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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9AM WORSHIP

10:15-11:30 KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL/PRECONFIRMATION

10:30-11:30 ADULT BIBLE CLASS

(education hour will resume on Jan. 7)

*Thank
You!*

Thank you for all the cards and condolences following the recent passing of my father. *Pastor Todd*

Thank you for all the Christmas cards, gifts and well wishes. We feel blessed to be part of such a loving family of God. *Pastor Todd and Gina; Ronda*

Beginning in January, the office will be closed every Monday.

FROM THE PASTOR

SHARE GOD'S LOVE

Charlie Brown's young friend Linus made the mistake of confessing to his big sister Lucy that he wanted to be a doctor when he grew up. Lucy was astounded at her brother's declaration. "You, a doctor!" That's a laugh! You could never be a doctor! You know why? Because you don't love humankind!" Young Linus immediately responded, "I do love humankind! It's people I can't stand!"

Linus' comment may give us a chuckle. We find humor in it because we identify with Linus. Apart from the power of God's Spirit working in us, our love for others is weak and shallow at best. But God calls us to love all people and enables us to do so. Whether we are doctors, carpenters, policemen, teachers, secretaries, or plumbers, we are to love those with whom we work with as well as all people. God places us in different vocations where we can share God's love. We are His instruments through which He works. In his letter to the church in Corinth, the Apostle Paul wrote, *"Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him"* (1 Corinthians 7:17).

God has a purpose, a plan, in mind for each of us. Like Linus, one might consider being a doctor, but God may have a much different vocation in mind. No vocation is to be viewed higher or lower than another, and we are called, regardless of where we are placed by God, to let His love within us overflow to others.

Peace,

Pastor Tobel

ELDERS CORNER – JANUARY 2024

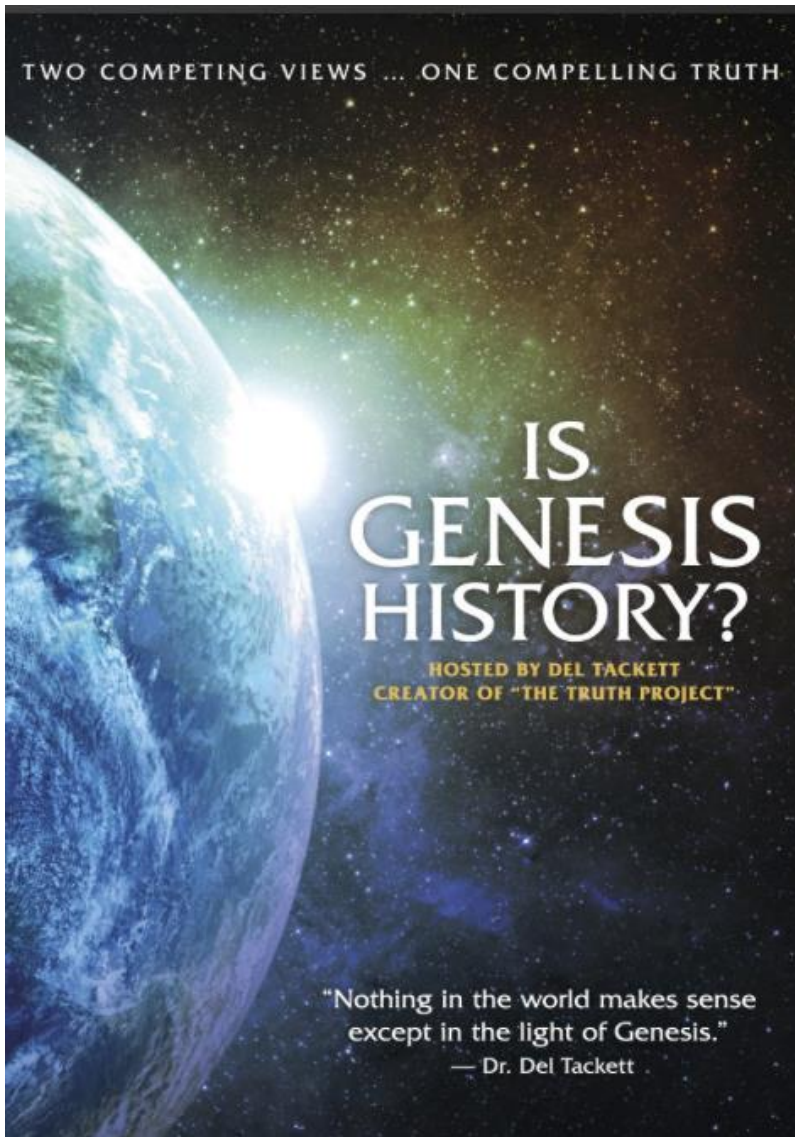
Christmas Day has passed us by and New Years Day is just around the corner. Every year I like to write on a piece of paper, two columns. In column A I write down all the good blessings I received from God in a year. In column B I write down all of the things that happened to me that seem like bad things, things that make me sad.

I always fill column A to the brim with many, many blessings. A few things always make it in column B, never a large amount, but there are always a few things. Then I look at the two, and I am always reminded of this, everything that I see as a bad thing that happened in life over the past year has in some way turned into a HUGE blessing from God! We will have problems in our lives, that is part of living in this world. However, God will guide our lives to serve His purposes and in return He gives us many more times blessings in return. We do not live for the trials of this world, we live so we can serve God and His kingdom.

Paul Julson, Redeemer Elders.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Seeking to please God, we may ask the question, "God, where do You want me to go?" Or better yet, "God, where can I go where You can best use me and where You can be praised?" God has a plan and purpose for each one of us. Our answers come from reading His Word, through our prayers, and through counsel from Godly friends. Through faith and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, we understand that we need to allow God to lead us and to depend on His strength. As we place our faith and trust in Jesus, He can take control and lead us where He wants us to be.



Is Genesis History?

Join us on Wednesday evenings starting January 10, 2024, at 6p.

This film series is by Del Tackett and is a follow-up to his popular series, 'The Truth Project.' The film is an introduction: The author's goal is to give you an overview of a broad range of topics alongside specific evidence for Creation and the Flood. It's okay if you don't understand everything the first time you hear it. God created a very complex and beautiful world; even the greatest scientists understand only a fraction of it. We want you to see that when you study the world in light of Genesis—even in an introductory way—it intersects with the events recorded in the Bible.

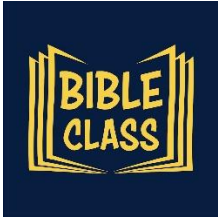
On Wednesday, January 10, we will watch the entire movie for around an hour and a half. Subsequent lessons will look at the following topics:

Lesson 1 - Genesis as a Book of History

Lesson 2 - The First Seven Days

Lesson 3 - Man, Life and Science

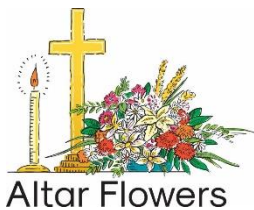
Lesson 4 - Adam, Eve, & the First Sin, & The Global Flood



Sunday morning adult bible class will meet on Jan. 7 with an elder led class. The study on Revelation will resume on Jan. 14.

MONTHLY CHURCH LUNCHEON (formerly Senior Potluck) – Friday, January 5 in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome! Lunch is served at noon. No need to bring anything.

MEN'S GROUP BREAKFAST will meet Saturday, January 13 at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. All men of Redeemer and Emmaus-Pasco are invited to enjoy food, fellowship, devotion.



2024 FLOWER CHART is posted in the Narthex. If you wish to place flowers on the altar for any given Sunday, please sign up and indicate the occasion. If you have questions, please contact Ronda in the office.



"She seeketh wool and flax worketh willingly with her hands."
Proverbs 31:13

QUILTING/KNITTING GROUP - Are you looking for an outlet for your creativity? Service organizations are always in need of lap quilts, prayer shawls, and port protectors for cancer patients etc. Join our quilting/knitting group on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 9:30a to 11:30a. We will start January 3, 2024. Meet in the Sunday school room across from the library. Questions call Terri Lahti @ 509-539-3560.

LYDIA GUILD

Lydia Guild is starting a new Bible Study in January called "Servants of the Lord. We will be studying Dorcas "Willing to Serve." God has promised us eternal life and sealed His promise with the death and resurrection of Jesus. The Holy Spirit gives us faith to believe that we are forgiven and grants us gifts we can use to serve God as we help others. Come on Monday, January 8th at 10 am as we gather in the Fellowship Hall to explore our gifts and ways to serve God with our many talents.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League – LWML is winding down its year to collect mites and complete our goal of \$75,000. We have until the end of March and find we are short of our goal. We need to collect \$40,000 between now and March. Our president reminds us to start with a \$20 bill tucked in your mite box and let God provide the nickel and dimes. If your box is full or you need another to fill see Terry Strege, Ronda Wolfe or Ginny Wendland.

Lydia Guild is still collecting coffee, tea, cocoa and warm clothing to delivery to the Union Gospel Mission January 15th. You still have time. There is a table beneath the Lydia Guild bulletin board near the mailboxes. So don't forget to bring your coffee, tea, cocoa and warm clothing to support those in need.



On January 16th Compassion Kitchen will begin its 3rd year of serving free meals to our community. As of the end of December 2023 (2 weeks shy of 2 years) we have served 2,037 meals. We are so blessed to have your support and we want to thank all our volunteers, all who have contributed financially and all who have prayed for the ministry of Compassion Kitchen. To celebrate the start of our 3rd year we will be serving a special meal on January 16, 2024. Come and help us celebrate with everyone's favorite meal...BISCUITS AND GRAVY! We hope to see you there, bring a friend! *Dian and Denise*

FELLOWSHIP

As we celebrated the Advent season, we enjoyed several fellowship opportunities at Redeemer:

Soup Suppers – THANKS to the many who cooked and served us soup on Wednesdays.

Caroling – THANKS to those who shared Christmas joy through song to several of our congregants that have been unable to attend services. We had 3 teams, each with 8 carolers, that serenaded very appreciative (and sometimes tearful) Redeemer folks.

Christmas Dinner – THANKS to those coming together to enjoy a yummy meal and Christian fellowship. Those that prepped, cooked, served and cleaned up were greatly appreciated.

Sunday Coffee Fellowship - THANKS for bringing in treats and/or volunteering to host our social times following the Sunday worship services. January hosts needed, please consider signing up. *Denise Rogers (Fellowship Point of Contact)*



Saturday, January 27

5:00 pm

Fellowship Hall





MERRY CHRISTMAS 2023 AND HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024

Immanuel, Immanuel God is with us.

NEHM & MADDO shall say:

Hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**In the Name of this Holy Son Jesus Christ, we wish you a Merry Christmas
2023 and a Happy New Year 2024.**

Where can I listen to past sermons?



CHURCH WEBSITE

richlandredeemer.org

On homepage click on "News & Media". From drop down list select "Live Stream & Audio Archives."



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Open the camera app on your phone. Hold your phone so that the QR code appears in view. Tap the notification to open the link associated with the QR code.



APPLE PODCASTS

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January Birthdays

- 1 Liesl Batdorf, Rick Gartner
- 5 Marilyn DeRoche
- 7 Sash Eirich, Taylor Kroll
- 10 Misty Lyon
- 13 Donna Sutherland
- 14 Kelsey Yarbrough
- 16 Jesse Ingle
- 17 Joy Ledgerwood
- 20 Bob Littlejohn
- 23 Joey Riordan
- 24 Dan Engelmann
- 25 Colton Lyon
- 26 Rev. Laurence Meyer
- 29 Dee McDorman



January Anniversaries

- 9 Bob & Jan Spencer
- 14 Bob & Cheryl Evenson
- 24 Ken Dobbin & Nancy Petrowicz
- 28 Nate & Ariel Gruz

February Birthdays

- 3 Terry Strege, Julia-Rae Parker
- 5 Sandy Guymon
- 8 Duane Ward
- 10 Pat Gibson, Tim Woodall
- 12 Judy Nash, Karin Nickola
- 14 Luise Batdorf
- 16 Gina Morgan
- 23 Kelley Hawkins, Lois Stutheit
- 25 Carolyn Lyon
- 26 Ken Hoopingarner
- 28 Mark Lyon



February Anniversaries

- 3 John Sr. & Del Blessing
- 14 Gary & Marikay Sebade
- 16 Dan & Millie Dubbs
- 18 Mark & Denise Rogers
- 20 John & Lorette Beitz

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 Stixrud

CANCER:

Bob Littlejohn
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:

Ray Boecker
Bob & Cheryl Evenson
Gretchen Fleming
Steve Gano
Sally Grego
Elaine Kutrowski
Pearl Raabe
Ruth Shook
Reta Siefken
Bernie Simpkins
Eileen Stixrud
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*

