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February 2019

February begins with a national holiday. Well, sort of. Millions of Americans will gather around enormous screens to partake in the revelry, on the first Sunday in February. It doesn't much matter who is actually playing in the game, although over the years we've come to expect that one particular team from the Northeast — you know which — will be in the game. It's a sad reality for us New York sports fans.

In a recent radio interview, Hall of Fame receiver Michael Irving had a different take. He said that we are blessed to witness such excellence. "It may not feel good, but you're blessed." His point was that there is something special about seeing greatness for yourself, the likes of which may never be seen again.

Like most people, I will be rooting against this team-that-shall-not-be-named (even though I'm fairly certain they will win.) But, nevertheless, I will be in awe of their accomplishments and their ability to consistently excel in this insanely difficult and competitive sport.

What is the secret to their success? It's more than merely athletic ability. Like most things, it begins in the mind. It is a relentless and disciplined pursuit of excellence, at every level, touching the smallest detail. One-time champions are admirable, but there's something special about habitual champions — individuals or teams — who persevere and win, year after year.

The life of faith isn't about winning, of course. God's love is not something we earn or win. God's love is a gift, pure and simple, but it is a gift that constitutes an invitation to a new

kind of life, a gift that bids us go in a new direction. And to the extent that we really don't want to go in this new direction, God's grace sets us on course and empowers us to pursue it anyway, through discipline and practice.

What if we approached the life of faith as relentless and disciplined pursuit of God's kingdom? How might we train our minds? How might we practice? Like champions that make constant adjustments mid-game, what adjustments will we make to open the door wider to the grace of God moving through our lives?

Our Lutheran theology refers to this as the process of "dying to sin," something that our baptism calls us to, every day. We die to our habitual "old ways," so that the gift of God may shine clearer and brighter in and through us. For by grace, we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. (Romans 8:37)

+ Pastor Tom Kildea

And all of us...are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:18)



Call if you are in doubt!

If you think an event at Redeemer might be cancelled for bad weather, please call the church voicemail, 973-584-6300. A message will be left indicating whether (or not) services, Sunday School, or meetings have been cancelled. Messages regarding Sunday cancellations will be left by 7 AM and will also be posted on www.redeemeronline.net



Adriana Claire Braddock

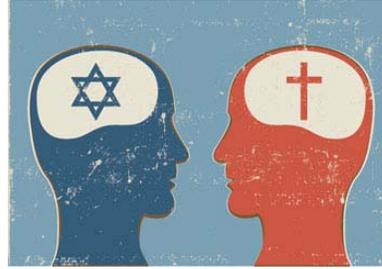
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**In Good Faith
An Interfaith Study**



**Wednesday, February 27
7:30 to 9:00 PM
Redeemer fellowship hall**

The conversation continues... Have you noticed that atheism is on the rise? How does your faith stand up to the critique of those with no faith?

You are invited this interfaith session with our friends from Or Ha Lev as we discuss *In Good Faith*, by Scott Shay. The book addresses the most fundamental questions about faith and reason, including the most common atheist critiques of the Bible and religion, incorporating Jewish, Christian and Muslim voices. The result is a fresh, modern, re-evaluation of religion and of atheism.

Please note: it is not necessary for participants to read the book prior to this session. Your interest is the only prerequisite. For those interested in reading the book, it is available on Amazon.



March 6

*Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes
12 noon | 4:30 PM | 7:30 PM*

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY
brown bag lunch at 11:30 AM
study at 12 noon

1 Corinthians

Way back in the year 50, only 17 years after Jesus death and resurrection, the apostle Paul founded a church in Corinth. It was among the first churches that Paul started. Today, we treasure the words he wrote to them. We call the two letters to that church 1st and 2nd Corinthians. During the time between Epiphany and Lent, January and February this year, our weekly readings in worship will include a reading from 1 Corinthians. During this time, Thursday Bible Study will focus on these readings. Please join us for fellowship and study every Thursday, at 11:30 AM for lunch, and 12 noon for study. It is a vibrant and caring group. We would love for you to enjoy it with us.



Pastor Jaye



RE: BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN
Fridays, at 9:15 AM
“31 PROVERBS TO
LIGHT YOUR PATH”

Wherever you are on your journey, in Proverbs there is the wisdom you need for the road ahead. Maybe you're stuck and want to move forward. Or feel anxious and long to know what is next. Or you are ready for an uplifting reminder that God holds your future in his loving hands.

This study by Liz Curtis Higgs will meet (weather permitting) through February 22. Any questions contact Paula Chaney.

ESTHER/NAOMI CIRCLE
Wednesday, February 6, 12 noon
“Meetings with Jesus”

This month's study focuses on people who meet Jesus – Nicodemus, The Woman at the Well, and more. Copies of the study are available in the RLCW mailbox or in *Gather* magazine. Bring your lunch – fellowship begins at noon.



WOMEN OF THE WORD
Tuesday, February 12
7:30 PM
Transformation

This month—“From Anger to Meekness” (1 Samuel 25:18-35). Can one's anger be tamed? There is much we can learn from David's actions in this passage from scripture. All women invited. See Kathy Fiscella with questions.



NEXT BOOK GROUP
The Underground Railroad
by Colson Whitehead
Thursday, March 7, at 7:30 PM
Meet this time at Redeemer

Do you like to read? This group is for you. Find the book in the M.A.I.N. library. Read it! Come for this informal discussion. Contact Janice Kildea if you have questions.

Sunday School News

Parent visitation continues in Sunday School. Please mark your calendars for the following dates in February and plan to join us!

- Pre-K and Kindergarten – Sunday, February 17
- 7th and 8th Grade – Sunday, February 24

First Communion Classes (5th Grade) begin on Sunday, March 10. Instructional classes will be taught by Annie Ryan and run through April. First Communion will take place on Sunday, April 28 at the 10:15 AM worship service.

- Instructional classes: 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31
 - Communion Bread Baking/Lesson – 4/7 led by Ann Mauro
 - First Communion, Sunday, April 28th during the 10:15 AM service
 - A rehearsal will also be scheduled – Date/time TBD
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Sunday, February 3

... is the last day to donate canned and packaged food items for the Souper Bowl of Caring mission project hosted by the Alpha and Luther Leagues. Food collection boxes are in fellowship hall for your donations. In addition, the youth will be collecting monetary donations after both worship services on Sunday, February 3. The collected funds will be split between Roxbury Social Services and Faith Kitchen in Dover to help support these organizations in their fight to feed the hungry. Food collected will be donated to the Roxbury Food Pantry.

Middle School Retreat at Cross Roads March 8 to 10 or April 26 to 28 (6th – 8th Grade)

STICKS AND STONES is the theme for this year's Middle School Retreat at Cross Roads Camp and Retreat Center. The retreat will focus on building relationships between each other, creation and God. Students enjoy games, bible study, great food, singing and laughter! The cost is \$95 per person. For more information, contact Rhonda Rossi at redeemer.youth@yahoo.com or call 973-584-6300 NOTE: Kids attend one weekend, not both.

New this year! "A Taste of Redeemer" — Saturday, May 4

This dinner and dancing event will raise funds to help Redeemer's Youth Programs. Stay tuned for more information.

Y&F CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2019

Saturday, February 2

7 PM – Alpha League Lock-in

Sunday, February 3

*Final day for Souper Bowl of
Caring donations*

8:30 AM – Confirmation attends
worship service followed by class
10:15 AM – Youth can collection
from neighborhood

Monday, February 4

7 PM – Youth & Family Team
meeting

Friday, February 8 to Sunday, February 10

Youth Annual Ski Retreat at
Camelback

Sunday, February 10

Family Worship Day

11:30 AM – JAM'S Valentine
Baking Event – Bring a bag lunch
11:30 AM – POP's Bowling Event.
Meet in Conference Room A
with bag lunch

Friday, February 15 to Sunday, February 17

Elementary School Retreat at
CrossRoads

Friday, February 15

7 PM – Luther League Valentine
Baking at Ann Mauro's home

Saturday, February 16

9:30 AM – POP's Valentine
Baking

Sunday, February 17

10:15 AM – Pre -K/Kindergarten
Sunday School Parent Visitation

Sunday, February 24

10:15 AM – 7th/8th Grade Sunday
School Parent Visitation Day

Tuesday, February 26

7 PM – Confirmation

Valentine Baking



All four Redeemer Youth Groups will be participating in RLCW's Valentine mission by baking cupcakes, brownies and cookies. The group's will also make Valentine cards.

- **JAM'S** (3rd and 4th grades/parents)
Sunday, February 10, at 11:30 AM – Meet in the kitchen
- **POP'S** (5th and 6th grades)
Saturday, February 16, at 9:30 AM – Meet in the kitchen
- **Alpha League** (7th and 8th grades)
Saturday, February 2, at 7:00 PM – During their annual lock-in
- **Luther League** (9th -12th grades)
Friday, February 15 at 7:00 PM – Ann Mauro's home

More Upcoming Youth Group Events

POP'S Bowling Event Sunday, February 10, 11:30 AM

Parents vs Youth!! Who are the better bowlers? Come to the POP'S Bowling Event and find out. Bring a bagged lunch and meet in Conference Room A at 11:30 AM. Bowling at Circle Bowl and Entertainment in Ledgewood begins at 1:00 PM. Cost is \$5.00 per person plus shoe rental. For more information and to RSVP, contact Brittney Pigeon (973-670-9955) or Tammy Snoke (973-610-3019).

Alpha League Lock-In Saturday, February 2 at 7:00 PM

Please join us for a fun-packed time! Annual lock-in will include baking for the RLCW's Valentine Mission, fun, games and snacks! On Sunday, we will attend the 8:30 AM worship service then meet for Confirmation class and breakfast at 9:30 AM. If you still have the energy, please join the Luther League in the neighborhood can collection for Souper Bowl of Caring. Please RSVP by January 30, to Amy Batsch (973-2126-5301 or Barbara Thuren (734-645-1051)

Wine, Women and Chocolate

**Friday, March 8
beginning at 7 PM**



Hostess: Sarah Coraggio

If you have never attended a WW&C event, we hope you will consider joining us. It's a wonderful night out! Watch for more info in the March Redeemer Tidings

Redeemer Lutheran Church Women

TIME TO BAKE FOR VALENTINE'S DAY!



This popular mission, coordinated by the Redeemer Lutheran Church Women (RLCW), serves shut-ins AND anyone who would like some baked goodies to brighten up their day. Donations of homemade and store baked cookies and cupcakes are welcome.

**ALL baked goods must be dropped off in the large kitchen
between SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16 and
10 AM SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17.**

Volunteers are also needed to pack up goodies and deliver. Sign up in the fellowship hall. Questions? Please contact Ann Mauro at amauro51@gmail.com, 973-252-2412 or Dolores Wenger at dwenger2@optimum.net, 973-601-3088.



**RLCW presents a program by the Visiting Nurse Association
"Home Health & Community Support"
Saturday, February 23
10 AM to 12 PM
Watch for sign-ups and more information.**

God's work. Our hands.

FAITH KITCHEN

We will be making STUFFED CHICKEN POT PIE for the next 4 months. If you'd like to donate toward the non-perishable ingredients needed they are:

- 14.5 oz. can carrots,
- 14.5 oz. can green beans,
- 10.5 oz. can condensed cream of chicken soup,
- Box/Stove Top stuffing.

Please place in the GALLEY KITCHEN cabinets marked FAITH KITCHEN.

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Family Promise — January 15 to 20, 2019

I am again humbled by the way Redeemer extends itself time after time to help the guests of Family Promise. The weather got bad on the weekend and Family Promise asked us to keep the families an extra day. If you remember, we got snow topped by ice and rain. Trees came down and certain places were without power. It was very sloppy. Well, the congregation said yes, yes, and yes again to extra shifts, extra cooking, disruptions in the clean up. Thank you to all.

The volunteers this time (and for many, every time):

- Overnights — Fred Stigliano, Bob Fiscella, Paul Chaney, Dan Raymond, Rich Salim, Scott Bellows and Mike Strobel.
- Dinners— Cathy French and Ken Eibon, Steve Gray and Sharon Ciampa and breakfast Sarah Corragio.
- Evenings, 7-10 PM — Jenny Kildea and parent, Kim and Nathan Hopkins, Diane Unger, Jo Buckley, Carolyn Truax and Dan Nixon
- Other shifts— Linda Murdock, Karen Gardner and Mike Kiener.

Extra thanks to Scott for all the cleaning, Cindy Stevens for all the shopping, Carol Loff for extra supplies, The Fiscellas and Sandbergs for set up and breakdown help, Kerrie Guarneri for linen management.

Also thank you for all the laundry fairies who magically get things clean and other people who help in so many ways. There are many who might not have been able to help this time but frequently do. Also thanks to Nancy Firth who supplied the \$250 Thrivent card for groceries. ALL THESE GOOD PEOPLE! Thank you so much. If anyone reading this is inspired, we have room for you too!

In Christ,
Diana Gray and Jill Wildermann

Your Grandmother's Cupboard

Thank you to the entire congregation for your incredible donations to Your Grandmother's Cupboard in 2018. You definitely made a difference for many who struggle day to day!

For the months of February, March and April, I will specifically be collecting the following:

short and long sleeve T-shirts,	blankets,
sweatshirts,	shampoo, conditioner,
jeans,	bars of soap,
boots, work shoes, sneakers,	toothpaste, toothbrushes,
jackets,	razors, shaving cream.
winter gear,	

There is a consistent request for solid-toe men's work boots and shoes, used or new (Wal-Mart). Sizes 9-11 seem to be the most requested.

As always, I am looking for volunteers to help sort and distribute donations. Please call me at 973-525-6889 if you are interested.

Again, I am so grateful for your amazing generosity and continual support of Your Grandmother's Cupboard. No doubt, Redeemer Lutheran Church is making Dennis Paradise proud!

Sincerely,
Lisa Nolan



We use the word “love” so often here at Redeemer Christian School. We use it in our classrooms during discussions at circle time, in conversation about manners and helping others, in our chapel time where we tell the children that we have love from God even without our asking for it and most importantly; we use love in our everyday actions with the children and staff. We want the children to know that no matter what wrong we may do to others God loves us no matter what and that God gave us loving parents who love us unconditionally.

Thank you to our parents and friends for coming to our Christmas Pageant last month. It was a joy to see the excitement on the children’s faces as they presented their songs and recitations. It is such a warm and cozy part of our school year.

We celebrate love at RCS with our Valentine parties. Thank you to our rooms parents for coordinating these parties and for giving their time to their child’s

class, which is a true gift of love. We are proud of our Full Day Fours for “buying” items for families in need for the Redeemer Christmas tree. It’s nice to show love by our actions!

We have fun with our Supermarket Shopping now during this month as we tie this to our “G” week (groceries) and “S” week (supermarket). Thanks to our parents for sending in a recyclable item. If toy shopping carts and cash registers were lent to us we appreciate it as they “shop” for food (recyclables) in our gym. Randolph Pediatric Dental will once again come to our school during “D” week. Miss April, a dental hygienist there will teach proper dental care at the preschool level. A goody bag containing a toothbrush and other goodies are always given to our children from them.

We start “Read Across America” on Wednesday, February 27, through Friday March 1, with visits from big red dog Clifford (thank you again to our room parents!)

We are thankful to Mount Olive Department of Public Works for presenting “Splish and Splash, I see Trash” this past month. It was a fun way to learn about recycling!

A huge thank you to our fundraising chairperson Jessica Malcolm for all her volunteered hours that she gives to RCS. The Original Works and Yankee Candle fundraisers were successful and more fundraisers are on the way...stay tuned! We use this money for classroom supplies, we

donated a few Shoprite cards to needy families in Roxbury for the holidays, and plan to purchase needed classroom items. So much has been bought for our school in the past as a result of our fundraisers! In the past our mulch, our RCS rugs, our security camera, Buddy Bench, our iPads, and awesome HATCH (preschool smartboard) are some of the items we have purchased due to successful fundraisers.



Our registration is underway for Fall 2019. We still have more spots available. Thank you for referring our school to others. Our most important advertising has been through recommendations from current families and church members. We appreciate your support!

Have a loving and warm month. As our outside sign states; “God’s love warms our hearts”! We thank our parents for sharing their little loves with us!

God Bless all of you,
 Cindy Stevens & the RCS Staff

SERVERS
February 2019



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		February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24
Deacon		Steve Davis	Steve Davis	Scott Bellows	Scott Bellows
Deacon &/or Worship Asst.	Both 10:15	- Paula Chaney	Marge Stigliano Lisa Nolan	Pete Forester Donna Bellows	- Donna Bellows
Ushers	8:30	Scott and Donna Bellows	Lew and Mary Paul	Fred and Marge Stigliano	Dick Stanford Mary Lou Regit
	10:15	Bob Sandberg Amy Palazzolo	Anne Sauchelli Rose Russo	Denise Abels Sarah Mivelaz	Dan and Karen Raymond
Lay Readers	10:15	Mike Kiener	Steve Sauchelli	Deacon	Deacon
Coffee	8:30	Joann Argenziano	Peg Stanford	April Cummins	Diane Unger
	10:15	Kathy Fiscella	Pam Post, Judie Huber	Carmen Drew	Diana Gray
Altar Guild		Denise Abels Keith Guarneri	Denise Abels Keith Guarneri	Sandy Duscher Marge Stigliano	Sandy Duscher Marge Stigliano
Projectionist	10:15	Carmen Drew	Denise Abels	Sue Sopko	Jeff Adams
Greeters	10:15	Andy and Anna Lange	Janet Groenveld Mary Lou Haas	Kerri Guarneri	Jenn Stutmann Amy Palazzolo
Storytellers	10:15	Kathy Fiscella	Tami Strumolo	Carol Kitchin	Scott Bellows
Bakers Guild		Donna Bellows	Dori Bertino	Kim Hopkins	Ann Mauro



FEBRUARY

Birthdays

2/2 Annelise MacMillan, Janet Stone

2/3 Amelia Testa

2/5 Gabby Borrero, Tom Kildea, Paul Mastriano, Rob Schumacher, Dale Svenningsen, Mike Tumminello

2/9 Casey Brodhecker, Rachel Thrun

2/10 Paul Chaney

2/12 Brianna Cuyar, Isabella Cuyar, Pat Little, Reese Moser, Max Tewksbury

2/13 Steve Davis, Carolyn Truax

2/14 Christine Gerber

2/18 Lucy Sandberg

2/19 Adler Habig

2/20 Colleen Feeney, Janet Lang, Amanda Raymond, Jessica Raymond, Mark Stevens

2/21 Aubrey Stutmann

2/22 Katherine Gardner

2/23 Pat Mann

2/24 Sarah Coraggio, Colin Morris, Melissa Tumminello

2/25 Kyra Ribe

2/26 Judy Johnson, Taylor Myers

2/27 Eliana Tumminello

2/28 Karen Raymond