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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

from Pastor Joel

"CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION: DO YOU REALLY NEED THOSE PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES?"

In my reading on the dangers facing our environment, plastic water bottles keep surfacing as a chronic threat. The information I'm sharing below is from the well respected National Geographic magazine.

People in the U.S. go through about 50 billion water bottles a year, and most of those plastic bottles are not recycled. That means most end up in landfills, littering our communities, or floating around in the oceans.

Transporting the bottles to market and keeping them cold burns fossil fuels, which give off greenhouse gases and add to global warming. Bottled-water companies draw heavily on already shrinking underground aquifers. According to some estimates, it takes up to 3 liters of water to produce 1 liter of bottled water.

More than \$100 billion is spent every year on bottled water globally. In many developing countries where there is not a safe source of tap water, bottled water becomes a somewhat trusted option. But in the U.S. where we have federally regulated tap water, we drink an average of 21 gallons of bottled water per person each year.

Bottled water costs us a thousand times more than water from our home faucet, and it's no safer or cleaner, experts say. More than 80% of recyclable plastic bottles end up in landfills each year. These bottles do not break down naturally and they release toxic chemicals when they finally do decompose.

Water, a public resource vital for life, is being privatized. Bottled water companies make high profits by drawing water from public sources, putting it in plastic containers, and reselling it at 2,900 times the price of regular tap.

What does all this tell us? We all know that earth's resources are being depleted at a faster rate than natural processes can replenish them—including fresh water. Our understanding of stewardship in our Christian faith is that we are called to use the resources of our planet carefully and wisely. Generations yet to come will depend on our stewardship for adequate supplies of water. Bequeathing those generations with polluted ground, water, and air as a result of our careless and unnecessary use of plastic containers does not bode well for a healthy planet.

Isn't it better to buy yourself a stainless steel water bottle that can be safely used over and over again simply by filling it with tap water?

FOR SALE BY THE CHURCH

New steel door with frame- valued at \$700. We will sell it for \$200.

We have left over insulation.

If you are interested in either, contact Al Binder 503-743-9923

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Health Ministry Team

August 16th at 0930 SALT Meeting, Library

August 16th at 1200 Health Ministry Meeting Library

August 15th after service B/P Clinic

After several years and many revisions, the Disaster Preparedness training for congregations and families is completed. Ready to roll out to all congregations.

Information about the training opportunity was presented at the Oregon pastor's conference and in the Northwest Passage.

Many congregations have not thought about what would happen in case of a fire, earthquake, terrorized attack, flood, etc. Where would we meet for services? How could we meet the needs of our members or our neighbors? What steps should be taken before an event?

Have families in our congregation thought about various disasters that could occur locally or while we travel? If so, do we know how to develop a plan? How to prepare a personal disaster kit or a family disaster kit?

The district disaster training is about three hours in length. The training consists of a Power Point presentation, participant's material and FEMA information.

Congregations could decide to have the training in one three hour session or divided into two sessions (one for congregational preparedness and one for individual/family preparedness).

One congregation is having a three hour session on a Sunday following the service. They will provide lunch and then the training.

Another model, being used by Peace Lutheran in Salem, is a three phase training: on Saturday afternoon there will be training for the congregational leaders (they are also inviting leaders from several other congregations near them); on Sunday, the training for individual/families will be presented; and the third phase will be taking the information into members' neighborhoods. The Salem Fire Department, Emergency Management, will have someone at each of the first two sessions as a resource. Then they will assist in developing training for the neighborhoods.

This is another example of a non-threatening way of developing relationships and outreach to the community. Think of the opportunities...

As a member of the Northwest District disaster team for Oregon, Arlene Janssens is available to present the training. Or, we may call the district office and the State Disaster Coordinator will arrange for a trainer.

Let's get involved in this...Please let Jonet know if you and your friends or family are interested in one of these plans. jonetsc@yahoo.com or call 503-370-9208.



Come One, Come All to Celebrate God's Love in Song

Choir practice will start again on
Wednesday Sept. 8th at 7:15 PM

If you would like to share your talents
and have some great fellowship, please join us.

President's Notes

At our last Council meeting we passed a motion unanimously that we would work to address the opinions expressed in the Audit Committee's Findings and Opinions report. Some items have already been addressed, some are in discussion, some ideas are being tried, and other items are still to be addressed. We would like to thank the committee for its work.

The van has been transferred to Our Savior's per Council's recommendation and our Congregational Meeting. We are allowed occasional use.

Our gift to the community, Summerfest, is quickly approaching. I hope you have set aside that Sunday to spend more of your afternoon at church listening to the many fine groups that will be performing. You can contribute in many ways. Many things need to happen. If you don't already have a particular piece or way that you have decided to participate see Pat. Tell her you have been overlooked and are eager to help. It is wonderful to have an event that is being anticipated with groups asking to perform and others checking to see when it is happening.

Yours in Christ, Paul

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baby Shower

Please join us on Sunday, August 15 at Noon in the preschool area for a baby shower for Angi Shearer and her twin boys, Jack and Ethan. A light lunch will be served, so please let Jan Shearer (503-507-3100) or Anita Crawford (503-510-1805) know if you will be coming. Angi is registered at Target. Gift cards to Walmart would also be appreciated for the purchase of formula. Hope to see you all there.

50th Anniversary Hi Everyone! We want to invite you to a very special gathering. Our parents - Marty and Michael Lundi are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on September 3rd! Wow - that is quite the accomplishment. Many of you have gotten to know my parents during their "Summer Stays" in Oregon. We would love it if you could stop by. The "BBQ" will be held in Silverton at Juli Funrue's house - on Saturday, August 28, time TBD. You can RSVP to Juli Funrue at 503-873-4914 or Jonandjuls@juno.com

United Gospel Mission - Did you know the mission store supplies clothing free of charge to men, women, and children being served at our shelter facilities? They also provide free clothing and household items to struggling families in our community. They need your stuff! Gently used clothing, furniture, and household items and even your working vehicle can help provide meals and shelter along with other vital services to homeless and hurting men, women, and children in our community. Donation Drop-off Center, 901 Front Street NE, Salem. Mon-Sat. 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM or call for pick up - 503-763-0219

Wedding Shower The women of Redeemer are invited to a Wedding Shower for Tabitha Lisle. August 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. 3891 Stephens St NE Salem, OR 97305

Hosted by: Betty Sodeman and Kathy Lisle RSVP: 503-390-7659.

Tabitha and Kyle are registered at Macy's and Crate & Barrel. With their love of camping and hiking, outdoor items and camping equipment would also be greatly appreciated.

COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

You know how people are always saying, "If you would just give up your morning cup of gourmet coffee, you could afford to pay" for this or that? Much to our surprise, an enthusiastic group of garden supporters comes to us through the Starbucks Drive-through on Lancaster Dr. (by Toys-R-Us), Staff and customers have chosen the Redeemer Community Garden as a recipient of a Starbucks Community Service Event being held Wed., Aug. 4, from 9:00-noon, followed by a Potluck. One of our gardeners, Misty, is a manager at that store and is arranging for donations of materials, supplies, and labor for a garden project. Their work could potentially earn grant money, from the Starbucks company, to be donated to our garden at a later date. Redeemer's commitment is to help coordinate the work day and have at least five volunteers participate along with them. Starbucks will provide free coffee, tea and water for the potluck. If you feel inclined to participate in this event, work alongside, help with potluck set-up or clean-up, bring some food, or donate plates, utensils or napkins, please come to the garden on Aug. 4! And, if you feel inclined to occasionally splurge on a gourmet coffee drink, pay a visit to Misty's store. Jan Shearer.

Board of Education

God's Blessings from the Board of Education

Rally Day will be on Sunday, Sept. 12th. There will be a reception following church.

We will introduce our Sunday School Teachers and Bible Study Teachers. They include: Kathy Lisle, Vicky Palmer, Pam King, Roy Tulee, Paul Schutz, Pastor Joel, Hansie Freebury, and Elva Binder.

Anyone else who would like to teach Sunday School, please contact Pam King or Pat Haneberg.

We received the following thank you note from Patty Meadows :

Redeemer Lutheran Church Congregation:

Thank you so much for the retirement party and gifts. It has been such a joy working at the preschool over the past 20 years. Thank you all for your prayers and support, Love, Mrs. Patty.

We will truly miss Patty Meadows and Karen Vaubel. We have hired Julee Clark as the new preschool aide. We look forward to getting to know her.

Pat Haneberg

Our Mission

We have been CALLED BY THE SPIRIT to tell the world of God's free gift of grace and salvation through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Our Vision

By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will utilize all of our God given gifts, to welcome and connect all people in loving relationships with Jesus Christ, each other, and our community.

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