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RLC Newsletter

August 2018

A message from Pastor Allman by Pastor David Allman

Where will Redeemer be 13 years from now? Where will Redeemer be 26 years from now? Where will Redeemer be 39 years from now? Why did I choose those numbers rather than 15, 25 and 40? The Charter for Redeemer was signed in 1979, which was 39 years ago. Do you think those Charter members had envisioned what Redeemer now looks like 39 years into the future? Have you ever thought about what Redeemer could look like 39 years from now?

I am sure there are some who first thought: I will not even be here in 39 years so why should I care? Frankly I will not be here in 39 years either. As to the question, "why should I care?" I doubt there would be a Redeemer Lutheran Church in SCC except that those initial Charter members cared. All of the growth to the physical

structure and to the people and relationships started because those Charter members cared. Since 1979 we have been standing on their shoulders as a congregation. On April 1, 2019, Redeemer will have existed (officially) for 40 years. On Sunday, March 31, 2019, we will celebrate what those Charter members began.

At the beginning of 2018 our Council continued an annual process of thinking about what Redeemer will look like 10, 20, 30, 40 and even 50 years from now. Part of that discussion meant looking at the past and present while we planned for the future. We talked about Core Values, our Mission Statement and a Vision Statement for who we hope to be and what we hope to accomplish. Some of that Vision is already happening. Check our web site www.redeemerlc.com for more

information on our Mission, Vision, and Values.

How will you fulfill your role in God's Mission for Redeemer? I am a firm believer that God brought you to this congregation for a reason. Your spiritual gifts are essential to God's preferred future for Redeemer. If you are not sure what your spiritual gifts are, there are ways the church can help you to discover them.

The Council and Staff look forward to serving WITH YOU in this important mission that God has gifted us for here in Sun City Center at Redeemer Lutheran Church. We serve together in God's Mission to move toward God's preferred future for Redeemer. We can do that if we all work together with the gifts God has given us.

Pastor Allman 

News from the Office Administrator ~AUGUST 2018

by Susan Warner

Happy August!

We are finishing work on the library project! Since my last article we have torn out the old cove molding, had the carpet replaced and are ready to have the room function. We have purchased some seating, and will be purchasing an end table, a lamp, and some decorative pillows so that the space is comfortable for conversations or a family prior to a memorial service. We are looking for donations to fund the new furniture. Please see Susan or Kadie if you would like to contribute! You can also find information in the Narthex on the giving tree. The current table will remain in the room and we will continue to use the space for small meetings and for those who want to take advantage of the library books. A shout out to Fred Bastion, David Schierenbeck, Tina Schwartz, and Dick Paulson for contributing to this effort.

Lifeline Screening will be here on September 10. We will have flyers here soon with information on how you can participate. It is by appointment only, so you will need to call and make an appointment if you want to be screened. They have several options available. This screening saves lives!

Our Visitation/Communion Teams continue to reach out to our members in need with companionship and communion. Our parish nurses are providing support to our members with medical issues. **If you know of anyone who needs visiting or help with a medical question, or if you would like to be one of our volunteers providing care, please feel free to contact me at carekeepersccr@gmail.com or call the church office at 813-634-1292. Our list of folks who are homebound keeps increasing and we could use more team members to visit them, particularly men to visit other men.** If you have a couple of hours a month to reach out to one of these members, please consider joining us. It makes such a difference in their lives, as many are lonely and craving human interaction; I often receive feedback from those visited saying how much it meant to them. Believe me, you will be even more blessed by the visit!

Upcoming Events:

Thursdays at 10:00 AM – Bible Study in Buhr Hall. FREE!

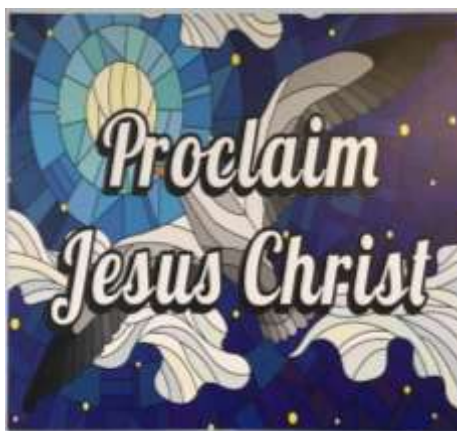
Monday, September 10 beginning at 8:15 AM – Lifeline Screening

Tuesday, October 9 at 11:30 AM – Hands of Faith event, reaching out to cancer patients.

Tuesday, November 13 at 11:30 AM – Dementia Presentation, by A.J. Cipperly of Inspired Living, A free lunch will be served.

Monday, December 10 at 7:00 PM – South Shore Concert Band will be here with a Christmas Concert! This will be a ticket only (free ticket) event to control the crowd this time. More news to come!

Tuesday January 15 – Hearing Loss and the Aging Brain, more details to come.



AUGUST STEWARDSHIP

by Pastor David Allman

Every Sunday, or for some maybe every day, we recite the Apostle's Creed which begins with the first article: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

As part of the explanation under "What does this mean?" in the catechism Martin Luther writes, in part, *"In addition God daily and abundantly provides shoes and clothing, food and drink, house and farm, spouse and children, fields, livestock, and all property – along with all the necessities and nourishments for this body and life."*

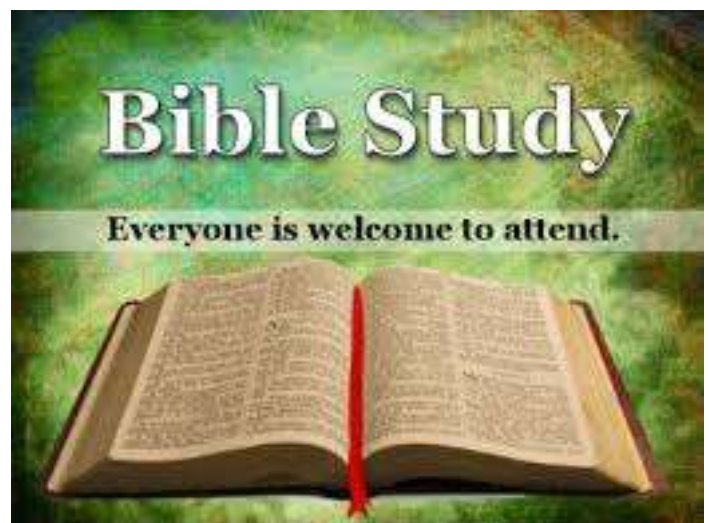
Many churches and church goers often under-utilize that word, "abundantly." We tend to think more in terms of scarcity. We live in fear of not having enough for ourselves. We think, *"If I give away my money or possessions, then what will happen to me when I need something?"* Martin Luther teaches that God will abundantly provide *"all the necessities and nourishments for this body and life."*



Last December this congregation passed a spending plan for 2018 that stretched our thinking. Some of our church goers reacted from an attitude of scarcity. There was fear that we would be asking too much of each other and God. Frankly speaking, if you believe God is only able to do what you can accomplish by yourself, then your God is too small. A little more than half of 2018 has passed and, as of this writing, giving continues to exceed spending. God is good all the time and we have been responding to God's good gifts in our lives.



We want to thank each and every one of you for believing in God's abundance and in the Vision God has for Redeemer. In this second half of 2018 we ask for your continued support through your prayers, spiritual gifts and your financial gifts. The Apostle Paul writes, *"Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 1:31, NIV). So we boast in the Lord at your faith that God will abundantly give us *"all the necessities and nourishments for this body and life."*



Please join us for Bible study as we grow in faith and explore the book of Hebrews.

Thursdays at 10:00 AM in Buhr Hall.

Social Ministry & Benevolence Thank you!

The Social Ministry Team wishes to thank you for your support of the Good Samaritan Mission. We were able to provide them with much needed health care items and baby products. The Thrivent team donated many items for the traveling trailer. The mission is relocating to the South Bay Plaza, behind Burger King on Route 674. The building is being renovated for use in August. Anyone wishing to volunteer with Pastor Cruz should stop in. May God continue to bless this mission.



Mike Trefren delivered the social ministry items our congregation collected for Good Samaritan Mission in June. Pastor Cruz accepted the donation along with his wife and father.

Your gracious giving benefited Lutheran Services of Florida. This group helps many people in Florida and the world, through substance abuse programs, mental health programs, and response to natural disasters to name a few of their services.

Blessings,
Social Ministry Team



August Social Ministry

Health Care Kits

During the month of August we will be collecting health kits for the students at local schools. The nurse at the school offers in-class education about healthy hygiene habits. The kits we provide supplement her classes. We have a list of necessary items to make a kit. If you would like to make a complete kit, please place it in a Ziploc bag. If you prefer to donate money to buy the items, please write "health kits" on your envelope or check. Thank you for supporting this project. God bless you as we continue to impact our community.

Health Kit list

Please include all items in an XL Ziploc bag if you decide to make a complete kit.

- Toothbrushes**
- Toothpaste**
- Shampoo**
- Bar soap**
- Comb/Brush**
- Wash cloth/ hand towel**



Other items that could be donated but should not be included in the kits are: Deodorant, Feminine Hygiene products, and small hand sanitizers.

Social Ministry Committee

August Benevolence

Good Samaritan Mission

During the month of August we will support the Good Samaritan Mission in Sun City Center/Ruskin. The Mission provides many services to their clients. We have long supported Pastor Cruz. The money we donate will be used for their operating fund and to enhance the new building and office. The Mission invites you to visit and volunteer. Please consider supporting GSM. Please mark your envelope "GSM" or note it on your check.

Social Ministry Committee



Tips for smart over-the-counter (OTC) medicine use

The more than 300,000 OTC medicines that you can buy without a prescription all have one thing in common: they are serious medicines that need to be taken with care.

- 1. Always start by reading the label—all of it.**
Reading the label will help you decide if you have selected the right product for your symptoms, and for you to understand the dosing instructions and be aware of any warning that may apply to you.
- 2. Look for an OTC medicine that will treat only the symptoms you have.**
Some products are for one symptom (i.e., cough medicine) and some are for multiple symptoms (i.e., cold medicines that can treat headache, stuffy nose and cough). “More” does not necessarily mean better if the medicine is treating conditions you don’t have. Select a medicine that treats your specific symptoms.
- 3. Know what to avoid while taking an OTC medicine.**
Like prescription medicines, all OTC drugs can cause side effects or reactions. Read the label to see what to avoid while you are taking an OTC drug.
- 4. When in doubt, ask before you buy or use an OTC medicine.**
Taking an OTC medicine safely is too important for guesswork. If you have questions, ask your pharmacist or doctor.
- 5. Take the medicine EXACTLY as stated on the label.**
When it comes to OTC medicines, more is not better! Taking too much of a nonprescription medicine can be harmful. Only take the recommended amount and at the exact intervals stated on the label.
- 6. Use extra caution when taking more than one OTC drug product at a time.**
Many OTC medicines contain the same active ingredients, (i.e., the same pain reliever you take for a backache may also be in cold medicine), which means you may be getting more than the recommended dose without even knowing it. Always compare active ingredients before taking more than one OTC medicine at the same time.
- 7. Don’t combine prescription medicines and OTC drugs without talking to a healthcare professional first.**
Sometimes combining drugs can cause adverse reactions or one drug can interfere with the other drug’s effectiveness. Always ask your doctor or pharmacist to play it safe.
- 8. Keep a list of all the OTC medicines, prescription drugs, dietary supplements and herbal remedies you take,** listing the active ingredient(s), and reason for taking each one. Share this list with your healthcare providers at each visit so they can check for any possible drug interactions or side effects. In case of an accident or emergency, make sure a loved one has an up-to-date copy of your medicine list too.
- 9. Don’t use OTC medicines after their expiration date.**
Dispose of all medicines promptly and safely after their expiration date and be careful not to throw them away where children or pets may find them.

From Parish Nurse Team

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1st – Martha Viohl**
- 3rd – Jennie Fleitner**
- 4th – Anne Doerfler, Marty Gifford, Dr. Oliver Hackett, Nancy Hayes, Judy Kiel**
- 6th – Audrey Ercegovich**
- 7th - Dan Pollert**
- 8th- Jenise German**
- 10th – Denise Fitzpatrick**
- 12th- Nancy McIntosh**
- 14th – Betty Morrison**
- 18th –Saundra Manin**
- 20th – Thyra Nagel**
- 21st – Joan Contois, Dick Fricke**
- 22nd- Eileen Burness**
- 26th – Richard Johnston**
- 27th- Grace Springer**
- 28th –Ginny Acker**
- 29th- Hans Barfels, Betty Corzine, Pete Moose, George Revelj**
- 31st – Marv Lent**



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 1st – Sally & Michael Trenski**
- 3rd – Kurt & Elfi Nolden**
- 6th – Ken & Arlene Hansen**
- 10th- John & Emma Jean Mostoller**
- 16th – George & Susan Grosskopf**
- 20th – Mike & MaryAnn Sigler**
- 22nd - Dianne & Joe Good**
- 24th – Paul & Nancy Carrier**
- 27th – Harold & Peggy Fisher**
- 29th – Raymond & Patricia Kahle, Martin & Ruth Lehnrs**
- 31st- Dr. Oliver & Kathie Hackett
Bob & Valerie Southwell Jr.**



We ask if you notice information is missing or incorrect please let us know. Thank you!



Time	Acolyte	Communion Assistants	Lector
Sunday August 5	Lucy Ann Clark	Lucy Ann Clark Debbie Andrews Jan Glass	Debbie Andrews
Sunday August 12	Walter Geissler		Jim Schwartz
Sunday August 19	Pete Moose	Pete Moose Dick Fricke Arlene Hansen	Dick Fricke
Sunday August 26	John Minor		John Minor
Sunday September 2	Kay Adkin	Kay Adkins Arlene Hansen Jan Glass	Kay Adkins

August Usher Team	August Altar Guild	Sound
Bill Adkins Team	Kathie Hackett, Erika Barfels, & Edie Moose	Bill Adkins

August is Bring a Friend to Church Month!

We encourage you to invite someone to join us for worship. Invite a friend, neighbor, or relative. The invitation might be just what they need to brighten their day. Who will you be bringing on Sunday?



A thank you note from Jane Trefren

My family wishes to thank all who made Mike's celebration so awesome. We are grateful for the choir and Sandy, who added the soothing music. All those who took time to come and share their memories of Mike were comforting to my family. Bill Atkins' DAV tribute brought tears of joy to all of us. To my friends who served the meal, you were fantastic. A special thanks to Paula for all your support. Kadie, you were so helpful to everyone. Scott, Todd and I were so blessed by Pastor Allman's peaceful guidance. For us to have our family and friends' support brought us some peace as we gave Mike to God's care.

With deep gratitude,

JANE

40th Anniversary Party Planning Meeting

On Wednesday, August 1st from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM the Party Planning Team will meet to discuss ideas for the 40th anniversary celebration. The party will be held on March 31, 2019, in celebration of Redeemer Lutheran's 40th anniversary. If you are interested in helping please get in contact with Karen Pinkston at (734) 674-0975.



Big News!

On Thursday, June 21st, my son Tristan married his fiancée Philine Tran in a private ceremony in San Diego. I wanted to share a picture of the happy couple! We are pleased to have Philine as part of our family. They are planning a big wedding next summer here in Florida. Here's to Mr. & Mrs. Tristan Warner!

Newlyweds- Mrs. Philine Warner & Mr. Tristan Warner.



But wait there is more exciting news

Susan and Father Kevin added yet another Warner to their clan. They are also first time grandparents to a beautiful healthy baby boy. Levi Lane Warner was born to parents Hayli Lane and Kyle. Kyle is Susan and Kevin's oldest son. Kyle and his family live in Michigan. Congratulations to Susan and the Warner family.



New parents Hayli and Kyle with sweet baby Levi.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study meets at noon the 2nd Friday of each month. In the month of August Women's Bible Study will meet on August 10th. Paula Simenson leads the Bible Study; a new topic is discussed every month. Any women interested in coming are welcome to attend.



Bible Study

Members, visitors, guests, and friends, please join us on Thursdays at 10:00 AM for Bible study. We are currently exploring the book of Hebrews. No prior knowledge of the Bible required, and you don't even need to bring a Bible. One will be provided for you.

Refreshments are served and it is FREE!



Library Project

The library project is nearly complete. The new carpeting has been installed and the loveseats should be here by the time you read this newsletter. We hope that you will consider making a donation to the library project. Please see our giving tree in the Narthex. If you would like to make a donation to the library fund, write "library" on the memo line of your check or envelope.



Life Line Screening

Redeemer Lutheran Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 9/10/2018. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heartbeat, which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129.

Please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle <<http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle>> or text the word circle to 797979



RECYCLE

Don't forget to use the paper/cardboard recycling bin in the corner of the church parking lot.

Support for others (Collection boxes are on the Narthex counter)



Thank you for donating items for our Food Pantry in the Narthex closet. Please remember, NO opened packages or containers.



Beer & Hymns

By Edie Moose

If you weren't there you missed it. On the afternoon of July 16th a group of 52 people gathered in Buhr Hall to sing, enjoy fellowship, drink (beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages), and eat a vast array of munchies. We sang lots of hymns, mostly familiar ones but a couple of lesser known ones too. The program was arranged by our organist Sandy Gundacker who also emceed. She's good—she tells jokes! This may have been the social event of the summer at Redeemer. We know you had a good time as we heard "let's do it again!" We are planning another event later in the year.



Members and friends sing together at Redeemer on Monday, July 16th.

As well as camaraderie, there was special benefit to this gathering. We were able to meet and greet people we see on Sunday's but don't always have the time to stop and talk with. There were some folks that came as guests that we were able to meet and welcome to our church. We can't forget that this event brought in a donation to the local food pantry.



Pete & Edie Moose

A special thanks to Sandy Gundacker for all of her work in making Beer & Hymns happen; to Deya Schierenback for taking pictures, to Dianne Good for her planning and Thrivent action card, Lois Hobratchk and her crew for making sure we had plenty to eat.



Elfi Nolden at the Beer & Hymns event.



Beer & Hymns gathering



Evan & Lucas Dehne dancing and being silly at the event as everyone sang.



Tina & Jim Schwartz enjoying fellowship with Larry Akins.



Sandy directs the some of the members of Redeemer's choir.



Denise Fitzpatrick & Jim Moyers



Deya & David Schierenbeck



Hal and Susan Wold sit with birthday girl Nina Smart.



Lucas Dehne takes a moment to snuggle with Linda Eargle while she sings.



Lucas Dehne takes time for a quick selfie between snacks.

The people of Redeemer believe in the power of prayer.

Ginny Acker, Mary Ann Addleman, Nancy Almaguer, Clarence Antonsen, Gerry Barnicle, Rev. Donald Beal, Ursula Beger, Becky Bergman, Meta Boesel, Shirley Bogedain, Marilyn Bohl, Fran Bullock, Maggie Byrd, Delores Casper, Lenora Chapman, Anne Clouser, Carolyn Cole, Betty Corzine, Carol & John Crawford, Juanita Cunningham, Dottie Earl, Dorothy Erickson, Kitty Fogt, Patty Fricke, Joan Glas, Irene Griffin, Ken Heindel, Mary Jane Hermanns, Art Jarvela, Lee Kesler, Norman & Anne Koehler, Jean Kostka, Martin Lehnerns, Harvey & LaVern Lentz, Tillie McMahon, Herb McKittrick, Tamica McWilliams, Phyllis Mead, Eva Michna, Alice Miller, Homer Morrison, Thyra Nagel, Louise Neam, Caroline Nensewitz, Bob Oliver, Sharon Olson, Nancy Payne, Gerda Regelin, Fred Ristow, Guy & Mary Ann Romano, Marlene Scharback, John & Patti Schaefer, Helene Schwartz, Margaret Scott, Mariam Sorby, Linda Strohhus, Myrna Strom, Patrick Sturmer, Ingrid & Sam Thompson, Jane Trefren, Sylvia Wicktor, Ted Wilson.

Our Family and Friends

Kristyn, Mark, Gerry Albert, Ashley & Zach Allen, Allan & Phillis Amlee, Roman Amon, Mike Arnold, Lois Barrett, Donna Barnett, Abigail Bayless, Terri Bergin, Tim Berns, Bill, Peggy & Kim Bierce, Lou Ann Bleeker, Lore & Max Bokma, Julie Boos, Mark Bordwine, Steve Bullock, Bud Clark, George Clark, Norma Cole, Orv & Marlene Conner, Portia Conway, Julia Cox, Shirley Crosby, Joan Delaporte, Reanna Diaz, Steve Evans, Mark Everman, Peggy Farrell, Gilda Filosa, Tom Flamm, Cindy Freeman, Robin French, Katherine, Austin & August French, Meg Gallagher, Mauricio Garcia & family, Michael Golywacz, Marie Grazino, Ernestine & Bob Greenslate, Matt Gunter, Bill Hahn, Christa & James Harkins, Miranda Harris, Dan Haverland, Leonard Hermanns Jr., Diane Heindel, Jack & Cindy Hildebrandt, Michael Hillard, John Holland, Elaine Humphreys, Sandy & Bob Janicek, Sherry Janovec, Imogene Jimenez, Gina Kanouse, Joe Kanoza, Gary, Joan, & Mike Kollerman, Aurora Kunnard, Nell Lucas, Ron, Vance & Bridgette Lumme, Annie Mangen, Zoe Marcus, Adam Marks, Emily Marks, George Martin, Terry Mattia, Caroline Mayne, Shannon McCormick, Marilyn Meister, Dennis Michel, Mary Fran Miller, Karen & Brodie Nelsen, Amy Newman, Fred Nothold, David Nuchols, Christina O'Neill, George Perkons, Melissa Pickinson, James Pottinger, Kelly Powell, Joe Raymond, Clariece Reitz, Neil Rich, Ed Robb, Lori Robb, Mary Rollins, Liz Rollins, Ken & Lynne Rome, Irv Rothman, Joe Ruckert, Pam Goldy-Rudy, Hope Rund, Merrell Rushworth, Jane Ruth, Kathy & Steve Sanfilippo, Dan Schierenbeck, Don B. Schierenbeck Joan Schollmeyer, Lynn & Patrick Sheridan, Mary Soja, Cindi & Jeff Sommers, Thomas Sullivan, Bobby Timm, Lucas Thor, Sharon Toth, Jim Tucker, Maria Veiazquez, Clair Vilasi, Melvin Vore, Agnes Wagaman, Alex Watts, Donna Weber, Richard Wiczalkowski, MaryAnn Winters.

God bless our country, our first responders, and our military men and women.

August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 12:00 PM- 40 th Anniversary. Planning meeting	2 10:00 AM-Bible Study 6:45 PM- Choir Practice	3 9:30 AM-Quilters	4
5 10:00 AM-Holy Communion Worship	6 10:30 AM-AI- Anon	7 10:00 AM-RLC Staff Meeting 3:30 PM-AA Women's Group	8	9 10:00 AM-Parish Nurses Meeting 10:00 AM-Bible Study No Choir	10 9:30 AM-Quilters 12:00 PM-Women's Bible Study	11
12 10:00 AM- Worship	13 10:30 AM-AI- Anon	14 10:00 AM-RLC Staff Meeting 3:30 PM-AA Women's Group	15	16 10:00 AM-Bible Study No Choir	17 9:30 AM-Quilters	18
19 10:00 AM-Holy Communion Worship	20 10:30 AM-AI- Anon	21 3:30 PM-AA Women's Group 7:00 PM-Finance Team Meeting	22	23 No Bible Study No Choir	24 9:30 AM-Quilters	25
26 10:00 AM- Worship 11:15 AM-Blood Pressure Check	27 10:30 AM-AI- Anon 1:00 PM-Council Meeting	28 10:00 AM-RLC Staff Meeting 3:30 PM-AA Women's Group	29	30 10:00 AM-Bible Study 6:45 PM-Choir Practice	31 9:30 AM-Quilters	