

## •INSPIRE•

### 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

*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 discussing 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 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.

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.com, 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? Then 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.



## "Invisible Means of Support"

*Jeremiah 17:5-8 - Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."*

Sometimes when we're driving across the United States the landscape is all brown and dry. Maybe we're driving through desert, or maybe it's farmland, but the harvest is over, and nobody's irrigating the fields right now.

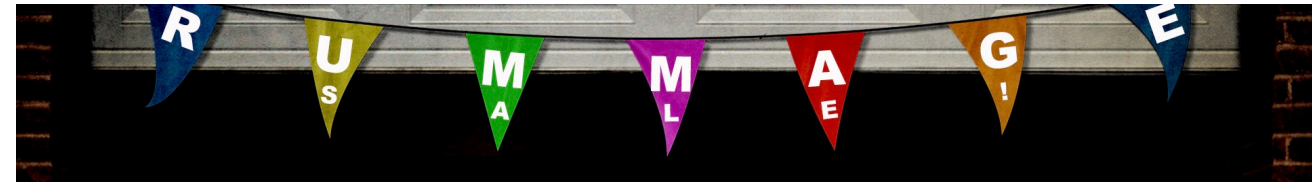
And then on the horizon we see a row of trees. It doesn't take long to learn what that means! There's a river there, though we can't see it yet. The trees don't care that there hasn't been rain for months; they're green and growing, and taller than anything else around. The river is their invisible means of support.

The Lord is like that for us Christians. There are times—way too many times!—when our lives are dry and brown. Sometimes we're dealing with health problems, or the death of a loved one; sometimes it's difficult times like joblessness or losing a home. And sometimes it's those drab gray times that seem to come for no reason at all—times when we don't feel God's presence, and maybe we don't feel much of anything else, either—little joy, little energy, just days that mean putting one foot in front of another, doing what we have to do, until a new day comes, and we start all over again.

Nobody likes those times. And yet every Christian has them. What support do we have when the hard times come?

Just this—the Lord, our strength and our Savior. He is the One who was born into this world to save us, to live and to die and to rise again, all to make us His own. He has called us and baptized us and given us faith in Him, and we live because of Him—whether we're feeling it or not. We live off of Him, if I can use that metaphor—the same way that a tree lives off the water that reaches its roots, deep underground where nobody can see it, not even the tree itself. The connection is invisible—but the result is not. Those trees stand tall and green, even in the deepest drought.

Jesus is your support. It doesn't matter if you're not feeling it—I doubt trees "feel" the water at their roots all the time, either! But you are connected to Him, and He to you—and His life flows through you. Jesus is your Strength and your life, and He will see you through.



## 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.