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REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH



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A Study in 1 Timothy--Part 2: 1 Timothy 2

I encourage you to read the chapter taking special note of the highlighted verses.
After reading then read the reflections on the chapter.

Verses of note in 1 Timothy 2:

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. — 1 Timothy 2:1-2

⁵ For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. —1 Timothy 2:5-6

¹¹ Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹² I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve; — 1 Timothy 2:11-13

Luther on this chapter: “In chapter 2 he charges that prayer be made for all stations of life. He also commands that women are not to preach or wear costly adornment, but are to be obedient to men. [For Luther’s intent, see notes, Eph. 5:21-33.] .” (AE 35:388)

Reflections on Prayer: The scriptures tell us to call upon the Lord in our day of trouble; Christ the Lord is our mediator with the Father, and as such we are able to go directly to God with all of our cares and sorrows. Paul includes here, not just the concerns of the people, but instruction to pray in thanksgiving, and to pray for all people. Even Nero was not excepted from Paul’s prayers for peace and wisdom, so too we should pray for our leaders, even when we disagree with them.

Reflections on the Role of Women: God calls qualified men to teach and preach the Scriptures in the Church’s public services. Women may actively teach the Scriptures to other women (Titus 2:3-5), to children (2 Tim. 1:5), and in private conversations with other believers and unbelievers (Act 18:24-26), exercise authority over a man. Namely, the authority God gives to publicly preach and teach the Scriptures to the assembled congregation. This position is counter-cultural to both the male chauvinism that regards women as second class citizens, and the idea that there are no differences between men and women at all. To both scripture responds negatively. On the one hand husbands are to love and honor their wives as a co-worker, and on the other the biblical witness both describes creation differently and sets men and women in different roles. God set this to establish order in His church, “God is not a God of chaos but of peace” 1 Cor. 14:33. (see also The Lutheran Study Bible p 1972)

In Christ’s Name,

Bill Shupe, Associate Pastor

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

The month of September brings cooler temperatures, autumn colors, and our Zone's "Fall Fest". All ladies in our congregation are invited to join us at Messiah Lutheran Church, Vinita, on Saturday, September 19th from 9 a.m. thru lunch. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Pastor Shupe will be leading the bible study that day. I hope you will support him by making this event a priority to attend. Registration sheets are on the LWML bulletin board. This is a great way to share time with other Lutheran ladies in God's word.

The LWML circles will begin meeting again in September. Martha Circle begins at 9:30 a.m. at the church on Tuesday, September 15th. Esther Circle begins at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Beth Fredrick, 1003 East Drive, on Thursday, September 17th. 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 our quilts and kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief. There is still time to contribute to the Personal Care Kits. The needed items are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

We are always 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 several new projects we would like to begin. We have such a fun time together all while using our talents to bless others and glorify God. Please join us!!!

Anita Gard
Society President



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. Upcoming Sundays that are open include:

September 27,
October 4 and 18
November 15 and 29



NEW!!!

Purple Circle

Monday, Sept. 14
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Chili's
2131 SE Washington
Bartlesville, OK

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS

Thank you to all who have already brought items for the LWR Personal Care Kits. We will continue to collect for this project during the first half of September. Please bring one or all of the following items and the LWML ladies will take care of packaging each kit. There is a designated area in the Narthex for you to place these items. If you are unable to shop or would rather provide funds to complete the kits or cover the shipping costs, please make your checks payable to the church and designate LWR KITS or LWML KITS.

Needed Items:

- Two or three bath-size bars of soap equaling up to 8-9 oz, bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) are highly preferred, any brand, in original wrapping
- One metal nail clippers (attached file optional)
- One sturdy comb
- One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" & 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging

Additional bars of soap are needed in addition to those included in the kits.

JOIN THE "SOUL SPA" AT THE THURSDAY LADIES CARE GROUP



Do you need a place to rest your heart? When we are tired or stressed, when our muscles ache and our skin feels dry, we can go to a health spa for renewal. But what do we do when our soul needs care? How do we cope with this hectic, messy, and complicated world?

Come to the *Soul Spa* where spiritual practices refresh you, where God is eager to meet with you and care for your spirit.

Using spa analogies, we will engage in the holy habits of Bible study, Scripture meditation, sacred reading, prayer, and more!

You are invited to join our Thursday Ladies Care Group for this 8 week Bible study. We meet every other Thursday at 9:00 am in the Youth Room at church.

This session starts Thursday, September 10th

If you plan to attend, please call, text or email me so the correct number of books can be ordered.

Stephanie McCartney
freebird1955@sbcglobal.net or 918-693-0847

FROM YOUR ELDERS:

We wanted to let you know that we have made progress on our long needed Elder to Member assignments. I want to apologize for the delay in making these assignments and in communicating that information to you.

As most of you know in a LCMS church like Redeemer, the Elders are available to you as a resource during times of problems or times of joys. They are a good gateway into help from our church.

In September we are working with Helen to update the "Redeemer Phone Directory" that will contain member addresses, phone numbers and a list of members and their Elder connections. Please call the church office if you have changed addresses or phone numbers.

If you want to know this information before we get the directory completed, here are some ways to find out:

A list by household name and Elders is on THE CHURCH BULLETIN board. We will keep one there until the new directory is available.

Call an Elder, they will have a current list.

Call Helen, she will have a list or can look at our data base. I hope we did not miss anyone but if you do not see your name, please just let me know or leave a note with Helen. We will fix it!

Darrell Keltner - Chairperson of the Board of Elders

BEAUTIFUL FEET WOMEN'S RETREAT

Whether you shuffle, walk, boogie, or run, bring your beautiful feet to the:

LWML Oklahoma District Women's Retreat Getaway at

Camp Lutherhoma Retreat Cabins

Tahlequah, Oklahoma

October 23 and 24, 2015

Friday Registration 5-6 pm, retreat begins at 6 p.m. and ends Saturday 3 p.m.

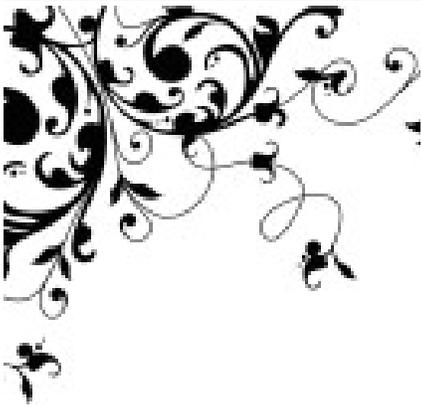
Registration Forms are on the LWML bulletin board in the Narthex

For more information, contact Anita Gard 918-331-3699

Let's take a group of us for extra fun!

Come Join the Fun, Fellowship and Food! Bring your Bible and Flashlight.

Campfire Prayer Walk Singing Scavenger Hunt Bible Study Nail Polish Party



Please Join Us
for a

Bridal Shower

for

Mackenzie Starks and Aaron Bachmann

Sunday, September 27, 2:00 PM

Redeemer Lutheran Church
3700 SE Woodland Road
Bartlesville, Oklahoma

The couple is registered
at Walmart and Murphy's Department Store in Stillwater
<https://murphysdepartmentstore.lightspeedwebstore.com/>

Hosted by: Tammy, Nancy, Cindy, Liz, and Virginia



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

ADULT MIDWEEK will start up again on Wednesday, September 9. We will be studying a series from Answers In Genesis titled "Answers Academy: Biblical Apologetics for Real Life!". We will follow the Confirmation Midweek schedule.

The Men's Bible Study group will begin meeting again on Tuesday, September 1st at 7:15 a.m. in the Phillips Cafeteria. All men are encouraged to attend every Tuesday morning to study a book of the Bible together. If you have any questions, please contact Aaron Gard at 918-914-9442.



LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP

Will meet at Dink's on Friday, September 18 at 6:00 p.m.
Everyone is welcome to attend!



**MEN'S
STUDY
GROUP**



From Your Parish Nurse....

Stephanie McCartney RN

Contact Lens Wearers Engage in Risky Eye Care Behavior

A Centers for Disease Control (CDC) online survey of adult contact lens wearers in the US, reported at least one contact lens hygiene behavior that put them at risk for an eye infection in 2014.

The CDC conducted the surveys after observing several multi-state outbreaks of serious eye infections among contact lens wearers during the last 10 years. They wanted to estimate the number of contact lens wearers 18 years or older and determine the prevalence of risky contact lens “wear and care” behavior.

The results indicate that approximately 40.9 million US adults (an estimated one in six adults in the US) wear contact lenses. Nearly all (93%) of them wear soft contact lenses, writes Dr. Jennifer R. Cope, MD, MPH and her colleagues, who are medical epidemiologists in the CDC's Division of Foodborne, Waterborne, and Environmental Diseases.

Of the approximately 1000 respondents to the survey, approximately 99% reported at least one risky lens care behavior, including ever doing any of the following: sleeping overnight in contact lenses (50.2%), napping in contact lenses (87.1%), topping off disinfecting solution (55.1%), extending the recommended replacement frequency of lenses (49.9%) or lens cases (82.3%), showering (84.9%) or swimming (61.0%) in contact lenses, rinsing lenses in tap water (35.5%), or storing lenses in tap water (16.8%).

Of all contact lens wearers, 30.2% reported having a red or painful eye while wearing lenses that required a physician's visit.

The frequent exposure of contact lenses to water, including storing or rinsing their lenses in tap water and showering or swimming while wearing lenses, is especially concerning, the authors note. “Exposure of lenses to water raises the risk for infection because microorganisms living in water can be transferred to the eye. Even household tap water, although treated to be safe for drinking, is not sterile and contains microorganisms that can contaminate lens cases and contact lenses and cause eye infections.”

And although some contact lenses have approval from the US Food and Drug Administration for overnight wear, “sleeping in any type of contact lens increases risk for eye infection,” as does noncompliance with lens and case replacement schedules, the authors write. Noncompliance with lens replacement schedules is associated with more complications and eye discomfort.

“These behaviors raise the risk for eye infections because repeated handling of the lens and case provides opportunities for introduction of microorganisms, while the moist surface of the lens and case provide an environment favorable for microbial growth,” they note. Also, topping off the solution in the cases compounds this risk and decreases the effectiveness of contact lens disinfection.

The risk for contamination is likely lower for individuals who wear daily contact lenses, but only if they dispose of them daily as recommended, the authors stress.

The findings suggest that many of the tens of millions of US adults who wear contact lenses “might be increasing their risk for complications because of poor wear and care behaviors,” the authors write.

Contact lens wearers are encouraged to improve their lens hygiene to prevent infection. Keep all water away from contact lenses, discard used disinfecting solution from the case and clean and refill with fresh solution each day and replace contact lens cases every 3 months.

(Contact Lens Wearers Engage in Risky Eye Care Behavior. Medscape. Aug 21, 2015)

Youth Corner



WHO IS THE GREATEST?

A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. (Luke 22:24)

In the Name + of Jesus. Amen. There was a commercial out a few years ago that was very popular. The scene opens with a nuclear power plant on the verge of a total meltdown. People are freaking out! Finally one guy starts shouting instructions and after a few adjustments and knob turns, the meltdown is averted.

Amidst cheers and hugs, the room is overfilled with joy. Death had been postponed! Finally, one of the workers asks the man "Are you new here?" The man calmly replies "No, I'm with a tour group, but I stayed at a Holiday Inn Express last night."

We get that same sense from the Gospel reading. Here we have a bunch of disciples gathered together. During their time together, they have consistently erred and failed and every time it was Jesus who made everything right. It almost seems funny that a bunch of men who had been following Jesus, people who had seen Him do wonderful things, would wonder who was the best!

That is the struggle Christians have. In spite of all

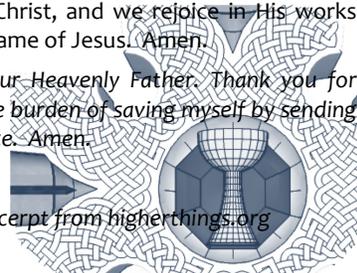
the wonderful things done by Jesus--in spite of all of the wonders God has performed--we focus on the wrong place: ourselves.

Truth be told, there is no difference between the guy from the Holiday Inn commercial and the Apostles, who were trying compare themselves: They were looking at themselves for the answer. The reality of the situation is, if that really happened, the nuclear generator would have blown up and killed everybody. If the Apostles were the focus of our faith, Jesus wouldn't matter and we would all die in our sins.

Thanks be to God, that when we look at our "greatness" we know that we have none. Christ is the one who is great on our behalf. We give thanks that we need never look at our works to have hope. Instead, we look to the Word of God, the Works of Christ, and we rejoice in His works for us! In the Name of Jesus. Amen.

Lord God our Heavenly Father. Thank you for taking away the burden of saving myself by sending Jesus in my place. Amen.

This is an excerpt from higherthings.org



Confirmation:

First Day of Memory Work:
Sunday
August 30th.

First Day of Midweek:
Wednesday
September 9th

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners,

of whom I am the foremost.

1 TIMOTHY 1:15



National Youth Gathering

Next Summer is NYG in New Orleans Louisiana. We will be announcing the first meeting and fundraisers soon.

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6 8:15 a.m. Divine Worship <i>Holy Communion</i> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Blended Worship	7 Labor Day Office Closed 7:00 pm Boy Scout Meeting	8 7:15 am Men's Bible Study 2:00 pm Adult Fellowship Bible Study 7:00 pm Exercise Class 7:00 pm Council Meeting	9 5:45 pm Midweek Confirmation Adult Bible Study Class	10 9:00 am Ladies' Care Group Bible Study 6:00-7:30 pm Girl Scouts	11 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	12
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SEPTEMBER birthdays

9—1 Steve Emert
 1 Aaron Runnels
 2 Aaron Gard
 2 William Newby
 2 Dennis Rickords
 4 Deonne Bachmann
 4 Dalton Rau
 5 Mark Carter
 5 DeEtta Crawford
 5 Jo Ann Radke
 7 Pearl Poellot
 8 Erin Pekar
 8 Steve Roper

8 Ivan Winger
 10 Robert Lonski
 11 Judy McMurtrey
 11 Devin Stefanopoulos
 12 Mildred Schnackenberg
 13 Jeff Witt
 15 John Kahre
 16 Sig Vigesaa
 17 Darrell Keltner
 17 Jackie Malone
 18 Sam DeFrees
 20 Katherine Hanson
 20 Aaron Kahre

20 Sonya Peterson
 22 Sandy Tritthart
 23 Joy Cronk
 25 J.D. Jackson
 26 Pat McCartney
 26 Rob Spitzer
 27 Denise Tilyard
 28 Vicki Mitchell
 29 Michelle Spitzer
 30 Teka Buesser
 30 Bonnie Eggert
 30 Josh Hubler

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September ANNIVERSARIES

9-12 Dennis & Jean Rickords

15 Bob & Judy Kingsbury

19 Ed & Carolyn Savage



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