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Redeemer's Christian Connection

June Newsletter



The picture above, in relation to "The forgiveness of Jesus" is meant to remind us of Rembrandt's painting of God's creation of man. God's forgiveness through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ creates new and eternal life in us through faith.

In a recent sermon I said that "When God, through Jesus Christ, makes things *"new,"* He doesn't just replace certain parts of the old, the way we would replace broke parts of our car, since sin permeates are whole being, body and soul. But neither does He throw us away. Instead, He does something only God can do, something completely new! He puts us to death, body and soul, but then brings us back to new and eternal life."

Chad Bird in his latest book (*Limping with God: Jacob and the Old Testament Guide to Messy Discipleship*) speaks of forgiveness in this same death/resurrection language when He says: "To forgive people means that we must die. There is no other way. And that is also, of course, why we don't want to forgive. To forgive is to die to the people we would become, and often do become, when we breed bitterness, conceive resentment, and nurse the desire for a pound or three of flesh from those who have hurt us. It consumes us. It eats at us like a cancer from within. To forgive is to kill the ungod within us for whom absolution is anathema and redemption reprehensible."

And even though I also preached recently on prayer, especially the Lord's Prayer, this insight from Bird in the same book reminds not only of the eternal insights of God's Word, but also the importance of forgiveness in the lives of His people, you and me!

You may have noticed that, in the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray, there is only one line in the whole prayer that entails an action on our part. Our Father keeps his name holy. He brings his kingdom. He forgives us, gives us daily bread, guards us in times of temptation and evil. He is the doer of all those verbs. The only part of the Lord's Prayer that involves us doing something is this: "as we forgive those who trespass against us." The reason for this is obvious: there is arguably no more fundamentally Christian act than forgiving others.

Absolution is the beating heart of discipleship because Christ, our forgiveness, is the beating heart of discipleship. Every day He richly and prodigally forgives us, lavishing love upon us, undeserving though we be. And we, having received, do not build a dam within our hearts to stop the flow of mercy, but let it pass from us to others. We forgive, as we have been forgiven.



Our
Hymn of the Month for June
focuses on our triune God and Creator.

It's from the great contemporary hymn writer,
Jaroslav J. Vajda.

The new words of this hymn are set to a familiar tune
and included in our new children's hymnal,
One and All Rejoice (OAR) #233.

“GREAT GOD, OUR CREATOR.”

Birthdays

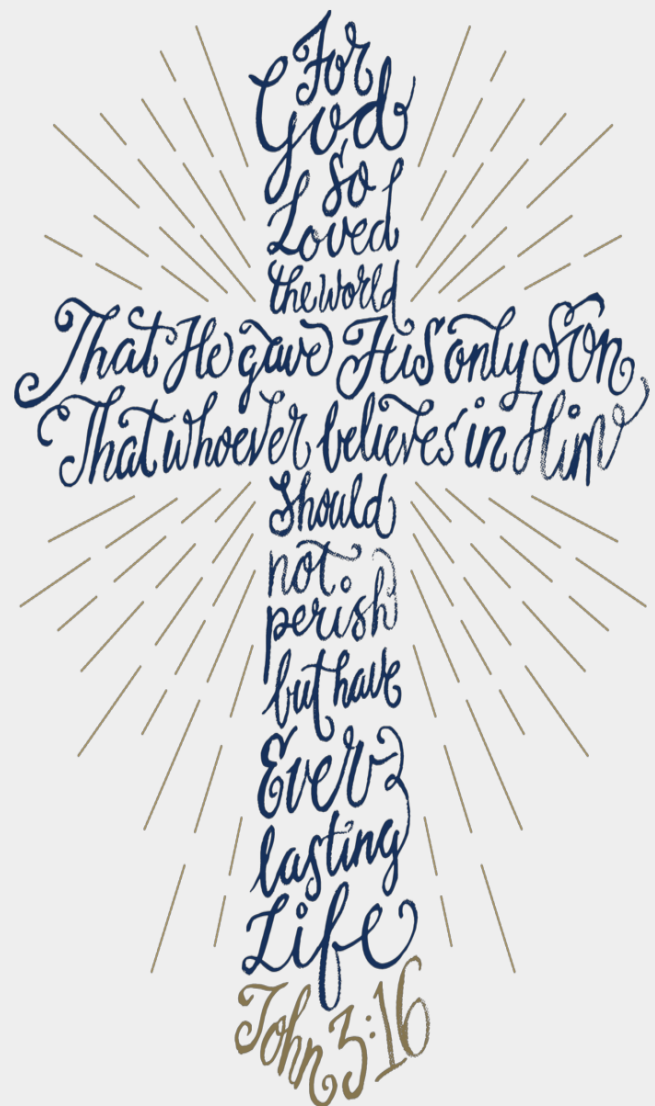
Christyana Boyles—June 1st
Kathy Bieth—June 7th
Doug Scarbrough—June 10th
Beth Gilleece—June 10th
Jace Holden—June 10th
Jim Black—June 15th
Linda Wacker—June 16th
Gary Nickel—June 16th
Tyler Jordan—June 17th
Phyllis Reeder—June 18th
Gladys Sunderland—June 20th
Vicki Candelaria—June 20th
Sarah Weber—June 23rd
Bob Oeltjenbruns—June 24th
Aaron Miller—June 24th
Bill Sinner—June 27th

Baptismal Birthdays

Lisa Althaus—June 3rd
Ryan Althaus—June 3rd
Klaus Winkelmann—June 6th
Michelle Scarbrough—June 8th
Alissa Heinecke—June 14th
Janice Main—June 16th
Teresa Sidor—June 18th
Karen Jetley—June 21st
Scott Keene—June 21st
Drew Miller—June 22nd

Wedding Anniversaries

Chuck & Teresa Sidor—June 1st
Drew & Mary Miller—June 10th
Dennis & Tina Oeltjenbruns—June 13th
Lowell & Sue Kindschy—June 17th
Ed & Phyllis Reeder—June 19th
Jacob & Janell Oberheu—June 20th
Hartland & Michelle Clubb—June 22nd
Tom & Barb Nagoda—June 28th
Phillip & Doreen Dwyer—June 29th
Michael & Lisa Althaus—June 30th



NEWS FROM THE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

The end of the school year was celebrated with a water day and other special activities. The students presented the patriotic program "America: A Star-Spangled Production" for their parents, grandparents and members of our congregation, and shared fun facts about the U.S. flag, the Liberty Bell and some interesting U.S. history. After that, we all enjoyed a barbecue followed by cookies and ice cream with red, white and blue sprinkles for dessert. Special thanks to Barb Nagoda for accompanying us on all the songs and for providing all the cookies!

We are pleased with the academic growth of our students over the past year, as evidenced by their test scores. More importantly, the students grew in their knowledge of the Bible and God's love for them in sending Jesus to be our Savior from sin.

Our next open house is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. If you know anyone interested in knowing more about our school, be sure to encourage them to come visit our school and talk with our teachers. There also are RLS brochures available in the office and lots of information on our school website (redeemerlutherschool.org).

Redeemer Rams T-shirts and polo shirts are now available in adult and youth sizes. If you would like to order one, please contact Jace Holden or Paul Althaus.

Special thanks to all who helped out in so many ways throughout the school year. We had volunteers teach art classes, read books with students, prepare and serve hot lunches, donate food items for hot lunches, assist with school parties, bring homemade treats, drive for field trips, and assist in lots of other ways. Your kindness and generosity is appreciated by the teachers and the students!

During the summer months our preschool staff, under the direction of Jace Holden, provides learning opportunities for children through fourth grade. Enrollment for the program is now full.

Thank you for your continued support of RLS and Tiny Treasures through your service, prayers, gifts and encouragement! To God be the glory!



RAISE THE RAMS' ROOF CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Redeemer Lutheran Church's capital campaign, RAISE THE RAMS' ROOF, is officially underway. Redeemer has long valued Christian education as a vital part of its ministry, first with Tiny Treasures, and most recently with Redeemer Lutheran School.

Through a Christian education, we aim to help students learn not only about the world around them, but to develop a deeper understanding of God and a lasting relationship with Him. The goal of the public school is to educate according to the world's standards and beliefs; however, Christian education seeks to teach children about the world God created and how to find purpose and meaning through God's Word and His will for our lives.

A Christian education isn't just having a Bible or religion class in addition to regular classes, but integrating a Biblical worldview into every area of study. As an example, in science class students learn how God's handiwork is seen in the natural laws and design of the world. In a Christ-centered environment, students learn that following God is not limited to one area of life but rather a way of life. The whole atmosphere of a Christian school is one that promotes and points students to the love of Christ. The teachers seek to help each child grow both academically and in their walk with Jesus.

Current plans are to construct a separate school building that would include 4-6 classrooms and would be built west of the preschool playground area. This would allow Tiny Treasures Preschool to once again make use of the two classrooms currently being used by the primary grades.

Our goal is to raise \$650,000 to expand our educational facilities to accommodate the growth of RLS. Two individuals have expressed their desire to each give \$100,000 toward this campaign. Along with \$22,000 already in the building fund, the estimated amount still needed is \$428,000. The Parish School Board and Building Committee are continuing to work on a final design to be presented to the General Assembly for approval at a future date. Check out the thermometer and display of conceptual drawings in the Fellowship Hall.

In the coming weeks, you will be contacted by fellow members asking if they might share with you more information about this campaign and to ask for your support to accomplish God's purpose with the expansion of RLS. We ask that you prayerfully consider how you can, with God's help, assist in furthering Redeemer's educational ministry.

Your gift to our Raise the Rams' Roof campaign will help Redeemer continue to have a lasting impact on the lives of children and their families through God's life-changing message of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Each week it is with joy and thanksgiving that we pray for those serving the Lord in various capacities. One of those is Chaplain Cody Norton.

Cody recently sent Redeemer some information regarding his family and the service he offers as a Chaplain.

Cody's wife's name is Katie; their oldest daughter is Eleanor (7); then Juliet (6); Dorothy (4); Adelaide (2) being held by Cody; and Charlette (not quite 1) being held by Katie. They are also expecting a 6th child around Thanksgiving.

Their kids are homeschooled and the older two are both finishing up Second Grade and Dorothy plans to start Kindergarten next year.

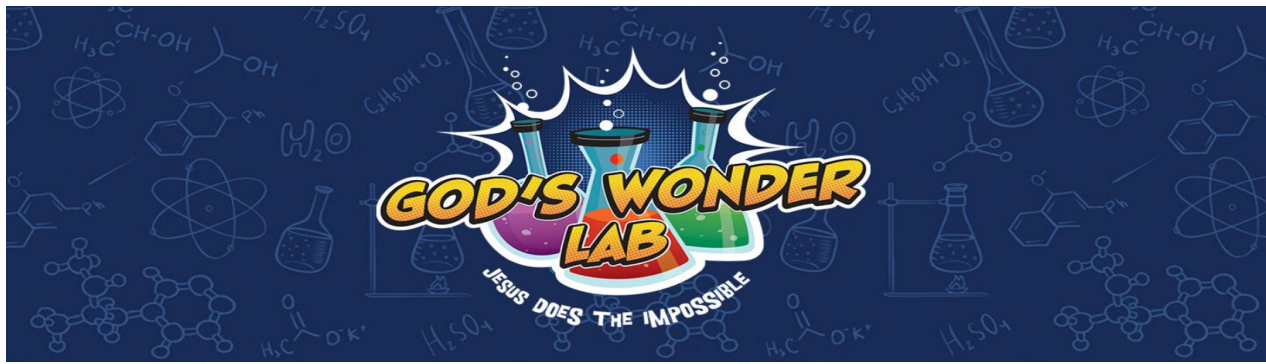


Cody unfortunately does not currently have a regular Divine Service due to choices of the Garrison Chaplain. He did have Divine Service during his Unit's rotation to Europe last year, but the Garrison Chaplain is reticent to start another Service. He does serve his soldiers through weekly Bible Study. He also helps out at a nearby church, St. Mark's in Waco where he sometimes preaches and regularly leads Bible Study.

His day to day is a lot of individual counseling and "battlefield circulation" seeing his soldiers in their work areas and talking to them about what they need, both from the command and on the spiritual sense.

Cody's unit is the first Squadron, 7th Calvary Regiment, "GARRYOWEN." It was the same unit as was featured in the movie "We Were Soldiers," but they had a different mission set back then. Now it's an armored recon squadron of about 600 people, mounted mostly on Bradley's, but with some tanks. It's a hard charging group that often does not recognize their need for Christ.

Please do pray for them, and pray for our commander LTC Brennan Speakes and Command Sergeant Major John Laconico.



Redeemer Lutheran Church and School in Delta, CO

Join us for Vacation Bible School this summer!

Scientists conduct experiments to try to explain things are possible. In Jesus' ministry, He did things that are impossible. His greatest miracle of all was dying on the cross and rising from the dead to save us. At God's Wonder Lab, discover that Jesus does the impossible for us. He does marvelous things!

The children will discover all this through storytelling, crafts, music & dancing, science experiments and more! Snacks and t-shirts will also be provided.

WHEN

Monday July 11th to Thursday July 14th
8:30am to 11:30am

WHERE

Redeemer Lutheran Church
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AGES

Preschool through 4th grade

CONTACT

Janell, VBS Director 970-778-113
janelloberheu@gmail.com

Register Here:

[Www.myvbs.org/redeemerlutheranchurchdelta](http://www.myvbs.org/redeemerlutheranchurchdelta)

Please register your child soon to help us know how many to plan for.

We can't wait to see you in July!

THE LORD'S MINISTRY

Redeemer Lutherans attendance figures and financial blessings that were given for the month of May to further maintain the Lord's ministry.

Date	Attendance	Communicants	Offerings Received Gen./Designated Funds	Needed Operating Budget
5-1-2022	86	72	\$9,308.00/\$669.56	\$4,455.06
5-8-2022	104	83	\$6,138.75/\$380.00	\$4,455.06
5-15-2022	111	91	\$7,005.00/\$695.75	\$4,455.06

"Life Thoughts in the Church Year"

June 5 – Pentecost – The builders of Babel tried to grasp God's power and prestige for themselves. Their selfishness delivered only division. Physician-assisted suicide, embryo-destroying biotechnologies, and abortion also attempt to exercise God's authority over life and death. But keeping the Word of the Lord—including the encouragement to love even the least of our neighbors—brings people together (Acts 2:9-11) and receives Gospel peace (John 16:23, 27).

June 12 – Trinity – Father Abraham found the sanctity of life at the margins – his own old age and his wife's conception. Jesus, who brings the Triune joy of divine Fatherhood and Sonship, embodies a Gospel even greater (John 8:56-58), that wisdom that delights in all the children of men (Proverbs 8:31)—no matter their ages, appearances, or abilities. No wonder His coming among us draws cheers and teachings out of the mouths of the littlest ones (Psalm 8:2)!

June 19 – Pentecost IIC (Proper 7)/Father's Day – The unique dignity of fatherhood includes protecting others as God does (Psalm 3:3)—even defending them from themselves. Practices like abortion and measures like assisted suicide situate our people among the tombs (Isaiah 65:4). Let us not abandon them to demonic deceptions about "bodily autonomy" but instead with courage and compassion proclaim how much God has done for us (Luke 8:39), creating and redeeming and calling every member of our race precious.

June 26 – Pentecost IIIC (Proper 8) – "For freedom Christ has set us free" (Galatians 5:1), and this means freedom from death. We need not submit ourselves, our neighbors, or our culture again to it by permitting abortion or promoting physician-assisted suicide. Rather we who taste the fruit of the Spirit may perceive God's power and receive His love even in those unborn babies or hospital patients who appear to have only a whisper of life (1 Kings 19).