The Redeemer Reporter

WORD OF GOD

WAY OF LIFE

Perspective

— A note from Pastor Ken —

My daughters' godmother, Stacy Cates-Carney, is being installed later this week as the Vice International Leader of L'Arche. L'Arche is a 147-member community in 35 countries around the world that creates family among assistants and core members who are differently-abled. It is a beautiful organization that if you aren't familiar with I would strongly encourage you to read about. The reason I bring it up though is that I received an update put out by the assembly Stacy is actively involved in and it has me thinking about perspective.

The update talked about a speaker who addressed the assembly and rather than try and sum it up, I am simply going to share the article entitled: *Celebrating in the middle of a war zone*.

> When is the best time to celebrate? When life's a ball? When you sleep easy in your own bed, knowing that tomorrow promises more of the same? Is that the best time? No! A celebration really takes off at the end of a long day in a boiling hot caravan under the Iraqi sun, after you have just been chased from your home by bullets and bombs, and you are now living in a refugee camp with neighbors you scarcely know. And as for the future… well, who knows, there might not be a future. All you have is the present. So the present is the best, the only, moment to really let your hair down, dance, sing…
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> This is the celebration Widad Bisher described in a Federation Assembly workshop this morning. For those of us who have never lived in a war zone, it might sound bizarre. But Widad has been there, and witnessed the reality. And thanks to her workshop today, now 20 more of us know that somewhere in a refugee camp in Northern Iraq, 200 members of the Joy and Charity communities get together and celebrate like it is going out of fashion.
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> The pure gold of the 50+ workshops is that a person shares their real life experience. Through them, our eyes are opened to a bigger reality.
>
> And now, thanks to the miracle of communication technology, you too know it is possible to celebrate in the middle of a war. Pass it on!

The line that continues to stick out to me is "all you have is the present." Reading that was a moment of perspective for me. How often do I live in the past? How often do I spend time dreaming of the future? Lots.

I replay past conversations and moments in my head and wonder what I could have said or done differently. I see a motor home go down the road (which is fairly common right now) and I think about what it might be like for Elisa and I to sell everything after the girls leave the house, 20 years from now, and travel the country. A vision I have not yet gotten Elisa on board with. I read the line – "all we have is the present" – I think about what wasted time that is. The author is right – "the present is the best, the only, moment to really let your hair down, dance, sing…"

This is the perspective I need and a perspective I suspect we all might need reminding

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about from time to time. It is a perspective I hope to utilize in the coming months more often.

As you may or may not have heard, Eric Olson, camp pastor/director of our camp Luther Heights has submitted his resignation effective August 31st. As Luther Heights Board President, I sent out a note to the board and constituency churches following the announcement and shared the them the tension I feel between joy and sadness. Joy in the excitement I feel for Eric and Carol to begin their next adventure and sadness in having to say goodbye.

But now, with this perspective coming from this article, it seems the tension I feel is all held in the future which as the author suggests, "well, who knows…" What we do know and have is the present. So the present it a time to celebrate. And so I will…

Peace,

Ken

International Federation of L'Arche Communities, Belfast 2017, Daily News No. 5)

We will be closed on
July 4th
In observance of
Independence Day

May all of you have a safe & happy holiday.

First Thursday Soup

Please join us for a bowl (or two), salad, and dessert along with great conversation for only $2.

Thursday, July 6th at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

Altar Flowers

Just a reminder Altar Flowers are a nice way honor or remember a loved one, share a personal statement, or an easy way to take part in worship. It is very simple to do...sign up on the Flower & Fellowship poster in the Fellowship Hall. In addition to having a beautiful arrangement on the Altar, your message is recognized in the weekly bulletin. The cost to "sponsor" flowers is $27 and you can take them home after worship.

Host a Fellowship Hour

Fellowship Hour is when our congregation can come together relax, catch up, and meet new people. It's also a great time for families to connect.

Please consider hosting Fellowship once or twice a year. Do it with a friend, or your entire family. This is a simple task and instructions are next to the signup in the Fellowship hall on the cork board, or contact the church office.

You've been invited to follow Burt Ectenkamp's website to stay updated and share words of encouragement.

Visit link: www.caringbridge.org/visit/burtechtenkamp

Site name: burtechtenkamp

Do you have a 3rd grader in your home?

One of the highlights of our Children's Ministry at Redeemer Lutheran is the privilege of presenting our 3rd graders with their very own Bible. In baptism we, as a church, promise to support and pray for the one being baptized. One way in which we show that support is by placing the Holy Scriptures into the hands of our children giving them the opportunity to read and study God's and our story.

We will be presenting the 3rd graders their Bibles in August.

Please contact the office if you have a 3rd grader in your home so we can include them.

Esther ~ Naomi Circles

Circle will meet on
Wednesday, July 12th at
6:00 p.m.
In the Fellowship Hall

Bring a dish to share. Dessert & drinks provided. Study will be from the Gather magazine.

All are welcome.

RUTH CIRCLE

PLEASE WATCH YOUR EMAIL

FOR UPCOMING

DATES & SUMMER

ACTIVITIES.

If you'd like to be included in the email list, please let the Redeemer office know. Remember friends are invited and encouraged to join any Ruth Circle event.

NO NAME MEN'S GROUP

MONTHLY MEETING: **MONDAY, JULY 10 (7:00PM)**
WHERE: **SOCKEYE GRILL & BREWPUB**
(3019 N COLE RD. BOISE, ID)

Questions:

We will do our base questions:

1. What has gone well this last month?

2. What has not gone well this last month?

Steve Knick

Acting Secretary

GROWING OUR FOUNDATION TOGETHER

The Redeemer congregation approved a bold budget for 2017. Offering income needs to increase 9% versus last year in order to cover an 11% expense increase for day-to-day church operations and adequate staff salaries.

Thank you to all!

The council prayed over your commitments at our June meeting. If you expressed interest in trying something new, your information has been forwarded to the respective people.

Thank you for doing your part in Growing Our Foundation Together!

Where does your offering dollar go?

Engaging Worship $0.29 | Enriching Community $0.30 | Faithful Outreach $0.31 | Committed Partnership $0.10

2017 Missional Budget

Financial Snapshot

(Results as of 05/31/2017)

Offering Income: $ 68,588

Total Income: $ 81,903

Total Expenses: $ 77,708

Cash (Checking): $ 13,631

Notes Payable: $ 1,908

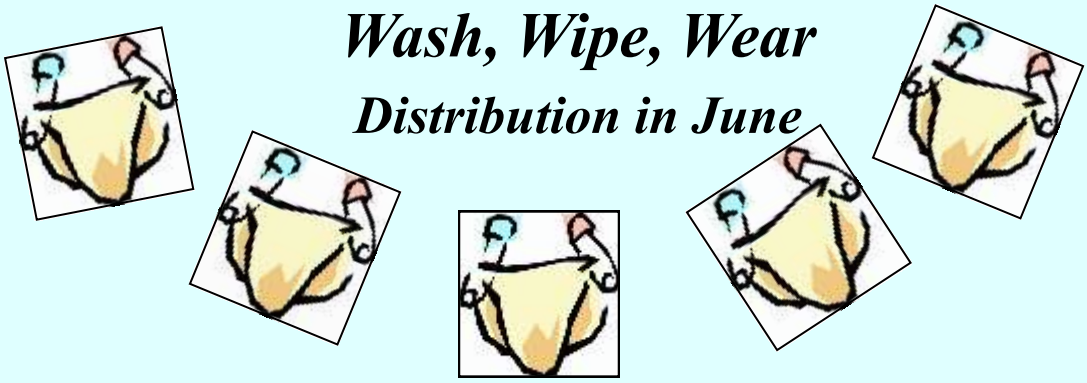
(Income & Expenses are Year-to-Date)

Our offering income currently exceeds last year by 10%. This is fantastic!

We recently experienced $2,100 of unplanned expenses for technology support which are not yet reflected in YTD expenses.

Cash flow will continue to be a concern with the summer months ahead of us when a dip in offering income is typically experienced. On-line giving is strongly encouraged.

Outreach Activities



Another really heartwarming distribution day. Before I write all the Thank You Notes have such a thrilling story from our early days in the Wash, Wipe and Wear program. Krishma Regmi was just a young boy. He and his Mother were from Nepal. They came regularly for awhile; in fact they were a part of our Online Video. Sue Nass produced the Online Video at no charge and it has been viewed by many. As a Senior in High School this year Krishma was the recipient of "The Idaho Governors Scholarship. Every member of Redeemer has supported WWW and what a story that started with 25 diapers, 1 bottle of Laundry Soap and 4 rolls of toilet paper.

Martina helped unload the diapers as well as helped sort them. Other sorters were Marilyn, Karen Frank and Katie.

Pulling the carts to the office and bagging were Larry Kidd, LaDawn Kidd, Alice Kotz, and Martina. Passing out products at the office window was Larry Kidd. His assistants were Norma, Yahir, Zaid and Isabella. LaDawn minded the extra donation table. Lori Wamboldt, Madelyn and Audrey passed out numbers to each family and documented the Country they originated from. Shirley Gilchrest and Alice Kotz were at the sign in table. Shirley has been with us as a regular over 8 years now. Many thanks to Brad Jones for picking up all the cases of soap and delivering them to the Church. Kudos to our super volunteers that step up every month and make WWW a very, very, special program.

Am including a list of where our families were from this month. Hope you readers will find it very interesting.

Burma 46 Thailand 15 Nepal 11 USA 5 Iraq 6 Afghanistan 2 Pakistan 1 Butan 11 Laos 1
Ethiopia 2 Russia 1 Burundi 1 Mexico 2 South Africa 1

5 families came in late and did not get their home Countries. A total of 2750 diapers were dispensed, 113 bottles of soap and 452 rolls if toilet paper. 113 bottles of shampoo from the Dollar Tree and Jim James donated books, plus miscellaneous other items were also given to the families. Total of 113 families served, some just want the toilet paper and soap.

So many willing hands make this all possible.

You are a Blessing to me; Your hands; God's Service.

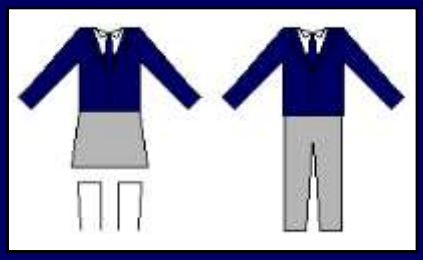
Katie Davis

July & August

MOM focus is the ELCA Good Gifts ministry for school fees, uniforms, and supplies for school children. Many children, especially girls, are unable to attend school because they cannot afford the school fees, uniforms, and supplies. Our gifts will go towards supplying these needs.

School fees and uniform for one female $40.00

School supplies for one student $10.00



—Ministry of the Month Updates—

Thank you for giving!!

Updates coming!!

Sponsored by Healing Our Future

Tour of Faith Communities

Stop #3

Saturday, July 8

12:00-3:00 p.m.

DIRECTIONS TO SACRED MOUNTAIN MONASTERY

From Boise go out Warm Springs Ave toward Lucky Peak Dam the road will become Hwy 21.
OR take Federal Way to the Gowen Rd. At the stop light turn left- this road becomes Hwy. 21.
Or on the Freeway I-84 take the Idaho City exit which is Gowen Rd- and will turn into Hwy. 21.

Take Hwy. 21 to Thorne Creek Rd. Thorne Creek is ¼ mile from mile marker 31. Turn **right** on **Thorne Creek rd.& continue down Thorne Ck. For 4.2 miles to the Y in the road.** Continue straight down the private road for approximately 1 mile, if you turn right at the Y you will come to a dead-end very quickly. You are now on **Ponderosa Pine Road.** Continue down this road until you come to the subdivision. Take the first right hand turn onto **Yellow Pine.** Then an almost immediate right onto **Nashotah Way.** This is the Monastery driveway.

We have very limited parking so carpooling is recommended.

Join us for our third faith community tour. *Sacred Mountain Monastery* (Society of the Compassionate Heart) is a sister organization of Amaraji Maha Marai. They are a tiny monastery praying for the benefit of beings everywhere. For more information, contact Debbie Mallis at 853-2740 or debbiemallis@gmail.com.

ESTATE PLANNING for the HEART

hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church
8 S. Midland
Nampa, ID 83651
Wednesdays, September 6, 13, 20
From 6:30 – 8:30 pm

to register, call 208-466-2173

Estate Planning for the Heart (EPFH) is a six-module program that helps participants examine end of life issues and decision-**making as a persons of faith. Each module relates to "the conversations" that** each of us should have (with family and friends) about our:

- wishes / goals / values
- choices for health care treatment and long term care options
- documents that indicate these choices, crafted thoughtfully
- funeral preferences

These topics are approached from the perspective of our identity in Christ, the relationship of our faith to **our culture, and the way Christians might make decisions afresh….in a manner that is respectful and** open to one another's diverse views, opinions, lifestyles and cultural traditions.

To schedule other programs in Southern Idaho, contact
Penelope Smith
micahsixv8@hotmail.com
208-467-5568 or 503-881-6990

As I round out my first year at Redeemer I'd like to recognize my folders, who come every Friday to fold the weekly bulletins & monthly newsletter.

Thank you Ed Blakeslee, Darrell Dorn, Fred Riddle, and John Mattison. I appreciate each and every one of you.

—Katherine Ronayne

Congratulations

We have one more graduate to celebrate!

Congrats to Scott Stubblefield who graduated from Capital High School on May 23rd 2017. He plans to attend Boise State University in the fall.

If you see Scott, please congratulate him.

Council Meeting Notes
Thursday, May 25, 2017

Council Attendees: Lori Wambolt, John Howard, Heather Norris, Matt Norris, Pastor Ken Carrothers
Ministry Leaders: Carol James, Roxanne Wasson

Called to order at 6:34pm

With Ministry Leaders

Opening Prayer — Ken Carrothers

Sharing — Faith Milestones

Discussion

1. Semi-Annual Meeting – June 25th
   - *Reports are going to be due – June 11th – Ken will send out a reminder and outline on Tuesday, May 30th*
   - *Will be celebration of ministry*
   - *Preview of slide show*

2. Idea for New Structure
   - *Pastor Ken discussed a new idea for how we organize the church for ministry that he shared with the council in April.*
   - *The idea received positive response and will continue to be honed and presented at the June semi-annual meeting.*

Council

Discussion

1. Approval of April Council Minutes
   - *Heather motioned to approve the minutes. John seconded. Unanimously approved.*
2. Approval of New Members
   - *The Constitution states in C8.03. – All applications for confirmed membership shall be submitted to and shall require the approval of the Congregation Council. Five families have indicated an interest in joining the congregation on June 4th.*
   - *Put names here...*
   - *Pastor Ken presented the names for approval. Heather seconded. Unanimously approved.*
3. Stewardship Drive
   - *We will discussed the drive and some council talked about how their conversation have been going with their family.*
   - *Haven't heard much from congregation.*
   - *Should look into reintroducing on-line giving and coaching at the semi-annual meeting*
4. House Sale
   - *The house next to the parsonage is for sale again. Before Pastor Ken's time the council approved a measure that whenever adjacent property was for sale the council would discuss its purchase.*
   - *The council felt the resources required to purchase the property could be better spent in other places.*
5. Priorities
   - *Having discussed all four priorities at previous council meetings, the council discussed how we want to more actively engage the ideas that have been raised.*
   - *The council discussed which of the four priorities (stewardship, worship, intentional connections, outreach outside the walls) was the most important or have thought the most about.*
     - *Worship and intentional connection were mentioned as top priority and most thought about*
     - *We centered on intentional connection*
   - *Looking at frameworks – how do we concern ourselves with creating opportunity*
   - *Service projects – finding those who already do the connection thing – day of service – or on-going service projects -`*
   - *Next month – come with an actual idea to discuss next month.*
6. Post Council Temple Talk: 9:30am: Matt

Prayer Requests, Prayer and Passing of Prayer Lists

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm

July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 **12:00 NA** **7:00 NA**
2 **9:30 Worship** **10:30 Fellowship**	3 **Office Closed** **12:00 NA** **8:00 AA**	4 Happy 4th! **Office Closed** **12:00 NA** **7:00 NA**	5 **12:00 NA**	6 **11:00 Bible Study** **12:00 1st Thursday Soup** **12:00 NA** **7:00 NA**	7 **10:00 Folders** **12:00 NA**	8 **12:00 NA** **7:00 NA**
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Readings for Sundays in June

July 2	Psalm 30	John 6:67-69
July 9	Psalm 150	John 4:24-26
July 16	Ephesians 1:1-14	John 14:25-27
July 23	Ephesians 2:11-22	Matthew 28:16-20
July 30	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 15:1-4

July Altar Guild: Carol James 991-8125

	Coffee and Fellowship Time:	Flowers:
July 2		Katherine Ronayne
July 9	Prayer Group	
July 16		
July 23		
July 30		

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: *New prayer requests are shown in bold print.*

Family of Frank Blackburn
Peter Bond
David Boyington
Joy Brizee
Tiffani Burkett
Penny Cady
Bj & Jen Caudill
Lois Child
Family of Kandie Clark
Family of Susie Collett
Janice Collins
Kristi Davis
Dr. Debbie
Lex Denen
Logan Denen
Jennifer Draney
Draney Family
Noah Dupree
Burt Echtenkamp
Mike Edgekoski
Erickson Family
Dale Frank

Karen Frank
Louise Gaedeke
Thom Garzone
Jill Greene
Connie Hachquet
Jonathon Haigh
Willow Hahn
Family of Debbie Haines
Don Harter
Gary Heppler
George Hess
David Hayward
Donna Hicks
Patsy Horton
Julie Hulvey
Ed Irons
Leia Jane
Jen Jay
Betty Kidd
Grace Kinsey
Gary Makovsky
Ruth Makovsky

Bob McDonald
Lidia McFarland
Sean Michael
Michelle
Joe Mogen
John Molchon
Moreland Family
Family of Nadeane Nass
Bill Nary
Mia Patterson
Kitty Patton
Anne Raffetto
Mike Reynolds
Roberta Riegger
Kacey Roe
Family of Maren Roisland
Sonia Safron
Sarah
Family of Shirley Sather
Art Schmidt
Flora Schweitzer
Scott and family

Nancy Simmons
Wiley Smith
Sandy Spreier
Jerry Stoor
Family of Janice Tangedal
Ginger Tangedal
Taylor
Tom
Family of Jan Vinson
Dorcas Wang
Deanna Watson
Dorothy Ward
Bonnie Yamasaki
Kristina Zipser

If you have a prayer request for a friend or loved one, please write it on a prayer request card found in the pew pocket and leave it in the offering plate or let the church office know. Prayers will remain on the list for one year or until the person making the request asks for it to be removed by phone call or email to the church office.

Military

Seth Erickson
Devan Irons
Matthew Jay
Jason Kinsey
Carol Kohtz
Logan Kostick
Jonathan Negron
Jon Savage
Jim Schmeits
Brian Waybright

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