

# OUR REDEEMER MONTHLY NEWS

May2019

## Your Hiding Place

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***You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. Psalms 32:7***

Have you ever fantasized about running away from all the stresses of today's high-tech world? Surely there's a place somewhere on the globe where the pace is slower and the living is easy. That dream motivated a family in 1940 to move to an island called Guadalcanal in the Coral Sea. But two years later war broke out in the Pacific, and the couple found themselves witnessing a battle – in their front yard. Obviously, they had chosen the wrong place. Where can you go to escape the noise and hubbub of city life? How about a small island in the Caribbean called Grand Cayman? Vacationers to this resort say it is the closest thing to paradise on earth. The residents there pay no taxes. The water around them is calm and warm, and there are orchids growing everywhere. Sounds good, doesn't it? But there's a catch. Medical studies revealed that the two major ailments suffered by the citizens of Grand Cayman are hypertension and anxiety neurosis. Life on a tropical beach is not always what it appears to be. Could it be that the stresses and pressures with which we struggle, actually come from within? Yes. And they will plague us no matter where we live, until we learn to deal with circumstances as they are. Here's how the psalmist did it: ***'You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you' (vv. 7-8).***

### PRAYER

*'Heavenly Father, thank You for being My Hiding Place where I can know You are always with me and there for me! In Jesus' Name, Amen*

*The above devotion was written/compiled from multiple sources by Tim Hetzner, President / CEO of Lutheran Church Charities and author of WORD Bible Studies. Used with permission.*

### **Celebrate May Birthdays at “Coffee And...”**

Come and celebrate God's gift of life during “Coffee And” immediately following church on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. We'll sing “Happy Birthday” and share in some tasty birthday treats.

### **One Christ, Many Creeds Bible Study, Wednesdays 11 AM**

Our Wednesday morning Bible Study is currently studying the various denominations of the Christian Church. We will meet each Wednesday in the month of May, **except May 22<sup>nd</sup>** (Pastor Rod will be attending a Conference on that Day) at 11 AM in the Parlor. . We will continue our study of Christian denominations. See you on Wednesday at 11 AM in the parlor.

### **Wheeling Food Pantry Wish List**

The Wheeling Township food pantry is in need of the following items: **Cereal, Chicken Noodle or Cream of Chicken Soup, Jelly, Rice, and Syrup.** Items can be dropped off at Our Redeemer and placed beneath the preschool bulletin board.

### **Worship Service at Aspired Senior Living**

Next Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM Our Redeemer will lead a Worship Service at Aspired Senior Living in Prospect Heights. Volunteers are needed to assist Pastor and the residents during the service. If you would like to volunteer, please speak with Pastor Rod.

### **Summer Suppers**

For the third summer at Our Redeemer, we are blessed to once again participate in the Summer Suppers for the Community Homeless. Our Summer Suppers will be held on the Second Thursday of each month starting in May and continuing through September. Our first serving will be on Thursday May 9. If interested in volunteering, please sign up on the “What's Happening” board. Also, please note items that are needed for our ‘take-with’ table. Any questions, please see Jim, Traudy, Pastor or Stacey.

### **Walk at Lake Arlington**

On Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> we will begin walking at Lake Arlington. We will meet just off the parking lot at 8:30 AM. We will walk each Saturday from May 4<sup>th</sup> through the end of October. See you at Lake Arlington!!

### **Mother's Day Breakfast at Our Redeemer**

Come one come all to our Mother's Day Breakfast, Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> from 8 to 9 AM. Please RSVP on the What's Happening Bulletin Board.

### **VBS:**

The dates for VBS have been set. VBS will be held from July 15-19. Redeeming Grace has committed to partnering with us with this very successful outreach program for our community. If interested in helping (either during the week or 'behind the scenes' help) please see Stacey or Shannon Hall. Help is always needed in many different ways. Please watch for further information on the 'What's Happening' board and in our Weekly News.

### **Summer Midweek Services**

Summer Midweek Services begin Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM and will continue until just before Labor Day. If you are going to be out of town on the Weekend, just join us on Wednesday nights for the summer. If you have questions about our Wednesday evening service, please speak with Pastor Rod.

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### **Student Ministry**

#### **Take your kid(s) to lunch May 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Take Your Kid to... lunch.** Join Pastor and Laurie for "take your kid to lunch" Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the Welcome Center at 11:00 am.



### **Gifts of Love for the Lutheran Home**



The Auxiliary of Lutheran Home and Services is collecting "Gifts of Love" to be used as gift items to cheer residents as they help them celebrate their birthdays. The following new items are suggested:

Kleenex (120 - 160 count), Birthday Cards, Pens, Pads of Paper, Games, Puzzles, Handkerchiefs, Bar Soap, Packaged Tooth Brushes, Tooth Paste, Deodorant and Lip Balm

A box for these donations is available across from the Welcome Center.  
Thank you!



May 2- Cindy Reschke  
9 - Marilyn Riemer  
13 – Marian Campion  
16 – Tim Perek  
16 – Hannah Drake  
17 – Sue Winter  
18 – Joanna Krueger  
24 – Janet Koelper  
25 – Fran DeVries

**Celebrating**   
*An Anniversary This Month*

May 26 – Bill and Anne Schultz

