



THE VOICE

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Our Mission

*Jesus said
"All authority in heaven and on earth
has been given to me.
Therefore go and make disciples
of all nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit."
Matthew 28:18-19*



Watch The Chosen -Season 1
Wednesdays at 6:45 pm -The Chapel
Details at www.Redeemer.us

REDEEMER RAMBLERS

Open House

October 7
9:30 am – 12:00 noon
Great Room

The Quilting Corner has been a thriving part of Redeemer and its activities for a good many years. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month. Through this program quite a few quilts have been passed on to Lutheran World Relief in New Windsor, MD. There is something for everyone to do. All ages welcome! Be part of this effort to impact the world. Check out LWR.org

Fellowship during our gatherings is an extra!

Questions? Contact Joanne Kessler at 301-25300335

Reflections from Pastor John

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish." "Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again." And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking. When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm such a sinful man." For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed. Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus. Luke 5:4-11

Simon knew about fish. He knew where to find them. He knew how to go about catching them. He was a fisherman. He hadn't had any success catching fish the night before, and now this itinerant teacher shows up, uses his boat as a pulpit for preaching to the crowds, and all of a sudden acts like he is an expert fisherman. Simon balks. "We worked hard ALL NIGHT and couldn't catch anything... and we know what we are doing. Why should we listen to you, teacher?" But he did what Jesus told him to do and caught the catch of his life.

What do you think Jesus knows about your work? What if Jesus showed up at your workplace and told you how to be a better teacher, a better accountant, a better engineer, a better business owner, a better police officer, a better cook, a better press mechanic... Would you listen to Jesus? What is it about your life that you think you know better than Jesus?

When we get the mistaken idea that there is anything we know better than Jesus, we are on the road to being ineffective in what He calls us to do. Jesus calls Simon out of a life of fishing for fish and tells him that from now on he is going to fish for people. Jesus calls you and me, not out of our vocations, but to remain in our various circles of relational influence and live on mission there, join Jesus on His mission there, fish for people there.

Too often we separate those two things from each other; our work/vocation and our mission/serving in Jesus' Kingdom. We think, "Jesus couldn't possibly know anything about ____" fill in the blank, "so I'll have to take care of that part of my life and listen to Him when it comes to ministry or serving." The problem with that is, because we think we know more than Jesus in our work/vocation, we never really get around to the "joining Him on His mission" part.

Simon has his pridefulness rebuked in the great catch of fish. He realizes that he can never know more than Jesus and that Jesus knows him so well, He really shouldn't even be around him. "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm such a sinful man," Simon cries. That is the kind of humility that positions us to be better used by Jesus for His glory and the building of His Kingdom.

"Lord, I am the greatest sinner I know. You should leave me, for I have placed myself, my knowledge, my ideas over and above yours."

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To which Jesus says, "I've called you by name. You are mine. You are The Chosen. Trust me and I will show you how to fish for people at home, at work, at school, in your neighborhood. Follow me!"

We will be seeing how this great catch of fish transforms Simon's and Andrew's lives, as well as their fishing friends, James and John in episode 4 of The Chosen on Wednesday evening, October 13th. I hope you have been following along with these episodes. Episode 4 is pivotal because of the role Simon Peter will grow into as he learns to follow and trust Jesus. Let's learn right along with him since we are The Chosen of today.

In the love of the One who has chosen us to follow,
Pastor John

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Trunk or Treat Family Event

Sunday October 24

Lower Level Parking Lot

4:00 - 5:00 pm

Family friendly costumes are welcome

Pizza Dinner & Pumpkin Decorating

5:00 - 6:30 pm

Bring your pumpkin and carving utensils

Cost is \$10 per pizza - pepperoni or plain.

\$8 for additional pizzas.

Register [HERE](#) or use QR Code

Contact joyce.anderson@redeemer.us if you have questions.



PROPERTIES

From Pastor John's mid-week update: *We have been vigorously and diligently working on lighting and sound needs in the Family Life Center (FLC.) There are changes and upgrades that are in progress that will impact the quality of sound and lighting in the FLC.*

Thanks to Brett Barry and his team for working through the challenges to pull all the parts together so both our congregation online and those who meet in person are blessed by these changes to enhance the quality of sound and light of the FLC.



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TRIPLE R MISSION TEAM SEPTEMBER TRIP PHOTOS



Before



After. Triple R Mission Team and Christian Service Mission



Miss Gloria and Aaron Parsons
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