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All the Baptized of Redeemer Lutheran Church

September 2014

Dearly beloved of Redeemer Lutheran Church,

Teaching the Faith faithfully. This is the responsibility of each of us to the older and younger of our congregation. Much confusion reigns in our culture that is permeated with secular humanistic philosophy as well as pop Christian theology. I, you, we all need to know the Truth of our Faith that leads to salvation eternally and peace even while here in a peace-less world.

So, we are looking at everything we do in our ministries. We are looking at worship, at Sunday School and Midweek, our Mothers' Day Out program, our evangelism, our mercy ministries, and whatever else the Lord has in store for us in participation of the prayer we pray when we say "Thy Kingdom come". My boat will be rocked. So, likely, will yours. Yet, it is all for Jesus and His desire to reach the many through the ministries of Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Such a vision is bigger than me. It's bigger than you. It is God's mission in Jesus. Some programs will be recreated. Some may have found their end. New ministries will call forth our giving and sacrifice.. None of us are given a "pass" on such an enterprise. Yet, we all are called to draw strength from the reality that the necessary strength comes not from us. It comes from the power of the Holy Spirit working through us by Word and Sacrament. Our strength is not our own. It is the gift of God.

Decisions have been made by the Board of Education to change our mid-week program. It is our desire to provide a clear vision, solid Christian education objectives and a transition to what is needful. Hmm. What is needful? Surely, the education (catechesis of our children and youth), the Christian fellowship of a family—style meal, and a midweek identity with the communal fellowship of the church are critical. What is also needful is YOU. Having received of the goodness of the Lord, YOU are called to give the same to the next generation.

We need YOUR help. You may say, "I am not a teacher". However, you may serve as honorably in other ways. We have need of aids, administrators, and helpers in many arenas. Will you be a part of God's answer to our prayer, "Thy Kingdom come?" I invite you to join me prayerfully as to how better to invest in such a Kingdom that endures.

Through His Kingdom,

Mark Carter, Senior Pastor



DEACONESS CORNER

KARLA CARTER

FEAR - it seems as if it is everywhere. We turn on the news and we are overwhelmed with scenes of destruction and violence. Rioting in the streets, bombs in the Middle East, terrorism striking fear and grief, children being maimed and killed, earthquakes and physical destruction. We can turn off the news if we wish but then there are the fears and doubts that hound us - will I lose my job, will I ever find someone to spend my life with, what will the doctor tell me when he opens my file to give me reports on the tests he ran. Or maybe we find that we are tired of hiding something - a sin that we feel is just too grievous to confess, an addiction that enslaves us, a

secret that we have spent a lifetime keeping. As school begins we have children that we worry about - will they have friends, will they be in danger, will those young adults that we have sent to college stand firm in their faith?

The questions go on and on - they can actually feed themselves as we dwell on them. They can grow larger and loom heavier when they come to us. Is there an answer for our fears? Where can we go with them?

In the Wednesday morning Women's Bible Study we have studied fear over the last months. We have learned that we can take our fears to God because we *fear* Him. Sounds

crazy? Only if we do not understand our fear of God, which is an awe, a reverence which is born out of our love and respect for God, our knowledge that He is who He says He is, and He does what He says He will do. We can trust Him when all around us begins to fail. It is not always easy - it is not a pill that we can take to make the night and darkness disappear. He gives us Himself, in His sacraments and His Word. Will you join me as we entrust ourselves to Him, loving and holding reverence for His body and blood, thanking Him for the waters of our baptism, and studying and meditating on His Holy Word.



MUSINGS OF THE MINISTRY PASTOR BILL SHUPE

TEACHING THE FAITH

EDUCATION IN YOUTH AND FAMILY

As we begin the Sunday School year, we see once again the quest to teach the faith to our children and grandchildren. This means teaching our children (and ourselves) about the Bible and its accounts, the Catechism and what the parts of the faith mean, and also the practical acts of the faith: Attending church, giving the tithe, and living in devotion and prayer through out the week. As a staff, we are attempting to create the best environment as possible to teach these things.

Now teaching the faith is

not just about facts, dates, and quoted Bible verses, for Faith is formed through caring, trusting relationship often, if not always, in the home. Whether or not you speak about your faith with your children and grandchildren makes a great impact upon the likelihood that they will take upon themselves the faith that you have raised them in. This goes double for the fathers out there. While a child needs their mother for many things, a father's faith has been shown to have twice the impact upon the children

as a mother's faith. If it is the mother and the father contributing, even better.

Now not many of us are always comfortable starting these conversations or devotions. The conversations don't need to be difficult, just ask about how Sunday School went and what did they learn. As for devotions, this is part of the reason why we have started the "Congregation at Prayer" devotions that we are including in the bulletins. These things are intended to help give an outline for demonstrating the faith.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The Tuesday afternoon class will be meeting at 2:00 p.m. to start discussing the differences between the various Christian denominations. We will begin our discussions with the Lord's Supper. We will be using The Lutheran Difference from CPH.

The Lutheran Difference

An Explanation & Comparison of Christian Beliefs



**Red Hat
Purple Circle**

**Monday, Sept. 8
11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

**at
Eggbert's
2073 SE
Washington Blvd**



FLU SHOTS HERE!!

**Redeemer Lutheran
Sunday, October 5th**

9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Flu Shot \$30

Flu Mist (no needle) \$ 35

High Dose Flu Shot \$55

PNEUMONIA SHOT \$85



VNA
Visiting Nurse Association

www.vnatulsa.org



Under the age of 18 must be accompanied by parent or guardian

Attention Thrivent Financial Members

The Northeast Oklahoma Chapter of Thrivent Financial invites members and their personal guests to take part in an opportunity to see the play JONAH at the Sight & Sound Theatre in Branson, MO on October 4, 2014 at 3:30pm.

Your ticket fees need to be sent to Nancy in advance. All persons attending are responsible for their own transportation. For the first 50 that register, your cost will be \$25.00 for adults, children free. To register, please call Nancy Loehr at (918-786-4756) or email (loehr5291@gmail.com).

ALTAR FLOWERS



If you would like to provide flowers for the altar on Sundays in memory or in honor of a loved one, a special occasion, or to the glory of God, you may do so by signing up on the flower chart which is located on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The flowers of God's creation add to the worship on Sundays by gracing the altar. Upcoming Sundays that are open include: September 14th and the 28th and October 5th, 12th and 19th. What a way to say, "Thank you, God, for all your goodness and blessing."

Thank You

Last Friday, August 22, I successfully completed a long, unexpected medical journey. Fortunately, because of your many prayers, thoughtful cards, lovely flowers and personal visits, I am home. My recovery has been strong, but I still have some outpatient work to do. However, the worst is over. On behalf of Jere and I, thank you all so much for your wonderful concern.

Bonnie and Jere Smith

Women's Bible Study

Beginning a new study in the Women's Bible Study on Wednesday, September 17 9:30 a.m. It is open to anyone who would like to come.

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER TERRI RAU

Below are our Operating Fund (Budget) results through July 2014. The cumulative cash available in the Operating Fund was \$79,817 and total cash, including Mother's Day Out and restricted funds, was \$326,316.

The balance due on the internal loan to the Family Life Center Fund is \$15,165. The monthly payment is \$3,071 and annual interest is 5%.

For 2014 YTD and the entire years of 2013 / 2012, average monthly receipts

were \$37,477 / \$40,938 / \$42,915, and average monthly operating expenditures were \$43,206 / \$42,267 / \$47,858. Our 2014 Budget of \$619,500 is about \$51,625 per month.

Financial Summary	Month		Year to Date	
	July 2014	July 2013	2014	2013
Budget Receipts	\$24,961	\$34,838	\$262,336	\$268,762
Budget Expenditures	\$42,013	\$41,242	\$302,440	\$284,564
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HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH AND PARENT MEETING

High School Youth and Parent meeting immediately following late service on Sunday, September 7th. This will be a brainstorming session to see what direction the High School youth would like to go this year and what their parents would like to see happen. Lunch will be provided. Any questions contact Ann Runnels at awrunnels@gmail.com or 918-397-7064.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

A Men's Bible Study is held in the Phillips 66 cafeteria each Tuesday morning at 7:15. You do not have to be an employee of ConocoPhillips or Phillips 66 to attend. If you are interested in attending, please call Aaron Gard at 918-331-3699. What a great opportunity to join with other Christian men to study God's word and build friendships, too.



In Oklahoma and Beyond!

Dear Fellow Members:

As we look forward to our next Voter's Meeting in late October, I thought it would be worthwhile to update everyone on what to expect. First, in October we will be voting on adding a marriage definition to our constitution and we will also be voting on our 2015 budget. We've been working on a new building use policy, but it's yet to be determined if that will be ready for the meeting.

We have started looking at improvements to our playground. The changes would make it much more appealing and also make a space that could be used by folks of all ages, not just children.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't mention something about our finances. This year has been a roller coaster ride for us financially. Contributions lagged early in the year, but bounced back in late

spring. Once again contributions have lagged this summer, and as of the end of July we had depleted our cash by about \$40,000 for 2014. While it wasn't unexpected to overspend for some time, the pace of overspending has accelerated at an alarming rate this year. The overspending is due to contributions falling short of expectations, not spending more than we planned. If this trend continues we will probably have to look at areas we can cut by this time next year. I hope and pray that contributions will pick up once again now that summer is done, but I wanted to be up front with everyone about my concerns.

Thanks for your trust and support and I look forward to seeing all of you on Sunday mornings this fall.

Reaching Lives for Christ,
Tom Bucher

LWML GREETING CARDS

New greeting cards have been added to the card rack in the Narthex and are only \$.50 each!

Stock up today! All proceeds benefit the LWML. (Lutheran Women's Missionary League).

LUTHERAN DINING FELLOWSHIP

Lutheran Dining Fellowship will meet at Montana Mikes for food, fun and fellowship on September 12 at 6:30 p.m.



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

The month of September means the beginning of cooler temperatures, football, and our Zone's "Fall Fest". All ladies in our congregation are invited to join us at Immanuel Lutheran, Grove, on Saturday, September 20th. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the closing will be at 2:30 p.m. Please let me know if you would like to attend so we can work out carpooling. Registration sheets are on the bulletin board. This is a great way to spend time with other Lutheran ladies in God's word and fellowship.

The LWML circles will begin meeting again in September. Martha Circle begins at 9:30 a.m. at the church on Tuesday, September 16th. Esther Circle begins at 7:00 p.m. in the home of a member on Thursday, September 18th. Exact location will be announced in the bulletin. Our circle meetings include a time to share LWML news, bible study and a time for dessert and fellowship. All ladies in the church are invited to attend either of these, just show up!

Fall is the time we bring together all of the items we have collected and made for Lutheran World Relief. We will be sending quilts and would like to also send more Personal Care Kits. If you would like to help with this project, please bring any or all of the following to either of the September Circle meetings or place items in the LWML collection area under the coat rack across from the restrooms.

- One light-weight bath-size towel (20" X 40" to 52" X 27"), dark color recommended
- Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One sturdy comb (no picks or fine-toothed combs)
- One metal nail clippers (attached file optional)



We are still needing help on the 3rd and 4th Thursdays of the month for Mission Service. Bring your lunch and meet us at 9:30 a.m. and stay as long as you can. We have completed about 50 of the Christmas pillowcases, but we only have a couple months left to finish in time to get them to the nursing home before Christmas. Other projects are going on as well. Even if you don't sew, there are things for you to do. Our youngest helper is Lydia Shupe, 3 years old, helping to stuff Boo Bears. Please join us!!!

Our next general meeting will be a "Brown Bag" luncheon on Wednesday, October 1st, at 12 noon in the upstairs meeting room of the Bartlesville Library. During lunch we will have a special presentation by the Director of Martha's Task. If you have never attended an LWML meeting/event, please consider joining us. Those who work downtown should be able to walk over, share lunch, and return to work. This is open to all ladies. Those of you who are LWML leaders, please plan to stay around a little longer for a quick meeting to finalize plans for the rest of the year. *Anita Gard*



Youth Corner



Locked In

Lock-ins seem to be a rite of passage for all middle schoolers and high schoolers. As promised we will be hosting a lock-in for the Confirmation and High School Class this year as a Back to School Event. As of the time of this publication, there isn't a set date. Please Contact the office if you are interested in attending.

We are in need of chaperones for the Lock-in, if you are interested please call Pastor Shupe.

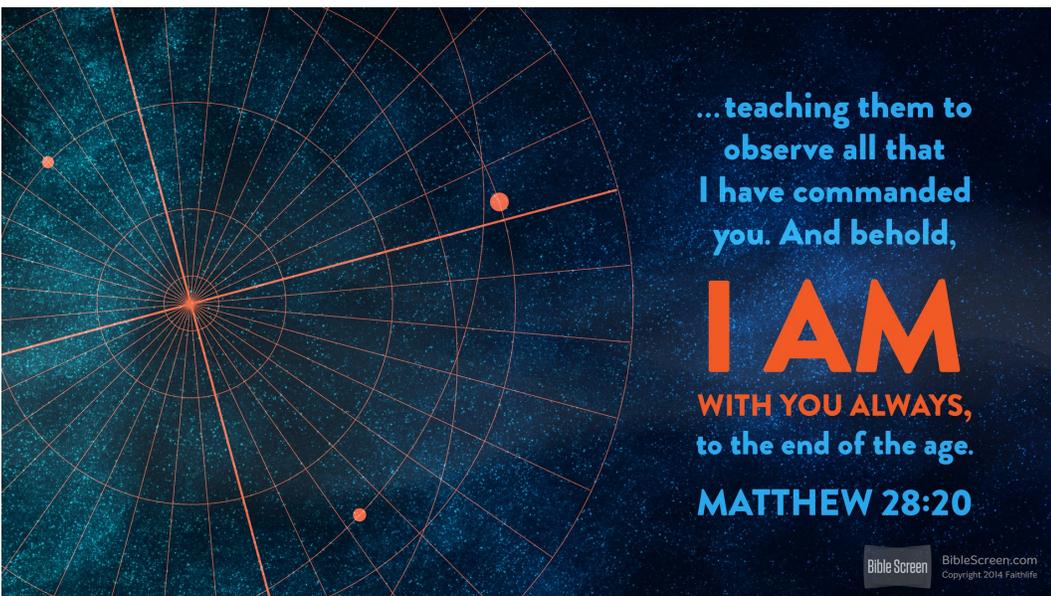
Midweek Family Fellowship

Midweek is coming and it is going to have a new look for this year. Education Task Force is approaching what to do to improve Midweek, we are going to have a little bit of a change-up to loosen up our approach.

First, instead of a drop-off event Parents and Children, our focus this year will be a whole family gathering. We plan on starting at 5:45 pm with a short devotion in the sanctuary for

parents and children. We respect for our families busy schedules. Confirmation will not be changed for this coming year, but will continue to meet weekly. Student and their parents will be encouraged to attend the devotions with the rest of the family fellowship.

Midweek Family Fellowship begins September 10th at 5:45-6:45 pm.



Dates to Remember

Youth Bible Study - every Sunday morning at 9:30 am

Midweek Family Fellowship: September 10

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	1 <i>OFFICE CLOSED LABOR DAY</i>	2 7:15 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Staff Mtg. 9:15-2:45 MDO 2:00 pm Adult Fellowship Bible Study 7:00 pm Exercise Class 7:00 Education Board Meeting.	3 9:15-2:45 MDO 9:30 Women's Bible Study	4	5	6
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Birthdays

9-1 Steve Emert
 1 Aaron Runnels
 2 Aaron Gard
 2 William Newby
 2 Dennis Rickords
 3 Jerry Quinn
 4 Deonne Bachmann
 4 Dalton Rau
 5 Mark Carter
 5 DeEtta Crawford
 5 Lisa Dixon
 5 James Potts
 5 Jo Ann Radke
 7 Helen Harper
 8 Erin Lindstrom
 10 Robert Lonski

11 Devin Stefanopoulos
 12 Carol Range
 12 Mildred Schnackenberg
 13 Sonya Blanchard
 13 Jeff Witt
 14 Shirley Paidl
 15 John Kahre
 16 Sig Vigesaa
 17 Darrell Keltner
 17 Jackie Malone
 18 Sam DeFrees
 19 Denise Williams
 20 Katherine Hanson
 20 Aaron Kahre
 20 Sonya Peterson
 22 Sandy Tritthart

25 J.D. Jackson
 26 Pat McCartney
 26 Rob Spitzer
 27 Denise Tilyard
 28 Vicki Mitchell
 29 Michelle Spitzer
 30 Bonnie Eggert
 30 John Hubler

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September

Anniversaries

9-12 Dennis & Jean Rickords
 15 Bob & Judy Kingsbury

19 Ed & Carolyn Savage



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September

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