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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9a WORSHIP SERVICE

10:15a SUNDAY SCHOOL/PRECONFIRMATION CLASS

10:30a ADULT BIBLE CLASS



FALL BACK

Turn your clocks back one hour

FROM THE PASTOR

CONTROLLING TIME

In his letter to the people in Ephesus, the Apostle Paul exhorts them: *"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil"* (Ephesians 5:15-16). Today is a very important day to make our lives meaningful. Yesterday is history, and tomorrow may never come. At some point in life, we start asking, "Where did the months and the years go?" Time is an irreplaceable commodity that God grants us, a precious period of opportunity for fulfilling the purposes for which we exist. Living as stewards, we realize the importance of time and use it properly. Wise use of time starts by living a life for Christ. If our time, energy, and focus are only on material wealth or other worldly successes, our time has been wasted.

While we must spend time providing for our needs, our life's purpose must be to do the Lord's work. Jesus, who *"did not come to be served but to serve"* (Matthew 20:28), is our model. We are called to bring people to Christ and serve others using the gifts given to us by God, including our time. Ignoring God's plan for our lives will result in anguish and despair.

As God's stewards, we are called to be good managers of God's gifts, especially time, since it is irreplaceable. When we place our trust in God, we can say along with the Psalmist *"My times are in Your hand"* (Psalm 31:15). Knowing that our time is a trust from God, we will be prompted to use our time for the things that He would have us do. God, who has given us time, will also guide us in using it wisely.

Pastor Todd

ELDERS CORNER – NOVEMBER 2023

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Prayer is such an amazing and incredible blessing and gift from God. When we pray, we are in direct communication and fellowship with our God. What a wonderful privilege this is.

Psalm 6:9 says, "The Lord has heard my plea; the Lord accepts my prayer."

Psalm 55:1 says, "Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!"

Psalm 65:2 says, "O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come."

Psalm 69:13 says, "But as for me, my prayer is to you, O Lord. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me in your saving faithfulness."

Psalm 86:6-7 says, "Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace. In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me."

Proverbs 15:29 says, "The Lord is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayer of the righteous."

Matthew 21:22 says, "And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."

Romans 12:12 says, "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."

Philippians 4:6 says, "do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

Colossians 4:2 says, "Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving."

1 Thessalonians 5:17 says, "pray without ceasing,"

James 5:16b, says "The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."

1 Peter 3:12, says "For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

Prayer is used continually throughout the bible, as the means of communicating with God.

Jesus gave the perfect example of using prayer, at all times and in all places, even at the point of his death on the cross.

It may be common to feel the need to pray when we are in times of physical or mental distress, and this is a powerful way to address those concerns. However, it is also good to pray and give thanks for all of the blessings and good things in our lives, especially the victory over our sin, over our death and over the evil one, won by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Never underestimate the power of Prayer!

Yours in Christ,

Matt Schorzman, Redeemer Elders.

ADVENT SERIES INTRODUCTION

PEACE CAME TO EARTH

Peace is our common pursuit. As Advent leads us to Christmas, we are especially seeking a distinct season of peace. We need a quiet place to rest during this restless time. Year after year, with each Advent season, we wonder if this year will bring a peace that endures. We crave the reassurance that God knows all our needs and will provide for them, not just for these short weeks but for every season.

Often, we grow impatient as we seek peace. Despite knowing the promises of God to provide for us, we might try to find peace on our own. We then define peace according to the ways we seek it. We might imagine that peace comes when we finally have enough of all the things we plan to buy. Or we might look for the perfect place where peace is undisturbed solitude, the cabin beside a still lake. We might seek peace by escaping memories of the past. Or peace might be an elusive future where everyone does exactly what they should. These are our many ways of defining peace, but sadly, each of these directions could go on and on without ever being fulfilled.

To illustrate both our pursuit of peace and God's plan for us, our Advent series this year uses a five-point star for each sermon. Each message will emphasize a different point of the star. Overall, the star reminds us of the Christmas star of Matthew 2 and that wonderful light that guided the Wise Men to find Jesus. Their long journey ended with the blessing of lasting peace. Just as the Wise Men followed the star, so we will go to each point in this Advent star. This won't be a useless journey that never ends. We will find that God meets us at each point of the star, knowing our needs and bringing us the peace we are seeking.

Since the five-point star will guide our journey, picture yourself drawing such a star. Start in the bottom left corner and draw up to the top center point. Stop and draw downward right, and back to the bottom left corner, eventually reaching each point. Every point goes a certain distance but then is stopped. In the same way, each of our paths to peace could go on and on, never being fulfilled. There won't be enough possessions or perfectly calm places to give us lasting peace. But as we seek peace in these many ways, God intersects us with a peace that both passes our understanding and yet meets our needs. God knows the many ways and directions by which we seek peace. As we journey, God meets us, halts our endless pursuits, and gives us a new understanding of His gift of peace. That peace comes always through the birth of Jesus, the Word become flesh who steps into the world and fulfills our desire for peace.

In the end, we find our lasting peace and treasure. God's peace doesn't send us on an impossible search. God's peace is not an invisible needle buried in a haystack. God's peace is a treasure laid in the straw of the manger. God's peace is the priceless Son of God, born in the stable and laid in plain view for us all. He is the diamond found in the manger's straw. As the Prince of Peace, He is the peace that we seek.



SENIOR LUNCHEON is Friday, Nov. 3 at noon. Everything will be provided (food, tableware, etc.) All you need to bring is your appetite! Come enjoy a good home cooked meal, fellowship, and a devotion. All are welcome, senior or not!

MEN'S GROUP BREAKFAST will meet Saturday, Nov. 11 at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. All men of Redeemer and Emmaus-Pasco are invited to enjoy food, fellowship, devotion.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – It's that time of year! There are still a few shoeboxes available to pickup and fill for children around the world. There is now an Amazon storefront at [amazon.com/shop/operationchristmaschild](https://www.amazon.com/shop/operationchristmaschild) for ideas or to purchase gifts. The deadline to return the filled boxes is Sunday, Nov. 12.

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP HELP NEEDED. Fellowship is looking for help on Sunday mornings. This may include providing treats (store bought or home-made), serving treats, making coffee/drinks or cleaning up. If you are interested in helping on Sunday mornings *in any way*, please contact Denise Rogers @ 509-735-7700.



CARD BINGO – SUNDAY, NOV. 12 – 2-4PM

Lydia Guild invites everyone, kids to grandparents, to play card bingo. Please bring a white elephant gift to be used for prizes. A free will offering will be taken to support Lydia Guild's mite missions. We will have fun, fellowship and goodies. Don't know how to play? Come and find out. It is simple and fun!



Thank you for all the cards and prayers during my recent health issues. They were very much appreciated. *Jim Perham*



CHRISTMAS DECORATING! December 2, 2023, at 10:00 am. It's that time of year, advent begins on December 3rd. We had so much fun at the decorating party last year that we are doing it again this year. Please join in to beautify our sanctuary and narthex. Men, you were marvelous last year! Women, you were wonderful last year! We look forward to seeing you all again this year. We will have light breakfast items starting at 9:45 and get to work at 10:00. Lunch will be served when we are finished. If you have any questions, please contact Dian Mauth at 509-539-9475 or dianmauth@gmail.com.



As the daylight gets shorter and the weather gets colder, you or someone you know may be looking for a happy, welcoming place to gather. Compassion Kitchen can fill that need. Every Tuesday from 12:00-1:00 we serve a hot meal with a welcoming, Christian atmosphere. Please join us and bring your friends and neighbors.



BETHLEHEM/REDEEMER MOVIE NIGHT

Due to a scheduling conflict, the movie night for Redeemer/Bethlehem youth, originally scheduled for October 29, will be rescheduled to a later date. *Redeemer Board of Education and Youth*

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Thanksgiving Day is a very special day of the year. Whether we are young or old, rich or poor, Christians join together in giving God thanks for His wonderful blessings. We are mindful of the Apostle Paul's Words, "...Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Thankfulness is an attitude of the heart and mind and is not necessarily dependent on amount of food on our Thanksgiving tables or even the state of our general well-being. As Christians, we rely on our Savior for all of our needs, and we give thanks in both good and bad times.

SCHOOL EXPLORATORY PROGRESS REPORT



The Redeemer Lutheran School Exploratory Committee continues to explore the viability of a school at Redeemer. Interim Chair Rachelle Ward provided a progress update to October 8 Voters' Meeting attendees.

In summary, she said:

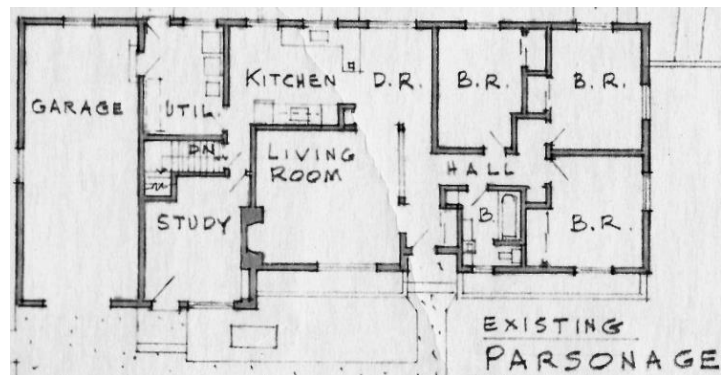
- It will cost more than \$100K to remove the Parsonage; and the cost of new construction is running \$250-\$300/sq. ft.
- Before a contractor can provide an accurate remodel cost estimate, the Parsonage must be surveyed and tested for hazardous materials, and an architectural firm must complete a site plan with basic remodel drawings.
- Whether removed or remodeled, the Parsonage must be surveyed and tested for hazardous materials – and that will cost about \$4K.

John Strege said, "We need to decide what to do with the Parsonage. If we leave it sitting there, we could lose our tax-exempt status."

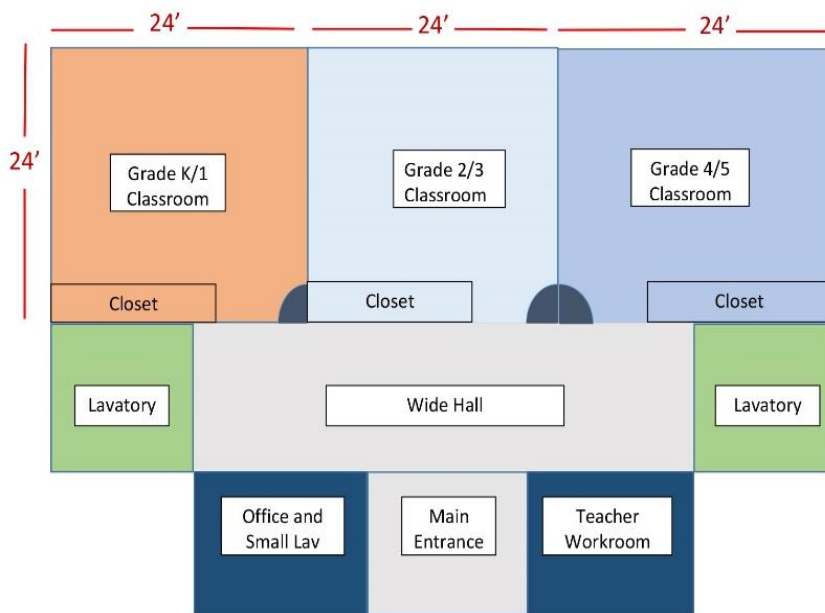
Dan Niebuhr said, "And if we rent it, we could lose our non-profit status."

Dan said also, Nate and Ariel Gruz are moving back to the Tri-Cities and will occupy the Parsonage, temporarily. He said Nate will provide some duties for Redeemer while there.

Voters passed a school committee motion "...to allot \$4K from the Hartman Memorial Fund to survey and test the Parsonage for hazardous substances (e.g., asbestos, lead)."



The current top floor of the Parsonage has many small rooms – a kitchen, dining room, living room, study, bathroom, utility room, and several small bedrooms; as well as a garage.



The school committee envisions the remodeled top floor of the Parsonage having three 24' x 24' classrooms that look out over the city, two lavatories, and a wide hallway. An office with a small lavatory, a teacher's workroom, and an attractive and secure main entrance would be added to the top floor as "new builds."

The committee envisions the bottom floor of the Parsonage being used for storage and the building's heating and cooling unit.

So what "next steps" does the school committee foresee?

- If hazardous materials are found in the Parsonage, they will need to be removed before the Parsonage can be demolished or remodeled. A hazardous materials removal cost estimate from a certified abatement company will be presented for Voters' Assembly approval.
- The school committee will have an architectural firm develop a site plan based on long-term and short-term goals and needs and the conceptual use of the Parsonage.
- The site plan's architectural drawings for a remodeled Parsonage will be provided to contractors for a remodeling cost estimate. The remodeling cost estimate and other pertinent information will be presented to the Voters' Assembly to help them determine the appropriate path forward.

PRAYER FOR RETURN TO WORSHIP FOR OUR YOUTH AND FAMILIES



Where are our families, where are our children? Today we have 1 to 4 children who regularly attend Sunday school. The tenants of our Christian faith require our children to be raised in the truth that they are saved from sin through Christ's death.

Please pray with me. Dear heavenly Father, please touch the hearts of our families that they would raise their children in the true knowledge of God to lead a life that is in praise and honor of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Open their hearts to remember the promise that they made in Baptism to have their children be raised in the holy scripture, the 10 commandments, the creed, the Lord's prayer, and to attend regular worship. In His name we pray. Amen.

Redeemer Board of Education and Youth

November Birthdays

- 3 Gloria Bentley
- 4 Linda Briggs, Zachary Woodall, Matt Schorzman,
Dasha Perham, Elizabeth Ripley
- 5 Diane Zaloudek, Pam Roundy
- 7 Det Wegener
- 8 Myrl Briggs
- 10 June Jaquish
- 12 Robin Buck, Mary Gruen
- 13 Casey Gant
- 16 Rich Vance
- 17 Marci Grall
- 24 John Beitz, Bret Uhrich
- 25 Kara Uhrich
- 26 Gary Fisher
- 27 Millie Dubbs
- 28 Rebecca Redeker
- 30 Samuel Rogers



November Anniversaries

- 09 Curt & Jerrine Gjerdevig
- 10 Bob & Marj Littlejohn
- 11 Sean & Amy Strege
- 22 Dan & Lisa Neibuhr

December Birthdays

- 2 Deb Werner
- 3 Kevin Einspahr
- 5 Cheryl Evenson
- 6 Cindy Norberg
- 10 Kaylee Sorensen (Kroll)
- 13 Ken Sump, Elizabeth Uhrich
- 14 Duane Frank, Linka Compton
- 15 John Rohlfing
- 16 Kathy Breese, Chloe Julson
- 17 Angela Julson, Jerry Weldon
- 18 Jeff Mauth
- 19 Parker Gibson
- 20 Katherine Gibson
- 22 LaVada Mundt
- 23 Becky Bond, Melba Niemuth
- 24 Roxy Grall
- 29 Dorothy Thieme
- 30 Tom Valenti



December Anniversaries

- 2 Andy & Sally Grego
- 12 Karl & LaVada Mundt
- 22 Andy & Donna Sutherland
- 28 Jeff & Dian Mauth

PRAYERS – Please let the office know of any changes to the prayer page by calling 943-4967 or emailing office@richlandredeemer.org. *Indicates friends/family.

HOMEBOUND:

Pearl Raabe
Ruth Shook
Reta Siefken
Bernie Simpkins
Eileen Stixruud

CANCER:

John Schug
Beth* (neighbor of Linda Einspahr)
Barbara Connell* (sister-in-law of Sandy Guymon)
Rev. James & Ann Gier* (son & daughter-in-law of Marlene Paris-Ufkes)
Kevin Raabe* (son of Pearl Raabe)
Sandi Sheeley* (sister of Karin Nickola)
Deanna Snider*

HEALTH CONCERNS:

Bob & Cheryl Evenson
Sally Grego
Elaine Kutrowski
Pearl Raabe
Ruth Shook
Reta Siefken
Bernie Simpkins
Eileen Stixruud
Bobbie Van Buren
Bev Wetzler
Gregg Lee* (son of Barbara Lee)
Jody Schug* (wife of John Schug)
Phillip Turner*

MILITARY:

Sam Willhoite
Darion Woodall
Brandin Bunch*
Jacob Cagle*
Brandon Gano*
Byron Gano*
Matthew Gano*
James Hare*
Sean Williams*

