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# REDEEMER REFLECTION

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## HOW MUCH?

by Pastor Michael Geml

“How much?” How often we use this simple, two-word phrase. “How much water should I drink every day?” “How much exercise should I get?” “How much do I owe.” “How much is that doggie in the window?” (for you Patti Page fans). “How much do I love thee?”

Poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning asked and answered that question. She wrote, “How much do I love thee? Let me count the ways. I love thee to the depth and breadth and height my soul can reach...” Not bad, Liz, if you are writing about the relationship between man and woman. But that answer is not quite good enough, at least when it comes to our relationship with God and the two most important questions we will ever ponder: “How much does God love me?” and “How much do I owe?”

Someone once said that if you have to ask what something costs, then you can't afford it. How painfully true.

As the baptized children of God, we know the answer to the question concerning God's love for us. His love extends over all human history coming to fruition at the reality of the cross; the cross Jesus bore out of love for you and me, paying the full price for all of our



sins. The second question remains, “How much do I owe?”

The old hymn reminds us of God's answer, “Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe.” We owe God ALL. Yet, God is never repaid for the

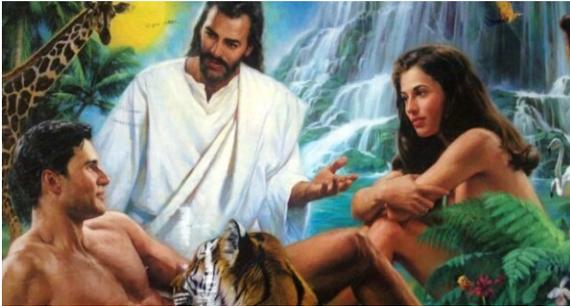
gift of His love and grace. What we owe for such a gift is to live as true children of God, loving Him above all things and loving our neighbors as ourselves. Jesus said, “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to Your Father who is in heaven.” We love others with the love of God so that they too may know that the price required for their salvation has already been paid.

To God be the glory!



## FROM THE GARDEN

by Judy Speed



### PRICE – GARDEN OF EDEN

Last night, during our weekly *Bethel Bible Study*, Craig brought to our attention the often-misunderstood event that took place in the Garden of Eden. He simply asked us why God banished Adam and Eve from the Garden once they ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

Most believe that Adam and Eve were banished from the Garden of Eden because they disobeyed God and ate from the tree, and hence they committed sin. And, as a result of this sin, they were banished from the presence of God.

Actually, God banished Adam from the Garden, not because of sin, but to prevent him from eating from the Tree of Life and spending eternity in that sin. If God did not prevent Adam from eating from the Tree of Life after he had sinned, a future redemption through the physical death of one of Adam's descendants (Jesus Christ) would not have been possible.

We're told the Tree of Life, which God did not want Adam and Eve to eat from, is presently in Paradise, the intermediate Heaven. (Revelation 2:7) The New Jerusalem itself, also in the present Heaven, will be brought down, the Tree of Life and all, and placed on the New Earth (Revelation 21:2).

What a blessed Bible study we are enjoying!



Youth Group Night will be held in the RAC on the second Sunday of every month. This month, that will be November 10 at 5:30 p.m. See Dave or Kim McFarland with any questions, or email us at [damkrm@hotmail.com](mailto:damkrm@hotmail.com) for more information. We would love to have anyone attend who is in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades and who loves to eat and play games! Come join the fun!

### FAMILY FAITH LIFE

by Kimber Walsh, Director of Family Life Education, CFLE, Redeemer Lutheran Church

#### Deal

I love a good deal. I hunt for bargains as often as I can. I try to find coupons or codes to give me discounts on items that I need. And it makes me excited when I can stretch my dollar extra far especially on bigger ticket items. When I enter a store, I typically make a b-line for the sales racks before proceeding to the full priced areas.



Paying full price feels so extravagant to me. Even if it was a budgeted for and planned for purchase of an item that does not get discounted, I lament inside that I couldn't get a deal. Even if it was a much-needed item that is a huge blessing and worth every penny I paid for it, I still wish, deep down, I could've gotten a deal on it. Some might call this frugal; others may call it stingy, but whatever it's called, it's definitely me.

I get the idea that while financial stewardship is of great priority to God, He doesn't seem to mind a high price tag when it comes to what matters—us.

*“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: ‘Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.’”*  
Galatians 3:13

God sent Jesus to buy us back from the curse of the law, by becoming a curse for us and dying on the cross. It's incredible to me that we have a God who loves us enough to do that for us. It's almost as though He didn't even stop to consider the price once. He did, though. He considered it. And He still paid the price without hesitation. *For us.*



“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 5:18). There is misunderstanding around this verse by some who take it to mean that we are to

be thankful for all circumstances, but the text actually says to be thankful *IN* all circumstances. That is a noticeable difference. We might not be thankful for all the hard things that happen each day, but we can still be thankful in the hard moments. We can still acknowledge that God is good, God has given us many blessings in the midst of the hard days, and that our salvation remains sure in Jesus even when this world seems to get the better of us. We can use our times of giving thanks as opportunities to talk about God and shape faith as we are charged to do in Deuteronomy 6:6-7:

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the way, when you lie down and when you get up.”*

Here are some ideas for how we can talk about thankfulness and point our families to God as we return our thanks to Him for all that He's given to us:



**Thank You Post-Its**—Take a pad of small sized Post-It notes and write or draw one thing you're thankful for per sheet. Challenge yourselves to go beyond the “big” and ordinary things that we frequently list. Find a big open wall space or window to stick all the notes onto. If you can, continue this practice for several days. When complete, talk about the multitude of things that your family is thankful for.



**Table Turns**—Go around the table and list things you're thankful

for—at the Thanksgiving meal or anytime. (You could even begin to make this a daily practice in your home.) Return thanks to God for all the things you come up with.



**Highs/Lows**—Take turns sharing your highs and lows of the day. List things you can be thankful for in each high and each low. The highs will be easy, but try to take the hard things from a day and see how you can be thankful for certain parts of those things, too. This may take some creative thinking and extra guidance on parents' part. Model it with your own lows. Spend time in prayer of thanksgiving for all you came up with.



**The Giver & Receiver**— Sometimes we forget that God is the Giver of everything we have. Yes, it's "our" money and "our" stuff, but God is the ultimate Provider of it all as He is the source of all we have. We are merely the very blessed receivers. See if you can point out together a long list of things that God has provided (gifts, groceries, electricity, water, etc.). Talk about how cool it is that everything we receive comes to us from God by way of lots of other people who make it and sell it and give it to us.

As you and your family go about this month, think about ways you can foster giving thanks to God in all circumstances and point to Him as the Giver of all good things that we have.

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## NOT OUR PLAN

by Claudina Kestner

December 15, 2017. This day will stay cemented in my brain for the rest of my life. That was the day our lives got rattled and turned upside down, or so we thought. The kids and I used to have a ritual on Fridays. I would get up with Dad and take him to work so we could have the car, and could do our usual "Fun Friday" activities. These activities would include grocery shopping math, picking up craft supplies at our local craft store, hit up a park, etc. Our "school day" was much more relaxed on this day and we used our experiences through the day as our classroom. Our errands were done when it was time to pick Dad back up from work.

On December 15, not only did our routine get disrupted, but our lives changed. We had just stopped at Biggby to treat ourselves to a coffee and were heading into JoAnn's to grab some last-minute craft supplies to finish off some Christmas gifts. We LOVE homemade Christmas! I remember standing in the Styrofoam aisle when, out of the blue, I received a FaceTime call. Hmmm. Strange.

I grabbed my phone out of my pocket and it was my husband calling. When I answered, the look on his face was absolutely dreadful. Sheer pain and agony were written across his face. My heart just sank, and a complete numbness crept up and enveloped my whole body. Although he didn't need to tell me what happened, the look was enough evidence to tell the story.

I just listened as he muttered that he needed to be picked up because he had just been fired. Our kiddos could tell, by the look on my face and our exit of the

store, that there was something terribly wrong.

The drive to pick him up is only about 10-15 minutes away, but on that day it seemed like eternity. I

just wanted to get to my husband and lift up his crushed soul and surround him with the love of his family.

It's never a good feeling to get canned, but for men, it's [often] different than for women. There's pride connected with it, along with the sense of responsibility that has been instilled ever since the beginning of time. The men are the hunters and gatherers. They bring home the bacon.

He knew this day, his day, was coming as there were many before him [who had been laid-off]. His service of 13 years had come to an end and there we were, just the four of us, sitting in the parking lot of his now-former employer. Completely jobless, but [we were] hugging him and giving him the love and support that he richly deserved because of all of the time, effort, and dedication that he'd put into this place [his job]. It was so completely shocking at first thinking, "Wow, this is a bit frightening. Two parents, raising a family, with pets, a car payment, and a mortgage payment on top of all the other bills we have, and we are **JOBLESS.**"

I had left my teaching position to homeschool our two kids. I do get a thank you check from Young Living, but it just covers our wellness box that we receive monthly. It was almost too hard to wrap my brain around this. We were jobless. Along with the other hundreds



of thoughts running through my mind, I thought, "Did we get too comfortable? Maybe too cocky? Maybe we thought we were invincible? Or maybe was this a blessing?"

Once the shock wore off and feeling came back into our bodies, our first plan of action was prayer. I grabbed our bottle of Believe essential oil and had everyone rub it on them, then prayed:

*"Dear Heavenly Father, You are so precious to us. We laud and magnify Your glory. Lord, we just want to thank you for the provision that You have given to us all these years and allowing Daddy to give his service to this company. Lord, we know that You were already here before us and have the perfect plan for us. Your plan is always so much better than ours. Lord, we ask that you give us comfort and support during this time and to guide our steps. In Your name we pray, Amen!"*

Matthew 6:25-27  
DO NOT WORRY

Worrying

25 Therefore I tell you, **do not worry** about **your life**,.....what you will eat or drink; or about **your body**,...what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and Is not the body more than clothes?

26 Look at **the birds of the air**; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. **Are you not much more valuable than they?**

27 Can any one of you by **worrying** **add a single hour to your life?**

Our joblessness was **WHERE** we were. It wasn't **WHO** we were. We

didn't let our situation define us. Also, we didn't worry. We are God's children and He commands us *not* to worry.

There are times in life when we get too comfortable. We're afraid to move out of that comfort zone we're in to improve ourselves. God has that tendency to move us even when we're not ready. He shakes things up so the pieces can fit better in our lives. Would worrying help us get a job? Absolutely not. Would worry put food on the table for us? Nope! God did!

So stop worrying and have Faith! Like my Momma always says, "Everything will work out; it always does." She's right. It always does. It may not be exactly the way that WE want, but it's the way that God has it planned. God is



present. He's already there waiting on us to call on Him. He provided my husband with a position where he is valued so much more as a person. They look up to him and he is under way less stress than before. This makes for a happier, healthier husband and Daddy.

Blessings to you, friends. May you be grateful, have faith, and live Oola. Until we meet again, keep your eyes and your

hearts on our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.

## HOW YOUR GREATEST STRUGGLES SHAPE YOU

by Susan Merrill

Excerpts from [http://www.imom.com/how-your-greatest-struggles-shape-you/?utm\\_](http://www.imom.com/how-your-greatest-struggles-shape-you/?utm_)

Audrey Hepburn moved through life like a queen. She walked elegantly, dressed beautifully, and lived luxuriously. She was a movie star, known for her outward appearance. But



what I admire about her is what the world couldn't see: her inward beauty, borne in the struggles she survived. She could have allowed her early life experiences to harden her or make her bitter. Instead, she let her greatest struggles lead to the two passions that mattered

most to her: being a mother and working with UNICEF to help children.

Audrey lived through World War II as a child



in Europe. Nazis imprisoned her brother in a labor camp. She watched two of her family members get shot in the streets. She saw children starve to death. She herself nearly starved, which caused long-term respiratory problems and anemia. As a young wife, she had multiple miscarriages and a stillbirth. Despite all she went through, she remained warm and kind. She let her suffering serve a purpose—to help others.

Great struggle can lead to great passion.

For Audrey, living through the horrors of war fostered her passion for aiding people in dire need. So she didn't become entitled when she gained fame as an actress. She used her fame to



become a UNICEF Ambassador. “I can testify to what UNICEF means to children,” she once said, “because I was among those who received food and medical relief right after World War II.” Her struggle inspired her to help others in the same way others once had helped her. What are your struggles in life? Use them to fuel a passion to help others who can't help themselves.

During the struggle, we can't always predict the passion...

We can't always tell which passions God is developing while we struggle. But I believe that God is always shaping us. He's preparing us for what we're called to do...What struggles are you

enduring now? They can lead you to pursue your next passion.

God is still working on us.

As Audrey faced each new struggle in each new season of life, she allowed struggles in life to shape her. As mothers, God uses struggles with our kids to shape us. But parenting is a short season of life. Yes, we are parents forever, even after our children leave home. Then, when the day-to-day parenting is done, God uses whatever comes next, including new struggles, to shape us even more...God can use our struggles to open our hearts to passions that will change our lives and other people's—if we let Him.

### **What struggles have helped you discover your passions?**

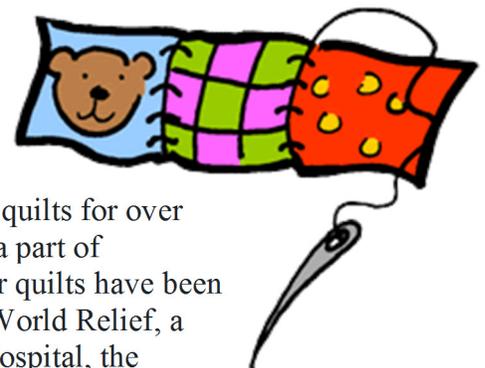
\*Maybe sharing our struggles with fellow members of Redeemer through the *Reflection* newsletter will help others, even as it can help us to hone our passions into service to others as we serve our Lord.

## **QUILTERS**

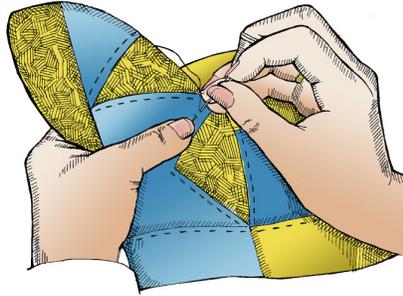
by Marilyn Rockwell

The Quilters of Redeemer have been meeting and making quilts for over 40 years as a part of LWML. Our quilts have been donated to World Relief, a Veteran's Hospital, the Aware Shelter, an orphanage, families in need at Christmastime, and the Interfaith Shelter, just to name a few.

We are struggling now to even get four people to tie the quilts. We would



like to invite anyone and everyone to help “tie” quilts; even just once a month would be a great help. It’s easy to do and requires no special skills;



just the ability to poke a threaded needle through fabric, pull it through, and tie. It’s easy, relaxing, and a chance to get together with other gals (and guys) in the church for a good cause, in a much needed ministry area, that is a wonderful service to our community.

We meet at church from April to December. In the winter months, we do not meet at church, but continue to cut squares and “tie” quilts in our homes as we each have opportunity.

If we do not get more people involved, the Quilters may have to disband altogether. Quilting is a great craft to learn and the “cutting” and tying are simple enough for older children to learn and participate in, especially over the winter months. This could be added to homeschooling activities/education curriculum.



Definitely a great tool to teach planning, organization, and follow-through to a completed project.

Come and join us on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month,

April through December, in the Choir Room in the lower level at church. We really do have fun...and it’s fun for any age. Fellowship and helping hands are always a great combination! Please join us and keep a great thing going. Thank you!



## NOVEMBER

Lori Zeidan	11/01
Kirsten Mogle	11/06
Dean Potter	11/06
Leah Anderson	11/07
Pastor Michael Geml	11/07
Richard Kline	11/07
Tony Farley	11/09
Kristofer Herrick	11/12
Bill Poland	11/15
Don Curl	11/21
Duane Coon	11/27
Jon Bahr	11/27

## PRICE

by Peggy Bennitt

One trip to the store and our senses are inundated with price signs and bargain announcements. Blue-Light specials and Dollar Day bargains were once the norm, and in fact, can still be found in new and more innovative forms even

today. Two-fer and BOGO ads pop up on our computer screens and flop out of our mail boxes constantly.

The price of an item usually reflects its value. The old adage “If it sounds too good to be true; it probably is” is based on truth. Clichés like “You can’t get something for nothing” and “You get what you pay for” are true more often than not. So how do we know when The Price Is Right?

Unlike the game show that began in the ’50s, the price of an item can depend on the person who plans to pay the price. Not only does the price tag determine the purchase price, but the willingness of the buyer to spend the amount asked for will decide whether the seller receives the asking price or not. Simple: supply=demand. While this is the usual equation for pricing, it does not hold true when it comes to salvation.

When the God of All gave His life to save Everything Ever Made, He did not get a bargain. He got a bunch of unruly, sinful, stubborn miscreants whom are constantly unthankful, demanding, prideful, and cruel. He created us perfect, put us in a perfect world with untold universes surrounding us, and we trashed it...trashed it all—and continue to this day to disrupt His plans as best we can.

He gave us the priceless gift of life and life eternal. When we rejected that, He offered Himself as a sacrifice so that we could stand perfected before Father God and have that eternity promised, and we continue to disrespect Him and His Gift to this day.

Only God could see us as worthy of His Son’s death and resurrection. Only God could show such unconditional love to such unlovable creatures as we are. We are not worth the price He paid. Only because our resurrected Jesus

stands between us and God’s all-seeing eye can we hope to enter an eternity of



God’s perfect love.

Because we are viewed by Father God through his Son’s perfect atonement for sin, we can be seen to be worthy of the price paid for our place in our Heavenly Home. The cost was unbelievable. The price was paid. We were bought with a price. That price was Jesus.



## HOW FREE IS FREE?

by Craig Britton

“The Spirit and the Bride say, ‘Come.’  
And let the one who hears say, ‘Come.’  
And let the one who is thirsty come;  
let the one who desires  
take the water of life without price.”

Revelation 22:17

I remember growing up here in the Jackson area with T.V. broadcasting outlets from Detroit and Lansing as well as our hometown. The Detroit interests

came blaring into our home with what became a familiar face and voice. Even to a child. The voice belonged to a man by the name of Ollie Fretter, who owned a chain of appliance stores in the greater Detroit area and his famous “get-your-attention-line” was this: “Free is a very good price.” Now as a kid, I remember thinking he was right, although I couldn’t quite figure out how “free” helped the guy doing the commercial. Of course, now I understand the issue of “the hook.” But I’m pushing sixty now and I still hear that voice from time to time. It worked. And I like free.

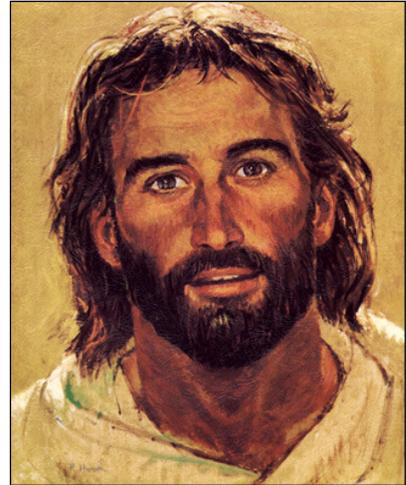
What about you? Do you like free stuff? Free candy? Free food? Free satellite radio? Free anything? Of course, you do. In fact, our culture, market-driven and sustained as it is, does its level best to drive us to want everything for nothing. Strange, don’t you think? In fact, I think it is human nature to want to spend, give, or exert as little of me to get as much as I can from another.

God’s Word, the Bible, reveals a God who thinks and acts quite differently. How free is free? Well that depends. You and I know that *nothing* is free. There’s always a catch and there’s always a cost. Free is in either the eye of the supplier or the receiver and I guarantee (sounds like Ollie Fretter again), no supplier of any good or service gives anything for free.

But...back to this God of the Bible. Thinking and acting in the realm of total giving is His deal. And the results are so amazing that most of us tuck those results in, walk along, and don’t think of them, or Him, nearly as much as we should. Odd. We’re probably too busy looking for another great deal or even something else for free.

I guess this is kind of a devotion, and the text I chose I would tag my “Ollie

Fretter Verse.” No irreverence intended. God’s greatest gift is free. Now it’s not forgiveness, life, or salvation I’m referring to here. It is the effective cause of all of those. The Gift I’m referring to is Jesus, God’s Son. Now you may be thinking, “Can you separate those other things from Jesus?” My answer? Yes ... and no. The stunning beauty (and I mean that) of



forgiveness, life and salvation from God are beyond description. Truly. But the Son who pays the price does so out of a love and devotion to His Father first, and then to us. That is so beyond consideration that sometimes I fear we do stop considering Him.

Notice I said the Son pays. He pays. He counts the cost and blows right past it. He sacrifices, and gives and gives so that we can only say, “Yes, I believe.” It’s honestly hard to write this on this early Saturday morning without a lot of tears welling up. Why? Because I realize, with fingers on the keyboard, that I consider far too little the One who comes to me to offer first Himself and then His gifts “without price.”

Oh, there is a cost. While I don’t pay it, I must look upon it. Upon Him. Again, and again. We all must.

So, the next time you and I hear a T.V., internet or radio ad blazing the claim that something you want is free, remember, it’s what you and I *need* (and need every day) that is offered free. And

if by chance there might be someone reading this that hasn't yet, then take the deal because "free is a very good price." Amen.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ***ALONE, BUT NOT ALONE*** **GROUP**

by Gail Kleimola

We had a very nice get-together this month, and three new persons came. We enjoyed each other very much.

This group was created for fellowship, friendship, and just helping each other. Anyone who is single or alone is encouraged to join us when you can. There are so many wonderful events coming up in our area and beyond, that we could attend together. We can carpool if desired. If you have ideas, please let the group know, and those who would like to join in the event can do so.

Our next meeting will be on November 14 at Alpha Coney Island at Jackson Crossing (Paka Plaza to some of us older adults). We will meet at 10:00 a.m. for breakfast. This time and place was a suggestion of several members, so we would love for you to come. If you have not yet attended a meeting, please join us.

I would like to add this thought from a conference I attended last month:

"If the Lord meant for us to be alone, why do we have so many people in our lives?"

Dr. Rich Bimler

☺ **Thursdays, Ongoing: *Bethel Bible Study***. This series will meet every Thursday evening from **6:30-9:00 p.m.**, throughout the normal school year.

☺ **Sunday, November 3: *COFFEE SUNDAY***. The Youth Group will be selling delicious coffee and hot chocolate after each service. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to support upcoming youth events and activities. Each young person in Youth Group has an account that is credited each time they participate in one of the fundraisers. If they don't help out, their account will not grow to provide their personal funding for trips and activities. This is a fun and easy way to put money in your account.

☺ **Thursday, November 7: *Chancel Guild***. Chancel meets the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. We welcome new members!

☺ **Sunday, November 10: *Youth Night*** from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Youth Night will be on the second Sunday of each month throughout the school year. Come join us for Bible study with discussion topics, food, fun, and fellowship.

☺ **Thursday, November 14: *LWML Women of Redeemer***. Meeting from 10:00 a.m. to noon, with Bible study as well as planning for the future.

☺ **Thursday, November 14: *ALONE, but Not Alone Group.*** We will meet for breakfast as well as planning for the future. Meet at Alpha Coney Island at 10:00 a.m. at Jackson Crossing (Paka Plaza)

☺ **Saturday, November 16: *Baby Shower for Jesus.*** From 12:00 Noon until 2:00 p.m. Bring a gift and come celebrate life and the hope that comes with Jesus' birth! Food and fun and helping moms and babies in need.

Help provide baby items for Birthline so it can continue to serve new mothers and mothers-to-be in our community. This is a Thrivent-supported event to encourage God's people to #LiveGenerously.

☺ **Sunday, December 8: *Annual Voters' Meeting.*** Immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

☺ **Ongoing Fund Raising—All Youth**—we need your help and you need the funds for all of the activities we have in store this year! If you don't help with the fundraising events, you can't earn the money you'll need to attend events and participate in trips, concerts, and other activities.

**Coffee Sundays:** November 3, March 8, and May 10.

**Poinsettia Sale:** December 15 and Dec. 22.

**Easter Lily Sale:** April 5

**Sub Sandwich Sale:** Taking orders for subs on January 19 and 26, Sub-making on February 1, with delivery of the sandwiches on February 2.

## VOLUNTEER TO SERVE

by Phyllis Tschabrun

Dear Friends in Christ,

The last eight years or so, I've volunteered at Together We Can Make a Difference Gift and Toy Store. I've wrapped puzzles, stuffed gift baskets, done data entry, baked cookies, and various other service projects. Here is a list of items the Toy Store can use for gift baskets and stocking stuffers:

- Full size shampoo
- Deodorants
- Bar soap
- Shavers
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Washcloths
- Toilet paper
- Other personal use toiletries

Also needed are small travel toiletries for stocking stuffers.



Volunteers are valuable and appreciated help in the preparation of the Toy Store and as necessary workers at the store when it opens. May God bless everyone who can volunteer to help make The Priceless Gift and Toy Store a success again this year.

## PRICELESS GIFT STORE

The Priceless Gift Toy Store is a community service of Together We Can Make A Difference House.

*Jesus said, By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13: 35.*

We have an opportunity to demonstrate God’s love to families who are hurting. For thirteen years, Jackson has come together to serve an average of 4,000 children each year with Christmas gifts. We can be good stewards of what God has provided by sharing used toys our own children have outgrown and/or making handmade gifts to donate.



Donations of gently used toys or handmade gifts will be accepted Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. October 15 through November

27. Priceless Gift Toy Store preparations will be done at the Dream Center, 730 Tomlinson Street, Jackson. We will work there **Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** until Thanksgiving Eve. After Thanksgiving, The Priceless Gift Toy Store will be open for 10 days for actual “shoppers,” November 29 through December 14.

Please call David or Wendy to ask questions and/or volunteer in any way to help in this important ministry. Thank you for all your prayers and hard work to make a difference in the lives of the children in our community.

David Kemler, General Manager, St. Vincent de Paul Stores (517-784-8377 for David)  
Wendy Wight, Director, Together We Can Make A Difference (517-740-8444 for Wendy).

## BACKPACK PROGRAM YEAR 13

Redeemer’s Backpack Program began again in mid-October, which marked Redeemer’s 13<sup>th</sup> year of providing food for children in need at Frost Elementary School.

Once again, the P/S Food Mart at the Citgo gas station, located at 500 Longfellow Avenue off of Wildwood, is supporting this program. During October, P/S Food Mart customers are encouraged to purchase two pop tarts for \$1.00 or a whole box for \$3.00, to be donated to the Backpack Program. The Backpack Team encourages Redeemer members and friends to visit this gas station/food mart and consider purchasing and donating Pop Tarts for those in the Backpack program.



## CHANCEL MEMBERS NEEDED

There is a real need for more Chancel members to serve in the care of the altar area here at Redeemer. Duties are minimal, yet spiritually rewarding. If you are looking for a way to help serve in caring for God’s House, please prayerfully consider joining the Chancel.

The regular monthly meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m.; the next meeting will be on November 7. If you would like more information on this opportunity to serve



here at Redeemer, please contact Judy Speed.



## FOR JESUS

On Saturday, November 16, we are giving a *Baby Shower for Jesus*, here at Redeemer, from 12:00 noon—2:00 p.m. in the large study room in the lower level. This is a fun way for us to celebrate new life and provide baby items for \*Birthline to help them continue to serve new mothers and mothers-to-be in our community. All “shower gifts” will be donated to \*Birthline. Claudina Kestner is the contact person for this event.

Thrivent Financial supports this event and encourages God’s people to **#LiveGenerously**.

### **These are some of the items needed at \*Birthline on a daily basis:**

- Size 4 - Size 6 diapers, Newborn diapers (not preemies)

- Onesies, socks, shoes (sizes 0-8)
- Baby items in good condition; bassinets, high chairs, car seats (no more than 5 years old, check mfg. date stamp, model number), swings, pack-n-plays, saucers (no wheels), potty seats, changing tables
- Crib sheets and pack-n-play sheets
- Baby towels and washcloths
- Toiletries; flat fold wipes, shampoo, baby wash, lotion (no baby powder)
- Safety items, dishes, fork/spoons
- Baby monitors, diaper bags
- Books for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers – including Christian books
- Modern books on pregnancy, parenting and child rearing
- **No knitted or crocheted items**



\*Birthline is located at 1000 E. Porter Street, Suite 1, in Jackson, Michigan, 49202. Their hours are:

- ♥ Tuesday—10-4
- ♥ Thursday—10-7
- ♥ Saturday—Please call first!

Phone: 517-784-9187

\*Birthline is a 501 (c ) (3) non-profit faith-based organization supported entirely by donations of money and goods from the community and staffed solely by volunteers. Donations are tax deductible.

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Divine Service— C 8:00 a.m. All Bible Classes 9:20 a.m.-10:20 a.m. Praise Service 10:30 a.m. <b>COFFEE SUNDAY</b> After each Service	Adult Choir 6:30 p.m.  Handbells 7:30 p.m.	Hour of Prayer— Chapel 7:15 a.m.	Craig's Countryside Bible Study 1:30 p.m.  Praise Team 7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer 8:00 a.m. Chancel Guild 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study— 2:00 p.m. Craig's Bible S.A. Study— 2:30 p.m. Bethel Bible Study—6:30 p.m.			
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
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