

Weekly Calendar and News Notes

July 18, 2010 – Lectionary 16

Redeemer Lutheran Church – Hinsdale, Illinois

Mission Statement: Called by Christ and led by the Spirit,
We strive to grow in faith, proclaim the Gospel, and share God's blessings.

This Week at Redeemer

Today	<i>*9:15 am Traditional Worship Service, sanctuary</i> <i>*10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service, sanctuary</i> 7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Parish Room
Mon	7:00 pm Women's Bible Study
Tue	6:30 am Prayer Group, sanctuary 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Room 6:30 pm Al Anon, Room 106
Sat	6:00 pm P.A.D.S., Fellowship Room
Sun	<i>*9:15 am Traditional Worship Service, sanctuary</i> 10:15 am Property Committee Meeting, church office <i>*10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service, sanctuary</i> 11:30 am Thrivent Seminar, Parish Room
* Communion Service	7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Parish Room

P.A.D.S. Summer Shelter Site: We are in need of travel-sized soap, shampoo, dental and shaving toiletries. The guests also greatly appreciate new adult men's socks and underwear, as well as gently used adult lightweight clothing and sturdy shoes. There is always a need for used, adult-sized backpacks and duffel bags, as well. Please place any donations in the blue box across from the church office.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Redeemer Lutheran Church has scheduled a work day with DuPage Habitat for Humanity in West Chicago!!!

When: Saturday, August 21

Where: Houses are located at the corner of Sherman & Pomeroy in West Chicago

Time: A full day commitment from 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Spaces are limited- we need 10 volunteers (no experience necessary)! A poster and sign-up will be located in the hallway in July! Questions? Interested in signing up early? Contact: Bri D

Weekly Devotional

Spiritual Sleeping

The Lord [said], "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." ~ Luke 10:41-42 (NRSV)

In April 2005 an earthquake shook my apartment while I was sleeping. I was afraid because I realized God was no longer my priority. If I have to die now, what if everything I have done is unworthy in God's eyes? I thought. That experience woke me up from a spiritual sleep. I have been reading the Bible and praying for as long as I can remember, but this had become merely routine. I felt no excitement or eagerness for building a close relationship with God. My study and hobbies had been taking all my attention. God used this earthquake to revive me.

I remembered the story of Martha and Mary. Busy preparing a meal for her guests, Martha had no time to listen to Jesus. But Mary sat at Jesus' feet and listened to him. I was like Martha. I imagined Jesus saying to me, "Elly, Elly, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part" (verses 41-42). Having an intimate relationship with God is more precious than anything. I had almost lost "the better part."

*Dear God, thank you for your kindness and caring, for still loving us and seeking us when we stray from you.
Amen.*

From *Upper Room Daily Devotional* by Ellyana Njatawidjaja (Fukuoka, Japan)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Christian Education Committee task force met to discuss and address various ideas put forth at the *Youth and Education* forums held recently. We began the process of developing a thorough and complete job description for a staff position focused on Christian Education. In addition, we addressed and are implementing specific tasks needed to happen NOW:

- Recommendations for interim Christian Education support positions to be in place as soon as possible.
- Updates to our Confirmation Program for September, 2010, based on input from last year's participants
- Staffing and curriculum revisions for Faith Quest and Faith Quest, Jr.
- Development of a 6th grade Pre-Confirmation curriculum
- Planning/scheduling kick-off activities for our high school youth
- Programming ideas for Adult Ed. appealing to a broad range of membership
- Discussion of ideas for a fall, congregation-wide education emphasis

Your support and suggestions are always welcome! As we look forward to fall programming, please prayerfully consider all the ways you can offer your time and talents in this essential ministry area.

We will need everyone's support, time, and energies to accomplish our goals for excellence!



Responding to the Gospel, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) brings healing, justice, and wholeness to people and communities. One of its vital programs is the Prisoner and Family Ministry Services. The Mission Outreach Committee has selected this program as its Third Quarterly Project.

LSSI advocates for the right of children to maintain family ties with their incarcerated parents. They have already suffered an immeasurable loss and often live with a grandmother and other relative. They need to see their parents and be assured they are safe. Without this contact, they may begin to view their parents as strangers and believe their parents neither love nor care about them. In addition, research has shown that in-person family visits also lower the likelihood that the parent will be a repeat offender.

In Illinois, a majority of children with mothers in prison live in Chicago. The prisons are in rural communities between 70 and 175 miles away and there is often no direct train or bus route to the prisons.

LSSI maintains this crucial link by providing transportation for regular visits. The cost per round trip bus rental is \$2,000. There is no charge to the child or caregiver.

If you would like to help these children *Get on the Bus*, please make your check payable to *Redeemer Lutheran Church* and place it in the blue envelope in the pew rack. Write LSSI in the memo line.

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When: August 22, 2010, 11:30 a.m. ← **New date!**

Where: Redeemer Lutheran Church

Register: Reserve your spot; sign up in the church office.

El Salvador Church

The Tuesday women's Bible study collected funds for materials (DVDs and Spanish work books) for a women's study at a tiny Lutheran church in El Salvador. Some generous members also gave funds for this project. Together we created a very lovely gift for these precious women. Christine Lojewski hand delivered the DVD set and 18 work books to the women when she visited the church last month. The women were very surprised and appreciative of the gift. Here are a few pictures of the friendly folks in El Salvador. Thank you for helping and please pray that the women are blessed through the Bible study.

~ Marge C

