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REDEEMER REFLECTION

*From the Intentional
Interim Pastor's
Desk...*

MEMORIES

by Reverend Carl Bassett,
Intentional Interim Pastor

*Seek the LORD, and His
strength: seek His face
evermore. Remember His
marvelous works that He*

*hath done; His wonders, and the
judgments of His mouth . . . He hath
remembered His covenant forever, the
word which He commanded to a
thousand generations.*

Psalms 105:4, 5 and 8

Dear Family in Christ,

Every year, on the last Monday of May, a very special day is set aside in our nation to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and given their lives in defense of our beloved country. Sadly, *Memorial Day* will pass and most people will be so caught up in COVID recovery, picnics, family gatherings, or outdoor projects that we won't even give much thought to the real meaning of the day. That's



too bad, because remembering does many things.

Memories fill our hearts and minds, recalling the stark reality of what actually happened in the past, as many fellow citizens have been called to serve, sacrifice, protect, and preserve our freedoms that we hold so dear. Special

days of remembrance like this one jog our **memories**, encouraging us to see and give thanks for the dedication and sacrifice of those ordinary, yet extraordinary, men and women who fought and died for us all. Remembering stirs within the **memories** of each of us, a sense of gratitude and appreciation, and it strengthens our resolve to do our part in serving God, country and others.

You know, all through the Bible, the **memories** and remembering of God's people are evident. We are continually urged to stop and recall what our Awesome God has done for His people. In fact, Psalm 105 is really a song of remembrance of God's goodness to His beloved ones—you and me! It traces His direction, provision, and protection through their history

and the lives of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and Moses. *You know what?* As believers in the 21st century, by exercising our “spiritual” **memories**, we can look back over a much longer history and see how God’s plan of salvation has and is unfolding, and observe His incredible ongoing goodness to us.

Folks, our text for the month in these first eight verses actually shows the natural progression of what happens when I pause to remember—I give thanks to Him and continue calling on Him. I sing of Him, and talk with fellow believers of all He has done. Then, I must go tell others of His greatness. When I stop to trace the work of God’s hand in my life and in the world around me, these things just come naturally.

But the key to being able to rejoice in the past is not found in just counting the number of good things that have happened, but in remembering that God remembers us and loves us! We



remember the Ultimate Warrior, Jesus Christ, has given His life so that you and I might live, free from the bondage of sin that threatens us. I can rejoice because our Lord never forgets His “*Search and Rescue Mission*” for us, and He never forsakes His promises. Even

when life is tough and things don’t seem to make sense to me, I can rest assured that He is in control and He is working out His plan in me. He has my best interest at heart. Knowing this encourages and strengthens me, and pushes me to do my best to live for Him, filling my mind and **memories** with the abundance of grace and love that He daily showers upon me.

The words of an old spiritual song really says it all:

*“When I remember the cross that He bore,
When I remember the thorns that He wore,
My heart cries out, ‘Oh Christ divine,
I’m thine forever!’
When I remember what He did for me.”*

As our **memories** “light the corners of my mind...of the ways we were,” may we be led to pray always,

“Dear Father, help me daily to look back at Your faithfulness and praise You for being a God who remembers and will never stop loving me!”

Have a great month for the Lord!

Peace and Love in Christ,

Pastor Bassett

TOPIC FOR JUNE

The *Reflection* newsletter is meant to reflect Jesus through our lives into our community and the world in which we live. **The writing prompt for June is *Cultivate*.** How can we help cultivate a culture of faith through our home life and church family that will spread like a

pandemic to those around us? What would that look like?

Our print media, and all other communication from and through Redeemer Lutheran Church, is designed to *reflect* His light to a searching world. Send articles, information, and/or photos by the 15th of each month, to bennitt49@yahoo.com, to be included in the following month's newsletter. All submissions are appreciated and prayerfully considered.



😊 **Mondays, Ongoing: *Women's Bible Study: Altogether Beautiful*.** This Bible study will meet every Monday morning at **10:00 a.m.** in the large *Connection* classroom in the lower level or live online. *Altogether Beautiful* is a study based on Song of Songs in the Bible, and will begin on April 26. (Masks/distancing guidelines will be the same as on Sundays.) Sign up in the narthex or call the church office to get more information.

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

😊 **Sunday, May 2: Confirmation Sunday.** Confirmation will take place during the **10:30 a.m. service**. The **Annual Prayer Walk** will begin at 2:00 p.m. on May 2. Redeemer participants will meet at the McDonald's on Prospect.

😊 **Thursday, May 6: *Chancel Guild*.** Begins at 10:00 a.m. Chancel meets the first Thursday of each month and welcomes new members at any time! Also, May 6 is the **National Day of Prayer**. See page 7 of this newsletter for more information.

😊 **Sunday, May 9: Mothers' Day.**

😊 **Thursday, May 20: *LWML Women of Redeemer*.** Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.

😊 **Saturday, May 22: *Mobile Food Pantry at Trinity*.** From 10:00—11:30 a.m. Ongoing event, the fourth Saturday of each month. Redeemer partners with Trinity in this outreach to serve the community. We need volunteers to be available from 9:00 a.m. until Noon.

😊 **Monday-Wednesday, June 21-23: *Vacation Bible School*.** Evenings from 6:00-7:45 p.m., for 4-10 year-olds in our congregation and community.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY AND GIVEAWAY

The former Community Care Day, in partnership with Trinity Lutheran Church over the past few years, is now a monthly event: the Mobile Food Pantry. Each month we also provide

non-food specialty items to fill additional personal needs, as we become aware of them in our community.

We are collecting **full-sized containers of laundry detergent** for future giveaways. This is another way we can help with providing necessities to our community. **Please put your donated items in the provided bin in the narthex.**

The food items that we distribute are provided through Compassionate Ministries of Jackson County. This is a wonderful organization in the Jackson area, and more information can be found online at www.cmjackson.org/

If you'd like to volunteer and get involved with these ***fourth-Saturday-of-the-month*** opportunities to serve our community, please contact the church office at 517-750-3100.

Thank you all for being so generous during these unusual times.

LET'S CELEBRATE!

The *Reflection* newsletter has added a members' wedding anniversary list each month. Please help us make this a complete and accurate registry by sending your anniversary information to the church office, and cc it to the newsletter as well. The church office email address is:

office@redeemerjackson.org and the newsletter email is bennitt49@yahoo.com. Please include the names of both spouses and the date of the marriage, including the year. Celebrating marriages and the commitment of couples to their marriage promise is a way of

recognizing a covenant honored and blessed by God.

Sharing these special occasions with our church family helps build and cement relationships, while also providing encouragement to engaged couples and newlyweds by the examples of successful marriage commitments viewed all around them.

Please help us with this new opportunity to celebrate special events with each other.



CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Call Committee is currently working on developing an interview strategy to be used with potential pastoral call candidates. We, as a congregation, have furnished the District with three separate questionnaire results in conjunction with the Call process requirements and are now waiting for District to compile a list of prospective candidates that are compatible with Redeemer's needs.

Please keep this ongoing process in your prayers, along with the members of our Call Committee. God already knows who He has planned for Redeemer's next pastor, and our prayer support is a key element in the *Call process.



*Want to stay up to date on the latest news regarding the Call Committee's work toward calling our next pastor? You can visit our website anytime at

redeemerjackson.org/news/pastoral-call-updates/. There are also updates weekly in the bulletin, on the slides, and during the pre-service verbal announcements.

FAITHFUL FAMILIES

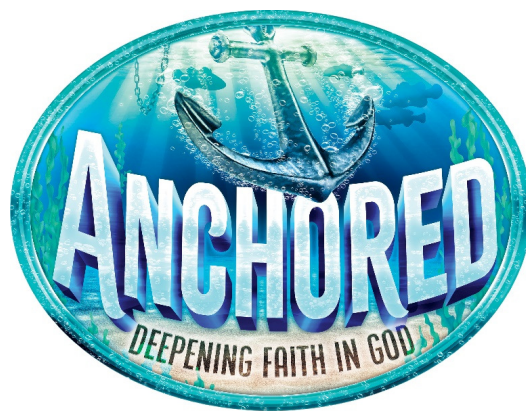
A new source of information for building up our families in a godly manner can be found online with a visit to redeemerjackson.org/faithfulfamily. Articles for godly parenting and grandparenting, discipleship, living faithfully in the world, and other related content is being added weekly.

This is a good spot to get some first-hand experiences and insights from others who are struggling with or have struggled through issues that affect every family at some point in life.

Check it out and discover helpful family life ideas.



A huge thank you to Sally Wingle for baking and designing the Easter cookies that she provided for the congregation on Easter Sunday. They were beautiful and delicious!



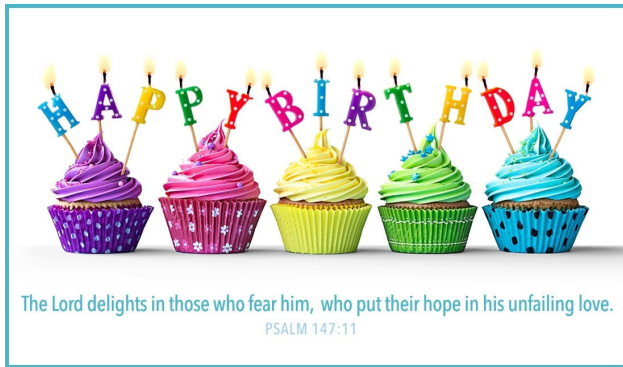
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

by Kimber Walsh, CFLE

This year at Vacation Bible School, we are deepening our faith in God with *Anchored* on June 21-23 from 6-7:45 p.m. Registration for ages 4-10 is now open at redeemerjackson.org. If you'd like to be a part of the crew, please contact the office.



Thank you, Sally, for sharing your talent with your Redeemer Family!



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Jerimiah Bigelow	05/01
Kelly Schnebelt	05/03
Jim Hood	05/04
Tiffany Kane	05/04
Art Drake	05/07
Dave Althouse	05/09
Jim Weatherwax	05/09
Brittney Gales	05/14
Karen Dewey	05/18
Derrick Gales	05/17
Logan McFarland	05/20
Trenton Schnebelt	05/20
Jerry Rockwell	05/21
Crystal Challendar	05/21
Barb Hock	05/22
Deanna Brandt	05/23
Kim Britton	05/25
Caeley Schnebelt	05/25
Nancy Bryant	05/27
Dan Wilcox	05/28
Pam Brown	05/29
Averi Thomas	05/30
Megan Bahr	05/31

MEMORIES

by Peggy Bennitt

*...the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed took bread:
²⁴ And when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, "Take, eat: this is My*

body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me." ²⁵ *After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, "This cup is the new testament in My blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

1 Corinthians 11:23-25 (KJV)

How many of us have fond memories of great meals together with friends and family? Maybe we even have photos of these special meals or gatherings. Maybe as we look through those old pictures of times gone by, we feel a



sense of loss as we realize that some of those loved ones are no longer with us. But, in spite of the losses, we feel warmth and joy from the

thoughts and feelings that these memories evoke.

Memories are powerful connections to the generations that have gone before, as well as loving connections to those still around us; people who make our lives so much more special than they would be without them.

When I read the passage from 1 Corinthians, I often wonder how the disciples would feel about this snippet of time caught here in this Bible verse,

if they were here today. Would it bring them joy? Or would there be grief in their recollections?

As we look back on our pasts, do we recognize the good, as well as the bad in the decisions we've made? Would we do it all over again, even knowing that some of those choices would not turn out as well as planned?



In the movie *It's A Wonderful Life*, when things aren't going well for George Bailey, he wishes that he'd never been born...and that wish is



granted by Clarence, his guardian angel. As he enters into this new world where he does not exist, and never has, he begins to realize how many others were touched and influenced by his life and actions.

Now, take the disciples and Jesus out of the scenario of the Lord's Supper and out of that time and place. Imagine they'd never been born. How do you

think that would have changed our present history?

Maybe no New Testament. No



Christmas. No Easter. Would there even be churches? What about missionaries? Would there be a need for them? No Jesus? No salvation. Would we still be waiting for a savior? Would there even be a *world* anymore without Jesus?

Thankfully, we'll never know. Praise the Lord! Our Jesus was and is and ever shall be! He brought us hope! He brought us salvation! And He is still bringing it today!

We remember His life, death, and resurrection every time we celebrate the Lord's Supper. We do it "in remembrance" of Him, just as He told us to do. Our memories of Him have been since the beginning, and will be a "forever legacy" for those who come after us.

"Remember Me," says Jesus as He shares a meal with His disciples. Remember My sacrifice...shed for you." Remember My resurrection. Remember My Home with a place there I have prepared for you. Remember Me!

Memories and meals often go hand-in-hand and can keep the cycle of family and friends connected from generation to generation. Where would

we be without these connections through the ages?



He says, with love,
"Do this, and remember Me."

PRAYER EVENTS

Please join your church family for two very important **PRAYER EVENTS** in May.



† Jackson City-Wide Annual **PRAYER WALK** on Sunday, May 2. We will meet at 2 p.m. at the McDonald's parking lot on Prospect near 4th Street, and walk (or drive if you prefer), praying for all those residents in the area outlined on the map in the narthex. We will walk 6 feet apart as per COVID-19 guidelines.

† **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** gathering at NOON on Thursday, May 6, at Austin Blair Park, 600 South Jackson St., downtown. We will gather in-person, with current COVID-19 rules in place. We then begin and read the Bible out loud, all at the same time, with specific Bible verses assigned to each person. This takes 15 minutes, and the **SOUND** is powerful!

Check out the bulletin board by the office for additional information on the Prayer Walk or the National Day of Prayer. If you have questions about either of these events or if you would like to be assigned a verse for the National Day of Prayer, please call Carol Faris (517) 474-0450 or Redeemer's office (517) 750-3100.

CHRISTIAN CARE MINISTRY

by Nyla Arvy

"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord you labor not in vain."

I Corinthians 15:58

Redeemer members have been busy in recent months assisting other members in the "Meal-a-Month" program and utilizing the newly established Greeting Card Outreach.

The "once a month" meal has been very well received by the Thomas's and the Williams' and has provided opportunity for them to interact with Redeemer friends in their home setting. They are grateful and look

forward to a delivered meal and seeing friendly faces once a month. If you haven't had a chance to participate but would like to, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

The greeting card file is also located on the table in the narthex and is



available for Redeemer members to select cards and mail to those on the monthly birthday and/or anniversary lists, or to individuals listed on a separate sheet that are on our prayer list. Please consider mailing a card even if you don't really know a person. Greeting card wishes are *always* a blessing and a nice surprise!

On behalf of the Redeemer recipients of the Easter food boxes, we express gratitude to those of you who donated food items to make their holiday meal a good experience.

Let's continue to praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Anyone who is interested in participating in other areas of our Care Ministry may call the church office to inquire about available opportunities.

WHERE THIS ALL BEGAN

by Craig Britton

Crazy college kids do crazy college things. I am sure I was no different except that the years I lived on or near campus as a single guy, I lived alone. I

wasn't some dullard who loved being a hermit or a guy who didn't like to socialize. But I was serious about basically one thing: securing my career in music and giving all my extra time, with few exceptions, to the rigors of developing all the facets of a classical music career: performing, conducting, the academic side and listening. Lots and lots of listening. And whether it came from performances "in living color," or from

my growing collection of 33 1/3 albums (WHAT are those?), I found the best way to take in great music and truly learn



it was doing that alone. So, I lived in my single bedroom apartment in Eugene, Oregon, while I was a Duck at the University of Oregon. That was waaaaay before their great football years and those crazy uniforms.

Everything was progressing so well. Scholarships, performance opportunities, great camaraderie in the music school and well, living in "God's Country" never hurts. So, all was moving forward until my parents bought me a Bible as a Christmas gift, December 1981. Why? Why did they do that? We were not a church-going family (well, the two "big" holidays) and no one in my family had ever read the Bible much. So where did the impulse come from to purchase for "Mr. Music" a Living Bible?

LONG story short. I began to read after school. Then before school. Truth be told, I took some class time and found great spots on campus to sit and

read. I read the entire Bible in about 3 months. And then I turned around and read it a second time through in just



over four. All of this with a continued passion for my studies and performance. And in the middle of that, God (I didn't know Him, yet) revealed through a fellow student that she was someone that recognized that "the Lord was her life." I had NEVER heard that phrase and it scared me a little. Only because I also recognized the tectonic shift that had begun to take place in my life. And whereas I admitted that I did not know God, I came to realize later that at that very same time He knew me.

So much is wrapped in those early days of reading and long talks on the phone late at night with Jennifer (the student I referred to before). I owe her so much. But through the next months, I went through a rather thorough conversion to the Lord Jesus. And to make the story shorter yet, my life and eternity was altered in ways about which I am still learning. A new world. A new vocabulary. A new joy. And a marvelous future, all burst into my life in those months.

The Lutheran "spin" came much later, and for that I am praising the Lord daily. But crazy college days became, for me, the soil into which Christ

pitched His seed. I take no credit. I cannot.

"All this is from God," as St. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:18. All of it!
How blessed I am.

MAKE MEMORIES

by Kimber Walsh, CFLE

What's your earliest memory with your family? I remember a fall sometime before my third birthday which required stitches and the subsequent ride to the hospital on my mom's lap (she was not driving) and getting pulled over on the way for speeding only to be offered a police escort to the hospital. Do I remember it because of the "trauma" or because of the love and care of my parents? Probably both. Sometimes our memories work in a funny way—we remember the things we wish to forget



and forget the things we wish to remember. The funny nature of our memories helps us all know that we can't always control what will be remembered by our families. What we *can* control, though, are the opportunities for making memories and how our memory-making can intersect with pointing each other to Jesus. Here

are some ways you can create memory-making opportunities with your family:

1. Create rituals/traditions around holidays or recurring events.

How you make a birthday special and celebrate the birthday boy/girl might be an opportunity for memory-making. Maybe you let them choose the menu for dinner. Maybe you always write them a personal card about the year that's passed and how you've seen God at work in that individual. Maybe you take them to do an activity of their choice. Maybe you offer a blessing over them and the year ahead. Maybe you speak truth to them about what you like about how God has made them to be. Maybe you sing "God's blessings to you" at the end of the "Happy Birthday" song.

Memory-making at Christmas might be how your family goes about opening the gifts or at Easter how you always fill the eggs with the same candy. Maybe you read the Christmas or Easter account from the Word of God at



the same time as a family each year. Maybe you try to see how

many translations or versions of the resurrection Easter story you can find in your book collection and from the library. Maybe one of the gifts given is an age-appropriate faith resource.

Memory-making daily practices of studying the Word of God at dinner or spending time in prayer together before bed. The rituals and traditions we create don't have to be big or expensive to make memories. And even if you've never done it before, that doesn't make it too late to start something new.

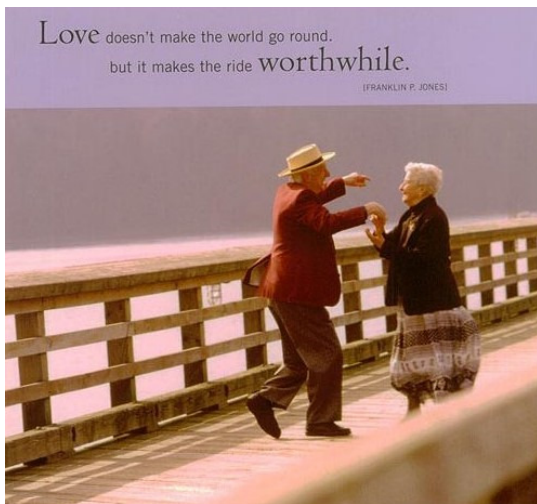
2. Plan adventures and activities.

Make a list of all the things you'd like to do together with your family—ice cream shops, trips, baking cookies, watching a movie, bike rides in certain spots, the zoo, reading favorite books, hiking every park in the area—whatever. Get a couple of them on the calendar. Sometimes making a plan and setting aside the time is necessary to make it happen. Where there is time spent together around an activity, there is much potential for memories to be made.

3. Allow for spontaneity.

Plans can go a long way in making memories. But sometimes the best memories are made when we have no plan at all. When we're having fun doing something or get an idea on a whim and just sort of go with it,

be flexible enough to say “yes” to spontaneity from time to time.



Whenever you spend time together as a family, recap your time together by sharing highs and lows of the time spent. Reminisce together about last week and last year. Recount the blessings God has given you to have the memories together that you’ve been able to make.



Women's Bible Study

A new session of the Women's Bible Study will be looking at the book of

Song of Songs using the resource *Altogether Beautiful* by Heidi Goehmann beginning Monday, April 26, 10-11:30 a.m. in the Redeemer Connection Room. If you'd like to join the study, it's not too late to call the office to sign up, or stop by some Monday to check it out.

FIRST FRUITS GROCERIES

by Nyla Arvy

“Together We Can Make a Difference,” a non-profit in Jackson, has an ongoing program for anyone who is interested in ordering healthy food at reduced prices. Keyes Produce and Prime Cuts meat market are the local suppliers.

Each month, orders may be submitted for meat boxes and/or produce boxes. Examples of options for the months of May and June include: Meat Box #1 – 13 pounds of meat selections for \$22; Meat Box #2 – 15 pounds of meat selections for \$45; or Meat Box #3 – 8 pounds of meat selections for \$15...Veggie Box #1 – a variety of 14 fresh produce items for \$20 or Veggie Box #2 – a different variety of 14 fresh produce items for \$20. **Order forms with specific details will continue to be available on the table in the narthex near the church office.**

Many local Christian church members volunteer their time and gas to deliver to those who are homebound or with limited transportation. Requirements for homebound delivery individuals are that they have no automobile, live inside the city limits, and an adult must be home on delivery dates.

The pickup location is at 224 W. Wilkins in Jackson between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. on designated dates for those who can pick up their boxed orders. The orders for May are due by 10:00 a.m., Friday, May 21, for pickup on Saturday, May 29. The orders for June are due by 10:00 a.m., Friday, June 18 for pickup on Saturday, June 26.

Just an FYI, the quality of the groceries and meat selections is excellent. A recent customer remarked, "By the way, I placed an order in February to see the quality of supplies and the produce is very good quality as is the meat. A real bargain! And it saved a bunch of shopping time!"



Checks or money orders are payable to "Together We Can Make a Difference" and mailed or delivered to 224 W. Wilkins, Jackson, MI 49203. Any questions? Please call Wendy at 517-740-8444.

If you are not interested in taking advantage of these offers for yourself, but want to do a random act of kindness, this would be a thoughtful gift to someone.

COVID CASUALTIES

by Peggy Bennitt

COVID-19 has brought out the best and the worst of human nature throughout our world. Not one family that I know of has *not* had problems dealing with how to handle the ever-changing rules of "COVID Protocol" during this pandemic. When the pandemic first surged into our lives in February of 2020, my husband and I told our adult children that we would abide by whatever *they* felt was best for their own families; no judgement. No fault. No foul. This has worked very well. But as we stumble into the second year, we're finding it

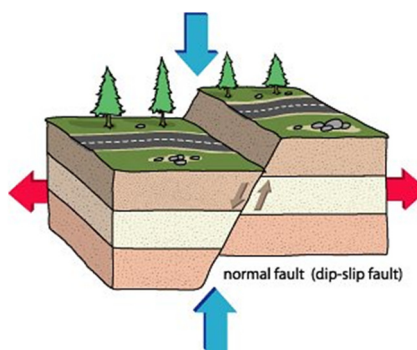
difficult to maintain and persevere as more and more people (who have also been vigilant in the protocol) are now contracting the virus without being able to determine the source of exposure. *Our plans* have not eliminated the pandemic.

Are we continuing to do the basics to ensure that we aren't the problem? Are we careful and concerned about what will help those around us to remain safe? Maybe we've become selfish because we don't like some of the rules, or are we just exasperated



because the rules keep changing? Have we all become careless? Has intolerance replaced empathy in our lives?

So, did COVID *cause* all these problems, or did it just make us more aware of underlying and existing



issues? Very often, hardships and crisis situations don't *cause* problems, but *expose* fault-points or weak

spots in our society, politics/government, financial, and healthcare systems. Add to this "big picture," the problems in our own personal lives, marriages, families, and

the very moral and ethical structures that our society and cultures are built on, and these personal “fault points” become obvious. It’s kind of like looking at the seismic chart of fault points (slip rates) in earthquake graphing. If you don’t look at the underlying earth structure, you’d have no idea that these faults even exist.

2020 was not a stellar year for humanity, but hopefully we can poke through the rubble and take a good look at ourselves so that 2021 will show the promise of what we can be and are meant to be. Maybe if we all get off the defensive and take a good look at ourselves (not at others, but at ourselves), we can redirect ourselves to be people who care for and love others above ourselves.

If we can put aside our own wants and presumed needs. I’m not very good at that. I’m still a work-in-progress. But the following are **a few things I’ve learned** from the pandemic experience:

1. First of all, I need to remember that people are more important than rules. Rules are important.



Without them we have chaos, and we’ve seen more than enough of that in the past few months. But people

and relationships are even more important. The rules of life keep changing, so common sense and love for people need to temper our view of rules and changes.

Mark Merrill, author and president of *Families First*, puts it this way, “I need to put relationships ahead of rules. What are the rules of life now? Masks? No masks? Haircuts are essential but church services aren’t? Who decides? Did they have the right authority? Are they weighing the right risks and the needs of all people? I can get so wrapped up in what everyone is *supposed* to be doing to get through this pandemic that I overlook people’s feelings. I have to choose to value the needs and feelings of others more than to fixate on who declares and follows what rules.”

2. Secondly, I need to **NOT** be so inflexible and rigid, not be adamant that I am right and the rules are absolute. I need to be able to adjust to new situations and be willing to change, to accept different options and solutions to problems and challenges if these will help resolve those issues peaceably. Sometimes *peace* is more important than being right.
3. I’ve also learned that I have to try be kind always, and to respect the opinions and viewpoints of others. I do not have to agree with them, but to belittle or disrespect another on a personal level is *never* acceptable. By extending grace and kindness to all, I am

more likely to be respected and valued in return.

4. Perhaps the most important thing I've learned from this pandemic is that I am far from perfect and hope and pray that others will accept me, warts and all. I've become more aware of the differences between individuals, and the wonder of this gift from God! Without these different thought processes, diverse viewpoints, new awareness of old inequalities, and moral and leadership disparities coming to the forefront during these trying times, how much longer would it have taken for us as a country to become fully aware of faults in our system?

5. Because of this **pandemic learning curve**, I have become more aware of my need for someone I can trust and rely on in all circumstances. I realize that I cannot count on human knowledge or human rules to keep me alive and well. That "human element" is important to



my well-being for sure, but it is **not** what will give me

lasting knowledge of peace, joy, and hope. Only through God's Word will I have the truth for life.

We can't blame COVID for our problems and "fault points (slip rates)." But we can use the faults and

issues that have been unearthed during this season, as a "learning-curve" for both our personal relationships and our societal

insufficiencies.

Humankind is

fleeting. We

live. We die.

Only through

the grace of

God will we live

forever. Not in

this world, thank God! But if we

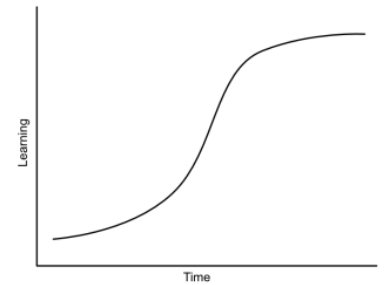
encourage people to use the Bible as a

compass for life, heaven is a given for

all of us who may feel like COVID

casualties. Jesus died for ALL! Eternal

life is His promise. God's plan is better.



ALL SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES

Summer is coming and we're praying that the summer break will help slow the spread of the coronavirus. With that thought in mind, May 23rd will see the last Sunday Bible studies until after Labor Day in the Fall.

This does **not mean** we should take a break from God's Word. It **does mean** that with the approach of better weather and the lifting of some protective restrictions, we'll all be able to move around more, and enjoy nature and travel a bit more like "normal."

May God bless us all as we enjoy a



new season and move forward with the hope and the promise of this next step in God's plan for our faith walk.

Sunday

Monday

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Friday

Saturday



2021

Communion Service—C

<p>2</p> <p>Divine Service 8:00 a.m. Adult & Children- Bible Classes 9:30-10:15 a.m.</p> <p> Confirmation Service 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Hour of Prayer 7:15 a.m.</p> <p>Praise Team 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Chancel 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Bethel Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p> <p></p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Divine Service— C 8:00 a.m. Adult & Children- Bible Classes 9:30-10:15 a.m. Contemporary Service— C 10:30 a.m.</p> <p></p>	<p>10</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Hour of Prayer 7:15 a.m.</p> <p>Praise Team 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Quilters 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Bethel Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Ascension Day</p> <p></p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p></p>
<p>16</p> <p>Divine Service 8:00 a.m. Adult & Children- Bible Classes 9:30-10:15 a.m. Contemporary Service 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Hour of Prayer 7:15 a.m.</p> <p>Praise Team 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Bethel Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>LWML-Women of Redeemer 10:00 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Mobile Food Pantry @ Trinity 10:00-11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Need Volunteers from 9 'til Noon</p>
<p>23/30</p> <p>Divine Service— C 8:00 a.m. Adult & Children- Bible Classes 9:30-10:15 a.m. 23rd-Last Bible Classes until Fall Contemporary Service— C 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>31</p> <p></p>	<p>25</p> <p>Hour of Prayer 7:15 a.m.</p> <p>Praise Team 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Quilters 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Bethel Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>