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Children Are Gifts from God, Not Adult Sex Toys

Last month the Pennsylvania Supreme Court released a grand jury report on sex abuse in the Catholic Church. The report detailed hundreds of accused clergy and detailing more than 70 years of misconduct. This bombshell report brought about shock as it described the horrific details of sexual abuse upon boys, girls, men, women, and even seminary students.

Naturally, we are outraged. We are shocked and mortified that the Catholic Church has acted in ignorance of the sins of their leaders and priests. However, let's not be completely naïve. Such sins of sexual immorality are not confined to the Church in Rome. Sexual immorality occurs in almost every institution known to man: churches of all denominations, religions of all kinds, private and public schools, business and government. And even more grievous, sexual immorality also occurs in God's first institution: the family.

Rather than point fingers and place blame on the perpetrators, which we do naturally, let us pause briefly and turn to God. In so doing, we might be able to prepare ourselves for a more God-pleasing response to those suffering, confused, and angry at the Church. Allow me to guide and explain what the Word of God says about sexually immoral sins.

The word in the Greek New Testament used for sexual immorality is *pornia* (πορνεία). Immediately we can see the English word *pornography*. Yes, pornography is sexually immoral. In the Greek, *pornia* is interpreted as prostitution, unchastity, fornication, unfaithfulness, sexual debauchery, and of every kind of unlawful sexual intercourse. This of course means that, depending on the version, when you see these words in the Bible the Greek word used is most likely *pornia*.

The Bible is replete of such sinful behavior. The question is: What does God say about them? I cannot give every citation where *pornia* is used in the New Testament or in the Old Testament – *zanah* (זונה) – because there are more than 125 verses in which God speaks against this sinful, immoral, sexual behavior. What I can say is that when *pornia* is used God never speaks favorably of the sexual immorality. It is an awful sin to be engaged in because it is a habitual sin left unchecked. Those living in sexual immorality must repent.

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Not to do so will leave the impenitent individual sinner eternally doomed. They will not wake up in heaven, but in hell.

These are strong words, but God will not be mocked. If you are angry with me because of what you are reading, your beef isn't with me, but with the LORD God. I am a messenger of His Word. This message isn't a word of condemnation rather it is a word and message of warning, but it is also a message of love and of truth. Receiving this truth and believing in this truth will set you free. Speaking this

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truth lovingly to the loved one or friend who struggles and lives in the sins of sexual immorality can possibly set them free too. Remember, with God nothing is impossible.

As a guide to give a clear and full understanding of what God says, let us examine Holy Scripture to answer the following questions. However, please understand this article is not to be considered an exhaustive study concerning every form of sexual immorality. The first question we need to ask is:

1) Does God's Word say anything specifically concerning child sexual abuse?

"None of you shall approach any one of his close relatives to uncover nakedness. I am the LORD" – Leviticus 18:6

The words close relatives are inclusive of children. The words uncover nakedness is a euphemism for sexual relations. Therefore, God prohibits sexual relations with children. Certainly the Bible reveals incest occurring among God's people (this is a result of the sinful nature), but never does the Word of God promote such relationships. God's original intent at creation was the ordered intimacy between one man and one woman – between husband and wife (Genesis 2:24-25).

We can conclude in this first question, that child sexual abuse is sin, that it is immoral, a deplorable and disgusting reality of living in a sin-filled world. Child sexual abuse has consequences according to the Law of God as well as being treated as a punishable crime according to the law of man. Such sin against God's children desecrates God's name. Lord, have mercy.

2) How does God's Word stand against sexual immorality? We continue to look into Chapter 18 in the Book of Leviticus for it reveals very clearly what the LORD God prohibits regarding sexual immorality. God provides stipulations for holiness in sexuality by addressing the sins of incest (vv. 6-16), adultery (vv. 17-18), sacrificial idolatry (v. 21), homosexuality (v. 22), and bestiality (v. 23). This is how the LORD concludes Leviticus 18:

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“Do not make yourselves unclean by any of these things, for by all these the nations I am driving out before you have become unclean, and the land became unclean, so that I punished its iniquity, and the land vomited out its inhabitants. But you shall keep My statutes and My rules and do none of these abominations, either the native or the stranger who sojourns among you (for the people of the land, who were before you, did all of these abominations, so that the land became unclean), lest the land vomit you out when you make it unclean, as it vomited out the nation that was before you. For everyone who does any of these abominations, the persons who do them shall be cut off from among their people. So keep My charge never to practice any of these abominable customs that were practiced before you, and never to make yourselves unclean by them: I am the LORD your God” – Leviticus 18:24-30

These are strong words of warning our LORD speaks to His people – to you, to me, and all believers. Who wants to be vomited out of the kingdom of God? Who wants to be cut off from among their people, that is, God’s people in heavenly glory?

The LORD also says the following in His Word:

“Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality” – 1 Corinthians 6:9

“Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality” – Galatians 5:19

“Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual

immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire” – Jude 1:7

“See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no ‘root of bitterness’ springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears” – Hebrews 12:15-17

Now that’s a lot of pending judgement – eternal judgment – against unrepentant sexual immorality and other grievous sexual sins. So ...

3) What does God say we should do when faced with the temptation of sexual sins?

“You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination. And you shall not lie with any animal and so make yourself unclean with it, neither shall any woman give herself to an animal to lie with it: it is perversion” – Leviticus 18:21-22

“abstain from ... sexual immorality” – Acts 15:20

“Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality” – Romans 13:13

“Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body” – 1 Corinthians 6:18

“We must not indulge in sexual immorality” – 1 Corinthians 10:8

“Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire” – Colossians 3:5

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“For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality” – 1 Thessalonians 4:3

4) Does God’s Word allow for the telling or hearing of dirty – sexual – jokes?

“Sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you” – Ephesians 5:3

5) How does God say our body is to be used?

“The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body” – 1 Corinthians 6:13

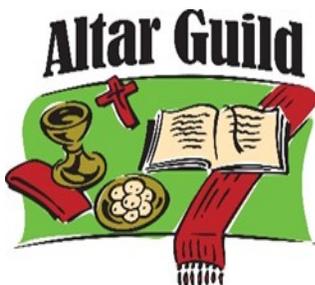
“But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband” – 1 Corinthians 7:2

Abominable sexual sins against boys, girls, men, and women give reason for victims of sexual abuse, as well as their families, to flee the Church. As a victim myself of child sexual abuse, I understand the pain, suffering, shame, filthiness, and isolation they must feel. But, thanks be to God for revealing to me His love in Christ Jesus.

How did God reveal His love to me in Jesus? God’s love in Christ Jesus is revealed through the Word of God. God worked through my wife to reveal His love because He is in my wife. God worked through compassionate and faithful pastors and teachers to reveal His love because He is in the pastor and teacher. God worked through Christian friends to reveal His love because He is in my Jesus believing, Bible reading, God fearing Christian friends. I am so very thankful to God for surrounding me with so many caring, loving, honest people.

In the coming days, weeks, and perhaps even years, many hurting, angered and confused Christians of the Roman Catholic Church may flee the Church. However, let us first pray for them and all of Christendom. Let us then recognize those who flee the Church as children of our heavenly Father and equally redeemed brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. Let us then open our comforting arms to them and invite and welcome them into the loving arms of the world’s Savior, Jesus Christ. By His wounds we are healed (1 Peter 2:24b).

Your Redeemed Brother in Christ Jesus,
Pastor Jim Kress



VOLUNTEERS Needed for Altar Guild: Please consider volunteering for this vital work of the church. We are fed and nourished by the Lord’s Supper weekly and we need volunteers to help set this up and take this down. We would greatly appreciate your help! The Altar Guild Members are more than willing to work with switching schedule and helping you feel comfortable learning how to set up and take down the Lord’s gifts! Please consider volunteering! If you have any questions, please feel free to call Lisa Kress 941-889-8938.

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VOTING AND FACEBOOK

May the good Lord bless you with the wisdom and courage needed in handling the life that confronts you.

On August 12th Pastor Martin Kiesel made a great sermon/bible lesson which kept most interested in what he was saying. It wasn't his voice or delivery so much as it was he detailed the fact in a way that was interesting and understandable. I had some time so I talked about the sermon a bit to some and was not surprised that they missed the law/gospel part of his message and since Lutherans don't seem to be very interested in the bible, witnessed by the dwindling attendance over the last couple of years, it doesn't surprise me that they missed a lot of his message.

Your Sunday sermon on August 19th reminded me of the book of Romans, then of the prophets and then of Socrates. All had the similar theme as your opening comments. So, I believe what that proves is the play always remains the same and it's only the actors who are constantly changing.

I came home from church and read the online news outlets I normally read and there was more of the same concerned with your sermon. Being inspired by your message I wrote to a couple of Internet friends the following:

In this time of preparing to vote, our mail boxes and media are in overtime drive to fill our minds and hearts with some truth and a lot of untruth. Someone might think, what is truth? Is it in what we see, read or participate in? Does it come from the secular world? Does it come from the religious world? You would think it is what we learn from our news media, but we know that's not truth. All we have to do is to just switch between any left leaning network news show to the right leaning Fox News channel and see how different the reporting is on the same story. So truth must come from the Internet. R-i-g-h-t. Yet we believe it and spread it to others and they do the same with it (**James 3:6**).

A good example of that comes from a quote by the Nazi propaganda chief Joseph Goebbels who said: **"If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it. The lie can be maintained only for such time as the State can shield the people from the political, economic and/or military consequences of the lie. It thus becomes vitally important for the State to use all of its powers to repress dissent, for the truth is the mortal enemy of the lie, and thus by extension, the truth is the greatest enemy of the State."**

So, how does that apply to us today? The ranks of many are filled with those who all too readily grab hold of what is easily obtained and never bother to look into it as to whether it is factual or a lie. Our so-called social media giants like Facebook and Google have their evil hidden agendas (click on web link below) and have recently all been accused of, proven to be and been admonished for blocking out certain types of social standings that have existed for millennia. Most recently they have decided in their Goebbel-esk ways to change our society a little bit at a time until they have an army of like-minded followers. That adds too many of the problems we now see materializing into matured disintegration in our culture which is so visibly different in some respects than what was visibly available to us in our pre-1960's culture; especially as we remember it.

Well, where then is truth? It was asked in (**John 18:36-38a**) and His answer remains. So, please read the article below and think about organizations and individuals who either slyly or obviously are deviously influencing us so we will all become their supporters in thought, word and deed instead of following the One who is the true way, the true truth and the true life (**John 14:6**).

Maybe we should all spend more time in reading and studying His truth rather than the false truths that are so easy to acquire from our pseudo-social media before our society becomes what Goebbels tried to help make his society. It is not too late (**2 Chronicles 7:14**).

Don Borwick

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Facebook bans “masculine men”, “moderate Muslim” videos

After the nonprofit education site PragerU published its latest conservative content, Facebook reportedly “shadow banned” nine politically incorrect posts and completely deleted videos on “masculine men” and “moderate Muslims” it labeled as “hate speech” – plummeting engagement by 99.9999 percent.

Conservative talk show host, PragerU Founder Dennis Prager, announced Facebook’s most recent controversial move of outrightly removing his site’s “offensive” videos titled, [Make Men Masculine Again](#) and [Where Are the Moderate Muslims?](#) on Twitter Friday – just weeks after Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg publicly apologized for defending Holocaust deniers on his social media channel.

“We’re being heavily censored on @Facebook,” [Prager tweeted Friday](#). “Our last 9 posts are reaching 0 of our 3 million followers. At least two videos were deleted last night for ‘hate speech,’ including our recent video with @ConservativeMillen.”

The conservative leader claims that his videos are being censored and shadow banned for violating Facebook’s policies that prohibit “hate speech,” and he now wants his Twitter followers to get the word out on the social media giant’s anti-First Amendment regulations.

“SHARE to spread awareness about big tech censorship!” [Prager exclaimed in another tweet Friday](#).

Wrestling for free speech

As of Saturday morning, PragerU’s page could still be accessed, but it has been an uphill battle to keep material posted, with virtually everyone being shut out from viewing the so-called offensive posts.

“The official [PragerU Facebook page](#) is still up on Facebook at the time of publication [Saturday], [as] its Facebook page reposts the same videos consistently, and others [can still be found](#) on the page,” [the Daily Caller reported](#). “However, it appears that one specific PragerU social media administrator – the one who posted the videos that Facebook considered violated its ‘hate speech’ policies – is unable to post on behalf of PragerU, resulting [in] only other PragerU administrators being able to see the post. No one else can see the posts.”

The radical drop in viewership as a result of Facebook’s censorship has been documented.

“A screenshot of the dashboard for PragerU’s Facebook page shows the last nine posts have reached between one and three followers, while previous posts have reached between 50,000 and 95,000,” [WND informed](#).

PragerU Social Media Influencer Will Witt posted a number of telling screenshots, including ones of the removed video, *Where Are the Moderate Muslims?* and he let frustrated Facebook users in on the problem Friday.

“Our last nine posts have been completely censored, reaching zero of our 3 million followers,” [Witt posted on Facebook](#). “At least two of our video posts were deleted last night for ‘hate speech,’ including a post of our recent video with [The Conservative Millennial](#), *Make Men Masculine Again*.”

Despite Facebook’s recent scandals, Prager U Chief Marketing Officer Craig Strazzeri was not expecting his latest bout with censorship of his education site, which he said was unprecedented in his experience with the social media giant.

“While we’ve experienced blatant discrimination from Google/YouTube – which is why we’ve filed legal action against them – this represents a whole new level of censorship by Facebook,” Strazzeri explained in a statement Friday, according to the Daily Caller. “At this point, Facebook has provided little clarity, saying it will get back to us in another two to three business days – which in the world of social media might as well be an eternity.”

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He lamented the declining state of Americans' First Amendment rights at the hands of tech giants.

"This is very troubling behavior from the world's largest social network," Strazzeri added. "Not only are they obviously ratcheting up their algorithms to target mainstream, conservative content and labeling it as hate speech, but they are now completely blocking our posts from public view. This is shocking, and it should deeply concern every single American."

Video on Muslims worthy of censorship?

Facebook apparently deemed that the material covered in PragerU's Where Are the Moderate Muslims? video – that was most likely posted on Facebook Thursday – was too discriminatory or biased for its users ... even though its creators went out of their way to present objective footage and polling on the controversial topic.

"The presenter, Hussein Aboubakr, states that when he was growing up, his teacher and his Imam were happy when they heard about the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center on 9/11," the Daily Caller's Kyle Perisic explained. "Aboubakr points to a Pew Research poll that shows the overwhelming majority of Muslims in Egypt, Pakistan, Jordan and Nigeria believe 'any Muslim who chooses to leave Islam should be put to death,' women should be stoned for committing adultery and people should be punished for criticizing Muhammad or Islam."

The former adherent to Islam's jihad (holy war) theology concluded his presentation with a call for Muslims to promote peaceful relations.

"At end of the video, Aboubakr pleads for moderate Muslims to reform the religion around the world," Perisic noted.

Masculinity not allowed on Facebook?

The other video, Make Men Masculine Again, was pulled by Facebook after being posted by PragerU on August 6.

"The video – presented by conservative YouTube personality Allie Stuckey – presents an argument that making men feminine is both wrong and dangerous," Perisic pointed out.

The outspoken YouTuber candidly called men to give up immoral behavior – and not think that becoming effeminate or less manly is the new good in this politically correct world where the feminist movement is proliferating.

"Bad men don't become good when they stop being men," Stuckey asserted in the video, according to the Daily Caller. "They become good when they stop being bad."

Here we go again ...

As previously touched on by Strazzeri, fighting left-leaning big-tech companies is nothing new for PragerU.

"YouTube – a subsidiary of Google – also has censored PragerU videos, prompting a lawsuit that was thrown out by a federal judge who determined YouTube did not violate the First Amendment," WND's Art Moore recounted.

Such censorship was denounced earlier by PragerU CEO Marissa Streit.

"There's been a lot of outrage in our culture, and while I'm the last person to advocate for even more hysteria, this is one issue that should unite all Americans – on either side of the political spectrum – in our collective outrage over Internet censorship," Streit pointed out at the time, [according to Breitbart News](#). "[If companies such as Google are allowed to] operate as authoritarian tyrants who control the flow of information, the information age will become a dark age, and what we currently understand as freedom of speech will become distorted and twisted until it isn't really free speech at all. We risk losing this uniquely American heritage, which is really the foundation of our democracy."



It's September, and everything is in full swing again: back to school and back to church attendance after vacations and weekends away. And since everything is back into full swing, it's a perfect time to get back to basics, back to the foundation.

At the end of the first of his chapters on the virtue of faith in *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis provides a helpful reminder, by way of analogy, for the foundation of stewardship. He wrote:

Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already. So then, when we talk of a man doing anything for God or giving anything to God, I will tell you what it is really like. It is like a small child going to its father and saying, "Daddy, give me six pence to buy you a birthday present." Of course, the father does, and he is pleased with the child's present. It is all very nice and proper, but only an idiot would think that the father is six-pence to the good on the transaction. When a man has made these two discoveries God can really get to work. It is after this that real life begins. (128–129).

This is the first thing we are given to confess about stewardship, and it has to do with ownership. God owns everything, and we are simply managers — stewards — acting on His behalf. This is true not only of all that we have in this life (Deuteronomy 8:17–18), but also all that we are in this life (1 Corinthians 6:20).

The rest flows from here. Since we are stewards, or managers, of what belongs to God, entrusted to make use of it according to His will, there is an expectation of responsibility and accountability.

For the Lord said, "Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more" (Luke 12:48b).

And from this comes blessing and reward: "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master" (Matthew 25:21).

We have everything we need to support this body and life from our God's fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us. We have everything we need for our spiritual life also from His merciful hands.

On account of the sacrifice of His Son, our Lord Jesus, through the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments, we have the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and everlasting salvation delivered to us with absolute certainty that it is ours — not as stewards but as sons (Galatians 4:1–7).

Let us then, as His own sons, press all that He gives to us into the service of His church and to His glory.

***The deadline for the OCTOBER Newsletter is September 22nd.
Please have all your submissions sent to patchas123@gmail.com
OR drop them off at the church office by the date indicated above.
Thank You!***

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS
CONTINUES FOLLOWING DIVINE SERVICE**

STEWARDSHIP BASICS

This new eight-part Bible study from LCMS Stewardship Ministry, is given to help congregations start a discussion of whole-life stewardship. Like many congregations, Redeemer Lutheran Church struggles financially. Why? Although the members of Redeemer care very deeply for their church, perhaps some or even most are unfamiliar or uncertain about their role and responsibility God has called us into His vineyard as steward.

This study is being offered to all members, guests, and visitors of Redeemer. This basic study will take place following Divine Service on Sundays (approximately 10:30). So grab a cup of coffee, a delicious snack and meet in the sanctuary for this eye-opening study

Stewardship is a topic that rarely provokes a neutral reaction. It either brings disdain because it makes those who hear the message uncomfortable, or it promotes a legalism that is not true to the Scriptures. Neither reaction is godly. To arrive at the desired destination, one needs to begin at the proper place.

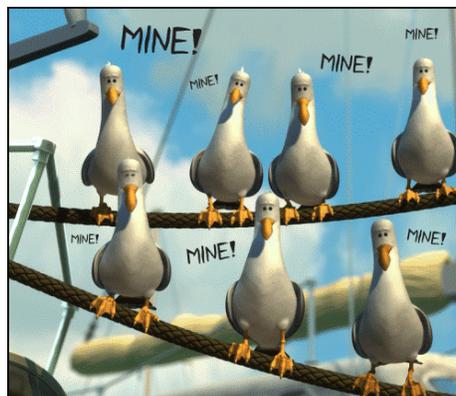
“Stewardship Basics” endeavors to do this. It starts with the Creator, not the steward, to show that stewardship is a journey that begins with identity. From creation, human beings were tasked with the stewardship of all that the Lord God made. But this stewardship was not left to the will and whim of man. Instead, being created in the image of God, the steward is to reflect the owner’s will in every aspect of his or her stewardship.

Stewards can be good. But because of the first stewardship crisis of Genesis 3, all stewardship is flawed. Usurping the role of the Creator, sinful stewards claimed ownership of what was not theirs. The result was judgment. This judgment did not excuse the steward from his or her created purpose; it only made stewardship an unpleasant labor. But in the blessing of the Gospel, the steward is redeemed and set free to reflect the image of the Creator and Redeemer.

Stewardship that begins in the right place can, by the leading of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel, produce an understanding of stewardship that is liberating. The desired result is faithfulness, not the humorous meme to the right.

This study was the central piece to the Major Applied Project for the Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador’s Doctor of Ministry degree. It is presented here to help congregations find the correct starting point for a renewed discussion of who God has created and redeemed His stewards to be for Him. It is not intended to be a comprehensive study, but rather it is a starting point to frame an ongoing effort in stewardship.

Hopefully, those using it will find that it can be very helpful in starting a discussion of whole-life stewardship that seeks to promote faithfulness. To God be the glory!



FROM THE TREASURER

Treasurer's Report As of July 31, 2018

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>OVER/UNDER</u>
INCOME	10,115	13,450	(3,335)
<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>14,836</u>	<u>16,000</u>	(1,164)
+/-	(4,721)	(2,550)	
YEAR TO DATE			
INCOME	85,342	94,180	(8,838)
<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>117,848</u>	<u>112,248</u>	5,600
+/-	(32,506)	(18,068)	



Respectfully submitted,
Jean Clappe-Mixell
North Star Bookkeeping LLC

SUMMER SERIES BIBLE CLASS

This summer in the church Narthex, a Bible Class Series is being offered to all members and friends of the Redeemer family each **Wednesday at 10 AM**. The first series is called *Overcoming Doubt*.

Doubting is normal for human beings. Whether our doubts lead us to good or evil depends on what we do with them. We can run to our Lord with them and come out stronger in faith. Or we can let doubt run us away from our Lord. Because Christians are human, Christians also doubt. But surrounded by good Christian friends and the Word of God, it is better to face doubts than to run from them.

As a group of good Christian friends, we can use this Bible Class to get into the Word. Once there, God Himself speaks to our doubts. Expect to meet a God of great patience and unlimited grace who is known to say, "Come now, let us reason together" (Isaiah 1:18).

Assured of His grace, we will explore Scripture as our God speaks to some of humankind's common doubts.

If you find any interest in this class come join us each Wednesday. Use this Summer Series of Bible Classes to gain insight into the Scriptures. Learn what God is saying about Himself, about you, and about His Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ.





August came and went and everybody's thoughts were "Back to School"! Parents love it, kids hate it. All of us are bombarded with back to school sales for clothes and school supplies. Retailers count sales during this time as one of their biggest times. Think of how much money is spent on clothes that are quickly outgrown. Think of how much money is spent on supplies that are quickly lost or broken. Although these things are needed/wanted, the phrase "money down the drain" comes to mind.

Now let's talk Lutheran Church Extension Fund. Accounts with LCEF are never "money down the drain". You are able to receive interest that is competitive and it helps LCMS congregations further their mission and ministry. Many different types of accounts are available to fit your personal needs.

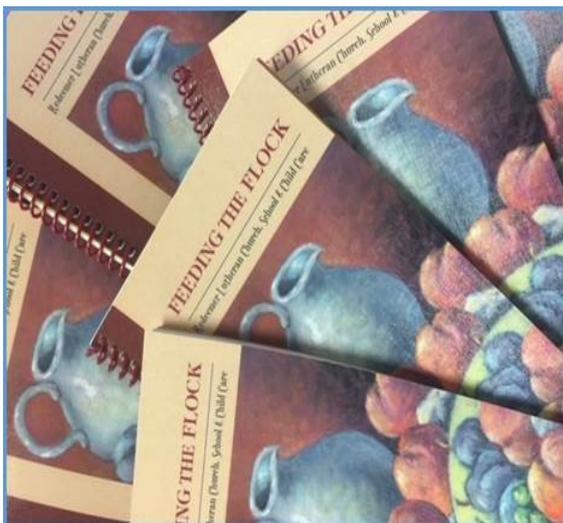
Back to school means education. It's never too early to start educating children about saving habits. The best account LCEF has to offer young people is the Young Investor Club. It helps teach children about saving, offers a 3.5% interest, and even gives bonus money for good grades and community service. We got accounts started for our grandchildren, even though they have no clue at this point what we did. And until the time that they have a better understanding, the money will still not be wasted or "down the drain." It is working for LCMS congregations and workers to support their ministries.

Let's get some more account holders from Redeemer this fall so that as we end 2018, we are focused on helping ministries grow in 2019!

In His Service,
Laurie Steinke

REDEEMER COOKBOOKS

Hot off the presses! The Redeemer Lutheran Church, School & Child Care Cookbooks are HERE!



The FEEDING THE FLOCK cookbook is only \$12.00. They can be purchased in the Church Office or on Sunday mornings at the Visitor's Desk. If you are not yet in the Englewood area but would love to purchase a cookbook for yourself, family or friends, please contact the Church Office via email (redemerfl@gmail.com) with your requested number of cookbooks and we can mail the Cookbook to you up north. The cost of each cookbook is \$12.00 (plus \$5.77 shipping).

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Pastor and members of the church are always willing to pray for you, family members and friends. If a loved one appears on our prayer list above, please call Pastor or the church office to give us a health update so that we may either keep or remove their name. Thank you!

TOUCH ME LORD

Touch me, Lord, and let me hear-
The hurt in others' voices,
Touch me, Lord, and help me see
So I make the better choices.

Touch me, Lord, whisper to me
That I may face tomorrow.
Touch me, Lord, that I might help
Someone in deepest sorrow.

Touch me, Lord, show me the way,
That I may help all others
Touch me, Lord, to do thy will,
And always love my brothers.

Touch me, Lord, and help me live
A life that is worth living.
Touch me, Lord, teach me to praise
And let me be forgiving.

Touch me, Lord, let me obey,
And honor You by how I live.
Touch me, Lord, please make me
whole
Let me, please, be quick to give.

Touch me, Lord, please let me feel,
compassion for all mankind,
Touch me, Lord, let me obey.
Never let this slip my mind.

Touch me, Lord, for You are wise,
Let Your wisdom take control
Touch me Lord, and take away,
All my sins and make me whole.

Touch me, Lord, that I'll obey,
And Your servant I would be.
Touch me, Lord, let your spirit,
Always be alive in me.

Touch me, Lord, and draw me near,
And cradle me in Your love.
Touch me, Lord, while I am here,
Lead me to my home above.

Touch me, Lord, that I won't hurt,
The ones that I love most.
Touch me, Lord, with the power of
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Ruth Ann Mahaffey & Glen Pysell



Those who *Serve*



ELDER & COMMUNION ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

Date	Elder & Reader	Communion Asst
Sunday, Sept 2nd	Paul Brown	Rev. Mark Steinke
Sunday, Sept 9th	Bob Varone	Dennis Replinger
Sunday, Sept 16th	Collins Sita	Steve Horvath
Sunday, Sept 23rd	Rev. Mark Steinke	Dave Giroux
Sunday, Sept 30th	Mike Nagel	Dennis Replinger

acolyte and crucifier schedule

Date	Crucifier	Acolyte
Sunday, Sept 2nd	Kamrie Evanicki	Kyleigh Evanicki
Sunday, Sept 9th	Toby Hancock	Braeden Dolphin
Sunday, Sept 16th	Ariana Miller	Kylee Payne
Sunday, Sept 23rd	Mackenzie McDowall	Therin McDowall
Sunday, Sept 30th	Jayden Bishop	Brianna Neef

ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE



Date	Set-Up	Clean-Up
Sunday, Sept 2nd	Lisa Kress	Bob Varone
Sunday, Sept 9th	Mindy Duncan	Gretchen Armstrong
Sunday, Sept 16th	Gretchen Armstrong	Joyce Schneider
Sunday, Sept 23rd	Bob Varone	Jean Cote
Sunday, Sept 30th	Mindy Duncan	Carolyn Francis

*“Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be.
My Father will honor the one who serves me.” John 12:26*



Bible Lessons

Chapel is on Mondays
at 3:45

9/3 God Made Me

Genesis 1-2

9/10 God Made The World

Genesis 1

9/17 The Flood

Genesis 6:11-8:22

9/24 Abraham's Call

Genesis 12:1-9



Dear God,
Through the power of Your
word, you created such a
beautiful world.
Thank You for it! Amen.

Special Days in September

9/3 - CLOSED

9/4-9/11 Book Fair

9/4 - Open House

9/7 - CLOSED for
Teacher Training

Birthdays

9/1 Jacob G

9/1 Camille

9/4 Braxton

9/5 Samantha

9/6 Jordan H.

9/14 Tallulah

9/16 Matthew

9/19 Elyzium

9/21 Alyssa

9/21 Carson C

9/22 Marcos

9/24 Maddison M

9/24 Sophie D

9/26 Ben

9/30 Nathan M



Outgrown our Building!

We need more space. Just
this month we have turned
away 15 children due to
classrooms being full. That is
15 children that could have
learned about Jesus. Having
full classrooms is a blessing,
but, "What is our plan for the
future?"

Submitted by Wendy Horvath

Thank you!

A great big thank you to all
the members of Redeemer
Church that donated supplies
to fill the backpacks of the
Day School Students.

Emergency Closings

In the event of a weather
emergency, Redeemer will
close if Charlotte County
Public Schools close. Please
listen to your local radio or
television station for
announcements of school
closings.

Class Dojo



Make sure you are on Class
Dojo to keep in touch with
your child's teacher and the
Center

Activities

Thursdays - VPK & the Day
School will have gymnastics
class from 11:00-12:30
Starting in September

Redeemer School

School is back in session and I am looking forward to another amazing year. If you have visited my classroom you may have noticed that it has gotten a little bigger. Our school is growing and we now have 12 students in grades k-2. It's an exciting place to be. I have decorated my room in fruit with a purpose. I want our school to be a place where students are taught the fruit of the spirit. I not only want our students to have love, joy, peace, and patience but it is my desire that they develop that character within themselves. The fruit of the spirit is Christ living in us. God desires for us to look and act like Him. Jesus is loving, Jesus is joyful, Jesus brings peace, Jesus is Patient, Jesus is kind, Jesus is good, Jesus is faithful, Jesus is gentle, and Jesus shows self-control. It is my mission to try to help our students not only to change their behavior but to let God change their hearts. So I ask that you join me in prayer daily for myself and the students of our school. Pray that we will be open to become all that God wants us to be.

I also would like to thank the church again for donating school supplies to our students. As of now, we received all the supplies we needed to help all of our students. Many of our student's families were in need and this was such a blessing to them. The families were very surprised at your generosity and they were very grateful. We are so blessed to have a school where Jesus is the center and adults show them love. So thank you again for supporting our school!



Verse: Galatians 5:22-23 ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Submitted by Nicole Hopkins

PROPERTY APPRECIATION DAY

We sure could use some help on our Property Appreciation Days every month. There is outside work to do and cleaning and dusting that needs done inside the Church. If you can help, please come to the church and we will put you to work.

Our next Property Appreciation Day is Saturday, September 15th at 8:00 am.



BACK TO SCHOOL WORD SEARCH

Find and circle all of the words from the word list below.

BOOKS
BUS
CRAYONS
GLUE
GYM

LEARNING
LIBRARY
MUSIC
PAPER
PLAYGROUND

PRINCIPAL
READING
RULER
SCHOOL
SCIENCE

SCISSORS
SPELLING
STUDENT
STUDY
WRITING

W G L U E R I Z D B N E G R U
C R A Y O N S R W X O B W E W
S R T Q F Q Z R E F M O E E P
T W P M U S I C F A E S K M L
U C S Y V E G G F G D C O S A
D S T U D E N T W X U I K I Y
Y Y S C I E N C E B Y S N W G
Y J J W L I B R A R Y S L G R
W S P E L L I N G K P O G J O
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T A E P H W B N R U L E R I D
I F R P O M E N A F G Y M D O
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G Z J W L F P R I N C I P A L



Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

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WORSHIP SERVICES:

Divine Service: 9:15 AM
Bible Class: 10:30 AM
Sunday School: 10:30 AM

The Redeemer Lutheran Church, School & Child Care Family are called into the service of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by His command (Matthew 28:18-20) to:

- ♦*Disciple all nations, that is, all people;*
- ♦*Baptize in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;*
- ♦*Proclaim the Gospel and teach His Word in its truth and purity; and*
- ♦*Never be ashamed of the Gospel—it is the power of God unto salvation (Romans 1:16).*