



KADIE &amp; SUSAN DELIVER ITEMS TO C.A.R.E. ON BEHALF OF REDEEMER

# RLC Newsletter

## February 2022

## A Message from Pastor Allman

*“Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary... Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!” (Psalm 150:1-2).*

Thanks to the ‘dynamic duo’ of Edie Moose and Jeanne Pruett for the ‘skit’ on volunteerism that they did during the announcements on December 12, 2021. Thanks also to those who have responded and have been willing to step up as volunteers for our various ministry teams. One of those teams includes the Council, for which we have had some volunteers step forward.

Like every other organization in the world, we have felt the impact of COVID-19 over these past two years. *“Praise the Lord...”* we have been able to keep moving forward, and now

*“Praise the Lord...”* for those that are volunteering to serve God here at Redeemer. Proclaiming that you are a “God send” is no understatement, nor do I say that lightly.

The Apostle Paul writes, *“We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28).* Maybe things do not always work out the way we want, or as soon as we want, yet I see God’s hand in this present time working good for Redeemer through all of you *“who are called according to his purpose.”*

If you have not yet answered God’s call, there is still time. We can always use another set of hands, or feet, or eyes, etc. If you are not sure where to start, call us and we will help.



Pastor Allman 

## News from the Office Administrator

**February 2022**

Happy New Year! I hope and pray that 2022 is a year of hope and happiness and many blessings for all of us.

The Rummage Sale that had been planned for February 4-5 has been canceled due to the upsurge of COVID.

Eddie Moose and Jeanne Pruett gave a Temple Talk on 12/12/21 regarding Time and Talent. Sadly, we had issues with the livestream so it was not seen on the livestream nor was it recorded. We need your gifts, financially but also time and talent in order to serve our congregation and community. The Welcome Table has a printout that Jeanne and Eddie wrote with some of the ways that you can serve, so if you weren't here in person to hear the talk, please grab a sheet and take some time to read about where you could serve. Also, in February we will again have our Ministry Fair which will be another opportunity to see firsthand what the various teams are doing. We need volunteers for all of our activities, so if you are able, please volunteer to help. Please plan to plug in somewhere and help. Believe me, you will enjoy yourself and make new friends.

***Please know that if you are in need of financial assistance, we have funds available at the church to help. This remains confidential. Only Pastor will know that you received aid. We don't want anyone left in need so, please speak with Pastor Allman if we can be helpful.***

### Upcoming Activities:

March 7: Lifeline screening

March 14: South shore Concert Band

March 25: Laughter is the Best Medicine

March 27: Ministry Fair



**Thank you for donating items for the food pantry in the narthex closet.**

**Please remember, NO open packages or containers.**



### Hybrid Bible Study

Our Hybrid Bible Study is both in-person and live streamed. Please join us on Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM. The Hybrid Bible Study will be held in the Sanctuary to accommodate both in person and online (for those who cannot attend in person). I will be teaching on the readings for the upcoming Sunday worship. We invite you to attend in person or online through our You Tube channel.



### Fellowship Donations needed

Fellowship is looking for either monetary donations or donations of prepackaged food to serve during fellowship.



# FEBRUARY

# STEWARDSHIP

Did you make New Year's Resolutions for 2022? If yes, how are they going? I confess that I stopped making New Year's Resolutions quite some years ago. My good intentions never turned into long time commitment. One poll says that people give up on their New Year Resolution within 32-days; 68% sooner than that. Maybe you are in the percentage that keep them; if so, congratulations from the rest of us.

The more popular resolutions aim toward self-improvement, especially regarding the body and mind. Marketing people for various fitness organizations overwhelm us with advertisements in the first weeks of January. Some even offer incentives for people who resolve to exercise more and lose weight by offering discounts or even join and pay only \$1.00 for the first month.

Other resolutions may include reading more, less television, less social media, more face-to-face time with family and friends, spend less, save more, donate more, declutter, time management, etc. I am sure you could name some others. What seems noticeably missing to me, among the popular ones, are resolutions aimed at improving the spirit.

Obviously, as a Pastor, I have a particular bias toward Christian spirituality, and I would emphasize resolutions toward exercising your spiritual gifts; losing some guilt-weight, by forgiving yourself; improving your relationship with God by reading the Bible daily, doing daily devotions, praying daily, and so on; improving your relationships with your brothers and sisters in Christ by joining a ministry team, helping with a service project, coming for worship and staying after for fellowship, joining the choir, becoming a worship assistant; having a conversation with God about how God wants you to use your time, talents and treasures.

When asked which is the greatest commandment, Jesus responded, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind" (Matt 22:37). Jesus certainly recognized the importance of mind and body, yet he also included the soul. We are a total package! If all we set out to improve is the body and mind, then we are missing (IMHO) the most important aspect of who we are -- the soul.

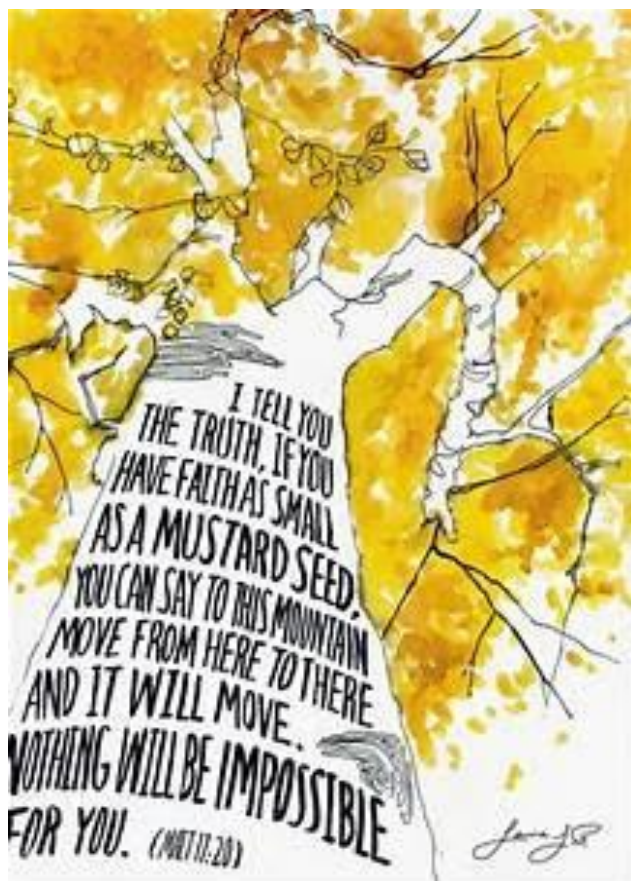
The Apostle Paul teaches, "Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day" (2 Corinthians 4:16). Some of us have reached an age where our bodies and minds are not what they once were. I know it is true for me. Yet, my inner nature, my soul is being renewed day by day. More than being curious about how your New Year's Resolutions are going, I am curious about how your soul is being renewed day by day.





# GROWING IN FAITH

In Matthew 17:20 Jesus said, “...if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.” The mustard seed is the tiniest of seeds, and one is barely able to hold on to it, especially if there is a strong wind blowing. So, why “Grow in Faith?”



Before Jesus teaches that faith as small as a mustard seed could move mountains, in Matthew 13:31-32 Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

The purpose of the mustard seed is to grow into a shrub, which could grow larger than some people's houses. The shrub could become a home for birds according to Jesus' parable. It produces a seasoning or a condiment which most of us know as 'mustard,' and some may use in cooking or on hot dogs or hamburgers. The shrub also has value for reclaiming land that may have become too high in saline or alkaline. Another benefit could be shade from the sun and shelter from the wind. I imagine there are other benefits.

The point is that one's purpose is revealed as one grows. I maintain that if we are still alive and active in this world then God has a purpose for our daily living. Perhaps it is not God's purpose for you to move mountains. Perhaps God's purpose for you is to move outside of your comfort zones, which may feel like moving a mountain for some people.

I believe that God has brought each one of us to Redeemer for God's purpose in moving us into God's preferred future for Redeemer. God's Word says that each and every one of us have been given at least one spiritual gift, probably more, and that our spiritual gifts are to be used for the common good.

I encourage each and every one, the next time you pray, hold off on the petitions you want God to hear and simply start with, “Okay God, I am listening.”



# MASKS THAT BETTER PROTECT AGAINST OMICRON

*From the Parish Nurses*

The CDC has changed its mask guidelines to recommend that people "wear the most protective mask you can that fits well and that you will wear consistently." The agency describes well-fitting masks approved by the National Institute of Occupational Safety & Health (NIOSH) – such as N95 masks – as offering "the highest level of protection."

In crowded places, you should be wearing a **KN95 or N95 mask**. Due to certain materials – such as polypropylene fibers – acting as both mechanical and electrostatic barriers, these masks better prevent tiny particles from getting into your nose or mouth and must be fitted to your face to function properly.

## Why are experts recommending N95s now?

N95s are more widely available now than they were earlier in the pandemic, and public health experts in the US also have a better understanding that the primary driver of coronavirus infection is shared air.

Cloth masks can filter large droplets, while more effective masks, such as N95s, can filter both large droplets and the smaller aerosols or particles potentially laden with airborne virus if infected people are present. A cloth face covering has 75% inward and outward leakage while properly fitted N95 masks can filter up to 95% of particles in the air.

## What's the difference between N95s and KN95s?

The difference between N95 and KN95 masks is where each is certified. The US tests, certifies and regulates the N95s public health experts have been recommending; in contrast, manufacturers in China test KN95s, but the country's government doesn't have a regulatory body that's validating them.

Another difference is in the way they fit. A N95 has two straps that go around your head while a KN95 loops around your ears.

## How can I spot a fake N95, KN95?

These masks should have a cup, flat fold or duck bill shape; two straps that go around your head; an adjustable wire nose bridge; and appropriate markings indicating NIOSH approval. Counterfeit N95 masks often lack these markings or NIOSH is spelled incorrectly.

For a KN95 mask, it should have the (Chinese government) standard written on the side of the mask. The package or mask should say GB 2626-2019 or GB 2626-2006.



**Free N95 masks  
should be available  
from the pharmacies  
starting on 1/28/22.**

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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- 1<sup>st</sup> – Dale Lyndahl**  
**5<sup>th</sup> – Tony Espino**  
**6<sup>th</sup> - Sam Thompson**  
**7<sup>th</sup> – Janet Gehrke**  
**8<sup>th</sup> – Mary Ann Sigler, Nora Wilhide**  
**10<sup>th</sup>- Tina Schwartz, Kathy Jones**  
**16<sup>th</sup> – Marlyn Warren**  
**17<sup>th</sup> – Karin Hagg, Myrna Strom**  
**18<sup>th</sup> – Brigitte Austen, Greg Kiel**  
**19<sup>th</sup> – Lucy Ann Clark**  
**21<sup>st</sup> – Margaret Scott**  
**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**



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







Time	Acolyte	Communion Assistants	Lector
Sun. Feb 6 10:00 AM	Dale Lyndahl	Dale & Kay Lyndahl, Debbie Andrews	Kay Lyndahl
Sun. Feb 13 10:00 AM	Mike Corbett		Mike Corbett
Sun. Feb 20 10:00 AM	Walter Geissler	Walter Geissler, Debbie Andrews, Lucy Ann Clark	Debbie Andrews
Sun. Feb 2 10:00 AM	Lucy Ann Clark		Judy Kiel



**Worship Assistants Needed** - We are in need of worship assistants to help on Sunday. If you have helped in the past and would like to again, or would like to help for the first time please call Carolyn Cole so she can add you to the schedule. 813-812-7527

**Our biggest need is acolyte and communion assistants.**

February Usher Team	February Altar Guild	Sound
Chuck Kovacik's Team	Barb Lauer and Marge Miller	





### Thanks from Carolyn Cole

Thank you to everyone for your prayers and to those that called to check on me or sent cards when I was sick. I greatly appreciated it.

### Ministry Fair

On Sunday, March 27th, we will be having another Ministry Fair! It will follow the 10:00 am worship service and take place in Buhr Hall. This will be your opportunity to see all the different ministries taking place at Redeemer, as well as being able to talk to representatives from those teams. You can make suggestions and also ask questions. This will be an opportunity to sign up to join a ministry that is of interest to you. We will be raffling three (3) \$25 Publix gift cards and serving a light lunch. Come join us.



### Help for Fellowship

Many of you enjoy the fellowship time after the Sunday service to visit with your friends and enjoy the coffee and treats. But someone needs to do the work to make this possible every week. Even though we are using pre-packaged snacks, there is still set up and clean up. If you can assist with either of these even just one Sunday a month that would ease the work of kitchen volunteers who donate their time every Sunday. A sign-up sheet is in Buhr Hall on the stand by the kitchen window. Please consider lending a helping hand.



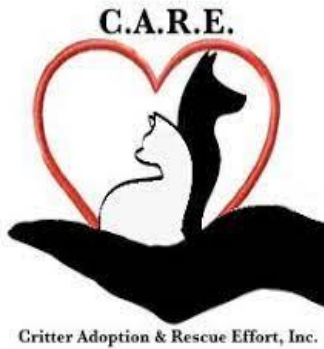
**Our next movie Monday will be Feb. 21st at 5:30 PM. Please bring your own drinks & snacks.**

### February Movie: The Girl Who Believes in Miracles



When a schoolgirl named Sara hears her local pastor discuss the power of faith, she decides to conduct some experiments. Sara uses her prayers to resurrect a dead bird during a family outing where she claims to see God. As Sara's family struggle with accepting her newfound ability, townspeople flock to the young girl to perform miracles for them. After Sara heals a dying dog and her disabled friend, she catches the attention of the media. Soon, Sara's fame and rigorous schedule as a faith-healer threaten to rob her of her childhood, and she'll need a miracle of her own.





## Donations to C.A.R.E

Thank you for all of the items you brought in during the month of December. We collected food, toys, monetary donations, and general supplies for C.A.R.E. Critter Adoption and Rescue Effort.

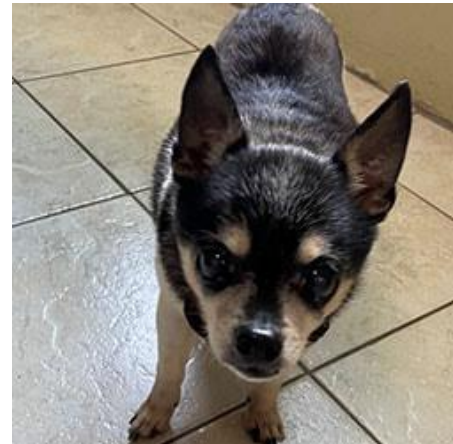
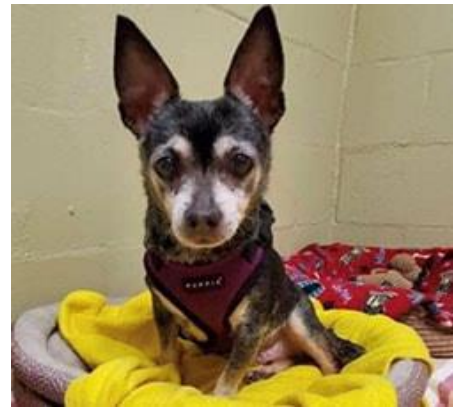
C.A.R.E. is a 501 (c)(3) public charity; a no-kill animal shelter for neglected, abused and unwanted cats and dogs with a mission to reduce the number of homeless and abandoned animals through adoption, sterilization and education.

**C.A.R.E. 1528 27th St. S.E. Ruskin, FL 33570**  
**Open: Tues – Sat 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

These are a few of the pups we saw when we visited that are still looking for their forever homes.

### Bandit

Bandit is an adorable Pug/Chihuahua mix. He is approximately three (3) years old. His owner passed and he came to us in the hopes of finding his forever home. He is very friendly with other dogs and with children. He is affectionate and loves all of the volunteers at the shelter. He is neutered and is current on all vaccinations.



### Diego and Pancho

Poncho and Diego came to us a pair and will need to be adopted out together. They are sweet old men who are no trouble at all. Diego is the bigger of the two and is a bit more outgoing. Poncho is a little more shy. They are looking for someone who knows how to care for seniors. They spend most of their time relaxing and sleeping in the office. They would be perfect for anyone who is home often. Due to their age they will need a calm home. Please consider giving these two old gentlemen a loving, caring home.





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# February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 1:00 PM-Barbershop	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10:00 AM-OA Group 6:45 PM-Choir practice	<b>4</b> 9:30 AM-Quilters	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 10:00 AM-Holy Communion Worship	<b>7</b> 10:30 AM-AI-Anon	<b>8</b> 10:00 AM-RLC Staff Mtg 1:00 PM-Barbershop	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:00 AM-Parish Nurse Meeting 10:00 AM-OA Group 10:00 AM-Hybrid Bible Study 6:45 PM-Choir practice	<b>11</b> 9:30 AM-Quilters	<b>12</b>
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