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Redeemer Lutheran Church

Dates for Your Calendar

- October 14th—Boondocks!
- November 18th-19th—Fasting and Devotion
- December 16th—Caroling and Christmas Party

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday School

Attendance has been great, but could be even better. Come and join us in exploring God's Word and how it relates to your life. We will be looking at issues that high school students deal with on a daily basis. The class meets in the 8th grade classroom from 9:15am-10:15am every Sunday.

Boondocks!

Back by popular demand. We will meet at Redeemer following 2nd service (approximately 11:45am) on Sunday, October 14th. Meet in the 8th grade classroom where pizza and drinks will be provided. Cost is \$15 for both lunch and Boondocks. We will leave for Boondocks at 12:15pm and return to Redeemer at approximately 4:30pm.

Fasting

November 18th-19th, the Youth will be participating in a 30 hour fast to raise funds and awareness for the many in our world who do not have food to eat. We will meet for prayer and devotion on the 18th and then come back to meet again for breakfast (BREAK—fast) on the Sunday the 19th. More details to come.

P.S. This is NOT an overnigher!



RECAP

Camp Perkins Retreat

This weekend was a huge success and a must do for ALL Youth in future years.

Devotion, bible study, personal reflection, and tons of fun highlighted the weekend. It was a great bonding experience as well.

Six Youth, my wife and I trekked 5 & 1/2 hours up to the gorgeous Sawtooth Mountains. Ask David Johnson how cold the water is?

Devotion

"But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it - the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe." (Romans 3:21-22)

I hear people say that the devil is a liar, but I have learned that when it comes to God's Word, the devil doesn't usually have to lie. He can use the truth of God's Word, not even twisting it, to accuse us of our sins and prove that we deserve nothing but God's punishment here on earth and His eternal punishment in hell. The devil can accomplish much more by only telling part of the truth, than He can by telling outright lies. He lies by omission.

When the devil tells you that you aren't good enough for God, he's not lying; that's the truth and you know it. If you don't, you can find the same thing in the Bible: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) When the devil tells you that God hates you because of your sins, that's actually not a lie. That's the truth and deep down you know it; don't you suspect that God is against you every time something bad happens to you, wondering if God is punishing you or just being hateful? The devil is just telling you what God's Word says: God hates all evildoers (Psalm 5:5).

No, the devil doesn't have to lie. He just has to leave out part of the truth. All that he accuses you of is probably true; probably nothing more nor less than what God Himself has said in His Word. The devil has no problem pointing out from scripture all the verses that show you your sin and show you that God hates sinners. He conveniently omits all the parts of God's Word that give you God's promise of salvation, reveal His mercy, or show you His love for sinners in Jesus Christ. The devil may quote a lot of Bible to you, but never a verse like Romans 5:8: "but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." The devil leaves that part out. Today we celebrate the end of the devil's tyranny. After years of only hearing only half of the truth, the Gospel has once again come to light. The truth is, Christ has answered for your sins and now you are God's child in Jesus.

"Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen." (Collect for Reformation Day)

The above devotion was taken from "Higher Things: Reflections"