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The Messenger

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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 . . . All Saints' Sunday will be observed among us November 4. During worship, we will name and remember those souls who have gone to be with the Lord. The names of those who passed during the last year, (for whom at least part of their funeral was handled by Redeemer and/or Pastor Cain) are: Jerry Bahn and Rev. Dr. Donn Williams.

As my eyes drifted down across the names of the faithful departed, how many times I stopped to smile and recollect some event, some special memory. They were, *and are*, truly saints! We thank our Lord for them and ask His peace to comfort those whose hearts still ache at their loved ones' departure for Heaven. God helps us keep our eyes of faith focused on Heaven, and the perfect restoration and reunion He will provide!

As we see faithful saints depart from our midst, increasingly it falls to us who remain on earth to be leaders and examples of the faith. Someone, most likely, was a saint to you. *Who are you a saint to?* May God grant us all His peace, energy, wisdom and insight to be His witnesses. May He also grant us to be faithful, worshipping regularly and serving others with the love of Christ. We truly are His saints (holy ones) on earth! Active participation within the congregation is one important way God has provided for Christians to live their faith on earth. Another important action is to leave a legacy, to help continue the ministry at Redeemer through your financial and estate planning (I have).

Many times, the Lord has shown us Christian love through the kindness and dedication of His people here on earth. Please keep encouraging yourself, and others, to be sharers of God's grace and guidance. We are His people, the Christians. God has made us to stand for the things He values. You are a part of His plan, to reach out to others, even "not-yet" saints with the Way, the Truth and the Life: Jesus Christ!

Pastor Cain

"We should keep on encouraging each other to be thoughtful and do helpful things. Some people have gotten out of the habit of meeting for worship, but we must not do that. We should keep on encouraging each other, especially since you know that the day of the Lord's coming is getting closer." Hebrews 10:24-25



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Cain's sermons online at:
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ESL

English a Second Language

H.E.L.P. (Helping English Learners Practice)

We are blessed to have 40 adult students (11 new and 29 returning) this semester so far.

The teachers are:

Sherry Walters & Kathi Cain
Joseph Houston & Elizabeth

Houston

Steve Galatas

Mike Worsham

Janice Oaksford

Joni Henry

Roy Bowker

Rayanne Bowker

Kirby Oakley

Justin Oakley

We thank you, Pastor Cain for doing the devotions for us.

We have 11 children enrolled.

Kirby Oakley has graciously volunteered her time to help with Child Care. We need several more people to help.

We can use help with gently used clothing for men, women and children.

We need help with snacks and setting up for the program.

I want to thank all our volunteers for helping with this ESL Mission Program. I especially want to thank all the volunteers for helping with registration.

God has continued to bless us with these students to be a witness to about His Word and to teach them how to speak, read and write in English. We are blessed many times by what we are doing. Please volunteer to help and come to see how these students are so thankful for what we are doing for them.

If you know of people from any ethnic group, tell them about our classes. Please continue to pray for our students and our ESL Mission program.

Lois Worsham -- Director

Nifty Fifties

Nifty Fifties will go to GOLDEN CORRAL in Lufkin for lunch. It takes about 30 minutes or so from Nacogdoches to the the restaurant. The meeting date is Nov. 8th.

LWML News

All loose coins go to the Mites mission work of LWML. Every amount of change is helpful and very much appreciated!



Kyle Baldock 11/1
Sharon Choate 11/7
Bridger Ethridge 11/3
James Kroll 11/5
Fran Wilson 11/5
Jerry Bahn 11/11
Janice Christensen 11/14
Sue Lantz 11/15
Larry Erwin 11/19
Bob Finnerud 11/21
Dianne Newton 11/21
Judy Rainey 11/21
Judy Weik 11/23
Elsie Davis 11/24
Steve Galatas 11/25



Sherril & Ben Crisp 11/7
Larry & Betty Erwin 11/11



Those Serving in October!!
We appreciate you!!

Elders

4-Paul Hughes & Ross Evans
11-Keith Bahn
18-Chris Davis & Cody Jenkins
21-Chris Davis & Keith Bahn
25-Greg Baldock

Flowers

4-Marie Saracino
11-Kasper's & Keith Bahn
18-Diana Wille
25-Steve Galatas

Readers

4-Paul Hughes
11-Steve Mezines
18-Carla Mezines
21-
25-Corey Williams

Communion

4-Amy Jenkins
18-Amy Jenkins

Counters

7-Paul Hughes & Greg Baldock
11-Marie Saracino & Brian Oswald
21-Brian Oswald & Cody Jenkins
28-Tina Oswald & Warren Fisher

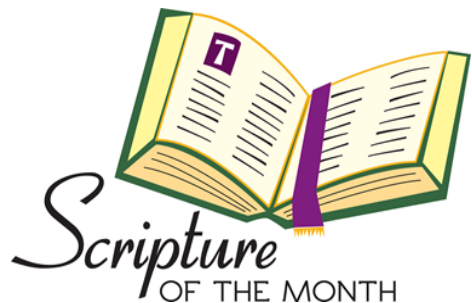
Acolytes

4-Lexie
11-Arianna
18-Alicia
21-Lexie
28-Arianna

LSF Supper

4-Guy & Doris Hicks
11-

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



Colossians 3:15-17

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Commemorations Commemorations

On the calendar of the Christian Church, special dates are noted as commemorations--opportunities to remember special people of God, so that we may imitate their faith and good works according to our calling. An encouragement to the observance of these commemorations of individuals is written in the Letter to the Hebrews: *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us (Hebrews 12:1).*

Some individuals chosen from this list of commemorations will be shared with you through the Church Newsletter. This will allow us to focus on Christ Jesus, His Gospel, and giving thanks to God for these graced and gifted women and men through whom the Holy Spirit has accomplished wonderful things.

November 8: Johann von Staupitz, Luther's Father Confessor (ca. 1469–1524)

(A Father Confessor is a person who is one's intimate spiritual guide and counselor.)

This vicar-general of the Augustinian Order in Germany, and friend of Martin Luther, was born in Saxony. He studied at the universities in Leipzig and Cologne and served on the faculty at Cologne. In 1503, he was called by Frederick the Wise to serve as dean of the theological faculty at the newly founded University of Wittenberg. There he encouraged Luther to attain a doctorate in theology and appointed Luther as his successor to professor of Bible. During Luther's early struggles to understand God's grace, it was Staupitz who counseled Luther to focus on Christ and not on himself.

Found on the LCMS site at <https://www.lcms.org/worship/church-year/commemorations> on 01/07/2018. Original Source: LSB Lectionary Committee; Published by: LCMS Worship.



LSF Dinner at 6

There are 3 open dates left for this semester to provide a meal for our SFA students: November 11, December 2 and December 9

You can provide a meal for SFA LSF students in a number of ways:

*make a home cooked meal and take it to Redeemer on the Sunday you signed up for by 6PM

*invite the students to your home for dinner

*give them money to purchase groceries to make their own meal or to go out to a restaurant.

They really appreciate the meal and being able to get together for fellowship. The sign up calendar is on the desk in the narthex. If



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