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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2009



WELCOME TO REDEEMER! We are pleased to have you worship with us. We hope you enjoy your visitor's welcome packet as a reminder of your visit. We pray you will return and share God's Word with us again. For information on membership, contact Joanna Newman at (248) 644-4010.

OUR MISSION: Bringing the love of Christ to a searching world.
OUR NURSERY is located just inside the West Entrance and is available during all Sunday services for children 3 and under. If your child begins to fuss during church, you are welcome to go to the narthex where an usher can help you if necessary.

Worship Schedule: Sunday - 8:00 am - *Chapel*; *9:00/*10:30 am - *Sanctuary* (*Sunday School classes held at this time)
Monday - 7:30 pm - *Chapel*

Holy Communion: 8:00 am - Second and Fourth Sunday
9:00/10:30 am - First and Third Sunday
7:30 pm - Monday after Second and Fourth Sunday

If you wish to join us at the Lord's Table, please read the back of the Worship Card in the pew rack. If this is consistent with your own beliefs, we welcome you to our altar. (Raise your pointer finger if you would like to receive a *gluten-free wafer*. Those who wish to request *grape juice* may hold up one finger as Pastor approaches. Noncommuning children are invited to receive a blessing at the altar and should fold their arms across their chest as an indication that they are not communing.)



Join us for coffee hour immediately following the 9 am service hosted by Andrea Schlak.

CAN'T MAKE IT TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY? Remember, we have Monday night worship in the Chapel at 7:30 pm.
IMPORTANT NOTE: Our office is closed and there will be no worship service TOMORROW because of the Labor Day holiday.

Our 10:30 PRAISE! has ended We are so blessed and want to express our appreciation to Katie Priskorn and to all those who helped out at the 10:30 worship service this summer, and also to Mike Dundas for filling in when Katie was away.



to **Madeleine, Andrew, Pat & Mike Baskin** for staffing our weekly bulletins this Summer. We couldn't have done it without you!



IT'S ALMOST HERE!!!!!! Next Sunday, September 13 is our **Homecoming Picnic** (following the 10:30 worship service.) Bring your family and friends. We will once again have pony rides, a petting zoo, snow cones, popcorn, and a spaceship moon bounce. Added to our mix of fun will be Dan Dan the Choo Choo Man. Train rides for young and old. Our "pro grilling" team will once again be serving up hamburgers, hot dogs and brats. We are asking everyone to bring a dish to pass. Please sign up at the West Entrance or contact the church office. Drinks will be provided. We would love to see everyone attend. If you have any questions please contact Kim Davis (248) 481-8955.



WEDNESDAY Lunch & Worship Our third Wednesday of the month Lunch & Worship service will resume on September 16 at 12 noon in the Great Room. Begun last September, this has become a well-received and anticipated part of the Redeemer worship schedule, providing a delicious lunch lovingly prepared and served by Karen Pridmore and her caring crew of helpers, followed by a brief worship service with Communion at 1pm in the Chapel. People of all ages are invited to join us for both the lunch and the worship service (or possibly just the worship service as you take your lunch break), and our hope is that some of our shut-ins might also be able to join us. Transportation can be provided if you let the church office know of your need by calling (248) 644-4010. To help in our meal preparation, we ask that you sign up at the West Entrance or call the church office. Also, keep in mind that our mid-week Bible study takes place from 11 am - 12 noon in the Conference Room on Wednesdays, just prior to the lunch, and we encourage you to come to that as well. Hope you can join us to enjoy the warm fellowship as you are fed in body and spirit! Questions can be directed to one of our pastors.

YOUTH MINISTRY

No Sr. High Youth Group tonight. Next Sunday is Bible Study, from 7-9pm. Our Bible Study theme this fall is "The Friends and Family Plan" – God's plan to bless our relationships with friends and family. *First Tuesday*, September 8 – Core Group returns, but the *First Tuesday* is seniors only. The time is the same, 6:30–8pm, but we're meeting at Pastor Wuggie's house on the deck for burgers. The purpose is to bond as the Class of 2010 and set priorities and strategies for this year of youth group. All seniors welcome!

Middle School Kick-off event is Water Wars, on Saturday, September 12, from 3-6pm. Water balloons, water guns, and a huge burger cook-out. It'll be buckets of fun! \$5 in advance covers it all. (\$12 at the door.) Download a registration form from www.wuggie.org. Bring your own squirt gun and towel and wear your swim suit! See you there!

Volunteers Needed! At Redeemer, we value kids. We intentionally pass our faith and values on to our children. We all know how critical it is for kids to be connected to each other at church and continue to be connected after Confirmation. As a parent, we invite you to support the events that do that. Our Fall Kick-off event, Water Wars is one. Parents, we need your help with cooking, grilling, clean-up, and games assistance. Please consider volunteering your time to make this a great event and keep kids connected at church! Please call Mark Wuggazer to volunteer.

Mexicali applications are now available online at www.wuggie.org. The deadline for submission is November 15. More information, including schedules and tentative expenses are also posted online.

Understanding Teen Depression is an educational presentation by the University of Michigan Depression Center aimed at increasing awareness and understanding of teenage depression, and providing information and resources for those families who need them. The event is Tuesday, October 6 at Kirk in the Hills church in Bloomfield Hills. Call 248-626-2515 x 122 for more information.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

No Sunday School today – We will see you NEXT SUNDAY, September 13 at 10:30 when we all come back together for the school year! I have missed you and can't wait to see our teachers and all of you kids back in the classroom for learning, laughter and fun. Please remember we do not have Sunday School today. Our regular schedule will be in place at 9 & 10:30 on September 20th. Remember to bring a friend to our picnic and win a prize!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Ministry Team meets THIS Wednesday, September 9 at 7pm in the library. Bring your enthusiasm, ideas, imagination and we will cook up a great year for Redeemer women and their friends. We welcome all women who have great ideas to share them with us. Come along!!! Questions? Call Kitty at (248) 644-4010 ext. 11.

Women's Ministry Book Group will meet at 7pm in the library on Wednesday, September 16 for discussion on the best seller *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer. We laugh, critique and enjoy discussing a good read! Join us!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

All weekly announcements must be turned into the office by NOON on Mondays. LAMP articles are due on or before the 5th of each month PRIOR to the month of publication.

BASCC is looking for rummage sale donations. The sale is Saturday, September 26 from 9am–3pm at the Center, 2121 Midvale, Birmingham. Get in the door at 8:00 am for \$2.00. Half off sale at noon. Bag sale (\$5 per bag) starts at 1:30pm. Donated items such as clothing, toys, books, small appliances, electronics (analog TV sets WILL NOT be accepted), housewares, sports equipment, furniture

and more can be dropped off at BASCC on Thursday, September 24 (3-7pm) and Friday September 25 (10am-6pm). No donations will be accepted prior to Thursday, September 24 at 3pm. For more information about donating items, contact Sandy Debicki at (248) 540-9115 or Renee Cortright at 248-203-5270.

Moms-to-Moms Sale at St. Paul Lutheran School, Royal Oak, Saturday, Sept. 26 from 9am - 1pm. Admission is \$1. Sorry, no strollers please. For more information call (248) 546-6555.

New Beginnings - Redeemer is partnering with Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in the formation of "New Beginnings", a support group for those who are unemployed, underemployed or in-between jobs. The group will share networking opportunities, coping tools, spiritual encouragement, and will provide educational topics and resources . . . and the cost is free. *New Beginnings* meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 10-11:30am with the next session on September 15. The first Tuesday of each month involves support and networking, and the third Tuesday provides guest speakers/consultants and career resources. The sessions will be held in the Library of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2225 E. 14 Mile Road, Birmingham. Contact Gary Priskorn (248) 644-4010 for more information or if you have questions.

L.C.F.S.A. Chapter 18 meets at Redeemer THIS Wednesday, September 9 at 12 noon. It will be a pantry shower so please bring non-perishable food. Please also bring a bag lunch.

NEW BIBLE STUDIES

Fireproof Your Marriage with Gary Priskorn & Dr. Sandy Pourcho. Financial pressures, stresses of parenting, differences between men and women, boredom, temptations - they can all scorch a relationship. The fires will come, but how will your marriage withstand it all? This fall, Redeemer is offering two opportunities to help you strengthen your relationship, both of which feature the highly acclaimed movie, "Fireproof", starring Kirk Cameron. First, on Friday, September 25, we'll be showing the movie at 7pm in the Great Room, beginning the evening at 6:30pm with pizza, salad and soft drinks. Childcare will be provided during the approximately 2 hr. movie. Secondly, we're offering a six-week Bible study on Sunday mornings - September 27 through November 1 - meeting from 9-10am in the Great Room. The "stand-alone" classes will be facilitated by Dr. Sandy Pourcho and Gary Priskorn, and, while helpful, it's not essential that participants have seen the movie to benefit from the study. Join us for a time of growth and encouragement! Please sign up for the Sept.25 movie/pizza night at the west entrance by September 21. No sign up is needed for the Sunday morning class. Questions? Contact Dr. Pourcho (248) 568-6040 or Gary (248) 644-4010 ext. 23. **Sunday mornings at 9am in the Great Room - Begins 9/27.**

New Member Class – Join us for a class on what we as Lutherans believe, and how our worship reflects it. An entry point for those seeking membership here at Redeemer, it is also a great review for all. Classes run for 6-weeks, babysitting provided. **Sunday mornings at 10:30am in the Great Room - Begins 10/4.**

Cool Stuff in the Gospel of John with Pastor Mark Wuggazer – Dig deep into the symbolism and themes that run through this brilliantly constructed piece of literature. John's purpose was that the reader would believe that Jesus Christ is God. Get a tour of John's faith factory and draw closer to the Chief Mechanic! *Offered twice a week: Tuesday mornings - 9:30am & Wednesday mornings 11:15am in the Conference Room - Begins 9/15.*

The Spirituality of the Cross with Pastor Cary Richert – "Many of us are searching for some kind of spiritual life, even though we are not always clear about what that means. We yearn for a sense of transcendence, and yet we always come crashing down to earth. Work, family pressures, practical responsibilities, hurting and failures all have a way of breaking the spiritual mood." Join us as together we

discover how the gifts of the Gospel and Sacraments enliven and shape the ordinary life of the Christian as lived under the cross in anticipation of the resurrection of the body. *Tuesday evenings - 7pm in the Conference Room - Begins 10/6.*

Men's Bible Breakfast with Gary Priskorn – Men of Redeemer and guests gather each Wednesday morning for study, fellowship, encouragement and prayer over a light breakfast (cold/hot cereal, muffins, juice, coffee). Bible study varies between a verse-by-verse study and topical study of a book of the Bible. *Wednesday mornings at 6:45 in the Great Room - Ongoing.*

Positive Parenting with Gary Priskorn – The purpose of this learning and discussion class that meets throughout the year is to share biblical perspectives on raising children. A variety of books, videos and other materials are used in this class, which is ideal for parents of younger children. Parents whose children attend Westmaple Nursery School are especially encouraged to attend. In the past this class has proved to be a source of helpful parenting ideas and tools, as well as a terrific support group! *Wednesday mornings at 9:15 in the Conference Room - Resumes 9/16.*

Community Bible Study "First Century Christianity for 21st Century Christians: A Blueprint for Right Living" with Rosemary Ging – A study of ten of the Apostle Paul's letters to the early churches and church leaders, and the book of Hebrews, will set forth for the participant a blueprint for Christian living in the 21st century. *Thursday mornings at 9:30 in the Great Room - Begins 9/10.*

New Prayer Group "Just Prayer" – no experience necessary; casual format where women get together to lift up their country, their church, and each other's needs. You can be an active or silent participant. "Just Prayer" starts on Tuesday, September 15 from 7-8 p.m. in the Chapel and will continue meeting on the first Tuesday of each month.

NEW LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLE

We are continuing to receive advance orders for the new Study Bible produced and soon to be released by Concordia Publishing House. For those who have already advance-ordered, please see Pastor Richert about payment, as we anticipate an earlier than expected shipping of the first printing. If you can't remember whether or not you advance-ordered, check the sign up sheets at the Information Center in the West Entrance There is still time to order a new Bible at the pre-publication price of 35, a savings of the regular price of the new Hardback Bible after 10-31-09. You may sign up at the Information Center any time prior to 10-26-2009. A great Christmas gift idea at a great price! For those interested in a large print version of the new Study Bible at the pre-publication price of \$45, please see Pastor Richert.

2009-2010 CONFIRMATION PROGRAM FINAL NOTICE!
ATTENTION ALL 6th, 7th and 8th Grade
Confirmation Students and Parents!

Have you marked your calendar for Confirmation Orientation?

Grades 6 & 7 Tuesday, Sept. 8, 7-8:30 PM - Chapel
 8th Grade ONLY, Wednesday, Sept. 9, 7-8:30 PM - Fellowship Hall

Confirmation classes begin Tuesday, September 15, 2009.
Instruction and activities from 6-8 PM

If your child is NOT REGISTERED, please do so immediately. Forms are available from Lisa in the main office at Redeemer or in the Confirmation box in the folder marked "CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION" outside the Sunday School Office. Return completed forms to the folder or to Lisa in the main office. Thanks!

Contact Leslie Whitfield, Confirmation Assistant for more information. **Home:** (248) 646-0720; **Cell:** (248) 330-8685; **e-mail:** whitclass1@aol.com.

PRAYER AND PRAISE LIST

Prayers of Intercession

...*Mary Ellen Martin* recovering from surgery.
 ...*Randy*, nephew of Ruth Parish, recently diagnosed with metastatic melanoma.
 ...Please pray for all the college-bound children. May God keep them safe and bless their studies.
 ...*Gwen Baker* will undergo back surgery on September 11.
 ...*former member* is experiencing job difficulties and changes in his life.
 ...*Betty Everson* recovering at Evergreen after breaking her pelvis.
 ...Prayers for the safety of *Alan*, Vi Strech's son, and for everyone living in California dealing with the destruction and devastation of the recent wildfires.
 ...*Jan Hogan*, recovering at home from a recent surgery.
 ...*Ross Pottinger*, developed complications after recent knee surgery.
 ...a member's son dealing with depression and complications because of the economy and job stress.
 ...Prayers for the unemployed and those seeking new employment. Also for those affected by the economy.
 ...*Katie Stephens* recovering from recent tonsillectomy.
 ...*Kevin Short*, friend of Ginny Schalm's, awaiting liver transplant.
 ...*Dennis Lukas*, relative of Tim and Terry Holmes, diagnosed with bladder cancer.
 ...*Betty Roberts* now residing at American House. Prayers for her strength and happiness.
 ...*Marjorie Quellmalz*, *Linda McCann* and their families.
 ...*Ed Carter*, father of Debbie Wroe, hospitalized and critically ill in Pennsylvania.
 ...*Gail Thomas* recovering from spinal surgery.
 ...*Diane Pulson*, the Sack's daughter, with recurring health problems.
 ...*David Sherwood*, son of Anne Sherwood, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
 ...*Don Noettl*, recovering from a recent heart attack.
 ...Please pray for my mom, dad, and brother, who have sadly been diagnosed with pneumonia. Also pray for every girl who thinks they need to be fake to be beautiful.
 ...*President Obama* and all leaders of the world.
 ...*Betty Roberts*, Redeemer member who is homebound: pray for strength, encouragement, peace and comfort.
 ...*Greg Sawyer*, serving LCMS in Hong Kong: pray for good health, safety, and clarity in proclaiming the good news of God's love in Jesus. Mailing address: LCMS World Missions, China Ministry Team, Flat A 12 Wiltshire Rd., Kowloon Tong, Hong Kong.

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

...*Bill and Kay Ruckle* celebrating 42 years of marriage on 8/26.
 ...for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE

Sunday, September 6

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| 8:00 | Worship Service | Chapel |
| 9:00 | Service of Holy Communion | Sanctuary |
| 10:30 | Service of Holy Communion | Sanctuary |
| 11:00 | OSLCD Worship | Chapel |

Monday, September 7 - Labor Day -

Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8

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| 9:00 | Garden Club | Courtyard |
| 7:00 | 6 th & 7 th Confirmation Orientation | Chapel |

Wednesday, September 9

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| 6:45 | Men's Bible Class/Breakfast | Great Room |
| 12:00 | LCFSC Meeting/Luncheon | Great Room |
| 7:00 | 8 th Grade Confirmation Orientation | Fellow. Hall |
| 7:00 | Women's Ministry Mtg. | Library |

Thursday, September 10

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| 9:30 | Community Bible Study | Great Room |
| 12:30 | Issues & Actions Mtg. | Conf. Room |
| 7:00 | Open Basketball | Gym |
| 8:00 | Chancel Choir Rehearsal | Music Room |

Friday, September 11

Saturday, September 12

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| 3:00 | Middle School Water Wars | Gym |
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Staff

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| Ministers | All the people |
| Senior Pastor | The Rev. Randall Schlak (ext 19) |
| Associate Pastor | The Rev. Cary M. Richert (ext 17) |
| Youth Pastor | The Rev. Mark T. Wuggazer (ext 21) |
| Minister of Family Life | Gary Priskorn (ext 23) |
| Minister of Discipleship | Joanna Newman (ext 20) |
| Director of Children's & Women's Ministries | Kitty Sweitzer (ext 11) |
| Office Administrator/Lamp Editor | Lisa Maki (ext 16) |
| Bookkeeper | Lisa Doeden (ext 10) |
| Building Maintenance | Steven Schuetz (ext 13) |
| Office Assistant | Bekki Maki (ext 18) |
| Director of Westmaple Nursery School | Pat Raezler (ext 26) |
| Director of Music | Frederic Rohrbach (ext 29) |
| Organist | Janet Pflieger |
| Assistant Organist | Michael Lucas |
| Director of Celebration Singers | Katie Priskorn |
| Chapel Pianists/Organists | Joan Bowes, Diane Dorantes, Michael Lucas |
| Seminary Student | Mark Bushuiakovish |
| Dr. Sandy Pourcho | Resident Counselor - (248) 568-6040 |
| Vicar | Chad Speller |
| Pastor Emeritus | The Rev. Duane T. Wuggazer (ext 14) |
| Pastor Emeritus | The Rev. Carl E. Mehl |



Our next trip to the Big Easy is confirmed! We leave Redeemer on January 30, 2010 (spending the night in Nashville) and will arrive at Camp Restore on Sunday the 31st. We plan on working Monday through Thursday and leave for home on Friday, February 5th – back at Redeemer on February 6th. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Randy.



GARDEN CLUB for all you do! If anyone is interested in gardening or helping out on Tuesday mornings you can contact any of the following gals in our Garden Club: Sandy Springer, Barbara Peterson, Sharon Zimmer, Nancy Tar, Calleen Berndt, Joanne Evans or Mary Ellen Martin. They get together every Tuesday until mid-September at 9am. It's good clean fun!

CHECK OUT THE NEW COLOR OBERAMMERGAU BROCHURES at the West Entrance! The Oberammergau supplier has offered an extension on the time limit for the purchase of tickets. The best seats are ours if we can fill our group soon. Departure date is June 14, 2010. If you deposit now and insure this deposit amount, you will be protected should health matters prevent your making the journey. Many of our parishioners who were among the 30 passengers who traveled there in 1990, and the 50 who traveled there in 2000, are repeating the journey. That's an advertisement itself! For details, call Joan Bowes at (248) 335-5566, Alvaro Travel at (248) 280-1000, or speak to Pastor Randy.

REDEEMER MISSIONS – Baby Bottle Boomerang – If anyone still has a baby bottle, filled or unfilled, it's not too late to bring them in. You can give them to Gary Priskorn or the front office at any time. Thanking you again for your continued support of the staff, volunteers, and most of all, the clients of Care Net Pregnancy Center of Berkley.



CURRENT & UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES

- **SUN 9:00am:** Adult Bible Study - Fireproof Your Marriage - led by Gary Priskorn/Dr. Sandy Pourcho - Great Room. (Begins 9/27)
- **SUN 10:30am:** New Member Class - led by various staff members - Great Room. (Begins Oct. 4)
- **TUE 9:30am:** Women's Bible Study - Cool Stuff in the Gospel of John - led by Pastor Mark Wuggazer - Great Room. (Begins Sept. 15)
- **TUE 7:00pm:** Evening Bible Study - The Spirituality of the Cross - led by Pastor Richert - Conf. Room. (Begins Oct. 6)
- **WED 6:45am:** **Men's Bible Study/Breakfast- (1 Samuel) - led by Gary Priskorn - Head to work charged by study & fellowship - Great Room.**
- **WED 9:30am:** Positive Parenting Class - led by Gary Priskorn - Conf. Room. (Resumes Sept. 16)
- **WED 11:00am:** Midweek Bible Study - Cool Stuff in the Gospel of John - led by Pastor Mark Wuggazer - Conf. Room. (Begins Sept. 16)
- **THUR 9:30am:** Community Bible Study - led by Rosemary Ging - Great Room. (Begins Sept. 10)

For more information about the Bible Studies - refer to your September Lamp Insert or the bulletin board next to the Sunday School Office.