

'A Well-Rounded Life'



"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven," (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Round and round they go... seasons. In August, many of us squeeze in last-minute vacations, enjoy picnics and barbecues and spend time with school-age children

before they return to the classroom. When Labor Day arrives, it's the symbolic end of summer and many of us think, "I've got to get back into a routine."

For many, part of that routine includes the return to a regular worship schedule, Bible study or small group. It's a great time to examine where we've been and pray about the fresh places God is leading us. In response to this seasonal changeover, Redeemer celebrates its new ministry year with a kick-off

celebration at the South Fort Collins and Greeley sites. This year it happens August 27 & 28 and we're calling it "A Well-Rounded Life." (See Pastor Tim's article on Page 2.)

A well-rounded life is one where Jesus is at the center of all we do. It's a tapestry of rejoicing, relating and responding to God's grace. We use the Three R's to help people understand that the Christian faith is not a program or event. It's a way

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Come to the Leadership Summit



Everyone is invited to the Eighth Annual Leadership Summit scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 27 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 and updates from our ministry leaders. We'll focus on refining the vision of becoming more and more an externally focused missional community in Christ. If you are part of Redeemer, then you are part of the mission of connecting people to Jesus. This is our primary vision-setting event of the year.

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.

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.

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Three R's is a way of life not a program



Dear Redeemer Family:

Life in Christ is a life of joy, love, hope and peace. Saved by God's grace, washed in the blood of Christ, renewed by the Spirit, we are people whose

lives have been transformed and reformed by an awesome God. No matter what we do, we cannot get any more saved or any more loved by our Savior. In Ephesians we read that "it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Jesus' life, death and resurrection was the world's costliest rescue mission (John 3:16). He took the punishment for our sins on the cross "to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners...to comfort all who mourn...to provide the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair" (Isaiah 61:1-3). To be a Christian today is to respond to God's gracious love by journeying with him on a continual cycle of renewal and restoration.

I am often asked, "What does it mean to follow Jesus?" "What does life in Christ 'look like'?" My immediate response is that our life in Christ is a well-rounded life. In Matthew 11:28-30 of *The Message*, Jesus asks, "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life." Jesus is not saying, "Do your best." "Never give up." "Give it your best shot." He is saying and continues to emphasize in the same passage, "Walk with me and work with

me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."



A number of years ago, in response to this prevalent question of what the Christian life is all about, we developed the concept of the "Three R's of Redeemer." The Three R's represents a well-rounded life in Christ Jesus. Rejoice, Relate, Respond...these are the three basic aspects of a well-rounded life lived in joy and blessing of God's grace.

The graphic of the Three R's (above) served us well for the past couple of years. It has helped us tell the story of what it means to be a Christ follower. Nevertheless, we thought the graphic needed updating and a fresh look that helped to show the movement of the Three R's life. So here is the new and improved Three R's logo (below).



Connecting People To Jesus

Depicted in purple is the word Rejoice. We rejoice in God through worship and celebration. The Bible teaches that joining other believers to praise God is a necessary part of the Christian life. Come to worship every weekend and experience one of the greatest blessings God offers.

Depicted in green is the word Relate. We relate to God and others through small groups and Bible studies and experience a living, loving relationship with Jesus and others. At Redeemer, we encourage each person to join a small group and grow in the Word, pray and care for each other, and serve those in our community and the world. Our connection to other people is at the heart of a well-rounded life.

Depicted in red is the word Respond. We respond to God's goodness as a way of life and give thanks to him by offering our time, talents and treasures. We respond by serving our brothers and sisters in Christ, as well as those in need or those who are far from God. The Bible teaches that each of us has something to give (1 Corinthians 12:1-30). God has designed each of us with a unique passion and desire to serve. We encourage you to discover a place to serve that fits the way God has designed you.

Our hope is that the "Three R's of Redeemer" does not become a burden for anyone, but rather an easy way to visualize the three key aspects of our life in Christ. Being a "Three R's disciple" simply means that you are realizing the fullness of life that Christ has for you.

My prayer for you is that you find joy and blessing in living out the "Three R's" in your daily life. May all of us have a well-rounded life in Christ!

God is good!

Pastor Tim

Join us for fall All-Church Picnic

Redeemer has a lot to celebrate and be thankful for as we observe 23 years of connecting people to Jesus! Come help us praise the Lord and rejoice in his goodness at this year's All-Church Picnic on Sunday, Sept. 18 from noon to 3 p.m. at the South Fort Collins site. This year's theme is "One Church Under God" and our afternoon will highlight our "togetherness in Christ" over the past 23 years and celebrate the wonderful gift of church family.

This relaxed, fall family event includes music and a delicious catered meal by Bennet's Bar-B-Q. The corn maze will be open to explore. There will be fun activities for children!

**Sunday, Sept. 18
Noon to 3 p.m.
South Fort Collins Site
Bennet's Bar-B-Q
Short Anniversary Program**

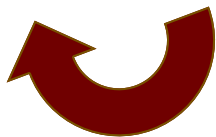
Register online at www.redeemerconnect.com by clicking on the [Register for Events](#) icon. Cost is \$10 for adults; \$6 for children five to 12 years; and free for children four and under.

Questions? Want to help? We're building an [All-Church Picnic Event Team](#). Contact: **Kathy O'Connell** at 225-9020, ext. 102 or kathy@redeemerconnect.com. ☺

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of life. To learn more, be sure to join us for worship that weekend and hear the message, "The Well-Rounded Life." Together we'll examine how a life lived with Christ at the center is an ever-evolving, exciting, joy-filled experience.

Our ministry kick-off weekend is a great time to sign up for a Bible study, find a place to serve the Lord, join a small group, get information about our children and student ministries or get involved in a local or international missions project or trip. In addition, 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 calling you.



Kids for Christ kickoff

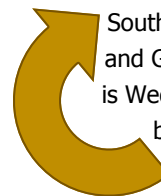
Get set for fall Sunday School and PEAK children's church August 27 & 28. Come join us for fun and fellowship as we celebrate with ice cream, Stu the puppeteer and a special balloon launch. This year's theme is "Everyone's a Lighthouse" and refers to letting the light of Christ shine through us. Parents of children ages preschool through the fifth grade are encouraged to register their child(ren) for fall Sunday School or PEAK that weekend. Registration takes place at the Kids for Christ booth in South Fort Collins Atrium or Welcome Center at Greeley. Get a jump start and complete a [registration form](#) from our website and return it to church the day you arrive.



RsM kickoff

Redeemer Student Ministries (RsM) kicks off its ministry year August 27 & 28. Students in the sixth grade are encouraged to join ARMOR every Sunday morning for Bible study and Wednesday evening for RsM Night. Students in the seventh and eighth grades are part of Hearts Afire and attend confirmation on Wednesday nights and Bible study on Sundays. High School students journey together in 242 and grow in their relationship with Jesus on Sunday and Wednesday nights.

All students meet on Sundays at South Fort Collins at 9:30 a.m. and Greeley at 10 a.m. RsM Night is Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at both sites. ☺



Leadership Summit *continued from Page 1*

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. ☺

You don't need to grieve alone

"Going through GriefShare is like having warm arms around you when you're shivering." This quote from an attendee speaks to the comfort and support received in our [GriefShare](#) Support Group. Our first two sessions will be on **Saturday, Sept. 24** and continues weekly on **Tuesdays** from 7 to 9 p.m. for 11 weeks through November at Redeemer South Fort Collins. 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

Leaders **Mary Carlson** at 221-8573 or carlsonma@comcast.net or **Bill Relph** at 663-5675 at billrelph55@gmail.com. ☺

**“All my longings lie open
before you, O Lord;
my sighing is not hidden
from you.”
Psalm 38:9**

Divorce – such a painful experience

Redeemer offers help with a divorce support group called [DivorceCare](#). It begins in **September** and continues weekly (days to be determined) from 7 to 9 p.m. through early December at Redeemer South Fort Collins. No one knows what you are experiencing better than someone who is going through the same life event. One participant said it brought her stability, healing and hope for the future. 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. Watch our website for the September launch date and registration start-up date.

Currently, we are looking for a female leader for the fall session. Do you have a heart for this ministry. Please contact Kathy O'Connell (contact info below).

Questions? Contact: DivorceCare leader **Jim Paselk** at 227-2718 or jnbpaselk@msn.com or Director of Member Connections **Kathy O'Connell** at 225-9020 or kathy@redeemerconnect.com. ☺

Joni Hall to offer support at Career Connections

Redeemer's Career 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. One of our members, Joni Hall, recently retired from SOS Staffing as a VP of National Accounts, is offering her encouragement and support to our group on Thursday, Aug. 18. She will talk about the

perceptions and stereotypes each generation faces and how to speak to an employer regardless of your age and experience.

This ministry is 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 kathy@redeemerconnect.com. ☺



Thursday Living in Community (TLC) in Greeley

A potluck meal, community, laughter and “unwind time” are all part of our new Thursday Living in Community (TLC) night at Redeemer Greeley. Every Thursday, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., everyone is invited to join us for Bible study, a Lifetree Café event or culinary themed potluck dinner (August is Mexican, September is American Fare and October is German). No registration required. Just come join us!

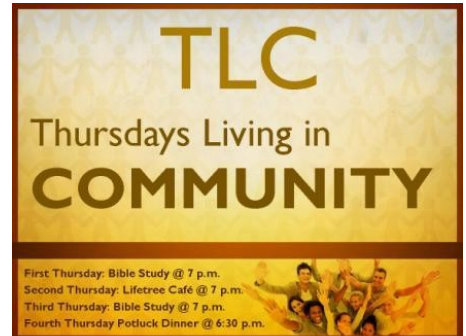
Here’s the lineup:

- First & Third Thursday: Bible Study
- Second Thursday: Lifetree Café
- Fourth Thursday: Potluck Dinner (starts at 6:30 p.m.)

Questions? Want to get on the TLC team?

Contact: **Corey Schwartz** at

corey@slbbi.com. ☺



Stephen Ministry conveys Christ’s loving presence

Virginia Satir, a family therapist, believes how we perceive and respond to an event is a significant factor in how we adjust and cope with it. “The event does not determine how to respond. The way we cope with it is what makes the difference. The way in which we respond influences the event more than the event itself. Each of us has a reservoir of strength. The challenge is to identify our strengths and build on them.” The stress we feel increases or decreases depending

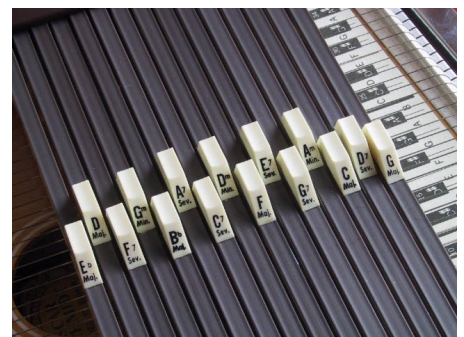
on how we perceive our circumstances and this affects how we respond. Sharing your burdens with a Stephen Minister who listens, encourages, prays and walks alongside you will lighten the load. Contact: **Lindsey Chandler** at 226-5160 or **Vicki Matteson** at 222-0888 for information on [Stephen Ministry](http://StephenMinistry.com). ☺

**“Cast all your anxiety
on him because he
cares for you.”
I Peter 5:7**

Guest to play autoharp at R&R season start

Join Redeemer’s Redeemed & Retired (R&R) group for its season kick-off on Wednesday, Sept. 21, at noon in the Redeemer South Fort Collins Fellowship Hall. Please bring a potluck dish share. Beverages, desserts and table service are provided. Our first meeting features Pat McKeon and her friend Suzanne who will entertain us with music played on autoharps. Despite its name, the autoharp is not a harp at all, but a chorded zither. It’s used primarily in

country and bluegrass music, but you may have heard it in pop music (e.g. Janis Joplin, John Mellencamp and Led Zeppelin). It should be a rousing time and we hope you can join us. Questions? Contact: **Sally Beebe** at 461-1849 or saljbb@q.com. ☺



Set your 'heart afire' at confirmation

[Hearts Afire](#) is a two-year, small-group confirmation experience. It's a time where students walk their way through God's Word, building relationships with their Savior and peers and discovering what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

Hearts Afire begins Wednesday, Aug. 31 at 6 p.m. with orientation for parents and students. Starting September 7, dinner will be offered for families at 5:30 p.m. for a small cost. Hearts Afire meets Wednesdays throughout the school year

from 6 to 7:30 p.m. During Advent and Lent, we meet from 6 to 7 p.m.

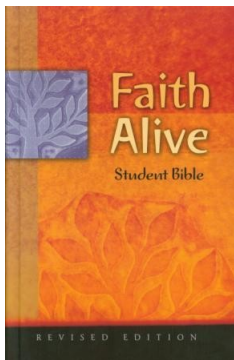
Parents: Please register your son or daughter for confirmation on our website by clicking on the [Register for Events](#) icon. Print, complete and return the



Orientation Packet to the South Fort Collins Church Office or Matt Furister at the Greeley site. The cost for curriculum and retreats is \$125 for seventh-graders and \$140 for eighth-graders. Scholarships are available. We want everyone to be able to attend!

Questions? Contact: **Pastor Ryan Meyer** at ryan@redeemerconnect.com or 225-9020, ext. 103. ☺

First graders to receive a new Bible



Faith Alive Bibles will be presented to all first graders at Redeemer South Fort Collins on Saturday, Sept. 10 at the 5 p.m. worship service and on Sunday, Sept. 11 at the 8 and 11 a.m.

worship services. Redeemer Greeley will present the same Faith Alive Bibles to

first graders on Sunday, Sept. 18 during the 10 a.m. worship service.

We encourage children to bring their new Bibles to [Sunday School or PEAKE](#) as they begin their faith journey in learning about God's Word. The Bible consists of 66 books, written by about 40 different authors over 1,500 years. All the stories and lessons fit together like a marvelous jigsaw puzzle. For young children, their first Bible is the beginning of learning how all the pieces fit together to make a

completed picture of God's enduring love.

To receive a Bible, please register on our website by clicking on the [Register for Events](#) icon. Look for "Bible & Cross Registration 2011." The deadline is Tuesday, Sept. 6. Questions? Contact: Director of Children's Ministries **Pam Lange** at 225-9020, ext. 104 or pam@redeemerconnect.com. ☺

Three-year-olds to receive a wooden cross



We would like to recognize and celebrate the beginning of our children's formal Christian education by presenting all our three-year-old children with the gift

of a cross. Redeemer South Fort Collins will present crosses on Saturday, Sept. 10 at the 5 p.m. worship service and

Sunday, Sept. 11 during the 8 and 11 a.m. worship services. Redeemer Greeley will present crosses on Sunday, Sept. 18 during the 10 a.m. worship service.

One of the most important messages to teach very young children is that Jesus died on a cross for all our wrongdoings and mistakes (sins). Because he died and took our punishment, we get to live and enjoy his love forever.

To receive a cross, please register on

our website by clicking on the [Register for Events](#) icon. Look for "Bible & Cross Registration 2011." The deadline is Tuesday, Sept. 6. Questions? Contact: Director of Children's Ministries **Pam Lange** at 225-9020, ext. 104 or pam@redeemerconnect.com. ☺

Evansfest fun neighbor-to-neighbor event

Kickoff the fall season with us at [Evansfest](#) in Evans, Colo. Join us on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a ton of outdoor family fun. Evansfest features an early morning pancake breakfast and parade. Food vendors are \$2 all day. Food Court and drinks provided by Old Chicago, Palomino's, Schwartz's Krautburgers and 8th Ave. Wing Shack. There will be live music, inflatables (free), games, give-aways and vendor booths. Special music will be

performed by the Devil Dodgers... Redeemer Greeley's Praise Band. Evansfest is located at the Riverside Park at 4000 Riverside Parkway.

Morning Highlights:

7-9 a.m.: Paws & Sneakers Walk Registration
8-11 a.m.: Pancake Breakfast \$2/person
8-10 a.m.: Music by Redeemer's Devil Dodgers
9 a.m.: Paws and Sneakers Walk (1 mi.)

and 5k Race
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Vendor Booths open
10 a.m.: Parade ☉



September 6 ... the first day of preschool!

This will be the 17th year of our [Early Childhood Center](#) preschool program! We will welcome 110 children, from 2½ to 5 years of age. We look forward to yet another year of celebrating the early childhood years!

The child is at the heart of the curriculum. It is our goal to provide opportunities to help each child develop a healthy self-concept within the framework of God's love. We want the children to become curious and

enthusiastic learners that get along well with others. We do this by providing meaningful and productive experiences



and activities that help them grow in body, mind and spirit.

We are excited about our programs and would be happy to answer any questions that you may have. Please contact **Gabriele Bergmann**, director, at 206-0381 or gabriele@redeemerconnect.com. ☉

Chick-Fil-A Day for preschool

When you eat at the Fort Collins' Chick-Fil-A on Thursday, Sept. 22, the restaurant will give 20 percent of its daily sales that day to the Redeemer Early Childhood Center and its scholarship program.

Please pick up a coupon following worship at the South Fort Collins site the weekend of September 17 & 18. Be sure to provide it to Chick-Fil-A when ordering so our preschool gets the credit. Hours of operation are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The Fort Collins' Chick-Fil-A is located

on the corner of College Ave. and Horsetooth. This particular location features an indoor playground, an energetic staff and attentive, quick service. The restaurant is clean, and the parking lot is illuminated at night. Questions? Contact: **Gabriele Bergmann**, director, at 206-0381 or gabriele@redeemerconnect.com. ☉



Weekly: Sunday Adult Ed Bible study at 9:30 a.m.

The Bible's truths are applicable in your relationships with your family, your friends and your enemies. They can apply in the classroom, ballroom, bedroom, boardroom, lunchroom, playroom, backyard, graveyard and stockyard. The Bible has answers for your questions and guidance for your problems, emotions, hopes, dreams and fears. Ready to dig into the truth? Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall at the Redeemer South Fort Collins site.

Childcare is provided. Here are our upcoming offerings for mid-August through Labor Day:

Biography of God's Faithful Characters (August 14 & 21)

Real stories about real people of the Old Testament that follows our summer sermon series. Led by pastoral team. Coming up we examine the lives of Elijah (August 14) and David (August 21).

Summer Sojourner Series (August 14, 21, 28)

Varying topics that include life, missions, spiritual growth, community and more. Drop-ins encouraged!

TBA (August 14)

As of the printing of this newsletter, we're still developing this class.

Haiti Mission Trip Presentation (August 21)

The island nation of Haiti was one of poverty before the catastrophic 7.0 earthquake of 2010 tore it apart. A team from Redeemer joined in the rebuilding effort for a broken people still healing from that overwhelming crisis. Come, hear their stories, and be inspired to help others heal from the storms of life or take a mission trip of your own.

Puerto Rico Mission Trip Presentation (August 28)

On this Sunday, we will feature one Bible class in the Life Center. Join Pastor Ryan Meyer and more than 70 youth and adult leaders from our church who ventured to Puerto Rico to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Hear their stories and adventures that included clearing brush and elephant grass to create sustainable farms and ministering to pregnant teens. Hear about a life-changing experience for all involved.

Special One-Time Class

Your Faith in Motion (September 4)

Jesus, through his death and resurrection, provided salvation for us, which we receive as a gift. Growth as a disciple of Christ occurs as a gradual process. When we begin the Christian journey, each of us begins at a different starting point. Some have been on this journey since youth and learned patterns that helped them evolve. Others began later, during adulthood, and found mentors to help them grow. The journey of following Jesus in not a self-improvement process or one of "cleaning up" your act. It's a long-term voyage of learning that God accepts you by sheer grace and living that love out in an everyday way. Where are you on this journey? Would you like to continue to grow? At Redeemer, we use the Three R's to help folks understand the difference between spiritual performance and seeking the Kingdom of God that leads to love, peace and joy for all eternity. Join Pastor Tim Runtsch for his new class called, "Your Faith in Motion" and get a fuller and deeper grasp of what the Christian life looks like. ©

Want to join our church family?

If you are interested in membership at Redeemer—either the South Fort Collins or Greeley sites—then register for the Connecting to Redeemer seminar on Sunday, Sept. 25 from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. with check-in at 2:15 p.m. Can't come? The next one is November 13.

Connecting to Redeemer takes place at the South Fort Collins site in the Fellowship Hall. We'll acquaint you with the mission, vision, beliefs and values of our church and share how to become

part of the community life of Redeemer. Snacks and dinner provided.

Sign up online at www.redeemerconnect.com by clicking on the [Register for Events](#) icon or sign up onsite at any Welcome Center. Childcare is available. Questions? Contact: Member Connections Director **Kathy O'Connell** at 225-9020, ext. 102 or kathy@redeemerconnect.com. ©



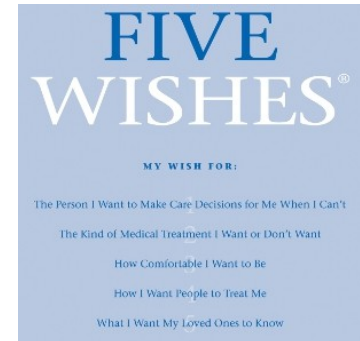
Five Wishes seminar to help you plan ahead

Redeemer's Endowment Committee invites you to a free one-hour seminar called "Five Wishes." Five Wishes is changing the way America talks about and plans for care at the end of life. Five Wishes is a living will that talks about your personal, emotional and spiritual needs as well as your medical wishes. It lets you choose the person you want to make health care decisions for you if you are not able to make them for yourself. Five Wishes lets you say exactly how you wish to be treated if you get seriously ill.

Seminars take place at Redeemer South Fort Collins on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 10 a.m. or 6 p.m. and Sunday, October 2 at 11 a.m. and are led by Redeemer and Endowment Committee member Glen DeZeeuw.

Five Wishes was written with the help of The American Bar Association's Commission on Law and Aging, and the nation's leading experts in end-of-life care. It meets the legal requirements for an advance direction in Colorado. It's a simple tool that will save you money.

Questions? Contact: **Glen DeZeeuw** at glendezeeuw@gmail.com. ©



Living life in a small group

What do you think of when you think of small groups? Some people think a small group is simply adult education in someone's house. Some think of it as just another activity when they have too many activities already. In addition, some think of others passing judgment on them or fear of not knowing enough Bible or theology to survive the small group experience.

Small groups can be so much more than that, and a place where grace is

lived out as we walk through life together. We want our small groups to be places where you find your good friends.



Where you have a group of people that can mentor you through situations they have been through before, or you can mentor them if you had the experience. Small groups where you share in the joys and sorrows with each other. Another place in our discipleship where we put ourselves in a place where God can change us as we walk through life with other believers. Watch for more information coming soon! ©

September baptism class



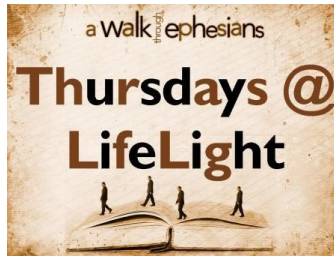
Our next baptism class is Sunday, Sept. 11 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. It's geared to parents seeking to baptize their newborns or young children, as well as older children and adults who would like to be baptized. You'll learn the importance of this sacrament and why Jesus calls us into a life of discipleship beginning with baptism. Register by Wednesday, Sept. 7 by contacting **Joy Lake** at joy@redeemerconnect.com. ©

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...”
Matthew 28:19

Three seasons of LifeLight begin September 15

Starting Thursday, Sept. 15, at 9:15 a.m., join Pastor Tim Runtsch for the LifeLight Bible study at the South Fort Collins site. Each class balances large-group teaching time and small-group discussion. This fall we begin with the study of Ephesians as well as 1 & 2 Thessalonians. During the winter, we examine the book of Job. In the spring, we look at "Law & Gospel – The Key to the Scriptures."

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 like, you can also pay the annual suggested

donation of \$30 at the first class.

Table group leaders: If you sign up to be a table group leader, please note that there will be a meeting on Thursday, Sept. 8, 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. ☺

Women of the Word (WOW) to meet weekly

Starting Friday, Sept. 9, Women of the Word Bible study will meet every Friday morning from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the South Fort Collins Fellowship Hall (during the PSD school year). Each week, women of all ages are invited to come together for prayer, Bible study, small group conversation and an opportunity to serve. Childcare is available. Drop-ins are welcome and encouraged and there is no homework!

This year, Women of the Word begins

with Philippians, a New Testament book that was written by the Apostle Paul. Paul writes a letter to the believers of Philippi emphasizing humility, giving, serving, loving others and doing it all with JOY. He focuses on living in Christian community and learning from each other. He realized that we don't grow spiritually alone. We need others to give us a pattern to live by and be examples of faith in action. "My prayer for you is that you will overflow more and more with love for others, and

at the same time keep on growing in spiritual knowledge and insight" (Philippians 1:9).

Ladies, find out what God has to teach you this fall by joining Women of the Word. Find friendship, laughter, examples of love and faith and a chance to learn from other sisters in Christ. Questions? Contact: **Shirley Pedersen** at shilar@verinet.com or 218-7761. ☺

Guys, there's a Bible study for you at Redeemer

Men's Ministry Bible study is for men of all ages who would like to connect with God, his Word and other men. Join us each Friday morning from 6:30 to 8 a.m. at the South Fort Collins site. Coffee and breakfast is provided. Pastor Tim serves as Bible study leader. This fall, the study continues with an in-depth look at the book of Philippians.

Philippians, which was written by the Apostle Paul, talks at length about living in community and having positive

Christian role models in your life. Ask yourself this, "What's been the greatest influence in your life?" Your answer is probably not a book, sermon or seminar. It was most likely a person. Living in community, sharing and doing life together, coming into contact with others who encourage us, pray for us and be models of faith for us – that's what Paul's message is about. He says, "Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into

practice. And the God of peace will be with you" (Philippians 4:9).

Who are your models for following Christ? Who are you watching to help you grow spiritually? Join us and find out! Registration not required. Questions? Contact: **Pastor Tim Runtsch** at 225-9020 or pt@redeemerconnect.com. ☺

Zumba coming to Redeemer



Our [fitness program](#) at Redeemer South Fort Collins has a purpose beyond the benefits of exercise. Classes and open gyms help you build Christian relationships and give you an opportunity to bring those you know who are far from God to the community of believers in a fun and unique way.

Starting this fall, we will offer a Zumba Class that mixes dance and aerobic moves in a repetitive way set to different styles of Latin and American

music. It is a fun way to burn calories for men and women. Teckla Coerber and Annalisse Quinones were recently trained and licensed as Zumba instructors. Starting September 18, classes will be held Saturday mornings from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. Questions? Contact: **Teckla Coerber** at scotec@msn.com for more information. ☺

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. 3. 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 by **Monday, Sept. 26** by contacting **Sarah Heber** at slheber@gmail.com or 686-7424. ☺



Mentoring program to launch in Greeley



Kids Hope USA is changing lives in our community! It's a mentoring program where one adult mentors one child for one hour per week. Redeemer South Fort Collins now

has over a dozen mentors walking alongside students at local schools. With success at the South Fort Collins site, Redeemer Greeley will begin Kids Hope

USA in the fall.

Research shows that when a child receives the constant love of an adult, that child develops a greater sense of self-worth and confidence to face the future. A mentor is invited to spend the hour with the child playing games, helping with homework, playing on the playground or talking about life.

The first step in becoming a mentor is to take a brief training class at Redeemer South Fort Collins. Then we screen

(background check) each mentor. Finally, the mentor is assigned a child at a local school and the relationship begins. Interested in becoming a mentor? Contact **Pastor Matt Blackford** at 225-9020, ext. 121 or matt@redeemerconnect.com. ☺

Backpacks ensure children ready 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 vehicles 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 the volunteers who helped tag, organize and deliver backpacks. Your help was vital in making this mission event a success! ☺

2011 Irish Back-to-School Night

Redeemer's annual Back-to-School Night at Irish Elementary is Thursday, Sept. 8 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 **Pastor Matt**

Blackford at

matt@redeemerconnect.com or 225-9020, ext. 121. ☺

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

2011 Billie Martinez Back-to-School Night



On Tuesday, Aug. 16, Redeemer Greeley will host its second Back-to-School Night for Billie Martinez Elementary school from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This special night provides families the opportunity to meet teachers, see the classrooms and get an understanding of what children will learn this fall.

There are opportunities to get on the planning team, purchase food, cook dinner, serve, lead games with children or set up and tear down the event. If

your small group is looking for a one-time mission project, this is a wonderful opportunity. Sign up to serve by contacting **Jesse Babiuch** at jesse.babiuch328@gmail.com. ☺

In Colorado: You can help refugees rebuild lives

Lutheran Family Services of Colorado does a wide variety of social service activities for the people of our state. Redeemer has an exciting opportunity to be involved in LFS's Refugee and Asylee Program, which resettles about 150 people each year in Northern Colorado.

Try to imagine moving to a foreign country because of chaos in your own land, leaving behind everything familiar including your understanding of language, culture and even the basic

information of how local shopping or transportation works.

How can you help? We need to assemble a team to co-sponsor a refugee family for the first few months of their resettlement. This starts with helping set up a refugee family's apartment the day before they arrive. It also includes meeting the family at the airport, showing them how to shop economically, helping them understand bill paying, learning the bus system, or even

transporting refugees to appointments.

Lutheran Family Services provides training. Redeemer is alerted about a family's arrival within two weeks of arrival. To get on the team, please contact **Pastor Scott Coerber** at scott@redeemerconnect.com or 225-9020, ext. 119. ☺

Join LWR quilters and give the gift of comfort

Redeemer's Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Quilters small group will have its first meeting on Monday, Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m. and you are invited to join.

This group meets twice a month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., September through May. While one meeting is dedicated to Bible study, the other will be to fashion quilts. No quilting experience is needed. Basic quilts are constructed for undeveloped nations whose people are in need of warmth and protection from the

cold and rain. Quilts are used as tents, floor coverings or wraps for a baby on a mother's back.

"We will have a greeter direct you to the room we use in the lower level of the South Fort Collins site," says Carol Munsinger. "This first meeting is to reintroduce newcomers to our winter season of quilting."

Questions? Contact: **Carol Munsinger** at 207-1896 or **Fran Ausenhaus** at 667-2571. ☺



Wondering how to find a way to serve

Check out our website at www.redeemerconnect.com and click on [Member](#), log-in and you will see the block that says, **I want to view...** then click on **available serving opportunities**. Our current list will appear and you can see if anything matches your interests; simply click on the position title and it will show you the description/details of the opening.

To pursue it click on **"I'm interested."** This sends an e-mail to the

contact person who will follow-up with you to see if this is a right fit for you.

DO YOU HAVE YOUR INTERESTS LISTED IN THE REDEEMER DATABASE?

We can use this information to help you plug in to serving as well. Again, go to our website, click on **Member**, log-in, click on **Home** and then select **My Profile**, halfway down the page click on **Serving**. This will bring up two categories: **Available for Serving** and

Attributes. Complete all that applies.

When staff and leaders search for people willing to serve they put in the appropriate needs of the position. If your name comes up, they will contact you by phone or email to explore this ministry. Questions? Contact: **Kathy O'Connell** at kathy@redeemerconnect.com or 225-9020, ext. 102. ☺

Make a joyful noise...everyone! Sing in a choir

Love to sing? Come sing in one of Redeemer's Choirs at the South Fort Collins site. It's a great way to offer praise and thanks to God and develop deep friendships with others.

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 August 31. The choir sings weekly at 8 a.m. worship and participates in special worship services throughout the year.

Redeemer 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 advance.

Please contact **Phil Barnett** at phil@redeemerconnect.com to be added to the e-mail list for updated info.

Children's Choirs

Children in kindergarten through the fifth grade are invited to participate in one of our two children's choirs. We will have a new format this year. The kids will sing in worship several times through the year, with two to three rehearsals held prior to those dates. Rehearsal time will be from 9 to 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. Grade

divisions are as follows: Praise Singers (grades K-2) and Celebration Choir (grades 3-5). Come join us for a joyful time of offering praise and thanksgiving to our awesome God! For news and updates, please join our e-mail list by contacting Director of Choirs **Phil Barnett** at phil@redeemerconnect.com.

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. ☺

Use your musical gifts in the Praise Band

The purpose of the Praise Band is to help the people at Redeemer 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. ☺

Sound & projection techs needed

What makes a good sound tech?

Someone with a good ear for music.

Someone willing to learn what "the Redeemer sound" is and how to create it on the soundboard (even though it's a moving target.) Someone alert and focused, ready to turn on/off microphones, ready to adjust and re-adjust levels to fit the immediate sound



needs. Someone with a servant heart.

Someone who knows you can't please all the people all the time.

What makes a good projection tech? Someone comfortable with computers. Someone focused, not prone to daydreaming and who can stay on task. Someone who will not panic at the inevitable glitch, but calmly anticipate and troubleshoot.

Someone flexible enough to accept last-minute changes. Ideally, someone familiar with most of the songs at the service.

Is this you? We will train you and let you practice until you let us know you are ready to solo. We have needs at all our services and at both our sites. Questions? Interested? Contact: **Beth Helmers**, Worship & Arts assistant, at 225-9020, ext. 120 or beth@redeemerconnect.com. ☺

Baptisms

April 9: **Isaac Paul Johnston**, son of Jason & Amy Johnston

April 26: **Cade Ramsey O'Brien**, son of Thomas & Sarah O'Brien

May 8: **Madison Tenley Gasper**, daughter of Gregory & Stephanie Gasper

May 15: **Torrey Reece Van Dorin**, daughter of David & Megan Van Dorin; and **Rogan Lewis Schwaner**, son of Robert & Debra Schwaner

Join us on Facebook & Twitter

Check out our new Redeemer Facebook page at www.facebook.com/redeemerconnect and join us as we connect people to Jesus! Follow us on our new Twitter account at twitter.com/redeemerlc.

Thank-you very much

"Words cannot express my gratitude from all of you at Redeemer during the death of my son, Jeff on July 4th. I want to thank all of you for all the emails, calls, cards, hugs, and prayers. I know this is why God led me to Redeemer several years ago and why I feel like I belong. A special thanks to Pastor Gerry being so wonderful to me during all of this and so helpful and kind. He is such a blessing and I don't know what I would have done without his encouragement." Jo Pacot

When He says "Go" then go

When God places a desire to serve others on your heart, do you follow? Maybe you are waiting for an opportunity. To learn more, go to our website and click on the Hong Kong Short-Term Mission Trip page under the Outreach tab. The deadline to register for this trip is Sunday, August 14. Questions? Contact: **Pastor Scott Coerber** at scott@redeemerconnect.com or trip leader **Matt Kuti** at kutfam@q.com. Final Meeting is Sunday, Aug. 14 at 12:15 p.m. at South Fort Collins in the Fellowship Hall.

Altar flowers

There are several weekend dates still available if you would like to provide altar flowers for the South Fort Collins Worship Center. Whether it's for thanksgiving for a special event in your life, in memory of a loved one - or just because, please sign up in the South Fort Collins Church Office.

Be a part of our nursery staff

We are seeking a person to become part of our nursery staff at Redeemer Greeley. This is a paid position. Contact: **Alecia Babiuch** at alecia@redeemerconnect.com, Redeemer Greeley Children's Ministry Coordinator.

Sixth-grade orientation

Mark your calendar for the ARMOR orientation Wednesday, Aug. 17 at 6 p.m. at Redeemer South Fort Collins. Sixth-graders and at least one parent are asked to attend.

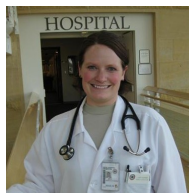
Hearts Afire Confirmation

Hearts Afire is a two-year, small-group confirmation experience for seventh & eighth-grade students. Orientation for students and parents takes place Wednesday, Aug. 31 at 6 p.m. Confirmation begins Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 6 p.m. with a 5:30 p.m. supper.

Lutheran College Fair

A Lutheran College Fair will be held at the South Fort Collins site on Monday, Aug. 22 at 6:45 p.m. in the Life Center. It's for parents and students interested in discovering more about Lutheran college locations, student life, courses, housing, degrees and financial aid. ☺

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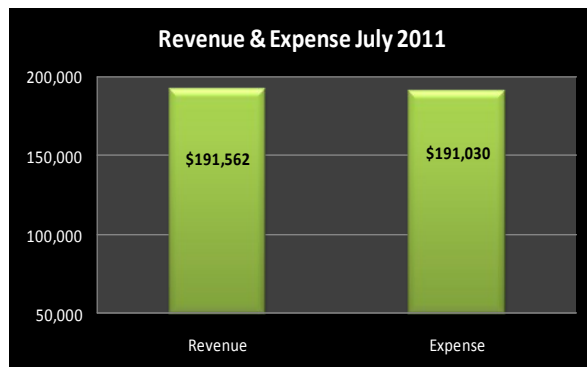
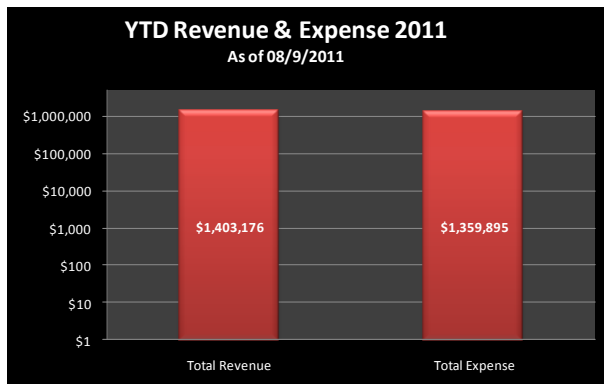


the safety and well being of Elizabeth (Simpson) Yarlett and Rebecca (Simpson) Burns, daughters of Redeemer members



Kathy and Jerry Simpson. Elizabeth serves in the Air Force as an Intelligence Officer and was recently deployed to Kuwait.

Rebecca also serves in the Air Force as a doctor 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.

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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

"The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace." May the Lord bless...

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