THE REVELATION

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

A NOTE FROM PASTOR

Beloved,
You did it! You made it through the Summer! To those returning to school, to teach or learn, our prayers go with you. Please be in prayer for our Children's Center as they've just begun their school year.

We are excited to welcome Jennifer Trenbeath (Jen) to our staff team as our new Office Manager. Jennifer, along with being a child of the congregation, is a gifted and energetic individual, whom we are very blessed to have join us in the Monday through Friday side of our life together. Come on in and say "hello" some time!

I would like to express some specific gratitude as we move from one season to the next:
Thanks and gratitude to Mrs. Kimberly Marks, who stood in the gap and kept us sane and functional while we searched for an Office Manager.
To Mrs. Wanita Sanders, who took on the task of compiling, ordering, and distributing the literature that guides our worship as well as going above and beyond the call of duty for VBS.
To Miss Charis Outlaw and Mrs. Jolene Stadel, who lead our congregation's song with joy and skill, and without complaint.
To our trustees, Mr. Richard Blake and Mr. Paul Stadel who work under conditions that would wear out much younger men.
To my Elders, Mr. Ted Mitchell and "The Three Michaels", without whom, I would be very short on wisdom.
To Mr. Lance Smith, our Chairman, and Mr. Camrin Koenig, our Vice Chairman, who frequently get called into "the principal's office."
To our most excellent ushers, whose service allows us to worship without the distraction of wondering "what do we do next"?
To Mrs. Cindy Harris and Mrs. Jennifer Koenig, whose artistic gifts far surpass the ability of AI to beautify our bulletins.
To Mr. John Trenbeath and Mr. Jonathan Outlaw, who maximize our technology beyond reasonable capability.
To Mrs. Kelly Smith, who keeps our space tidy and fragrant.
To our counters, who serve with integrity.
To Mrs. Joan Schiesler, who manages our website.
To Mr. Michael Lohr, who runs our Facebook page.
To Mrs. Mary Bird, who set the prices for Redeemables Prizes.

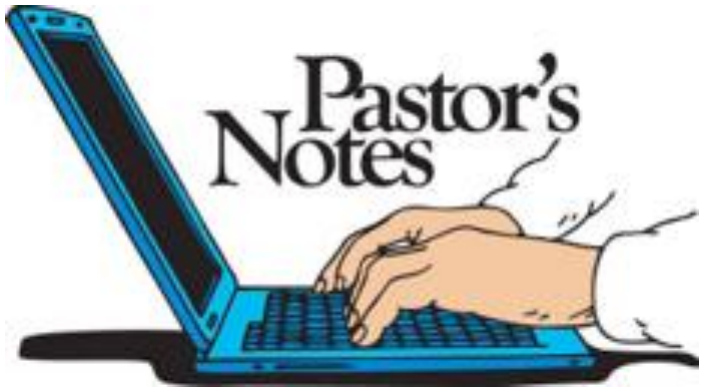
A NOTE FROM PASTOR

To our altar guild, who steward the elements for Holy Communion.
To Mr. and Mrs. James and Patti Wolff, who bless our poorest neighbors by their service to Some Other Place.
To everyone who contributes to our cabinet ministry and care for the homeless by their donation of full or empty cans.
To Mrs. Evelyn Pileggi and Mrs. Liz Blake, who have helped to turn our weed beds into a proper garden.
To the entire work day crew at RLCC, who have made us confident in beginning the school year.
To the board and staff of RLCC, to whom God has entrusted our children.
To all who bless us with their presence and prayers Sunday through Saturday.
Thank you for being the Body of Christ.

There are many ways to serve here at Redeemer, and we'd be delighted to have you jump in!

Midweek bible study begins on September 2, at 6pm and will continue on every Wednesday up to November 18. We will be resuming our study of the life of King David in the books of Samuel.
Be sure to join us for Bingo Night on Friday September 18 at 6pm!
Prizes for "Redeemer's Redeemables" have now moved out into the fellowship hall. Pick up a copy of the booklet, and get to work!

Blessings on your September.
Loved+Sent,
Your Servant,
Pastor Micah



CALENDAR

September 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 9 am Crafty Christians 11:30 am Sack Lunch Bunch	**2** 10 am RLCC Chapel **6 pm 1 & 2 Samuel Bible Study**	**3** 7 – 9 am Coffee/ Donuts @ RLCC	**4**	**5**
6 Fifteenth S.a. Pentecost 9 am Bible Study 10 am Worship/ Communion **Lunch @ Luby's**	**7** **Office closed for Labor Day** 	**8** Circuit Pastor's Conference 9 am Crafty Christians 11:15 am Ladies Lunch: Vautrot's 5:30 pm RLCC Board Meeting	**9** 10 am RLCC Chapel **6 pm 1 & 2 Samuel Bible Study**	**10** 7 – 9 am Coffee/ Donuts @ RLCC	**11** **Patriot's Day** 	**12**
13 Sixteenth S. a. Pentecost 9 am Bible Study 10 am Worship/ Communion Elder's Meeting	**14**	**15**	**16** 10 am RLCC Chapel **6 pm 1 & 2 Samuel Bible Study**	**17** 7 – 9 am Coffee/ Donuts @ RLCC 6 pm Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision	**18** **6 pm Bingo** 	**19**
20 Seventeenth S. a. Pentecost **Friends & Family Breakfast** 9 am Bible Study 10 am Worship/ Communion	**21**	**22** 9 am Crafty Christians	**23** 10 am RLCC Chapel **6 pm 1 & 2 Samuel Bible Study**	**24** 7 – 9 am Coffee/ Donuts @ RLCC	**25**	**26**
27 Eighteenth S. a. Pentecost 9 am Bible Study 10 am Worship/ Communion	**28**	**29** 9:30 am Craft Group Lunch: Frankie's Project: Trees	**30** 10 am RLCC Chapel **6 pm 1 & 2 Samuel Bible Study**			

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Altar Care – Glenda Letsinger
Elder – Michael Marks
Counters – Kelly Smith & Kim Marks
Proclaim – Jonathan Outlaw, John Trenbeath, Kelly Smith
Acolyte – Wyatt Pritchett

Sunday, September 6
Accompanist – Jolene Stadel
Reader – Evelyn Pileggi
Ushers – Camrin Koenig & Jeff Huebel
Greeter – Kelly Smith

Sunday, September 13
Accompanist – Charis Outlaw
Reader – Joel Roschke
Ushers – Lance Smith & Mark Coffin
Greeter – Janice Wilson

Sunday, September 20
Accompanist – Jolene Stadel
Reader – Kim Marks
Ushers – John Zindt & Ted Mitchell
Greeter – Liz Blake

Sunday, September 27
Accompanist – Charis Outlaw
Reader – Jeff Huebel
Ushers – Mike Standley & Camrin Koenig
Greeter – Glenda Letsinger

GOD BLESS OUR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

SEPTEMBER PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Sickness & Other Concerns:
Dana Tompkins
Glenda Hilgemeier (mother of Paul & Joan Schiesler's daughter-in-law, Kristin)

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Called Home:
Faye Schauerman (long-time former member)

Shut-In Members:
Marie Brunn
Mary Helen Linscomb

To request a prayer on the Prayer Chain: Wanita Sanders at 409-350-5311 or wanita.sanders@gmail.com

Special Gifts Given This Month
In Memory of Harry Wilson…

An undesignated gift was given by Mary Byrd.
An undesignated gift was given by Kim & Michael Marks.
An undesignated gift was given by Barbara Rawlinson.

In Memory of Faye Schauerman…
A gift was given to the Church's General Fund by Dave & Wanita Sanders.

AUGUST 2026

A Prayer for Carrying More Than You Were Made to Carry

By Rachel Wojo

Bible Reading:

"What you are doing is not good. You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone." - Exodus 18:17-18

I can still see the brick fireplace in our old living room. My special-needs daughter, Taylor, thought running across the raised hearth was the best game in the house. At the time, all those years ago, she was strong, she was fast, and she had no concept of danger. That was the hardest part of caring for her: I could explain why the bricks were dangerous until I was "blue in the face," as my mom used to say. Explanations did not change her habits. One day, she slipped.

She didn't fall hard, and thankfully, she didn't hit her head. But I saw her feet go out from under her, and for a half-second I braced myself, then something inside of me broke. I had a three-year-old behind me. A nineteen-month-old in the playpen. A newborn in the bouncy seat. And I realized, standing there with my heart in my throat, that I had been trying to be four people at once, and one day soon it was going to cost one of them something I couldn't give back.

I don't remember what I did next, but I do remember one particular thought. Her safety is more important than my pride.

For months, I had been telling myself I should be able to do this. Other moms managed four kids. Other moms didn't need help. If I were the right kind of mother, the right kind of Christian woman, I'd figure it out. Asking for help meant I wasn't enough. Asking for help meant I was failing. So I kept trying to carry it all by myself when my husband was at work. All the usual parenting tasks plus the constant hovering watch over Taylor. Oh, and the laundry and meals. Honestly, I kept silently resenting God for not making me stronger.

But friend, it wasn't that God hadn't made me strong enough. I was carrying things He'd never handed me in the first place.

In Exodus 18, Moses is doing the same thing I was doing. He's sitting as a judge for Israel from morning until evening, settling every dispute and answering every question.

His father-in-law, Jethro, watches him for one day and speaks up: *"What you are doing is not good."* Not *"you're doing great, just pace yourself."* Or if he'd sounded like he was from my Appalachian roots, *"bless your heart, you're so devoted."* He says this is bad for Moses and bad for the people Moses loves. *"The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone."*

He then tells him to keep only the things you can do and release the rest.

That's the part I missed for years. I thought the choice was between carrying everything and giving up. I didn't realize there was a third option, and it's the one God actually offered: carry what's yours, and let Him, through His people, carry the rest.

The day after Taylor almost hit her head on the bricks, I picked up the phone and asked about respite care. When the respite worker started coming, my first reaction wasn't relief; it was grief. I cried because I felt like I had failed. I cried because I thought asking for help meant I loved Taylor less than a mother who didn't need help.

It took me a long time to understand that letting someone else carry part of the weight was the most loving thing I could do for Taylor, for my other babies, for my amazing husband, Matt, and yes, for me. Moses didn't love Israel less when he let the seventy elders help. He loved them even better.

If you're reading this today and your shoulders ache from something that was never yours to carry, whether it's another person's choices, another person's emotions, a caregiving load designed for a team instead of one person, a burden you took on because no one else would, then hear what Jethro said to Moses, and what God is saying to you through this passage. What you are doing is not good. The work is too heavy for you. God's not accusing us; He's inviting us into a different solution.

You were made to carry something.
You were not made to carry everything.
And you were never made to carry anything alone.

Let's Pray:

Heavenly Father, I'm coming to You today tired in a way sleep doesn't fix. You see the load I've been carrying. I have things that are mine, and then the things I picked up somewhere along the way without anyone asking me to. I've been telling myself that a stronger person could handle this, and a better Christian wouldn't need help. Those are lies.

Lord, would You show me the difference? Show me what's mine to carry and what was never mine in the first place. Give me the humility to set down the weight that isn't from You, and the courage to ask for hands to help with the weight that is. Forgive me for confusing exhaustion with faithfulness. Forgive me for thinking I had to prove something to You that You've already told me I don't.

Thank You that You gave Moses a Jethro. Thank You that You put people in my life who can see what I can't admit. Help me remember that letting someone help me isn't a weakness. It's the way You designed this whole thing from the beginning.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Might God Be Calling You?

If you sense that God might be calling you
to serve as a Stephen Minister,
contact any member of The Stephen Ministry Team.

Stephen Leaders:
Fritz Koehnen, Ted Mitchell
Kelly Holman-Smith

Stephen Ministers:
Liz Blake, Camrin Koenig, Glenda Letsinger,
Wanita Sanders, Lance Smith.

SPECIAL DATES THIS MONTH

9/3 Dan Dapp
9/3 Carla Rials
9/3 Richard Ingels
9/6 Evelyn Pritchett
9/7 Jessica Miller
9/15 Jordan Rodeheaver
9/18 Russell Falb
9/18 Addyson Pierce
9/25 Paul Schiesler
9/26 Monika Ballance
9/26 Melissa Stansbury

Monday, September 7, 2026
Church Office will be closed.

Friday, September 11, 2026

Baptismal Anniversaries

9/1 Lance Smith
9/4 William Davis
9/4 Dudley Meredith
9/6 Cheyene Smith
9/6 Harley Schiesler
9/15 Jordan Rodeheaver

Friday, September 18, 2026

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

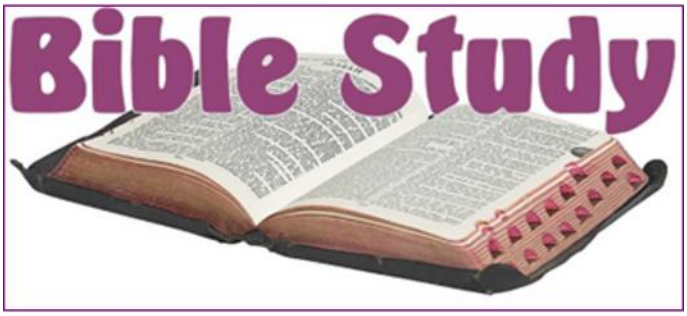
1st Sunday of each month…
A gathering of Christian friends
for lunch at **Luby's.**
Everyone is welcome!
Join us **September 6th!**

Crafty Christians meet every Tuesday at 9 am in the Family Life Center. Come join the fun!

SACK LUNCH BUNCH

If you enjoy good Christian fellowship,
join the **Sack Lunch Bunch** on Tuesday,
September 1st at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
for lunch, fellowship and games.
Guests are always welcome so bring a friend!
More Info?, contact Glenda Letsinger

A bible study will be held every Wednesday at 6 pm beginning September 2nd.
We are studying 1 & 2 Samuel.
Everyone is invited!



CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Ladies Lunch Group

Join the ladies of Redeemer for awesome conversation and Christian fellowship on Tuesday, **September 8th** at 11:15 am at Vautrot's Cajun Cuisine, 13350 TX-105 #3, Bevil Oaks, TX 77713
Bring a friend!
Contact Kim Marks for more information.

RLCC Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 8th
at 5:30 pm.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHILDREN'S CENTER
RLCCC

Elders' Meeting
Sunday, September 13th.

Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision will meet Thursday, September 17th at 6 pm.

Faith & Fellowship

Friends & Family Potluck Breakfast Sunday, September 20th.

The Crafty Christian Group will meet September 29th at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.
All are welcome to join the fun!

Project: Trees
Lunch: Frankie's Italian Grill

HONOR & REMEMBER

HONOR, CELEBRATE AND REMEMBER SOMEONE SPECIAL...

by contributing to the fund of your choice (ex: Roof Fund, Some Other Place, Henry's Place, the Children's Center, VBS, A/C Fund, Landscaping Fund, Church Repair Fund, etc.) in honor of the person or date you wish to commemorate! We will then post it in the weekly Info News and on Proclaim. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the Hallway, along with envelopes for funds, which can be placed in the offering plate.

HOME VISITS

Pastor Micah would love to visit you in your home! To schedule a visit, text or call him at (919)741-7610 or call the church office at (409)892-3286.

Redeemer's Redeemables

Redeemer's "Redeemables"

is a free book that is available to take home and complete tasks and exercises to use as a pathway to growth in discipleship. As tasks are completed; you receive tokens for prizes. Fun!!

The books are located on a shelf in the Fellowship Hall.

CHILDREN'S CENTER VOLUNTEERS

ALL RLCC VOLUNTEERS must have a background check. You must complete the required paperwork, including a copy of your driver's license and social security card. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the church office and we'll assist you with the paperwork.

RLCCC

"Cabinet Ministry"

The cabinet used for this ministry is now located in the hallway across from the bathrooms. The totes to place donations are in the Fellowship Hall under the mailboxes.

Redeemer Family:
Don't forget to check your mailbox located at the far end of the Fellowship Hall.

REMINDER

NewsLetter DEADLine

All articles to be published in next month's Newsletter, must be submitted via email to:
wanita.sanders@gmail.com
by the 20th of September. Thank You!

Come join us for the **3rd Annual Women's Summit**
"You Know Her…Or Do You?"

- Our purpose is to study and learn about God and His influences in our lives.
- To enjoy and learn from each other in a small group setting.
- Help raise partial funds for our "Homeless Project".

Where? – Christ Covenant Church @ 6390 N. Major, Beaumont, TX
When? – September 19th starting at 9 AM
Suggested Donation - $10.00
Contact Mary Dyer (929-899-7233) to register and save your place!
For more information: contact Glenda Letsinger (936-346-9867)

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Adult Bible Study: 9 am Sunday Morning Worship: 10 am