

# PASTOR Zahrte's Weekly Update

JUNE 19, 2025



## a message worth sharing...

### True North: Helping Our Families Follow Jesus Navigating Life's Storms

God hears us when we call for help. In Psalm 18, David sings his request for God's rescue. And El Yeshuati (meaning "God is my rescue") came for David. He comes for us, too. No matter what trouble or challenge you are facing, God won't abandon you. This weekend, Pastor Mark continues our sermon series "True North" as he preaches on "Navigating Life's Storms."

## events & opportunities...

### JUNE

- 22 VBS come-back Sunday, 11am service
- 23 Monday Word summer session begins, 10:30am ONLY
- 25 Royal Seniors "All-American" luncheon, 12pm  
We to Me, Lake Caroline luncheon cruise
- 26 Royal Seniors game day, 1-4pm  
Friends of Jesus, 6pm
- 29 Redeemer Kids, 9:30am  
King's Men cornhole tournament, 1-4pm  
HS youth group, 7-8:30pm

### JULY

- 4 Independence Day, church office closed
- 6 NO Redeemer Kids or nursery  
HS youth group, 7-8:30pm
- 7 Classes begin for "Ready, Set, Violin"
- 10 Royal Seniors game day, 1-4pm
- 12 Indoor missions garage sale volunteer sign-ups begin in the Commons or Narthex  
We to Me event, Rm 102
- 13 Redeemer Kids, 9:30am  
Extreme game night, 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades, 5-7pm  
[Register here](#)
- 15 Redeemer Creations, 7pm
- 18 Students depart for the Youth Gathering
- 20 NO high school youth group
- 21 Last Monday Word until it returns in the fall
- 24 Royal Seniors game day, 1-4pm
- 27 Redeemer Kids, 9:30am  
Drop-off begins at 2pm for indoor missions garage sale (not a minute before!)

[royred.org/upcoming](http://royred.org/upcoming) or email [info@royred.org](mailto:info@royred.org)

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VBS  
VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE BLESSED THE KIDS WITH  
THEIR TIME & TALENTS THIS WEEK!**

## caring café update

**THANK YOU** for your generosity last weekend! We shared our shortage was \$800 and collected \$2,700 in donations for our Caring Café! This money will also help fund future Caring Café efforts. All glory to God!

YTD AMOUNT GIVEN		YTD AMOUNT SPENT	
Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
\$1,767,810	\$1,939,957	\$1,742,254	\$1,805,578

School finances not included.

## youth extreme game night

Students in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades, join us on **July 13** from 5-7pm for an Extreme Game Night at NEO Extreme Games in Brunswick. Get ready for an unforgettable night of action & excitement – "gel blasters" (a gaming experience combining the physical projectiles of paintball and the digital scoring of laser tag, minus the pain & mess); glow-in-the-dark dodgeball; black lights, food & more. Wear neon, bring your friends & be ready to compete. You won't want to miss this event! Registration is required -- [Register here](#)

## help needed

We've mentioned several times lately how vital volunteers are to the fulfillment of our mission as a church. PLEASE consider grabbing a green form outside the worship areas and see how you can use your time and talents in support of your church family. To date, we've only a few responses. It really takes very little time each month, and it's a great way to get to know each other. Drop the completed form in the basket this weekend or email Kari at [kmayo@royred.org](mailto:kmayo@royred.org).



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It's hard to believe that the Covid-19 pandemic began five years ago. Although most things have returned to normal, it ultimately impacted so much of our daily lives and left us with a very different reality. As a church, we weathered the storm together. We trusted in the Lord to help us find a way to continue worshipping, and somehow maintained some level of fellowship, all while wearing masks or staying connected via livestreaming and/or Zoom Bible studies.

The structure of our church and school also saw some vacancies and ongoing reshuffling of duties and responsibilities over the past few years. Praise God for His provision and thanks to all those who pulled together to keep Royal Redeemer moving forward in faith.

God has graciously helped us fill some of those vacancies, allowing us to return to a more streamlined process of providing worship, fellowship, missions, community service, and more. We realize that it hasn't always been easy to identify which staff are responsible for which ministry areas within the church and school. For that reason, I thought it might be helpful to provide you with a summary of who you can contact if you need information or guidance.

- **Pastor John Zahrte** – Overall direction of the church's mission & vision
- **Pastor Mark Rein** – Care ministry & missions
- **Pastor Dave Timm** – Pastoral care through group & individual counseling
- **Laura LeBaube** – Family ministry, including infants & children, women, men & seniors
- **Christina Nelson** - Youth ministry, including 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, college age & young adults
- **Carly Karnis** – Church administration, including overseeing finance, human resources, information systems & campus facilities management
- **John Bunting** – Worship operations, including all elements of worship production & operation, all technical & accessory equipment & worship/hospitality volunteers
- **Bennie Levy** – Communications & outreach, including dissemination of church information internally and to the community; also facilitates the membership and assimilation process

Information is also available on our website and through the Realm Member Portal. If you have questions, you may either email [info@royred.org](mailto:info@royred.org) or call the church office at (440) 237-7958.

Finally, I want to thank the volunteers who make it possible for Royal Redeemer to provide worship, fellowship, group events, community service, and many other programs. Unfortunately, we have seen a decline in the number of volunteers willing to serve on a regular basis, which is generally once per month. It takes on average 70 volunteers each weekend to offer 5 worship services. If you can help once per month before, during, or after a worship service, please email Kari at [kmayo@royred.org](mailto:kmayo@royred.org).

In the love of Christ,

Pastor John Zahrte