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DISCIPLINE AND DISAPPOINTMENT

A number of weeks ago I viewed a post on Facebook which read: “We must all suffer one of two things: the pain of discipline or the pain of regret and disappointment.” This is a quote from the late Jim Rhom, author, entrepreneur, and motivational speaker.

When considering his statement, I first applied it to my health and fitness after all I was training for a marathon at the time. There is indeed pain in the discipline of training for a marathon. The pain suffered is not only physical, but it is also emotional. The physical pain is obvious. When running those long runs, your legs and at times your entire body is so fatigued and your muscles hurt so much, the emotional pain sets in and you begin to tell yourself, “Just quit. It’s not worth it.” But when the run is over, there’s the jubilation of completing the marathon. “Yay! You did it. Way to go!” And all the physical and emotional pain seems to be well worth the trouble. You started and completed something that required discipline, and you suffered the pain of discipline. You’re a better person for it. You’re a winner.

On the other hand, if you fail to discipline yourself to train, you suffer the pain of regret and disappointment. This pain too is both physical and emotional. Yet, it is the emotional pain of regret and disappointment that is the most difficult to stomach. We know this feeling all too well. This happens especially after the first of a New Year. We make resolutions to get fit, eat healthy, stop smoking, lay off the sauce, or begin to exercise. Without discipline, before long you find yourself right back where you started – and sometimes even further back because you added another failure to your list of failures. This emotional pain produces misery, insecurity, anxiety, etc., and all of this amounts to physical pain.

The Word of God reveals, “For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it” (Hebrews 12:11). Words never more true when one suffers the pain of discipline.

The more I thought about the posted quote, I began to consider how this might also apply to other facets of my life, such as, marriage, work, finances, and faith. Here’s what I’ve considered.

DISCIPLINE IN MARRIAGE

In the rite of holy marriage, husbands and wives make vows first before God and then to each other. Ahem, husbands and wives, you do



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remember these vows don’t you?

When Lisa and I were married we made such vows too. We have also renewed those vows when we celebrated our 25th Anniversary nearly 5 years ago. I have been officiant for many weddings and performed the renewal of marriage vows for many reading this article.

The vows I made before God at my wedding and mostly yours went something like, “will you have this woman to be your wedded wife, to live together in

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the holy estate of matrimony as God ordained it? Will you nourish and cherish her as Christ loved His body, the Church, giving Himself up for her? Will you love, honor, and keep her in sickness and in health and, forsaking all others, remain united to her alone, so long as you both shall live?" And of course I said, "I will!"

Lisa made a very similar vow before God as most of all of you wives did too. Her vows went something like, "will you have this man to be your wedded husband, to live together in the holy estate of matrimony as God ordained it? Will you submit to him as the Church submits to Christ? Will you love, honor, and keep him in sickness and in health and, forsaking all others, remain united to him alone, so long as you both shall live?" And she responded with the most beautiful words my ears have ever heard. She said, "I will."

Now remember those were vows made to God. We, like you, then made vows or pledges to each other. As I recall them, I pledged "I, Jim, take you, Lisa, to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy will; and I pledge to you my faithfulness."

Similarly, Lisa pledged, "I, Lisa, take you, Jim, to be my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy will; and I pledge to you my faithfulness." Such sweetness to my ears. Someone loves me!

Well that was the first 5 minutes of our marriage. It was only the marriage ceremony. We still had a lifetime to live in marriage according to God's will and our vows.

Do you know marriage is hard work? I mean really hard work? It's not like punching a clock at work or heading into the gym for a date with the weights. Marriage is 24/7! Every day of every week; every week of every year

and; every year for the rest of your life. Whoa! That's got to be hard. It is and those who have endured through the years know it's because both the husband and the wife in the marriage suffered the pain of discipline by remaining faithful to their marriage vows. It's not easy. It's hard work as I said. However, the rewards for such faithful discipline to your marriage vows are oh so beautiful and satisfying.

DISCIPLINE IN WORK/VOCATION

Throughout your entire life, God calls you into and gives you many different vocations, that is, careers, titles, occupations, and positions. In fact your very first vocation was either son or daughter. As you grew you became student, friend, crossing guard, hall monitor, or class president. Then came your first job, perhaps as a paperboy or babysitter. Maybe you worked at the corner grocer stocking and bagging groceries, or at the neighborhood restaurant as a bus-boy or dishwasher. The point is, in order to receive fulfillment in your work the pain of discipline will bring you much reward. Oh, I'm not saying your work in life will be easy or supply you with many riches. What I am saying, is this: God's Word provides us with instruction for all workers to "obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free" (Ephesians 6:5-8).

It's painful showing up to work day after day to a miserable, thankless boss. It's painful to receive a paycheck seeing much of your earnings taken away by the government. It's painful to work in less than desirable conditions. It's painful to get up every day, losing sleep, not able to plan a vacation, missing out

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on so many fun things in life. To suffer through the pain of discipline at work produces opportunities to be responsible to the financial demands of the home. You are a faithful provider. You present yourself for advancement in the company or other opportunities become available and the pain of discipline becomes a rich reward for you, your family, and for your future retirement.

Without discipline, dedication, and loyalty in your vocation, you suffer the pain of regret and disappointment. The phone rings constantly of bill collectors, the landlord is standing at the door or a law enforcement officer presents you with an eviction notice, etc. Jesus says to all workers, “when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty’” (Luke 17:10). Remember, your reward is not here on earth, but in heaven.

DISCIPLINE IN FINANCES

When we were young receiving our first paycheck or allowance, we did our very best listening to the wisdom of our father, “Don’t spend it all in one place.” Unfortunately, our culture has taught us to “eat, drink, and be merry.” Another way of saying it, “enjoy life as much as possible because we won’t live forever.”

Rather than living within our financial means, we have fallen into the ways of the world and we live outside of our financial means. In so doing we find ourselves in financial ruin. We file for bankruptcy. That, of course, is the result of the pain of regret and disappointment.

As bread winners, we need to suffer the pain of discipline when it comes to our income and finances. We can’t always go out for dinner or conveniently go to McDonald’s. We should plan our meals, which takes discipline. We can’t keep up with the Jones’. We can’t supply our children with the newest toys. Frankly, we

don’t have to purchase the latest iPhone either. Just because we live in Florida, doesn’t mean we have to go to Disney every year. We are to seek financial discipline. We need to suffer the pain of financial discipline in order to be prepared to live in financial peace and freedom.

God’s Word offers ample warnings concerning money along with His promises in remaining good stewards. “For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs” (1 Timothy 6:10). Additionally, His Word says, “Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for [Jesus] said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you’” (Hebrews 13:5). And “The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly, or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work” (1 Corinthians 9:6-8).

DISCIPLINE IN FAITH

Many of us, but not all of us were raised in a Christian home, going to church on Sundays with mom and dad, attending Sunday School, and participating in the Children’s Christmas Program. Your parents did this most likely because their parents did it. They suffered the pain of discipline remaining steadfast in the faith. It wasn’t easy. It didn’t come naturally. However, for them, it became a way of life – a way of living a disciplined life in the faith.

And now you, whether you’re single, married, or married with a house full of children, you are suffering the pain of discipline in living out your life in the faith. It is difficult getting up on Sunday morning to go to church following a long week at work, or a late Saturday night, or

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when the kids are not cooperating and your husband is of little to no help. It is not easy. It is difficult.

The Lord said to Moses, "Gather the people to Me, that I may let them hear My Words, so that they may learn to fear Me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children so" (Deuteronomy 4:10). God desires to dwell among His people. He gathers us in the body of Christ, the Church. But, a holy God cannot live among unholy people. So, in Christ we receive forgiveness of sins through the means of grace: Word and Sacrament. God lovingly established His ordinances, which include the Ten Commandments. Through the Word, the Lord leads His people to faith and to keep His commandments faithfully. In addition, He shows forth His blessings in our lives.

He says this to His people, "These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise" (Deuteronomy 6:6-7). Parents are given the responsibility to teach God's Word faithfully and repeatedly to their children so that God will continually dwell with His people. In our daily lives, there are numerous opportunities to talk to our children about what God has done to save us.

The words from God above are not to be considered suggestions, but what they really are: His commands. For in suffering the pain of the discipline in faith, He gives us this promise: "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

To disregard the Lord's commands is to suffer the pain of regret and disappointment. Children will become wayward, corrupt, haters of God. In the end, they will be removed from the grace of God. They may not know or ever believe the love of God in Christ Jesus. Lord, may this never be among our children and

grandchildren!

It's never too late to apply discipline in your faith life or in the life of your children. In so doing, you receive the sweet promises of God: "**Blessed** is the man [that is, happy is the man] who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments! His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be **blessed** [that is, God will grant him the ability for success]. Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever" (Psalm 112:1b-3). The word "blessed" here has two different meanings because they are two different words in the original Hebrew language. The first refers to the emotional state of the individual: happy or blissful having God's gifts. The second refers from where the blessings come. In this case, it comes from the greater Person (God) to the lesser person (man) – you and me.

GOD'S DISCIPLINE

In the verses right before Hebrews 12:11, the writer, inspired by the Holy Spirit says, "We have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, that we may share His holiness" (Hebrews 12:9-10).

Whether or not your earthly father provided, disciplined, or loved you as he ought to have, your heavenly Father is ever faithful to His Word. "He loves you with an everlasting love" (Jeremiah 31:3).

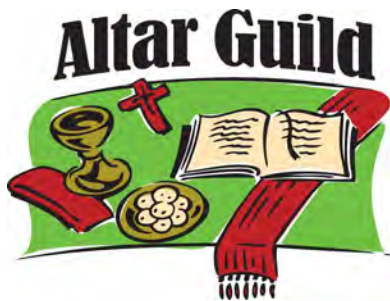
And, "The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting to those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His commandments" (Psalm 103:17-18).

"**Blessed** is the man [that is, happy is the man] whom You discipline, O Lord, and whom You teach out of Your Law, to give him rest from days of trouble" (Psalm 94:12-13a).

THE PEACEFUL FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Again the Word of God says, "For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it." When you suffer pain through discipline in life – in any or all aspects of life – the promise you receive is a peaceful conscience and righteous heart. That peacefulness in mind and in heart is not only experienced here in time, but also – and most importantly – there in eternity. Therefore, "Be hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined" (Titus 1:8).

Your Servant in Jesus,
Pastor Jim Kress



Altar Guild Altar Guild is in need of volunteers for the upcoming season. We generally set up on Saturdays and take down immediately after church on Sunday's. This is a vital service to the life of the church. Please prayerfully consider helping in this way. Typically, you are need no more than twice a month. However, if we have more volunteers, it would be less. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please give me a call if you would be willing to volunteer and I would be happy to help train you! Lisa Kress 941-889-8938

Although this is the November newsletter, I wanted to take an opportunity to remind the congregation of the Hanging of the Greens on Saturday, December 2, 2017. This will take place beginning at 9:00 AM in the church Narthex to prepare the church for the Season of Advent and Christmas. If you would please consider lending a helping hand, the Altar Guild would be very grateful! Many hands make light the work! I promise to have goodies and coffee! ☺ Thank you in advance for your consideration of helping in this event! Lisa Kress



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Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by the His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise, and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as (good stewards of His varied grace,) (1 Peter 4:10) we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's holy Word, as an offering. Thus, all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also offerings to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies, share with our family, neighbors, and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by the holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus we place all that we have into God's hands, and He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing, and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for the celebrations of Thanksgiving, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us. "For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance" (Matthew 13:12).

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GROUPS/GUILDS

Ladies Guild	Sally Zierdt
Men's Group	
Altar Guild	
Coffee Hour	

THE POWER OF GIVING

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHURCH AND FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL

Gift giving is an ancient tradition. One could almost say it goes back to the beginning. Cain and Abel brought a gift from the field and flock and offered it to God. Jacob, wishing to establish a new and restored relationship with his brother Esau, met Esau with a large flock of sheep and goats. When the wise men from the east came to see baby Jesus, they opened their treasure chests, offering Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

We still practice gift giving today. Would anyone gather for Christmas without a gift for a spouse or child or grandchild? Would anyone go to a birthday party and not take a gift? No matter how small or large, the significance is in the “giving of a gift.” It is amazing, even when invited to a party or dinner, we all feel obligated to give the host/hostess a gift.

Why “gift giving?” Probably the most important reason is the establishment of a relationship. The passing of a gift from one person to another says something to the receiver of the gift as well as the giver of the gift. In some cases a gift is a substitute for words. It is a subtle way of building a bond and relationship between individuals.

In many ways a gift is simply an act of kindness or an expression of caring. Too often the choice of a gift is not exactly what the receiver wants or needs. However, the giving and receiving of a gift marks a concern of care. Even the simple act of offering a glass of water or cup of coffee or tea signals the human instinct of caring.

Think about the many times one receives a thank you card, award, or gift of appreciation, none of which is a significant gift that will make a difference in the lifestyle of the recipient. But what it does say, not only to the individual recipient but also to friends and the public, is “job well done.”

St. Paul, in 2 Corinthians Chapter 9, makes a big point of “gift giving.” Interestingly, he points out the virtue of a “voluntary gift” that comes freely from the heart and will of the giver, not because of guilt or extortion ... “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7). Perhaps we can simply restate it with an expression used today ... “the joy of giving.”

Gift giving makes a difference. It may be a learned art or a practice that needs cultivation. Whichever, it makes no difference because in the end it says much about the heart and mind of an individual. If we have received much in life, we have much to give.

Redeemer Lutheran Church has an established Endowment Fund and various Dedicated Accounts as a result of some “cheerful givers.” These gifts are joyfully given in order that the kingdom of God may not only continue by His grace, but also increase, touching the hearts and lives of many for generations to come with the message of salvation in Jesus Christ. These gifts are also joyfully given for use in specific areas of ministry, such as, missions, education, works of mercy, etc. Bottom line: these gifts are given for the good of the Church and for the sake of the Gospel.

As you consider how much God has given you over the years, consider how He would have you “joyfully give” toward the increase of His kingdom for the continued spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Contact Pam Replinger, Chairman of the Board of Finance or Laurie Steinke, Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) Representative for further information how the Lord may lead you to joyfully give.

Thanksgiving Baskets of Plenty for Families

The Board of Human Care is “adopting” two families for a Thanksgiving Dinner and is looking for your help! Donations of food items for a Thanksgiving meal or of a Publix or Walmart gift card would be greatly appreciated. Please see the Thanksgiving Basket in the Narthex to make your donation, or please see Lisa before or after church. Any Thanksgiving item such as: cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, canned green beans, canned corn, stuffing, mashed potatoes, rolls, etc. would be appreciated. If you prefer a gift card Lisa will do the shopping on Sunday, November 19, 2017. This meal will be delivered the Monday of Thanksgiving, November 20, 2017. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity. God’s Blessings, Lisa



UPCOMING FOR DECEMBER:



Christmas Cookie Volunteers

Looking for Volunteers for Christmas cookies for the shut-ins! We put together boxes of cookies last year for the Holidays, for the shut-ins. There are eight shut-ins. More details will follow in the December newsletter. Please see Lisa Kress with any questions.

Angel Tree

Once again, we look forward to this event every year, as we are able to spread the joy of Christmas with the children of the Child Care! The church will have the Angel Tree set up in the Narthex the first Sunday in Advent, which is December 3. Please pick a child’s name off the tree (which will be numbered) and sign the corresponding clipboard number. The gifts will need to be delivered back to the tree no later than December 20, 2017.



FROM THE TREASURER

Treasurer's Report As of August 31, 2017:

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>OVER/UNDER</u>
INCOME	8,693	14,849	(6,156)
<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>12,808</u>	<u>16,112</u>	(3,304)
+/-	(4,115)	(1,263)	
 YEAR TO DATE			
INCOME	113,759	118,923	(5,164)
<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>132,646</u>	<u>148,475</u>	(15,829)
+/-	(18,887)	(29,552)	



Respectfully submitted,
Jean Clappe-Mixell
North Star Bookkeeping LLC

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, Nov 18th at 8:00 am.**

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Everyone is invited to the Fellowship every Thursday, starting at 10:00AM. **The more people attending, the more FUN we can have!!!** The most popular things to play are: Pinochle, Phase 10, SkipBO, and Hand & Foot. We also have Dominoes or other games if they are requested. There must be something you would like to have fun with, so come on out. Once in a while we have a special homemade lunch but usually everyone brings a bag lunch. Drinks and dessert furnished.

Classifieds



- Lawn Care Services** Call Todd Armstrong at (941)961-7584 for your lawn care needs.
Real Estate Services Call Bill Bowers at (941) 416-5661 for real estate assistance.
Cleaning Services Call Kristine Baltimore at (941) 681-6514 for residential cleaning.
Pet Sitting Services Do you need someone to watch your four legged friend?

Call Michelle Kalstrup, Certified Vet Tech (CVT) at 941-705-1726 or email her at: pawfectsouls@yahoo.com or visit her at www.pawfectsoulspetting.com

- Plumbing Services** Babes Plumbing Englewood Office 941-475-8146; Main Office 941-488-2402

PRAYERS

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HEALING: Members: Gretchen Armstrong, Neva Aldene, Jean Cote, Jan Detrow, Charlie & Pat Finkenbine, Terry Fountain, Mike Guastella, Bernice Heppner, Paul McDonald, Ken Mielke, Leslie Miles, Marlene Mossner, Olga Nagel, family and friends of Herb Petersen, Tom Poyer, family and friends of Beth Schaitz,, Duwayne Schoeneck, Fred Toth, Bob Varone, Robert Vickey, Larry Wiech, and Artie Zipp.

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Military Personnel: Mark Baranowsky, Nicholas Beltz, Michael Broughton, Brian Jackson, Jonathan Koen, David MacLeod, Steven Siegmundt, and Charles D. Weishaar.



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!

I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.
Psalm 17:6

Those who **Serve**
ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE



Date	Set-Up	Clean-up
Sun, Nov 5th	Lisa Kress	Bud Harty & Jane Harty
Sun, Nov 12th	Gretchen Armstrong	Carolyn Francis
Sun, Nov 19th	Bob Varone	Gretchen Armstrong
Thurs, Nov 23rd	Lisa Kress	Bob Varone
Sun, Nov 26th	Lisa Kress	Jim & Sandi Libke
Sat, Dec 2nd	Advent Preparation: Hanging of the Greens All Hands Needed	



ELDER & COMMUNION ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

Date	Elder & Reader	Communion Asst
Sun, Nov 5th	Paul Brown	Steve Horvath
Sun, Nov 12th	Collins Sita	Dave Giroux
Sun, Nov 19th	Mike Nagel	Stephen Wurster
Thurs, Nov 23rd	Bob Varone	Mark Horvath
Sun, Nov 26th	Paul Brown	Steve Horvath



Date	Crucifier	Acolyte
Sun, Nov 5th	Daniel Black	Jayden Bishop
Sun, Nov 12th	Mackenzie McDowall	Therin MacDowall
Sun, Nov 19th	Mykalina Sabol	John Miller
Thurs, Nov 23rd	Toby Hancock	Bella Fisher
Sun, Nov 26th	Mackenzie McDowall	Ariana Miller

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BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

A Man Named Martin - Part 2: The Moment

Having celebrated the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation (October 31st), this is an excellent way to learn about the Reformer of the Church. Even before I went to the seminary in 1999, I knew very little about Martin Luther. He was indeed a fascinating man of whom we continue to learn from his teaching and preaching the Holy Word of God.

A Man Named Martin-Part 2: The Moment examines the errant teachings and wayward traditions of the Late Medieval Church that eventually sparked the Protestant Reformation, a theological overhaul set in motion most notably by Martin Luther's nailing of the 95 Theses to the church door at Wittenberg.

As a follow-up Bible study to *A Man Named Martin-Part 1: The Man*, this three-session Bible study takes a close look at the widespread teachings of the late Medieval Church that were superfluous to the Bible or not scripturally grounded. Among them were purgatory, penance, celibacy, prayers for the dead, transubstantiation, the treasury of merits of Christ, devotion to Mary and the rosary, the institution of the papacy, and the one most often linked to the Reformation: the sale of indulgences.

Joining forces in examining these aberrant teachings and the role Martin Luther had in debating and, ultimately, rejecting them is a cast of scholars, professional church workers, and pastors. Here Dr. Paul Maier, Dr. Ken Schurb, Dr. John Nunes, Dr. Joel Lampe, Dr. Susan Mobley, Dr. Joel Biermann, and others, along with The Lutheran Hour Speaker and host Dr. Gregory Seltz, add insight and expertise to this fascinating period in the life of Martin Luther.

To this day, Luther's staunch faith and the extent of his outreach, remain a standard for Christ-centered living to believers in the 21st-century.

Join me each Sunday morning at 8 AM in the Sanctuary of the Church for this riveting study of a man God placed on a mission to save His Church.



"I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. I cannot do otherwise, here I stand, may God help me, Amen."

[Luther at the Diet of Worms (1521), LW 32:112–113]

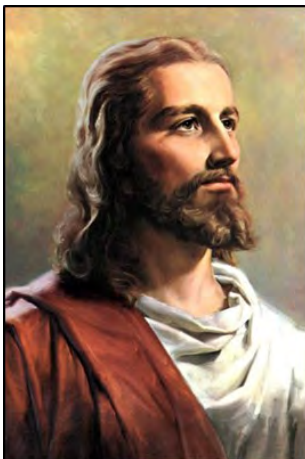
BIBLE STUDIES (continued)

WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Come Join Us Every Wednesday at 10:00 AM

In a most solemn and intimate setting with His disciples on the eve of His death, Jesus spoke fewer than fifty words to institute the Holy Supper. Yet, great controversy has occurred in the Church in more recent years about what Jesus meant when He said, "This is My body ... This is My blood." Drawing on the most obvious meaning of what Jesus said, the ladies will study, with the guidance of Good News magazine, and come to the true and complete teaching of Jesus concerning Holy Communion as well as the special blessing God offers to His Church through this Sacrament.

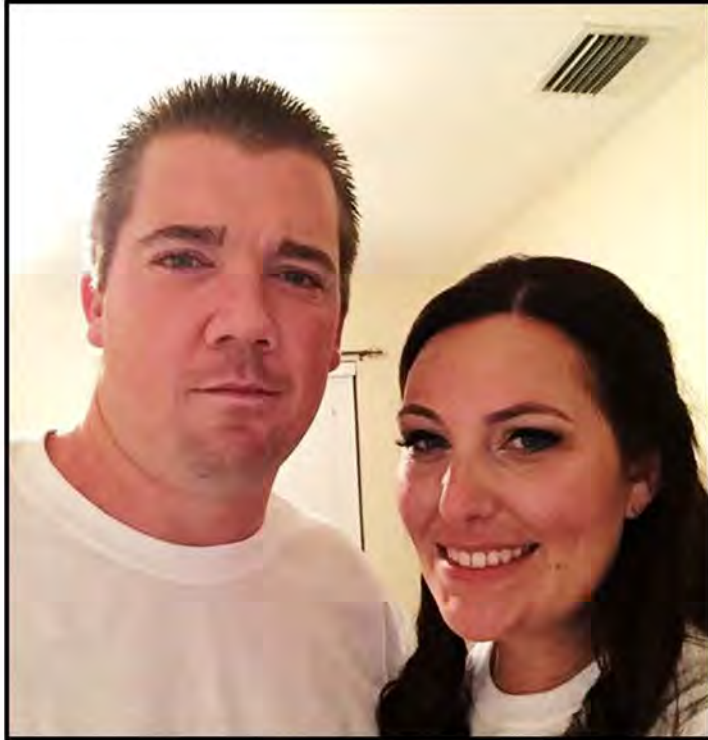
As we study God's revelation, may we always remember that God's Word is more than ink on a page or mere information, rather, Jesus says His Words "are Spirit and are life" (John 6:63). His Word is living and life-giving. Ladies Bible Class meets each **Wednesday at 10:00 AM** in the Narthex of the Church. All ladies are welcome to join us. You may also invite your girlfriend, sister, mother, or daughter.



TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Beginning Tuesday, November 7th at 10 AM in the large meeting room of Fellowship Hall we will again dive into the Word of God and consider: **THE PERSON AND WORK OF JESUS CHRIST: WHAT'S IN THE NAME?** Did you know that the name Jesus means "the Lord saves?" So, Jesus is His personal name. Did you know that the name Christ means "the Anointed?" So, Christ is His work. Furthermore, have you ever wondered if there is any significance when reading God's Word sometimes scripture will read "Jesus Christ" and other times scripture will read "Christ Jesus?" Well, come join in on this study. You do know who your Lord and Savior is, right?

Teacher of the Month



Brittney Smith

Some of my favorites are:

Food: Pasta
Movie: Urban Cowboy
Book: Lovely Bones
Color: Pink
Drink: Sweet Tea
Season: Fall
Sport: Football and Baseball
Hobby: Baking
Subject: Criminology
Store: Target
Dessert: Cheesecake
Candy: Payday
Restaurant: Olive Garden
Flower: Tulips

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Meet The Teacher! Hi! My name is Brittney Smith. I am 30 years old. The position I have this year is an Aide to all classrooms. In October I will have my 3 year anniversary at Redeemer Child Care. I am also the co-leader for my daughter's Girl Scout Troop. I grew up in South Jersey. I moved to Florida 5 years ago. I am married to my best friend Patrick. Together we have 3 children. Chloe (6), Cali(4) and Cash(1). I graduated from Pitman High School in 2005. I attended Rizzieri Aveda School for Beauty and Wellness the following year. I graduated in 2006 and received my Cosmetology license. I graduated from SCF in May 2015 with my Associate in Arts Degree. I completed my CDA in December 2015. I am now attending FGCU for my Bachelor's in Criminal Justice. I will be graduating in December of 2017. I hope to become a probation officer when I am done school!



***The deadline for the DECEMBER Newsletter is November 16th
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!***



November 11, 2017

Bible Lessons

Chapel is on Mondays
at 3:45

11/6 Gideon Wins the
Battle Judges 7

11/13 David, the Singing
Shepherd
1 Samuel 16; Psalm 23

11/20 Thanksgiving Break

11/27 God Loves Naomi and
Ruth The Book of Ruth



Lord,
You helped Gideon lead
Your people to love and
trust in You. Forgive me
when I do wrong. Lead me
to love and trust in You
too. Amen

Birthdays

Ms. Jazmyne 11/2
Alivia 11/2
Jackson 11/2
Kayley Ann 11/5
Bailey F. 11/6
Cali 11/12

Birthdays

Braeden 11/13
Amberly 11/14
Sky 11/14
Jon'Michael 11/18
Ms. Debbie M. 11/18
Kaleigh C. 11/21
Nathan 11/21
Tenley 11/21
Logan 11/21
Ms. Wendy M. 11/24
Mykalina 11/26
Ms. Wendy H. 11/28



Up Coming Holiday Schedule

November 23 & 24 Closed

December 22 Santa Lunch
Closing at 2:00 pm

December 25 Closed

December 26 Closed

December 27 Closed

January 1, 2018 Closed

What We Are Learning

Theme: Praise and
Thanksgiving



GOBBLE,
GOBBLE!

Fall Festival Chili Cook-Off



Our Annual Child Care Fall
Festival will be held on
November 11, 2017 from
2:00-5:00. Stir up a pot of
your best Chili and enter it
into the Cook-Off. Also
Donate your best Pie to
the Silent Auction.
Please join us and bring the
whole family for Food,
Crafts Hayride, Book Fair,
Silent Pie Auction, Raffle
Baskets, and More!

Important Days

Lifetouch Christmas set-
ting November 7
Vision & Hearing
November 9



Redeemer Lutheran School

Home of the Bears

Letter V verse: Verify, verify., I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. John 16:23

Kindergarten News



The first couple of months in kindergarten have been a blast! We have learned all of our letters and sounds. We learned how to blend letters to make sounds and words and are now starting to read. We read our first sentence this month "Sam met Tom". We are very proud on the progress our



students are making. We have also been studying about fall and pumpkins. We have looked at pumpkins, weighed pumpkins, measured pumpkins, dissected pumpkins, made pumpkin pie, counted pumpkin seeds, went to the pumpkin farm, and dressed a pumpkin like a character in a book we read. We are just about pumpkin'd out!

Our class is very excited that Pastor has taken the time to come and do Bible devotions with our class every morning. It has been such a blessing to our class. We are going through the book of Genesis. We are currently learning about Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Our class has also been working on memorizing the Books of the Bible in order, as well as, memorizing a verse a week.

1st Grade News



First Graders have just started a social studies unit on My America. We have learned how America is our home and what it means to be a citizen. We have learned that in America we have freedoms that not all countries have such as: the freedom to worship, the freedom of speech, the freedom of the press, and the freedom of assembly. We have learned how blessed we are that we don't have to be afraid to pray, read our Bible, or go to church. We are double blessed that we are able to attend a school that we can learn about God every day.

In reading, we have been talking about setting and characters. We completed our first book report and shared them with our class. We even had a book character party in which we picked a book and dressed like that character.



Submitted by Wendy Horvath

Kingdom of God

Matt. 12:13-28

BRUISED
CHOSEN
DELIGHT
FELLOW
JUSTICE
KINGDOM
NATIONS
PLOTTED
PROCLAIM
PROPHET
QUARREL
RESTORED
SERVANT
STRETCH
THOUGHTS
WARNING
VICTORY
AWARE
DAVID
DRIVE
FULFILL



ISAIAH	LEADS	RUINED
ITSELF	PEOPLE	SOUND
JESUS	PRINCE	SPIRIT



After you find all the hidden words, the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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Sunday School: 10:30 AM

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*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).