



Redeemer Radiates March 2019



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About the Cross ... You Won't Believe This

...Some time ago, a funeral director was telling me about a woman who wanted her mother's funeral to be held in the funeral home chapel. There was a cross hanging on the wall.



If the funeral is for a Roman Catholic family, they take down the cross and put up a crucifix.

So, this woman goes into the chapel and sees the cross hanging on the wall. "Can that cross come down?" she asked. "Yes," said the director, "if you would like that."

"Well, no," she said, "on second thought, why don't you leave it there. My mother had a beautiful hat that she always wore. That cross would be a very good thing to hang it on during the funeral."

The funeral director said he must have had a look of absolute horror on his face. For the next thing she said was, "Oh. I take it that wouldn't be a good idea?"

What a dark world we live in!

How much work we have to do!

Pastor Grassley





ANNIVERSARIES IN MARCH:

- 03/07 Randy & Debbie Thomas (16)
- 03/08 Kyle & Rebecca Austin (5)
- 03/18 Pastor & Pat Grassley (47)
- 03/19 Curtis & Crystal Golden (3)

BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH:

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| 03/01 | Nikki Ordonez | 03/09 | John Pinkston |
| 03/02 | Al Rearick | 03/12 | Zeita Reed |
| 03/02 | Amanda Skiles | 03/14 | Jamie Cook |
| 03/05 | Keith Giunta | 03/18 | Madison Westbrook |
| 03/09 | Evelyn Cook | 03/24 | Troy Freiberg |



ALTAR FLOWERS FOR MARCH:

- 03/10 Randy & Debbie Thomas in celebration of their 16th anniversary (03/07).
- 03/31 August & Donna Riccono in celebration of their 55th anniversary (04/04).

BOARD INFORMATION

Board of Trustees:



The big news from the trustees is that the repairs and upgrades to the lighting in gym are now complete. Thanks to the generosity of the congregation and some matching funds from outside the congregation we had enough funding to pay for all the upgrades. We had over a half dozen volunteers who spent a very long day to accomplish the project and their efforts are greatly appreciated. Please take an opportunity to go up to the family life center and take a look at the

modernized high bay lighting.

Going into spring there will be a few projects in works that will need some volunteers. The replacement of the failed AC in the parish hall before it gets hot is on the list as well as the inevitable sprinkler maintenance as every year something doesn't come on correctly as we first turn on the watering system after winter hibernation.

Mission Ministry:

We are Blessing 40 Welcome Packets on March 3rd for Upbring (LSSS). I want to Thank Alena & Lailee Freiberg for helping to pack them. I also want to thank everyone in the who donated items (in the past) for the Welcome Packets.

Along the same lines, I want to thank John & Bettie Schatte and especially their friend Julie. They donated 3 extra-large garbage bags full of new stuffed animals and 3 extra-large garbage bags full of new toys. I also wish to thank Linda Stuck for her recent donation of 30 kid's books and Cathy Gonzalez for her donation of magnetic bookmarks for the Welcome Packets. One more big thank you to Florene Richter for making and bringing all of the pillow cases for the welcome packets. Thanks so much.



We are changing Braille for March to the 3rd Friday in March. We can really use more help (we not only make Braille Books, we also need to punch paper and make boxes to ship the Braille Books in - these books are sent all over the world). We would love to have be a part of our group, if you are interested, please let me know. Thank You!



Do not forget to save your Aluminum tabs (for Ronald McDonald House) and cancelled Stamps (for St. Paul's LWML).

I want to thank the families that have been bringing in their coupons. These are really appreciated, as they are sent to the military overseas (I have personally used them when we were stationed overseas). Coupons can be use in Commissaries overseas up to 6 months after expiration (we need them before that so they can be mailed overseas in time to be used). Keep them coming. Thank You.

Our congregation is participating in the **Easter Basket Angel Tree Program** this year, and we want to invite you and your family to be an “Angel” to one of nearly 200 children living in our DFW-area Foster in Texas (FIT) homes. FIT is a ministry of Upbring, the new Lutheran Social Services of the South, and helps provide safe, loving homes for foster children – ranging in age from newborn to 20 – with histories of abuse and neglect.



Here are four easy steps to be an *Angel* to a foster child in need this Easter:

- We will have the Angels on March 10th. Select a child's name from the Angel Tree and purchase an Easter basket. Based on the information on the front of the card, fill the basket with age appropriate items.
- Be sure to attach the angel card to your basket, so we know who the basket is intended for (Keep your receipts for tax deduction purposes.)
- Bring your basket to the church by **Sunday, March 31st**.
- Add the child to your prayer list and pray for him/her in the months to come.

God's Blessings!!
Georgia Hotaling



Fellowship:

Here are the menus for March Lent Dinners
that we have so far:

March 6: Enchilada Dinner sponsored by the quilters.

March 13: Chicken Dinner sponsored by Mission Ministry.

March 20: Still open watch your bulletins for more info.

March 27: Sloppy Joes sponsored by Mission Ministry.

Watch for more details and join your pewmates, friends and family for dinner before Lenten services. See you there.

Whole Person Health Ministry:

Upcoming in March

- Tuesday morning **BE STRONGER – LIVE LONGER**, gentle aerobics, strength, balance and flexibility class, all levels of fitness, welcome. We use a chair, bands, balls and weights. We begin for anyone wanting to walk laps in the Family Life Center at 8:30. The class with prayer and devotion begins at 9 am. At 9:45 we wind down, share fellowship, and depart in time for those wanting to attend Pastor's 10 am Bible Study in the Parish Hall. In March we meet on March 19 and 26th. We plan to meet each Tuesday in April.
- **Monthly Blood Pressure Screening** will be the standing 3rd Sunday, March 17th, following Divine Service in the Parish Hall.
- **BLOOD DRIVE:** *see separate page for a special appeal for new donors:* Following Divine Service on Sunday, March 24th from 12 noon for first donation to 2:45 to begin the last donation.

Upcoming in April:

- **Wednesdays, April 3 through May 8th, from 9:30 am – 12 noon, Chronic Illness Self-Management Workshop**, at Texas Health Harris Methodist Southwest Hospital in the Community Education Center, 6270 John Ryan Drive, west across the street from the hospital. This is a great self-management tool for anyone experiencing any chronic illness from Diabetes, Arthritis and even

Depression. Donna will be co-facilitating the Workshop. Please see or call her for more information or see flyer posted on the WPHM Bulletin Board in the Parish Hall. The workshop is offered free sponsored by 60 & Better and Texas Health Resources, but one must register to reserve a seat.

- Monthly BP Screening: 2nd Sunday, April 14th, since the 3rd Sunday falls on Easter.

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Thank you to Pastor Grassley, several of our Elders and our Health Cabinet and Volunteers for attending our annual Evaluation and Planning Lunch and Meeting on February 17th. We received some good feedback from those attending on suggestions for future programs we may be able to sponsor for our congregation. Watch for more information.

We have decided for certain to present **ADVANCED DIRECTIVES**, a program available to us through our Covenant relationship with Texas Health and we will be looking at a date this summer to offer, probably following Divine Service with lunch provided. **THIS IS** a topic of interest to adults of all ages. The time is now to direct your loved ones, your choices in end of life issues!



Projecting: July 17th to September 4th, repeat of the popular **A MATTER of BALANCE** workshop here at Redeemer, Parish Hall, Wednesdays from 10 am – 12 noon. Again, the workshop is offered free,

but one needs register to reserve a seat. Please inquire of Donna more information or see the flyer on the Narthex Bulletin Board. Several of our members have taken this class over past and can tell you how beneficial they feel it has been to prevent falls, or fear of falling, that can lead to sedentary lifestyle and a vicious cycle resulting in inactivity. We will be registering for this class by June 1st.

Donna Riccono, RN, Parish Nurse
Faith Community Nursing

Appeal for Blood Donors

WHOLE PERSON HEALTH MINISTRY SPECIAL APPEAL to members and friends of Redeemer Lutheran Church. Please help us to promote our next drive.

We have set a date for what might be our last on-site BLOOD DRIVE for following Divine Service on Sunday, March 24th, from 12 noon for the first donation to 2:45 for the last donation to begin. **REASON:** we only have averaged 7 donors at the past 3 drives in 2018. Carter requires an average of 15 to continue as a site.

Carter Blood Care Representative, Judy Smith, was a guest at our recent WPHM Annual Evaluation and Planning meeting, to discuss some of the following rather alarming facts concerning blood donation, not only locally, but nationally.

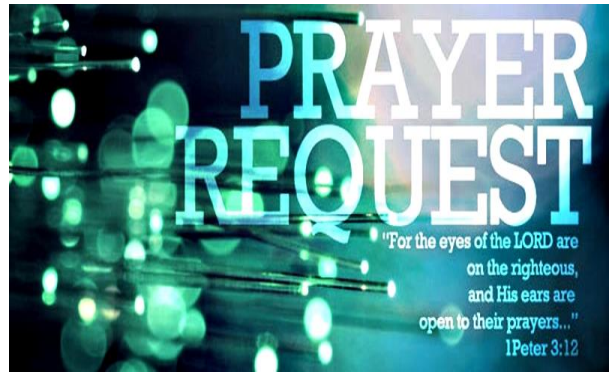
- Over the past 10 or so years blood donation has dropped off considerably, especially with adults in the 20's through 40's age group
- 1 in 3 people will need a blood transfusion during his/her life
- A teaspoon of blood can save a newborn
- One pint can save as many as 3 lives
- Adults can donate every 56 days
- Estimated 4.5 million Americans would die each year without a blood transfusion
- 15 million number of donations collected in US annually
- 60% of population is eligible to donate
- **BUT – only 4 % donate**

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Won't you consider spending about 10 minutes of your time (actual donation time), 45 minutes or so total time, to donate at our Drive on March 24<sup>th</sup>?? This is your personal gift of life only you can give, to someone, with the hope and prayer that someone, someday, will have donated if and when you or your loved ones might need a blood transfusion.

We deeply appreciate all those who have faithfully supported our drives over the past years. Be aware that 4 of our past regular donors over past 5 years have died. **WE NEED YOU** to fill those spots and donate blood. You will be blessed, and may God bless the giver and the receiver!

(For any questions on Blood Donation, see or call Donna Riccono, 817-999-3253 – [donnariccono@gmail.com](mailto:donnariccono@gmail.com) or Shane Yenke, Faith Community Health Promoter: 512-466-5509, [sc.jenke@gmail.com](mailto:sc.jenke@gmail.com))

*Please remember in your prayers:* **Members:** Betty Baird; Elaine deTurck; Frances Graham; Mark Hinrichs; Darold Klamt; Jerry Knutson; Eva Merritt; Gene Morones; Rev. Richard Nelson; Lori Penning; Judy Pitre; Charles Ruhmann; Bettie Schatte; John Schatte; Alan Schaubhut; Dan Shackelford; Lucille Skehan; Bill Skokan; David Thomas; Randy Thomas; Stormi Thomas; Mildred Wagner. **Relatives of members:** Nanci Alcorn; Bill Baird; Kala Barnett; Bobby Blackman; Janet Bliss; Susan Boudreaux; Gayle & Tommy Bradshaw; Meril Christenson; Jocelynn Collins; John Baars Connell; Dean Crocket; Shirley English; Jason & Denise Ford; Pat Ford; Pat Garnet; Andrew Graham; Melody Giunta; Glen Hammett; Margaret Hollar; Craig & Trina Hotaling; Jeanette Hutchinson; Arleen Hayek; Debbie Hyden; Louetta Lewis; David Littlefield; Peggy Madison; Meryl McKinney; Alison McMurray; Chuck Merritt; Kevin Neville; Lynda Quirey; Ryan Robinette; John Sergent; Timothy Sherman; Brian Stevens; Matthew and Shantel Schatte; Family of Davey Thomas; Jacob Thomas; Danielle Tyus; Scotty Walker; Pat Wyer. **Friends of members:** Kelley Adams; John Allison; Sammie Atwell; Steve Briscoe; Dawn Brown; Renee Brown; Joseph Burdick; Elinore Cocca; Dan Crofts; Jolene Crowe; Lauren DiGiovanni; Robert Edmonds; Parker Garret; Candy & Bruce Grantham; Patricia Hill; Larry Hoffman; Nancy Hood; Kyle Hopkins; Jill Jenkins; The Aaron Johnson Family; Peg Kennedy; Telina Manbek; Charlene Marroquin; Michael McDaniel; Julie Miranda; Marshall Martinez; Jed Oidtman; Deann Pearson & Family; Linda Riojas and daughters, Zoe and Sage; Camilla Ryan; Camilla Stephens; Dannette Taylor; Tina Taylor; Jerry Walker; Louanne Weber.



## From “*Martin Luther Day by Day*”

March 12

*He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities.*

Isaiah 53:5

### Set Your Conscience Free



This fright comes when we see the strict wrath and unwavering seriousness of God toward sin and sinners, since He even did not want to give His own dearest Son to free sinners unless He did full penance for them, as He said, “For the sin of My people I have struck Him” (Isaiah 53:8). What will happen to the sinner, when His dearest Son was struck in that way? An unspeakable and unbearable seriousness must be there when such an immeasurably great person goes to meet it, and suffers and dies for it. If you profoundly reflect on the fact that God’s Son, the eternal Wisdom of the Father, Himself suffers, then you will indeed be frightened: the

more [you reflect], the more profoundly [you will be frightened]. . . . When one has become aware of his sins in this way and is completely frightened in himself, he must be careful that his sins do not remain in his conscience, or sheer despair will certainly result from it. Rather, just as [the sins] proceeded and were recognized from Christ[’s suffering], so we should throw them back on Him and set our conscience free.

From *Meditation on the Holy Suffering of Christ* (Luther’s Works 76:426, 429-30)

| Sunday                                                                                   | Monday                                                                                                       | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                      | Wednesday                                                                                                                                             | Thursday                                                                     | Friday                                 | Saturday                                         |
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| 3<br>10:30 AM<br>Divine Service                                                          | 4<br>6:30 PM - 8:00<br>PM Youth Group<br>Meeting<br>7:00 PM - 8:30<br>PM LifeLight,<br>Rearick &<br>Riccono  | 5<br>6:30 PM - 8:00 PM<br>Hand Bell Choir<br>Practice<br>7:00 PM - 8:30 PM<br>LifeLight,<br>Hotaling's                                                       | 6<br>10:00 AM Quilting<br>2:00 PM - 3:00 PM<br>Ladies' Bible Study<br>5:30 PM - 6:30 PM<br>Lenten Meal<br>7:00 PM Ash Wednesday<br>Vespers Service    | 7<br>10:00 AM<br>Grocery<br>Bags for<br>LSSS<br>7:00 PM<br>Board<br>Meetings | 8                                      | 9                                                |
| 10<br>10:30 AM<br>Divine Service                                                         | 11<br>6:30 PM - 8:00<br>PM Youth Group<br>Meeting<br>7:00 PM - 8:30<br>PM LifeLight,<br>Rearick &<br>Riccono | 12<br>6:30 PM - 8:00 PM<br>Hand Bell Choir<br>Practice<br>7:00 PM - 8:30 PM<br>LifeLight,<br>Hotaling's                                                      | 13<br>10:00 AM Quilting<br>2:00 PM - 3:00 PM<br>Ladies' Bible Study<br>5:30 PM - 6:30 PM<br>Lenten Meal<br>7:00 PM Mid-Week<br>Lenten Vespers Service | 14<br>7:00 PM<br>Church<br>Council<br>Meeting                                | 15<br>7:00 PM<br>Braille @<br>St. Paul | 16                                               |
| 17<br>10:30 AM<br>Divine Service<br>11:45 AM<br>Blood Pressure<br>Check after<br>Service | 18<br>6:30 PM - 8:00<br>PM Youth Group<br>Meeting<br>7:00 PM - 8:30<br>PM LifeLight,<br>Rearick &<br>Riccono | 19<br>8:30 AM - 9:30 AM<br>Be Stronger - Live<br>Longer<br>6:30 PM - 8:00 PM<br>Hand Bell Choir<br>Practice<br>7:00 PM - 8:30 PM<br>LifeLight,<br>Hotaling's | 20<br>10:00 AM Quilting<br>2:00 PM - 3:00 PM<br>Ladies' Bible Study<br>5:30 PM - 6:30 PM<br>Lenten Meal<br>7:00 PM Mid-Week<br>Lenten Vespers Service | 21                                                                           | 22                                     | 23                                               |
| 24<br>10:30 AM<br>Divine Service<br>11:30 AM -<br>2:30 PM Blood<br>Drive                 | 25<br>6:30 PM - 8:00<br>PM Youth Group<br>Meeting<br>7:00 PM - 8:30<br>PM LifeLight,<br>Rearick &<br>Riccono | 26<br>8:30 AM - 9:30 AM<br>Be Stronger - Live<br>Longer<br>6:30 PM - 8:00 PM<br>Hand Bell Choir<br>Practice<br>7:00 PM - 8:30 PM<br>LifeLight,<br>Hotaling's | 27<br>10:00 AM Quilting<br>2:00 PM - 3:00 PM<br>Ladies' Bible Study<br>5:30 PM - 6:30 PM<br>Lenten Meal<br>7:00 PM Mid-Week<br>Lenten Vespers Service | 28                                                                           | 29                                     | 30<br>Baby<br>Shower<br>for<br>Crystal<br>Golden |
| 31<br>10:30 AM<br>Divine Service                                                         |                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                              |                                        |                                                  |

