

# Connections

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## Gifts that last a lifetime



**Ninth Annual Golf Shoot-Out is Sunday, June 6 at 1 p.m. The dinner & auction, open to all, begins at 6:30 p.m.**

Dear Friends:

Last summer, we sent over 100 students on mission trips and gatherings. Our middle school youth traveled to Wind River Reservation near Lander, Wyo., and our high school students attended the District Youth Gathering in Denver and then departed on a Mystery Mission Trip to

Minneapolis, Minn. Both were amazing trips for all and all trips were made possible because of the money raised during our Annual Golf Shoot-Out, as well as the new RsM Dinner and Silent Auction. This year, we hope you will plan to attend these events set for Sunday, June 6, and support our youth once more.

Lives change during mission trips. God works in the hearts, minds and souls of our students as they travel outside their comfort zones and give up their cozy beds, iPods, Facebook© accounts and cell phones. They experience devotion time, learn from God's word, help those in need and discover something new about their own spirituality. Here are a few comments and thank-

you to God from last year's event:

- "Thank you Lord for humbling me."
- "I know your will will be done and I am your servant."
- "Thank you for helping me learn how to love the 'unlovable' in the world's eyes."
- "Thank you for giving me the courage to step out of my comfort zone and serve you."
- "Thank you for teaching me to speak out about you without fear."
- "Lord, only you know if our efforts changed lives. Lord I hope that you used our efforts for your glory!"

Our Student Ministry Ninth Annual Golf Shoot-Out is located at Highland Meadows Golf Course in Windsor on Sunday, June 6 at

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## Welcome to High Seas Expedition



Get ready for a swashbuckling adventure through God's Word, and discover that God shows his powerful love

throughout Scripture. Redeemer's High Seas Expedition is from June 7 to 11, 9 a.m. to noon for kids ages four (by September 15) through those entering the fifth grade in the fall of 2010. The cost to attend High Seas Expedition is \$35 per child, but scholarships are available if needed. Register now at [www.redeemerconnect.com](http://www.redeemerconnect.com) by clicking on [Summer Programs](#) under the Children tab.

High Seas Expedition is awash with fun. Each day, kids participate in small groups, called Crews, and dive into the Bible! Not only will they experience amazing Bible adventures, but they'll also watch for God in everyday life through something called God Sightings™. Your kids will discover that God is active in their lives and that his

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## God desires that we seek after him with our hearts



Dear Friends:  
Beginning June 5-6, Redeemer will start a new summer sermon series called, "God Is!"

For 12 weeks, we will look closely at the attributes of God revealed in his inspired book, the Holy Bible. We'll look to Scripture and see that God is infinite, holy, merciful, just and good. By discovering God's true nature, we'll see a better picture of ourselves and our relationship with God.

Discovering God's true character has proven to be a challenge over the centuries. At first, Martin Luther understood God to be just and righteous, but slow to deliver grace to sinners. Later, Luther read Romans chapter 3 and discovered God is just, but also merciful and compelled by a redeeming love for his creation. Luther was forever changed as a Christian by

discovering the true nature of God.

That's the intent of this series: To discover for ourselves from Scripture the true character of God and how he acts in our own lives. Thankfully, God wants us to know who he is. He doesn't want to leave us or forsake us. While he is mysterious and sometimes hidden, he desires that we seek after him with

all our heart. As the Lord said to Jeremiah, "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13).

The Psalms encourage us with the character of God, "But you, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness" (Psalm 86:15). Above all,

Jesus shows clearly the true nature of God by laying down his life for sinners, only to take it up again for our salvation. Our God is...amazing! Join us this summer as we learn of God's identity and the new identity we have in him.



Peace to you,  
Pastor Matt

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## 'Toe-tally' awesome shoe drive for Irish!



What a difference a new pair of shoes makes for a child in need. This May, Redeemer's Local Missions Team asked for summer shoes for the students of

Irish Elementary and our congregation generously donated 300 pairs of Crocs™, sneakers and sandals and over \$500 to help purchase additional footwear.

While bare feet are fun in the summer, blisters, burns, cuts, bruises, infections and insect bites are the not-so-fun reality of unprotected skin. Thanks for helping the kids of Irish have a fun and "toe-tally" safe summer!

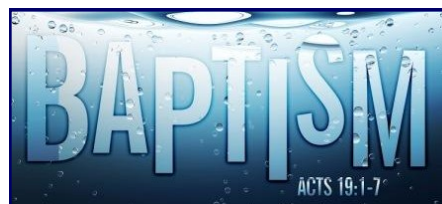
Irish Elementary is a low-income school on the north side of Fort Collins. About 66 percent of its population is designated as English language learners

and 86 percent enrolled in the Poudre School District's Free and Reduced Lunch Program.

Redeemer adopted Irish as a partner in mission. In addition to Back-to-School Night in the fall, Redeemer small groups assemble health kits and collect new and gently used coats, mittens and hats for the students for winter. Redeemer also partners with Project Smile, a community dental program that helps to financially support the dental needs of Irish students. ☺

## Register for next baptism class by July 7

Our next baptism class is Sunday, July 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, July 7 by contacting **Joy Lake** at [joy@redeemerconnect.com](mailto:joy@redeemerconnect.com). ☺

## Golf Shoot-Out Continued from Page 1

1:30 p.m. This course was named one of America's Best New Courses by Golf Digest. It features a challenging 18-hole layout, links-inspired pot bunkers, and breathtaking scenery.

The cost is \$100 per individual golfer, which includes a round of golf, cart and dinner, entertainment and silent auction at Redeemer. Please visit the Redeemer Golf Shoot-Out page under "Student" on our website or get information and register in the Lower Atrium or Commons. Would it be easier to point them to the info on the homepage under events?

Please come: RsM Dinner & Auction

Enjoy a great meal, participate in a fun auction and support our Student Ministry on Sunday, June 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Life Center. Whether you play golf or not, this invite is open to all



Redeemer friends, guests and members. Please visit the Redeemer Golf Shoot-Out page under the Student tab on our website or get information and register in the Lower Atrium or Commons during the weekend. Dinner is \$12. Child activities / entertainment and an appropriate meal will be available for \$6 for kids under 10.

I want to thank all of our Redeemer Family for your support, donations and most of all prayers for our student ministry this summer. I can't wait for you to interact with our students once again at these events and then hear about the blessings of our ministry trips, once they have returned!

God is good!

Ryan Meyer

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**To sign up for the Golf Shoot-Out and/or RsM Dinner & Auction, please go to [www.redeemerconnect.com](http://www.redeemerconnect.com) and click on the [Register for Events](#) icon.**

## High Seas Adventure VBS Continued from Page 1



fingerprints are everywhere!

High Seas Expedition is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids will see, hear, touch, and even taste! Bible Point crafts, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the High Seas Expedition activities that help faith flow

into real life. Get ready to embark on a journey that will change your child forever!

Volunteers are a huge asset to running a great Vacation Bible School program. We are seeking 30 more individuals to help with the more than 300 kids expected to participate. Some of the fun places to serve include: Crew leaders, drama team, first-aid station, decoration team, games, music, registration and snacks. Sign up today at [www.redeemerconnect.com](http://www.redeemerconnect.com) by clicking on [Summer Programs](#) under the Children tab. Don't have online access? Contact: **Wendy Gorman** at [wendy@redeemerconnect.com](mailto:wendy@redeemerconnect.com) or 225-

9020, ext. 308.

Another way to help with this year's Vacation Bible School is by donating items to the "Goodies from the Galley" area. Drop by the Kids for Christ booth and pick up a list that includes items such as vanilla wafers, blue Jell-O, gummy worms, napkins and hand sanitizer. The list is also available on our website under the Summer Programs Children section. Please drop off donated items to Church Office by Friday, May 28, labeled "VBS." Questions? Need scholarship information? Contact **Pam Lange** at 225-9020, ext. 104 or [pam@redeemerconnect.com](mailto:pam@redeemerconnect.com). ☺

## What's your small group doing this summer?

By **Scott Coerber**  
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Director of Discipleship

Summertime is a great time to grow closer together and get to know each other better. While people are more likely to be in and out, not meeting at

all makes it tough to build relationships. Here are a few idea starters to help you continue to focus of growing closer:

- Have a BBQ together.
- Take a camping trip with all or part of your group (one group started a father-son camp out).
- See a play or performance together.

- Go to a Rockies game.
- Come to the Summer Bible study on "Crazy Love" starting in June.
- Exercise together.

Enjoy the summer and enjoy growing closer with those who share your faith in Jesus Christ. ☺

## Something is wrong. Book 'shakes up' status quo

By Scott Coerber  
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"There is an epidemic of spiritual amnesia going around, and none of us is immune. No matter how many fascinating details we learn about God's creation, no matter how many pictures we see of His galaxies, and no matter how many sunsets we watch, we still forget."

In the words of pastor and author Francis Chan, something is missing. The "awe" factor for God's greatness seems to have fizzled. Many Christians across

the country have lost their desire and passion for our Creator. Do you feel it? Do you want to change? Would you like to replace that feeling of malaise with an "on-fire" kind of relationship with the Lord once again....or for the first time?

Then join us for a summer study based on Francis Chan's exciting book called "Crazy Love." Three classes are offered on Wednesday mornings and evenings this summer:

- Wednesday, June 23, 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 14, 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 4, 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Redeemer has a limited amount of "Crazy Love" books for sale for \$10 in the Church Office during the weekdays and on Sundays, as well as Lower Atrium on Saturdays. You can also get the book at a reasonable rate online at sites such as [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) and [ChristianBook.com](http://ChristianBook.com). ☺

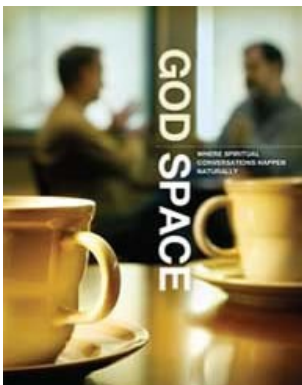


## Staff gives thumbs up to these books

This list represents a cross-section of some books that have influenced us along the way. If you are seeking a book for your summer reading list, try one of these. Some are kept in our Library, which is located in the Upper Atrium on the north side of the building.

### Church & Culture

1. *Glocalization*, Bob Roberts Jr.
2. *Reveal: Where Are You*, Greg Hawkins & Cally Parkinson



### Devotion

1. *Faith Alive*, Martin Luther, General Editor James C Galvin
2. *My Utmost for His Highest*, Oswald Chambers

### Evangelism

1. *God Space*, Doug Pollack
2. *Just Walk Across the Room*, Bill Hybels
3. *They like Jesus But Not the Church*, Dan Kimball

### Mission

1. *Hope Lives: A Journey of Restoration*, Amber Van Schooneveld

### Spiritual Growth

1. *Desiring God*, John Piper
2. *Fearless*, Max Lucado
3. *The Pursuit of God*, A.W. Tozer (download it free at <http://manybooks.net>)
4. *Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God*, Francis Chan

### Family, Youth, Parents

1. *To Save a Life*, Jim & Rachel Britts
2. *Messy Spirituality*, Michael Yaconelli
3. *Still Alice*, Lisa Genova ☺

## Sunday Adult Education classes at 9:30 a.m.

By Scott Coerber  
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 Director of Discipleship

This month, during the Adult Education hour in Fellowship Hall, we have two classes for your spiritual growth. Childcare is available.

### The Whole Bible in Six Easy Lessons

Join new Redeemer teacher Kent Bruxvoort as he highlights six major

themes from the Bible: the Covenant, the Exodus, the Law, the Kingdom, the Exile and the Restoration. By digging deeper into these six themes, you'll get a fuller understanding of God's plan of redemption and restoration for your own life and see more clearly the Bible's most important lessons of love, grace and promise.

### Jerusalem, City of the Great King

Having just returned from Israel, Larry Wallace says, "So many people are

fascinated with Jerusalem and Israel. After being there for 10 days, I also fell in love with this city. I can't describe it, but over six weeks and with the Lord's help, I look forward to expressing my love of Jerusalem to others through pictures, history, Bible stories and personal testimony. Please join me" ☺

## Friday Morning Habit

by **Tony Batezel**,  
Redeemer member

Call it a habit.

Redeemer member Christopher Gagner arrives at church by 6:30 Friday mornings, then downs two meals. "I leave well-fed and ready to take on my world," Gagner says.

With two meals that early, who wouldn't?

He's not alone. Some 40 other Redeemer men from engineers to postal workers join Gagner, a building contractor, for what's become a weekly habit. They gather around tables in the Fellowship Hall to wolf down the twin meals before leaving for work about 8 a.m.

Their habit isn't about gluttony. Though one of the meals is a hot buffet cooked by a different table group each week, it's the second meal that the men deem more filling — and the main reason most show up at all. Namely, chewing on God's Word, anything from a single sentence to several verses.

"We never bite off too much at one sitting for fear we'd miss some flavor,"

Ted Mueller, an insurance agent who drives in from Cheyenne, tells "Connections."

Led by Senior Pastor Tim Runtsch, the "second meal" serves up a different book of the Bible every 12 to 18 months. Currently, the men are munching on Paul's letter to the Galatians. (Adult Sunday School teacher Craig Crownover, a human resources manager at a local tech company, leads the discussions during Pastor Tim's three-month sabbatical, which began May 13. Another adult Sunday School teacher, civil engineer Kent Bruxvoort, will join Crownover to team teach.)

Though the hour is early, the tempo isn't sleepy. "By 7:30, everyone's testosterone has kicked in," Barry Alcorn, an electrical engineer, says. "No one's reluctant to speak up or courteously disagree."

So camaraderie, hot food, challenging Scripture — no wonder 6:30 Friday morning is, well, habit-forming. ☺



First of two meals: **Gene Mueller** (left), a retired insurance agent, and **Ken Campbell**, a local laboratory director, help themselves to the weekly men's breakfast buffet at Redeemer. A second meal awaits them back in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Summertime Schedule**

*This summer, during Pastor Tim's sabbatical, the Men's Friday morning study will continue with leaders Craig Crownover and Kent Bruxvoort except on Fridays June 11, July 2, and July 9.*

## Show features hot rods, muscle cars, cool customs



### **REDEEMER RODDERS**

The Redeemer Rodders Small Group will hold its Third Annual Cabin Fever Classic Car Show on Saturday, June 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Redeemer to benefit the Food Bank for Larimer County and Redeemer Student Ministries youth mission trips. We're hoping for great weather, great cars and great participation, all for a great cause and message. (It's Father's Day

weekend so be sure to bring your dad!)

No ticket is necessary to view the cars and motorcycles. Anyone can get into the show for free by bringing one non-perishable food donation. The Rodder's plan to raise funds for Redeemer's youth and deliver the message of Jesus to those who have never attended church. Expected are 200 hot rods, collector cars and motorcycles to be on display that day. A blend of classic rock and funk will be provided by Radiodogs. There will be a children's area with crayons and car-related coloring books.

There will be a \$10 suggested entry fee to show a vehicle—any model year old or new is welcome. All ages are welcome to enter their vehicles—students too!

The Rodders are currently seeking businesses and individuals to donate to

this effort. Businesses will have the opportunity to advertise. Also, the Rodders have a flier for businesses and individuals to post or hand out to help spread the word.

Interested or need additional information? Check out Redeemer Rodders on Facebook or contact **Mike Still** at (303) 829-0337 or **Gary Beckman** at (970) 412-6067 or becko101@aol.com or **Dave Boden** at (970) 290-2343 or huskeriam@aol.com. ☺

**Visit us on Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/group.php?gid=355872330550>

## Summer contemplation



**By Darlene Mueller Morse,**  
Redeemer member

Frederick Bonfils, a founder of The Denver Post, said, "Tis a Privilege to live in Colorado." Today this

proclamation can be found on the weather page. And even though living through snowstorms in May didn't exactly feel like a privilege, we Coloradans really are a fortunate people to live in such a beautiful place.

During the summer, many families venture into the backcountry to hike, fish, and see nature. We marvel at the tiny flowers and even tinier lichen found in high elevations and wonder how these small plants can survive despite the lack of oxygen and the cold. They do and we are enriched by the sight of them.

In Isaiah 55:12, we read, "For you shall go out with joy, and be led out

with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing before you and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands."

When you are outside this summer, whether it is in your yard enjoying the bounty of your tomato plants or up in the majestic Rocky Mountain National Park, remember our Creator. Let the peace of this knowledge seep into your soul. Spend these summer moments in contemplation and in joy. ☺



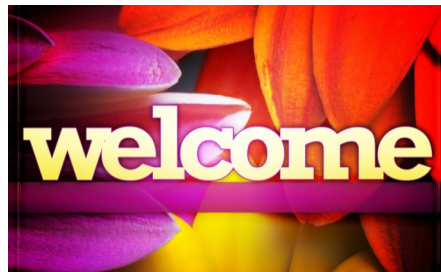
## Next community gathering in Greeley is June 27

Our first two Redeemer-Greeley community events in April and May were a huge success! Over 80 people came to gather around food, fellowship, music and the word of God at Kelly Farms in Greeley. Thanks to everyone who helped put this event together.

Our next outreach-focused community gathering in Greeley is set for June 27 at Peak View Park. Come join us as we look to connect people to Jesus in Greeley.

In addition, Gerry Harrow and

Pastor Matt Blackford recently attended The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Multi-Site Conference in Saint Louis. This is the first LCMS gathering



of its kind, and, more than 25 LCMS multi-site congregations gathered to share ideas, exchange resources and gain a new understanding about this concept from conference leaders Dr. Jim Galvin, organizational consultant and author, and, Mac Lake, Leadership Development Pastor at Seacoast Church in South Carolina. Check out a new website, [fivetwo.com](http://fivetwo.com), to see the community of LCMS Multi-Site churches working together to connect people to Jesus. ☺

## Choral Ministry: Thank you for a great season

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Director of Choirs

### Children's Choirs

Thanks to all kids who participated in Children's Choirs this year, as well as to all parents for your support! Special thanks to this year's leaders: Sharry Hitchens, Ann Alfonso, Chandra Regan, Shawna Paselk, John Scott, Laurel Komblau and Beth Helmers. Have a great summer and we hope to see you on September 1.

### Thank you!

Sincere thanks to the members of The Redeemer Choir who served faithfully and made beautiful music this year: Gary & Colleen Cassell; Ken & Sandie Axelsen; Larry & Jean Currey; Sonia Daggett; Marilyn Frank; Adam & Stacia Miller; Elaine Reinkensmeyer; Roger & Donna Richman; Ron & Julia Riedel; Anna Belle Thiemann; Deb Barnett; Evelyn Bruxvoort; Lisa Butler; Stasi Engleman; Lora Ettien; Lou & Sandy Gilman; Mike & Cindi Hunzeker; Louise Kordeliski; Kathy Mandsager; Tiffany Meier; Gene & Sally Mueller; Virginia Myers; Dallas & Margie Nelson; Tim &

Carol Rohrbacher; Amy Sewell; Cindy Smith; Pastor Frank & Carla Winter; Jan Woelfle; Karen DeFoort; Cindy Johnson; Dave Busch; Bruce Glaser; John Goad; Mike Householder; Pastor Bill Keller; Norm Partch; and accompanist Beth Helmers. Bless you all for your service in Jesus' name! ☺

### Summer Choir

Come sing with the Redeemer Choir when they sing in worship this summer. High schoolers are welcome. Worship service dates are Sundays: June 27, July 25 and August 22. Rehearsal is at 7:20 a.m. on those Sundays. Join us!

## Date Night: Ready for a 'Ragin' Cajun' Boil?

By Shirley Henkel  
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 Marriage Ministry coordinator

That's right! On Friday, July 16 there's going to be a Ragin' Cajun Boil Date Night here at Redeemer for all married couples. Set this date night aside and plan to come between the hours of 6 and 9 p.m. We'll gather together as couples for fellowship, fun and COOKING!

### The Cajun Facts

**Cost:** \$10 per couple.

**Registration:** Begins at Redeemer Saturday, June 26. Begins online at [www.redeemerconnect.com](http://www.redeemerconnect.com) on Friday, June 25.

**Cooking experience:** None needed.

**What's in a Cajun Boil?** Come and find out!

Bring your special mate, a great attitude and a warm-hearted desire to have a good time and eat good food. Questions? Contact **Shirley Henkel** at 970-593-0394. ©



## Home visits ease the start of preschool



By Gabriele Bergmann  
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 Director, Redeemer Early Childhood Center

Summer home visits have been a vital part of Redeemer Early Childhood Center's program from the start . . . and we just finished our 15th year!

Home visits are one of the best ways to get to know the children and their families. Visiting a child at home gives the teacher the opportunity to meet the child and family members in a familiar and comfortable setting.

The visits build relationships and set the foundation for communication. They allow for one-on-one time with each child, getting to know each as a precious child of God. This one-on-one time supports the school's belief that the child needs be at the heart of what we do.

Home visits are primarily for the children. Each teacher takes along a schoolbag filled with fun things! Children, always curious, want to see what the teacher pulls out of her bag. It's usually something that they can do

together, like reading stories or playing games. They also spend time talking about summer activities and vacations. Children especially love to show their bedrooms. Their rooms are so important to them and so much a part of who they are.

Before long it's time to say good-bye. The teacher takes a few photos, gives a hug and lets the child know that she looks forward to seeing him or her soon.

Home visits help get the child excited about school and help ease the transition from home to school. A successful school year is built upon establishing and nurturing caring relationships within the framework of Jesus' love. Home visits are a great beginning! ©

## Spring Food Drive brings in 2,400+ pounds of food

By the HOPE Small Group

Once again our compassionate congregation showed Christ's love by giving generously to the HOPE Small Group's annual food drive. Collections totaled 2,469 lbs. of food and \$1,388 in monetary donations.

"Slightly more Sprightly" fourth-graders packed over 57 boxes of cans to be distributed by the Food Bank for

Larimer County to needy schools, shelters, Boys' and Girls' Clubs, and our friends and neighbors in difficult times. The Redeemer Rodders Small Group hoisted these heavy boxes up a level for easier pick-up by Food Bank.

Even our "littlest charges" from Redeemer's Preschool brought their own filled bags—sure to bring happy eating to their unseen friends. These are the Lord's future servants! Scripture

says, "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only..." (James 1:22 KJV). Thank you for your donations!

**"Each pound of food is equal to one meal for a family experiencing food insecurity or outright hunger, and we appreciate each and every donation."**

**—The Food Bank for Larimer County**

## Serving Jesus in Hong Kong



**By Joel Scheiwe**  
**LCMS World Mission strategic mission developer**

Amy is a college student and a member at Sharon Lutheran Church in Hong Kong. She is the first Christian in her family. Amy heard the gospel as a young teenager when a friend invited her to the Saturday Youth Fellowship at Sharon Lutheran Church. Each Saturday, the youth fellowship hold special classes in hobbies and music,

serve lunch, and lead a Bible Study and worship for kids in the neighborhood.

Amy is very grateful that the church spoke Jesus to her and baptized her in his name. She wants other children to also hear the gospel. Although Amy is a busy college student, she still gives her Saturdays to lead an English class for the Saturday Youth Fellowship.

As part of getting to know the Lutheran churches in Hong Kong, I have been spending time over the last few months at Sharon Lutheran Church. It has been a joy to join Amy's class and see her Christian love for the kids.

**Joel Scheiwe, strategic mission developer for LCMS World Mission, lives with his family in Hong Kong. He plans to visit Redeemer in early August and encourage Redeemer to be a part of an upcoming trip to Hong Kong in October.**

### REDEEMER'S HONG KONG MISSION TRIP

**Date:** Thursday, Oct. 14 to Sunday, Oct. 24

**Project:** Teaching English in the Lutheran Schools in Hong Kong

**Info Meeting:** Sunday, June 13, 12:15 p.m. after the third service.

**Cost:** Approximately \$1,800-\$2,000

**Opportunities:** sightsee, visit with students and their families, engage the culture, and help plan any future Redeemer trips to China.

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## Celebrate eternal freedom

**By Vicki Matteson**  
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**Stephen Ministry leader**

"Live as free men, but not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God." —1 Peter 2:16

Independence Day in the United States is a holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Because of the ongoing sacrifices of brave men and women, we live in a free country.

As Christians, we celebrate not only a nation founded on freedom but as people who want to share the freedom that knowing Jesus can give. Freedom no man can take away; the eternal freedom experienced through God's saving grace.



God wants us to connect others to Jesus, the source of eternal freedom. There are hurting people all around us who need our love and encouragement. Reach out to others and tell them about the gift God gave us in Jesus.

Love is seen in our actions. One of the best ways we can show love is to be there for those who need us. Look for opportunities to share your walk

with God. Be aware of opportunities in which you can be present to those who are hurting. Take the time to *truly listen*, to *really hear* what is being said and offer an encouraging word or touch.

When we show love we are expressing God to the world. Stephen Ministers bring God's love to those who are hurting. Jesus set us free and in Jesus we have eternal life. This Independence Day celebrate the freedom we have because of what Jesus has done for us.

Contact **Lindsey Chandler** at 226-5160, **Sharon Glesmann** at 556-1026 or **Vicki Matteson** at 222-0888 for information on Stephen Ministry. ©

### Lutheran Family Services to host Annual Golf Classic in July

While you're getting ready to golf at the Ninth Annual RsM Golf Shoot-Out, be sure to save the date for the Lutheran Family Services Annual Golf Classic on Monday, July 26 at the Hiwan Golf Club in Evergreen, Colo. Register online at [www.lfsc.org](http://www.lfsc.org). Redeemer partners with LFS, which helps the vulnerable and strengthens and provides hope to children, families, the elderly and refugees. This non-profit organization provides homes for abused and neglected children. They support elders in maintaining independence in their home and assist refugees in becoming productive citizens in the community. Moreover, LFS places children with loving and caring families and assist families hurt by disaster. ©

## They arrived! Books for Mongolian children

**By Nancy Johnson, North Forty Small Group Member**

*In April 2009, the North Forty Small Group asked Redeemer members and friends for school books for a teacher who wants to set up a library for young children in Mongolia. The task was not simple. As the small group soon found out, one box of books cost \$50 to ship. Extra money was collected among the small group members and books were eventually packed and shipped. Here's their report:*

The "Books for Mongolia" campaign was a great success. We were able to supply many books to help establish a library for Mongolian children. "I received the packages this week! [Early April 2010] Wow, they are going to be useful in the room," said Laura Godfrey,

teacher, Peace Corp volunteer and niece of Redeemer North Forty Small Group member Nancy Johnson. "If you could pass on to your church how grateful my school is. I know it is so expensive to send out packages, so it's so appreciated! It is spring and the ice is melting. Only one fire a day keeps my house warm. The Lord continues to be amazing, giving me all the strength and joy I need."

In addition, the North Forty Small Group was able to send books to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, with help from "Nation to Nation." The remaining books were sent to Somalia by the Rotarians. ☺

**Pictured with her students is Laura Godfrey, teacher, Peace Corp volunteer, and niece of Redeemer North Forty Small Group member Nancy Johnson.**



## Jamaica Mission Team ready to build the school

**By Kathy Tripcony, Jamaica Mission Trip Coordinator**

Off we go to the Caribbean to build the school that so many of Redeemer's family helped to support!

On Sunday, June 13, 10 individuals on the team will journey to Jamaica for one week. Please pray for the following team members: Barb Johnson, Julia Riedel, Jody Lockwood, Joe Lockwood, Julie Guenther, Rob Guenther, Janet Fuerniss, Louise Burgess, Brienna Jarrell and Kathy Tripcony.



Together the mission team will build a school for 60-75 students who now are using a dilapidated shanty which leaks water on the children every time it rains. Because of your support, those children will have a chance to get out of poverty and learn in an environment that is safe and conducive to learning. May God bless the efforts of the Jamaica Mission Team! ☺

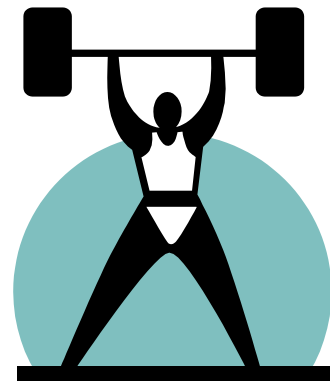
## Stay fit and have fun this summer!

Join experienced fitness instructor Teckla Coerber on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and stay fit in June and July. Starting Tuesday, June 15 from 7 to 7:45 a.m., she will lead an indoor/outdoor class that combines cardio and toning for all levels of fitness. It is a great chance to meet new people and stay in shape this summer. Interested? Contact: **Teckla**

at [scotec@msn.com](mailto:scotec@msn.com) and get on her class roster.

### How about softball?

Do you want to play on a co-ed softball team? Practices begin the last week of May and games begin in Ft. Collins on Monday nights at Harmony Park starting June 7. Contact: **Sarah Heber** at [slheber@gmail.com](mailto:slheber@gmail.com) or 970-686-7424. ☺



## Kindness at the curb

### New ministry to assist those who need curbside assistance

Have you wanted to serve God's people here at Redeemer but just haven't found your niche? The Helping Hands



Curbside Ministry may be exactly what you're looking for!

The time commitment is minimal – just one Sunday and one service per month. It's a great way to show God's love for his people by assisting those who have challenges getting around.

Redeemer members and coordinators Tom and Dana Schlittler explain that the goal of this new ministry is to quickly and safely help others exit their vehicles at the west circular drive and assist them into the Worship Center.

"In the past, we've had volunteers occasionally provide mobility assistance at the curb, but nothing on a consistent basis," explains Tom. "When you think about how many people have trouble

getting around, and how inconvenient this can be, you start to realize that some people may never come to church because it's too difficult."

The Schlittlers felt this was simply unacceptable. "By starting this ministry, it is our hope that guests will start attending services on a regular basis once they realize we'll be there to help."

Would you like to join this team? Please contact **Tom** or **Dana Schlittler** at 970-817-1277 or [retrospectresearch@yahoo.com](mailto:retrospectresearch@yahoo.com).

"We're looking forward to growing this ministry together, and ask that you prayerfully consider being a part of our team soon. May God bless you and your family richly." ☺

## Places we could use your gifts

### Emergency Medical Response

Provides appropriate triage and care for worshipers experiencing a medical problem. If you are a licensed health care professional with current CPR certification and willing to carry a pager, this may be a right fit. Several Sunday shifts available at the 11 a.m. service. Contact: **Deb Barnett** at 587-2448 or [dbarnett@healthteamworks.org](mailto:dbarnett@healthteamworks.org).

### Coffee Host/Barista

The Coffee Host Ministry ensures that the coffee is ready so our guests and church family can linger and enjoy fellowship. They reach out to new folks and make sure others feel welcome. Hosts are needed:

- First or third Saturday, 5 p.m.
- First Sunday, after 9:30 a.m.

Contact: **Kathy O'Connell** at 225-9020, ext. 102 or [kathyo@redeemerconnect.com](mailto:kathyo@redeemerconnect.com).

### Saturday Set-Up Team

Help set up the Life Center for the Saturday REJOICE! worship service. Serve once or twice a month to set up chairs for the service. Approx. two hours per month. Contact: **Paul Lanz** at 282-7058 or [pdlanz@yahoo.com](mailto:pdlanz@yahoo.com).

### Saturday Evening PEAK

Children's ministry could use your help! We're seeking parents or older youth willing to lead a small group of children once a month during our PEAK children's church. The tasks are small, but the rewards of this ministry are great! Time commitment is approx. 45 minutes per month. Questions? Need info? Contact: **Missy Salzer** at 225-9020, ext. 309 or [missy@redeemerconnect.com](mailto:missy@redeemerconnect.com).



### Vacation Bible School

Love to work with children and help them connect to Jesus? Or maybe you would like to work behind the scene to support the children's learning experience. VBS is a wonderful way! We need crew leaders/assistants, drama, decorations crew, first-aid crew, games, music and registration team.

VBS dates are June 7 to 11 from 9 a.m. to noon. Contact: **Wendy Gorman** at 225-9020, ext. 308 or [wendy@redeemerconnect.com](mailto:wendy@redeemerconnect.com).

### All-Church Picnic and Ministry Celebration

On Sunday, Aug. 22, we will celebrate the kick-off of all our ministries with a wonderful picnic, games and entertainment. Are you an event planner or perhaps like to do the physical setup and teardown? We can use your talents! We need hospitality hosts to sell advance tickets at our weekend services. Hospitality hosts are also needed to welcome guests on picnic day. Game and entertainment may be your forte – help us plan a fun time. Contact: **Kathy O'Connell** at 225-9020, ext. 102 or [kathyo@redeemerconnect.com](mailto:kathyo@redeemerconnect.com).

### Cabin Fever Car Show

Sign up to help with the Redeemer Rodders car show on Saturday, June 19 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Students and adults can assist in running this amazing outreach event. Seeking help in setup, running of concessions, canned food collections and cleanup. Can you serve during the morning or afternoon shift? Contact: Director **Ryan Meyer** at [ryan@redeemerconnect.com](mailto:ryan@redeemerconnect.com) or 225-9020, ext. 103. ☺

**Baptisms**

**April 11**

- Naomi Claire Einhellig, daughter of Richard & Vicki Einhellig

**April 18**

- Katelyn Lee Ward, daughter of John & Barbara Ward
- Jolene Kennedy Hansen, daughter of Jennifer Schultz & Russ Hansen

**April 25**

- Madeline Elizabeth Busch, daughter of Jeremy & Christine Busch
- Silas Michael Kuhlman, son of Tim & Jen Kuhlman
- Isabella Iris Marie Snyder, daughter of Chris & Melissa Snyder
- Lily Katherine Eubanks & Grant William Eubanks, children of Randy & Joan Eubanks

**May 9**

- Anika Elizabeth Kelley & Alaina Marie Wichterman, daughters of James & Adria Kelley
- Brady Michael Sager, son of Marty & Amy Sager

**Weddings**

**April 17**

- Rachelle Lessman to Anthony Bruno

**Office closure**

Please note that Redeemer will be closed on Monday, July 5 in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

**Welcome home**

Welcome back to the United States **Alicia Dittus** (Deb and John Jackson's niece) from Qatar; **Michael Moya** (Jan and Bill Albin's nephew) from Iraq; and **Heather Tonak** (Sonia and Dan Daggett's daughter) from South Korea. Thank you for your continued prayer for the safety of our service men and women.

**From the Glesmanns**

"We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all of our Redeemer family and staff for showing us their love and sympathy through cards, memorials, meals, wonderful hugs and presence at Matthew's memorial service. We thank-you for honoring us and our son." Dale and Sharon Glesmann

**From the LWR Small Group**

"The Lutheran World Relief Small Group thanks all who blessed us with donations of fabric, sheets, blankets and mattress pads. While our inventory is now filled with fabric, we are currently seeking 'middles.' Blankets and mattress pads work well. Got middles? Contact: **LouAnn Lundholm**, 225-0818. We stop for the summer, but start quilting again in the fall. Thank-you for your kindness."

**Congregational Voters Meeting**

On Tuesday, May 4, 85 voting members attended the Congregational Meeting and took action on two proposals brought forward by Redeemer's Board of Directors. Please visit our website at [www.redeemerconnect.com](http://www.redeemerconnect.com) and click on the News icon on the home page. Select the

Weekly Connect option and click on BOD Newsletter – Congregation Meeting Results.

**On vacation? Away on business? Visiting family?**

No problem. Redeemer members can make an online contribution using a MasterCard or Visa credit card. Go to Redeemer's website and click on the "Members" icon in the top right corner of the home page. Online giving through Redeemer's website is not a substitute for our electronic giving program called Joyful Response®. Need help? Contact: **Jackie Wittenberg**, accountant, at [jackie@redeemerconnect.com](mailto:jackie@redeemerconnect.com) or 225-9020, ext. 107.

**For your calendar**

Our next Leadership Summit is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 28 in the morning. Please mark your calendar. ☺

**Please Pray For...**



the safety and well-being of **Bill Albin**, member of Redeemer, husband of Jan, and father to Isabella. Bill is in the Navy Reserves and was recently

deployed to Guantanamo Bay for approximately one year. He is serving as the executive assistant to the commander of the Joint Task Force. Please send encouraging correspondence to: CAPT William Albin JTF-GTMO / CE APO AE 09360

**And for...**

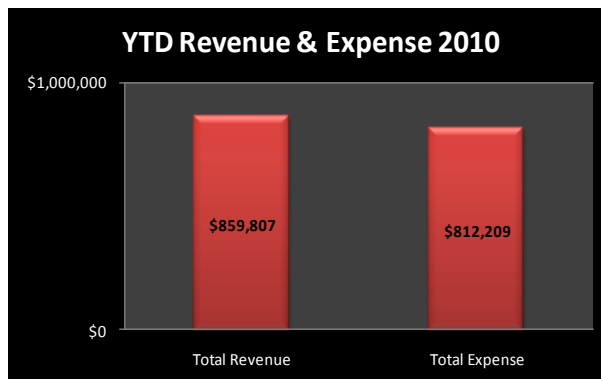
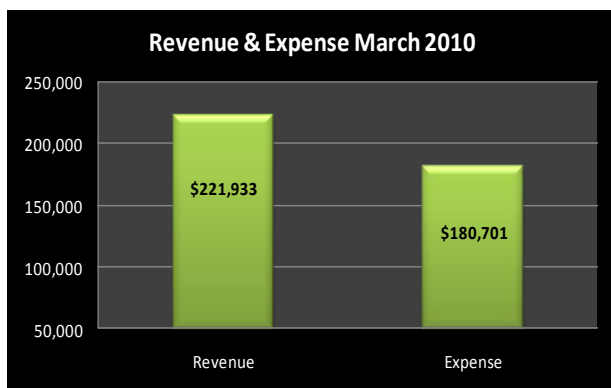


the safety and well-being of **Brandon Thraikill**, son of Redeemer members Marcie and Mark Thraikill and brother of Amber Thraikill. He serves in the Army as a convoy driver and was recently deployed to Iraq.

We cannot publish Brandon's address; however, he would really appreciate your prayers. ☺

**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](mailto: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. ☺





### Visit the "JCPlayZone"

Go to [www.jcplayzone.com](http://www.jcplayzone.com).

This website is designed to engage children through games, crafts, recipes, and other activities in a safe, Christian environment.



### Be a VBS servant! June 7—11

Register on our website by clicking on the [Summer Program](#) option under the Children's tab. Online registration ends Sunday, May 30.

# Kids for Christ

Pre-K through the fifth grade



Dear Parents:  
It's the beginning of summer. School is out, preschool has ended and extracurricular activities have concluded. With those changes, our schedules are less structured and free time with children is a reality. Freedom from routine is a good thing. We get to experience rest and refuel our bodies. We don't need to always rush out the door and so we can contemplate God and meditate on his Word. But with this new-found freedom in our schedules comes the challenge of spending a larger portion of the day with our children and disciplining them with a good attitude. (And when the temperatures get hot, sometimes it's hard to keep our cool.) Here are a few guidelines to help you respond to your child in love by using positive language:

Negative – "Don't interrupt."

Positive – "When I'm done speaking, it will be your turn to talk."

Negative – "Stay out of the street."

Positive – "Use the sidewalks to ride your bike or scooter. People driving in cars can't always see you."

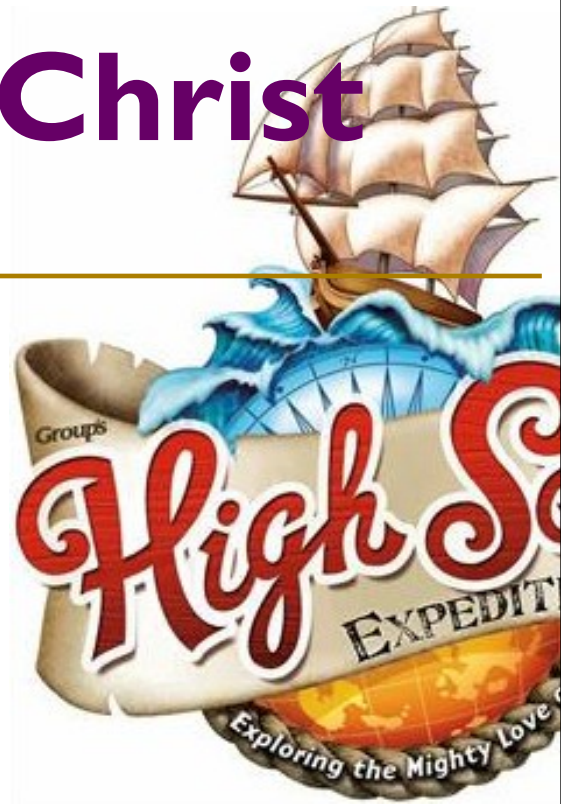
Negative – "Stop shouting in the library."

Positive – "Use your quiet voice in the library and save your outdoor voice for later."

Negative – "You're not ready for bed yet?"

Positive – "It's bedtime. Time to brush your teeth and jump into bed."

Your training is a process. God continues to teach us daily too. As he is patient with us, so we should be encouraged to be patient with our children. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when his is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6 KJV).



## High Seas Expedition

### 'Exploring the Mighty Love of God'

This summer, from June 7 to 11, kids from preschool 4 to the fifth grade will set sail and explore the mighty love of God at "High Seas Expedition." High Seas will offer different stations where kids will go to unforgettable Bible voyages, crafts, "ship rec" games, music and tasty treats from the Galley. High Seas activities will help faith flow into real life.

We'll meet from 9 a.m. to noon daily. On Friday afternoon, beginning at 11:45 a.m., our children will have a Floating Finale Celebration where they will sing the songs they learned during their week of VBS. Registration is currently in progress.

If you or someone you know would like to register their children or volunteer, please go to [www.redeemerconnect.com](http://www.redeemerconnect.com) and click on the [Summer Programs](#) section under the Children's tab. There's a registration link. Online registration ends Sunday, May 30. Walk-up registration is Monday, June 7.

Questions? Contact: **Wendy Gorman** at [wendy@redeemerconnect.com](mailto:wendy@redeemerconnect.com).



**Basketball camp for third-fifth-graders is June 21-23!**

“...God has said,  
‘Never will I leave  
you; never will I  
forsake you.’”  
Hebrews 12:5



**Summer Sunday School & PEAK begin June 5 & 6**

**Kids remain in their current grades (except for fourth-graders who go to Preteen Ministry)**

## ‘Go For the Goal’ Summer Basketball Camp

**June 21-23, 9 to 11:30 a.m.**

This summer, boys and girls entering third through fifth grades are invited to Redeemer’s “Go for the Goal” basketball camp. This camp is designed to provide third through fifth-graders all skill levels a rewarding and enjoyable experience in a Christian setting. We’ll provide drills, games and skill development.

Campers will be challenged physically and have tons of fun. The camp theme is “Heart of a Champion.” We’ll meet in our Life Center at Redeemer. To register please go to the Redeemer website and click on the [Register for Events](#) icon. Cost is \$30. To volunteer, please contact **Pam Lange**.

## Kids for Christ summer

**Begins June 5 & 6**

Explore the Fruit of the Spirit this summer in this exciting Bible adventure! Kids will use creative, travel-themed lessons that will take them on exciting journeys filled with stories, fun, prayer and discovery.

**Preschool to fourth grade**

Summer PEAK and Summer Sunday School will begin on Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6. This will be for all children preschool to the fourth grade.

**Summer for Preteen Ministry**

Preteens, those *going into* the fifth grade and *current fifth graders*, meet in the Youth Room on Saturday, June 5 for PEAK, and, the Preteen Rm. 110 on Sunday, June 6 for Bible study.

## News from Redeemer Student Ministry for ‘up & coming’ sixth-graders

This fall, students entering the sixth grade will become a part of RSM and the ARMOR ministry. We look forward to seeing you starting August 15. Mark your calendar for orientation on Wednesday, August 11 at 6 p.m. Orientation begins with a simple barbeque dinner and then a short

informative meeting. Be sure to check this newsletter, bulletin and Weekly Connect for updates and reminders of ARMOR’s kick-off and Sunday Bible study hour. Parents we would love for you to be involved in ARMOR and the beginning steps of your child’s involvement in RSM. To find out on how you can be a part of this awesome service opportunity, contact **Ryan Meyer**, director of Student Ministries, at 225-9020, ext. 103 or [ryan@redeemerconnect.com](mailto:ryan@redeemerconnect.com).

## Summer Volunteer Opportunities

**Summer Sunday School & PEAK:** This summer, our children will explore the Fruit of the Spirit. We are seeking adults who enjoy the company of children ages preschool to the fifth grade to serve during June, July and August. Contact **Missy Salzer**.

**Vacation Bible School:** Come and help in our Vacation Bible School this summer, June 7-11 from 9 a.m. to noon. Go to [www.redeemerconnect.com](http://www.redeemerconnect.com) and click on the [Summer Programs](#) section under the Children’s tab. Volunteer registration works the same way. Online registration ends Sunday, May 30. Walk-up registration is Monday, June 7. Or, contact **Wendy Gorman**.



**Summer Sports Camps:** Interested in helping with basketball? Please contact **Pam Lange**. ☺

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**REDEEMER RODDERS**

**Cabin Fever  
Car Show**

Sign up to help out with the Redeemer Rodders car show on June 19 from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. We are in need of students and adults to assist in running this amazing outreach event. We are looking for helpers to assist in setup, running of concessions, canned food collections and clean up. The Rodders are gifting proceeds and in-kind donations to Redeemer Student Ministry to help fund the summer mission trip and National Youth Gathering. If you are available to serve in the morning shift or afternoon shift, contact **Ryan Meyer**, director of Student Ministries.

# RsM

Middle School ■ High School ■ College



Dear Parents & Students:  
Our Student Ministry Ninth Annual Shoot-Out is set for Sunday, June 6 at 1:30 p.m. at Highland Meadows Golf Course in Windsor. If you are a parent who plays golf, we encourage you to join in this fun day and support your son or daughter at the same time. The cost is \$100 per individual golfer, which includes a round of golf, cart and dinner, entertainment and silent auction at Redeemer. If you don't golf, we're also offering a dinner and silent auction that's open to the entire congregation the same day at 6:30 p.m. It's just \$12 for a great dinner, and children under 10 are just \$6. Please join us!

Register for the Golf Shoot-Out, RsM Dinner and Auction at [www.redeemerconnect.com](http://www.redeemerconnect.com) and click on the [Register for Events](#) icon. Questions? Please contact me, [Ryan Meyer](#).

*Ryan*

## Golf Shoot-Out Essentials

The Ninth Annual Golf Shoot-Out is here! Here are some essentials to help you plan your day.

- Attend the 8 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 6 so you are ready to depart for Highland Meadows.
- If volunteering at Highlands, be sure to be at the course by 12:00 p.m.
- If you have a job, be sure to ask for this entire day off and clear your calendar.
- At the golf course, please wear tan pants or long tan shorts, a polo-style or collared shirt. Ladies, Bermuda-style shorts and collared shirts are also recommended.

- Avoid wearing short-shorts or mini-skirts, cut-offs and tank tops.
- Bring a light coat, sunscreen and hat.

## Places to serve

Students are encouraged to serve at the Shoot-Out in the areas of registration, helping golfers with equipment, monitoring holes, selling mulligans and Super Cards and more!

There also is still time to get sponsors. Info flyers are available online at Redeemer's website under the Golf Shoot-Out info page or in the Commons. If you know of a local business owner, please talk to them about this opportunity.

Our silent auction dinner was a big hit last year. It's set for 6:30 p.m. in the Life Center and we need waiters and waitresses, table setters, food servers and more.

To serve in any of these spots sign up in the Student Center or contact **Ryan Meyer**.

## Auction items

Students and parents, we are currently accepting items for our silent auction. Please contact **Loree Morse** at [loree.morse@colostate.edu](mailto:loree.morse@colostate.edu) or **Ryan Meyer**.

Here are some ideas:

- Theme baskets
- Occupational services such as massage therapy, manicures, cooking, tutoring, sewing, etc.
- Babysitter time
- Homemade treats
- Rental or time share property
- Tickets to movies or theatre
- Coupons to restaurants



**Our Ninth Annual Golf Shoot-Out, Silent Auction and Dinner is Sunday, June 6. We need parent and student participation in all areas of this important mission trip fundraising event.**



## Summer Events

**Water World, ultimate frisbee, hikes and more...**

We are finalizing plans for summer events for middle and high school. As soon as we have our plans ironed out, we will communicate via weekend worship folders, Weekly Connect, RsM News and text messages. Please contact **Melissa Blank** with your e-mail address, parents' e-mail addresses and cell phone number to receive these updates.

## Summer RsM Nights!

RsM Night continues now and through the summer with fellowship, devotions, music and activities from 6 to 8 p.m. Bring a friend and stay connected to Jesus. Our Fellowship Hall will be open from 5:30 to 6 p.m. if you would like to bring a sack dinner from home or your favorite restaurant. Beverages will be provided.

- 5:30 p.m. sack dinner
- 6 p.m. 242 for high school begins
- 6 p.m. middle school begins
- 8 p.m. RsM Night dismiss for all

## Incoming seventh-graders

As of June 6, students who completed their sixth-grade year are now officially seventh-graders and part of RsM and the Hearts Afire ministry. During the summer you are invited to join us for RsM Night and our summer activities. We will hold our orientation on Wednesday, September 1 at 6 p.m., with a dinner option at 5:30 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday nights! Please contact **Melissa Blank** with your e-mail address, parents' e-mail addresses and cell phone number. We send out a weekly e-newsletter and text messages to keep you up to date.

## News for 'up & coming' sixth-graders

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## Middle School News

### Final Middle School Mission Trip meeting—Wednesday, June 16

Our Missouri trip is just around the corner...are you ready? Maybe the better question is, is Missouri ready for our incredible faith-filled youth? Our final mission trip meeting for youth and one parent is Wednesday, June 16 from 6-7:30 p.m. We will wrap up final details and pray for the youth and the adult volunteers to have a safe and spiritual journey.

## High School News

### Final National Youth Gathering meeting—Wednesday, July 14

High Schoolers: Please plan to join us on Wednesday, July 14 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for our final NYG meeting.

#### What is the NYG?

The National Youth Gathering is an event held every three years for youth of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) to spend time together in worship, God's Word, prayer, song and service. The Gathering provides young people an opportunity to learn more about God, Christianity and their Lutheran identity. This event, which is the single largest LCMS event each year, is organized by LCMS District and Congregational Services—Youth Ministry office in St. Louis.

This year, NYG will be held July 17-21, primarily at the Superdome and the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans. The opening event will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 17, at the Superdome. The closing event will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, July 21, at the Superdome.

The theme for the 2010 National LCMS Youth Gathering is "We Believe," based on John 20:31: "But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." (ESV) ©

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## 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.



**Luke 24:36**

**Peace be with...**

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