

## ANNOUNCEMENTS 2-5-12

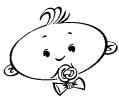
**COMING SOON TO A PULPIT NEAR YOU...** We're now in the last two weeks of our ambitious message series **"20 BIG Questions."** Each week we explore a core dimension of the Christian faith by raising a big question and seeing where God's truth



leads us. Along the way we try to connect the theological dots, so that we can get a better idea of the inter-connectedness of thinking the faith. We're also be asking the "So what?" question – so that we can see how our thoughts and beliefs can profoundly influence how we live day to day. This morning's question is "What is real community?" Most of us yearn to be part of a vital, vibrant, life-giving, and God-honoring community. Unfortunately, there are any number of hindrances that get in the way of our experiencing what God intends for us. We'll be examining those forces that often inhibit us, look at the "marks" of true Christian community, and then take a practical step to help make community more real here at Redeemer.

- Today*      **20 BIG Questions:** *What is real community?*
- Feb. 12*    **20 BIG Questions:** *What's going to happen to us?* (Hector Garfias)
- Feb. 19*    **Generous Justice:** *What is doing justice?*
- Feb. 26*    **Generous Justice:** *Justice and the Old Testament*
- Mar. 3*      **Generous Justice:** *What did Jesus say about justice?*

**IT'S A BOY!!** Congratulations to Mike and Michelle Willis (and to big sister, Megan) at the birth of Christian Michael Willis, who was born on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Everybody is healthy and doing well – thank you, Lord! Oh...for those who like to do the numbers, Christian was 7 pounds, 7 ounces and 20 inches.

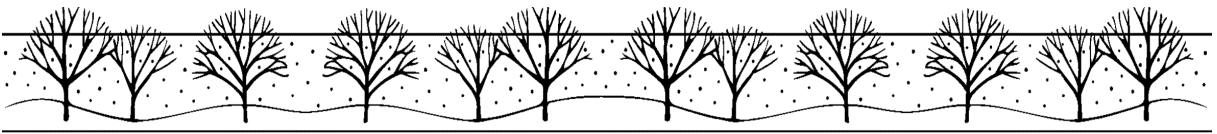


**PASTOR CARL BREIMEIER TO BE INSTALLED ON NEXT SUNDAY...** Our congregation recently voted to extend a call to Pastor Carol to return to Redeemer on a 36-hour per week basis, beginning in mid-February. We'd like to mark that decision by officially installing her next Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, at both services. Associate to the Bishop of the Metro Chicago Synod, Hector Garfias, will be here to preach and to install Pastor Carol.



**SENIOR LUNCHEON THIS TUESDAY...** This month we'll be ordering Chinese food, so if you haven't already made your selection, be sure to get your order in TODAY with Marlene Turnbull. **We'll meet Tuesday morning at 11:00 am** for Bible study and follow with lunch. It's a great time to get together, so if you haven't tried it out, please come and join us!





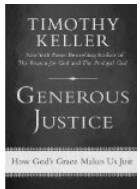
**TUESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will be this Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm, at Conni Brown's house, 805 S. Waverley Place in Mt Prospect. All women are invited.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADER FEEDBACK OPPORTUNITY**—We invite all Sunday School leaders to join us at 7:30 pm, Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, at church for a chance to discuss how things are going with Sunday School. We want to hear from you what's gone well, what hasn't, and what more we could be doing to help you and to help make the experience on Sunday mornings even more meaningful for you, our students, their families and Redeemer. Any questions, please contact Karen Burkum, Sarah Harlan or Beth Christenson.

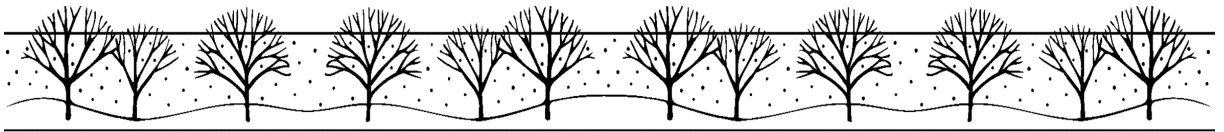


**WOMEN'S MIDWINTER GET-TOGETHER!** All women are invited to come just for fun for a midwinter party at church on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:30 pm. Bring a snack to share, a game to play, whatever you'd like to share. The goal is to have relax, have fun, and get to know each a little better. If you can help with planning, please get in touch with Pastor Carol – in person, by phone (224/422-9552), or email at (carol.breimeier@gmail.com.)

**ALL-CONGREGATION BOOK COMING IN FEBRUARY...** On Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, we'll be rolling out our next all-congregation book, ***Generous Justice: How God's Grace Makes Us Just***. It's written by Tim Keller, author of last year's book, ***Counterfeit Gods*** – and is once again, thoughtful, solid, accessible, and helpful. Copies of the book, along with a daily reading guide, are available now. Copies are only \$10. On February 19<sup>th</sup>, we'll begin a new message series and small group discussions based on our reading for the week. It's a great way to grow deeper in our faith and draw closer to others, so please plan to participate.



**THE CURE THOSE POST-SUPERBOWL BLUES...** For those who would rather run around than sit around, it's time to mark your calendars, because **Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm is our next Sports Sunday**. We'll have time for some volleyball, dodge ball, basketball and (maybe) table tennis here in the gym. Lunch will be provided. For more information, see Matt Welke. *Don't forget to bring along your gym clothes!*



**WORK & WORSHIP WEEKEND AT NORTH AVENUE...** Mark your calendars, because on the weekend of February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, we'll be having a "work & worship" opportunity at our new second site on North Avenue in Chicago. We'll have a sign-up sheet out next weekend for you to indicate when you might be able to come and help out. We'll be taping and painting in the sanctuary, reorganizing and cleaning in the kitchen, bathrooms, and church office, throwing out accumulated church junk, etc. We'll also take time for prayer and pizza. Come and see how much has already been done, and then help lend a hand to help even more get done. This will be fun – and productive! Questions? See Pastor Fred for more details.



**THURSDAY EVENING WOMEN'S GROUP** — is meeting on Thursday evenings in the conference room from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. We're currently discussing the previous Sunday's sermon, relating Bible passages and applying them to our lives. Then starting Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> we'll begin *Book Of Faith Lenten Journey: Water Marks* by Diane Jacobson. (Naomi Bruesehoff sent an email recommending this study!) See Gerri Huffman with any questions or email at [gmuffman@wowway.com](mailto:gmuffman@wowway.com).



**20/30s INHALE...EXHALE...TAKE TIME TO BREATHE!** Our upcoming 20/30s retreat is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. The purpose of this retreat is to *Relax, Recharge, and Connect* with each other. Let's get away from the busyness of our everyday lives and enjoy a weekend of fun with other 20/30-somethings who are interested in deepening their relationship with Jesus. **That is our entire agenda for the weekend! We will not be spending our time making administrative decisions for the group.** Many of us are already involved in launching the second site and/or in a lot of other ministries that keep us busy – not to mention the craziness of our everyday lives. Come join us and give yourself a break and some Sabbath time. On Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, we will be meeting at Redeemer at 8:45 am and leaving for a lake house near Lake Geneva at 9:00 am. We'll stay overnight at the lake house and leave for home at the very latest by 1:30 pm on Sunday. Saturday lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast will be provided. We will also have a light continental breakfast available upon arrival at the lake house on Saturday morning. **Please RSVP to Mike Willis. The cost of the weekend is \$65. Please feel free to invite anyone you feel this retreat could be meaningful for.**



## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

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| Today       | 8:30 am<br>9:45 am<br>9:45 am<br>10:00 am<br>11:00 am | Traditional Worship<br>Fellowship and Coffee<br>Freed-up Financial Living Class (Mtg. Room #1)<br>Sunday School, Youth & Adult Class on Genesis<br>Encounter Contemporary Worship   |
| Monday      | 7:00 pm   | Prayer Team (Sanctuary)   |
| Tuesday     | 11:00 am<br>7:00 pm                                   | Senior luncheon (Sanctuary)<br>Women's Bible Study (Conni Brown's house, 805 S Waverly, Mt. Prospect)   |
| Wednesday   | 7:00 pm<br>7:00 pm                                    | Vision & Strategy (Conference Room)<br>Sunday School Leader's Meeting (Sanctuary)   |
| Thursday    | 6:30 pm<br>7:30 pm                                    | Youth Group<br>Women's Group (Conference Room)  |
| Friday      | 7:00 pm   | Reimagine Worship: "Called By God" with musical guest, Katie Pessin and the Q   |
| Next Sunday | 8:30 am<br>9:45 am<br>9:45 am<br>10:00 am<br>11:00 am | Traditional Worship (Installation of Pastor Carol)<br>Fellowship and Coffee<br>Freed-up Financial Living Class (Mtg. Room #1)<br>Sunday School, Youth & Adult Class on Genesis<br>Encounter Contemporary Worship (Installation of Pastor Carol) |

**LAUREL'S FLORALS** — Avenues to Independence resident Laurel Eness will have a selection of flower arrangements for sale **today** during the coffee hours. Be sure to come by and choose the one that will be just perfect for that empty spot on your table or shelf. (arrangements start at \$6.00)

**REIMAGINE WORSHIP THIS COMING FRIDAY...** Barring another big snow-storm at the worst possible time, please plan to join us **this coming Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** for our next Reimagine Worship event. We'll be discussing what it means to be "Called by God". How can we discern between our own desires and what God is calling us to? Does God's "call" extend beyond ministry? In addition to that discussion we'll be hearing music from Kati Pessin and the Q. We hope you're able to invite your friends and join us for what will no doubt be a memorable night!

