

SMOKE SIGNALS



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"Being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives." Ephesians 2:22

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 15	3rd & 4th grade musical 7:00PM
Dec. 16	3rd & 4th grade encore 12:00PM
Dec. 21	Geography Bee 2:00 PM
Dec. 22	1:00 PM Dismissal
Dec 25-29	No School
Jan. 1-5	No School
Jan. 8	School resumes
Jan. 15	No School - MLK Jr. Day
Jan. 23	Spelling Bee 1:15PM
Jan. 25	End of 2nd Quarter - Noon Dismissal
Jan. 26	No School - P/T Conferences
Feb. 7	Science Fair 7:00-9:00PM
Feb. 16	No School - Lincoln's Birthday
Feb. 19	No School - Presidents Day

PLEASE JOIN US
FOR THE 3RD & 4TH GRADE
CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

"The Evening News Hour"

Two performances:
FRIDAY, DEC. 15 @ 7:00 PM
SATURDAY, DEC. 16 @ NOON

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

~~Mr. Mike Mancini~~

Enjoy His Arrival...Don't Miss It!

Over the past couple of years I have used this message to give to all of you as a thought for the holidays. After reading the book *God Came Near* during our staff devotions this year, I decided to share this passage with each of you once again.

As Christmas approaches we begin to see the activities of the holidays. Shoppers are out in droves, lights, music, and the stress of getting everything ready. I wonder if we sometimes get so busy that we forget what Christmas is really about? I was reading a short story about Jesus' arrival on

that very special day 2000 plus years ago and I couldn't help but think of our lives and the hectic schedules we all have. This is an excerpt of the story from Max Lucado called *The Arrival*.

One's imagination is kindled thinking about the conversation of the innkeeper and his family at the breakfast table. Did anyone mention the arrival of the young couple the night before? Did anyone ask about the welfare of the young pregnant girl? Perhaps. Perhaps someone raised the subject. But, at best, it was raised, not discussed. There was nothing *that* novel about them. They were, possibly, one of several families turned away that night.

No, it's doubtful that anyone mentioned the couple's arrival or wondered about the condition of the girl. **THEY WERE TOO BUSY!** The day was upon them. The day's bread had to be made. The morning's chores had to be done. There was too much to do to imagine that the impossible had occurred.

God had entered the world as a baby.

At this point in history, the human being who best understands who God is and what he is doing is a teenage girl in a smelly stable. She can't take her eyes off him. Somehow Mary knows she is holding God. *So this is he.* She remembers the words of the angel. *"His kingdom will never end."*

He looks like anything but a king. His face is prunish and red. His cry, though strong and healthy, is still the helpless and piercing cry of a baby. And he is absolutely dependent upon Mary for his well-being.

Majesty in the midst of the mundane. Holiness in the filth of sheep manure and sweat. Divinity entering the world on the floor of a stable, through the womb of a teenager and in the presence of a carpenter.

She touches the face of the infant-God. *"How long was your journey!"* This baby had

overlooked the universe. These rags keeping him warm were the robes of eternity. His golden throne room had been abandoned in favor of a dirty sheep pen. And worshiping angels had been replaced with kind but bewildered shepherds. Meanwhile, the city hums. The merchants are unaware that God has visited their planet. The innkeeper would never believe that he had just sent God into the cold. And the people would scoff at anyone who told them the Messiah lay in the arms of a teenager on the outskirts of their village. They were all TOO busy to consider the possibility.

Those who missed His Majesty's arrival that night missed it not because of evil acts or malice; no, they missed it because they simply weren't looking.

Little has changed in the last two thousand years, has it?

As the holiday season begins, let's make sure we all focus on the arrival of our awesome God. This is a time for family, friends, laughter and love. But most importantly it is a time to remember the greatest gift each of us was given; Jesus!

My wish for all of you is for a blessed Christmas and a very happy New Year. May the God of yesterday, today and tomorrow bless each of you in the New Year to come and may each of us remember "*Jesus is the Reason for the Season!*"

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HOT LUNCH

The hot lunch program is still in need of volunteers to assist with lunches on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Wednesday help is especially needed. If you can help out, please contact Kirsten Criscenti at (650)740-0447 or e-mail her at kcriscenti@yahoo.com.

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Christmas Season Worship Services

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24
Morning Worship @ 9:30 AM

Multimedia Presentation
of the Christmas Story @ 5:00 PM

Candlelight Service @ 11:00 PM

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25
Celebrative Christmas
blended worship service @ 10:00 AM



SCIENCE FAIR

Redeemer's biennial Science Fair is February 7th in Fellowship Hall. Students in grades 5-8 are each required to do an individual project for the Fair. Information packets were sent home with your child on December 1st. Project permission slips are due back to your child's teacher before the Christmas break. Students in grade 4 will each be required to do an Endangered Species display project. Display boards will be provided to all students in grades 4-8 in January. Grades K-3 will each do classroom projects. All projects will be on display on February 7th from 7:00-9:00 PM.



ENROLLMENT FOR 2007-2008

Priority Kindergarten Registration.

January 8th-February 15th

Kindergarten registrations received after February 15th will be placed on a waiting list pending space available.

February 1-28

Priority registration for current Redeemer students. Enrollment forms and rates will be mailed home in January.

March 1

Open enrollment for all grades.

Refer a new student to Redeemer and receive a **\$300** tuition credit! The new student and family must have no prior connection to Redeemer Church or School, must reference your name on the registration form, and must attend for a full semester before credit may be used. The tuition credit may *only* be used to pay 08-09 registration fees or as payment for tuition in February or March 2008.

We are holding two **OPEN HOUSES** for prospective students and their families on **Wednesday, January 17 @ 6:30-8:30 PM** and **Saturday, January 20 @ 10:00AM-12:00 PM**. This is a great opportunity for new families to meet the teachers and tour the new school building. We are also hosting four tour dates in January and February from 9:00-10:00 AM. During these tours prospective families will meet with Mr. Mancini and tour the new campus. Upcoming tour dates are: January 10th, January 22nd, January 24th, and February 7th. *Please help us spread the word about Redeemer School!*

GEOGRAPHY BEE THURSDAY, DEC. 21 2:00 PM

Please join us for our 9th annual Geography Bee! Contestants from grades 4-8 are being selected based on classroom bees. Come cheer on our contestants and test your own knowledge of geography and current events!



DON'T FORGET!
School is dismissed at 1:00 PM
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22nd
Merry Christmas!



S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G B-E-E TUESDAY, JANUARY 23 1:30 PM

Please join us for our annual Spelling Bee. Contestants will be chosen in grades 1-8 after the Christmas break. We will have three Bees: 1st/2nd grade, 3rd/4th grade, and 5th-8th grade. Please join us in the church!

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