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#### **Bible Studies**

Sunday Adult Bible Study, Youth & Sunday School 10:15am Monday Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Wednesday Noon Bible Study Wednesday Men's Bible Study 6:30pm

# Women's Monday Bible Study

The Monday night women's Bible study have begun a new series "The Women of the Bible Speak" The wisdom of 16 women and their lessons for today by Shannon Bream.

This group will be collecting mites for **LWML** (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) on the **first Monday** of each month. Mite boxes are available in the office if you would like to contribute to this great organization.

# Wednesday Noon Bible Study

Continuing a study based on Season two of the TV series The Chosen. This series is the first-ever multi-season series about life of Christ. It strives to show Jesus through the eyes of those that met Him. "Go and learn what this means, 'I desire

mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." (Matthew 9:13) We will watch an episode and then discuss the Biblical topics raised the next week. If you missed season one, or our study based on season one, no worries—you know the story; you'll be able to catch up!

# Wednesday Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study are examining the book of Acts. Exploring the mission trips of Paul.

They are currently closing in on the end of Acts, and are discussion what might be next for their study. They encourage all men of Redeemer to join them, as they seek His guidance through His Word.

### **Redeemer Choir**

The Redeemer Choir will be rehearsing on February 10 & 24 at 7:05pm. They will also be rehearsing on March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 after Lent Services. April 6 & 13 after Lent Services. April 21st, May 12, 26 and June 9th all at 7:05pm.

# **Calling All Youth...**In All Things is a reminder

that the Christian story

encompasses all things. Nothing, and no one, is left out. In baptism, all things in our lives are brought under the gracious rule and reign of Jesus Christ. The story includes all of each of us. Christ is the single "big idea" in Paul's letter to the Colossians, and he will be the single big idea at the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering. The Gathering is more than the five days of the event. The preparation process for the Gathering brings together young people and supportive adults to encourage each other in their baptismal identity. The Gathering provides young people a vision for the vastness of Christ's Church and equips them for vocational service as they continue their walk with Jesus.

If you'd like to go, or have questions about the Gathering, please contact Hallie or Billy



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#### **Redeemer Review**

Have you seen the Redeemer Review? It's a weekly live stream hosted by Phil Kuhn and Billy Brinkerhuff that outlines happenings in our church. They take a look at the past and upcoming sermon, there's a LittleSteps update, announcements, and sometimes an interview. There is quite a bit of information to help you stay informed about what your church is doing. If you've missed it, you can catch up with previous episodes on our YouTube channel.

If you have suggestions for the live stream, a person that you'd like to see interviewed, or topics you'd like to see covered just let us know (churchoffice@redeemerwa rsaw.org)

#### **New Texting Service**

Redeemer has made the switchover from Flocknote to Church 360°. If you have not signed up for this new messaging service you may have missed some messages from your church.

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We don't want you to miss out on anything, so please take a moment find the invitation email and click on "Sign Me Up". You should have received an

email from automail@360members.co m, with instructions about what you will need to do to be included in the new texting service. If you have not received such an email, please let us know. Your email on record may be incorrect or the message may have been lost in the spam. We'll be happy to send out another one to you. If you have any questions please see, text, or call Billy @ 574-528-0227 seriously...what are you waiting for.

# **Church Directory**

You can go to the members only website anytime to update your family info, view church members addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc. However, since only members can see this info, an "invitation" needs to be initiated by the office. Please contact the office to receive this "invitation". Please contact the office for your invitation to view the members only website.

#### **Weekly Devotion**

Are you looking for a devotion!? Looking for a life-based email devotion? Than look no further than your email inbox! Every week Pastor writes a devotion 3 times a week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) and emails them out as a 'blind copy' email

devotion (your email address is not shown, all are private!).

If you would like to receive these devotions simply email Pastor and let him know!



# •Change• Toy Drive

You may know, or have seen the Fear is a Liar signs for, Payton Slaymaker who died last year at the age of 10. in honor of National Payton Slaymaker Day, her little sister is hosting a toy drive now through Friday March 11. All toys collected will be taken to the Cincinnati Children's Hospital to comfort children undergoing treatment. Any new, unwrapped toy is acceptable (no stuffed toys and blankets please). Ages range from infants to teens, and they tend to need more toys for boys than girls. Toys can be brought to church and/or given to Christa Plew or Wendy Schroeder.

# "Fishing Story"

Luke 5:1-11 - On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on Him to hear the Word of God, He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and He saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, He asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, He fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men. And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

This Gospel story about Jesus and Simon (later called Peter) out on the water is revealing. We see Jesus in Peter's boat, teaching the people from the water, using the lake's acoustic properties to broadcast His voice. Knowing Peter's luck that night, Jesus tells him to move the boat to deep water and put down his nets "for a catch."

Now seasoned fishermen have a kind of horse sense when it comes to fish. Peter was done for the night. It was an empty netter. It happens sometimes. When Jesus suggested another try, Peter's response was like, "You know, Lord, we struck out tonight. But"—the "but" drawn out here as if to humor Jesus—"But at Your word I will let down the nets." And reluctantly he did so.

And then, a simple act of obedience scores the fish haul of a lifetime, swamping two boats to the point of collapse. At this spectacle, Peter declares, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." Did he say this because of his hesitancy at dropping the nets per Jesus' direction? Did he say this because of some spiritual truth Jesus had said to the crowd from the boat that clicked with him? We don't really know.

But we do know that a simple encounter with Jesus was enough to change the lives of Peter and two of his buddies, forever. We can imagine the three of them listening to Jesus speak to the crowds from the boat, maybe in parables, maybe about repentance and the need for forgiveness. (Sounds like Peter got that message!) But whatever it was it was enough for them to leave everything and follow their Savior.



## **Church Rummage Sale!** May of 2022

Did you get something for Christmas that's just not your style? Closets bursting at the seams? Then here is the solution to your woes—donate them to the Church Rummage Sale! There are boxes located at the Welcome Center to place your items. Have large items no worries—reach out to Barb Lindquist or Billy Brinkerhuff and they will arrange for a pick up of your items. Monies raised will benefit our Youth as they gear up for the National Youth Gathering in Houston, July 2022. This project will require many volunteers, look for additional information to come in the following weeks.



# Youth Group Fundraiser! Italian Night March 18, 2022

Mark your calendars, tie a string around your finger—this is a night you will not want to miss. Fun, Fellowship & Food. Besides the wonderful meal, you will be able to interact with our youth. The menu will include

appetizers, salad, spaghetti & meatballs & cheesecake.Gluten free options & carry-out will be available. *Entertainment for tips*—you can have them sing a song, tell a joke, dance a jig— Tickets will be on sale soon. More info to follow. Proceeds collected will be used for the National Youth Gathering in July 2022.