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Redeemer Lutheran Church, bringing all into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ as we...
Rejoice in His Grace, Live as God's Own Family, & Care for His World

From the Pastor's Desk . . . Have you ever heard the philosophical question that goes along these lines, **"If God can do anything, can He make an object so heavy that He can't move it?!"** We know such reasoning borders on the silly, but God does restrain His power for the purpose of our growth and blessing. Think, for instance, of the Jesus on the Cross. Could God the Father have prevented Jesus' crucifixion? Why yes, of course He could have prevented it, but then we would be eternally lost in our sins . . . so God the Father **allowed** Christ's death and **celebrated** His resurrection. Similarly, God restrains His power so that we may mature. One area where God acts in this way is when He refrains from granting us answers that are too easy, so that we might think, work and grow. When I heard the provocative title of the following book I was hesitant to read it, until I understood that it was written from the vantage point of God asking us questions (He knows the answers), so that we might search for the answers and grow in our faith.

Questions God Can't Answer (if He wants us to grow) is that provocatively named book. Written by executive trainer and PLI contributor John Busacker, **8 Questions** is a book that explores Jesus' teaching methods and how we may apply these lessons to our own life. Busacker writes, *"By answering (Jesus') questions for ourselves, we begin to discover the true object of our desire, the source of our fear, the uniqueness of our identity, the focus of our compassion, the real measure of our wealth, and the only lasting love of our life."* The process of asking these questions, one by one, can be our own *"faith pilgrimage."* The surprisingly and deceptively simple **8 Questions** that Jesus asked are: 1.) What do you want; 2.) Why are you so afraid; 3.) Do you want to get well; 4.) What is your name; 5.) Do you see this woman; 6.) How many loaves do you have; 7.) Will you give me a drink; and 8.) Do you love me?"

These eight questions will be examined in the light of their Gospel context, applied to our life, and will form the basis for our upcoming summer sermon series. We hope that you will be here to hear these messages and . . . bring a friend!

Pastor Cain



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Cain's sermons online at:
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ESL

English a Second Language

Redeemer Lutheran Church
 H.E.L.P. (Helping English
 Learners Practice) ESL
 May, 21, 2018

We averaged 27 students coming this spring semester and 11 children.

We had our annual awards banquet on Thursday, May 17. We had around 50 adults and children who attended. We had lots of Spanish food as well as American.

Our classes will resume September 13 with registration on September 6, 2018.

We are planning to have a garage sale this summer. Please keep your gently used items for our sale. No clothing, please. Please continue to pray for Raul Gamaro and Mirna Garcia. Raul is walking and doing rehabilitation and hopes to be home the end of June. Mirna is struggling with trying to find work and money to go back and forth to Parkland Hospital in Dallas to be with Raul. She does NOT have a car. Texas District has given them grant money and Mirna is so grateful. She said our church and Pastor Eloy Gonzalez at Our Redeemer Church in Irving are the only ones who have been helping them. She plans to move into a mobile home when school is out. The two children and Mirna have been living with friends.

Also pray for our Citizenship teacher, Roy Parsley. He has had a biopsy from a spot on his lung and has to have an aneurism repaired with a stent on an aorta valve.

Thank you so much the donations of clothing and money and the help you have given to Miran and Raul.

Lois Worsham Director of ESL



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Podcasts, downloadable files of past shows are available on our "Evangelical Life Ministries" website: ElmHouston.org

You can also tune in early at 6:30 to catch "The Lutheran Hour".



Those Serving in June!!
We appreciate you!!

Elders

3-Cody Jenkins & Brian Oswald
10-Chris Davis & Rick Oxford
17-Gary Manley & Greg Baldock
24-Paul Hughes & Ross Evans

Readers

3-Laura Wiederhold
10-Warren Fisher
17-Keith Bahn
24-Carla Mezines

Counters

3-Cody Jenkins & Brian Oswald
10-Marie Saracino & Kathy Baxter
17-Paul Hughes & Greg Baldock
24-

Flowers

3-James & Susie Kroll
10-Theresa Lake
17-
24-

Communion

3-Amy Jenkins
24-Amy Jenkins

Acolytes

3- Lexie & Arianna
10- Arianna & Alicia
17-Alicia & Lexie
24-Lexie & Alicia

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10



For the month of June Madison & Pastor Cain will both be out of the office some. Pastor Cain will be out for the Texas District Convention the 14th through the 16th. Madison will be out the 12th through the 19th. If there is an emergency please contact your elder! Thanks for all everyone does!

- Madison

Mite Offerings Reminder

While the Redeemer LWML group is not fully functioning at this time, we are still collecting Mites for mission work. Any loose change that you add to the collection plate is gathered and given to Kathy Baxter. She counts it each week and sends it in to the LWML Financial Secretary for the Mite offerings. Giving for Mites has been a bit low lately (less than \$3 last week), so a reminder is in order. Also, since knowledge is power, here is some current information on Mites and how the funds are being used. Of the Mite offering, 25% is sent to the national LWML for national mission grants, with the remaining 75% staying in Texas for LWML Texas District mission grants and in reach work programs. The Texas Mission Grants are selected by delegates at the Texas LWML district convention. As it stands right now, LWML Texas District 2016-2018 biennium ends this month. We need to be doing our part to help in this effort. Please help out all year long by dropping your loose change into the collection plate! It is surprising how quickly those coins add up!!

Thank you,

Mites Report as of February 28, 2018

2016-2018 District Goal	\$362,040.00
Mites Received	\$314,217.33
Total Mites Still Needed	\$47,822.67

The 2016-2018 fiscal period is April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2018.

Stewardship News



BRINGING POTATO CHIPS

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with a bag of potato chips and a 6 pack of root beer and started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old man. The old man was sitting in the park, just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old man looked hungry, so he offered him some chips. The old man gratefully accepted it and smiled at him.

The old man's smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered the old man a root beer. Again the old man smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

In the late afternoon, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave; but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old man, and gave him a hug. The old man gave him his biggest smile ever!

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? He's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, "dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied, "I ate potato chips in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Do you think the boy found God in the park? Who and how?

In the face of the old man: His great smile – five times and friendship, quiet comfort from one another – love from God!

Do you think the old man found God in the park? The caring and sharing of what the boy had to give and one big hug – love from God!

How can you share God's love? Smile – share – hug family, friends, new friends, teachers

Dear Jesus, help me to be your loving, caring, and sharing child. Amen



Mark your calendars!
Vacation Bible School is coming!
July 30 – August 1
6:00 – 8:15 p.m.

Join us each evening for our “Splash Kingdom” Vacation Bible School. We will begin with a light supper, followed by an Opening, Crafts, Bible Stories, Snacks,

Games, and other fun. This year, we explore how God takes care of his people throughout their lives, and most importantly, how God our Father gives us faith to believe in him and his Son, Jesus, Our Savior.

Bring your neighbors, friends, and grandchildren! Everyone is invited!

Obviously, VBS does not come together without tremendous effort and support. Thanks to those who have already agreed to help. We will need volunteers to help register attendees, help the children move from location to location as they engage in hands-on learning and activities about Jesus. We also need help with each of the activities. Please contact Laura Wiederhold at (936) 645-0175 or lawiederhold14@gmail.com.

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