



April 29, 2021

Dear Royal Redeemer Family,

Are you ready to get out there and SERVE this weekend? The weather looks beautiful for **Servant Saturday!** We could still use some volunteers, especially for the Gardenview Horticultural Park project. I can't wait to see how God works through us as we head out into the community to spread His love and bless our neighbors. [SignUpGenius link](#)

Some of you have been inquiring about Saturday evening worship. Over the course of the past year, we spent considerable time in discussion and prayer about this and have decided to only offer Sunday morning services. We believe this allows us to be better stewards of our available manpower and resources. We truly appreciate your understanding.

There's a lot going on at Royal Redeemer! I would like to specifically highlight the following, but please read this month's May newsletter for important details and other announcements:

- To celebrate the conclusion of the Red Letter Challenge, we are planning **one outdoor worship service** on May 23 at 10:30 in the lower lot, followed by a hot dog lunch. We're also collecting donations to help support the event -- bottled water and/or boxes of individually wrapped chips, cookies, or fruit snacks. The service will also be livestreamed.
- On June 16, we'll be re-commissioning our **Stephen Ministers** at the 9:00am contemporary service. If you need a Stephen Minister or you're not quite sure what they do, please see the attachment as part of this email.
- Our annual **voter's meeting** is Sunday, June 6 in the Sanctuary following the 11am service.

a message worth sharing...

This Sunday, in our fourth week of the **Red Letter Challenge** sermon series, I'll take a closer look at **Serving**. It's important for us to understand that we serve God whenever we serve others. When our service is done joyfully and willingly, it is an act of worship to God, as well as an act of witness to those around us because we are reflecting Jesus to them in that moment. As Christ-followers, we ask the Holy Spirit to help us see people the way Jesus sees them, as well as give us the courage and strength to serve just as He freely served us.

In 1 Corinthians 12, the apostle Paul gives us a clear picture of how God intended the church to carry out His work. "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." (1 Corinthians 12:27). God has uniquely gifted each believer with at least one spiritual gift to be used to fulfill His plans for the Body of Christ. "Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good." (1 Corinthians 12:7) If you would like to discover and learn more about your gifts, you can complete an assessment using this link: [Spiritual Gift Survey](#). Send your top three gifts to blevy@royred.org so we can add them to your church profile.



a truth worth holding...

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters...”
(Colossians 3:23) Paul's words remind us that, as we are each called to passionately serve one another; we do it not for appearance or to meet earthly goals, but to glorify our Father in heaven!

Have a wonderful weekend! May God watch over you and your loved ones and keep you in His protection and in good health.

In the love of Christ,
Pastor John Zahrte