

Redeemer Tidings

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It's a wonder of modern technology, although younger folks take it for granted: using your smartphone for navigation. On a road trip maps aren't needed; just type in an address and your phone tells you where to go.

It's hard to get lost, and (good news for guys!) you don't have to stop and ask for directions. But there's something about smartphones that tend to make us less smart, and taking a trip can be something of a myopic experience. Sure, you get to where you want to go, but you don't have much understanding at any point along the way where you actually are. And if you made an error in entering your destination — say, you enter "Gainesville, TX" when you really want to go to Gainesville, Virginia — well, you might go a very long way before realizing it.

Where is the church going? Some don't think of the church as "going" anywhere in particular. Church is (in good ol' Lutheran lingo) where the Gospel is preached and the sacraments are administered. We don't really have to "go" anywhere, do we? Perhaps. But how we go makes a difference.

The church has always been in motion, always going somewhere. The early followers of Jesus were called "the people on the way," with movement and adaptation to surroundings implied. Those who lament the changes from the way the church "used to be" — say, back in the 1950s and 1960s — don't seem at all bothered by the fact that the church then didn't look anything like the church of the 19th century, or the 16th, or the 2nd, for that matter. The church has always had to change, always adapting itself to the needs and peculiarities of its time. And with our world changing at its current pace, it is critical that we adjust our direction accordingly.



There is no app into which to punch in a desired destination, no piece of wizardry that will provide directions for every turn. To make matters more difficult, the church is prone to just "plug along," doing things "the way we've always done them." If we simply put our heads down, doing things as we've always done them without looking carefully at our surroundings and understanding the bigger picture, we may end up lost, disconnected from the world around us, and unable to fulfill our primary mission, to reflect the love of Christ and share in his work.

In the year ahead, Redeemer will journey together through a planning process that will help guide the shape of our ministry. We are calling this process Vision 2020 because the plans we make now will likely come to fruition in the decade to come. Details about the planning process will be shared as the process gets going later this winter.

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To discern the church's direction is the work of vision. There is no app, no boilerplate plan to follow. What we will be and do together in the years to come is discerned, prayerfully and thoughtfully. We are called into the future, attentive to the Spirit in each step and every turn.

What's the first step? Prayer is how you get there. How else are we to discern our direction if we are not attuned to God's guidance system?

Vision 2020 will seek to engage as many Redeemer members as possible in this visionary work, and prayer will be an integral dimension of it all along the way. The upcoming season of Lent provides the perfect invitation for us all to "go deeper." (See the "Journey Together" article in this edition.) I encourage you to take advantage of every opportunity for renewal in the coming weeks to deepen your faith, to strengthen your trust, and to grow your love in Christ.

Pastor Tom Kildea



At the January 16, Church Council meeting the following people were nominated and approved as Officers of the Congregation for 2018:

President – Dan Nixon
Vice President – Annie Ryan
Treasurer – John Batsch
Secretary – Donna Bellows

The following Council Liaison assignments were made:

Worship & Music – Annie Ryan
Memorials – Donna Bellows
Youth & Family – Donna Bellows
Evangelism – Peter Strumolo
Social Ministries – Bill Carlock
Property & Maintenance – Ken Eibon
Finance & Insurance – Mike Kiener
Personnel – Jeff Kalafut
Stewardship - Pastor Tom
RCS - Carolyn Truax
Nominating Committee – Dan Nixon
RLCW – Audrey Svenningsen

2018 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY WILL BE PUBLISHED IN FEBRUARY!

*If you have any corrections or additions, please call or email
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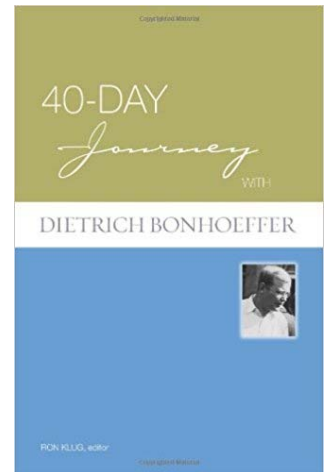
Journey Together | Lent 2018

As Lent approaches, many of us will give some thought as to what we might “give up.” Have you considered “taking up” something instead? Perhaps the thing you should give up is time toward a new practice or discipline. Perhaps this year our Lord is calling you to go deeper.

As we begin our Vision 2020 planning process (see this month’s main article) all of Redeemer’s members will be invited to go deeper in prayer. Lent is the perfect time to begin! Consider coming along on a “40 day journey.”

What is this journey? It is simply an opportunity to embark on a spiritual journey, together with fellow sisters and brothers in Christ, by means of a common, daily discipline. Using the book, 40 Day Journey with Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and devoting time each day (more or less) to read, reflect, and pray, we journey together spiritually. If we commit ourselves to a new discipline, we may discover a depth to our faith we didn’t know existed.

How can you participate in this 40-day journey? Buy the book and follow along! A limited number of copies of the book, 40 Day Journey with Dietrich Bonhoeffer (Fortress Press) will be available for purchase after worship beginning February 4th. The book is easy to purchase online.



This journey can be accomplished at home, on your own schedule. For those who desire more companionship on this road to spiritual discovery, there will be opportunities for conversation and reflection — like oases on our journey. See the Lent 2018 schedule below for meeting times. (All “travellers” are welcome to join in the conversation, whether or not you are reading the book.)

Wednesdays in Lent

7:30 PM Holden Evening Prayer

8:00 PM 40 Day Journey Conversation

Thursdays in Lent

11:30 AM Lunch (bring your own!)

12:00 PM Midday Prayer, followed by
40 Day Journey Conversation



February 14

Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

12 noon | 4:30 PM | 7:30 PM

Y&F CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday, February 4

Final day for Souper Bowl of
Caring donations

Sunday School Parent Visitation
Kindergarten/1st Grade

11:30 AM – Alpha and Luther
League baking event

Friday, February 9, 6 PM

POP's Baking Event

Friday, February 9 to Sunday, February 11

Annual Ski Retreat

Tuesday, February 13

Confirmation 7:30 PM

Sunday, February 18 10:15 AM

First Communion classes

Sunday School Parent Visitation
2nd Grade

Monday, February 19, 10 AM

Youth Gathering Meeting

***Thursday, February 22**

AL and LL Lenten Meal Prep
Time TBD

***Friday, February 23, 5 to 7 PM**

Lenten Meal Distribution

Sunday, February 25 10:15 AM

Sunday School Parent Visitation
3rd/4th grades

Tuesday, February 27

Confirmation 7:30 pm

*Fundraising events



Sunday School News

Students of Redeemer Sunday School (pre-k through 4th grade) are supporting RLCW's Valentine mission by making Valentine's Cards. The cards will be placed with the baked goods that are being provided by Redeemer's youth groups and members of the congregation.

Parent Visitation

Please mark your calendars for the following dates in February and plan to join your child!

- Kindergarten/1st Grade – Sunday, February 4
- 2nd grade – Sunday, February 18
- 3rd/4th Grade – Sunday, February 25

First Communion Classes begin on Sunday, February 18

Instructional classes will be taught by Annie Ryan and run through March.

- Instructional classes – 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11
- Communion Bread Baking/Lesson – 3/18 led by Ann Mauro
- First Communion, Sunday, April 8 during the 10:15 AM service
- A rehearsal will also be scheduled – Date/time TBD

Redeemer Youth's 7th Annual Dinner Auction Saturday, May 5



The Youth and Family Ministry committee presents the 7th annual auction event to benefit its various youth programs. Doors open to preview the auction items at 5:30 PM. The evening program continues with the silent auction from 6 to 7 PM, dinner 7 to 8

PM, and is capped with the live auction from 8:15 to 10 PM. The "Cinco de Mayo" theme carries into the dinner menu. Entertainment will be a hit with our very own band, "Destination Home" made up of Redeemer members. Tickets will go on sale in April; \$25 per person in advance and \$30 at the door. The tickets include dinner and entertainment.

The Silent and Live Auctions include a variety of items to bid on, from baskets of goodies and/or gift cards to larger items such as various venue tickets, services and more. We are accepting donations from local businesses and individuals for items to auction off. Please contact Ann Mauro at [973-252-2412](tel:973-252-2412), Janet Stone at [973-584-0046](tel:973-584-0046) or Diana Gray at [973-570-4042](tel:973-570-4042) if you are interested in donating to the auction.

Redeemer Youth Love to Cook!



POP's, Alpha League and Luther League support RLCW Valentine's Day Project

Friday, February 9, from 6 to 8 PM

POP's kids (and parents willing to help) will meet in Redeemer's kitchen to bake cookies, brownies and cupcakes for the mission. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Youth and Family bulletin board for supplies that are needed. Please contact Tammy Snoke (973-610-3019), Brittney Pigeon (973-670-9955) or Kit Torode (973-584-9532) for more information.

Sunday, February 4, beginning at 11:30 AM

Alpha and Luther League youth are invited to bake cookies, cupcakes and fudge on in Redeemer's kitchen. Please bring a bag lunch! RSVP to redeemer.youth@yahoo.com All baked goods will be given to shut-ins on Sunday, February 11.

Lenten Meals Return - Order Mac 'n Cheese and/or Fish Tacos Back by popular demand! Delicious meal alternatives for Lent.

Redeemer Youth (grades 7 to 12) will be making and selling homemade macaroni and cheese and fish tacos on the following Fridays in Lent: February 23, March 9 and March 23. All items must be ordered in advance and picked up on those Fridays between 5PM and 7PM at church. This is a takeout meal only. Watch for further details on ingredients, pricing and ordering!

Redeemer Youth Love Cross Roads!



MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT Choose from these dates: March 9 to 11 or April 20 to 22

HUMAN KIND is this year's theme. The retreat will focus on what it means to be called by God — to be kind to ourselves, our neighbors and our world. Students enjoy games, bible study, great food, singing and laughter! The cost is \$95 per person. Two dates to choose from! This retreat fills up fast. If you are interested in attending (or chaperoning), please contact Rhonda Rossi at 973-584-6300 or email redeemer.youth@yahoo.com. We'll choose which date works best for all — you attend one weekend, not both.

Confirmation Camp at Cross Roads

Sunday, July 8 to Saturday, July 14. Redeemer has sent many kids to Confirmation Camp and those who attend have a wonderful experience and comment on how the camp strengthened their faith. I highly recommend it! Cost of the camp is \$455.00 if you register by March 15. After March 15, the cost will be \$465.00.

- ★ **You have the ability of reducing the camp cost to \$275.00** (register by March 15) or \$300.00 (register after March 15) **if you participate in the upcoming fund-raising events** (Lenten Meals, Dinner Auction, Shop Rite Cards). Camperships are also available.

If you are interested in attending camp or in need of a campership, please let Rhonda Rossi know.

small groups

LIVING OUR BAPTISM *Five Gifts of Discipleship* Thursdays at noon

Bring your lunch. Participants will delve into the Biblical Roots of Baptism and share conversation about how Baptismal “promises” can act as spiritual gifts for us. Led by Pastor Jaye.

ESTHER/NAOMI CIRCLE Wednesday, February 7, at 12 noon

Lunch and Bible Study. Bring a sandwich — coffee and dessert will be provided. Copies of the study are in *Gather* magazine or in the RLCW mailbox.

RE: BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN Fridays at 9:15 AM

All women are invited to Refresh, Renew, and Reveal faith, hope, peace, and love that is found through Jesus. Contact Paula Chaney with questions.

BOOK GROUP Thursday, February 22, 7:30 PM

Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty

Do you like to read? Join us for an informal discussion. We will meet at Redeemer this time. Questions? Contact Janice Kildea janicekildea@yahoo.com



Meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall

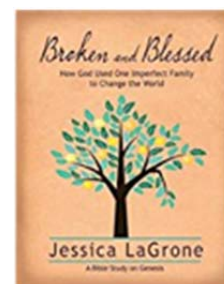
You are invited to be a part of this new group — MOMS

- Share joys and challenges;
- spend time with God’s Word and other moms.

Initial study will center on Jessica LaGrone’s book “Broken and Blessed.”

Questions – speak with Pastor Jaye Newbold

“Today, Tuesday January 23, we held our first MOMS meeting. What a joy it was to gather and just be women, moms, in the company of others. We spoke of how special and easy the communication is; how one does not have to have children per se to “speak the language” that is peculiar to us. That whether you’re a grandma, the mother of teens, the mom of a 1 year old, or one who mothers cats or nieces and nephews, the language, the unspoken cues, are something we all understand.



We found our study materials, “Broken and Blessed,” to really fill our need to hear God speak to us in our here and now.

So we invite you to join us. Our next meeting is on February 13, at 9:30 AM. You can just come, and listen and participate. No need to get a book, or prepare to meet. OR You can pick up a copy of Jessica LaGrone’s participant book. It is listed as “Broken and Blessed, A Bible Study on Genesis: How God Used One Imperfect Family to Change the World” and use the daily study materials to supplement our semi-monthly meeting content. Come twice a month, or just when you are able. There’s no need to have been with us last time, in order to feel ‘ready’ to get something from the gathering. Come. Try us out. You might just be blessed. “

Pastor Jaye

REDEEMER’S SNOW POLICY

In the event of a snow storm that prevents the parking lot from being plowed, or dangerous weather conditions, a message will be left on the church voicemail, 973-584-6300, indicating cancellation of services, Sunday School, or meetings. Call if you are in doubt. Messages regarding Sunday cancellations will be left after 7 AM.

Wine, Women and Chocdate

Friday, March 16
beginning at 7 PM



Hostess: Denise Abels

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

Thanks!

Thank You, My Dear Redeemer Family,

I want to thank all my Redeemer family for their kind prayers, cards, e-mails and phone calls wishing me well and speedy recovery. It has been a great support to both Harry and myself. I know my sons have also felt comforted that so many have been there for us. I am recovering well and will be back in time. I look forward to be at church again with you.

God Bless You for all your love.

In Christ,
Diana Gray

God's work. Our hands.

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 10 and 10 AM SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

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.

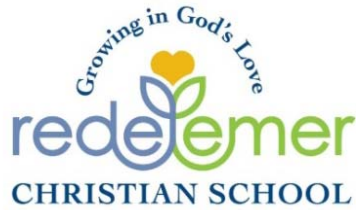


Sunday, February 4

Sunday, February 4. 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 located in fellowship hall. In addition, the youth will be collecting monetary donations after both worship services on Sunday, February 4. 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 items collected will be donated to the Roxbury Food Pantry.



Charlie Ray Alvin Duvall
born 12-29-17
grandson of
Nancy and Robert Firth,
son of Allison and JonPaul Duvall.



*“John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have external life”.*

In this season of love we focus on God’s love for us and our love for each other. We want our children to know that we have an unconditional love from God, no matter what wrong we may do to others, and that we have loving parents who take care of us and love us each day. We also stress that we have to always show love to each other. Our Valentine parties are a time for us to celebrate with friends. We thank our room parents for coordinating these parties and for giving their time to their child’s their child’s class, a true gift of love.

We are excited to once again have our “Special Night with Dad” (or someone special) on Thursday, February 1, from 6 to 7 PM. We have fun with our Supermarket Shopping for “G” Week (Groceries) and “S” Week (Supermarket) now going on until the beginning of February. Thank you to our parents for sending in a recyclable item for play and lending us your children’s shopping carts and registers if they were able to do so.

During our “D” Week we will once again enjoy visits from Miss Fatemah, dental hygienist at Randolph Pediatric Dental. Miss Fatemah is wonderful with the children as she teaches proper dental care at their level. She also provides them with a dental “goody bag”!

We start “Read Across America” on Wednesday, February 28 with visits from big red door Clifford (thank you to our room parents)!

We are thankful to the Mount Olive Department of Public Works for presenting “Splish, Splash, I See Trash” to our fours and STARS this past month. It was educational as well as entertaining!

A huge thank you goes to our fundraising chairpersons, Samantha Mikus and Heather Jason for their many volunteer hours and hard work to make our fundraising a success, especially, the Original Works and Gertrude Hawk fundraisers. We use this money for new craft supplies and new technology items for our classrooms.

Our registration is going very well for fall 2018. There are still spots available! Thank you so much for referring our school to others. A majority of tours that are given for RCS have come about because of your referrals! We are most grateful for this!

Have a loving, warm, and caring month with your families. We thank our parents for allowing us to spend this special time with their children. We are fortunate to have such a loving school here in Redeemer.

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



“G” is for groceries, “S” is for shopping

SERVERS

February 2018



		February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
Deacon		Steve Davis	Steve Davis	Marge Stigliano	Pete Forester
Deacon &/or Worship Asst.	10:15 Both	Pete Forester	Sharon Baker	Paula Chaney Donna Bellows	Steve Davis
Ushers	8:30	Scott & Donna Bellows	Mary & Lew Paul	Fred & Marge Stigliano	Dick Stanford Mary Lou Regit
	10:15	Jeff Adams Bob Sandberg	Denise Abels Sarah Mivelaz	Dan & Karen Raymond	Anne Sauchelli Rose Russo
Lay Readers	10:15	Sharon Baker	Lori Adams	Deacon	Sue Corneilson
Coffee	8:30	April Cummins	Audrey Svenningson	Margaret Stanford	Diane Carlock
	10:15	Amy Palazzolo	Jill Wilderman	Carmen Drew	Diane Unger
Altar Guild		Sharon Ciampa Christine Strobel	Denise Abels Keith Guarneri	Denise Abels Keith Guarneri	Denise Abels Keith Guarneri
Projectionist	10:15	Sue Corneilson	Jeff Adams	Linda Murdock	Kerrie Guarneri
Greeters	10:15	Steve & Anne Sauchelli	Andy & Anna Lange	Pastor Newbold Janet Groenveld	Kerrie Guarneri
Storytellers	10:15	Lori Adams	Judi Frank	Kathy Fiscella	Sam Scalamoni
Bakers Guild		Donna Schaab	Ann Mauro	Marge Stigliano	Dori Bertino

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