



Newsletter - May 2022

Redeemer Church exists to Love God, Care for our Community, Serve St. Louis and Beyond.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the end of the earth.

Acts 1:8

This month we will begin a new series on the book of Acts. I am excited as we dive into studying this book together. The book of Acts takes us back in time to see the birth of the Church. It helps us see the struggles of the early church, the coming of the Holy Spirit, Paul's conversion, and the early missionary journeys. It is the next chapter in the story after Jesus' resurrection.

As I've been reading and preparing for the series I found three important reasons why we should study Acts.

- 1) it's important to know the church's history and what happened after Jesus's resurrection.
- 2) the importance of unity that Luke writes about how early Christians resolved the conflict.
- 3) the importance of salvation to Luke and not only in the gospel but also in the book of Acts.

The book of Acts is history. Luke gives a history of Christ and the beginning of the church. He gives eyewitness accounts. He gives his own accounts of research he did as he scoured the area. He wrote them down in an orderly manner for Theophilus and for us today.

Luke is giving us an account of the church staying unifying in the midst of conflict. The early church had a conflict between Samaritans and Jews and Jewish and Gentile Christians. We see in Acts 15 that the church came together to find common ground as the church was working its way around the world. Going forward as a unified Church.

Luke is preaching salvation. Preaching to those in Jesus' time and to us today. Luke chapter 3:6 Luke gives Isaiah's prophecy and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." in Acts 2:17 here Luke quotes another prophet, Joel. "And in the last days, it shall be, God declares,

that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Here we see the thread that binds the gospel and the book of Acts. We see the declaration through Jesus from the Old Testament prophets. We see both Peter and Paul declaring salvation to the entire world not just to the Jews!

These are some of the reasons why I am excited to study the book of Acts. I am praying it will be a blessing to you, our church, and our community. I ask you to please be in prayer for our church that we will hear God's voice and renew a passion and drive to proclaim salvation to the ends of the earth.

Blessings,
Pastor Jeff

Caring Hands & Hearts

Serving our Community through Ministries of Redeemer



Church and Education Building

- Local 805 Theater Wardrobe for monthly meetings
- Kings Cross Community Church uses our Sanctuary for their Saturday Gatherings.
- All Souls Community Church uses our Sanctuary, Toddler rooms and pit area for the Sunday 11:15 gatherings.
- First Light Ministry - uses our Library on Wednesday evenings.
- Girl Scout Troop—uses our Library for their meetings and used Fellowship Hall for their Thanksgiving dinner hosting their families for a delicious meal they prepared.
- Participated in the Girl's Scouts April Shower collecting 759 items.
- Al-Anon uses our Library for their weekly meetings and quarterly meetings.
- Princeton Heights: met for the Neighborhood Association monthly meeting until 12/2021.
- Dartball league—our team uses our facility for their home field.
- Gateway Science Academy-South School using a Classroom for 2021—2022 School Year for their Advance Math Students. Winter Concerts on Dec. 13, 14 & 15th; Spring Concerts 5/11
- GSA-South PTO "Family Bingo Night" on April 2nd.
- GSA-Middle School Choral Concert on 12/9; - Musical "Lion King". Began rehearsals 2/7—performance on March 17, 18 and 19
- GSA-High School Drama performance 1/28, 29 &

30th; Spring Performance 5/19, /5/20 and 5/21

- GSA Middle & High School—Choral, Band and String Concert for GSA-South 5th Grade class 4/21.

Afton Christian Food Pantry

A group helped to sort over 2600 canned food items on 12/11.

Food Pantry for GSA-South School

Monthly canned goods and Cash donations from the Quilters and others.

Women's Fellowship have donated

Sponsors a child from E.C.H. each month.

Participated in the GSA-South Trunk or Treat with 2 tables and lots of candy to share with the children of the school and surrounding community.

November mission project—Collected items for gifts for the E.C.H. Store.

Church Wide— Mission projects

Dutchtown Outreach—Donations of items and gifts for their annual Operation Christmas Kid Shoebox Ministry Night and supplied a meal for all before packing the shoe boxes.

GSA-South School—We participated in their Giving Tree donations. We helped to make the season bright for over 30 different families.

Church Wide Mission Support through our

Financial Giving

Local Ministries: Up Unleashing Potential; Emmaus Home; Every Child's Hope

Global Ministries: Mike & Becky Kuelker; Micah Project and AIM School (Christian Education)

Kuelker Missions . . . Your Missionaries to Mexico

We would like to greet everyone this chilly April morning. This weather seems like people sometimes hot, sometimes warm and sometimes cold. As Gods' children we are always kept comfortable by his love. So, everyone stay in his presences.

Mike & Becky: have been traveling around the mid-west states. We have been sharing what God has been doing in Mexico through the ministry. Many have asked how Covid has affected the work in Mexico. We shared that it opened more doors than we could have opened. We share with people in Mexico, who are hungry to know more who God is and who Jesus is through the scriptures.

During this month we were blessed to attend a conference, whose theme was Moving Forward Together. It opened new avenues for us to meet and share what God has been doing south of the border. The time has been a great blessing from God in our travel.

Prayers: Continue safe travel For our daughter who is watching the house and caring for the animals
Remember to keep C.O.O.L (Christ Over Our Lives)

Mike, Becky & Berenice

P.S. We are looking forward to seeing everyone on May 8th - Thank you for joining us in His work and moving forward together.

Spiritual disciplines to develop a deeper relationship with Jesus.

Donald S. Whitney says in his book *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*, “We find a clear answer in 1 Timothy 4:7: “Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness” (NASB). In other words, if your purpose is godliness—and godliness is your purpose if you are indwelt by the Holy Spirit, for He makes godliness your purpose—then how do you pursue that purpose? According to this verse, you “discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness.”

I pray that this series has been a benefit to you and your family. Here are some resources on each of the topics that can further help you.

Worship

- You Are What you Love you May not love What you think. By K.A. Smith

Scripture

- Taking God at His Word by Kevin DeYoung

Prayer

- Praying Life by Paul Miller

Simplicity/Gratitude

- One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are by Ann Voskamp

Rest/Slow/Sabbath

- The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry By John Mark Comer

Story/Identity

- Restoration Story: Why Jesus Matters in a Broken World by Robert Cheong

Confession:

- Repentance

Fasting

- A Hunger for God by John Piper

Fellowship/community

- Life Together By Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Hospitality

- The Gospel Comes with a House Key: Practicing Radically Ordinary Hospitality in Our Post-Christian World Service by Rosaria Butterfield

Service

- How Do I Give Back? By Mez McConnell

Stewardship

- Christians in an Age of Wealth: A Biblical Theology of Stewardship by Craig L Blomberg

Love Where you Live

- Loving the City: Doing Balanced, Gospel-Centered Ministry in Your City by Tim Keller

I hope the time we invested in studying spiritual disciplines, consider which disciplines would be the most beneficial for you. You don't need to try to be good at all of them. Pick 3-4 to focus on growing in.

Remember, this isn't a solo endeavor. Encourage one another by asking someone else which disciplines they have chosen. If you are focusing on similar disciplines, help hold one another accountable. Pray for one another.

These disciplines are tools to help us deepen our love of God and expand our love for others. I am praying for each of you that this time of study will be fruitful for us.

Pastor Jeff



Memorials to Sustain the Vision

In memory of our dear friend **Richard Rowe**, passed on 2/15/2022 , loving husband of Beverly, by Jan and Gary Dedeke

What Difference Can Five Days Make?

In five days, children can watch an entire season of their favorite show on a streaming TV service or advance several levels in their favorite video game. So what can five days at Vacation Bible School mean? An eternity of difference!

Redeemer is working together with King's Cross Community Church to host Monumental Vacation Bible School. The focus is on Celebrating God's Greatness while studying the life of Jacob's son, Joseph, and the resurrection of Jesus. From 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon the week of June 13-17, preschool (ages 3-PreK) and elementary (grades K-5 during 2021-2022) students will have fun while focusing on these life-changing truths:

- God loves you no matter what.
- God is with you everywhere.
- God is in charge.
- God is stronger than anything ("And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love" Romans 8:38)
- God is surprising.

So how can you help?

- Spread the word to your children, grandchildren, family friends, and neighbors!
 - Registration forms are on the back table at church and can be returned to Patti
 - Families may sign up [online](https://vbspro.events/p/events/redeemerstl-vbs2022): <https://vbspro.events/p/events/redeemerstl-vbs2022>
 - Families may use their phone's camera to register:
- Pray for the children who will come and for their families
- Pray for the volunteers who will serve in the Sing and Play Celebration, Awesome Bible Adventures, Oasis Tastes (snacks), KidVid Cinema, Red Rocks Rec (games), Imagination Station (crafts), and Canyon Closing
- Become a volunteer—we still need individuals to serve as Crew Leaders with small groups of five children and to help in the opening and closing songs and activities. High school through adult volunteers are welcome and will participate in a background check.
- Donate money or items to be used for VBS



Women's Fellowship - Thursday, May 5th

Church wide Mission Project—Nurses for Newborns

Meeting starts at 10:30 a.m.

Bring a sandwich. Dessert and drinks will be provided.

Please join us!



GROWING IN PRAYER



Starting in May with a new sermon series, Pastor Jeff will bring us into the Book of Acts.

The first thing we thought of when contemplating this article is that the book of Acts is about the beginnings of the Church. Jesus has ascended into Heaven and the apostles gather a community around them. In Acts 2:42-46 we see the church focused on God's word, worship, eating together and taking care of one another.

How does our church focus on God's Word?

How does our church worship God?

How does our church, even in these COVID times, eat together?

How does our church take care of one another?

In what ways can we be praying for our church in these areas?

Other major themes of Acts are the Holy Spirit and the Gospel. In Acts, the Holy Spirit is promised by Jesus, and we can see many occurrences of people being filled with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit also brings empowerment to the church. The Spirit brings "empowerment for mission," equipping every believer with the message of the Gospel, the power of the Gospel, and the ability to proclaim and live out the Gospel. (<http://www.vintagechurchnola.com/blog/2014/02/10>)

Jesus did not want us to remain unmoved by the Gospel. How can you be directed by the Holy Spirit to experience the Gospel message of salvation? How can being directed by the Holy Spirit help you to know and share the Gospel message with others? Pray for where you might need help with this.

WE FOUND THIS INTERESTING. When you have some time, read the book of Acts and notice: Acts also reminds us of [the importance of prayer](#). There is a reference to prayer 31 times in this book, and prayer is present before almost any significant event described by Luke. Miracles are preceded by prayer. Decisions are preceded by prayer. While much of Acts is descriptive rather than prescriptive, in this particular way, we can learn a lot about the power of prayer. (Mahoney, Kelli. "Understanding the Book of Acts." Learn Religions, Aug. 27, 2020, learnreligions.com/know-your-bible-the-book-of-acts-712731.)

Book Drive for "Little Free Library"

Special request for donations.

Please consider donating any of your gently used books for a book drive to supply the Little Free Library by the bus stop out in front of the Church. All kinds of books are accepted! This will also help me meet requirements for Boy Scout merit badges including Reading and Citizenship in the Community. There will be a box in the back of the Sanctuary for book collections and you can bring them to the church office anytime too!

Thank you for helping!
Gus Long-Gabel
Troop 179 Historian



Church-wide Mission Project

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO TAKE PART IN THEIR "BABY-SHOWER" FOR "NURSES FOR NEWBORNS".

***** PRIORITY ITEMS ARE PACK 'N PLAYS, LARGER SIZED DIAPER (4 & 5) DIAPER WIPES, BABY LOTION, BABY SHAMPOO AND BABY WASH, PAPER PRODUCTS (TOWELS & TOILET PAPER) CANNED FOOD, BOTTLE BRUSHES, AND NEWBORN BABY CLOTHING. *****



**Nurses for Newborns do accept gently used items.
All items must be clean and in workable/usable condition.
(Due to Federal Regulations, cribs will no longer be accepted.)**

- Baby Care Items (**Lotion, Shampoo, Wash**)
- Baby Formula (Preferably Enfamil w/ Lipil)
- **Baby Bottles** (plastic is preferred but will take glass)
- **Bottle Brushes**
- Canned Food
- Car Seats (5 point car seats only less than 5 years old.
- Clothing (preemie to Size 4T)
- **Sleepers with zippers or snaps (3 to 18 month)**
- **Onesies, no feet (3 to 18 month)**
- Diapers (All Sizes & Pull-Ups)
Diaper sizes 4
- **Baby Wipes**
- High Chairs
- Gift Cards
- **Pack 'N Play**
- **Car Seat (5 point hookup only less than 5 years old)**
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Macaroni & Cheese (and other boxed Pasta's)
- Meals in a Can (Stew, Chili, Soup)
- Tuna & other canned meat
- Canned Pasta's
- Cereal
- Fruit juice in boxes or cans
- Canned fruit
- Fruit Roll ups
- Raisins
- Graham Crackers
- Applesauce
- Cheese and Crackers
- Fruit Cups
- Pretzels
- Granola Bars
- **Laundry Detergent (Dye Free & Fragrance Free)**
- **Paper Products—Toilet Paper; Paper Towels**



ITEMS IN BOLD ARE PRIORITY ITEMS!

**Please bring items to the Church by Sunday, May 8th.
There will be a box and table located in the back of the Sanctuary where you may place your items.**

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE !

Women's Fellowship

March 3rd Meeting Highlights

- Shut-ins update: Thelma is doing well, she now lives at Bethesda Dilworth.
- Beverly Rowe is doing OK since the recent death of her husband Rich. We hope that she will soon return to us.
- Minutes and Financials were approved.
- Received Thank you notes form: Beverly & Rick Rowe for the wonderful Christmas Card; Church Council for the Cookie Sale & Basket raffle; Amber & Jeff for the invitation to our Christmas party and gift; ECH and Mr. Brennan; Lydia House; Unleashing Potential and Emmaus Home for the Christmas Donations.
- Unfinished Business: Sub Sandwiches, still considering them for Father's Day.
- New Business: Possibly selling Pizza's. Jan Kemper will investigate
- Still considering having the Annual Spaghetti Dinner in September.
- JoAnn Jackson is in charge of the snack time for the upcoming VBS and Women's Fellowship has offered to donate \$150 for food if need.
- May Meeting's Mission Project will be collecting items for "Nurses for Newborn's.
- March Birthday's—Jan Kemper

Devotional was about "Mystery and Promise", ending in prayer. We had a delicious dessert of Mint Chocolate ice cream and Shamrock cookies.

April 7th Highlights

- Shut-ins update: Thelma is doing okay at Bethesda Dilworth, she would love visitors.
- Diane Gilbert is doing better after her recent fall
- Minutes and Financials were approved.
- Communications - Unleashing Potential is asking for financial donations. ECH is asking for financial donations for their upcoming programs for the children.
- Unfinished Business: We will have sell Sub Sandwiches for Father's Day; Possibly selling Pizza's—need further information.
- May meeting—we will be asking the church and others to participate in a Church Wide Mission Project for Nurses for Newborns. Jan Dedeke will call and get us a list of their needs.
- Following our May meeting we will clean the tables and chairs in Fellowship Hall. Anyone is welcome to help.
- We will try to have our Spaghetti Dinner this year. We will be checking for two dates. 9/17 or 9/24

Closed our meeting with a reading from our President, Cheryl Ederle. "The Joy that invades our hearts". Then a prayer before we enjoyed our lunches. Dessert was a delicious carrot cake.

Respectfully submitted by
Janice Kemper, Recording Secretary

Church Council: April 11, 2022 Meeting

Opening prayer and Devotion/Leadership Development – Pastor Jeff opened with a reading from Cross of Christ by John R.W. Stott and led us in prayer.

Minutes and Treasurers Reports: were reviewed and approved. We have received a partial distribution from the Estate of Rosemary Rogg.

Worship: Pastor Jeff will be concluding the sermon series "Spiritual Disciplines" on April 24th and beginning on a new series on the Book of Acts on May 1st.

Worship Information - On line and in person

March	Facebook	YouTube	Website - Sermon	
Average views/week		21	4	24
Ash Wednesday: in-person:	35	Facebook: 39		

Three different committees are continuing to meet. (Welcome; Vision and Children and Families)

Update from Children & Family Ministries – Monumental (building a rock solid faith) VBS will be 6/13—6/17. Jamie Pollard, VBS coordinator is gathering her team.

Council Highlights continued on Page 8

Update from the Vision and Clarity– Discussing possible Confirmation Class within the next year.

Website Development: Refreshing website. Pastor Jeff discussed new layout for website and updates were viewed. Andrew Hutchings is working on the website for Pastor Jeff. Hoping to go live soon.

Time away– Patti: May 1—May 8th.

House and Grounds - Northwest (back) wall of the balcony is water damage; Water issues near the outdoor elevator—parking lot; various plumbing issues; Bell Tower and fallen bricks; Sanctuary Projectors. Harry has developed a 5-year plan to prioritize and replace AC units which no longer work, Congregation will discuss at Annual Congregation Meeting in September. Currently there are 2 units which no longer work.

Study Items:

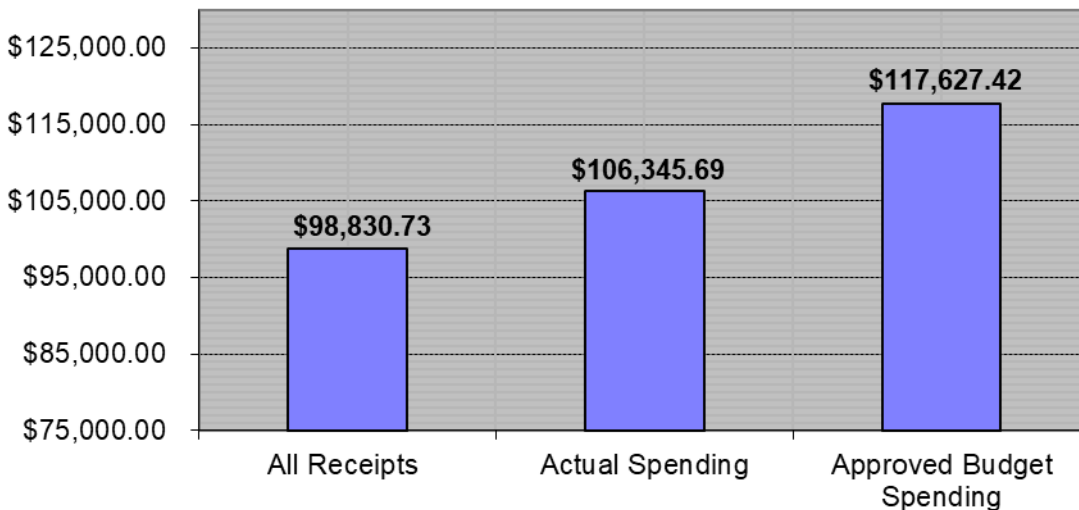
· Bring back the “Halo in One” Golf Tournament—fundraiser for the church. Possibly in early summer and at Tower Tee (Par 3).

Action Item (Items to be acted upon)

1. **Music Leader Job Description** — Motion approved to make any amendments to job description by 4/18. Pastor Jeff then will present to candidate, Jacob Pollard. This person would assist with the Worship planning, develop and encourage our singers and musicians, and possibly organize choir or ensembles.

2. **Approved** Pastor Jeff time away Sunday, May 22nd.

**Year to Date
9/1/2021—3/31/2022**



Tithes and Offerings:
As we continue through our fiscal year our prayer is that God’s tithes and our offerings will continue to be a blessing to the mission of the church. The Council is grateful for everyone who is continuing to strive to support God’s work through His Church!



Online Giving!

Scan the QR code or go to <https://redeemerstl.churchcenter.com/giving>

Church Office Hours: Pastor Jeff has been coming up on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday from 9 am to 2 pm —besides Saturday & Sunday. If you need to contact Pastor Jeff contact him at 314-363-5862. Patti continues to come up to the church office on Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 2 pm; besides Sunday.

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and check out the daily verses posted. Join our group too!**

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9:00 a.m. Sunday

Family Worship

Names of officers of organizations and council members are available on request at the church office.



June 13th —June 17th Registration Form

(One per child)

Child's name: _____ Child's gender: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____

Home Telephone: _____ Parent/Caregiver's Cellphone: _____

Home email address: _____

School: _____

Home Church: _____

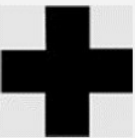
My child may be signed-in and out by the following adults: _____



Allergies, medical conditions, or special needs: _____

In Case of Emergency, contact _____

Phone: _____ Relationship to child _____



Emergency Medical Treatment: In the event of an emergency, I understand that 911 will be called to transport your child to a hospital for emergency medical or surgical treatment and understand that I am re-



I consent to my child's photograph or video footage being used by Redeemer Evangelical Church for publicity purposes including the REC website, Facebook, and the promotion of future VBS events. Please mark one of the boxes and sign below. YES NO

Print Name: _____ Relationship to Child _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____