

Climb Every Mountain!

It's almost time for our peak-to-peak, all-church picnic and ministry celebration on Sunday, Aug. 22, from noon to 3:30 p.m. It's called "Climb Every Mountain" and this annual fall event is a great time to sign up for a Bible study, serve the Lord, join a small group, get information about our children and student ministries or get involved in a missions project or trip. Also, ministry leaders and volunteers will be on hand to answer your questions and provide helpful information to guide you into areas in which God is drawing you this year. It's going to be a mountaintop experience!

Our celebration begins



with check-in at Mt. H'eavens and a delicious lunch catered by Bennett's Bar-B-Q at Mt. Bierstadt. Games, entertainment and fun activities will be available for kids of all ages at Little Bear Peak. Please wear your

outdoor gear to worship service and dress comfortably. Bring a blanket and/or lawn chair, plus hats and umbrellas for shade. Tables and chairs will be

Please turn to Page 14

Come to the Leadership Summit



Everyone is invited to the Seventh Annual Leadership Summit scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 28 from 9

a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Redeemer South Fort Collins Life Center. We'll gather to celebrate the good things God has done at Redeemer, as well as look to the days and months ahead. The morning will include a report from our Board of Directors, updates from our ministry leaders, fresh information about our

multisite effort and time for questions, table talk and feedback. Morning snacks and lunch will be served. Come at 8:30 a.m. for a cup of coffee, fellowship and to get settled before the Summit begins.

If you are new to Redeemer and want to be a

Please turn to Page 14

IN THIS ISSUE

PAGE 2

Pastor Matt's Message
September Baptism Class

PAGE 3

Music Ministry News

PAGE 4

GriefShare
DivorceCare
Career Transitions

PAGE 5

Got Those Empty Nest Blues?
Cancer Help Ministry
Prayer Shawl Ministry

PAGE 6

Early Childhood Center News

PAGE 7

Couple's Retreat in October
Financial Peace University
New Member Seminar

PAGE 8

Women of Faith Conference
Coed Volleyball
Free Worship For Job Seekers

PAGE 9

What is SENIORITY?
R&R Kicks Off in September
Women's Bible Study Offering

PAGE 10

Daytime LifeLight Bible Study
Max Lucado's 'Fearless'
Join a Small Group Today

PAGE 11

PT 20th Anniversary
Jampic in Greeley
Recovery Small Group

PAGE 12

Undie Saturday & Undie Sunday
Backpacks Get Delivered
Military Support Group

PAGE 13

Irish Back-to-School Night
New! Redeemer Greeley Blog
Modify Your Personal Records

PAGE 14

Discover a Place To Serve

PAGE 15

News in Brief
Please Pray For...
Revenue & Expenses

INSERTS

Kids for Christ
Redeemer Student Ministry

What a summer we've had and what a fall to anticipate



What a summer! It was unforgettable for me. Our church welcomed nearly 300 children from the community to learn from God's Word at Vacation

Bible School. In July and August, you helped fill nearly 300 backpacks for children in need in the Fort Collins community during our Backpack Buddy missions event. Nearly 70 Redeemer youth joined 25,000 students in worshipping our Lord in New Orleans at the National Youth Gathering. Several Redeemer couples experienced date night at Redeemer during the Ragin' Cajun Boil.

Moreover, Redeemer entered into a property lease to begin a worship community in Greeley this fall. Pastor Tim enjoyed a three-month sabbatical celebrating 20 years of ministry. A warm Redeemer welcome was extended to guest preachers from Ethiopia, Kenya and Central Asia. And, God showed all of us through his Word his unchanging attributes in the summer sermon series, "God Is." And I turned 30! Wow, Praise the Lord!

So what's next? In August, we will kick off the new ministry year with a hike. Yes, a hike! Join us for the "Climb Every

Mountain" all-church picnic and ministry celebration on Sunday, Aug. 22, from noon to 3:30 p.m. In addition to eating some tasty barbeque, we will welcome back Pastor Tim from sabbatical and join in together as a church family for a relaxing time of fellowship. There will be opportunities for everyone to see the various ways to serve our Lord at Redeemer, using our gifts and talents.

On the following Saturday, August 28, we'll join together at the Seventh Annual Leadership Summit and align ourselves with God's vision for our church in the upcoming ministry year. See our website, www.redeemerconnect.com, for more details.

We'll also start a new sermon series called, "Grow Up." Ephesians 4:15 says, "Speaking the truth in love, we will in all things *grow up* into him who is the Head, that is, Christ." It's obvious that God wants us to mature in our faith, actively joining him in doing works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up. Let's come together around the Good News so that we "grow up" together in Jesus Christ.

September 17-19 will be a special weekend to celebrate Pastor Tim's 20 years of ministry at Redeemer. Join us

either Friday or Saturday night, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Life Center for a special program and homemade dessert. It will be a weekend of fun, reflection and thanksgiving!

What a summer we've had and what a fall season we have before us! I thank God for every one of you. You are valuable and precious in God's sight. Together, we share one mission as a church family, "connecting people to Jesus." It is truly a joy to serve the Lord of the Universe with you! May the Lord of the Universe be glorified this fall.

Peace to you,

Pastor Matt

matt@redeemerconnect.com



Register for September baptism class

Our next baptism class is Sunday, Sept. 26, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. It's geared to parents seeking to baptize their newborns or young children, as well as older children and adults who would like to be baptized. You'll learn the importance of this sacrament and why Jesus calls us into a life of discipleship beginning with

baptism. Register by Wednesday, Aug. 22 by contacting **Joy Lake** at joy@redeemerconnect.com or 225-9020, ext. 115. We meet at Redeemer South Fort Collins in Fellowship Hall. ☉



Praise the Lord with music

By Phil Barnett

phil@redeemerconnect.com

Redeemer's growing choral music ministry exists to give praise and glory to God in the context of worship, as well as other special services and events throughout the church year. Join us this fall as we offer opportunities for people of all ages to offer their musical gifts for the praise and glory of God.

The Redeemer Choir

Anyone high school age and up is welcome in our adult choir. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Redeemer South Fort Collins, beginning Wednesday, Sept. 1. The choir sings weekly at the 8 a.m. service and participates in special worship services throughout the year.

Men of Hymn

Our men's choir is open to all men, high

school age and up. The choir sings several times throughout the year. Rehearsal dates and times are announced in advance.

Summer Choir in August

Join us in praising God and welcoming back Pastor Tim by singing in the Summer Choir on Sunday, Aug. 22 at the 8 a.m. service. Anyone high school age and up is welcome! Rehearsal is at 7:20 a.m. on that morning. Join us! ☺

Children's choirs and youth ensemble

By Phil Barnett

phil@redeemerconnect.com

Children's Choirs begins September 1. Children in kindergarten through the fifth grade are invited to sing in one of our two children's choirs. Rehearsals are on Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Redeemer South Fort Collins, beginning on Wednesday, Sept. 1. Choirs sing in worship once a month and participate in the children's Christmas program.

There will be two choirs offered this year:

- Praise Singers: Grades K-2 with rehearsal from 6-6:30 p.m.
- Celebration Choir: Grades 3-5 with rehearsal from 6-6:45 p.m.

Join us for a fun time of singing and praising God together!

Youth Ensemble

Open to anyone in grades six through 12, this group sings in worship several times throughout the year. Rehearsal dates and

times will be announced in the bulletin & Weekly Connect. ☺

“Join us for a fun time of singing and praising God together!”

Praise Band



The purpose of the Praise Band is to help the people at Redeemer to thank and praise God for all he has done for them in

Christ Jesus! The band uses contemporary songs as well as modern arrangements of classic hymns to help encourage an atmosphere of thanksgiving and praise.

Numerous bands play at all Redeemer services. They rehearse once a week. Bands typically consist of guitars, drums, keyboards, solo instruments, and vocalists. If you are a skilled singer or musician and have a desire to be a part of the music ministry here at Redeemer,

then please contact **Lacey Jo Mirus**, praise band leader, at laceyjo@redeemerconnect.com or, 225-9020 ext. 122. ☺

“I will sing to the LORD, I will sing; I will make music to the LORD...”
Judges 5:3

You don't need to grieve alone

The average grieving time for an individual who has lost a close loved one is two to five years. It's even longer if it was due to a suicide or murder. Our



GriefShare Support Group starts **Saturday, Sept. 11** and continues weekly on **Tuesdays** from 7 to 9 p.m. for 11 weeks through November. Come, find comfort and support from those who are going through the grieving process. You will receive valuable information from national grief experts that will help you understand the grief process and your reaction to it. Maybe you are not experiencing grief, but you may know someone who is—a neighbor, friend or co

-worker. Please let them know—all are welcome.

Brochures and registration forms are available at the Welcome Center. Online registration is available at www.redeemerconnect.com by clicking on the [Register for Events](#) icon.

Questions? Contact: GriefShare Leader **Mary Carlson** at 221-8573 or carlsonma@comcast.net or, **Kathy O'Connell** at 225-9020 or kathyo@redeemerconnect.com. ©

Divorce – such a painful experience

DivorceCare seminars and support groups are led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help.

Redeemer offers help with a divorce support group called DivorceCare. It begins **Saturday, Sept. 11** and continues on **Mondays** from 7 to 9 p.m. through

November at Redeemer South Fort

Collins. No one knows what you are experiencing better than someone who is going through the same life event. In addition to the support of leaders and fellow group members, a video is shared that features top experts giving guidance and insight. This ministry program is open to everyone.

Brochures and registration forms are located at our Welcome Centers in the Commons and Lower Atrium. Online registration is available at

www.redeemerconnect.com by clicking on the [Register for Events](#) icon.

Questions? Contact: DivorceCare leaders **Darci Larrarte** at 310-3775 or darcilarrarte@gmail.com or **Jim Paselk** at 227-2718 or jnbpaselk@msn.com. ©

Seeking a job? Looking for change?

Redeemer's Career Transitions Connections provides practical support and spiritual encouragement in a caring Christian environment for people in job transition. We provide this by offering support, career transition resources and networking opportunities. This is a ministry for our church members as well as the community. We meet the first and third Thursdays of each month from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the library at Redeemer South Fort Collins. Contact:

Kathy O'Connell at 225-9020, ext. 102 or kathyo@redeemerconnect.com. ©



**"Encourage one another and build one another up."
1 Thessalonians 5:11**

Feeling Empty Nest Syndrome or depression?

By Vicki Matteson

vmatteso@colostate.edu

When the time comes when children marry or graduate from high school and leave for college, it can be difficult to deal with the range of emotions and each parent reacts differently. A strong maternal or paternal bond between the parent and child can make matters more difficult.

Some parents experience joy, fulfillment and see a new world of

opportunity opening up where they're free to focus on their own needs. Others feel lonely and anxious wondering what to do with their free time.

Don't be afraid to seek comfort from friends and family and ask for help. Stephen Ministry is available to help after your child drives away and the house suddenly seems incredibly empty. God provides us with an awesome sense of worth if we just trust Him. Isaiah 46:4 "I will be your God throughout your lifetime,

until your hair is white with age. I made you and I will care for you. I will carry you along and save you." The Lord will help us find the perfect balance in all our stages of life.

Contact **Lindsey Chandler** at 226-5160 or **Sharon Glesmann** at 556-1026 or **Vicki Matteson** at 222-0888 for information on Stephen Ministry. Also, if you're interested in becoming a Stephen Minister watch for details on an upcoming informational class in October. ☺

Cancer support is here

Our Cancer Help Ministry Team is ready to offer support if you have been diagnosed with cancer.

A one-on-one caring connection can be arranged from an individual who has already traveled the road of cancer. Also, tangible support such as transportation, meals, prayer shawls, tote bag with devotions and more will be supplied while an individual is going through treatment. In the past this team hosted meetings on a monthly basis. This year, the team is

dedicating itself to one-on-one care without regular meeting times.

Ministry brochures are located at Redeemer South Fort Collins Welcome Centers in the Commons and Lower Atrium. Contact **Linda Ruyball** at 416-8705 or lindaruy@msn.com or **Suzanne Jarosz** at 674-0904 or msjarosz@earthlink.net. ☺

"Praise be to the
 God ... who
 comforts us in all
 our troubles, so
 that we can
 comfort those in
 any trouble with
 the comfort we
 ourselves have
 received from
 God"
 2 Corinthians 3:12

Providing God's healing comfort to others



Redeemer's Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the first and third Sunday of every month from 3 to 5 p.m. at the home of member

Denise Quinones. This year, the group begins on Sunday, Sept. 19. Christ's love is woven into each prayer shawl given to those experiencing or recovering from cancer, surgery or illness. If you are interested in joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry, the group invites all who knit, crochet or would like to learn either craft. God weaves a wonderful afternoon of talking, praying and enjoying the company of those ages teen to mature adult. If you can't join in but would like to

make a contribution, this ministry gladly accepts Lion Brand yarn or monetary donations. And if you know someone who could benefit from this loving gift, contact: **Lori Vanagunas** at 690-0469 or

"Serve one another in love."
 Galatians 5:13

We're getting ready for a new school year

This year will be our 16th year of preschool! We will welcome about 120 children, from two and a half to five years of age. Our activities are set within the framework of God's love, a nurturing love that allows children to grow in body, mind and spirit. It is a true blessing and privilege to share the wonderful love of Jesus with them. It is our goal to help children become enthusiastic learners by providing stimulating and productive experiences and activities to help prepare

them for kindergarten.

We look forward to yet another year of celebrating the early childhood years! We are excited about our programs and would be happy to answer your questions. Please contact **Gabriele Bergmann**, director, at 206-0381 or gabriele@redeemerconnect.com. ☺



GOLD C books support our scholarship fund



Gold C coupon books will be available the last weekend in August. Monies raised

allow the preschool to offer scholarships to those requesting tuition assistance. The books are still a great value at \$10. Enjoy discounts at restaurants, on movies, skiing, shopping services and so much more! Please watch for the display in the Lower Atrium starting Saturday, Aug. 28, and in the Commons starting Sunday, Aug. 29 at Redeemer South Fort Collins. We will sell books throughout the month of September. We have always been blessed by your support. ☺



August 31 ...The first day of preschool!

At Redeemer's Early Childhood Center, children come with bright and sunny faces! It's an exciting day full of fun and playful activities that allow them to create, explore, pretend and learn about the world around them. We also have Jesus time, sing songs, have snack, play outside and listen to stories! At the end of the day we say our good-byes, give the children hugs and tell them we look forward to seeing them next time! ☺



**“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.”
Proverbs 22:6**

Navigating the high seas of marriage

By Shirley Henkel

shenkelster@gmail.com

Ahoy, all you married couples (young and old)! It's time to mark your calendar for a fabulous event planned by Redeemer's Marriage Ministry – the annual Fall Couple's Retreat! It takes place from Friday, Oct. 22 to Sunday, Oct. 23 at Redeemer South Fort Collins in the Life Center.

Come for a Friday date-night cruise

with your one and only sweetheart for fun, games and dancing. Featured speakers Jeff and Tami Englehorn will help chart the various seas couples encounter and provide helpful tools to keep that ship afloat. Saturday's sessions will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Consider inviting friends and family for this fun and engaging event. Questions? Contact: **Shirley Henkel** at 593-0394 or shenkelster@gmail.com. ☺

**Featured speakers
Jeff and Tami
Englehorn will help
chart the various
seas couples
encounter and
provide helpful
tools to keep that
ship afloat.**

Be at peace with your money

By Donna Dunn

ddunncsr@msn.com

A Financial Peace University class will be offered at Redeemer South Fort Collins on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m. Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University class teaches you to achieve your financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future and giving like never before. More than one million families have attended FPU with amazing

results. You will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money and change your family tree forever.

Sign up for our September class by contacting **Donna Dunn**, coordinator of Financial Peace University for Redeemer, at 203-1014 or ddunncsr@msn.com. Come and enjoy the fellowship as you learn to empower yourself with practical skills to eliminate debt, plan for your monetary future, and discover the joy of giving. ☺



Learn to empower yourself with practical skills to eliminate debt, plan for your monetary future, and discover the joy of giving.

Want to become a Redeemer member?



If you are interested in membership at Redeemer then mark your calendar for

the Connecting to Redeemer seminar on Sunday, Oct. 3 from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Redeemer South Fort Collins Fellowship Hall. Check-in begins at 2:15 p.m. Can't come? The next one is November 21.

At Connecting to Redeemer, we'll acquaint you with the mission, vision, beliefs and values of our church. We'll share how you can get plugged into the community life and ministry of Redeemer. Snacks and dinner provided.

Sign up at the Welcome Center in the Commons or Atrium or online at www.redeemerconnect.com by clicking on the [Register for Events](#) icon. Please let us know if you need childcare. Contact: Member Connections Director **Kathy O'Connell** (above) at 225-9020, ext. 102 or kathyo@redeemerconnect.com. ☺

Imagine: Women of Faith

Imagine what it would be like if the God who created us was willing and able to provide exactly what we need. Why would he do that? Because he loves YOU. Imagine that. Imagine having two days focused on God and his love for you. Join us for two days filled with laughter, music and stories that make you chuckle even as you wipe away a knowing tear. Ladies, mark your calendar for the Women of Faith Conference from September 24 to 25 at the Pepsi Center in Denver. We

have 25 tickets located in the club-level section in the middle! We'll be staying at the Hampton Inn & Suites Denver Downtown. Tickets are \$89 and hotel is



\$65 per person for double occupancy. Envelopes to purchase tickets are located at the Redeemer South Fort Collins Church Office starting Saturday, Aug. 9. A non-refundable deposit is required. Questions? Contact: **Allison DeWaele**, our Women of Faith coordinator, at 231-0686 or Allison.DeWaele@colostate.edu. ☺

Coming this fall...coed volleyball

This sport is one of the biggest leagues in the Rocky Mountain Christian Athletic Association (RMCAA) and Redeemer is looking for people to join their team this September. Each league features a



competitive, recreational, and leisure league to accommodate all skill levels. Volleyball is played on either Monday evenings (recreational) or Wednesday evenings (leisure and competitive), starting Monday, Sept. 13. Leagues are coed. Games begin with a devotion and prayer and, while the play on the court is competitive, our focus is on Christ who brings us together to play the wonderful sport of volleyball. This is one for the whole family (ages 16 and up) to be involved.

If you are interested in playing, please sign up before **Monday, Aug. 30** by contacting **Sarah Heber** at slheber@gmail.com or 686-7424. ☺

**“I pray that you may enjoy
good health and that all
may go well with you.”
3 John 1:2**

Tips for writing a resume employers want to read

On Saturday, Aug. 21 from 9:30 to noon, Redeemer Greeley in conjunction with an expert in the field will host a free Resume Writing and Interview Skills Workshop in Greeley. This workshop is for those who want to write, update or fine tune their resume for better marketability. Time also will be spent learning how to improve your interview skills by putting your best foot forward when communicating to prospective colleagues and management. This workshop is

located at the Greeley Family Funplex at 1501 65th Avenue in Greeley, Community Rooms A & B.

Register at redeemerconnect.com by clicking on the [Register for Events](#) icon or by contacting **Gerry Harrow** at gerry@redeemerconnect.com. ☺



What is SENIORITY ?

By Ginny Allison

gallisonrn@comcast.net

SENIORITY is Redeemer's senior ministry. Recently, the Senior Ministry produced a brochure that lists our services for those members and guests 60 years and over. We are able and willing to minister to those who have particular needs, and will help find ways to meet those needs, as well as provide ministry opportunities for that same age group who are interested in helping others. Copies of the brochure

are located at Redeemer South Fort Collins Commons and Lower Atrium Welcome Centers. Or, ask for a copy while you are in the Church Office.

Some of those our ministries include:

Redeemed and Retired (R & R): A social and educational program that meets the third Wednesday of month.

Handyman: Provides limited services and/or referrals for small projects needing service in your home.

In-Home Visitation: Senior Ministry will promote an in-home visitation program to

all home-bound individuals of the congregation.

Transportation services: Provides transportation to and from church, doctor offices, etc. if your family cannot assist you.

Members of the Senior Ministries Team include: Chaplain Phil Wilgers, Lyle Grell, Sally Beebe, Ginny Allison, Shirley Henkel and Judy Uhrig. Join our team! Questions? Contact: **Lyle Grell** at 225-6554 or grell11@netzero.net. ☺

Catch the rhythm at R&R's kickoff event

Join Redeemer's Redeemed & Retired (R&R) group for its season kick-off on Wednesday, Sept. 15, at noon at Redeemer South Fort Collins' Fellowship Hall. Please bring a potluck dish share. Beverages, desserts and table service are provided. Our first meeting is called "Ragtime Rhythm" and features a retired pharmaceutical rep and occupational therapist who will play music from the '20s, '30s and '40s with a little gospel music thrown in. "This should get us off

to a rousing start!" Questions? Contact:

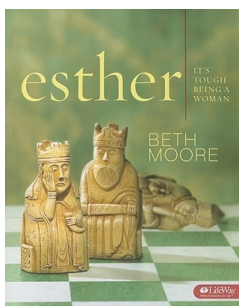
Sally Beebe at 461-1849 or

saljbb@q.com. ☺



"This should get us off to a rousing start!"

Women of the Word to study Esther



Starting Friday, Sept. 10, from 9 to 11:30 a.m., Shirley Pedersen will lead a Beth Moore DVD study on Esther. This is a wonderful examination of

the Old Testament story of Esther as she peels back the layers of history and shows us how very contemporary and

applicable the story is to our lives today. If you've ever felt inadequate, threatened or pushed into situations that seemed overpowering, this Bible study is for you. Just as it was tough being a woman in Esther's day...it's tough today. This portion of God's Word contains treasures to aid us in our hurried, harried and pressured lives.

We meet for fellowship, snacks and singing from 9 to 9:30 a.m. The study runs from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Childcare is

available from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. An optional workbook is available to purchase at the Redeemer South Fort Collins Church Office for \$15 starting in mid-August. Meetings will be held the second and fourth Fridays of the month (except during holiday months). Questions? Contact **Shirley Pedersen** at 218-7761 or shirley@pcqjlp.com. ☺

LifeLight Bible study to kick off September 9

Starting Thursday, Sept. 9, at 9:15 a.m., join Pastor Tim Runtsch for the LifeLight Bible study. Each class balances large group teaching time and small group discussion. This year, we begin with the study of Galatians, Philippians and Colossians. Later in the year, we move to select Psalms and the letters of James and Jude.

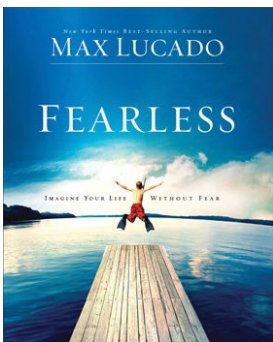
LifeLight meets weekly, except when the Poudre School District is not in session. Sign up for LifeLight online at

www.redeemerconnect.com. Click on the [Register for Events](#) icon. If you sign up to be a table group leader, please note that there will be a meeting on Thursday, Sept. 2, at 9:15 a.m.

For those new to LifeLight, you'll receive take-home study materials, including a daily reading guide. Please come as the learning is rich and fellowship is lively. Coffee and morning snacks are provided each week. Childcare is available for little ones. ☺

**When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
John 8:12**

'Fearless' small group study coming to Redeemer



Find your friends this fall! In late September, we will offer a six-week small group Bible study in your neighborhood. Small groups

are a great way to find friends at Redeemer and learn from the Bible and

each other. Wouldn't it be nice to gather with those right down the street and discover "who is your neighbor?"

In the early church, people met together in their homes every week as they walked through life together. This fall, you have the opportunity to do just that based around Max Lucado's new Bible study, "Fearless."

Here is a brief description of the study: "Imagine a life where faith overcame fear. Envision a day where you

trust more and fear less. Wouldn't it be great to find that place? Jesus told us not to be afraid. Max Lucado invites us to consider Jesus' invitation to courage. The promise of Christ is perfect but our earthly journey brings fear to our doorstep."

Join us in Redeemer's fall study, "Fearless," by Max Lucado and experience healing words that renew us, inspire us, and call us to a life of faith over fear. ☺

Connect to one another: Join a small group today!

About 2,000 years ago, Jesus gathered together 12 ordinary people and modeled a ministry of care. His ministry was one of teaching, healing, feeding, loving, mending, encouraging, praying, worshipping and believing. One of the ways that Redeemer carries on this ancient ministry is through its small groups.

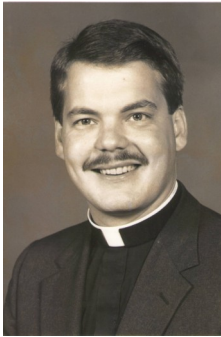
Small groups provide help to people outside the church by caring for them spiritually, emotionally or physically. If

you haven't joined a small group yet, we encourage you to join one this fall. If you have questions about joining a small group, please contact **Scott Coerber**, at 225-9020, ext. 119 or scott@redeemerconnect.com. Or, contact **Laurie Bowen** at 568-3068 or laurie@redeemerconnect.com.

For a list of current small groups, please see our website at www.redeemerconnect.com and click on the [Small Groups tab](#). ☺

**"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts."
Acts 2:46**

Let's celebrate PT's 20th Anniversary at Redeemer



You are invited to Pastor Tim's 20th Anniversary Celebration on one of two nights— Friday, Sept. 17 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. or Saturday, Sept. 18 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. You

choose the best night to help us give thanks to Pastor Tim and his 20 years of

dedication, service and continued efforts to connect people to Jesus at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Delicious homemade desserts, lively praise music, fun entertainment and a delightful program will be provided for just \$5 per person. No matter how long you've been a member or friend at Redeemer, please join us as we praise the Lord for Pastor Tim's contribution to ministry and zeal for the Gospel. We'll have childcare for those three and under. Online registration takes

place at our website starting Friday, Aug. 27. Just click on the [Register for Events](#) icon. Onsite registration takes place on the weekends, beginning Saturday, Aug. 28., in the Commons or Lower Atrium. Questions? Contact: **Pastor Matt** at matt@redeemerconnect.com. Online registrations: Please print your confirmation receipt and ring it with you – This is your ticket. ☺

It's a Bluegrass 'Jam'pic' — Tap-your-toe time!

Pack your chair or blanket and join us in Greeley for the Bluegrass Jam & Picnic on Sunday, Aug. 29 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. This community event will feature a bluegrass



band that will get your toes tapping to some high-energy music. It will take place at our prospective location: 7263 West 4th Street. A casual picnic dinner will be served. Invite your friends, coworkers and neighbors. If you live in the Greeley area or just want to join in some lively Redeemer fellowship, please come. There is no cost to this event. Questions? Contact: **Gerry Harrow** at gerry@redeemerconnect.com. ☺

**"Therefore I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations; I will sing praises to your name."
2 Samuel 22:50**

Addiction and getting through with God's help

The Recovery small group meets every Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in Rm. 112 at Redeemer South Fort Collins.

Addictions come in many forms, but freedom from those addictions comes from our one true God. Our Recovery Group's purpose is to create fellowship and celebrate God's healing power in our lives through the "8 Recovery Principles." This Christian experience allows us to "be changed."

By working and applying these biblical

Addictions come in many forms, but freedom from those addictions comes from our one true God.

principles, we begin to grow spiritually. We become free from our addictive,

compulsive and dysfunctional behaviors. This freedom creates peace, serenity, joy and most importantly, a stronger personal relationship with God and others. As we progress through the program we discover our personal, loving and forgiving Higher Power - Jesus Christ, the one and only true Higher Power.

To see if this support group is appropriate for you contact **Scott Lindsay** at 970-223-8746 or scottl771@comcast.net. ☺

Undie Saturday & Undie Sunday Drive

By Lisa Lindren

pltklindgren@msn.com

Beginning Saturday, Oct. 2, the Redeemer South Fort Collins

mission's team will kick off an underwear and diaper drive to collect brand new boy's and girl's underwear, women's underwear and diapers to be distributed to residents of Crossroads Safehouse, a non-profit agency that assists women and



children who are victims of domestic violence. The drive culminates Sunday, Oct. 17, and items may be dropped off in the Commons or Lower Atrium before or after weekend worship services. Specifically, we need new women's and children's underwear of all sizes, shapes, colors and fabrics. Diapers should be size three or four.

Crossroads Safehouse offers safety, shelter and the personal assistance and

resources needed to build lives without violence. They offer free safehousing, advocacy, legal assistance, transitional housing and education, as well as food, clothing, and support for over 300 residents on an annual basis.

Thank you for your generosity in supplying much-needed items for these women and children in need. Questions? Want to help? Contact: **Lisa Lindgren** at pltklindgren@msn.com or 223-7997. ☺

Backpacks ensure children ready for first day of school

More than 300 backpacks filled to the brim with pencils, pens, crayons, snacks, gift cards and more were blessed by Pastor Matt, loaded into seven minivans by 15 Redeemer members and driven to local schools, Lutheran Family Services (LFS) and Crossroads Safehouse.

Most of the backpacks that go to schools are given out by counselors who know which families are struggling and which families are experiencing a crisis or hardship. Backpacks that go to



Crossroads help mothers and their children who are victims of domestic violence. And, backpacks that go to LFS are distributed to foster children.

"I'd like to thank our members,

friends and businesses who helped with this year's Backpack Buddy program," said Backpack Coordinator Christie Pennock. "What a demonstration of God's love! The generosity of all those involved makes such a difference in the lives of children who are excited to be prepared for the first day of school."

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped tag, organize and deliver backpacks. Your help was vital in making this mission event a success! ☺

Books & winter gear donations needed

By Cheryl Walenter

chertim_w@msn.com

Redeemer will hold its winter coat and book drive from Saturday, Oct. 2 through Sunday, Oct. 17. Drop-off points will be available in the

Lower Atrium and Commons each weekend. We are seeking new or gently used jackets, hats, gloves, scarves, mittens, boots, sledding and ski pants,



ranging in sizes that include children's small to youth large. Books should also be gently used and geared to elementary school children. Your donations will help

Irish's children prepare for our cold Colorado winter and provide them with books to grow and learn. Irish

Elementary is a bilingual neighborhood school located in the rural northwest corner of Fort Collins. It has approximately 400 students from kindergarten to the sixth grade. The majority of the students live at the poverty level. Thank you for your generosity.

Questions? Want to help? Contact: **Cheryl Walenter** at 461-3552 or chertim_w@msn.com. ☺

2010 Irish Back-to-School Night

Redeemer's annual Back-to-School Night at Irish Elementary is Thursday, Aug. 26 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. This special night provides families the opportunity to meet teachers and the principal, see the classrooms and get an understanding of what children will learn this fall. Redeemer volunteers provide a dinner and carnival-style fun for kids while parents get one-on-one time with homeroom teachers. It's a great opportunity to help kick-start the year

and we need your help to make it a success.

There are opportunities to get on the planning team, purchase food, cook dinner, serve food, lead games with children or set up and tear down the event. If you or your small group is looking for a mission project, this is a wonderful opportunity. Sign up to serve in the Redeemer South Fort Collins Commons or Lower Atrium during the weekends. Or contact **Connie Boyd** at

cboyd814@yahoo.com or 266-1235. ☺



New! Redeemer Greeley blog address



Check out our new Redeemer Greeley blog address at www.redeemergreeley.com.

Get the latest news on our progress of connecting people to Jesus in that area and find out how you can get involved in ministry or experience one of the many community events coming up!

Redeemer will begin worship on October 10, 2010 at 10 a.m. That's 10.10.10 at 10 a.m. Easy to remember!

To date, we are in the final stages of leasing a new location at the Boomerang Business Park in Greeley. The site is located on the west end of Greeley at

7263 West 4th Street.

The building is situated directly across from the Boomerang Golf Course. It has room for more than 200 worshippers and includes 80 parking spots. There is ample space for an office, classrooms, a nursery and the building comes with a pre-existing kitchen.

We hope to see you for our first community worship this fall! ☺

Military Support Group available



Redeemer's Military Support Group offers mutual support to families with love ones serving in the military both overseas and stateside. They focus on the

needs of the families as well as the service men and women by lifting them

up in prayer. From sending care packages at Christmas to sending birthday and appreciation cards through the year, these families extend the love of Christ to those willing to serve our country. Please check out the hero bulletin board in the south hallway near the Church Office.

The Military Support Group meets quarterly for an hour the third Tuesday of the month in Rm. 107. Contact: **Kathy Mosser** at 278-1855 or kamcpm@msn.com (please put Military

Family Support Group in the subject line). ☺

**"I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers."
Ephesians 1:16**

Discover a place to serve that's right for you

The Bible says that "we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10). God gives each person special gifts, natural talents and a heart that makes us feel strongly about serving in one area rather than another (Romans 12:6-8 & Proverbs 27:19).

At this year's Climb Every Mountain all-church picnic and ministry celebration, there will be over 50 ministries

represented to help you discover which place best fits your uniqueness.

Get ready to discover:

- Ways to use your gifts and talents;
- Ministries that can use your life experiences;
- Places to serve that fit your personality; and
- New opportunities for spiritual growth.

You can sign up for a ministry that day or get the names of ministry leaders to contact in the future. Make plans to

get connected to a ministry area where you can live out God's blessings! Join us on Sunday, Aug. 22. ☺

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
Ephesians 2:10

Climb Every Mountain

Continued from Page 1

provided for those with special needs.

Later, take our ministry trail system to peaks such as My Soul "Longs" For You, Grace Peak, Mt. Quandry and Mt. of the Holy Cross. Summit our entire ministry 14ers and enter a chance to win a prize. Parents, there will be booths at "Challenger Point" for Redeemer Student Ministries (RsM) and "Sonshine Peak" and "Sonlight Peak" for Kids for Christ Children's Ministries.

The cost is \$10 for those 13 years

"Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me; let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell"
Psalm 43:3

and older; \$6 for children five to 12 years; and little ones four and under are

free. Online registration is available at www.redeemerconnect.com. Just click on the [Register for Events](#) icon. Onsite registration takes place at Redeemer South Fort Collins on the weekends at the south or west doors on Sundays and in the Lower Atrium on Saturdays. (Inside during inclement weather.) ☺

Leadership Summit

Continued from Page 1

part of what God is doing at our church, or, you need a boost in your particular ministry area, this event is for you. No matter what your



involvement at Redeemer, the Leadership Summit is a great opportunity to learn how we—as the Body of Christ—can make an impact for the Gospel and reach

our friends, neighbors, family and coworkers with the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Please register for this event at our website, www.redeemerconnect.com, and click on the [Register for Events](#) icon. There is no cost, however, donations are gladly accepted for lunch. Childcare will be offered for children three and under. Need help with

registration? Questions? Contact: **Joy Lake** at 225-9020, ext. 115. ☺

"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it."
I Corinthians 12:27
NRSV

Baptisms

- May 15: **Charly Wrae Sanders** and **Jacy Dale Sanders**, daughters of Cary & Rachel Sanders
- May 16: **Arjay Wiatrowski** and **Stephen Gerald Wiatrowski**, children of Stephen and Lydia Wiatrowski; and **Brandon Paul Tschohl** and **Austin Thomas Tschohl**, sons of Paul and Ann Tschohl
- May 30: **Preston John Peterson**, son of Nick and Tiffany Peterson; and **Lucy Marie Coatman**, daughter of Phil and Alison Coatman
- June 20: **Henry William Binder** and **Violet Jean Binder**, children of Bill and Beth Binder; and **Addison Grace Hays**, daughter of James and Jennifer Hays
- June 27: **Payton Linden Matteson**, daughter of Jason and Alyssa Matteson
- July 3: **Nathaniel Grayson Ellis**, son of Jonathan and Danielle Ellis
- July 11: **Gavin Davis Kent**, son of Steven and Lauren Kent

- July 18: **Henry Jonathan Tassitano**, son of Ross and Christin Tassitano
- July 25: **Lillian Olivia Simpson**, daughter of Matthew and Amy Simpson; and **Leah Rose Johnson**, daughter of Jeff and Cybil Johnson

Weddings

- May 29: **Angela Armstrong** to **Jimmy Marquis**
- June 26: **Amber Schwartz** to **Clint Thorson**

Celebrations of Marriage

- June 12: **Yoko** and **David Kimmel**

Office closure

Please note that Redeemer will be closed on Monday, Sept. 6 in observance of Labor Day.

Welcome home

Welcome back to the United States **Aaron Hatling** who returned from his overseas duty in Germany. He completed his five-year enlistment in the Army. Aaron is the

grandson of Bonnie and Jim Fenner, and nephew to Darcy and Scott Petersen and Denise Vondra. And, **Brian Cortes**, who returned from his one-year deployment in Iraq. This was his third tour in Iraq. He is Pedro and Denise Quinones' nephew. Thank you for your continued prayers for the safety of our service men and women.

Thank you!

"Words cannot express our gratitude for your support of PLI (Pastoral Leadership Institute). The conference this year was very powerful for our family and our local church as well as the LCMS as a whole. This step toward a positive future would not be possible without your support! Thank you so much!" Dan & Cheryl Buringrud, Greenhaven Lutheran Church in Sacramento, Calif. ☺

Please Pray For...

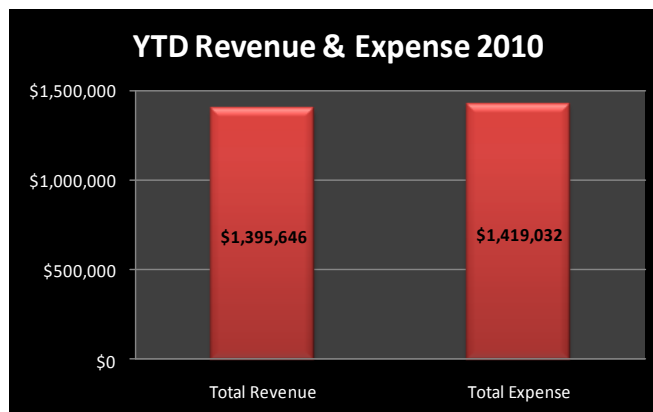
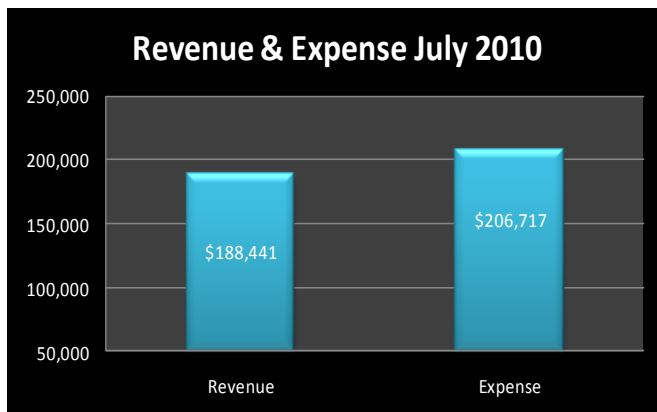


Adam Erbes, son of Redeemer member Bev Ziemer and brother to Chelsae Ziemer. Adam serves in the Navy as an aviation structural mechanic and is currently in Okinawa, Japan.



Mark Larson, nephew of Redeemer members Sandie and Ken Axelsen. Mark is an Army Ranger in the 10th Mountain Division and was recently deployed to

Afghanistan.



Contact us ▶

Do you have an immediate family member serving overseas? We'd like to place him or her in our "Please Pray For" section. Send information, including name, position, mailing and e-mail addresses to **Kathy Mosser** at 278-1855, or kamcpm@msn.com. Note: Please enter "Military" in the subject line. We have a Military Support mail box in the Church Office for your convenience. ☺



Redeemer's Mission

Redeemer Lutheran Church is a grace-filled community of Christians called to connect people to Jesus Christ for a life of rejoicing relating and responding.

7755 Greenstone Trail
Fort Collins, CO 80525
Phone: 970-225-9020
Fax: 970-225-9870
E-mail: redeemer@redeemerconnect.com
www.redeemerconnect.com

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NON PROFIT ORG
US-POSTAGE PAID
FORT COLLINS CO
PERMIT #487

The Three R's of Redeemer

Rejoice

We gather in worship and celebration to rejoice in God's grace and experience renewal through Word and Sacrament.

Relate

We grow in our relationship with God and others through small groups and Bible studies.

Respond

We respond to God's love through our service and witness in the church, community and world.



Psalm 29:11

May the Lord give strength to ...

CHURCH OFFICE

Main phone: (970) 225-9020 (extensions listed below, VM = voice mail box only)

PASTORAL STAFF

THE REV. TIM RUNTSCH, senior pastor,
pt@redeemerconnect.com, ext. 101, 686-2833 (hm)

THE REV. MATT BLACKFORD, associate pastor, matt@redeemerconnect.com, ext. 121, 214-2373 (hm)

GERRY HARROW, vicar, multi-site ministries, Greeley site leader,
gerry@redeemerconnect.com, ext. 311 (VM), 405-6691 (cell)

MINISTRY DIRECTORS

GABRIELE BERGMANN, Redeemer Lutheran Early Childhood Center director,
gabriele@redeemerconnect.com, 206-0381 (preschool)

SCOTT COERBER, vicar, discipleship director,
scott@redeemerconnect.com, ext. 119

PAM LANGE, children & preteen ministries director, pam@redeemerconnect.com, ext. 104

RYAN MEYER, vicar, student ministries director, ryan@redeemerconnect.com, ext. 103

KATHY O'CONNELL, member connections director, kathyo@redeemerconnect.com, 225-9020, ext. 102

STAFF MEMBERS

ELIZABETH ALEXANDER, communications specialist, elizabeth@redeemerconnect.com, 420-5222

PHIL BARNETT, choir director,
phil@redeemerconnect.com, ext. 124

MELISSA BLANK, student ministries administrative assistant,
melissa@redeemerconnect.com, ext. 305 (VM)

LAURIE BOWEN, discipleship administrative assistant (small groups & adult education), laurie@redeemerconnect.com, ext. 306 (VM) 568-3068.

WENDY GORMAN, children's ministry assistant (special events),
wendy@redeemerconnect.com, ext. 308 (VM)

BETH HELMERS, worship and music assistant,
beth@redeemerconnect.com, ext. 120

MICHELE HENDRICKS, receptionist,
michele@redeemerconnect.com, ext. 100

JOY LAKE, administrative assistant,
joy@redeemerconnect.com, ext. 115

LACEY JO MIRUS, interim Praise Band leader,
laceyjo@redeemerconnect.com.

MISSY SALZER, children's ministry assistant (Sunday School),
missy@redeemerconnect.com, ext. 309 (VM)

DENNY TRIPCONY, building, grounds & tech manager, denny@redeemerconnect.com, 225-9020, ext. 114

JACKIE WHITTENBERG, accountant,
jackie@redeemerconnect.com, ext. 107

CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

ELIZABETH ALEXANDER, communications,
elizabeth@redeemerconnect.com; 420-5222.

"Connections" is a bimonthly publication of Redeemer Lutheran Church and is provided to its members and friends. The deadline for the June/July issue is the Friday, May 14. Please e-mail your ministry news, information and photos to Elizabeth Alexander.

Copyright © 2010 Redeemer Lutheran Church.
All rights reserved.

AUG & SEPT
Mailed Thursday, Aug. 12