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**FAITHFULNESS IN THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH**

A number of months ago I offered a study into the basics of stewardship to the members of Redeemer Lutheran Church following Divine Service on Sunday mornings. There were approximately a dozen members who attended over the course of about 15 weeks. If there was one thing we took away from the study it was the fact that God has called us – every one of us – to be stewards, that is, managers of all He gives to us; all that we possess, all that we own, and this includes all our money and wealth. And according to our study, according to the Scriptures, God requires one thing of His stewards, that is, from you and me: **FAITHFULNESS**.

Whenever I write or speak on the subject of stewardship, I’m very much aware that I’m dealing with a sensitive area where people are easily offended. I do my best to avoid this subject for fear that members would say, “The pastor is always after us about money.” I would rather have members say, “The pastor is always giving us the Good News of the Gospel.” However, if the Gospel is the motivation for our action, our work, our giving in His vineyard, why is there a continuous deficit? Why are we always borrowing from the labor of years past? Are we really responding correctly and faithfully to the pure message of the Gospel? Let us stop for a moment and think about that.

**I write this article not to fill blank pages, but to bring to everyone’s attention the serious spiritual and financial matter of the Church, that is, Redeemer Lutheran Church.** This is not a matter of the School or the Child Care Center. They are both, with the help of God, prospering; remaining faithful to their financial responsibilities. Moreover, they are both assisting in financially supporting some budgetary items of Redeemer Lutheran Church. My friends, the Church should not be the ministry of the School or Child Care. The School and Child Care Center must remain the ministry of the Church.

But before you toss this article to the side, never to read it in its entirety, please ponder on these statistics for a moment: the Word of God speaks very plainly about stewardship and money. Jesus often taught His listeners about stewardship. Did you know that 16 of His 38 parables deal with how to manage money and possessions? Did you also know in the Gospels, one out of ten verses (288 in all) deals directly with money? Did you further know the Bible offers 500 verses on prayer, 500 verses on faith, but more than 2,000 verses on money and possessions? The Bible focuses so very much on stewardship because our hearts and our wallets are tightly bound up together, and

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God is truly after one and not the other. So then, I shouldn't fear what members might say about me regarding stewardship since the Word of God speaks about this subject at great lengths. I will not stop preaching and teaching the pure message of the cross nor of the Gospel. After all, it is the Gospel of Jesus Christ which motivates us, that is, that moves us into action, actively supporting the ministry of the Gospel.

I also want you to know that I make it a point to **not** be involved in the affairs of the financial office. As your pastor, I want you to know that I do not know how much money anyone in this congregation gives in their weekly offering. I firmly believe this is between you and our gracious and benevolent God, who gives you all things. As a servant of our Lord Jesus Christ, my focus is and should always remain on the preaching of God's Word and the administering of His gifts to you.

I don't know what you give to the ministry of the Church, but what I do know about you is what most concerns me: your attendance in Sunday worship. You see, on Sunday mornings when I look out into the faces of those sitting in the pews to receive from God His eternal gifts in Word and Sacrament, I do not only notice them, but I also notice the faces of those I do not see in the pews. Knowing so and so are not in attendance to give God glory, honor and praise and to be spiritually nourished by Him saddens me greatly. Why? Well, because I also know, on some level, that you struggle with stuff. You struggle with life. You struggle with sickness. You struggle with sin. But take comfort my dear friends, we all struggle with the very same things – day after day, week after week – and these struggles are addressed when you receive from God His gifts of forgiveness and hear that He loves you despite how you might feel about yourself. Attending Divine Service is the refreshment your spirit groans to receive for spiritual strength. Receiving the gifts of Christ Jesus enables you to overcome, persevere and gain the victory over and against your struggles. You are loved with an everlasting love.

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The Apostle Paul wrote a brief four chapter letter to the Philippians who had given sacrificially to meet his needs for the work of the Lord Jesus Christ. In this letter, Paul gives us one of the most comforting promises in the Bible. I hope you notice it. He writes, "My God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19)

Did you notice it? Did you notice what God promises you? Before I get into expounding the true teaching of the promise of God, I want to give you a fair warning: do not be tricked about what the worldview interpretation of what Paul writes here! This is not a conditional promise that if you do your part, God will do His part. In other words, if you give to the ministry of the Church, God will give you the desires of your heart. This is a false and misleading understanding and a heretical teaching. So, here's the truth about Paul's statement. Listen carefully with the ears of faith: by the grace of God, He has already given us more than we deserve in Jesus Christ.

Below I have brought to light a couple of points of what the pure message of the Gospel motivates us to do for the good of the Church, that is, for the mission of the Church.

OUR FAITHFULNESS IN THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH SHOULD BE ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS WE ESTABLISH IN OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

In his letter to the Christian Church in Philippi, Paul commends the brothers and sisters by reminding them of how, at the first preaching of the Gospel, after he departed from their region, they shared with him in the matter of giving and receiving.

*"<sup>15</sup> And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. <sup>16</sup> Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again." (Philippians 4:15-16)*

At that point, the Philippians were the only church that took the initiative to send support to Paul. Even when he was still in Macedonia, at Thessalonica, more than once they sent gifts to him. Apparently those gifts were not enough to provide full support, because he reminds the Thessalonians how he worked with his hands to provide for his own needs when he was with them (2 Thessalonians 3:7-9). But right from the start of their Christian experience, the Philippians had given to the ministry of the Gospel.

Paul taught that it is proper for a man who labors in the Gospel to receive his support from the Gospel (1 Corinthians 9:1-18; 1 Timothy 5:17-18). But for the sake of avoiding the charge that he was preaching for the money, Paul chose not to receive support from a new church where he was ministering while he was there. Instead, he supported himself by making tents. But if the funds came from another church outside the area, he would stop making tents and devote himself full time to the work of the ministry (*compare* Acts 18:1-11, 2 Corinthians 11:7-12). Paul never seemed to make his needs known, even as a prayer request, but trusted in the eternal and omniscient God to provide. When funds ran low, he would go back to work until God provided the need through the Church.

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But Paul must have taught the Christians in Philippi early on the importance of faithfulness in the mission of the Church, because soon after he left town, they sent gifts to him. They would have been just a few months old in the Lord, but they were already practicing faithful stewardship.

Take, for example, a parable of Jesus. After teaching the parable of the unrighteous steward, Jesus taught the same principle. He says:

*<sup>10</sup> One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup> If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup> No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money." (Luke 16:10-13)*

If you notice, in verse 11 the "unrighteous wealth" is compared to "the true riches". So, the issue here is faithfulness. The above section begins by describing both "faithfulness" and "unfaithfulness" (unrighteousness) in two general principles that are paralleled: if you are faithful in little things you will be faithful in big ones; if you are unrighteous in little things you will be unrighteous in big ones. The unrighteous steward is an example of one who is unrighteous in both little and big things. But he is also faithful in little and big things, as we see as evidence by his unswerving faith in his lord's mercy (the big thing) and his faith that the debtors would trust that his changing the accounts (little thing) was a reflection of his lord's mercy.

On the other side of the center of this passage in verse 12, unrighteous wealth is described as "that which is another," reflecting the biblical teaching that the things of this world come from God and are not yours, and the "true riches" is described as "that which is your own." The language of faithfulness is used here as well, but first as an accusation of Jesus' listeners that they might not have been faithful in "that which is another," that is, unrighteous wealth, and then as a question by Jesus whether their unfaithfulness in unrighteous wealth will lead to unfaithfulness in "that which is your own," that is, the "true riches."

What becomes obvious in this passage is that the interpretation depends on what the "true riches" represents. The "true riches" reminds us, doesn't it, of "treasure in the heavens" (Luke 12:33). The interpretation in Luke 12 suggests that Jesus Christ is the heavenly treasure, and heavenly treasures are those things that incorporate us into Him, that is, His Word (teaching), Baptism, and the Lord's Supper. So, to be rich toward God is to be a member of Christ's kingdom through the means by which He comes to us: Word and Sacrament. To be a faithful steward of the "true riches" is to be a faithful steward of the mysteries, that is, of His Word that leads to Baptism and then invites to the Lord's Supper.

So financial faithfulness, which includes giving, but also how we manage all the material goods God has entrusted to us (earning, spending, investing, saving), should be one of the first lessons we learn in our life in Christ as a Christian.

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OUR FAITHFULNESS IN THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON THE RESULTS OF THE GOSPEL PROCLAIMED

As you recall Paul was “preaching the Gospel” (Phil. 4:15). He had given each church where he worked an example of his hard work and his freedom from greed (Acts 20:33-35; 1 Thess. 2:5; 2 Thess. 3:7-9). There are those who claim to be serving the Lord, but they are lazy and greedy. Don’t give to them. If a TV or radio preacher pleads for money, saying that his ministry will go under if you don’t send your gift today, let him go under. He’s not trusting God. He’s tugging on your emotions and he’s deceiving you into believing his work is the Lord’s work. Look at his life-style. Is he living in luxury? Then let him sell some of his wealth and give it to his own ministry. The Scriptures warn us about those who are in ministry for the money (1 Tim. 6:5; Titus 1:11; 2 Pet. 2:3, 14, 15). Unfortunately, they have a love for money, which is the root of all evil, and not a love for the ministry of the Gospel. They are false teachers. Don’t follow them. Rather, you should joyfully give to those who emphasize Word and Sacrament ministry, not money.

*“<sup>16</sup> Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. <sup>17</sup> Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.” (Philippians 4:16-17)*

Again, Paul’s focus was on preaching the Gospel, not on his need for money. He doesn’t want to create a false impression. That wasn’t Paul’s point in reminding of their generosity of the past. He wasn’t giving them a hint to send him more gifts. He wasn’t interested so much in the external gifts as in the evidence which it presented as being fruit of their faith, which would be charged to their account. The account in their favor would be largely increased by such displays of their faith in love from the motivation the Gospel produces. They would in due time receive their returns, the reward of grace in full value in heaven. Eternity will reveal how many gifts of love individuals and congregations have made for the result and cause in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Paul did, by the way, make a strong appeal for funds for others. In 2 Corinthians 8 & 9, he appealed strongly to them to give generously to meet the need of the poor Christians in Judea. Of course he would never stoop to some of the fundraising gimmicks used by various ministries and churches in our day, such as, sending out “prayer cloths” in exchange for your contribution, bingo games, and the like. He appealed to them to give based on God’s gracious gift of His Son for us (2 Cor. 8:9; 9:15). He made his appeal on account of the proclamation of the Gospel. He was always trustworthy not to take advantage of anyone in financial matters, but to keep his focus on the ministry of the Gospel, the ministry of Word and Sacrament (2 Cor. 7:2; 11:7-12; 12:18; 2 Thess. 3:8).

So, faithful stewardship toward the ministry of the Church isn’t our duty in order to spread the Gospel. The Gospel will remain long after we are gone even without our giving. The Prophet Isaiah proclaimed, “The Word of our God will stand forever” (Isaiah 40:8b). **Rather, our faithful stewardship toward the ministry of the Church is a result of the Gospel message proclaimed in its truth and purity.** This is what the Apostle Peter has written:

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*“<sup>22</sup> Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup> since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup> for*

*‘All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.  
The grass withers,  
and the flower falls,  
<sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord remains forever.’*

*And this word is the good news [Gospel] that was preached to you.” (1 Peter 1:22-25, emphasis mine)*

OUR FAITHFULNESS IN THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH SHOULD BE MOTIVATED BY THE GOSPEL.

Paul calls their gift “a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God” (Phil. 4:18). These terms come out of the Old Testament where they describe the sacrifices that worshipers offered to God. They also are used in the New Testament to describe Christ’s offering of Himself for our sins.

*“<sup>1</sup> Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” (Ephesians 5:1-2).*

The point is, your offering isn’t to the pastor or to the church; you aren’t giving to a foreign missionary or a mission organization. **Your offering is to God Himself.** Consider this: If Jesus Christ bodily walked into Redeemer Lutheran Church on any given Sunday morning, and if He was an usher handing you the offering plate, and you saw the nail scars on His hands that were pierced for you, and knowing your offering was going to Him personally for His support, would you give any differently than you do now? Would you grudgingly say, “All right then, here’s a few bucks!” Or, would you give generously out of a heart of love and devotion because He gave Himself for you?

*“<sup>6</sup> The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup> Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)*

Suppose I gave my wife a gift on Valentine’s Day. How would she feel if I said, “I really didn’t want to give this gift, but I hadn’t gotten you anything for quite a while, and I was feeling kind of guilty. I know that our neighbor got his wife something and I know it’s my duty as your husband to give you something.” Now she wouldn’t be “well-pleased,” because my motive was wrong, would she? But if I said, “Honey, you deserve even more than I can give you, but I love you so much and I was thinking of how much you mean to me when I bought this gift for you,” the very same gift would be accepted as “well-pleasing” to her. And that’s how we should give to God, out of a heart of love and gratitude, to glorify Him.

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If our offering is done as a response of the Gospel to glorify God, knowing the temporal and eternal gifts we have been given and will continue to be given – as promised – from God, then our desire would be to become a faithful steward of all those gifts. Thus we are to give faithfully to the Lord’s work for the sake of the Gospel and for the good of His Church, out of a heart of faithfulness to our Lord who gave Himself for our sins.

Your Servant in Christ Jesus,  
Pastor Jim Kress

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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

The summer is about over and a new school year has begun. I had hoped to share many pictures from Redeemer’s renovation project about now, but that will not be the case. Our project ran into many unforeseen obstacles and hurdles, each delaying the process along the way. Though we were successful in finally obtaining the building permits, it was so late into the summer off season that the Council decided not to proceed. Starting at such a late date in the summer would impact Church services well into Advent season and possibly the following new year. It was decided that we would resume the actual renovation construction May 1st. I have been in contact with our contractor and he and the sub-contractors are on board with this decision.

Redeemer’s other project, expanding the Day School, is progressing along slowly but is continuing on. It has encountered the same delays in permit applications as the renovation project. Charlotte County’s Building permit office is very busy with new construction demands. We will also be delayed by the additional work of relocating some of our Gopher tortoise population. I assure you no tortoise will be harmed during this move. They will be relocated on our own property so we won’t even have to say goodbye. By the time you are reading this the additional classrooms should be ordered.

It has been an exciting summer here at Redeemer. Much of it not what I expected. But it will be done according to God’s will and His time. And out of it I will have learned the meaning of patience.

Sincerely  
Wade Duncan



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Visit [LCEF Young Investors Club](#) for more information.

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- Are 18 years old or younger; and
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- Do not already have an LCEF account.

What's next? Complete the Young Investors Application and submit it to the church office. A \$50 check will be mailed, along with your child's form, to LCEF to open the account.

**This offer expires on Sunday, October 27, 2019.**

Questions? Contact me at 603-209-0733 or [rob.tilton1016@gmail.com](mailto:rob.tilton1016@gmail.com).

Yours in Christ,  
Rob Tilton  
LCEF Congregational Advocate



On September 14th the Youth Group will be going to Sky Zone in Sarasota.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Treasurer's July 31, 2019

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>OVER/UNDER</u>
INCOME	11,506	14,541	(3,035)
<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>16,841</u>	<u>18,198</u>	(1,357)
<b>+/-</b>	(5,335)	(3,657)	
<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>			
INCOME	106,223	101,825	4,398
<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>119,013</u>	<u>127,535</u>	(8,522)
<b>+/-</b>	(12,790)	(25,710)	



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## 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 21st at 8:00 am.**





What is a steward? Most people will say a steward is a manager. That is correct, but it is only half right. A steward is indeed a manager, but he is a manager of what does not belong to him. Someone else is the owner, and the steward manages the owner's property on the owner's behalf.

We are God's stewards. Our stewardship is that God has made us managers of what belongs to Him:

*"For we brought nothing into this world, and we cannot take anything out of the world"* (1 Tim. 6:7)

Everything that we have and everything that we are comes from God's fatherly divine goodness and mercy. God is the owner. This is not only because He created all things; He is also the redeemer. He has redeemed – that is, purchased – and won all things. Therefore, it all belongs to Him.

We are simply managers of everything in this world. Like Joseph in Egypt, we are put in charge of managing what belongs to God. What a privilege.

Think about that for a minute. The all-knowing, all-powerful, all-wise God has asked us to manage his possessions on His behalf here on earth. And by doing this, He invites us to take part in the allocation of His good gifts. He wants us to give our input and advise Him in where His gifts are to be used. What a privilege indeed.

But what a responsibility!

*"Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required"* (Luke 12:48b).

We are not the owners. And while He puts us as managers, we are still to do with His property what He wants done with it. That means we need to know what He desires and wills for His property.

How do we know this? How can we know the will and mind of God? We find the will of God in the Bible. There God tells us what His will is for all of His gifts. He tells us how we are to spend our time and use our talents and treasures. He instructs us in the use of our minds, bodies, and souls. There is nothing we have that doesn't belong to Him.

*"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body"* (1 Cor. 6:19–20).

God informs us of the big picture, the overarching policy, of how we as His stewards – managers and custodians – are to manage His property. And that is stewardship. It is simply doing what God wants us to do with what He has given us.

As St. Paul said,

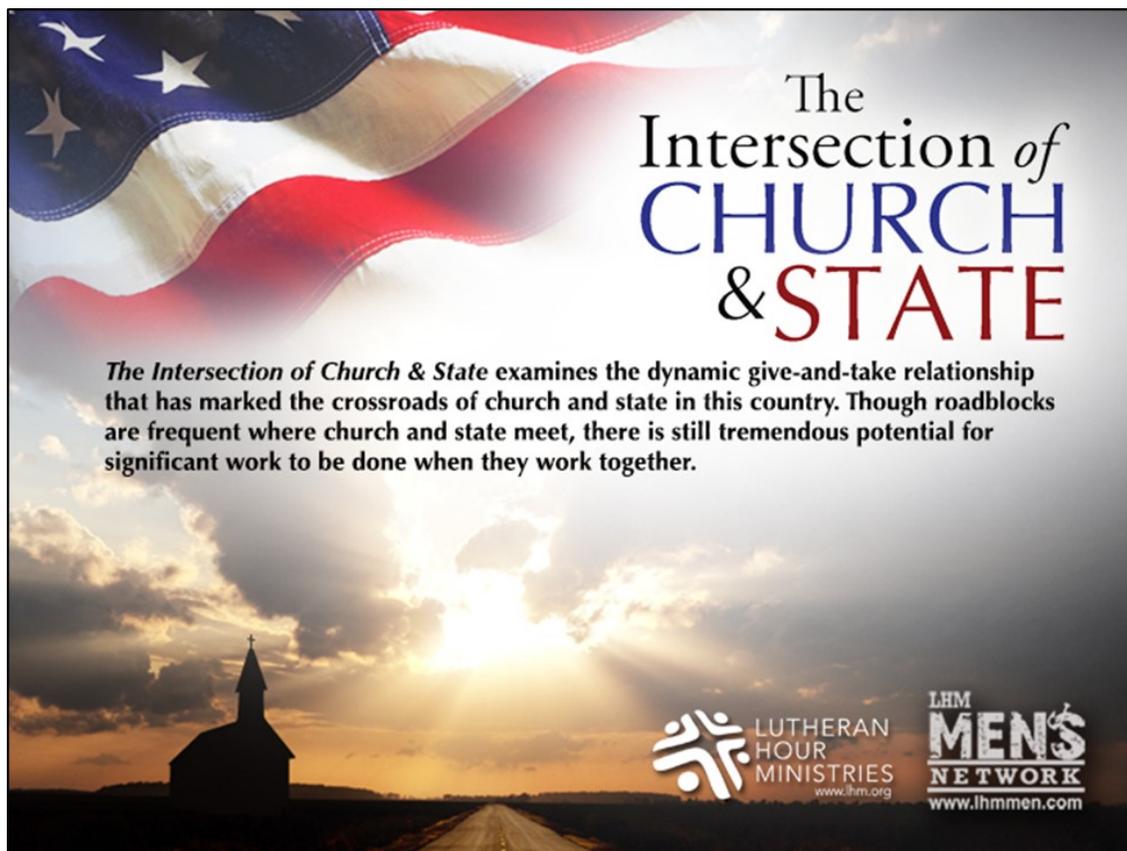
*"Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness"* (Rom. 6:13).

So, let's dive into God's Word, and listen to what He desires from His stewards.

## BIBLE STUDY

### Sunday Morning Bible Study

Join us after the morning service for Bible Study, “The Intersection of Church & State.” This is a 4-part video series and a discussion study guide is available at the visitor’s desk. All members are encouraged to join us for the next several Sundays at about 10:45 a.m. in the sanctuary to explore this insightful study.



*The Intersection of Church & State* examines the dynamic give-and-take relationship that has marked the crossroads of church and state in this country. Though roadblocks are frequent where church and state meet, there is still tremendous potential for significant work to be done when they work together.



### WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE

**CLASS:** Table Talk Bible study continues on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. All are invited to join us in the Narthex for an exciting Table Talk discussion. Ask Pastor just about any question. We will search the Scriptures. We will have open dialogue in the study of the Holy Scripture. Again, your questions and our discussion may range from current events to ancient church history. This is your time to “ask the pastor.”



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## ELDER & COMMUNION ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

Date	Elder & Reader	Communion Asst
<b>Sun, Sept 1st</b>	Michael Nagel	Dave Giroux
<b>Sun, Sept 8th</b>	Collins Sita	Steve Horvath
<b>Sun, Sept 15th</b>	Rob Tilton	Bob Varone
<b>Sun, Sept 22nd</b>	Bob Varone	Collins Sita
<b>Sun, Sept 29th</b>	Paul Brown	Dave Giroux

## Acolyte

Gospel Bearer & Crucifier

Date	Crucifier	Gospel Bearer	Acolyte
<b>Sept 1st</b>	Alyssa Hancock	Rylie Giroux	Braeden Dolphin
<b>Sept 8th</b>	Mykalina Sabol	Jayden Bishop	John Miller
<b>Sept 15th</b>	Kamrie Evanicki	Rylie Giroux	Kyleigh Evanicki
<b>Sept 22nd</b>	Alyssa Hancock	Ariana Miller	Kylee Payne
<b>Sept 29th</b>	Toby Hancock	Mackenzie McDowall	Therin McDowall

## ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE



Date	Set-Up	Clean-Up
<b>Sun, Sept 1st</b>	Lisa Kress	Mindy Duncan
<b>Sun, Sept 8th</b>	Bob Varone	Catalina Bakas
<b>Sun, Sept 15th</b>	Mindy Duncan	Janet Lemesis
<b>Sun, Sept 22nd</b>	Diane Giroux/ Bob Varone	Lisa Kress
<b>Sun, Sept 29th</b>	Lisa Kress	Joyce Schneider/ Carolyn Francis

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” **1 Peter 4:10**

## REDEEMER SCHOOL

Here we are again. It's August, and school has been in session for two weeks. We have grown to 18 students' grade k-3 this year. It's our fourth year as Redeemer Lutheran School. I am so proud of who we are, and who we are becoming. I am thankful every day that God has placed me here at Redeemer to watch and be a part of such growth. The students are so proud to be a part of school. They love being here so much that I was getting texts and calls all summer from parents telling me that their child misses being here. Students of our school are thriving, and understanding how good God is. They will grow up knowing of God's love and how faithful He has been to them. It is such a pleasure to be a part of this. God has prepared me all my life to be here at such a time as this.

This week we had a water day for those students who completed their summer packet. This packet was fun but took discipline on the student's part. The summertime is great. It gives our students time with their family, as well as a break from studies. The downfall of that is they lose so much academically in just a few months. This packet was my way of trying to help them from losing what they have learned and to help them have a successful school year. So I promised them a reward of a water day.



I would like to thank the church again for donating school supplies to our students. We received all the supplies we needed to help all of our students. The families were very surprised of your generosity and they are very grateful. Our parents have been blessing our classroom with needed classroom supplies and their time. I had parents coming in to help clean, organize, and just help out in any way they could to help get the classroom ready for school. They love the family feeling that our school has and they are so ready to help in any way possible. I am blessed.

Pastor has been such a trooper these past two weeks. Teaching children is not easy. Teaching four grades of children at the same time is not for the faint at heart. We are both eagerly awaiting the arrival of my fulltime aide Sarah. She is moving from Michigan this weekend and she is very excited to get to work. She should be starting the first week of September. We pray for her safety as she travels. I pray that God will prepare her heart for her position; that she will love and guide our students as He does.

I am so excited about this school year. Please continue to lift our school up in prayer. For it is Jesus in us that makes this a great place to be.

*Submitted by Nicole Hopkins*



SEPTEMBER 2019

**Bible Lessons**

Chapel is on Mondays  
at 4 pm

- 9/3 The Lord is Our Shepherd Psalm 23
- 9/9 God Made Me Genesis 1-2
- 9/16 God Made the World Genesis 1
- 9/23 The Flood Genesis 6:11-8:22
- 9/30 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**

- CLOSED 9/2
- CLOSED 9/6
- Grandparents Day 9/8
- First Day of Fall 9/23

**Birthdays**

- 9/1 Jacob G
- 9/1 Camille
- 9/4 Braxton
- 9/5 Samantha
- 9/5 Kian
- 9/5 Anastasia
- 9/6 Jordan H.
- 9/8 Lucas
- 9/14 Tallulah
- 9/16 Matthew
- 9/21 Alyssa
- 9/21 Carson C
- 9/22 Marcos
- 9/24 Sophie D
- 9/26 Ben



**Class Dojo**



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

*Submitted by Wendy Horvath*

**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.

**Sick Policy**

Please keep children home if they are sick with fever, sore throat, eye infection, cough, etc... Symptom free for 24 hours to return to school. Talk with your child's Doctor about getting the Flu Shot

**Open House**

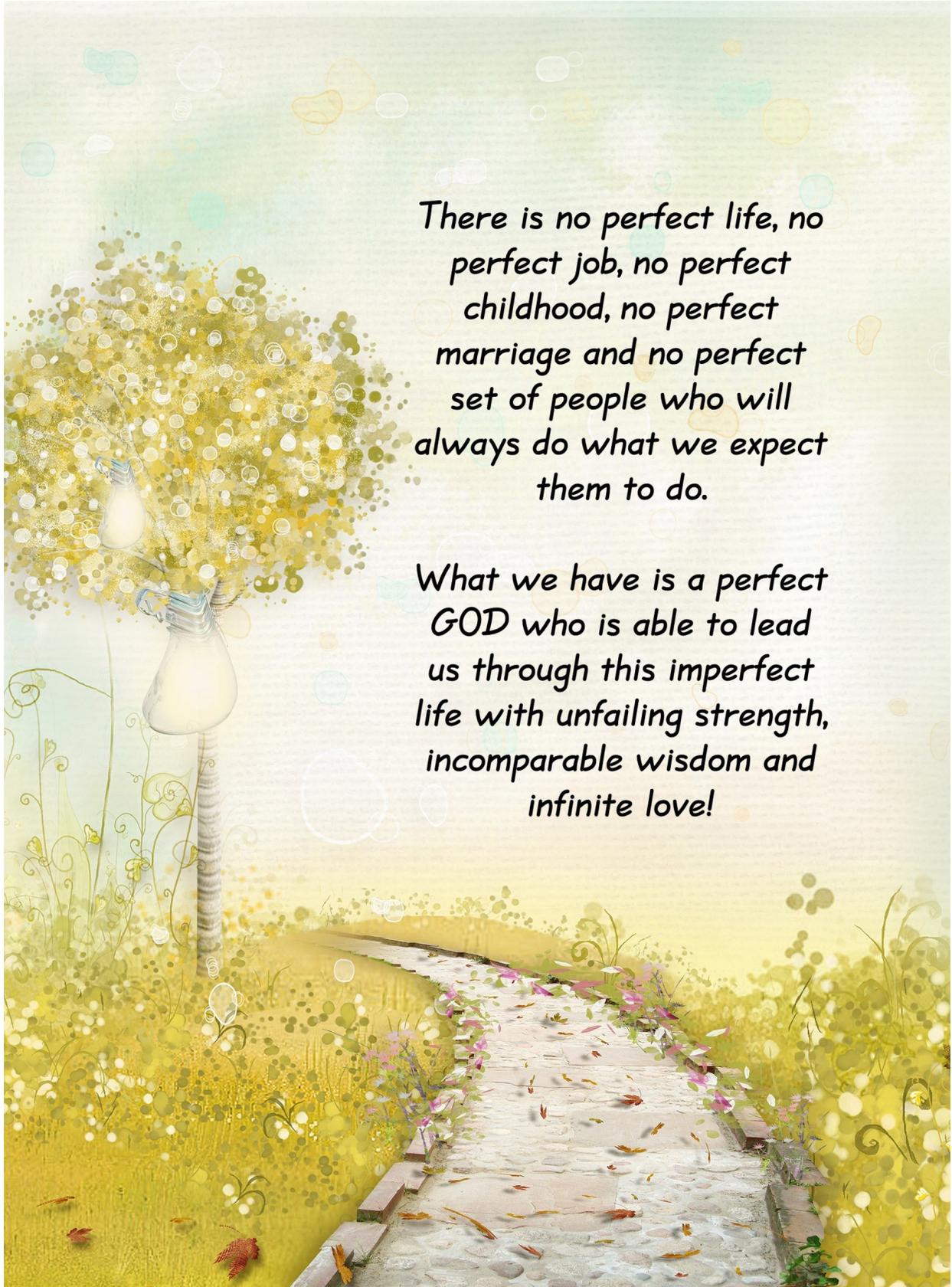
Please join us for Open House on September 12, 2019 from 6-7pm

***The deadline for the October Newsletter is September 20th.  
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!***

## People of the Bible

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ELIJAH	EVE	GABRIEL
JAMES	JESUS	JOHN
JOSEPH	JOSHUA	MARY
MATTHEW	MOSES	NOAH
PAUL	PETER	RUTH
SAMSON	SOLOMON	



*There is no perfect life, no perfect job, no perfect childhood, no perfect marriage and no perfect set of people who will always do what we expect them to do.*

*What we have is a perfect GOD who is able to lead us through this imperfect life with unfailing strength, incomparable wisdom and infinite love!*

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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).*