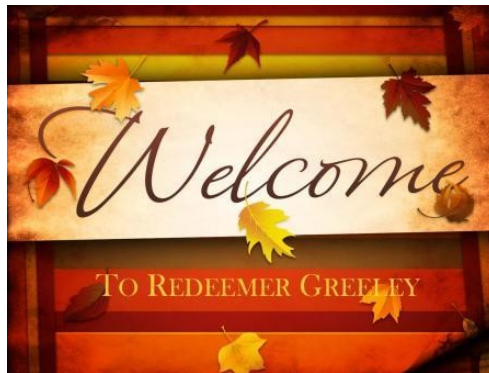


## Greeley site to launch 10-10-10 @ 10

**By Pastor Matt Blackford**  
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The time has come! Redeemer Lutheran Church will launch another worship service in Greeley, Colo. Why? To continue our mission of "connecting people to Jesus Christ for a life of rejoicing, relating and responding" to God's grace. On Oct. 10, 2010 at 10 a.m. we will hold worship at the Monfort Elementary School located at 2101 47th Avenue. Gerry Harrow, a Greeley native, will be the site leader.

Prior to that, on Sunday, Oct. 3 at 10 a.m., Redeemer Greeley will host a "preview service." It will be a full-



fledged worship service, designed for those interested in attending worship on a regular basis at the new site. Following that, lunch will be served and a brief presentation given to those seeking more information about Redeemer Greeley.

It is our hope that 10-10-10 will be a festive day filled with meaningful worship,

food, balloons and the love of Christ! If you are interested in attending worship at the new Redeemer Greeley site, join us on 10-10-10!

And, please pray that this ministry would truly reach the people of Northern Colorado for Jesus Christ. For more information, visit

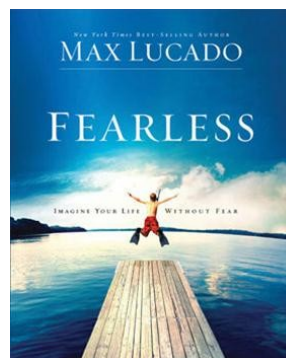
[www.redeemergreeley.com](http://www.redeemergreeley.com).



## Trust Him...fear less

Layoffs at work, slowdowns in the economy, war in the Middle East, global warming and terrorism. Fear. It can plague our day and imprison our souls. Now, imagine your life wholly untouched by angst. Can you do it? God doesn't want us to live in fear. This fall, join us and learn to trust God more and

fear less. In early October, Redeemer will launch small groups in neighborhoods throughout Northern Colorado to examine Max Lucado's study called "Fearless." For more information, please turn to Page 4. ☺



Books are currently on sale for \$15.

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## 'Sabbat' offers refreshment with our Lord



Dear Redeemer friends:

Paul writes in Philippians 1, "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of

your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."

As I pen this article, I am thinking about the wonderful September weekend of celebrations that marked my 20th anniversary. What fun we had. I have not laughed so hard in years. And, what a creative congregation and church staff! The worship services put the focus right where it should be...on God and the marvelous deeds he has done in our church family. What an awesome God!

My sincere thanks to all who helped put together the celebration. I am also thankful to those who contributed to our 20th anniversary gifts. Your generosity is much appreciated. Thank-you Redeemer family for your love and support throughout the years. I look forward to what God has in store for us next!

This summer I was on a three-month sabbatical from mid-May to mid-August. It was good to take a "Sabbath" from the work at Redeemer. God blessed us richly as a family. I also enjoyed time to read and to write, and most of all, to be refreshed.

Here are some key learnings I took away from my sabbatical:

**The gift of family.** As you know, much of my work as a pastor takes me away from my family. Evening meetings, weekend ministry commitments and middle-of-the-night phone calls take a toll. Our family had the joy of spending time together and lots of fun. What a gift my dear wife and children are!

**The power of "we."** We have great staff and lay leadership here at Redeemer. This became even more evident while I was away. My thanks to everyone who helped hold down the fort and keep ministry moving forward.

**The changing world.** Through our travels and through my reading this summer, I came to realize how our world is changing so very rapidly in so many ways. It's good to know that we have a God who is unchanging, and that we have the joy of holding out his message and love to an ever-changing world.

**The necessity for us to articulate clear vision.** We had the opportunity to worship in a variety of church settings this summer (from traditional to cutting edge). One of the things I re-learned through these visits is the need for the church and its leaders to articulate a clear vision and mission.

**The Three R's as daily living.** I came away from sabbatical knowing that our Three R's discipleship model is right on target in helping people understand what

the Christian life looks like. However, the Three R's is not designed to get people "involved" in the church. It's a tool to help people grow up in Christ and live out their lives daily as followers of Jesus.

**The joy of following Jesus.** One of the professional hazards of being in full-time ministry is that a person's faith can, at times, take on a somewhat "professional" orientation. It was nice to be able, for instance, to spend more time in the Word of God without having to prepare for the next Bible study or sermon. It was fun to attend—rather than lead—a worship service with my family and be reminded that following Jesus is a joyful adventure.

**The need for "Sabbath."** The English word Sabbath comes from the Hebrew word "Shabbat" which simply means "rest." We need times of Sabbath away from the daily grid for renewal and refreshment with our Lord. It actually makes us more productive and fruitful to God's glory. It was good to have this time away after 20 busy years of ministry.

**Every life matters.** As we spent time on the Front Range and traveled to different places like Costa Rica and Europe, I became ever more cognizant of how God loves each and every person on the planet. As St. Augustine once said, "He loves each of us as if there were only one of us." God wants everyone everywhere to come to the knowledge of his love in Jesus Christ. Saved by his grace, this should be our desire too.

I pray that I will not soon forget what I learned. I truly believe that this sabbatical has been a blessing for me, my family, our church staff and our entire church family. Thanks for allowing me this time to be renewed and refreshed!

*Oh, and one more thing I learned again on my Sabbatical...*

*God is good! PT*

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### Register for October baptism class

Our next baptism class is Sunday, Oct. 17, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. It's geared for 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, Oct. 13 by contacting **Joy Lake** at 225-9020, ext. 115 or [joy@redeemerconnect.com](mailto:joy@redeemerconnect.com). We meet at Redeemer South Fort Collins in the Fellowship Hall. (The November class is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 14.) ©

## ‘Good News’ minute takes Christ to N. Colorado

Starting on Monday, Sept. 20, Redeemer Greeley began to spread the Good News of the gospel to Northern Colorado via the airwaves. “We are excited to reach out to the Greeley area by broadcasting one minute messages called “Good News for the Day” on KFKA-AM, 1310-AM radio,” said Gerry Harrow, Redeemer Greeley Site Leader.

In a brainstorming session, Pastor Matt and Gerry came up with the idea to spread the gospel message using radio. They met with the local AM station and

solidified the plans. Gerry collects ideas from everyday life experiences, writes a script and then records the messages right here at Redeemer South Fort Collins using his computer and a specialized microphone.

One of his favorites includes a story about laughter, which concludes “find a way to laugh today... one of those silly, tear-filled, gut-hurting laughs that makes you feel good all over... it’s a gift you’ve been given.” Plans are to have these available at Redeemer Greeley’s blog,

[www.redeemergreeley.com](http://www.redeemergreeley.com). Check it out! For more information about KFKA, go to [www.1310kfk.com](http://www.1310kfk.com).



## Homeless find refuge at Guadalupe Center

**By Gerry Harrow, Redeemer Greeley Site Leader**

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How would you feel if you found yourself without a job, no place to live and very little to eat?

The Guadalupe Center in Greeley is there to help people in that very situation. It is open from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. for homeless people trying to get back on their feet. Redeemer Greeley has partnered with this Catholic Charities location to help provide food. Once a month and possibly twice a month starting soon, volunteers from Redeemer cook food and serve up to 30 people at the center. A typical fare includes a casserole dish, apples, bread, salad and cookies. This feeds the people

as they come in from a day of looking for work or working at a temp job.

People arrive, take a breathalyzer test, get ready for the meal, say grace together and sit down and enjoy their meal. After dinner, they clean the center and do chores as assigned. If you would like to help make a difference in these peoples’ lives, contact **Tina Schwartz** at [tinasbluesky@yahoo.com](mailto:tinasbluesky@yahoo.com). ☺

## Considering Stephen Ministry? Join us for lunch

**By Vicki Matteson**

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Stephen Ministry is a distinctively Christian form of lay care provided by congregation members trained to provide one-to-one support for men and women in a variety of stress producing circumstances. A new training class will start in January 2011.

For those who might be interested in being part of this class, we will host a

Stephen Ministry informational luncheon, Sunday, Oct. 24 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the Redeemer South Fort Collins Library.

To learn more about becoming a

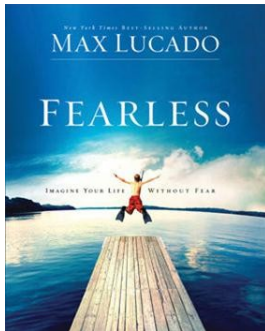


member of the Redeemer Stephen Ministry team join us. If you know someone you think would make a good Stephen Minister, speak with a Stephen Leader and we will invite them to attend our luncheon. To sign up or receive more information, contact **Lindsey Chandler** at 226-5160, **Sharon Glesmann** at 556-1026 or **Vicki Matteson** at 222-0888. ☺

## ‘Fearless’ coming to Redeemer this October

By Scott Coerber, Director of Discipleship

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This October, many in our faith community at Redeemer will study the book “Fearless” by Max Lucado and meet together in neighborhoods

throughout Northern Colorado. During these uncertain times of financial insecurity, lack of world peace, global warming and lightning-speed changes in culture and communication, we can rest assured that our God can supply us with his comfort, his peace and his security... far beyond what the world can offer or promise.

How can you get involved? Read the article below and be sure to purchase the book for \$15 at Redeemer South Fort Collins in the Commons or Lower Atrium

or in the Church Office during the week.

You can also facilitate a group in your home. Please read the article at the bottom of this page to find out more. I pray this will be a great time for you to connect to Jesus and to each other during a time in our lives that often seems to have more questions than answers. ☺

## Get connected in your neighborhood

By Scott Coerber, Director of Discipleship

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As you have probably seen in your e-mail inbox, we are forming new small groups in or near your neighborhood. Many of you live near fellow Redeemer members and may not even know it! By joining a small group near you, you'll be able to meet other members, watch short videos from Max Lucado and discuss the fears

and uncertainties that plague our lives. “Fearless” by Max Lucado gives you a great opportunity to get to know those around you and build community into your life as you study God’s Word. Want to join a group? Answer the e-mail that came from your area’s small group coordinator. Didn’t get an email? Go to our website and click on the Register for Events icon and sign up. We will contact you. This fall, get through your fears of uncertainty while you get to know others

near you. ☺

**“Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith.”  
Hebrews 10:22**

## A place to serve: Facilitate a ‘Fearless’ small group

By Scott Coerber, Director of Discipleship

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Redeemer is trying something brand new! We are starting neighborhood small groups throughout Northern Colorado bringing Redeemer members together. This has some great benefits: ease of travel to a small group, finding others close by to help in a pinch, and coming together as Christians to be the hands

and feet of Jesus within your neighborhood.

Are you interested in being a facilitator to members who live near you? Redeemer provides a leader’s guide, Max Lucado videos, tips, and coaching. Contact **Laurie Bowen** at [laurie@redeemerconnect.com](mailto:laurie@redeemerconnect.com) or 568-3068 to hear more about it or go directly to our website and click on the Register for Events icon and sign up to facilitate. We’ll contact you. ☺



## Couples: Navigating the High Seas of Marriage

By Shirley Henkel

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Are you piloting a great marriage and is your relationship cruising in the right direction or slightly off course?

Redeemer's Marriage Ministry's annual fall couple's retreat is for all married couples (young and old), and it may be just what you need to ensure you and your spouse are headed in the right direction. Featured speakers, Jeff and Tami Englehorn, will help chart the

various seas all couples encounter and provide helpful tools to keep your relationship afloat.

So mark your calendar and plan to be at Redeemer South Fort Collins' Life Center on Friday, Oct. 22, at 7 p.m. for a special date-night cruise with your sweetheart. There will be music, dancing and games; followed by a sumptuous dessert served at 9 p.m. Couples convene the next day at 8:40 a.m. for check-in and light refreshments. Jeff and Tami present "The Theology of Marriage: A

Day for Biblical Perspective and Practical Applications" from 9 to 4 p.m.

This great Friday cruise night/ Saturday symposium is just \$40 per couple! You can register online at our website or onsite in the Commons and Atrium. Childcare will not be provided.

Questions: Contact **Shirley Henkel** at 593-0394 or [shenkelster@gmail.com](mailto:shenkelster@gmail.com). ☺

## R&R on the go this fall at tea factory & art gallery

**On Wednesday, Oct. 20**, the R&R (Redeemed & Retired) group will tour the Celestial Seasonings tea factory in Boulder, Colo. There, you'll see how teas are blended, packaged and shipped. You can enjoy free samples of tea and view the gallery of original artwork from the company's famous tea boxes. We leave Redeemer South Fort Collins at 10:30 a.m. sharp! Lunch begins at noon at the Celestial Café. Following that is the tour at 1:30 p.m. Want to carpool? Contact:

**Sally Beebe** at 461-1849 or [saljbb@q.com](mailto:saljbb@q.com).



**On Wednesday, Nov. 17**, R&R will experience the vibrancy of the arts at the Loveland Museum/Gallery. Situated in the heart of downtown Loveland, the gallery is a center for cultural events in the community. Join us as we take a tour of the featured exhibit and view several artists' works. We begin with lunch at McGriff's Restaurant at noon and begin the tour at 1:30 p.m. Want to carpool? Contact: **Sally Beebe** at 461-1849 or [saljbb@q.com](mailto:saljbb@q.com). ☺

## SENIORITY offers places to serve and be served

SENIORITY is Redeemer's senior ministry. It seeks to identify and meet the needs of members and guests 60 years and over. Here is a snapshot of some of the opportunities to serve or be served:

### Homebound Ministry

An in-home visitation program to all homebound individuals of the congregation. Care Partners provide fellowship and serve as a communication link to the pastoral staff. In-home

communion also available.

### Care Partners

Care Partners are an important link between Redeemer and its members and friends who are homebound or going through a time when they can't make it to church. When you become a Care Partner you provide Christ's love and light to those who need it.

### Handyman Services

Provides limited services and/or referrals

for small projects needing service in senior homes.

### Transportation services

Able to help with transportation to and from church, doctor offices, etc. if family or friends are not available.

For more information, or to become involved, contact **Lyle Grell**, Care Partner Coordinator, at 225-6554 or [grell11@netzero.net](mailto:grell11@netzero.net). ☺

## Books & winter gear donations needed

By Cheryl Walenter

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Redeemer will hold its winter coat and book drive from Saturday, Oct. 2 through Sunday, Oct. 17. Drop-off points will be available in the Lower Atrium and Commons each weekend. We are seeking new or gently used jackets, hats, gloves, scarves, mittens, boots, sledding and ski pants, ranging in sizes that include children's small to youth large. Books should also be gently used and geared to

elementary school children. Your donations will help Irish's children prepare for our cold Colorado winter and provide them with books to grow and learn. Irish Elementary is a bilingual neighborhood school located in the rural northwest corner of Fort Collins. It has approximately 400 students from kindergarten to the sixth grade. The majority of the students live at the poverty level. Thank you for your generosity.

Questions? Want to help? Contact:

Cheryl Walenter at 461-3552 or

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**"There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your brothers and toward the poor and needy in your land."  
Deuteronomy 15:11**

## Undie Saturday & Undie Sunday Drive

By Lisa Lindgren

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Beginning Saturday, Oct. 2, the Redeemer South Fort Collins mission's team will kick off an underwear and diaper drive to collect brand new women's underwear and diapers to be distributed to residents of Crossroads Safehouse, a non-profit agency that assists women and children

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

Crossroads Safehouse offers safety, shelter and the personal assistance and resources needed to build lives without

violence. They offer free safehousing, advocacy, legal assistance, transitional housing and education, as well as food, clothing, and support for over 400 residents on an annual basis.

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

## Hong Kong Mission Trip

By Scott Coerber, Director of Discipleship

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Short-term mission trips are a great way to have new experiences while growing in your faith. For ten days in mid-October, a team of eight members of Redeemer will be travelling to a Lutheran school in a suburb of Hong Kong to teach English

and spread the good news about our Lord. The team is led by Matt Kuti and includes Chris Carlsen, Kayleen Fraley, Karla Lind, Matt and Jen Rise, and Dennis and Sher Scheiwe. Please pray for their safety and that God would use this trip to grow and shape them as disciples. ☺

**"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"  
Romans 10:15**

## Choir one way to grow closer to God

If you enjoy singing with others, then you might be interested to learn that singing with a church choir can improve your musical skills and deepen your relationship with God. Redeemer offers a variety of choir groups (see article below) and we encourage you to join in the fun and spiritual growth. Listen to what other choir members have said:

"It stretches my musical skills and gets the focus off of me by glorifying God. It deepens my relationship with God and gives me strength, peace and

courage to face my days and whatever troubles the world throws at me."

"I joined the choir originally as a small group. It was the only extra time during the week that I could gather with other Christians and talk about God, worship him through music and really enjoy doing it."

Questions? Contact **Phil Barnett** at [phil@redeemerconnect.com](mailto:phil@redeemerconnect.com) or 225-9020, ext. 124. Be sure to visit our website for a complete listing of choir opportunities.

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## Choir opportunities for all ages. Jump in!

All choir rehearsals take place at the Redeemer South Fort Collins site. Questions? Contact Director of Choirs **Phil Barnett** at 225-9020, ext. 124 or [phil@redeemerconnect.com](mailto:phil@redeemerconnect.com).

**Youth Ensemble:** Youth in grades six through 12 are invited to sing on Sunday, Oct. 10. We will sing a piece with the adult choir at the 8 a.m. service. Rehearsals are Sundays, Sept. 26 and Oct. 3 from 9-9:30 a.m.

**Men of Hymn:** The Men of Hymn and

the men of the Redeemer Choir will sing on Sunday, Oct. 24 at the 8 a.m. service. All men, high school age and up, are invited. Rehearsals are on Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 8:15 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 23 at 9 a.m. Questions? Contact **Heather Olsen** at [heather\\_olsen1@msn.com](mailto:heather_olsen1@msn.com).

### Children's Choirs

Children in kindergarten through the fifth grade are invited to sing in one of our two children's choirs. Rehearsals are

Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Two choirs are offered:

- **Praise Singers** (grades K-2, 6-6:30 p.m.)
- **Celebration Choir** (grades 3-5, 6-6:45 p.m.).

**The Redeemer Choir:** Anyone high school age and up is welcome in our adult choir. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7 p.m. ☺

## Meet others and get in shape this fall

**By Scott Coerber, Director of Discipleship**  
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We have several opportunities for you to improve your health and meet new friends at Redeemer. Check out these three great opportunities:

**Cardio Mix Fitness Class:** Start your Monday and Wednesday mornings from 7-7:45 a.m. with a combination of cardio and full-body muscle training exercises.

This class has something for all fitness levels. Leave the donuts alone on Mondays and Wednesdays, get in a workout instead! Just \$2 per class, punch cards available.

**"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love."  
Romans 12:10**

**Tae Kwon Do:** Come and learn the discipline of Tae Kwon Do as well as the discipline of being in God's Word. This group is open to everyone (with the requirement that a parent must participate if their child is 11 or younger).  
**Open Gym Basketball:** Every Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. come for some intense pick-up basketball. A great way to meet others who love hoops while getting in shape. ☺

## Welcome 2 ½ year-olds!

By **Gabriele Bergmann, Director**  
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Welcome to the preschool experience! Redeemer Early Childhood Center now offers a class for 2 ½ year-olds, which meets every Tuesday from 9:15 to 11 a.m. This class, limited to 10 children, has two teachers and also welcomes parent participation.

The preschool experience is about two-year-olds actively learning about the

world around them through playful activities that spark their curiosity and allow them to discover and explore their environment. It's about children developing positive social relationships with other children and with the adults.

It's about connecting with the children's families to exchange information to learn more about their children's needs, interests and preferences.

The preschool experience is about the teachers who are there to provide a



warm, safe and comfortable setting away from home where the children can hear about Jesus' love and where they can grow in body, mind and spirit. ☺

## 'Harvest of Hope' fun for whole family

Lutheran Family Services' (LFS) Fall Family Carnival will take place at the Redeemer South Fort Collins site and Something From the Farm parking areas on Saturday, Oct. 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Join in the carnival fun and enjoy an inflatable hockey goal with the Colorado Eagles players and mascots Slapshot of the Eagles and Chipper the Chipmunk of the Chipper's Bowling Alley. Also featured will be a bounce house, carnival games



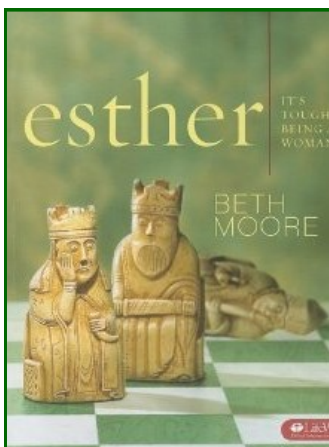
and prizes, two corn mazes, hay rides, hay bale climbing, harvest time crafts, carnival food, face painting, water balloon dunk game, balloon sculpting, an online

silent auction and more.

There are plenty of places to park. Invite your friends and neighbors and join us for wholesome family fun. ☺

*Lutheran Family Services provides foster care services, domestic and international adoption, geriatric care, caregiver support disaster response, legal immigration, refugee and asylee resettlement, crisis pregnancy counseling, parenting support and teen pregnancy prevention. As a private nonprofit organization, LFS relies on private donors, grants and special event sponsorships.*

## 'It's tough being a woman'



Women of the Word meets Fridays, Oct. 8 and 22, as well as Friday, Nov. 12 at 9 a.m. at Redeemer South Fort Collins in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare is provided. Join us as we continue the Beth Moore study of Esther and relate to "It's tough being a woman" but rejoice that our Sovereign God is always in control. Workbooks still available. We begin Chapter 2 and continue with a chapter each meeting. Jump in anytime.

Questions? Contact: **Shirley Pedersen** at [Shirley@pcgkpc.com](mailto:Shirley@pcgkpc.com) or 970-493-0721. ☺

**"And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?"**  
**Esther 4:14**

## Thirsty? God's Word gives relief to dry souls

Time in God's Word can help you grow closer to the Lord. Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall at the Redeemer South Fort Collins site. Childcare is provided. Here are our offerings starting Sunday, Sept. 26.

**Disappointment with God' by Phillip Yancey:** Have you ever felt like God let you down? You prayed for something good, maybe it was even for someone else's benefit, and it didn't happen. You are not alone. In his book, "Disappointment with God," Philip Yancey examines three questions: Is God unfair? Is God silent? Is God hidden? There are

no easy answers but you are invited to join Don Johnson in exploring these difficult questions in our faith journey.

**Faith that Works – A study of the book of James!** Join Cam Fuerniss in a five-week study of the challenging, yet motivating words of James to "Grow Up in Our Faith." James deals with the practical side of faith and addresses issues that every one of us can relate to – facing trials, showing favoritism, taming our tongue, and practicing patience – to name a few. Come and learn more about growing up in a "faith that works!"

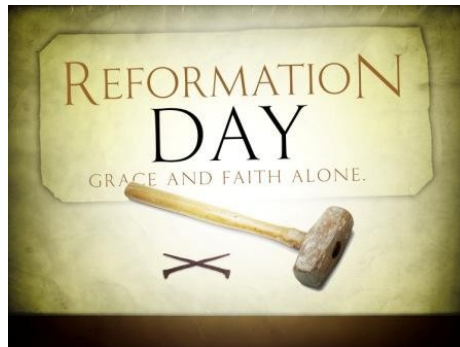
**'The Truth about Sex' for Parents and High School Students:** Starting Sunday, Sept. 26 during Redeemer's 9:30 a.m. Education Hour, Redeemer Student Ministries (RsM) will offer parents of middle and high school students, high school guys and high school girls (in separate classrooms with specific curriculum) biblical guidance, support, humor and insight on the topic of sex. Join us and discover the truth about this wonderful gift from God. Parents meet in the Life Center, students meet in the Student Center. ☺

## Special One-Time Reformation Class

Join Pastor Tim Runtsch on Reformation Day, Sunday, Oct. 31, at 9:30 a.m. in the Life Center for a one-time class on Martin Luther and the Reformation.

Reformation Day commemorates Dr. Martin Luther's posting of his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany in 1517. This world-altering document criticized the Roman Catholic Church, which was plagued by false doctrines, superstition, corruption and the selling of indulgences (paying the

church to gain forgiveness). At that time, spiritually earnest people tried to justify themselves by religious performance, but



they were left frustrated and penniless.

Join Pastor Tim and take an historical look at the working of the Holy Spirit and how people rediscovered the gospel -- the wonderful news that Jesus Christ lived, died, and rose again to redeem and justify all those who receive him. ☺

**"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith."  
Ephesians 2:8**

## Want to become a Redeemer member?

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

At Connecting to Redeemer, we'll

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

Sign up at the Welcome Center in the Commons or Atrium or online at

[www.redeemerconnect.com](http://www.redeemerconnect.com) by clicking on the [Register for Events](#) icon. Please let us know if you need childcare. Contact: Member Connections Director **Kathy O'Connell** (above) at 225-9020, ext. 102 or [kathy@redeemerconnect.com](mailto:kathy@redeemerconnect.com). ☺

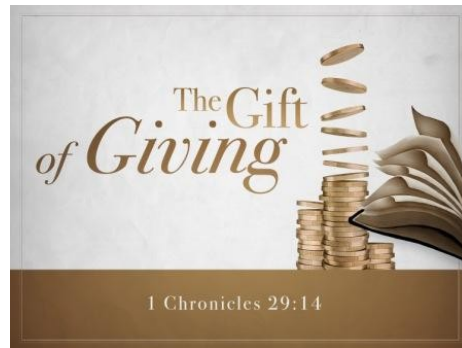
## 18 percent increase in giving needed to break even

By Chuck Pieper, Congregational President

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Here's a quick update of our General Fund. Through the end of August 2010, Redeemer's expenses have exceeded its income by approximately \$20,000. This performance is better than anticipated because offerings are up 9 percent over last year, and we restructured our mortgage loan, which produced a

\$100,000 savings in mortgage payments. Redeemer's average weekend giving through the end of August 2010 is



\$38,300. In order to balance the projected 2010 expenses, weekly giving for the remainder of the year will need to increase 18 percent to \$45,100.

As always, the staff will continue to look for savings to further reduce expenses. Please think and pray about whether you can increase your offerings to help minimize the deficit at the end of the year. Questions? Please contact me at the address listed above. ☺

## Extend the Blessing campaign wraps up

### Did you fulfill your pledge?

In 2007, Redeemer embarked on an exciting stewardship campaign called "Extend the Blessing." Our congregation generously pledged \$2.69 million toward the expansion of our current facility and the result was a 24,000-square-foot addition that serves adults, students, children, seniors and the community and helps to connect more people to Jesus. Pledges have been sent in over the past two years and to date approximately \$500,000 remains to be contributed by December 31, 2010. Have you and are

you fulfilling your pledge? It's easy to find out what you pledged and what you've paid to date. [Simply log on to our website](#), sign in as a member and check your financial records. Need assistance? Contact: Accountant **Jackie Whittenberg** at [jackie@redeemerconnect.com](mailto:jackie@redeemerconnect.com).

In July 2010, with the generous support of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF), Redeemer restructured and closed on a new building loan, allowing the church to pay off a \$2 million simple interest loan and 30-year \$5.5 million loan. We already started using our

Extend the Blessing monies to pay down the simple interest loan, bringing our current balance to \$1.787 million.

Part of the loan agreement with LCEF and approved by the congregation last May is to conduct a new capital campaign in early 2011 to raise at least \$2 million for debt retirement. Stay tuned for more information about that campaign. Questions? Contact: Congregational President **Chuck Pieper** at [cjp140@comcast.net](mailto:cjp140@comcast.net) or 204-4245. ☺

## Budget approval on 'To Do' list at meeting



Mark your calendar for our congregational meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 7:15 p.m. in the Worship Center. Childcare will be available. The agenda will include approval of the 2011 General Fund budget and electing new members to the Board of Directors. Please watch your weekend bulletin and Weekly Connect e-mails at the end of October

and first part of November for the proposed nominees. ☺

**"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love."  
Romans 12:10**

### Baptisms

August 1: **Garrett Cole Starck**, son of Ryan & Gail Starck

August 1: **Kylie Rian Smith & Camball Brock Smith**, children of Ryan & Amber Smith

August 29: **Blake Zander Wentink**, son of Paul & Amanda Wentink

September 4: **Mitchell Braden Tamez & Tyler Christopher Tamez**, sons of Ruben & Amy Tamez

### Adults Baptisms

August 18: **Kimberly Williams**

### Weddings

September 4: Jennifer Sanger to Steve Bergin

September 5: Keri Henkenius to Matt Mirtsching

### Letters & Thank-Yous

"Thank you to all those who served before, during and after the All-Church Picnic and Ministry Celebration last weekend, including teams, our Praise Band, Ladies of D'Skies and all volunteers who made it such a fun event."

The staff and foster families of Lutheran Family Services are very grateful for the back packs and Kohl's gift cards that you provided for the foster children in our care. Children who came to the annual foster family summer picnic were excited to pick out back packs for themselves, and the staff has been happily delivering packs, school supplies and gift cards to children who were not able to come to the picnic. The support that Redeemer Lutheran Church provides to the LFS foster care program is truly a blessing!"

"Here is a REALLY BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Irish Elementary Back to School Night. It was a great success. You could see the joy on every kid's face and the parents had

a good time as well. I really appreciate all the time and work that each of you provided." Connie Boyd

"Thank you so much for the outpouring of love and support after the recent death of my father. A special thank you to Ryan and the students and their families who ministered to us and got Barry and the kids home from New Orleans quickly, washed our clothes and provided coolers filled with snacks for their trip to Montana We appreciate all of your prayers and words of encouragement. Our Redeemer family means so much to us." Kris, Barry, Zach and Tessa Alcorn

"What a wonderful, outpouring of love for our mom and our family! Thank you for the phone calls, meals, memorial service and luncheon, contributions and cards during mom's illness and after she passed away. My family and I thank you. God love ya!" Kathy O'Connell

### Welcome Home and Congratulations

Welcome back to the United States

**Brian Beckett** returned from his "out-to-sea" duty. He is the son of Michele and John Hendricks.

■ **Stephen Holwegner** returned from his second deployment in Iraq. Stephen is the son of Donna and Jim Holwegner. He has also completed his four-year enlistment in the Army.

■ **Jim Lucas** has completed his service to the Army—two tours of duty in Iraq and two in Afghanistan. He was injured in the line of duty during his last tour and will continue to receive life-long medical care for that injury. He plans to be married to Carol in October. Jim is Kathy Kerchal's brother.

### Save the date: Christmas tea

Ladies, you are invited to this year's annual Women's Christmas Tea where

you can simmer in God's Word and steep in a message of hope, renewal, peace and joy. The Women's Christmas Tea is set for Saturday, Dec. 4 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Life Center at Redeemer South Fort Collins. Mark your calendar now and stay tuned for more information. ☺

### Please Pray For...



ABRAHAM LINCOLN and is currently out to sea.

the safety and well-being of **Bradley Fraley**, member of Redeemer. Bradley serves in the Navy as an Aviation Boatswain Mate Air Craft Handler/ Specialist Fire Fighter on the flight deck of the USS

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



Afghanistan in April. Dean also has served in Iraq. While back in the states on his two-week R&R in August, Dean got married to Sarah. Congratulations!

And, the safety and well-being of **Dean Kooiman**, grandson of Redeemer member Charlene Sackschewsky. Dean serves in the Army Reserves as an electrical engineer and was deployed to

We cannot publish Dean'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. ☺

## Redeemer's Mission

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

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## The Three R's of Redeemer

### Rejoice

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

### Relate

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

### Respond

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



## Psalm 51:10

O God, create a pure heart and a steadfast spirit within...

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