and Friends*

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> 10:00 AM- Holy Communion <b>No fellowship</b>	<b>3</b> 10:30 AM-AI- Anon	<b>4</b> 10:00 AM-RLC Staff Meeting 1:00 PM-Barbershop practice 3:30 PM-AA Women's Group	<b>5</b> 1:00 PM-Social Ministry Meeting	<b>6</b> 9:00 AM-OA Meeting 12:00 PM-Alpha 5:45 PM-Bells Practice 6:45 PM-Choir Practice	<b>7</b> 8:00 AM- Rummage Sale	<b>8</b> 8:00 AM- Rummage Sale
<b>9</b> 10:00 AM- Worship	<b>10</b> 10:30 AM-AI- Anon	<b>11</b> 10:00 AM-RLC Staff Meeting 1:00 PM-Barbershop practice 3:30 PM-AA Women's Group	<b>12</b> 11:00 AM- Worship & Music	<b>13</b> 9:00 AM-Parish Nurses Meeting 9:00 AM-OA Meeting 10:00 AM-Bible Study 12:00 PM-Alpha 5:45 PM-Bells Practice 6:45 PM-Choir Practice	<b>14</b> 9:30 AM- Quilters 12:00 PM- Women's Bible Study	<b>15</b> <b>3:00 PM Memorial Service Caroline. Nensewitz</b>
<b>16</b> 10:00 AM- Holy Communion Worship	<b>17</b> 10:30 AM-AI- Anon 5:00 PM- Movie Fun Night	<b>18</b> 1:00 PM-Barbershop practice 3:30 PM-AA Women's Group 7:00 PM-Finance Meeting	<b>19</b> 9:30 AM- WELCA General	<b>20</b> 9:00 AM-OA Meeting 10:00 AM-Bible Study 12:00 PM-Alpha 5:45 PM-Bells Practice 6:45 PM-Choir Practice	<b>21</b> 9:30 AM- Quilters	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 10:00 AM- Worship 11:15 AM- Ministry Fair 11:45 AM- Blood Pressure Check	<b>24</b> 10:30 AM-AI- Anon 1:00 PM- Council Meeting	<b>25</b> 10:00 AM-RLC Staff Meeting 1:00 PM-Barbershop practice 3:30 PM-AA Women's Group	<b>26</b> 4:00 PM-Ash Wednesday 5:00 PM-Soup Supper	<b>27</b> 9:00 AM-OA Meeting 10:00 AM-Bible Study 12:00 PM-Alpha 5:45 PM-Bells Practice 6:45 PM-Choir Practice	<b>28</b> 9:30 AM- Quilters	<b>29</b>