

Walking with Patient Trust

— A note from Pastor Ken —

On March 29th the 2018 Major League Baseball season had its opening day. Plenty of my friends reworked their schedules to they could watch their favorite teams jog out onto the field and play in what has been called “America’s favorite pastime.” For myself, I have yet to actually catch a game though I hope to remedy that soon.

Baseball is slow and methodical. I suspect that is why many would disagree with my brother and do not enjoy the game. In our world today, most people prefer things to move quickly. And that’s not baseball.

One my fraternity brothers used to talk about how baseball reminded him of walking. At least partially this is because walks are a part of baseball. When the pitcher throws four balls outside the strike zone that are not swung upon, the batter gets to walk down to first. But also for him because the game develops slowly. The game feels like a walk, rather than a run. Football, he said, felt like running. But he preferred the slow walk of baseball.

He then moved the conversation into how we need to find time to walk in our lives. Far too often he said we try to move quickly from experience to experience and miss things. We miss things that we might pay more attention to if we were to walk more often than run.

I bring this up, not only because I enjoy the game of baseball and cheering on my St. Louis Cardinals, but also because I need to be reminded to walk. With spring working its way into our lives there can be a tendency to want to run into it. We want to leave the cold and darkness of winter and so our society gives us plenty to do to usher in the warmth and light of spring.

There are youth soccer games. There are vacations to be had. There is garden work. There are lawns to be maintained. There is cleaning to be done. There are all kinds of things that moves us along. All kinds of things that have us bounding into activity. And while activity is a good thing, I also hope that we will take time to walk.

Now of course I am not only talking about our physical lives, but about our whole life. I am talking about finding time to slow ourselves down and walk so that we might see what’s around us.

I was talking to a friend recently and the more we talked, the more she said something of this to me. I was talking about all sorts of things that are going on and my impatience for the slow movement. I talked about the steps I was trying to take to speed things up. And that is when she stopped me. She said, “Ken, trust in the long, slow work of God.”

As she said this I was reminded of a note that sits above my desk. It was written by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, a French philosopher and Jesuit priest and was introduced to me many years ago. While he doesn't specifically talk about walking, Pierre does implore us to slow down and move in a new way. I offer the prayer here in hopes that we might find ways to walk together as the baseball season commences, spring unfolds and we live life together.

Peace,

Ken

Patient Trust

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.
We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay.
We should like to skip the intermediate stages.
We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new.
And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability—and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you;
your ideas mature gradually—let them grow, let them shape themselves, without undue haste.
Don't try to force them on, as though you could be today what time (that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will) will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be.
Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.

Found at <https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/8078/prayer-of-theilhard-de-chardin> on April 19, 2018.

First Thursday Soup

First Thursday lunch will be

POSTPONED until

May 10th

We begin at 12:00 p.m. for 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..





On May 27th we begin our summer worship schedule

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship

Host a Fellowship Hour

Fellowship Hours are one of the most wonderful aspects of our church experience. The Fellowship Hour is the time after first worship each week when our congregation serves coffee, tea, and food to the faithful.

This is a wonderful time to connect with fellow members of our congregation.

Please contact the church office or stop by the Fellowship Hall to sign up .

MEMBERSHIP

We are in the midst of planning a new member Sunday for this spring. If you would be interested in joining the church please contact the office so we can get you more information as things develop.

If you have questions, please speak to Pastor Ken.

Pray, and let God worry.

-Martin Luther

NO NAME MEN'S GROUP

MONTHLY MEETING:
MONDAY, MAY 14TH (7PM)

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.

Acting Secretary, Steve

Esther ~ Naomi Circles

We will meet on
Wednesday, May 9th, 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 will be provided.

All are welcome.

RUTH CIRCLE

PLEASE WATCH FOR AN EMAIL FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

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.



Mark your calendar



Pentecost is May 20th & you are invited to wear your red!

You've been invited...

Please join us May 20th after the 9:30 service in celebrations of our two confirmands.

Julia LeBoeuf and Madeline Wambolt

Flower Vases

If you took a bouquet of flowers home in the weeks after Easter will you please return the vase to the Fellowship Hall. These vases were "borrowed" from Boise At Its Best and they would like them returned.



Thank you !

Do you have a graduate at your home this spring? If so, please let the church office know as soon as possible so we can acknowledge their accomplishment.



Call 208-344-6758 or
email office@redeemerboise.org

Outreach Activities



Wash, Wipe, Wear Distribution in April



First of all WWW is saddened by the passing of our dear friend Katie Davis. She was God's gift to our church! Not only in WWW but in other areas as well. Katie was co-chair of WWW since we started going to Wisconsin in the summers 13 years ago! This was her passion and her last conversation with me was to be sure we kept WWW going! Gary called her "Run-around Sue" and she loved that!

In my upcoming absence Martina N. will be taking over getting folks lined up to sort the diapers and work the distribution day. She will get the information to Carol G. Gale Faber has graciously taken on the ordering and picking up of the diapers in Meridian and getting them to church in time for the sorters. Marilyn S. will be picking up the toilet paper at Fred Meyer's on Senior day and getting that to church. So a big thank you to all who have stepped up to keep our program running. Katherine our wonderful secretary came up with the idea of ordering the soap and extra product from Amazon with free shipping directly to our church eliminating the pick up of the heavy soap. We will be doing a trial run of this for May.

Thanks go to the following folks for volunteering this month:

Picker-uppers: Gary and Myself

Diaper sorters: Carol G., Martina N., Marilyn S. at the tail-end, and myself. We had a new helper this month! Little 5 year old Blessing, Martina's son! He liked cutting off the saran wrap and actually would put the packages on the right shelf! He also pushed the cart with all the recycle boxes out to the recycle bins for his Mom Martina! Need I say he is a Blessing!

Day of writers: Shirley G. and Keri S.

Baggers: Brenda (after working all night!) and her daughter Becky. They also passed the bags to the folks!

Extra product passers: Gale F., her Granddaughter Leah, and myself. This month an assortment of products were passed. Some extras along with dish detergent. Leah noticed a little boy who was eating his fruit leather licking the paper even! Kids also got to pick a new coloring book that mysteriously appeared in the WWW room! Thanks to who-ever you are!

Number passer and country recorder: Luanne T.

Clean-up: Gale F., Larry Spencer., and myself. Larry recycled all the boxes, and Gale even picked up papers outside from the fruit leather!

PLEASE look ahead on the sign up sheet in the fellowship hall and seriously consider picking a time to volunteer! This will make it so much easier for Martina! No fun to have to scramble the week before. God loves cheerful volunteers!! So until November when we return from Wisconsin may the good Lord Bless and keep you!

Diapers passed: 2,245
Rolls of TP: 420
Laundry Soap: 105
Extra's: 105

In his Service, Ruth Makovsky

Ministry of the Month

May & June
South Jr. High
 Student Achievement
 For Our Neighborhood
 School

Spring is here and once again time to ask for Redeemer's help in supporting South Jr. High School. Our monetary donations will be used to help pay student fees that are required. All students must take a certain number of electives for their grade level: computer classes, art, band, orchestra, and P.E. Also, each student is required to pay locker fees and purchase P.E. uniforms. With the ever-rising cost of living and increasing numbers of homeless students, many families are in a state of great need. This ministry is a wonderful way to help one of our neighborhood schools.

God's work. Our hands.



Thanks everyone for donating to the Voice of Comfort Church in Rwanda. Pastor Francoise received our generous gift in the amount of \$1070.00 and has expressed his overwhelming gratitude. Redeemer's donation will be used for church and community needs.

God's Blessings,
 Kari Spencer

Luther Heights Bible Camp

Beginner Homebrew Mountain Retreat



August 31-September 3, 2018

We will combining a relaxed camp environment with a 1 and 1/2 day course of homebrewing and equipment will be provided for participants.

Only 20 spots available

For more information and registration:
www.lutherheights.org

Young Adults Adventure Retreat

Climb Higher!
Dig Deeper!
Grow Closer!

When? Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 2018

Where? Luther Heights Bible Camp

Cost? \$100 (includes meals and all material)

Who? 18-35 years old

Only 20 spots available

Need more info? Or register...
www.lutherheights.org

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Preschool Seeks Director

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Preschool seeks applicants for a director. The Preschool Director is an educational leader who carries out the mission of the congregation by providing leadership for a Christ-centered program, responsible for the Preschool's administration and management. The position is salaried at .45.FTE for 40 weeks during the school year, with an additional 45 total hours during the summer break. A detailed job description is available on the Preschool's website at myboisechurch.org (click on Preschool link).



Submit by May 31 a letter of application, resume, faith statement, and contact information of three professional references to: Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church (ATTN: Jackie McMurrin)

3100 South Five Mile Road, Boise, ID 83709 OR books@sov-id.org

Upcoming Memorials at Redeemer

Katie Davis 5/3/18 11am
Hank Sather 5/8/18 3pm
Louise Gaedeke 5/19/18 10:30am

Please keep these individuals, their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Blessed are they that mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Matthew 5: 4



The response to the request for items to serve at the Easter Continental Breakfast was overwhelming.

Thank you each for your generous contributions to make this event a success.

Thank you also to those who assisted with serving and clean up.

You are very much appreciated.



BIBLE STUDY

11AM ON THURSDAYS

The format for the study is quite simple. We open in prayer asking for the Spirit to guide us in our study. Then we read a passage and discuss.

- What stood out to us?
- What do we hear God saying to us today?
- What questions does it raise?

As the discussion lessens and time allows we continue by reading another passage. This type of study does not require any prep work to join. Simply come and we will read the bible together. Please consider joining us.

All are welcome.



May 2018

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 9:30 Quilters 12:00 NA 7:00 NA	2 12:00 NA	3 9:00 Chapel Reserved 11:00 K. Davis Memorial 12:00 NA 5:00 Chapel Reserved 7:00 NA	4 10:00 Folders 12:00 NA 8:00 NA	5 12:00 NA 3:00 Children's Choir 8:00 NA
6 8:30 Worship 9:30 Fellowship 10:30 Worship 11:30 Prayer Group	7 Office Closed 12:00 NA 5:00 Chapel Reserved 8:00 AA	8 9:30 Quilters 12:00 NA 3:00 Hank Sather 7:00 NA	9 12:00 NA 1:00 Esther & Naomi Circle	10 11:00 Bible Study 12:00 1st Thurs. Soup 12:00 NA	11 10:00 Folders 12:00 NA 8:00 NA	12 12:00 NA 3:00 Children's Choir 8:00 NA
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Readings for Sundays in May

May 6	Partnership in the Gospel	Philippians 1:1-18a
May 13	The Christ Hymn	Philippians 2:1-13
May 20	Pentecost; Rejoice in the Lord	Acts 2:1-21
May 27		Acts 2:1-21; Philippians 4:4-7

May Altar Guild: Carol Green 208-991-8125

Flowers: Coffee and Fellowship:

May 6	<u>Martina Ngabonziza</u>	<u>Kari Spencer</u>
May 13	<u>Carolyn Rapp</u>	<u>Carolyn Rapp</u>
May 20	<u>Kurt Gaedeke</u>	_____
May 27	<u>Prayer Group</u>	<u>Confirmation/Blakeslee</u>

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

Ryan Albers
Family of Rev. Baughman
 Peter Bond
Joy Brizee
 Family of Tom Bryant
 Family of Rob Bursik
 Darla Bylinski
 Lorraine Chavez
 Family of Janice Collins
Connor's Family
Family of Katie Davis
 Kristi Davis
 Debbie Deidhaar
 Lex Denen
 Logan Denen
 Family of Darrell Dorn
 Dowell Family
 Jennifer Draney
 Draney Family
 Noah Dupree
 Family of Burt Echtenkamp
 Mike Edgekoski
Lori Floyd
 Family of Louise Gaedeke
 Thom Garzone
 Dani Goodson
 Everly Goodson
 Waverly Goodson
 George Hess
 Alice Holmes

Harold Horton
 Patsy Horton
 Julie Hulvey
 Ingraham Family
 Family of Ed Irons
Family of Larry Irons
 Leia Jane
John Jantz
Family of Marilyn Jennings
 Betty Kidd
 Grace Kinsey
 Loren Larson
 Bob McDonald
 Joe Mogen
 John Molchon
 Bill Nary
 Roger Oldenburger
 Kitty Patton
 Andrew & Becca Pike
 Tina Qualls
Family of Hank Sather
 Sonia Safron
 Anita Searcy
 Family of Russ Schroeder
 Family of Flora Schweitzer
 Scott and family
 Frank Sobolewski
 Maxine Spears
 Sandy Spreier
 Family of Stoor/Smith

Alan Syron
 Jennie Trott
 Jonah Udstuen
 Leia Vogt
 Family of Michael 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.



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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