

One Single Tribe

— A note from Pastor Ken —

My family spent the past week in Montana visiting Elisa's family and lots changes when I am home by myself. For one, my routines are much less rigid. I tend not to eat dinner at 5pm. I go to sleep somewhat later knowing that no one is coming into my room at 6am. And there is a lot more alone time.

I don't do all that well with excess amounts of alone time. I need to fill it. Over this week I filled five to six hours by seeing two movies in the theater. This was quite a treat.

Going to movie theater is not something that regularly happens at this point in my life. There was a time when I was in the theater every weekend. It was my Sunday afternoon routine, but that was a time long ago, in a galaxy far, far away.

Yes, one of the movies I did see was *Star Wars: The Last Jedi*. Truth be told, it wasn't what I hoped for. My best friend tells me I am crazy and asked if I watched any of the other seven movies. From his perspective it lived up its billing. It had action, humor, light sabers, the force, good vs. evil, and the list goes on...

For me, it was difficult to watch. It felt the producers asked me to suspend even more disbelief than I ever had to before. Where as *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* seemed to regain the mojo of the original films, *The Last Jedi* seemed to move back to the prequels. It was hard for me. It felt like a wasted three hours and \$8.36.

Now I held none of these same feelings when I came out of the theater after watching *Black Panther* a few days later. *Black Panther* was an amazing movie. It had the action, humor and storyline I craved; and engaging characters and wonderful visuals. It was a fun movie to watch. Perhaps, Linda Cook, from the Quad City Times put it best, "*Black Panther* is a Marvel-ous masterpiece."

The masterpiece part may sound a bit much for a superhero movie. But as Matthew Lickona, from the San Diego Reader points out, "Ultimately, (*Black Panther*) is more interesting to think about than it is to watch." And he is right. I haven't stopped thinking about this movie.

I don't want to spoil the movie for those that will see it. But I continue to think about the way in which T'Challa engages the world. He goes through hardship and challenge and would have every reason to isolate himself. He has every reason to be concerned only for himself and his own, but that is not the way he goes.

Towards the end of the movie he states how his own country needs to connect with others. He says, "Now, more than ever, the illusions of division threaten our very existence. We all know the truth: more connects us than separates us. But in times of crisis the wise build bridges, while the foolish build barriers. We must find a way to look after one another, as if we were one single tribe."

I know this is a monologue from a movie but isn't this our call as well. We live among the illusions of division. We live in a time of great fracturing. We live as

people seem to be seeking their own tribes. And yet isn't the truth that we confess all are created by God. All are God's beloved. All are of one single tribe.

As a community we are like T'Challa. We have faced challenges and hardships in our past. There would be plenty of reason for us to isolate ourselves. Plenty of reasons to circle the wagons and seek to provide for ourselves. And yet that is not our way. I am grateful that our community seems to seek ways to build bridges with others. To find ways to look after one another. I am grateful that by God's grace, God works this spirit within us. And I ask you to join me in praying to God that it continue to be so... for is only through God's grace that this will be.

Peace,

Ken

First Thursday Soup

First Thursday Lunch will be on

March 1st.

We begin at 12:00 p.m. with soups, breads, and desserts.

The cost is
\$2.00 per person
and *children* are free.

Bring a friend and join us for good food and great fellowship.



Daylight Saving Time
begins on Sunday,
March 11th



Time to
Spring Ahead

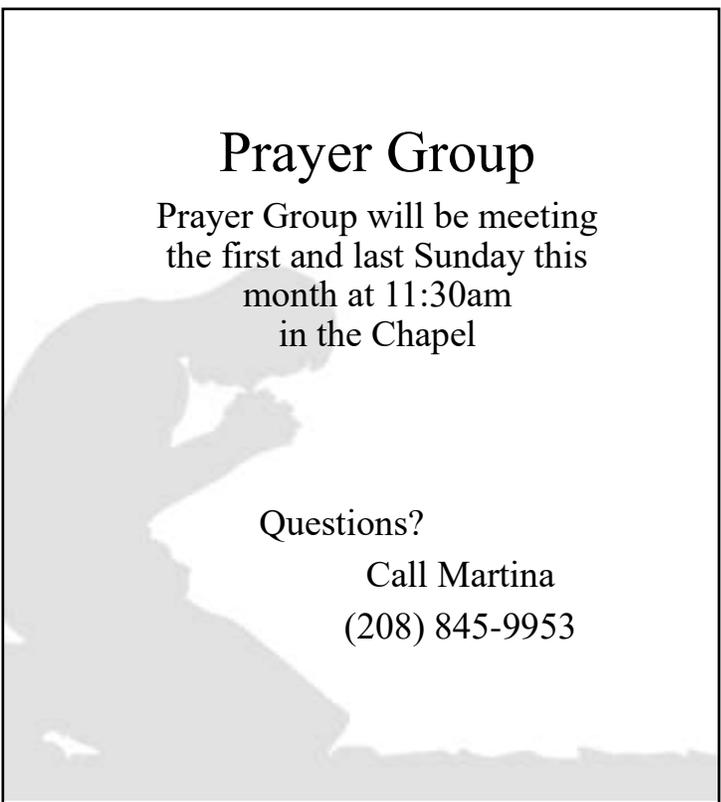


**Interested in coordinating
the church
Children's Easter Egg hunt?**

We are looking for someone to orchestrate this fun event.

If interested, please contact church office.

The kids thank you!



Prayer Group

Prayer Group will be meeting the first and last Sunday this month at 11:30am in the Chapel

Questions?
Call Martina
(208) 845-9953

<p>King of Glory is hosting AARP Tax-Aide</p> 	<p>Dates & Times: Monday (3/5-4/9 10am-2pm) Tuesday (3/6-4/10 10am-2pm) Thursday (3/1-4/12 4pm-8pm)</p>	<p>Contact the King of Glory office for details and suggested items to bring (208) 377-0220</p>
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HOLY WEEK, EASTER FLOWERS, & PLANTS

Join in making our worship space for Holy Week and Easter beautiful with your gift of a Lily, Calla Lily, Hydrangea, another plant, or a palm. We have a limited number of each plant. A signup sheet is located on the window ledge of administrative desk in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign-up, fill out an order form, and leave a check in the amount of your gift. Order forms and checks are due by March 23rd, so we can have your personalized dedication in the Easter bulletin. Thank you.



Lenten Soup Supper

Please join us for soup supper and mid week Lent service.

March 7th, March 14th, and March 21st.

6:15pm-Soup Supper 7:00pm-Worship

We are still are looking for volunteers to help.

Contact the office for details



Sunday, March 25th _____

Redeemer Lutheran

8:30 am Palm Sunday Worship

10:30 am Palm Sunday Worship



Thursday, March 29th _____

Redeemer Lutheran

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday, March 30th _____

Immanuel Lutheran

Noon or 7:00pm Good Friday Worship

Holy Week

Sunday, April 1st _____

Redeemer Lutheran

7:00am Easter Sunrise Worship

8:30am Easter Worship

10:30am Easter Worship

Redeemer Children Choir

Please join us March 3rd from 3pm-4pm in the Sanctuary for a parent/children meeting to discuss the Children's Choir. After the meeting we will have practice every Saturday.



Redeemer Adult Choir Forming



Please gather
SUNDAY, MARCH 4th
in the Sanctuary at
9:40am to learn more about
this opportunity!
We will learn music for Holy Week
and the Easter Season.

Questions:
Kari
kasansgaard@gmail.com
208.921.4039

Fundraising Dinner

A casino night hosted by the Boise Vista Lions will be the primary fund raising event to benefit all of the youth going to Houston from the Treasure Valley Cluster. The event, on the evening of 4 May at Shepherd of the Valley, will include all your favorite Vegas games plus raffle opportunities. Pastor Justin Tigerman, Faith Lutheran in Caldwell is leading the committee in planning the casino night. All youth will help. The Redeemer No-Names and Faith Men's group (Caldwell) will provide food service.

Three dinners to raise funds for the Redeemer youth are planned. Two small dinners, on March 17 and June 15, will feature a haute cuisine menu served to 10 diners around the table at the home of Steve Knick and Sue Nass. (Steve spends his retirement days watching the Food Network). Redeemer youth will help with food service, provide child watch, and give presentations.

One large dinner for 50 will be held at Redeemer on April 21 and will be based on a What Would Jesus Eat (WWJE) theme. Sue Nass thought we should do a What Would Moses Eat theme and serve manna. Given that the heavenly request for manna may not be forthcoming, we will serve basic Middle Eastern foods similar to what Jesus would had available. Redeemer youth will help with food service, provide child watch, and give presentations.

Dinners will cost \$50/plate for the small dinners and \$40/plate for the WWJE evening. For more information and to reserve your place, contact Steve Knick (email: icsparrows@yahoo.com; phone: 208.573.6192)

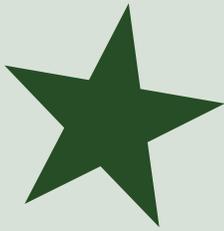
Menu, First Small Dinner March 17

Appetizers - smoked salmon, cheese, and charcuterie plates

First course - squash, ricotta, and egg raviolo (it's one large one) with sage butter and parmesan

Main course - broiled white fish with a Sicilian tomato, caper, and mint sauce, roasted potatoes, and grilled seasonal vegetable; focaccia

Dessert - amaretto creme brulee



Our STARword can speak to us in different ways throughout the year. We give thanks that Lori Wambolt was willing to share how her STARword is continuing to work on her...

STARword: Heart

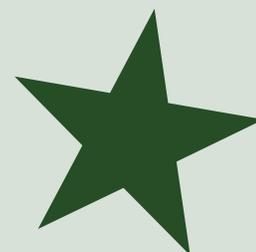
We had our 2017 star words on the fridge throughout the year. Every day they were right there, looking straight at us. The 5 star words (one for each family member) on our fridge included Guidance, Heart, Open-Minded, Deliverance and Leadership. My word happened to be “Heart”.

Looking back, all I can say is, “WOW!” It is a complete understatement to say I had no idea what the journey of 2017 had in store for my heart. Thank you, thank you, thank you, Lord, for all the people that walked with me, challenged me, and held me during this wild ride.

I won't bore you with too many details; I know you have your own life's journey that demands your attention. I will suffice it to say that I am extremely grateful for the opportunity of serving as your council president for the majority of 2017. I made the hard (and heart) decision to step down from council in November after my sister and father had significant health challenges from September - November.

Serving on council filled my heart with great joy and deepened my faith in ways I never imagined possible. The decision to step down from council was not an easy one to make but necessary so my heart would be more available to my family. The congregation never left my heart and to this day, still occupies a large part it.

I. Love. Church. Each and every one of us brings our whole selves to church which is absolutely beautiful and yet, without a doubt challenging. My heart overflows with love and gratitude for each and every one of you in the beloved community of Christ's disciples at Redeemer Lutheran. Thank you for your confidence in me as a leader. Thank you for the support through the transition. Thank you for continued relationship as we each do our part, with the help and grace of God, for God's mission in Boise, Idaho.



Esther & Naomi Circles



We will meet on
Wednesday, March 14th at
1:00 p.m.
In the Fellowship Hall

We continue our study from the
Gather magazine. If you have a leftover treat
to share and would like to bring it,
please do so.

Coffee and water provided.

All are welcome.

RUTH CIRCLE

RUTH IS TAKING A BREAK THIS
MONTH AND HAVE ASKED
MEMBERS TO PRAYERFULLY
CONSIDER RUTH'S DIRECTION.
HOPING TO HAVE SOMETHING
IN APRIL.



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, MARCH 12TH (7:00 PM)**

WHERE: **SOCKEYE GRILL & BREWPUB
(3019 N COLE RD. BOISE, ID)**

QUESTIONS

WHAT HAS GONE WELL THIS PAST MONTH?

WHAT HAS NOT?

ANY PRAYER CONCERNS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO THE GROUP

STEVE, ACTING SECRETARY

Outreach Activities

We served 117 families
of which 107 took
diapers.
468 Rolls of T.P.
117 Detergent
117 boxes of
baggies

Wash, Wipe, & Wear Distribution in February

First of all Thanks go to the following folks who helped make our WWW program a reality!

Picker-uppers: Gary and Ruth M.

Diaper sorters: Katie D., Carol G., Sandy W., and myself. Next month instead of using recycled grocery bags we will be wrapping the diapers in plastic wrap as per instructions from the Idaho Diaper Bank. So it may take us longer.

Writers: Gale F. (new), Shirley G., and Terri L. Gale and Terri had never signed the folks in before. They split the shift and were trained by Shirley G.

Baggers and passers: Aaron, Terri, Calvin and Naomi L., Gale F., and her 2 granddaughters Cora and Leah, and friend Hannah.

Number passer and country recorder: Luanne T.

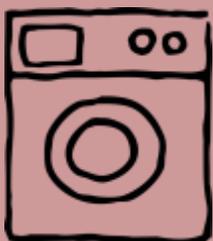
Clean-up found Gale F. with a broom in one hand and a dishcloth in another!

It was a joy to observe all the volunteers. It looked more like enjoyment for them than work! The fact that they were helping others definitely showed! When I asked the newcomers (Gale's granddaughters) what they thought they remarked it was chaotic but it felt good to help a lot of people. Lea really enjoyed giving the candy bags to the kids, and guarding them from the adults! The extra item we passed this month was a box of zip-lock baggies. Got lots of thanks for those! We take what we have for granted!

Just for your information am putting a monetary figure to the items we gave out. Those who received diapers \$5.52, and those who didn't receive diapers their total was \$3.65. Those figures included tax. Not bad for 4 rolls of T.P., laundry detergent, 25 diapers, and plastic baggies! So our WWW dollars go a long way!

When 2:15 rolled around, (we stay open until 2:30) no one was left except Gale and her granddaughters. But I said I would feel better if they stayed until I could lock the door as I didn't want to be alone. Her Granddaughter Cora piped up and said, "Ya, someone might come and demand all the size 3 diapers!" So had a good laugh over that.

One of the biggest joys for me this month was coming to the fellowship hall and seeing the sign-up chart full! Thanks much to all the helpers this month and it would be wonderful to see it full for March too! Consider this ministry, as it really does make a person appreciate what we ourselves have and it is such a joy to help others! To God be the glory!



In His service, Ruth Makovsky

Thank you generous people of Redeemer!

It is with full hearts that the members of the Outreach Ministry wish to thank each of you who so generously gave to WWW, the Outreach Fund, and Ministry of the Month in 2017. These ministries are a reflection of God's love for us in the sharing of our time, talents, and resources to serve others. May you each be generously blessed this year as you reach out to so many others in the community and the world.

Ministry of the Month March & April



During the months of March and April we are asking for hygiene items to donate to local schools. These items include: shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush or comb, deodorant or other toiletries. Trial sizes are also appreciated. We'll have containers in the fellowship hall and sanctuary for collection. Many students go without these necessities and love receiving them from their school.

Thank-you,
Kari Spencer

Flowers and Fellowship

Please sign up to sponsor the Sunday flowers or host a Fellowship hour (Feel free to do both) for this year. The sign up sheet is located in the Fellowship Hall.

The Altar Guild will order your flowers at a cost of \$27 and you can dedicate them to someone or something in the bulletin for the week you selected. You can take your flowers home after the 10:30 worship service.

For Fellowship hour make coffee, provide juice/food, and set up/clean up for the date you choose. Instructions are near the sign up sheet. If you have not done it before, or you are able to set up/or clean up let the church office know and we will find someone to help.

Sign up for your special date today.

March 2018

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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