

Sabbath Rest

— A note from Pastor Ken —

"Almost without fail each (congregation and pastor) expresses gratitude for the gift of this time of personal and professional renewal," the Rev. Richard J. Bruesehoff, director for leadership support, ELCA Division for Ministry, said. "Pastors will go on to talk about their profound gratitude (for) their own congregation, and the renewed vitality and commitment with which they return to pastoral leadership... Congregational leaders will talk about the new clarity and vision with which the congregation engages in its ministry after the sabbatical."¹ I am hopeful this will be the case for us.

With my sabbatical less than two months away, it seems pertinent that I share something of my hopes surrounding the sabbatical with you for both myself and the congregation. In May I shared my pre-sabbatical proposal with the councils of both Grace and Redeemer. In my proposal I wrote a sabbatical is a time of intentional rest. Further the roots for sabbatical are the same as that of sabbath. Holy rest is one of the primary pieces of a good sabbatical.

Throughout the Old Testament, God shares with the people the importance of rest. In Creation it is on the seventh day, in Levitical law it is the seventh year in which no farming, planting or harvesting is to be done, and in Hebrews, chapter 4 it reads, "So then, a sabbath rest still remains for the people of God; for those who enter God's rest also cease from their labors as God did from his." The pastors I have spoken with who have had opportunity for sabbatical rest speak about the way it reenergizes their passion for ministry and their ability to serve their community. They also share the rest the congregation receives from their leadership has proven to be a great time of renewal for all the people. I am hopeful we too will experience this renewal and rejuvenation.

My family and I intend to do some traveling overseas in the early part of the sabbatical. Elisa still has many family connections in Norway that we are excited to rekindle, as well as spending a week in Geneva visiting some dear friends. We plan to take a trip to see the girl's godparents, before I take an extended trip back to the Midwest to visit my family and several friends I haven't had opportunity to see face-to-face in some time. We plan to conclude our time in Montana with some time at a cabin just the four of us, as well as time with Elisa's family.

Throughout the trips I will also be speaking with some different pastors and leaders. Much of the expectations surrounding life have changed over the past years and yet I am not sure that the church has changed its expectations of the pastor or its members. Former presiding bishop of the ELCA, Mark Hanson said, "unexpressed expectations are resentments in waiting." I believe there is great truth in this statement.

Therefore, my focused exploration throughout the sabbatical will be on expectations. I think much good could come from both the pastor and the church articulating more clearly our expectations of one another and who we are amid our changing world. I believe this can only serve to help us as we move forward into our next season of life together.

To this end, the congregation is going to be asked to read a book on expectations. It is a book I will read as well. The book is entitled *Healthy Churches, Faithful Pastors: Covenant Expectations for Thriving Together*. The description on Amazon.com says, "Congregations want to support their pastors, but don't know how. Pastors love their congregations, but they don't know what to ask of their congregations to garner needed support. Everyone wants to thrive together, but so often we get stuck. This clear and engaging guide helps pastors and congregations bridge communication gaps and set mutual goals and expectations." I am hopeful for what we will all learn from this book. Please stay tuned for more details on how the books will be distributed and how you can help to defray their cost.

Additionally, I am excited for the congregation to experience other worship leaders while I am away. We have lined up a wonderful group to lead during this time. In that grouping are three

current pastors of other Treasure Valley congregations. In addition to leading worship these three will also lead a conversation on expectations. I believe this is a wonderful opportunity for the congregation to be drawn into even deeper connection with our cluster.

Renewal is often the response when asked of the benefit a sabbatical offers both the participant and the congregation. "A revitalized, renewed pastor who has had some time away in retreat and study will stay longer and serve with greater energy in his or her congregation. At the same time, the congregation will have the chance to exercise lay leadership gifts that they may not have used in some time. They may also get a chance to hear diverse voices and insights. The broader church gains stronger leadership and sharing of ideas across congregations which can only be to the conference's good."²

Not only do I hope this is the case for us... I believe it will be. Thank you for this opportunity.

Peace,

Ken

¹ Found at <http://godsworkeourhands.org/News-and-Events/5567>

² Found at <http://mennowdc.org/sabbatical-why-its-a-gift-to-both-pastor-and-congregation-november-8-2016/>

Summer Kick-Off Brunch: Look-Back & Look-Ahead

Please help make brunch for Fellowship on **June 10th!**

Volunteers are needed to make or bring the
following items:

To Make: Crustless Quiche & Baked French Toast
(recipes provided)

Plus, muffins, donuts, &/or tea breads, your choice.

To Bring: juice & fruit

Volunteers to set-up & Clean-Up

The sign-up sheet is located in the Fellowship Hall.

Intimate Dinner



Only three spaces remain for the dinner at Steve and Sue's home on Friday evening, 15 June, to support the Redeemer youth traveling to Houston for the ELCA National Youth Gathering.

Tentative menu:

Appetizers - smoked salmon, cheese, and charcuterie plates

First course - chicken liver mousse topped with a burnt honey gelee alongside a salad of wilted radish greens drizzled with a lemon vinaigrette

Main course - grilled prawns with a red pepper sofrito resting on a sweet potato latke; seasonal vegetable with an avocado-tomatillo sauce

Dessert - flourless chocolate espresso cake with raspberry sauce

The cost is \$50/plate. For more information and to reserve your place, contact Steve Knick email: icsparrows@yahoo.com; phone: 208.573.6192

Fellowship & Gathering

First Thursday Soup

First Thursday lunch will be

June 7th

We begin at 12:00 p.m. for soups, salad, 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..



Host a Fellowship Hour

Fellowship hours are one of the most important aspects of fulfilling church experience. It 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.

Fellowship Hour couldn't take place without our hosts! Thank you.



Many Thanks to the Friday folders...

Thank you Ed Blakeslee, Judi Campbell, & Fred Riddle for coming in faithfully every Friday to fold the weekly bulletins, monthly newsletter, and anything that needs to be folded. We appreciate each & everyone of you. You are a blessing to our congregation & we are so fortunate to have you.

June & July

NO NAME MEN'S GROUP

MONTHLY MEETING:
 MONDAY, JUNE 11TH (7PM)
 MONDAY, JULY 9TH (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

The Esther– Naomi Circle will
 NOT meet in June.

In July we will meet have a
 potluck dinner Wednesday, the
 11th at 6:00pm in the Fellowship
 Hall. There will be a devotion or
 short lesson.

Please bring something to share
 for dinner.

All are welcome.

RUTH CIRCLE

Ruth is now changing to quarterly events in January, April, July and October.

We are looking for volunteers to lead each event

(Jan=social, April=faith/book club, July=social and Oct=service).

Please let Arielle know if you want to lead any event in the upcoming year.
ariellejune@hotmail.com or 208-860-9522

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.

Children's Choir

The Children's Choir is open to all! We practice on Saturdays at 3pm in the Chapel, and we sing at church every two-to-three weeks. We are practicing a broad range of song types to share at worship. Our goal is not about performance but is rather about praising God together. We incorporate body movement and the use of rhythm instruments to make it fun (and maybe learn a little about music along the way!). Songs are chosen to help ensure the ability of all children to participate, even pre-readers.

For any additional information,
contact Denise Puisto at dpuisto@outlook.com



Property

New North Parking Lot Entry

Thanks to Gary Makovsky for putting together the concrete replacement project for the North parking lot entry, removal of the old sidewalk between the Shoshone Street main drive and the main entry into the Sanctuary. Gary coordinated the project from beginning to end. Thank you also, to the other people who participated in, and worked on the project.

Redeemer Church Council approved the project at their April meeting. It took Gary no time to get the project going.

The project started on May 9th with the removal of the sidewalk and the old entrance concrete. On the 10th a small group of volunteers hauled and raked topsoil and installed sod.

The concrete work was done by Max Murillo of Zago Concrete Construction, LLC. Topsoil and sod as well as additional labor was provided by Dirk Larson.

Volunteer laborers were Gary, Kurt Gaedeke, Brian LeBoeuf, and Laurel Simos. Thank you also to the Council, Property Committee Council Liaison Carol Green, Katherine Ronayne, Larry Spencer, Ed Blakeslee, and Larry Kidd for their assistance in making this project possible.

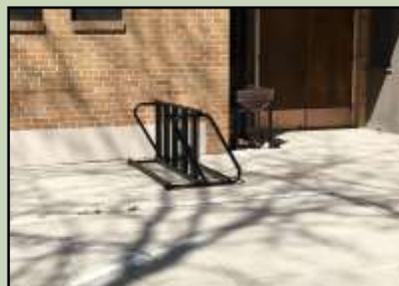


New Bike Rack

Perhaps you've noticed Redeemer now has a new bike rack on the south side of the Sanctuary. Hopefully we'll have several people who will make good use of it regularly.

Fred Riddle and Gary Makovsky assembled and set up the bike rack. It is designed to hold bikes on one side or bikes on both sides so we can accommodate several bicycles at once and keep them safely locked to the rack. Gary, Fred, Pr. Ken, and Ed Blakeslee did the research on which bike rack to purchase. Fred anchored the rack to the concrete to deter theft.

Much thanks to these folks who made the bike rack happen



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Dankie Gracias شكرًا
Спасибо Merci Takk
Köszönjük Terima kasih
Grazie Dziękujemy Děkojame
Ďakujeme Vielen Dank Paldies
Kiitos Tänane teid 谢谢
Thank You Tak
感謝您 Obrigado Teşekkür Ederiz
Σας ευχαριστούμε 감사합니다
Bedankt Děkujeme vám
ありがとうございます
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Community

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 !



Now the Feast and Celebration By Marty Haugen

We've concluded
Now the Feast and Celebration
booklet in our worship and some of our
booklets have walked off. If you accidentally
have taken one home, kindly return it at
your earliest convenience.

Thank you!

New MEMBERS

We will be welcoming New Members on
Sunday, June 24th.

If you would be interested in joining the
church, please contact the office so we
can set up a meeting with Pastor Ken.

Free to Loving Home



Beautiful indoor Cat.
Smart, affectionate, litter box trained, neu-
tered, playful, and appropriately aloof at
times.

Please call Russ at 208/850-3841.

Learning Peace: A Camp for Kids



- What:** A day camp to learn skills for peaceful living
- When:** July 30-August 2, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
- For:** All kids from 6-13
- Where:** Hispanic Cultural Center
315 Stampede Dr. Nampa
- Why:** To equip our children for a peaceful world

FREE

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.

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.

Luther Heights Bible Camp

Women's Retreat

July 20-22, 2018

Retreat Theme

“From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.”

John 1: 16 (NRSV)

Please register online

www.lutherheights.org

\$90 per-person

\$95 per-person *after July 1st*

If any questions, please call
208/886-7657



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

May all of you have a safe & happy holiday.

Parish Administrator Job Opening

Immanuel Lutheran Church (707 W. Fort Street, Boise, ID) is currently seeking a part-time Parish Administrator. The Parish Administrator manages the ongoing business affairs of the church including office administration, financial oversight, and property management.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Experience interpreting, explaining & applying regulations or policies.
- Experience maintaining records, file maintenance, retention, and destruction.
- Experience accessing data using a computerized records system.
- Experience maintaining financial records. (QuickBooks preferred)
- Experience using Microsoft Office including Word, Publisher, and Excel.
- Experience working in a team environment and maintaining self-motivation.
- Experience updating websites and using social media is preferred.
- Experience working with volunteers is preferred.
- Experience with grant writing is preferred.
- Understanding of the Christian faith is preferred.
- Knowledge of the ELCA Lutheran Church is helpful.

The position is for 20-25 hours per week, 4 days per week-Monday through Thursday, generally with core hours 9am to 2pm, however there is some flexibility in actual work hours. Compensation will be within the range of \$17.00-\$20.00 per hour, depending on qualifications and experience. The successful applicant must pass a background check before work begins.

Qualified and interested applicants must send a job resume to nancyinidaho@cablone.net that includes education and work history. Resumes must be received by June 3, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Upchurch, Immanuel HR Committee at the email above.



Outreach Activities



Wash, Wipe, Wear Distribution in May



Howdy, I'm stepping in to help Martina with the reporting process this month. We had a lighter than normal group of people arriving for our supplies, but we still gave away 97 packages of goodies! Big thanks to those helping pick up the soap, pick up the diapers, and sort diapers earlier in the week: Brad Jones; Gale Faber; Martina N.; Gloria and Doug Jay; Kylie Thorne; Connie Seymour; and Anathalie M.

On Saturday, Martina and Noella set out the cookies and water for our visitors. Big thanks to those helping stuff bags: Sandrina, Blessing, Noella and Larry and LaDawn Kidd. Big thanks for those handing out bags: Larry Kidd and Noella. Thank you ever so much for jumping in to the writing, Julie Doty; you did a great job! Big thanks to Sandrina for handing out numbers and Kylie Thorne for helping keep track of our visitors' country origin. Visitors were from Afghanistan, Bhutan, Burma, Congo, Iraq, Mexico, Nepal, Panama, Thailand and the USA. This makes us realize we offer a good service to help those new to our country. My appreciation is immense for the light Martina and her family has brought to Redeemer. They are so willing to help wherever needed. They are all awesome! Sandrina was so willing to help with any task asked of her.

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| Diapers: | 2125 |
| Rolls of TP: | 300 |
| Laundry Detergent: | 97 |
| Extras | 97 |

Please sign up to help at WWW the third Saturday of each month. As Ruthie said, we love cheerful volunteers. Thank you everyone for a successful outreach day!

LaDawn Kidd

Writer and cheerful volunteer!

Ministry of the Month

June

South Junior High

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.

Thank you!

A big thank-you to all who donated hygiene items for Monroe Elementary students. Our congregation contributed more than 45 toothbrushes along with toothpaste, soap, deodorant, body wash, shampoo, and combs and brushes. Pictured are Leah McGarvie, school secretary and Jane Withers, school nurse. They were very happy to receive all of these items. Thanks again for your continued generosity.



-Kari Spencer

July and August Mission of the Month

The ministry of the Redeemer quilters is to provide quilts for those in need. This group of dedicated and talented quilters meet every Tuesday at 9:30am and quilt until about 1:30pm.

They design, sew blocks together, pin, tie, and hem the quilts. These quilts are then donated to

local charities and shipped to a Lutheran World Relief warehouse in Maryland. From this warehouse they are shipped globally to areas in need.

The quilts are used for warmth, shelter, and sometimes as a soft place to rest. The quilts that are donated locally focus on children in foster care. Children in the **foster system love having their very "own" quilt to take with them through the process.** We, also, give them for celebrations in our own congregation, such as graduates and babies.

In 2017 the quilters exceeded their set goal and donated 108 quilts. Their goal is to always

make and donate a minimum of 100 quilts. These quilts will again be donated and shipped to Lutheran World

Relief along, local charities, and Redeemer celebrations.

We can help our Redeemer quilters meet this goal by donating money for the shipping costs

and to purchase quilt batting. Also, they need gently used or new sheets or fabric to use for the quilts.

We appreciate you choosing us for your mission of the month.

Many Thanks,
The Quilters



(Not pictured: Joy Brizee & Ruth Makovsky)



ADA COUNTY SHERIFF EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

Shop with a Sheriff Event

The Ada County Sheriff Employees Association is proud to announce our 2018 “Shop with a Sheriff” Back to School Event. The event will be held Saturday August 11th, 2018 at the Walmart Store on Ten Mile Rd in Meridian.

The program is designed to unite Ada County Sheriff deputies and public safety employees with local disadvantaged children for a special day of shopping. Each child is guaranteed new shoes, several outfits of clothing, and a backpack filled with school supplies. Children and families will be carefully selected and screened by a committee of local law enforcement officers. Approximately \$200 will be spent on each child. Our goal is to sponsor as many children as possible, through the support of donations from our **citizens and businesses here in Ada County. Contributions directly benefit the “Shop with a Sheriff” program but can also be used at the Ada County Sheriff Employees’ Associations discretion for other community programs.**

As a society, we must do all we can to support the less fortunate, especially the children. The Ada County Sheriff Employees Association believes this to be a worthwhile program, one that will benefit the children and families of Ada County. It is a great time for cops and kids to interact and break down the barriers that often exist. The goal is to not only financially help these children, but to let them know they have someone to turn to when faced with a potential crisis.

The ACSEA strongly believes that we will make a difference in the lives of our children and families here in Ada County and the surrounding communities. We are grateful for your consideration and support as we strive to help the community.

Donations can be mailed directly to:

10 N. Liberty St. Suite 150

Boise, ID 83704

Questions: 208/629-7505

Just for Kids...

Read Matthew 22:36-38:

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" Jesus said to him, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. 'This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Jesus is not only the way to God, but Jesus shows and tells us how to live.

How can you show love for God?

How can you show love for others?



"I want you to scan these and put them in the next newsletter."

June 2018

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July 2018

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Readings for Sundays in July

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| July 1 | 1 John 1:5-2:2 |
| July 8 | 1 John 4:1-6 |
| July 15 | 1 John 4:7-21 |
| July 22 | Ruth 1:1-22 |
| July 29 | Ruth 2:1-23 |

July Altar Guild: Connie Seymour 208/343-3044 & Sandy Boyington 208/781-0387

Flowers:

Coffee and Fellowship:

July 1 _____

July 8 _____

July 15 _____

July 22 _____

July 28 _____

Church Directory

With summer here...
It's time to update the Church Directory.

- Have you moved?
- Changed your phone number?
- Would like to be added to our Directory?
- Would like a copy of the Directory?



Please email the church office no later than
June 30, 2018. Updated Directories will be available

By August 1, 2018.
office@redeemerboise.org

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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