

Reviewing God's Law



Our Confirmation Class is beginning to study the Ten Commandments, and as I prepare for the lessons it occurs to me that we all could benefit from a review., sainted former LCMS President, Dr. A.L. Barry's pamphlet "*What About the Ten Commandments?*" is just the thing to do the job: "This pamphlet will help you study the Commandments and use them in your daily life. We recognize sin in our lives as we examine ourselves according to the Ten Commandments.

I—You shall have no other gods. Where the heart is Right with God, all the other commandments follow. When a commandment is broken, this is symptomatic of the fact that the human heart, by nature, is turned away from God. God made us to be His own. He has given Himself to us through our Lord Jesus Christ. Whatever claims our greatest loyalty, fondest hopes or deepest affection is our god and takes the place God alone wants to have in our lives. Through the Word and Sacraments, the Holy Spirit works in our hearts true fear, love and trust in God above all things. (Isaiah 42:8; Matt. 4:10; Prov. 11:28; Ps. 118:8; John 14:15; Phil. 2:13).

II—You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. The Lord gave us a great treasure when we were baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The name of our Lord is above any other name, in heaven or on earth. With God's name, comes His power to save. Using the name of the Holy Trinity as a curse word, or swearing by it for dishonest or frivolous purposes, or using it to mislead people about His Word, is sin. How good to know that we can call on the name of the Lord at any time, and in any situation in life, for any need. Because the Lord opens our lips, we declare His praise as we pray and give thanks in His holy name. (Ex. 20:7; Lev. 24:15; 19:12; Ja.12; Jer.23:31; Ps.50:5; 103:1; Eph.5:20; Phil.2:10-11).

III—Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. God has blessed us with the gift of His Word. We honor God when we gladly hear the Word of God preached and we hold it sacred. We also honor God's Word when we use it in our daily prayer. We are tempted at times to think: "I can be a Christian with out attending church." That is as true as saying, "I do not have to eat today to live:' But how long can we live without eating? We are able to go to church, because God is at work in us with His gifts so that we hold His Word sacred and gladly hear and learn it. (Acts 2:42,46; Heb. 10:25; Matt. 12:8; Col. 2:16-17; 3:16; Heb.4:9-10; John 8:47;

Luke 10:16; Is. 66:2; Ps. 26:8; Acts 2:42).

IV—Honor your father and your mother. God has given us parents, pastors and other authorities for our good. They serve as His representatives. Through them, God richly blesses us, and our world, with orderly authority, as opposed to the chaos that sin brings. By honoring parents and others in authority we honor God. (Prov. 23:22; Rom. 13:2 & 7; Eph. 6:2-3; 1 Tim. 5:4; Col. 3:20; Titus 3:1; Prov. 23:22).

V—You shall not murder. Human life is the crowning gift of God's creation. We are not to end human life through murder, abortion, euthanasia or suicide. Prejudice, bigotry and abuse of those less fortunate are forbidden. We recognize that we can "murder" a person with our thoughts, certainly with our words, and then most dramatically with our actions. As God's representative, the government has the authority to execute criminals and to wage just wars in order to punish evildoers, protect us, and maintain order. As we continue to receive mercy and kindness in Christ, so we support our neighbors when they need help. (Gen. 9:6; Matt.5:22; 26:52; Jer.1:5; Prov.31:8; 1 John 3:15; Eph. 4:26; Rom. 13:4).

VI—You shall not commit adultery. God has given marriage, our sexuality; and our family as great blessings. This commandment confronts us when our thoughts, words and actions fall short of the sexual purity God demands of both the married and unmarried. God wants all people, both married and single, to honor and uphold marriage as His gift. In Christ, we are set free to live sexually pure and decent lives, and to honor and cherish the husband or wife God gives us. (Gen. 2:24-25; Mark 10:6-9; Heb. 13:4; Titus 2:11-12; 1 Cor. 6:18; 1 Cor. 6:18; Eph. 5:3-4; 1 Cor. 6:19-20).

VII—You shall not steal. Everything we have is a gift from God, a trust from Him to be used for His honor and glory. This is turned around when we do whatever it takes to get what we want. Christians are led by the Spirit of God not to steal or cheat but instead to do what is necessary to help others keep and improve what is theirs. (Eph. 4:28; Phil. 2:4; Heb. 13:16; 1 John 3:17).

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The President's Corner

The Call meeting is over and we have voted to call Pastor Grams. Tim Byrne, Pastor Thomason, Pastor Winkel and I got a return call from him after the Call Meeting and he will be checking his schedule and talking to his wife the week of Jan 26th and we will fly them down to Englewood to present the call to them. Hopefully they will be coming in the next couple of weeks. It is usual for a Pastor to take up to 30 days to prayerfully consider a call. The official call document will be sent by email later today or Monday. If Pastor Grams and his family accept our Call we will arrange a start date and arrange to have his furnishings moved to Florida, so we could be very close to having a new Pastor.

If Pastor Grams declines our call we will contact Pastor Kress and offer to fly him and his wife to Englewood. The voters have given the Call Committee permission to Call Pastor Kress if Pastor Grams declines our Call, so we will not be required to have a second Voters meeting to issue the call to Pastor Kress.

We had a great turnout for the Voters meeting. The 2008 Annual report was published and distributed. The food as usual was great and there was a wonderful spirit of unity and togetherness. It is obvious to me that as a Church and congregation we are on the right track. Until a Call is accepted we can't be sure which man the Good Lord will call to our church. I say without any hesitation that I will be very comfortable with either Man as our new Pastor.

So now with a Call offered to Pastor Grams, the Annual Report completed, the Officers voted in and installed, the budget approved, the new software purchased and installed, and the business of the Church running as smoothly as can be expected I am ready for a little "quiet" time.

It was announced at this morning's service that our secretary Pat Wilcoxon is going to resign March 1st. While I understand her reasons, she will be sorely missed as the glue that has held us together during the rough times last year, and I personally want to thank her for her years of dedicated service to our Church. She will be missed by all.

We have a few activities this month that will help raise funds and should be a great time. We will have the annual Church Yard Sale the first weekend of this month, Dancing with the Star on the 11th, and the Youth Spaghetti Dinner on the 20th. Please plan to attend these fundraisers and support your Church. Dancing with the Star should be a great time.

I haven't seen any financial numbers for January, but we did have enough surpluses for the end of last year to pay the insurance bill for the year, so we should be in a good cash flow situation all year. The financial software is working great and is saving Leta lots of headaches. Numbers at the Child Care have remained strong and VKP is as successful as we hoped it would be.

As we enter the Easter season we are off to a great start for 2009.

Ron Beaber, President

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VIII—You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. Our good reputation is another gift from God. God gives some the duty to judge behavior and to punish evildoers, but if that is not our calling in life, we have no right to tarnish other people's reputations. We have the duty to speak in such a way about individuals or situations that we are putting the best construction on them and speaking about them in the kindest possible way, even as God treats us kindly, with mercy and compassion, through Christ our Lord. (Eph. 4:25; James 4:11; 1 Cor. 13:7; 1 Peter 4:8).

IX and X - You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. Being content with the material gifts God has given us is the theme of these last two commandments. The Lord will provide for all our needs. We are free to help our neighbor and wish him well, rejoicing with him in his good fortune, or helping him in need. As Christ has served us, so we serve others. With these two commandments, we find ourselves back again at the first, for the heart that fears, loves and trust in God is content with the gifts God gives. (Rom. 7:8; 1 Tim. 6:8-10; Phil. 4:11; 1 Tim. 6:6; Heb. 13:5).

How does God use the Ten Commandments in our lives? The Ten Commandments cause us to ask ourselves the following questions: Do I fear, love and trust in

anything or anyone above the Triune God? Have I honored the Lord's name on my lips and in my life? Have I gladly held His Word sacred, listened attentively to the preaching of that Word, and made use of it in my daily life? Have I honored and obeyed all the authorities placed over me? Have I maintained the purity of my marriage and my sexual life in my thoughts, words and deeds? Have I stolen property or not helped my neighbor protect his? Have I gossiped, either by listening to it, or spreading it myself? Have I been content with all that the Lord has given to me?

The Law is a blinding reflection of our sin. The Law of God is what the Holy Spirit uses to make us realize how much we need the forgiveness Christ won for the world and now distributes through His Word and Sacraments. The Holy Spirit calls us by the Gospel, to turn to Christ Jesus, who is our only hope, for He has fulfilled the Law perfectly for us and died so that our sin would be forgiven. Through His resurrection from death, He conquered death. In Christ, we have been adopted as the Lord's own dear children.

Therefore, God uses His Law in three ways: First, like a curb, by which outbursts of sin are controlled. Second, and most importantly, like a mirror, to show us our sin and our need for a Savior. And then, like a guide, to teach us what is pleasing to Him. Living in the forgiveness won by Christ, throughout our lives we pray, "Have mercy, Lord!"

There, aren't you glad God has called us together around the Gospel, now that we have been **REVIEWING GOD'S LAW** together here at Redeemer?

Rev. Warren Thomason

- Feb. 1 Harriet Payne & Karen Sleichert
- Feb. 8 Donna Kohn & Nancy Hall
- Feb. 15 Linda Rogers & Barbara Bishop
- Feb. 22 Lois Webster, Vicky Davis & Loretta Grobe



Submitted by Pam DeGourse

GREETERS SCHEDULE

8:00

- Feb. 1 Erv & Betty Maki
- Feb. 8 Bob Mortensen & Mary Graef
- Feb. 15 Richard & Nancy Hall
- Feb. 22 Glenn & Marlene Mossner

10:30

- Feb. 1 Ron & Mary Beaber
- Feb. 8 Richard & Lorraine Hughes
- Feb. 15 Ginny Doenges & Sybil Grahil
- Feb. 22 Glenn & Sharon Franze

Submitted by Pam DeGourse

Crop Walk

This year's **CROPWALK** will take place on Saturday, Feb. 28th and will step off at Community Presbyterian Church and proceed to Lemon Bay Park and back to the church, a total of 5 miles. Registration begins at 8am and the walk starts at 8:30am. If you cannot be there to take part in the walk you may walk any time prior at your convenience and you may also do your walk in shorter segments. We believe in the honor system.

Proceeds from this year's **CROPWALK** will be used to help support worldwide programs under the umbrella of Church World Service. 25% of our donations will go to the **Englewood Helping Hands** and the balance to a charitable organization of your choice to be chosen from a list of qualified recipients as designated by Church World Service. **Englewood Helping Hands** maintains a fully stocked food pantry for needy residents and also offers referrals and coordination services with food stamps, medicine, clothing, rent and utility payments. **Helping Hands** is supported throughout the year by many of our members actually working at the facility and many others donating food and supplies when called upon. **We strongly suggest our Redeemer Lutheran Church Donors designate LWR (Lutheran World Relief) for the 75% balance of their gift.**

LWR has an "A+" rating from the American Institute of Philanthropy and the highest rating of 4 STARS from "Charity Navigator. Com. LWR achieved these outstanding ratings because they keep the administrative cost to a minimum and over 90% of the funds donated go to the causes we all support and they do not hold excessive assets in reserve. LWR has an "open-book" policy status for disclosure of financial information..

Sign up in the narthex on February 1, 8, 15 and 22 to be a "WALKER" or a "DONOR". You may also pledge your donation over the phone at 941-875-6616 or via email at budandcarol@comcast.net.

Submitted by Carol Harty

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submission of articles for March is Sunday, February 22nd by noon.

If you have an article you would like to submit for the newsletter, either e-mail it to letastender@gmail.com or place it in the newsletter box in the church office. Articles received after February 22nd will be held for the April newsletter.

Please be sure to put your name on the article so I can contact you if there are any questions.

Leta Stender



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Human Care



Our Stephen Ministry group is going strong! There are three new ministry students: Joe Carlos, Ruth Speer and Dottie LaMere. The class started on January 9th and meets each Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Ministry now has six care receivers and three more possibilities. There are currently nine Stephen Ministers. This group plans to ultimately visit every Redeemer member. What a great goal!

There was a final count of 115 + gifts and several quilts (from Ladies Guild) taken to the Messiah Migrant Mission. We have received a big thank you from Connie Sitka who leads the Mission.

We have received two thank you's so far from service personnel for the care packages we sent. The grandsons of Pastor Thomason and Arlene Twombly have sent very nice notes. We sent a total of four packages and hope to hear from the other two. We pray for their continued safety!

Pastor Thomason indicated that he has distributed a few Walmart cards to needy families in the past month.

Our Sr. Fellowship group would like to invite more seniors to drop by on the first and third Thursday of each month. Come for games and lunch. Its lots of fun!

The Christian Support group has changed their meeting times. They will now meet on the last Wednesday of every month beginning on January 29th at 10:00 a.m. The one hour session is devoted to sharing our faith and trust in God. In Him, we find peace. He knows our every need! Do you have a special concern? You are invited!

Our Caring Network has been quite busy lately! We have had several individuals and families in need of help the past couple of months. Leaders and members have donated time and meals and all are very much appreciated! We currently have at least a dozen members who are injured or ill. If your leader calls you for assistance, please consider answering this need.

"A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones."

Proverbs 17:22

Submitted by Marj Sterriker

Child Care

Redeemer members and friends are gathering much needed items for our mission outreach to the Child Care. Let's fill the basket on the oak console in the Narthex the FIRST SUNDAY of every month. NEEDED: non-scented Baby Wipes, Pump Foam Soap, Paper Towels, Kleenex, Trash Bags and Fish crackers. When we donate, they don't have to buy!

The Ladies Guild/LWML asks EVERYONE to assist with this Mission Service project. Can we count on YOU?

Submitted by Vicky Davis

Stephen Ministry



On January 9th. Steven Ministry began Redeemer's 2009 classes. Those joining the class and working towards being commissioned as Stephen Ministers are Joe Carlos, Dottie LaMere and Ruth Speer. We will have had six classes as you read this newsletter. My, how time flies when you're having fun. We have had interesting discussions in the classes on The Person of the Caregiver, Feelings: Yours, Mine and Ours, The Art of Listening and Distinctively Christian Caregiving. We as Stephen Ministers pray that we can be of service to members of our congregation and community. If you or someone you know could benefit from a Christian friend, you can talk to the Pastor, any Stephen Leader or Stephen Minister. We are ready to be a Christian friend who listens, understands, accepts and prays for and with care receivers. You may be in a crisis in your life, lonely or just want to talk to someone. We will love, encourage, build up and pray with and for you.

Our Stephen Leaders are Carol Carlos, Nancy Hall and Carol Haupt.

Our Stephen Ministers are Dee Baird, Mary Beaber, Ed Doenges, Sharon Grcevic, Lanette Schmidt and Sandy Sita .

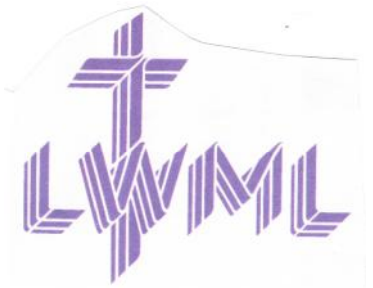
" Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Galatians 6:2

Submitted by Carol Carlos

Ladies Guild—Lutheran Women in Mission

Lutheran Bible Translators will receive a \$60,000 grant to provide safe and reliable transportation for recently appointed LBT missionaries. As Rev. Vern Schindler emphasized in his message to our congregation on Jan. 11, the Word of God is a precious gift to all who would hear and read it. But how can one hear and read the Bible if it is not in their native language? LBT'S translate this precious Word so people of all nations hear the Good News of Jesus. These missionaries serve in some of the most remote areas of the world where traveling is very difficult.



ALL Redeemer members and guests can drop coins and bills and checks into the large MITE BOX on Sunday, Feb. 1 to fund this grant. The BOX is on an oak console in the Narthex. Your help makes YOU a Missionary!

Women -- bring your Mite Box and a friend to our Feb. 4 meeting at 12:30 pm

Submitted by Vicky Davis

Outreach

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” Matthew 28:19

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS?

How are we doing on our New Year's Resolutions? I hope you are doing better than I have done. But I haven't given up. My resolutions were worth making, and I resolve to rededicate myself. While we are already a whole month into the new year 2009, may I urge you all to add an additional resolution, if you haven't already. Let us all resolve this year that we will invite friends, acquaintances, relatives to church and church activities, so that they can hear the Word of God and learn about God's plan for salvation. Resolve to invite someone every month, not just on Friendship Sunday.

Think of other ways you can witness to unchurched people: talk to them, pass out our Redeemer "business cards," leave Redeemer brochures in doctors' offices, give tracts to people in the community or leave them in businesses, restaurants, doctors' offices. These are just a few suggestions. There are many ways that we can all be "fishers of men." THIS IS OUR JOB—THESE WERE SOME OF JESUS' FINAL INSTRUCTIONS, to make disciples of all nations.

UPCOMING OUTREACH EVENTS

Friendship Sunday

We are planning another special Friendship Sunday this spring. We won't be able to have it until after Easter, due to scheduling conflicts with other church programs. So watch the Bulletin and the Newsletter for more details later.

Witness Training

We also plan another witness training program, probably in conjunction with the Friendship Sunday activity.

Easter Mailings to Neighborhood Families

During the Christmas season we mailed out postcards to several hundred neighborhood families, inviting them to Christmas services. While it is difficult to know exactly how successful such mailings are, we were very happy to see that Christmas service attendance was way up this year. So, we will be sending more such invitations to people in our community for the Lent/Easter season. Please pray for this effort, that God will bring the people to us, that they may hear the Word and be saved.

Neighborhood Telephone Canvass

This activity was postponed from last fall due to people being inundated already with political phone calls. Please think, and pray, about volunteering. Training and scripts will be provided. And, you can do it in the comfort of your home, or together at church. We are planning this activity leading up to Friendship Sunday.

Appeal for New Members for Outreach Board

We have a lot of work planned for the coming year, but our workers are few. We need help! You don't have to be an evangelist to serve on this board, there are lots of ways to help—like mailing out postcards.

Please think about serving our Lord in this way. Call Carol Haupt at 460-8830. Our meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month, at 10:00 a.m.

Submitted by Carol Haupt

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880 S. McCall Rd., Englewood (941) 473-0300—Office (941) 330-7922—Cell

Memorial Garden

Have you strolled down to visit the Memorial Garden this month? If so, you should have noticed a large tree removed, a number of branches sawed off, and a large pile of debris removed from the side of the Garden.

Thanks to Pat Petersen who rakes the Garden monthly with me and helps with my special projects; to Charlie Vovcsko who contracted to have the tree removed and sawed some limbs for me, (seeing an old fat lady try to climb a ladder seem to unnerve him!); to George Dykhuizen for the use of his truck so we could haul away the debris; to Doris Dykhuizen who drove the truck and helped clean-up the debris; and to Cathy Mielke who, on the church's clean-up day, helped Pat Petersen and myself trim up the Areca Palms.

We are so blessed at Redeemer to have members who are willing workers. Thank you!

Pam DeGourse, Sexton

Stewardship

GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS, February 2009

There is an event that takes place in February and that is "Presidents' Day," when we remember and give thanks to God for good presidents like George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. "Presidents' Day" is a reminder that as citizens of this great and blessed country we owe respect, loyalty and service to our country and our leaders. By God's goodness we are citizens of this great country and thus have an obligation to love, respect and serve our country as good and Godly citizens.

This privilege of being Americans and serving our country with respect and loyalty reminds us of an even greater citizenship, namely that of being the children of God through faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord, and the respect and loyalty that we are to demonstrate as children of the Heavenly Father. What an honor! What a privilege! Because of what Jesus has done for us we are "God's redeemed stewards, in partnership with and encouragement from fellow redeemed stewards, who freely and joyfully manage all of life and life's resources for God's purposes." As St. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 13:7: "If you love someone you will always be loyal to him whatever the cost..." (Living Bible).

God has done so much for us in Christ. We can offer only our thanks and praise (GRATITUDE) and that is best expressed when we live as God's stewards "freely and joyfully managing all of life and life's resources for His purposes."

Christian stewardship rests upon gratitude to God. We simply cannot be grateful, in the biblical way, and not be generous. When we are genuinely grateful, we cannot help but give ourselves away for the sheer joy of saying "thank you" to God.

God wants us to be a people who exhibit thankfulness and gratitude in proper proportion with the gifts and blessings we have received.

Our stewardship theme for 2009 is "GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS"... every time you hear the word "GRATITUDE", think about how you will say thank you to God for the blessings you have received: increased offerings, become a church officer or committee member, help as an Usher, volunteer time for church projects, and other ways.

May all that we do in giving of our time; talent and treasure reflect our love and loyalty to our God who first loved us! (1 John 4:19)

Joseph Friess

Stewardship Chairman

Assimilation

Here it is – 2009! Yes, I recognize this is not news! However, it is time to “recognize” many volunteers this past year.

For all of you who have hosted the Coffee Hour, a big THANK YOU. This is not an easy job, but it affords the opportunity for visitors to stop and meet our members and it allows our members to connect with each other and strengthen our bonds. Fellowship with our Christian brothers and sisters is a blessed happening.

Please remember to wear your name badge to church. As our church grows, it sure helps with remembering names so we can properly greet each other.

Thanks to Earl and Avis Stuck who chaired the “Hanging of the Greens” (the church decorations) at Christmas. Special thanks to our men-folk Ed Sheahan and Cecil Grah, who helped our Board with the decorations.

The Board wishes to thank Laura Brooks who for the past couple of years has done the pre coffee set-up. Laura has stepped down from this job and Jane Hoivik has agreed to now serve in this role. Thank you Jane!

Barbara Bishop has made and donated a table covering for the folding table used in the Narthex for special events. Thank you Barb for your talent and generosity,

As you see, there are many people to Thank at Redeemer. Thank you ALL for your willingness to serve.

Yours in Christ, Pam DeGourse, Board Chairperson

Dear Redeemer Lutheran Church,

Our friends KC and Jim Wright asked that you put our son Chase Tremble on your prayer list while he was serving in the Army in Iraq. We were unaware that you had Chase on your prayer list all this time until this week. We were so glad to know that your Congregation has been caring and praying for our son through his time in Iraq and we are so proud to have friends like you and KC and Jim to remember our son and for be such caring Lutheran friends in Christ. KC and Jim are close friends whom we met at our church in Au Gres, MI.

The power of prayer is extraordinary, that of which only Christians can understand. We know this first hand as fellow Lutherans and Christians because we almost lost Chase at the age of 15 when he was hit by a semi crossing the road on his bicycle, I believe with prayer and God's help Chase came through this accident and we have been blessed to enjoy our son's life. Then - Chase came home from collage one day to tell us that he had joined the Army for 6 years - boy he has certainly kept us on our toes!

We are extremely happy to tell you that the Lord has once again answered all of our prayers by seeing Chase through his 6 years of service and 3 overseas tours - 1 to Korea and 2 to Iraq and during this time he married his beautiful wife and had his son Caleb.

Chase has now officially completed his duties and the Lord has blessed him with a career working with a company at the same Army/Air Base in Savannah, Georgia. He is now enjoying his family and had a Blessed Christmas at home with them this year.

Again we thank you for your prayers for our son Chase and his family, please continue to remember all of our Soldiers and the great work they are doing for our safety and freedom.

May God Bless you all and God Bless the USA.

Sincerely,

Patricia and Perry Tremble



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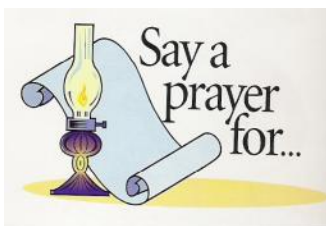
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PRAYERS OF COMFORT FOR THE FAMILY OF MARIE GILL WHO WAS CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME ON JANUARY 23RD.

PRAYERS OF COMFORT FOR CONNIE RIECK AND FAMILY WHOSE HUSBAND MORRIS RIECK WAS CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME ON JANUARY 23RD.



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Newsletter
Enrollment is 54
Children*

*Redeemer Lutheran
Child Care &
After-School*



Bible lessons

Chapel is on Mondays at 3:30

Jesus stops a storm Mat-
thew 8:23-27

Jesus feeds 5,000 John 6:1
-13

Mary and Martha Luke
10:38-42

Jesus heals a deaf Man
Mark 7:31-37



"My command is this:
Love each other as I
have loved you."
~John 15:12~

Submitted by: Wendy Horvath

Birthdays

Olivia 2/3

Ariana 2/12

Hajnalka 2/20

Hunter V. 2/22

Nathan 2/23

Jacqueline 2/24

Jordan 2/28



Special events

Valentines day party and
lunch will be on February 13
at 11:00 all are welcome to
attend.

Fundraiser

Sunday, February 22

9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

The Schwan's truck will be
on site and a percentage of
the sales will go to the
childcare

Closings

February 16

Presidents Day

Items Needed

Trash bags, Baby wipes,
Hand soap and Paper towels.

Thank you to all who do-
nated supplies last month.
Please keep them coming.

Wish List

These are a few items on
our wish list for the class-
rooms to benefit our pro-
gram. If you would like to
donate to any of these
items please dedicate your
donation to the Child Care
wish list. -Wood Blocks
\$100.00

-Music Kit \$50.00

-Playground toys \$300.00

-Dress up Clothes \$100.00

-Sports table for After

School \$200.00

-Benches \$400.00 .

REDEEMER LADIES GUILD STYLE SHOW



