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www.rlcbaytown.org

First Class - Dated Material

In God we trust.

Sunday Services:

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/ Bible study
- 10:30 a.m. Blended Contemporary

Wednesday

- 4:30 pm Chapel
- 5:30 pm **Lenten Supper Feb 17th—Ash Wednesday.**
- 6:30 pm **Lenten Services**



Financial Peace University #



Dave Ramsey—Author

Two new classes starting Thursday February 4th and Friday February 5th at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Budget, Invest, Give, find the freedom of being debt free! Call Jay Ginn 281-424-5232

Relay for Life!

Support the American Cancer Society

Join the

“LICK CANCER”

Lollipop Fundraiser.



Feed your family of four for \$4.50 a day with our signature box designed to provide well rounded nutrition for the whole family.

See our specials on line at www.angelfoodministries.com

Thrivent Financial Seminar

February 21st, 11:45 to 1:15

Light lunch provided.

Seminar topics:

Wills, Child Custody, Power of Attorney, Medical directives, Medicare and Medicaid, Hospice, funerals, leaving a Legacy of Life, planning for Education and Retirement.





Pastor Raymond Van Buskirk



Five Love Languages

Saint John, the “Beloved Disciple,” was Jesus Christ’s best friend. He wrote in 1 John 3:23 (ESV): “And this is [God’s] commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another just as He has commanded us.”

The Ten Commandments can be summed up: love God, love neighbor. We are to reflect God’s love to others. However, how we love and like to be loved differ among people. Gary Chapman, “*The Love Languages of God*,” identifies five different “love languages” in the Bible.

How do you love others; how do you like to be loved? Here are the five “love languages.” I challenge each of us to identify our love languages and to practice these on others. Be open to telling others how you like to be loved.

1. Words of Affirmation – Hear God’s Word: He knows you, loves you and wants you in heaven. Action: Affirm other people. Tell them that you love them for who they are, children of God, not for what they do. And when they do something well, affirm their work in Christ. When they mess up and admit it, assure them of their forgiveness in Christ.

2. Quality Time – God spends quality time with you when you meditate on His Word, pray, and worship. Many people enjoy having friends spend time with them: listening and sharing joys and trials in life. Often they don’t even want you to talk, but just listen. Action: Spend some time listening to a friend. Listen to God.

3. Gifts – God has given you forgiveness, life and salvation in Jesus Christ. He provides for you in all ways (body, soul, and mind). Action: Love by giving gifts of your material wealth to help others. Celebrate special occasions. Help with particular needs. Find something special and appropriate to give to a relative, friend or needy stranger. Share the Gospel. Forgive.

4. Acts of Service – God has given you time, spiritual gifts, and talents. Action: Love by using those gifts to serve others. Your neighbor may need the lawn mowed during a hospitalization, a ride to church, a hot meal, or someone to watch the baby while they go out for a special evening.

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God’s House Offers:

Spiritual Nourishment

Preaching/Teaching God’s Word

Confession & Forgiveness

Prayer

Lord’s Supper

Spiritual Healing & Rest

Fellowship with believers in Christ

Opportunities to Serve:

- Altar Guild
- Angel Food Volunteer/ Prayer Partner
- Greeter/Usher
- Worship Assistant
- Teach Sunday School
- Provide a Ride
- Prayer Tree
- Prison Ministry
- Sunday School/Youth
- Visit the Homebound
- Vacation Bible School

(Five Love Languages - Continued)

5. Physical Touch – God touches our hearts with His Holy Spirit. Jesus picked up little children in His arms and blessed them. Now, you are His hands, arms and legs to love others. Action: Share God’s peace (reconciliation) by shaking hands, hugging, kissing, or patting someone on the back as may be appropriate in the circumstance.

See if you can identify the five love languages of God by meditating on God’s Word: Matthew 11:28-30; John 10:27-28; James 4:8; Matthew 20:28 and Acts 10:38; and 1 John 1:1 and John 1:14.

Learn how to use the five love languages. The best way is through practical experience. What you are good at, do more of. Be sensitive to what others need and appreciate most. Learn a new love language. Be deliberate in using the five love languages to meet others’ needs. You will see a God-pleasing change around you and in you.

We love because He first loved us. Amen.

Pastor Raymond



REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8 a.m. Divine Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Divine Worship
10:30 a.m. Iglesia Sunday School
11:30 a.m. Iglesia Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Wednesday Chapel
Join us as we praise and worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Annual Valentine's Fancy Dinner

Sat., Feb. 13 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Come for Food, Fun, Games, and Music. This is such an awesome night for everyone so please invite your family, friends, and neighbors. It is for all ages, singles, or married. The Youth will be serving us in style. Tickets are \$12 ea - Call the church office. "Youth Group Benefit"

Editor's Notes: *If you have another ministry or function area to add, please contact the church office. Report your news as soon as possible . The deadline is 21st at noon of every month.*

Short articles and bulletin items can be sent directly from the web site at the calendar page. Click on the deadline date to access. www.rlcbaytown.org

Thank You.

Please direct all your news, calendar and bulletin items directly to the church office by the stated deadlines. For short articles and bulletin items, use the calendar function on the web site at www.rlcbaytown.org Simply click on the calendar tab, open the whole calendar and locate the nearest deadline date highlighted in red. Select that date and you will get an e-mail form that will go directly to the church with your information. By using this function, you are aiding in the uniformity and precision of the information and it makes it very easy for the secretary to manage. For those without internet access, please continue to place your news items in the mail box marked "newsletter" in the church office or on the secretary's desk. Your assistance in keeping our brothers and sisters in Christ informed is greatly appreciated.

Announcements

Stay connected!

Use **YOUR** Dot.ORG



- Need to know what's happening at church this week? Log on to www.rlcbaytown.org 24/7 and stay informed. Click on "calendar"—you will see two weeks of activities. Follow direction to see a full calendar for the whole year. It is printable. Invaluable for team leaders planning future events. Send all calendar changes ASAP to the church office.
- Want to review a sermon or share with a friend? It's up there! Link to Synod, Lutheran Hour Ministries, Kidz Zone. Suggestions for other Lutheran or Christian Sites accepted.
- Lost your newsletter? See it again on the web—coming in March/April.

Generous donors and many volunteers give considerable time, funds, and talents to make sure we have a presence on the internet. Thank them by visiting often and referring your friends. Link Redeemer to Facebook! Share your faith and your congregation. Your Enthusiasm makes Evangelism work.



Greeters

and Guest Center advisors are needed. Your assistance on the 5th Sunday of the month is needed. This time slot has not been filled. If anyone would like to participate in this important role for the Church, please contact the office at 281-422-2207

2009 Supplement to Membership Report

Total Baptized Membership 487

A net gain of 19.

Deaths 5

Joann Brooks

Lloyd Cakebread

Jerry Cooper

Bill Kubik

Raymond Lawyer

Moved and Transferred 4

Ted and Cheryl Bennett

Louis and Linda Barrilleau



Hospitality

Hosts between services are needed. We need folks especially for the fifth Sunday of the month. If you can serve with this ministry and use your gifts, call Church Office

281-422-2207

1 Peter 4, v 9-10

Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's Grace in its various forms.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Meet with brothers and sisters in the faith for study and fellowship. There are several to choose from. Can't find one that fits your schedule? Consider starting one in your home with family, friends, and neighbors.

The Morning Women's Group meets each Tuesday at 10 am at Lillie Dunham's home. We are currently studying the book of Esther in combination with the book of Ruth. Please speak with Pastor Raymond for more information.

Family Bible Study on Galatians from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. An abbreviated study will be held during Lent. See Marlyss Young for more information.

Men's Prayer Breakfast meets at 6:45 a.m. on Friday mornings in the fellowship hall. Stay for games and fellowship.

All members of the church, their family, friends, and neighbors are invited to participate in any of these studies and encouraged to make reading God's Word, His special love letter to us, a special time with God each day.

ASH Wednesday.....February 17th,

Begins the Lenten Season

4:00 pm Chapel — Ashes

5:30 pm Meal followed by Mini Bible study

6:30 pm Service

Every Wednesday until Holy Week.

Jobs Needed

Please submit your requests for postings to the office.

Antonio Mercado
3422 McKinney Road #28
Baytown, TX 77520
281-723-1665

Experience: Heavy machine operator, painter, welder, home improvement, tile, an overall handyman. Mt. Sinai Member.

Josue Torres
5304 Geyla Lane
Baytown, TX 77521
281-414-8242

Experience: Concrete, Carpenter, tile, an overall handyman. Mt. Sinai Member.



**LOLLIPOPS, LOLLIPOPS,
LOLLIPOPS!**



You have read and heard about our Redeemer team theme for 2010 as "Lick Cancer". To promote this and team it with a fundraiser, we are selling Lollipops for fifty cents in various flavors. Even our Child Care Center is teaming up to help us with this and is forming a committee to take care of the camp site decorations and theme. We are excited about that, thank you, Rhonda Scott!. These are varied flavors of lollipops that we ask be checked out in groups of ten and paid for at the time of checkout \$5.00, and when. So far, several people are excited about taking them to their office or school where a fifty cent lollipop is not only affordable but something easy to sell. Some members have donated a case so that the entire return will benefit Relay. We are asking everyone in the congregation to get on board with this and make this 13th year for the Bay Area Relay another banner year and the 10th straight year to be #1 in Texas. Let us count on you to make Redeemer's team among the best.

Lick Cancer

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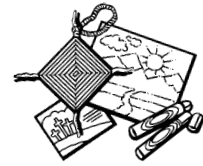
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Lone Star's Weekend

WOMEN'S RENEWAL RETREAT

MARCH 19-21, 2010
CAMP LONE STAR
2016 CAMP LONE STAR RD



You're invited to experience a weekend with other women...rejoicing, delighting, and standing in humble awe of God's grace through Christ. Praising, singing, canoeing, hiking, crafts, a banquet, and studying God's Word are just some of the many activities being planned for the weekend. Take some time out to breathe with fellow women and encounter God as He delights, quiets, and rejoices over you.

The weekend is **March 19-21, 2010**. The cost is just \$128.00 for lodging in motel-style rooms. (2 nights & 4 meals plus programming.)

Register now (form on back side) so that you can reserve your spot in this celebration of God's beautiful love for women. For more info, call 800-362-2078 or go to www.LOMT.com.

Retreat Registration Form

Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip:
Daytime Phone: () Cell Phone (if applicable): ()
E-mail: Roommate Request:

A confirmation letter, liability waiver, and map to camp will be sent upon registration.

DEPOSIT:

A \$25 per person, non-refundable, non-transferable deposit is required to reserve spaces. Please include your deposit (by check or credit card) or full payment and mail your reservation form to the LOMT Registrar. Only reservation forms submitting deposit by credit card will be accepted by fax.

1. Make checks payable to Lutheran Outdoors Ministry of Texas.
2. For credit cards:

SEND THIS REGISTRATION FORM AND DEPOSIT/PAYMENT TO:

LOMT Registrar Fax: 979-247-4120 (credit card)
PO Box 457 deposits or payments only)
La Grange TX 78945 Phone: 800-362-2078
Email: registrar@lomt.com

Name on Card _____

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Signature _____

Lutheran Women in Mission

For over 60 years the LWML has been encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to financially support global mission. Issues of LWML e-News are available at

www.lwml.org

LWML—Pray together with all your sisters every Monday Morning at NOON.

Lutheran Women in the entire world are praying together at this time in their local areas.



Society Of



Meets every second Saturday at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. All ladies are invited to join us in our programs, mission and service projects. The society provides bereavement suppers, plans a ladies tea in the spring, participates in zone rallies and national conferences, LWML Sunday, and supports our youth. Our mites collections support mission projects world wide. Then there is our annual Secret Prayer Pal program that keeps ladies guessing until the Christmas Revelation party.

Other ongoing projects are collecting stamps and card fronts, eye glasses and labels for school programs and cell phones. A list of other collectibles is provided in the narthex. The support of the entire congregation is appreciated. Contact Katherine George for more information.



We will be hosting the **Zone Rally April 18th** at 2:00 pm. Mark your calendars and prepare for an inspiring event. All ladies are invited to participate and contribute their talents as we show our hospitality to the Channel Zone chapters.

Texas State Convention: Make your preparations! Yahoo, it's in Austin Texas this year at the Renaissance Hotel in June.

Watch this space for upcoming news...

National Newsletter: To subscribe online go to the following link.

http://news.lwml.org/mailman/listinfo/e-news_news.lwml.org

First-Hand Report from Haiti:

"In the midst of all the chaos, I clearly saw God's mighty hand," reports Nora Leon, member of an LCMS church in Michigan and an independent missionary in LesCayes, Haiti. Read Nora's full blog entries and photos of the earthquake at www.norainhaiti.spaces.live.com and click on January 2010. Nora was featured in the Spring 2009 *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* for her work in Haiti.

Nora reminds us—"The aftermath of this quake will continue to have long-term effects. Your prayers are cherished now more than ever."



From Financial Peace University

Save Thousands by Converting to a Roth IRA

The Tip:

There are many positive reasons to switch your traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. The biggest of which is that it's possible to earn a lot more in the end by saving on taxes.

A new year brings new opportunities, and one of 2010's opportunities can boost your retirement savings by thousands of dollars—a Roth IRA conversion.

Until 2010, income restrictions prevented many people from converting their traditional IRAs or old employer retirement accounts to Roths. This year, however, those restrictions are permanently eliminated!

What's the Difference?

Roth IRAs are funded with after-tax dollars and grow tax-free. When you withdraw money from your Roth, you will not owe any taxes. However, the money you put into a traditional IRA is tax-deductible and your savings grow tax-deferred. When you retire, you must pay income tax on withdrawals from your traditional IRA.

A conversion makes sense *only* if you can pay the taxes out of pocket without tapping the IRA funds. Otherwise, the reduced investment cancels out your tax savings. Fortunately, this year, the IRS is helping by allowing you to pay taxes on your conversion over two years. So start setting money aside now to cover your tax bill by 2012.

How Much Can You Save?

Let's assume you and your spouse have \$30,000 in a traditional IRA. If you convert that into a Roth IRA and it earns 12% for 30 years, *without adding any additional money*, your Roth IRA will be worth \$2.9 million—\$476,820 more than your traditional IRA! That's like an extra vacation home!

Here's something else to think about. If you expect to have a higher tax rate when you retire (and many people do) the value of a traditional IRA will drop even more. But, higher taxes *do not* affect a Roth!

On the other hand, if you expect to have a *lower* tax rate when you retire, it may make more sense to keep your traditional IRA than to pay taxes on a conversion at your current, higher rate.

Many More Benefits

There's more to a Roth IRA than just the tax benefits:

- IRAs in general offer more flexibility in investment choices—great news if you've been restricted in an old 401(k) or employer retirement plan.
- You can fund a Roth IRA even if you have a retirement plan with your current employer.

You are *required* to take government-calculated distributions from your traditional IRA at age 70 ½. But, you don't ever have to withdraw funds from your Roth IRA. In fact, your heirs can take tax-free distributions from your Roth over their lifetimes.

Is a Conversion Right for You?

The federal government has a lot of rules surrounding Roth IRA conversions and contributions. It's best to consult a professional who will take the time to understand your situation and help you determine if a conversion will benefit you.



ORDER BY FEB 16th



THE MINISTRY TEAM HAS BEEN VERY BUSY FOR THE LAST FEW MONTHS WITH THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS. WE WANT TO SINCERELY THANK ALL THOSE THAT MADE DONATIONS TO HELP THOSE IN NEED OF A HAND UP AND FOR ALL OF YOUR PURCHASES. EVERY BOX OF FOOD PURCHASED GENERATES A DOLLAR TO PURCHASE ANOTHER BOX OF FOOD.

WE ARE CURRENTLY ASSISTING FIVE REDEEMER FAMILIES, TWO FRIENDS OF REDEEMER FAMILIES, AND THREE MOUNT SINAI FAMILIES. WE WERE ALSO ABLE TO BLESS THE HOMELESS SHELTER AND ONE ANGEL FOOD FAMILY. AS YOU CAN SEE, WE FILL A NEED IN OUR OWN MIDST MORE THAN THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE WITH BENEVOLENCE PACKAGES.

HERE ARE SOME SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FEBRUARY MENU, GIVE IT A TRY. FULL MENUS AVAILABLE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.. CALL EVELYN 281-515-8747

Premium Seafood Box
— \$35.00

- 2 lbs. Alaskan Snow Crab Legs
- 1 lb. Large EZ Peel Shrimp
- 2 lbs. Oven Ready Popcorn Shrimp
- 1 lb. Stuffed Crab in Natural Shell (8 ct.)



FEBRUARY SPECIAL #3

Stuffed Chicken Variety Pack
\$18.00

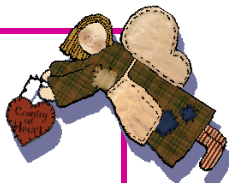
- 1.5 lb. Chicken Cordon Bleu (4 x 6 oz.)
- 1.5 lb. Broccoli & Cheese (4 x 6 oz.)
- 1.5 lb. Chicken Kiev (4 x 6 oz.)

WE ARE
GLAD
TO SERVE!

WE LOVE YOU VOLUNTEERS!

CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

GOD'S LOVE IN ACTION DAILY!



Financial Secretary Report

The following are highlights for the month of January from the Financial Secretaries' desk...

A member donated QuickBooks on line so that the church can update our financial recording systems. This allows access by the Treasurer and Financial Secretary at any time to our records and brings both payables and receivables together in one system. We are still in the process of transition and running parallel systems to evaluate the success of the new financial software. The job is not complete yet but reports will be easier to obtain in the near future.

Due to newsletter deadlines, we will only be able to report year to date giving versus budget. The detailed weekly report is in the bulletin every Sunday. Substantial budget cuts were made in 2010 to Pastor's salary and training, Evangelism (outreach and missions), and the elimination of the organist. Please pray and meditate on our choices.

2009 budget deficit bal. Fwd.	\$ (35,911.53)
Adopted Budget 2010	\$224,258.00
2010 Budget Pledges	\$154,868.00
<u>Weekly</u> Budget Requirement	\$ 4,312.66
YTD 1-24-10 Budget needs	\$ 17,250.64
YTD 1-24-10 Budget gifts	\$ 19,283.09

It's not too late to provide your pledge. It is critical to our volunteers' and leaderships' ability to plan your church operations. Forms are in the Narthex.

Principles of Good Stewardship

- Pledge so that the church can plan its mission & ministry.
(81% of our membership has not pledge yet)
- Giving is the top priority. (First Fruits)
- Giving is intentional and regular.
- Giving is proportionate (A Tithe = 10%)
- Giving is sacrificial. (It changes our spending behaviors)
- Offerings for Causes & Events are in addition to Tithes.

I pray that this report blesses you and the church as this position has blessed me in the understanding and practice of stewardship.

Respectfully, Evelyn Schirmbeck

Congregation Secretary's Report

A BINDER IS LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX WHICH CONTAINS MEETING MINUTES AND REPORTS FOR THE CONGREGATION TO REVIEW.



Pastor's Report - 2009 membership gains and losses were discussed. We're working on drawing in more people.

Board of Early Childhood Ministry 128 children enrolled in December.

Board of Education - Another great Christmas program. Thanks to Barbara for making our BIG events fantastic! The 1st activity will be Love Notes then on to Eggstravaganza as we collaborate with the DCY. Planet Zoom has been chosen for the VBS theme. Don Fobes will be presenting his spiritual gifts program to the adults on Sunday, January 17th during the adult Sunday School. This program shows how to discover your spiritual gifts and how to use them.

Board of Elders The recent issues with scheduling of church facilities with Monte Sinai were discussed. Calendars are being compiled. All scheduled events need to be coordinated with Susan Hunter through the office. Effective communication and patience are needed for the system to work. Stewardship will continue to address the issue. A question was raised about participating in Human Care events and it was decided it was to the best interest of the church to be at every event presented.

Board of Evangelism -Group's studies are being researched by congregational members with feedback given on new in-reach and outreach opportunities. We're looking for a new way to coordinate and initiate religious retreats, innovative small groups, private personal growth, and the outreach tools to take to family, friends, and coworkers.

The study, God Sightings, reads through the Bible in a year. The study encourages finding your personal God sightings and presents ways God is nudging, pointing, or pushing you. Outreach capabilities grow to an average of 20/30% through this unique study.

There is also Girlfriends Unlimited, which looks to be an excellent tool for re-energizing in-reach, and outreach opportunities. It offers all women unique activities, studies, and events in which God is presented in upbeat manner and interesting ways.

Everything is coordinated through Group and they assist in any way needed. People can contact the office if they want to participate in the review project, please contact Susan Hunter through the office.

Board of Stewardship - J&M Electrical has installed the new light fixtures and the wiring in the steeple. There is a volunteer work group being set up for church grounds keeping. Help is needed for this task to work.

Board of Youth - Love Notes will be passed out on February 14th. The Youth are preparing dishes for the Super Bowl on February 7. They will be selling sub sandwiches and casseroles for people to take to their Super Bowl parties. The funds raised will go toward the National Youth Gathering this summer. \$5,000 has been raised to date. The annual Valentine's Dinner will be Saturday, February 13 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

Treasurer - The church still has a deficit from last year that needs to be paid. The stocks have not been sold to replenish general fund. Quick Books was installed. We are populating the program with our data. Both the 2009 and 2010 pledges have been entered into the system. All quarterly statements will now include the pledge to a specific fund and the balance remaining on that pledge. This will allow members to adjust their giving accordingly in a timely fashion should they have a desire to do so. All 2009 IRS statements have been mailed.

Human Care Committee - Meetings were changed to the last Thursday of the in order to report to Elders before their monthly meeting. The next meeting is January 28th. Lois Manier wants input from the congregation on the Memory Walk and Relay for Life. Our theme for this year is "Let's Lick Cancer." We are going to have an ongoing fund-raiser for the next 3 months, selling lollipops (thus Licking).

Angel Food Ministries - An all time high record of orders was received in December. 94 boxes were sold and valued at \$2,353.00. This represents a minimum of \$4,706.00 in retail value groceries distributed into our immediate community.