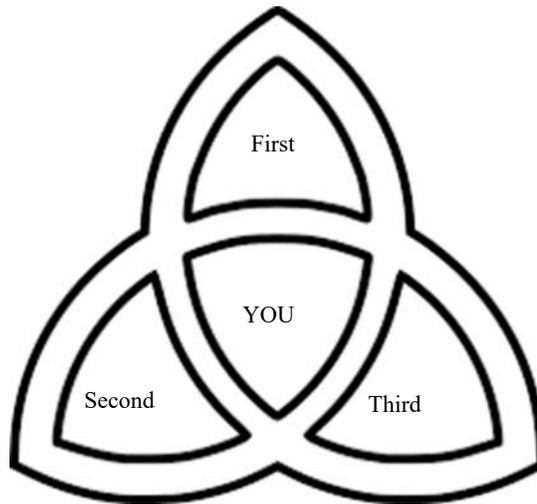




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The Third Place

Judging by the diagram, you probably thought I was going to talk about the Trinity. However, this Trinity symbol also demonstrates another principle of church revitalization.

For many years, people had three places in their life where they interacted with other people. The first was home. The second was work (or school). The third was church. Today the majority of Americans no longer consider the church that “third” place. The third place has become sports, outdoor activities, the gym, Starbucks, or some other place where people gather.

The church needs to take back its spot as the third place. Therefore, the first recommendation from the Re:Vitality Committee was to create a third place. A place where people can gather, chat and get to know one another. Therefore, we created “Coffee Connections” as a place where people can connect over a cup of coffee. We hope it will be a connection between our preschool families and church members.

We have had three such coffee connections to-date. Attended by a members and preschool parents. It is Tuesday mornings at 8:45 but we hope to expand from there. If you would like to host please let us know!

Pastor Kevin

Church Council News and Notes:

Board of Preschool has been very busy with reconfiguring the staff and hiring super people to fill the roles teaching the children about the world and growing their spirit.

They continue to develop and plan for the Nature-based outdoor program; they have many wonderful committed people involved. Funds are necessary to fully develop the vision. Several grants have been submitted; and some have been turned down, BUT they successfully received a \$10,000 grant for the fencing. They will continue to seek out grants and will be launching a capital campaign.

Board of Properties continues to glorify God with all the projects they have accomplished and are working to finish. They took the ash trees down. They will be finishing the solar lighting for the cross, replacing the visitor sign, applying for a grant to replace the lights with LED florescent bulbs, and addressing the damage done by the vehicle going through the property. They welcome Sherry Soulier as the new custodian. She has a box in the conference room where you can leave her notes and things she should address.

Board of Stewardship is grateful for the willing servants of God who have been trained to count the contributions on Sunday morning. They have fine tuned the process. They thank everyone for their continued support.

Board of Christian Growth has started another blessed year of educating the children in the faith with teachers filled with joyful hearts. We are blessed to have Margaret Hohenstein lead a parent bible study of Redeemer's young families during the Sunday School time. We were blessed to have a successful VBS with 52 children hearing and learning about God. It was a great outreach ministry where 80% of the children were from outside of Redeemer.

Board of Elders are working with Pastor defining the needs of the congregation and supporting the Re:Vitality with the opening of the Coffee Connection. Many Flesch stated that with the group of preschool parents she met with over coffee exclaimed what a wonderful opportunity it was to get to know each other better. In response to the survey, the greeting will be eliminated.

Board of Fellowship continue to welcome the congregation in fellowship with wonderful treats and hot coffee on Sunday. They are preparing for the annual Fall luncheon; always a favorite in the community.

The Council is working on the 2019 budget, the upcoming elections, the suggestions from the Active Shooter Survey, inviting Hope Harbour and the Gideons on a Sunday, reducing the number of meetings, and exploring the developer's request for some of Redeemer's land.

Official minutes are kept in the office after approval and can be accessed during office hours.

Redeemer is a servant community where people experience and grow in a relationship with Jesus Christ by grace through faith. Pray for Guidance.



The annual Salad Luncheon will be held on Saturday, October 6 from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Tickets are \$8.00 and are available from members, in the office or at the door.

Redeemer will once again be making its chicken salad.

Please check the sign-up sheets for donating salads and bars. There will also be a sign up sheet for helpers that day during the luncheon and workers are needed on Friday for cooking and setup.

Questions can be directed to Jean Neeck or Betty Rossin.

Pre-School News

Preschool started for the fall on Tuesday, September 4th. We've welcomed lots of new families to our program so far. In addition to welcoming new families, we welcomed a new teacher, Mrs. Shana Johnson.

In the first month of school we have worked on learning routines, getting to know each other, talked about shapes, colors, apples and pets.

We are always open to volunteers and mystery readers. Please contact one of the teachers or the coordinator to set up times for those options.

Next month we have a field trip planned to visit Ferguson's Apple Orchard. The kids always are excited for the bus ride and going on a hayride. We will also start talking about fall topics in October.

As always we are thankful for all of our Redeemer Lutheran Church support. God's Blessings to you all.

Ms. Erdmann and Mrs. Johnson



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