

Romans: Not Ashamed

If you hunger for a deeper, richer and more meaningful spiritual life, the solution is right at your fingertips: the Bible. Throughout the history of the Church, the Holy Scriptures have been the bedrock of Christian prayer and devotional meditation.

Journey with Us

With that said, Redeemer will set out on a Lenten study called "Romans: Not Ashamed" and cover all 16 chapters from this wonderful letter written by the Apostle Paul. Found in the New

Testament, Romans is a nuts-and-bolts examination of faith, salvation, God's grace and his gift of Jesus Christ. It covers concepts such as salvation, condemnation, justification, righteousness and sanctification. While these fancy vocabulary words may seem difficult, the Apostle Paul writes in such a way that we will experience plenty of "Aha moments." That is why



we're encouraging everyone to follow along this Lenten season and be part of this guided, prayerful and meditative study.

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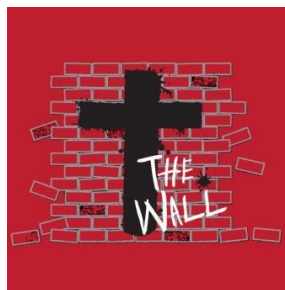
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'The Wall' by RsM...tickets on sale

Redeemer Student Ministry (RsM) presents "The Wall," a show that features the gift of our amazing students, favorite songs of our past and current generations and a journey that shows the challenge our world and self place on us as we seek to be part of the Wall of Christ!

Come join us on Friday, Feb. 24 or Saturday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. for the hit of the town in Northern Colorado! Tickets are \$5 per person and cover the cost of a Puffin



Pastry dessert, which will be served during intermission. Tickets for general seating are on sale before and after worship service, as well as online on our website by clicking on the [Register for Events](#) icon. Any remaining

tickets will be sold at the door. The show takes place at our SoFoCo site in the Life Center and doors open at 6:30 p.m. We will take a free-will offering to support our students in their upcoming summer mission trips.

We hope you will come and join us and bring along neighbors, co-workers, friends and anyone who might receive encouragement and see the opportunities they have in the Wall of Christ. ☺

Romans helps to renew understanding of our faith



Dear Redeemer Family:

"I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the

salvation of everyone who believes."

– Romans 1:16

This is the key passage of St Paul's letter to the Romans. This Lent, we will delve deeply into Romans as we take up a daily focus on this biblical masterpiece.

I love what Martin Luther wrote about Romans in the preface of his commentary on this biblical letter. He writes:

"This letter is truly the most important piece in the New Testament. It is purest Gospel. It is well worth a Christian's while not only to memorize it word-for-word but also to occupy himself with it daily, as though it were the daily bread of the soul. It is impossible to read or to meditate on this letter too much or too well. The more one deals with it, the more precious it becomes and the better it tastes."

I hope that you will get a good taste of Romans this Lent. Through our

sermons on Sundays and Wednesdays, through daily devotions, and through small group Bible studies, we will seek to be encouraged, strengthened and renewed in our understanding of the Gospel... and why we need never be ashamed of it.

As the passage above notes, we should indeed never ever be ashamed of the Good News of Jesus Christ because it is the very active power by which God saves the world. Of course, at the very heart, core and center of the Gospel is Jesus Christ himself. We need never be ashamed of Him.

*God's LOVE has
been poured
into our
HEARTS
through
the
HOLY SPIRIT
that has been
given to us.*

Romans 5:5, NRSV

I pray that you will jump into our Romans focus this Lent with both feet. You will be richly blessed if you do. We will kick it all off with a visit from a friend of mine, Dr. Mike Middendorf, a professor of Theology at Concordia University, Irvine, Calif. Dr. Middendorf is a Romans scholar. He will be with us for Sunday morning Adult Ed at our SoFoCo and Greeley sites on Sunday, Feb 19.

Once again from Martin Luther, "We find in this letter, then, the richest possible teaching about what a Christian should know: the meaning of law, Gospel, sin, punishment, grace, faith, justice, Christ, God, good works, love, hope and the cross. We learn how we are to act toward everyone, toward the virtuous and sinful, toward the strong and the weak, friend and foe, and toward ourselves...Therefore each and every Christian should make this letter the habitual and constant object of his study. God grant us his grace to do so. Amen."

To that I add an additional, Amen!

God is good!

Pastor Tim

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When in Romans

The plan is simple: As a church, we will read Romans over six weeks. Sundays are not included. Our midweek and weekend messages will focus on a portion of what everyone is reading. If you are not in a small group, this is a great time to join one so you get the most from the study and meet other cool Redeemer friends.

Make it a priority

If your New Year's resolution seems to be waning, Lent is the perfect time to start fresh.

Here are some tips to help you get the most from this study:

1. Come to worship on Wednesdays and weekends to hear our messages.
2. Use the worship bulletin inserts in your small groups or at home.
3. Get our daily readings and devotion

journal (available for \$1 at both sites Redeemer).

4. Sign up for Lenten daily e-devotions (See story Page 3).
5. Get the inside scoop on Romans on February 19 at our special one-time Sunday Adult Ed class that will be led by Romans expert Dr. Mike Middendorf.
6. Dig deep with a small group.

Our prayer is for everyone to use God's Word, hear his voice and experience a blessed Lenten journey. ☉

We really think you should join a small group



If you are longing for a place to connect to other Redeemer friends and members, make plans to join a small group during the upcoming Lenten season. If you are in a current small group, recommit to gather on a regular basis during the Lenten season and deepen your relationships within your community.

Starting Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22,

Redeemer will launch a six-week Lenten study called "Romans: Not Ashamed." During that time period, we'll offer weekend and midweek messages that go from Romans Chapter 1 through Romans Chapter 16.

When you are part of a small group, you walk through life with other Christians and form deep relationships. You also get the benefit of talking about the Bible, discussing the pastor's

messages and asking questions.

While leading a small group seems scary, our small group bulletin inserts can help you facilitate group conversation. You don't need to be a biblical scholar. So, if God is leading you to lead a small group, contact **Laurie Bowen** at 568-3068 or laurie@redeemerconnect.com. ☺

Sign up at either Redeemer site starting February 11 & 12.

Ash Wednesday & midweek Lenten worship

We invite you to join us this February and March for our series of Midweek Lenten Services. Starting on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, we will begin with our first message from the New Testament book of Romans. Ash Wednesday is the first day of 40 in the Lenten season (Sundays not included), which ends on Easter Sunday. It is a great time to prepare our hearts and minds for our Savior's day of resurrection.



Services on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, take place at both Redeemer sites at 7:15 p.m. with an additional noon service at the SoFoCo site. We offer an Imposition

of Ashes as well as the Lord's Supper. The remaining Lenten Evening Prayer services take place on Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. at both sites with an additional noon service at the SoFoCo site. Childcare is provided at all services and at all sites.

During the season of Lent, let's take a break from our busy lives and make room for God. ☺

Lenten daily devos available in February

Spending time with God in prayer is not an all-or-nothing undertaking. You may feel that if you can't spend a good 30 minutes with God—uninterrupted—it doesn't count.

Nevertheless, setting some intentional time aside with God every day is a great gift. Small moments spent with God add up. If you spent 15 minutes with God every day for one year, you would have logged over 11 eight-hour days!

During our upcoming "Romans: Not

Ashamed" Lenten study, Redeemer will offer daily devotions and readings to encourage and inspire you. The exciting thing about these devotions is that our current and retired pastoral team are the inspirational writers. Journals will be printed and available at each Redeemer site in mid-February. You can also receive this material electronically. If you received last year's Lenten devotions by e-mail, you are still on the mailing list to receive the upcoming series. If not, or if

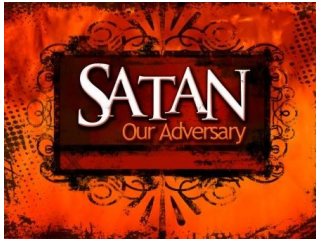
you are not sure, sign up by texting REDEEMER to 42828 (charges may apply depending on your mobile phone carrier) or e-mailing **Elizabeth Alexander** at elizabeth@redeemerconnect.com. ☺

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven." —Ecclesiastes 3:1

Satan, our adversary...get ready for battle guys!

On Saturday, Feb. 11, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., we host our annual Men's Retreat Day. It is a chance to take a break from the busyness of life, dive into God's Word, eat a huge lunch, and discuss the devil's attacks against men's lives. Even a chance to show off your gaming skills!

This year we welcome pastor,



teacher, author and speaker Michael Newman who will focus on "Satan's Lies: Overcoming the Devil's Attempts to Stunt Your Spiritual Growth."

The topic is based on his book by the same name.

Michael will provide tips and insight into becoming aware of and getting equipped for the daily spiritual battles we

face. He will help us to uncover the deceptive schemes of the devil as he tries to lead us into untruth.

Register today on our website by clicking on the [Register for Events](#) icon.

Cost: \$25 per person. Scholarships available. Questions? Contact: Pastor Scott Coerber at

scott@redeemerconnect.com or 225-9020, ext. 119. ☺

Women's Retreat Day – 'Growing Stronger'

Are you longing for a relationship that is real and stimulates you to more meaning in your life? Are you desiring a relationship that inspires you to strive for something more than you see? Then come to our Women's Retreat Day on Saturday, March 3 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the SoFoCo site. Our Retreat Day speaker, Teri Mello, is a Professional Life Coach specializing in relationship issues. As a coach, speaker and Bible study

leader, she motivates and challenges others to discover the God-designed plan for their life.

Teri knows that as women, we crave a love that cherishes, a security that is our refuge, and a friend to believe in us. In growing stronger in the one relationship that satisfies all, we grasp the importance of a faith that sustains



and a belief that hopes.

Registration starts in Saturday, Feb. 4 at both sites or you can sign up on our website by clicking on the [Register for Events](#) icon. Cost: \$25 per

person. Scholarships available.

Questions? Contact: **Sandie Axelsen** at 266-2750 or skadelhi@gmail.com. ☺

'Our Amazing Differences' workshop in March

In the New Testament, 1 Corinthians 12 tells us that we are made of many parts to form one body. As a matter of fact, God arranged the parts in the body just as he wanted

them to be. Therefore, it is with each of us in the body of Christ. "We are all fearfully and wonderfully made" as individuals who work together to create a tapestry of the diversity of God's family.



Discovering our uniqueness and valuing our differences creates an understanding of just how to do this 'relationship' thing! Redeemer SoFoCo will host a workshop called

"Our Amazing Differences" on Friday, March 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. Our presenter is Teri Mello, a Professional Life Coach specializing in relationship issues. Please mark your calendar for this workshop

that is for everyone! It will prove to be enlightening and a lot of fun.

Registration starts on Saturday, Feb. 4 at both sites or you can sign up on our website by clicking on the [Register for Events](#) icon. Free to everyone-invite friend. Questions? Contact: **Sandie Axelsen** at 266-2750 or skadelhi@gmail.com. ☺

Award-winning author to kick off Romans' study

Dr. Mike Middendorf, award-winning Romans scholar and Professor of Theology at Concordia University, Irvine, Calif., will kick off our Lenten study called "Romans: Not Ashamed." This is a special one-session Bible study that takes place in the SoFoCo Life Center on Sunday, Feb. 19, at 9:30 a.m. and at the Greeley site at 11:30 a.m. Come!



Redeemer is pleased to welcome Dr. Middendorf, who is currently writing a two-volume theological commentary on Romans for Concordia Publishing House. He attended Concordia College, St. Paul; Concordia Seminary St. Louis; and now teaches at Concordia University, Irvine.

He says in his biography, "I am privileged to teach a wide variety of courses related to the Bible (e.g. Old and New Testament, Greek and Hebrew, and many more!)....After all those Concordias, I should point out that "Concordia" is from two Latin words which literally mean "with heart." That is one phrase which I strive to have as a characteristic of my teaching ministry." ©

Sunday Morning Adult Education at 9:30 a.m.

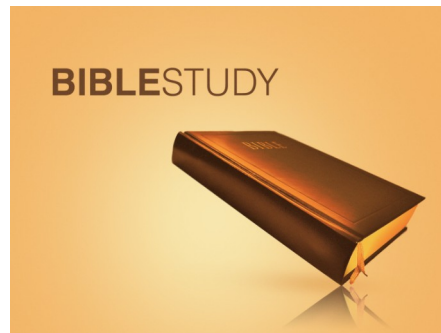
New classes begin Sunday, Feb. 26 at 9:30 a.m. and take place in the SoFoCo Fellowship Hall. Childcare is provided.

Romans: Not Ashamed

During the Lenten season, you can dig a little deeper into the book of Romans by joining Cam Fuerniss to discuss and examine the scripture that will be used for our Wednesday midweek and weekend worship services. Our pastors' messages are based on the readings you hear from the pulpit and view on the overhead screens during worship. In Cam's class you can talk about the messages, ask questions about scripture and learn historical events, customs and facts. This is a great class for those who want to take the Romans study a step further.

Theology 101 & 1/2

Join Pastor Tom Van der Bloemen for an overview of the Bible. This study will answer the question why is the Bible often called "The Jesus Book" or "God's Word for Today." Pastor Tom will take you through the Bible's No. 1 purpose, how to interpret it, how it is a source of life, and what passages to use to be a witness to others. It will be a powerful



overview of God's message for all mankind.

February 26

Bible's Principle Purpose

March 4

Inspiration & Interpretation

March 11

God's Gift for Guidance

March 18

Promise & Fulfillment

March 25

Source of Life

April 1

A Tool for Witness

Save it for a Rainy Day Series

The expression "Save it for a rainy day" usually means that we are keeping something (usually money) until we need it. Planning for our future is much the

same. We want to be prepared but questions arise and we feel puzzled or stressed. How do we decipher information about aging parents, hospice care, wills, gift planning, funeral planning and more? The Endowment Fund Committee hopes to answer many of your life questions with a series of six classes that reflect the principal topics attendees of the 2011 Five Wishes Seminar wanted more information about. These classes will be led by various instructors who seek to provide useful, informative and helpful facts to help you make confident decisions. Here are the topics:

February 26

Choosing the Right Place to Live & Hospice Care

March 4

Caring For Older Parents

March 11

Wills and Estate Planning

March 18

Charitable Gift Planning & Including Redeemer in Your Will

March 25

Traditional Burial vs. Cremation led by Pastor Tim

April 1

Dealing with Degenerative Diseases ©

Gabriele Bergmann to retire this spring



After serving more than 20 years in the early childhood field, several of Gabriele Bergmann's students are high school and college graduates. Some return as adults, visiting their former preschool teacher who gave them such fond memories. Many remark how "kind, patient and joyful" she is and note her passion for teaching and devotion to each

and every child.

This May, at the end of spring term, Gabriele will step down as our Redeemer Early Childhood director, a position she's held since 1994 when the preschool started on Trilby Road with just two classes and 26 children. "Today we have eight teachers on staff and serve more than 100 children from age 2 ½ through five," Gabriele says.

Gabriele began her career as a junior high teacher in Cleveland, Ohio, after

majoring in early education at Kent State University college. She moved to Fort Collins with Bruce, her husband of 33 years, in 1978. She has two grown children, Heidi and Peter.

"I can't believe retirement is upon me. I feel like I'm just getting started," says Gabriele. "I look forward to a new season, and while I will retire as director, I hope to continue teaching young children." ☺

Scholastic Book Fair comes to SoFoCo site

Stop by at the Scholastic Book Fair to scoop up a good book for some cozy reading on those chilly nights. The book fair kicks off on Friday, Feb. 10 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. It takes place during the preschool Winterfest event, which is for current preschool families and those interested in preschool for the upcoming school year.

The Book Fair is open to everyone from Monday, Feb. 13 through Friday,

Feb. 17, before and after preschool morning and afternoon classes. You also can purchase a book on Wednesday, Feb. 1 from 5:30 to 6 p.m. during RsM Night, as well as Thursday, Feb. 16 from 11 to noon, following LifeLight.

Make reading an important part of your child's life. Introduce your child to detective novels, short stories, Bible stories or magazines that are relaxing

and fun. And, show your child that you're a reader by reading too. ☺



Time to register for preschool

It's time to register for preschool. Please visit our Early Childhood page at the Redeemer website to download a registration form and learn more about our preschool offerings. We are excited about our programs and invite you to schedule a visit.

E-mail your completed registration to gabriele@redeemerconnect.com. A \$50 deposit is due at the time of registration. Deposits and registration forms may be mailed to Redeemer Lutheran Church



(Attn: Redeemer Early Childhood Center) at 7755 Greenstone Trail, Fort Collins, CO 80525. You may also drop off your deposit and registration form at the Church Office at our South Fort Collins site.

For information about our preschool, visit our Early Childhood page at the Redeemer website. We offer classes for children 2 1/2 through five years.

Questions? Contact Redeemer Early Childhood Director **Gabriele Bergmann** at gabriele@redeemerconnect.com or 206-0381.

Soldier surprises Sunday Schoolers with visit

Kids for Christ will share God's love with "adopted" U.S. servicemen and women by making and mailing Valentines. It's a great way to show their love and support for these very deserving individuals.

In December 2011, one of our third-grade classes received a visit from their adopted military individuals...1LT Justin Kuhlmann (pictured right). After returning home from serving in Afghanistan, he personally thanked the children for writing and expressed how much it



meant. He told them that each card was special, especially since he was in a foreign country and often alone. He

thanked them for their continued support and prayers. Justin gave each child a military patch.

Children from preschool through the fifth grade complete servant projects for the Redeemer military throughout the year and like to recognize the impact that these individuals have on their lives. Sometimes it's easy to forget that there are young men and women, far from home, fighting to support our way of life. ☺

Sing! 'Beautiful Africa: A New Generation'

Watoto, the African Children's Choir, will return to Redeemer this spring with a new tour entitled "Beautiful Africa: A New Generation." Don't miss this thrilling evening of vibrant African music, dance and life-transforming stories by the Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda. Takes place Sunday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the SoFoCo Life Center. It's free with a freewill offering. No childcare provided.



With its genuine appeal, accompanied by music and dance - an energetic fusion

of contemporary gospel and traditional African rhythm - the globally acclaimed Watoto Children's Choir has traveled internationally since 1994 as ambassadors for the millions of children in Africa, orphaned because of HIV/AIDS, war and poverty.

Questions? Want to get on the Watoto team? Contact: **Beth Helmers** at beth@redeemerconnect.com or 225-9020, ext. 120.

'Lenten Reflections' vocal recital at Redeemer



On Sunday, March 18 at 4 p.m. at the Redeemer SoFoCo site, come and hear the rich and powerful sound of baritone Jay Regan, who will perform an adoption benefit

vocal recital of sacred music by 20th century and contemporary composers. Jay, a Redeemer member, is an

impressive, versatile vocalist. He expresses great emotion and sings with a clear tone, defined diction, and striking power. He is a classically trained professional singer and teaches private voice and piano lessons through his business, Eternityminded Music. Jay taught general and vocal music for elementary and middle school students in Falcon and Evans, Colorado, as well as Liberty Common Charter School in Fort Collins. He earned his Bachelor's in Music

from CSU and a Master's in Music from the University of Arizona.

Please invite your friends and family to this inspiring Lenten recital. Admission is free. However, a free-will offering will be taken to help with ongoing adoption expenses for the Regan family. No childcare provided. Reception to follow. ☺

Springtime events with Redeemed & Retired

Our Redeemed & Retired (R&R) small group has several fun events coming up this spring. Some events require a reservation by contacting Sally Beebe at 461-1849 or saljbb@g.com. Take a look!

February

Join Redeemer's Redeemed & Retired (R&R) group for lunch and a tour of the Fort Collins Avery House on Wednesday, Feb. 15. Lunch takes place at The Silver Grill Café at noon, with a carpool from

Redeemer SoFoCo at 11:15 a.m. The tour begins at 1:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Contact Sally Beebe.

March

Join Redeemer's Redeemed & Retired (R&R) group on Wednesday, March 21 for a potluck at 12:45 p.m., followed by guest speaker Sabine Lacy who will talk about her life in East Germany and how she met her American husband (a very interesting story). Please bring a covered

dish to share. Desserts and bread will be provided by our monthly hosts.

April

Make plans to join Redeemer's Redeemed & Retired (R&R) group for dinner and a show on Thursday, April 19 in Johnstown at the Candlelight Dinner Playhouse. The musical is Rogers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma." Stay tuned for more information. ☺

Thinking of joining 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, March 25 from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. with check-in at 2:15 p.m. It will be our last one until next fall.

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 our website 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. ☺



Career Connections offers support to job seekers



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, is currently receiving training to be a job coach through her new employer Next Job. With her years of experience in managing staffing firms, she brings great insight and new

approaches to the job search endeavor. 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. ☺

Bringing God's healing love to people in need

Stephen Ministry is excited to announce Shirley Pedersen, who has been a Stephen Minister since 2008, will attend training in February to become a Stephen Leader. Stephen Ministry believes God called us to be His hands and feet in the world, to bring the presence of Christ to those who are hurting through gifted and trained Stephen Ministers. To act as "care-givers" while faithfully believing Jesus is the "cure-giver."

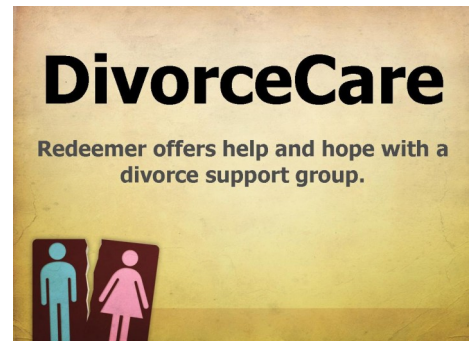
Stephen Ministers provide Christ-centered one-on-one confidential care to people who are hurting. It is an important way we at Redeemer care for one another. If you are going through a difficult time, consider a Stephen Minister. If you know someone who is facing difficulties, suggest Stephen Ministry. For information about Stephen Ministry, contact Stephen Leaders **Lindsey Chandler** at 226-5160 or **Vicki Matteson** at 222-0888. ©



DivorceCare support group a place of hope

DivorceCare is for men and women hurting from separation or divorce. It kicks off at the Redeemer SoFoCo site on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (with check-in at 9:15 a.m.). Sessions continue on Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. through mid-May. Group meets in the Fireside Room. Cost is \$20 per person. Scholarships are available. Brochures and registration forms are located at our Welcome

Centers. Online registration is available at our website by clicking on the Register for Events icon. This is open to everyone; please share with those in our community who needs this healing comfort of Jesus. Questions? Contact: DivorceCare leaders **Jim Paselk** at 277-2718 or jnbpaselk@msn.com or **Ann Linert** at 581-0237 or s2allo@aol.com.



GriefShare provides a place of hope

GriefShare is for men and women recovering from the death of a loved one. Our GriefShare Support Group kicks off at the Redeemer SoFoCo site on Saturday, Feb. 25, from 9:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. (with check-in starting at 9:15 a.m.). Sessions continue on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. until mid-May.

Meetings take place in the Library. Cost is \$20 per person. Scholarships are available. Brochures and registration forms can be found at the Welcome

Center. Online registration is available at our website by clicking on the Register for Events icon. Please recommend this support group to someone you know hurting from a loss.

Questions? Contact: GriefShare Leader **Mary Carlson** at 221-8573 or carlsonma@comcast.net or **Bill Relph** at 663-5675 or billrelph55@gmail.com.

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

Your voice welcome! Sing God's praises

The Redeemer Choir

Interested adults and high school students are invited to sing with the Redeemer Choir on Easter Sunday (8, 9:30 & 11 a.m. services) at the SoFoCo site. Rehearsals are Thursdays, March 15, 22, 29 and Wednesday, April 4, all starting at 7 p.m. To indicate your interest, please contact **Phil Barnett** at phil@redeemerconnect.com or 225-9020, ext. 124.

Sound techs & projectionists needed

Soundboard technicians and projectionists are needed for our Greeley and SoFoCo sites. Training provided. Contact: **Beth Helmers** at 225-9020, ext. 120 or beth@redeemerconnect.com.

Laudamus Chamber Chorale

Laudamus Chamber Chorale, an auditioned community choir based in Fort Collins, will present a concert at Redeemer on Sunday, April 2 at 3 p.m.

Concert features Rene Clausen's beautiful work "A New Creation," accompanied by chamber orchestra. Clausen is conductor of the famed Concordia Choir, Moorhead, Minn., and is one of America's most gifted choral composers. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for students & seniors. Children under 7 are free. (Concert also takes place at Zion Lutheran Church, Loveland, Saturday, March 31 at 7 p.m.)
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Bump, set and spike! Spring volleyball coming

Adult spring volleyball is just around the corner and Redeemer is seeking players who would like to join the fun. There are three different co-ed leagues. The competitive league is played on Monday nights and the recreational and leisure leagues are played on Thursday nights. The season will start the third week of March and last for eight to nine weeks with a tournament at the end. Practices will take place every second and fourth

Monday of the month at Redeemer's Life Center, beginning Monday, Feb. 20 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Interested? Contact: **Sarah Heber** at slheber@gmail.com or 686-7424. ☉

The competitive league is played on Monday nights and the recreational and leisure leagues are played on Thursday nights.



Get your Saturday mornings moving!



New! PraiseMoves

Join us Saturday mornings at 9:15 a.m.

(following Zumba) in the SoFoCo Life Center for our new fitness class called PraiseMoves®. It combines deep stretching, gentle movement and *strong* scripture – to meet your weight goals, relieve stress, plus gain flexibility and strength. Class is led by Redeemer member and Certified PraiseMoves Instructor Beth Anderson.

Zumba!

Bring your friends and move to the groove. Join Teckla Coerber and

Annalisse Quinones for a Latin dance style fitness class. Saturday mornings from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. in the Life Center.

Fitness class facts

Zumba and PraiseMoves cost \$2 per class. No childcare is available. Questions? Contact: **Teckla Coerber** at scotec@msn.com. ☉

Check our [website](#) for February fitness class schedule changes.

Alaska: The Final Frontier

Alaska! You have always wanted to see it, right? This summer, take the opportunity to see Alaska and be the hands and feet of Jesus to the people who live there. From July 6 to July 15, experience the scenic beauty of southern Alaska and help with either a Vacation Bible School to the residents of Juneau, or with a construction project on a nearby island. Possible construction projects include replacing a community

center's floor that's used for worship, and/or beginning construction of a chapel. Lives are changed on short-term mission trips. Come and experience it!

Make plans to attend our summer 2012 Alaska mission trip meeting on Sunday, Feb. 5 at 12:15 p.m. in the SoFoCo Fellowship Hall. If you want to find out more about what the team experienced last year, we encourage you to go to our Adult Education hour on

Sunday, Feb. 5 at 9:30 a.m. There will be a class dedicated to the 2011 Alaska mission trip experience. This also takes place in Fellowship Hall. ☉

Make plans to attend our summer 2012 Alaska mission trip meeting on Sunday, Feb. 5 at 12:15 p.m. in the SoFoCo Fellowship Hall.



Take part in the Gospel-spreading work in China!

"If you have a heart for God and a heart for his people, God has plans for you," said Jennifer, one of the members of our Hong Kong Mission Team from two years ago. "We came to serve but many of the children and teachers at Liu Ming Choi served us first."

This fall, we will return to the Lutheran schools in Hong Kong to continue our work in helping the Christian teachers reach their non-Christian students and

fellow teachers with the saving Gospel message of Jesus Christ. You will help teach English and religion classes, visit the homes of some of the students, and see where God is bringing about rapid growth to his kingdom.

Join us for our 2012 Hong Kong mission trip meeting on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 12:15 p.m. in the SoFoCo Fellowship Hall. Want to hear more? On that same day at 9:30 a.m. during the Adult

Education hour, Pastor Scott Coerber—along with team members from the last Hong Kong trip—will provide an update on the good work happening in Hong Kong today. Takes place in the Fellowship Hall. ☉

Join us for our 2012 Hong Kong mission trip meeting on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 12:15 p.m. in the SoFoCo Fellowship Hall.

Redeemer to host annual PLI Conference in April

Redeemer Lutheran Church will have the honor and joy of hosting the 2012 Annual Conference of the Pastoral Leadership Institute (PLI). The mission statement of PLI reads as follows: "The Pastoral Leadership Institute nurtures pastoral leaders to lead congregations in connecting people to Jesus."

The conference, called "Mountain Streams," will take place at the Redeemer SoFoCo site from April 19 to 21 and bring together Lutheran pastors and their

spouses from our country and around the world. These will be days of both celebration and intensive learning. Pastor Tim Runtsch is a graduate of PLI and currently serves as a mentor for pastors participating in PLI.

We will need many volunteers to host PLI at Redeemer in early April. If you want the opportunity to interact with some fantastic servants of God, this is your chance! Contact **Kathy O'Connell**, our Director of Member Connections, at

kathy@redeemerconnect.com or 225-9020, ext. 102. Or you can connect with **Scott Coerber** at 225-9020 ex. 119 or scott@redeemerconnect.com. Please help us give a warm Redeemer welcome to PLI! ☉



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In Colorado: You can help refugees rebuild lives

Lutheran Family Services of Colorado offers 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 the process for paying bills, learning the bus system and transporting refugees to appointments.

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



Small groups that work with their hands

Here are two small groups that invite you to join in!

Help us make baptismal banners

Redeemer's Banners of Love small group welcomes new members. We make baptismal banners for each child baptized at Redeemer. We meet the first Tuesday of each month from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Redeemer SoFoCo site. You're invited! Questions? Contact: **Anna Belle**

Thiemann at 970-282-7763 or abthiemann@comcast.net.

Soup & Quilt Event

The Lutheran World Relief (LWR) quilting small group invites everyone to its Soup & Quilt Event on Saturday, Feb. 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Redeemer SoFoCo Lower Atrium. Soup provided. No experience necessary. Got scissors or a sewing machine? Bring them along if you

like. The LWR group meets the first and third Mondays of the month from 1 to 3 p.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (Rm. L08). We quilt, have devotions and a light refreshment. Questions? Contact: **Fran Aussenhus** at faussenh@aol.com (667-2571) or **Carol Munsinger** at munsingers@comcast.net (207-1896) or **Linda Becker** at lrb7007@gmail.com (682-1046). ☉

Still time to fill baby bottles with coins

Redeemer's South Fort Collins & Greeley sites in conjunction with North Central Colorado Lutherans For Life are hosting a "Baby Bottle Campaign" for the Alpha Center. This simple fundraiser enables the Alpha Center to continue addressing life issues among Fort Collins' college and high school students and community members.

While the campaign started in January, you can still get an empty bottle at Redeemer South Fort Collins or

Greeley following worship. Just ask a Welcome Center attendant to help you locate an empty bottle. Please fill a baby bottle with loose change and return it to either Redeemer site no later than Sunday, Feb. 12. Checks made out to Alpha Center are also greatly appreciated.

The Alpha Center is a place for beginning, a place for finding support and love. The services they provide to women are a means of establishing hope and God's presence in their lives. ☉



Souper Bowl of Caring is Super Bowl weekend

On Sunday, Feb. 5, millions of people all over the world will tune in to the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal. Please join Redeemer as it demonstrates God's love by loving our neighbors through the Souper Bowl of Caring campaign on February 4 & 5. It's a simple, yet

significant act of caring for others.

All money donated will benefit the Food Bank for Larimer County (FBLC), which provides food to individuals and families in need as well as community groups and hunger-relief programs.

As you leave worship at either Redeemer site, just drop some spare change in the soup pots that will be held by one of our ushers. Those who need

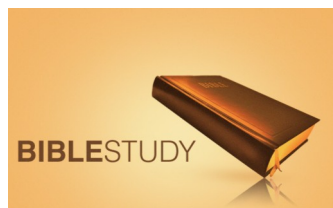
help may not know that you cared, but God will. Thank you for your generosity!



Love, joy, humility...find it at Women of the Word

Continuing in 2012, Women of the Word Bible study meets every Friday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the SoFoCo 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.

Women of the Word continues 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. "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 in 2012 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. ☺

'Becoming a Salt & Light Leader'

On Friday, Feb. 24, at the Redeemer SoFoCo site, we're offering our second leadership development seminar called "Becoming a Salt & Light Leader." It's geared to people in leadership positions in business, government and community organizations; however, all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

From noon to 1 p.m., Glen DeZeeuw will offer timeless biblical principles on leadership. He will emphasize how those who focus on being a positive example

can direct others "to move their organizations to where they are capable of being." It's the difference between leading by power versus leading by example.

Glen is a Redeemer member. He spent 40 years with Northwestern Mutual including time in sales and field leadership. He served as vice president of agency development in the company's Milwaukee home office.

For those on the go, lunch will be

offered at 11:30 a.m. at Redeemer. Please register on our website by clicking on the [Register for Events](#) icon. Registration takes place the first of each month. It's Free with a free-will offering to cover the cost of lunch. ☺



Salt & Light Spring Schedule

Friday, Feb. 24

Friday, March 23

Friday, Apr. 27

Friday, May 25

Places to serve during the Lenten season

Lenten Reception Hosts

Set-up, serve and clean up. Serve at one or several cookie and punch receptions after the Lenten Service. Feb 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28 or 30. Contact: **Kathy O'Connell** at 225-9020, ext. 102 or kathy@redeemerconnect.com.

Lenten Small Group Leaders/Hosts

Please consider becoming a small group leader and/or host for our six-week Lenten study on Romans. A short training session will be provided. Begins the week following Ash Wednesday. You pick the day of the week and time that works for you. Invite your Redeemer neighbors and friends. Contact: **Laurie Bowen** at laurie@redeemerconnect.com or 568-3068.



'Mountain Streams' PLI Institute Conference April 19-21

This daytime conference for PLI pastors and their wives is an exciting opportunity for our 300 guests. We want to show them our warm Redeemer hospitality and make their stay as pleasurable as possible. We need greeters/hosts, meal servers and meal setup/cleanup. If you can contribute a couple of hours for one day or more—we would appreciate it! Contact: **Kathy O'Connell** at kathy@redeemerconnect.com or 225-9020, ext 102.

Journey to the Cross

We are in need of people who can help with our Journey to the Cross event. This special activity will let kids experience the walk that Jesus took during Holy Week.

This event will take place during the Sunday School and PEAK hours on March 31 and April 1. Needed are youth or adults to act out small speaking parts. If you are interested in helping please contact **Pam Lange** at pam@redeemerconnect.com.

Easter Egg-Stravaganza

Volunteers are needed to fill eggs, hide eggs, and assist in the Easter egg hunt. Saturday, April 7 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Contact: **Pam Lange** at pam@redeemerconnect.com. ☺

Places to serve during Easter weekend

Greeters/Hosts

Saturday, April 7 at 5 p.m. (South Fort Collins); Sunday, April 8 at 6, 9:30 and 11 a.m. (South Fort Collins) Sunday, April 8 at 10 a.m. (Greeley). Contact: Kathy O'Connell at 225-9020, ext. 102 or kathy@redeemerconnect.com.

Parking Lot Hosts

Sunday, April 8 at the 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. services. Contact: **Ryan Mirus** at 481-4661 or ormirusbuilders@yahoo.com.



Easter Refreshment Hosts

Saturday, April 7 at 5 p.m. (South Fort Collins); Sunday, April 8 at 6, 9:30 and 11 a.m. (South Fort Collins) Sunday, April 8 at 10 a.m. (Greeley). Contact: **Kathy O'Connell** at 225-9020, ext. 102 or kathy@redeemerconnect.com.

Easter Morning Brunch for Staff/Morning Volunteers

We are seeking a coordinator, servers, set-up, clean-up, cooks/bakers for Sunday, April 8 at Redeemer South Fort Collins. Contact: **Kathy O'Connell** at 225-9020, ext. 102 or kathy@redeemerconnect.com or **Beth Helmers** at beth@redeemerconnect.com or 225-9020, ex 125. ☺

Support our Praise Band at 'Battle of the Bands'

Come support Redeemer's Praise Band on Sunday, Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Fort Collins. Tickets will be at the door for \$5 for adults and \$1 for children. All proceeds will go to support Haiti. The band with the most votes wins! We need your votes! For more information contact **Lacey Jo Mirus** at laceyjo@redeemerconnect.com. ☺

Baptisms

November 20: **Madeleine Caroline Haak**, daughter of Trevor Haak & Patricia Remias
 November 27: **Casey James Sager**, son of Marty & Amy Sager; and, **Kaidyn Rae Elmore**, daughter of Curtis Elmore & Lindsay Cooper; and, **Maggie Catherine Cooper, Wesley Edward Cooper, Wyatt Gary Cooper**: children of Glen & Lindsay Cooper

December 11: **Adalyn Kelsey Strong**, daughter of Ryan & Shyla Strong
 December 18: **Matthew Thomas Dellota**, son of Kriss & Maria Dellota
 December 29: **Emmett James Servi-Olsen & Jacob Emory Servi-Olsen**, sons of Petra Olsen & Heidi Servi
 January 1: **Kingston Ray Egbert**, son of Coy & Katie Egbert
 January 12: **Pedro Lage Pamplona Bartling**, son of Jayme Bartling & Shirianne Lage Pamplona Vaz
 January 15: **Parker Franklin Davis Pfeifer**, son of Jeff & Mindy Pfeifer

Adult Baptisms

December 2: **Brittany Benkler**
 December 11: **Pamela Vande Walle**
 January 1: **Coy William Egbert**

Singles Group Avo Night

The 50+ Singles Group invites other mature singles to Avogadro's Number in Fort Collins on Friday, Feb. 24 at 5:30 p.m. to listen to a knee-slapping, toe-tapping blue grass band. Questions? **Barb Johnson** at 292-8688 or coloradobj@comcast.net.

Food Bank thanks!

Redeemer collected over 2,800 lbs. and \$2,000 for the Food Bank for Larimer County

during the 2011 Fall Thanksgiving Food Drive event. Thanks to you and the H.O.P.E. small group.

Hats off for great Women's Tea

To our speakers, Colleen Cassell and Julia Riedel, and coordinators, Alex Lynch and Jenny Hansen, and to all who made our Women's Tea such a special time of refreshment—Thank you!

Mega thanks from LFS

Many thanks to Pastor Tim, the Redeemer staff and the entire congregation for supporting Lutheran Family Services on Colorado Gives Day. More than \$82,000 was given by donors around the state. Donations will be matched by an incentive bonus. We are incredibly grateful to Redeemer for such wonderfully generous and supportive giving to LFS!

Rec team takes first

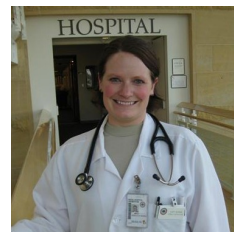
Congratulations to the Hartbreakers, Redeemer's Recreational Volleyball Team! The team was able to compete against nine different churches this past fall and win the tournament. A big CONGRATS goes out to those pictured here. From left to right on the top row are Barry O'Brien, Chris Frevert and Jason Hart, and, from left to right on the bottom row are Kelly Anderson, Dawn Frevert and Sarah Heber. Not pictured are Kim Hart and Nathan Trout. Way to Go! Also enjoying a great season were the Random Spikers, Redeemer's other rec. volleyball team.

Welcome Home and Thank You

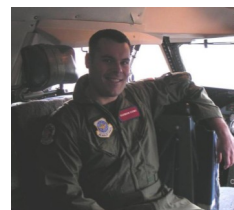
- **Bill Albin**, Navy, returned from deployment in Iraq (Jan Albin's husband).
- **Dale Arnold** completed his enlistment in the Army (Karole and Mark Schutte's nephew).

- **Abdel Kader Barry**, Army National Guard, returned from Afghanistan (Virginia and Max Getts' grandson-in-law)
- **Wiatt Cushman**, Navy, returned from Guantanamo Bay (Sharon and Pete Baker's nephew)
- **Jesse Daniel**, Navy, returned from duty at sea (Maggie and Rob Daniel's son)
- **Justin Zeller**, Marines, returned from Afghanistan (Elaine and Bruce Zeller's grandson ☺)

Please Pray For...



the safety and well being of **Rebecca and Brandon Burns**, husband and wife. Also pray for **Elizabeth Yarlett** (bottom photo).



Rebecca and Elizabeth are daughters of Redeemer members Kathy and Jerry Simpson, and Brandon is their son-in-law.

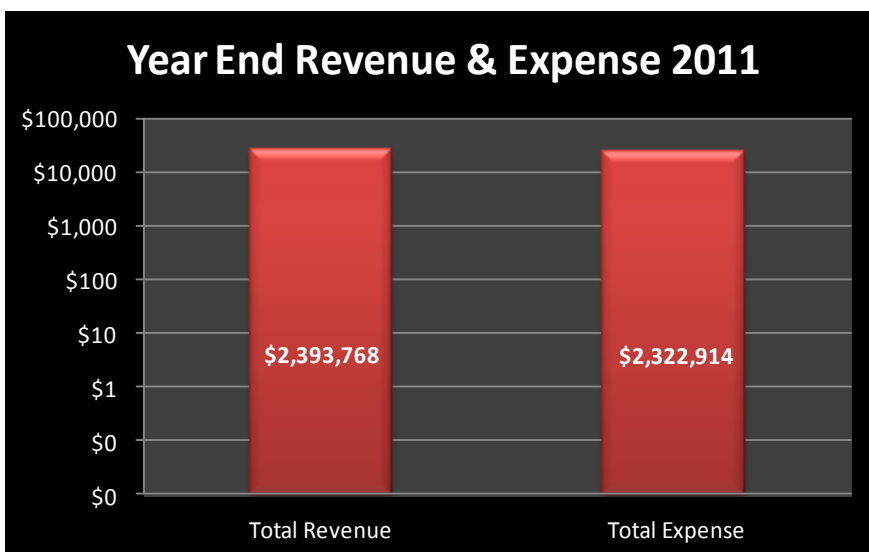


All three are in the Air Force and were recently deployed. Rebecca is a doctor and Brandon is a pilot. Rebecca just returned from deployment in Afghanistan in

November and was redeployed on Christmas day. Elizabeth is an intelligence officer and returned from Kuwait in September. ☺

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.



Lord, may the power of your grace, Word of truth and everlasting love cover...

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