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# In Touch With Redeemer

## *Sharing Christ and Changing Lives*

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**APRIL**

**2017**

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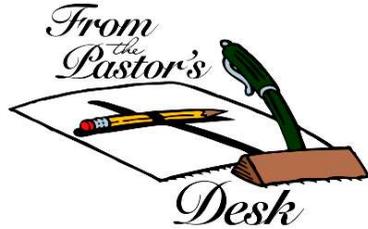
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## IN TOUCH WITH REDEEMER

*A newsletter by and for the family of Redeemer Lutheran Church*

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### Expectations

This last Sunday I invited everyone and anyone to join my family and me at the Somali Star for lunch. I did not have great expectations for the event but I wanted to see if any of the congregation would seek to take me up on my offer to enjoy good food and great fellowship. I must admit that I went into the event

with very low expectations because in the past I have had very low turn-out when I would get Lutherans out of their comfort zone. Food has always been a major component of my life and thus far I have found it a small barrier when sharing it with others I know. This last Sunday I left the church with very low expectations once again so I would not feel disappointed when I arrived at the restaurant.

When my family arrived at the Somali Star I did not see anyone at first and my gut feeling was that my family was early and if I was patient people might show. Once we were in the restaurant we went to the back half of the establishment and the whole place was full of Lutherans. It was not long until the place was filled with people who wanted to try different foods and talk about a common love: other people. One positive aspect of our lunch event was that people who are members of our congregation talked to other members who they had not spoken with in years. My expectation for that day was turned upside down when the sight of forty Christian believers were sitting in a culture that was not their own and having fun.

What was the expectation of the women as they approached the tomb that first Sunday morning. They were bringing spices to anoint the body of Christ so their assessment of the situation was very bleak. The women thought they would continue to grieve for Jesus but God had different plans for everyone. The expectation of seeing troops guarding the tomb was replaced by the absence of armed guards, a tomb absent of a stone, and men dressed in robes of light. Jesus had told the men and women who had followed Him for three years that He would rise from the dead after three days; they were so discouraged by the events on Friday that they had forgotten His promise to come back.

Do you have any expectations for this month? Has the story of the empty tomb lost its relevance after a year of loss and pain? When Jesus said He is coming back soon is that an encouragement or does it seem like an empty promise? Are we setting our expectations of God so low so that we will not feel disappointed if God does not do something miraculous soon?

This month I would like you to raise your expectations of God. He is the only one who met the expectations of the Old Testament law and took our place on a cross outside of Jerusalem. Raise your expectations of what God can do through you.

Pastor Matt

## SERVING GROUPS

We have monthly serving groups and a list is posted on the church office window. Please check your phone number for accuracy or if you're not on the list and would like to be, contact the church office. Please help out when your co-chair calls.

### APRIL

Betty Schleh – 320-354-2136  
Deb Setrum – 320-222-3869

Deb Arnold  
Jenyne Beehler  
Lisa Bjerke  
Jim & Gayle Braun  
Jason Connelly  
Dean & Cynthia Cordes  
Luther & Peggy Dykema  
Brian & Jackie Frank  
Dan & Karen Gorans  
Joe & Darla Hammerschmidt  
Todd & Allison Hillenbrand  
Fran Hussong  
Bill & Kathryn Jagow  
Loren & Dianne Kruse  
Kathy Martens  
Brenda Munsterman  
Gardenia Preusse  
Dave & Carol Runke  
Jerry & Betty Schleh  
Ryan Schumacher  
Kim & Deb Setrum  
Joe & Michele Steffen  
Joey Werder

### MAY

Marlene Buboltz – 320-796-2352  
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Murriel Ashburn  
John & Michelle Behl  
Lenora Bode  
Neil & Marlene Buboltz  
John Corti  
Rev. Robert & Irene Friedrich  
Michael & Joy Gratz  
Richard & Dianne Hanson  
Darrell & Gail Hoekstra  
Ron & Bonnie Jaspersen  
Jason Jorschumb  
Jason & Marlene Kubasch  
Rod & Naomi Lindquist  
Margaret Marsh  
Mike & Lori Martinek  
Terry & Cheryl Pankow  
Dain & Angela Peterson  
Lynn & Ranae Rahn  
Matt & Alicia Runke  
Rod & Denise Schroeder  
Brandon & Jessica Smith  
Gayne & Marvelle Stone  
Roger & Darlene Swenson

## What's Your Story?

My name is Cassie Drenkow and I am a nerd girl. Some of the youth and I have lengthy discussions about nerdy comic book, sci-fi movies and TV shows. One that I and a few other youth happen to watch is this show called "Arrow". In the first 90 seconds of the show the main character introduces himself and gives his entire back story, which becomes annoying after the first 5 episodes, but it sets up the background information needed to follow the story line. (Here is where I would show a video clip but somehow a video clip doesn't translate to the newsletter world.)

If I had 90 seconds to share my life story what would it look like? We all have events and people that have an impact on our life and become a part of our story.

God has shown us through His word multiple examples in which events or people had a greater impact on an individual. Think about the two men on the road to Emmaus Easter morning, still in shock about the all the things that had happened in the last few days in Jerusalem. They meet a stranger on the road, engage in conversation, and share a meal, only to find out as he is passing the bread, that the man they are listening to is really Jesus.

One of the best one time encounters comes from this guy named Saul, who after years of following the wrong crowd and persecuting Christians has an encounter with the Savior on the road to Damascus that completely changes his life course.

Our confirmation students have been working hard the last few months on writing about how people in their own lives have had impact on them and their faith life. In the last few weeks I have gotten to read their faith statements and I have been greatly impressed by the thoughts, attitudes and insight they have put into these statements.

On April 30th at 7:00 pm you will have the opportunity to hear from our 8th grade youth as they present their faith statements with family, friends and congregation members and share how God is a part of their story. You will get to see the impact family and friends have made on their life and also how they have grown in their relationship with Christ. I encourage you to come out and support these youth as they continue in their faith journey and maybe even take some time to reflect on who has made an impact in your life.

Blessings on your Easter Celebrations,  
Cassie Drenkow  
Director of Christian Education

Thanks to all those who served noon Lenten lunches  
and the Lenten evening suppers!

### **LENTEN SUPPER SERVING SCHEDULE**

April 5th – Board of Education & Sunday School Staff

### **HOLY WEEK EVENTS**

#### **Maundy Thursday**

April 13th

7:00 pm worship w/Lord's Supper

#### **Good Friday**

April 14th

12:15 & 7:00 pm worship

#### **Easter Sunday**

April 16th

8:00 & 10:30 am worship w/Lord's Supper

9:15 am – Easter Breakfast served by the Youth

**VISIT SHUT-INS!!!** Redeemer is looking for a volunteer who will deliver Sunday bulletins to some of our shut-ins **two times a month**. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

**LIKE TO SEW?** The quilters have blocks that need to be sewn together, so feel free to take them from the rack in the kitchen to take home. Also, you can join us on Mondays at 12:30 where you can sew, tie knots or pin quilts together. You can count on coffee and treats at 2:00!

**SHOES FOR MISSIONS!** Please save your old boots, shoes, and tennis shoes (no flip-flops) and put in the collection box by the Fellowship Hall. All the footwear is then taken to Lutheran Island Camp and then sent to third world countries for people in need. Please rubber band or tie your boots and shoes together in pairs.



## PRESCHOOL

How do you teach kids to pray? This is a topic that comes up frequently in preschool-everyday in fact. Teaching prayer starts with modeling. We use an echo style most of the time- this is what is used at children’s sermons during church. As the children become more comfortable with praying we start asking individuals to pray for us. We also do one-on-one praying with students. But all of that does not help much if we don’t teach them content of prayers.

They easily pick up the God Bless prayer or a Dear Jesus Please help prayer. But we hope that by preschool graduation there is more to their prayers.

A few weeks ago I introduced a lesson on prayer. It took us a couple of weeks to complete and now we are practicing the elements of prayer that we learned. The following are 4 categories most prayers include. The children’s thoughts of what to pray for in each category are listed just as they said them.

These categories may provide more content that you can use in your own prayers too.

**Praise:** prayers should include praise words to describe God.

<i>King</i>	<i>Healer</i>	<i>Strong</i>	<i>Son of God</i>	<i>Protector</i>	<i>Loves</i>
<i>Greatest</i>	<i>Powerful</i>	<i>Special</i>	<i>Awesome</i>	<i>Helper</i>	<i>Forgiver</i>

**Thanks:** they should always include thanksgiving for the help God has provided us.

<i>Healing</i>	<i>Family</i>	<i>Food</i>	<i>Making Us</i>	<i>Forgiving Me</i>
<i>Homes</i>	<i>Creating the World</i>	<i>Keeping Us Safe</i>	<i>Loving Us</i>	

**Help You:** What can we pray to help others?

<i>To have mom, dad, sister, brother feel better</i>	<i>Emma to stop biting</i>
<i>Sheldon to stay alive</i>	<i>Old people</i>
<i>People to have houses</i>	<i>to pray, sing, and dance</i>

**Help Me:** sometimes I need help too.

<i>Be better at things: singing</i>	<i>Keep me healthy</i>	<i>When I’m lonely</i>	<i>To listen</i>
<i>When I’m scared</i>	<i>To know where to go</i>	<i>Find home</i>	

These are just a few things the children thought of there are so many more things we can include in our prayers. But do remember to pray each day. God is always ready to listen and answer.

In Christ,  
 Rachel Jeppesen  
 Redeemer Lutheran Preschool Director

Sunday	Attend	Wed	Attend	Adults	Sr. High	Children	Comm.	Private
Mar 5	266	Mar 1	221	44	6	50	214	
Mar 12	278	Mar 8	185	40	10	35		
Mar 19	260	Mar 15	191	37	11	40	201	
Mar 26	289	Mar 22	190	62	11	52		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1093</b>		<b>787</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>In by baptism: Julianna &amp; Owen Braun</b>								
<b>In by affirmation of faith: Chelsie Kopacek</b>								
<b>Out by release: Jay, Amy, Ashley &amp; Austin Olson</b>								
<b>Out by death: Gloria Schroeder, Curtis Conklin</b>								

### “THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS”

For **APRIL** we will be collecting “Snacks” for our troops.

Beef Jerky – Nuts – Raisins – Granola Bars – Microwave Popcorn – Tuna  
 Hard Candy – Licorice – Canned Ravioli/Beef Stew – Powdered Drink Mix

Please place donated items in box located in the narthex.

**ARE YOU CONSIDERING FULL-TIME CHURCH WORK?** Whether you’re thinking about becoming a pastor, DCE, DCO, church school teacher, or any other church work career, scholarships are available through the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League for the 2017-18 academic year. You can find the forms in the wooden rack in the narthex. Deadline is May 15, 2017.

### ELDERS FOR 2017

<u>Elder</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u>Household Names</u>
<b>Mark Sellmann</b>	<b>235-0075</b>	<b>Akerson – Bokelman</b>
<b>Michael Sandau</b>	<b>894-0637</b>	<b>Bolland – Davis</b>
<b>Stan Skaro</b>	<b>599-4506</b>	<b>Derksen – Grewe</b>
<b>Ron Jaspersen</b>	<b>354-5083</b>	<b>Grothe – Jacobson</b>
<b>Leon Schultz</b>	<b>248-7466</b>	<b>Jagow – Kruse</b>
<b>Doug Jorschumb</b>	<b>235-5451</b>	<b>Kubasch – Meyer</b>
<b>Neil Buboltz</b>	<b>796-2352</b>	<b>Mikkelsen – Phillips</b>
<b>Wayne Dahlke</b>	<b>262-9847</b>	<b>Pitt – Schoumaker</b>
<b>Jeff Kimpling</b>	<b>235-5373</b>	<b>Schroeder – Streich</b>
<b>Dave Runke</b>	<b>235-9068</b>	<b>Stueckrath – Zetah</b>

## ++ APRIL 2017 ++

	ELDERS	GREETERS	ACOLYTE	SOUND	LIBRARY
<b>Apr 2</b> 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Mark Sellmann Doug Jorschumb Ron Jaspersen Stan Skaro	John & Marlys Eggen Don & Birdie Urban Leon & Carole Schultz Marlin & Cheryl Niss	Payton Freiberg Evan Friton	Brad Marcus Sarah Jeppesen	Michelle Marcus
<b>Apr 9</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Mark Sellmann Wayne Dahlke	Bill & Deb Paterson Anita Petersen, Myron Behm Loren & Judy Schultz Trudy Hemingway, Nancy Klaassen	Jennassa Hanson Crisstill Duaso	Wayne Dahlke Art Bolland	Sarah Fosso
<b>Apr 16</b> 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Dave Runke Michael Sandau Wayne Dahlke Neil Buboltz	Gene & Rose Meyer Mike Botzek, Deb Arnold Todd Swartz, LaVonne Van Zee Alice Beckmann, Carol Dahlke	Mikayla Schoumaker	Mark Boeschen	Lorraine King
<b>Apr 23</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Dave Runke Wayne Dahlke	Brad & Suzanne Skindelian Jeff & Cheryl Pitt Keven & Diane Hillenbrand Troy & Lisa Anderson	Nicholas Mohr Natalie Jorschumb	Brad Marcus Art Bolland	Bonnie Rhoda
<b>Apr 30</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Jeff Kimpling Leon Schultz	Rolf & Joyce Standfuss Gayne & Marvelle Stone Jerry & Betty Schleh Doug & Renee Jorschumb	Rebecca Wubben Mitchell Nelson	Mark Boeschen Sarah Jeppesen	Anita Petersen
<b>April 5</b> <b>April 13</b> <b>April 14</b>	(12:15) Doug Jorschumb - Neil Buboltz (6:00) Leon Schultz & Doug Jorschumb (7:00) (12:15) Jeff Kimpling - Stan Skaro (7:00)	David Reyes Michael Mohr Zoey Jorschumb	Darrell Hoekstra Kolby Lindquist Mark Boeschen		
<b>USHERS</b>	8:00 AM *Lyle & Vera Ehrenberg, Rob Linhoff, Michelle Corti 10:30 AM *Troy & Lisa Anderson, Ron Kassel, Wyatt Kassel		(* Head Usher)		

### WEST CENTRAL DEMENTIA AWARENESS NETWORK (WCDAN)

This event is open to the general public and is an educational opportunity for professionals, as well as caregivers, families and friends of people living with dementia. It will be held at Redeemer Lutheran in the Fellowship Hall on April 4th from 1-4 pm and 5:30-7:30 pm. Come for the entire event or just a portion. See the flyer posted on the bulletin board for more information.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be held on July 16-20. "Save the dates" on your calendar!

### SERVING OUR COMMUNITY!!!

Redeemer members will have the opportunity to serve our community during Willmar's Destination Playground build nights happening **May 16th-25th**. We need volunteers to help in a variety of areas. Check out the dates below and sign up on the sheets posted on the church office window.



**May 17th – BUILD NIGHT** Skilled and unskilled volunteers needed for playground building.

**May 20th – NOON MEAL** Volunteers are needed to help serve the meal or bring bars or cookies for the meal.

**May 24th – EVENING MEAL** Confirmation Students & Mentors will serve the evening meal and volunteers are needed to bring bars or cookies for the meal.

**LET'S ALL GET INVOLVED!** If interested or have questions, contact Lee & Beth Corti at 231-1907 or DCE Cassie as soon as possible.

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# ZOO

## Minnesota Zoo Bus Trip April 21, 2017

**Leave 7:30am** (north parking lot)  
**Return: 6:00pm**

**Bring your child on an educational adventure**  
**Sign up and pay in the Church Office**

**Child: prek-5<sup>th</sup> gr: \$6.00**  
**6<sup>th</sup> gr- college: \$8.00**  
**Adults: \$12.00**

**Sign up for this fun trip**  
**on the church**  
**office window or**  
**contact Rachel or Lori**  
**to reserve your spot!**

**NOW TAKING RESERVATIONS** for garden plots at Redeemer. If four or more reserve a plot, we will put in a new water system. No charge. Contact Bill Paterson at 220-2588 or leave a message at the church office.

**CHURCH SOFTBALL TEAM/SPONSORSHIP** Soon we will be signing up to form a softball



team to compete within the city of Willmar. While we prepare for this day we are in the process of designing a church jersey. There has been some interest from members with local businesses to sponsor this jersey endeavor. Please see Pastor Matt during the Family Education Hour if you are interested in adding your business logo to the church jerseys.

**KINGDOM QUEST SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS** Preschool-6th grade students will be singing on Palm Sunday, **April 9th** at the beginning of both services. If you are here for 8:00 service, please have your child here by 7:50 in the Trinity Room. All students will sing at the beginning of 10:30 service and can be picked up from the gym by 10:45.



**EASTER BREALFAST PREP** is 9:00-11:30 am Saturday, **April 15th**. Check out the available volunteer spots and sign up today at: <http://signup.com/go/bJfeuj> or sign-up outside the youth room.

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** on Easter Sunday, **April 16th**. Enjoy Easter breakfast with your family!

**LUTHERAN ISLAND CAMP SUNDAY** is Sunday, **April 23rd**. Sunday School kids will get to hear about camp, sing camp songs, and engage in some camp crafts during the Sunday School hour from the High School Youth. Bill Schultz will be at church that morning to share information about camp, take registrations, and give an update about camp at the Voter's Meeting.

**CONGREGATION MEMBERS** are invited to join 8th grade confirmation students and their families on **April 30th** at 7:00 pm as they share their faith statements. All are welcome to enjoy a dessert bar in the Fellowship Hall following the presentation.

**CONFIRMATION QUESTIONING** will be Sunday, **April 30th** during the 9:15 am education hour.

**CONFIRMATION** will be Sunday, **May 7th** at the 10:30 service.

## TWO-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Every Christians goal in life should be to read the entire Holy Bible. This plan will take you through the Old and New Testament in two years, and through the Psalms and Proverbs four times.

Apr 1	Daniel 7 – 9	Psalms 84
Apr 2	Daniel 10:1 – 12:4	Psalms 85
Apr 3	Daniel 12:5 – 13	Psalms 86
Apr 4	Catch-up Day	Psalms 87
Apr 5	Catch-up Day	Psalms 88
Apr 6	Hosea 1 – 2	Psalms 89
Apr 7	Hosea 3:1 – 5:7	Psalms 90
Apr 8	Hosea 5:8 – 7:16	Psalms 91
Apr 9	Hosea 8:1 – 9:9	Psalms 92
Apr 10	Hosea 9:10 – 10:15	Psalms 93
Apr 11	Hosea 11:1 – 11	Psalms 94
Apr 12	Hosea 11:12 – 13:16	Psalms 95
Apr 13	Hosea 14	Psalms 96
Apr 14	Catch-up Day	Psalms 97
Apr 15	Catch-up Day	Psalms 98
Apr 16	Joel 1 – 2	Psalms 99
Apr 17	Joel 3	Psalms 100
Apr 18	Catch-up Day	Psalms 101
Apr 19	Amos 1 – 2	Psalms 102
Apr 20	Amos 3 – 4	Psalms 103
Apr 21	Amos 5 – 6	Psalms 104
Apr 22	Amos 7	Psalms 105
Apr 23	Amos 8 – 9	Psalms 106
Apr 24	Catch-up Day	Psalms 107
Apr 25	Obadiah	Psalms 108
Apr 26	Jonah	Psalms 109
Apr 27	Micah 1 – 3	Psalms 110
Apr 28	Micah 4 – 5	Psalms 111
Apr 29	Micah 6 – 7	Psalms 112
Apr 30	Catch-up Day	Psalms 113



**EASTER FLOWERS**

*Easter is April 16th, so remember your loved one by ordering an Easter flower to decorate the church. Please complete this form and bring with your donation to the church office no later than April 9th.*

*In memory of:*

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*By:* \_\_\_\_\_

- Flower picked up
- or
- Flower left at church

Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Offering # \_\_\_\_\_



**LUTHERAN ISLAND CAMP  
AND  
CHRIST SERVE RANCH**

**Women's Retreat 2017  
April 21-23, 2017**

***God's Peace  
In the Time of Pain***

Featuring Guest Speakers:  
Lori Lucken & Mollie Mashburn

Music Provided By:  
Kim Wagner



**2017 CAMP THEME:  
STANDING  
ON THE ROCK**

Registration Form  
Women's Retreat  
April 21-23, 2017

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: \$99 or \$60 Sat. only \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit (\$25 minimum) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Balance due upon arrival: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Online registration is also available.

\_\_\_\_ Check enclosed or \_\_\_\_ Credit Card  
(Visa or MC or Discover)

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVC # \_\_\_\_\_

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**Spring Crafters Retreat**

Quilters, Scrap  
bookers, and other  
crafters welcome.



April 25-April 30, 2017

Cost including lodging, brunch and supper  
each day.

3:00 pm Tuesday check-in \$250

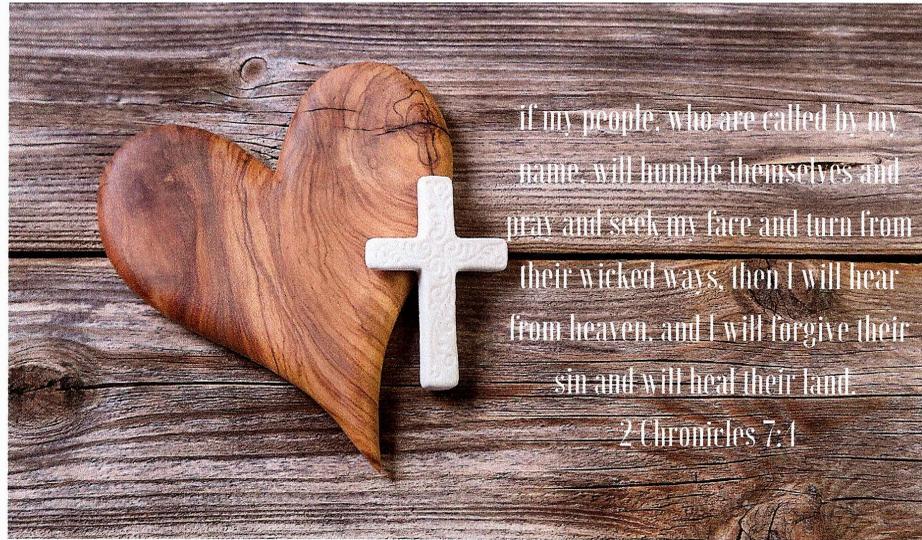
3:00 pm Wednesday check-in \$200

3:00 pm Thursday check-in \$155

3:00 pm Friday check-in \$105



**For more information  
on both of these  
retreats, go to the  
Lutheran Island Camp  
website**



# Prayer Service

## Saturday, April 1

### 9:00 am

All are Welcome

A light breakfast will be served in fellowship hall prior to the service.

Sponsored by Redeemer LWML



## LWML SPRING RALLY

**Date:** Saturday, April 29, 2017

**Registration:** 11:30 am with lunch at noon

**Location:** Redeemer Lutheran, Willmar, MN

**Theme:** "Rescue the Weak and Needy" Ps. 82:42

**Speaker:** Hope Pregnancy Center

**Bible study Leader:** Rev. Dr. Joel Koepp

**Cost:** \$3



**Ingathering:** Please bring your donations for Hope Pregnancy Center to the church.

### For Clients and Baby Boutique:

\*We *do not* accept any used items except for gently used baby furniture. We *cannot* accept any car seats unless they are new.

\*Due to the generosity of our donors, we won't be needing any breast pumps, diapers size 2-4, quilts, bottles, snowsuits, pacifiers, winter hats and nasal aspirators. It is a blessing to be well stocked with these items!

- \* Men's and Women's Toiletry Items
- \* Size 1 and 6 Diapers
- \* Diaper Bags
- \* Baby Wipes
- \* Cribs and Crib Mattresses
- \* Crib Size Quilts
- \* Toddler Car Seat
- \* White Square Laundry Baskets
- \* Long Sleeved (Boy & Girl) Sleepers, Sizes 6-12 Months
- \* Long Sleeved Baby Outfits (Boy & Girl) Sizes 3-12 Months
- \* Children's Videos (Veggie Tales, Bible Stories, etc.)
- \* High Chairs
- \* Burp Cloths
- \* Monitors
- \* Car Seat Strap Protectors
- \* Baby Carriers
- \* Sound Machines
- \* Car Seat Covers
- \* Play Pens or Pack-n-Plays

### Larger Needs:

- \* Target, Walmart, JoAnn's, Hobby Lobby, or Grocery Store Gift Cards (to be used toward True Value Parenting Plus Class expenses)
- \* Donations made specifically for new Parenting Class Curriculum
- \* Passionate individuals willing to share their knowledge with clients during an evening class
- \* Someone who loves children to provide childcare during our monthly evening classes
- \* Monthly Donors for Operating Expenses
- \* Staff Support Volunteers
- \* Creative individuals willing to serve on Special Events Committees
- \* Prayer Partners