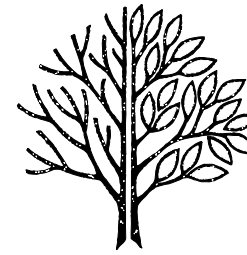


CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK		
Today	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Traditional Worship Sunday School, Youth, and Adult Classes Encounter Contemporary Worship
Monday	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Prayer Team (Sanctuary) Finance Team (Conference Room)
Tuesday	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Vision & Strategy Team (Meeting Room #1) Vocal Choir Rehearsal Bell Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00 pm	Men's Group (Family Room)
Next Sunday	NO WORSHIP SERVICES	FAITH IN ACTION WEEKEND
Sunday, May 20	8:30 am 11:00 am	Traditional Worship (FIA testimonies) Encounter Contemporary Worship (FIA testimonies)



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May 6—May 13, 2012

WELCOME TO WORSHIP *this morning. We're glad you're here. Today's service will include lots of singing, a message, and Holy Communion. Children will have the opportunity during the message time to go to the gym to do a little drawing, coloring, or playing. For any parents who feel the need to take a child from the service before that time, there is a nursery room in the basement next to the restrooms. May God bless your worship this morning, and may you feel his presence with you here.*

**Joy to the City:
 Becoming a New Kind of Church**

Today we bring our Joy to the City message series to completion. In the past three weeks, we've considered how much God loves cities, thought about the joy that comes from giving of ourselves and our possessions to further God's work, and given attention to our place in history as we seek to be part of rebuilding the strength of the church in Chicago. Today we look at what it means to be a different kind of church – a reproducing church.

Reproducing as a church is a great way for each of us to live out our faith and love our world. Lives will change...starting with yours! The key is knowing what and who to invest in.



Joy to the City

We will celebrate Holy Communion together this morning. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the bread and wine. The wine is offered from the common cup or in individual cups. Grape juice is available in individual cups for those who prefer it. Simply indicate that to the server. You may drop your empty cup in the basket at the end of the first pew as you return to your seat.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME, BRIAN ZEHR! This morning we welcome Brian Zehr, a consultant with multisite churches. Brian has been working with Pastor Fred and other staff and meeting with our Launch Team. We're excited that he could be with us to complete the Joy to the City message series with a message on "Becoming a New Kind of Church."

GREAT EXPECTATIONS!...Be sure to check out the creative and interactive prayer station and prayer wall that our Spiritual Life Team has put together for our Joy to the City campaign. Take a moment to write a few words on the prayer wall. And take today's insert home for your fridge or file cabinet. (Grab a magnet if you don't have one yet.)

FAITH IN ACTION 4 IS ALMOST HERE! It's not too late to decide which ministry (or ministries) you'd like to be part of this coming week. The fun begins with Caffeinate Your Spirit at Concordia University on Thursday, May 10, and continues through Sunday. Choose a ministry, invite a friend. We're going to go out and make a difference in people's life, and we'll do it together! REMEMBER: No worship service on May 13.

THEN, ON SUNDAY, MAY 20, bring your friends and guests who participated with us the weekend before to come and hear testimonies about our experiences and to talk about where we saw God at work.

This has become a fun and productive way to put our faith in action in service to our Lord, so be sure to participate!

JOY TO THE CITY: Remember to be prayerfully considering your financial support for the Joy to the City capital campaign as well as Redeemer's annual budget. Commitment Sunday is May 20, so please bring your two-part commitment card to church that day. If you are unable to be here, you can mail or drop off your card beforehand. On behalf of the whole congregation, thanks to the whole congregation for your continued support of the ministries and the mission we share together!



BIG SUNDAY!! Don't miss Sunday, May 20. Here's what's happening:

- Two (2) services, according to our regular schedule, at which we'll hear testimonies from the Faith In Action ministry teams
- Commitment Sunday: Bring your two-part Joy to the City/annual giving commitment card to church.
- New members welcomed at worship.
- Farewell to Alex Raabe, our ministry in context student, headed off to internship next year.

CELEBRATE!: Mark your calendar now for 3:00 pm on Sunday, June 3, for the service of Ordination and Installation for Matt Stuhlmuller. Matt will be ordained into pastoral ministry and installed as Associate Pastor and Mission Developer for Redeemer Church. Bishop Wayne Miller will preside. Pastor Bob Mooney, pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church, Yorba Linda, California, will preach. A reception will follow.

CHOIR REHEARSAL THIS WEEK: There will be choir rehearsal at 7:00 pm this Tuesday, May 8, with hand bell rehearsal following at 8:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

FRIENDLY REMINDER: If you haven't yet paid for your Faith in Action t-shirt, you can use a pew envelope and drop it in the offer plate, hand it to a pastor, or bring/send it to the office during the week. Thanks!

COFFEE HOUR HELP NEEDED: The Hospitality Committee is hoping to find people to help sponsor a Sunday to provide snacks for coffee hour after the 8:30 and 11:00 services. Drinks and donuts are provided weekly—you just need to fill in around the edges. Just turn in your receipts and you will be reimbursed. If you are able to help out, please check the sign up sheet for available dates.