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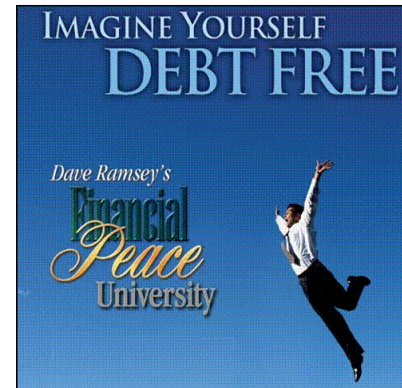
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Begins Monday, January 23rd

Check out the first night at no cost!

Time: 6:30 - 8:30pm

Where: Royal Redeemer Lutheran Church

Cost: \$99.00 per family

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Friends,

When we welcome 2013 one year from now, what difference will you have made in the lives of others?

One of the most important ways you and I make a difference lies in our everyday interactions with family, friends, and strangers. Does each person you impact somehow walk away better than they were before? Have your words and actions pointed them to the love of God?

What I love best about our faith family at Royal Redeemer is the way we SHINE, such as:

- Coming alongside families in need at Thanksgiving and Christmas with food and gifts.
- Packing shoeboxes with goodies that impact needy children across the world.
- Traveling to Beattyville, KY to meet new friends and encourage them through home repairs.
- Families gathering on summer mornings to pack lunches for at-risk children.
- The prayers, cards, and phone calls of encouragement that naturally flow among us in community.

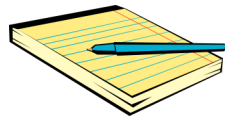
This winter, you'll have the opportunity to directly impact a child in our neighborhood through the Whiz Kids program. Whiz Kids gives you the training and support you need to tutor one Grade 2-4 student for one hour a week (Tuesday afternoons, 3-4pm or 4-5pm) at Woodland Elementary School, next to the church. Anyone age 16 or older may serve as a tutor.

Those who have participated say the relationship formed with your child is life-giving – for both you and the child.

Consider doing something in 2012 that will make a forever impact in the life of a child. For more information, contact Colleen Anderson at [colleenkanderson11@gmail.com](mailto:colleenkanderson11@gmail.com)

Let's shine bright for God in 2012!

Pastor Joel



## *A Note From Pastor Anders*

### *Life in a New Year!*

Each day is a new day in which the Lord will never fail you!  
(Zephaniah 3:5) He walks with us each day without missing a step.  
What a great expression of the intangible value of each life.

During January we celebrate the *Sanctity of Human Life Month* with churches across the country. As we look at a New Year ahead, how can we impact the over 1 million *new creations lost to abortion* each year in the US? God knew each of these unborn babies even before He formed them in their mother's womb (Jer. 1:5)...yet that is where their earthly journey ended. Each day is precious – can these unborn creations of God be given a chance to experience their days?

Be bold! Each of your small steps can lead toward a big change! Will you be a voice for the cry of the unborn? This is a year to become informed! Push aside shyness and let God work in you boldly! To get you started, check out *BeAVoice.net* or *LutheransForLife.org* to explore the reality and find beneficial resources to help you respond and make a difference. There are mothers and unborn babies living around us in need of hearing the truth of life and of God's love for each of us!

Royal Redeemer is a family of believers who love the Lord, who care for one another, and who open their doors freely to others. In this New Year, I raise a challenge for you to be get informed and be bold in celebrating life – each day is a precious gift from a loving, unfailing Creator!

Celebrate Life – Protect Life – Enjoy Life  
*Pastor Anders*



## First Sunday - Second Offering in January

**OPERATION:**



**Thank You!**

Operation: Thank You was started in 2004 as a one-time thing sending Christmas messages to the troops to let them know they were not forgotten during the holidays. The founder of Operation: Thank You (OYT) is Carol Alexander of Morrow, Ohio, the wife of a 24 year veteran of the USAF. Her idea of just a few cards grew when she asked one group, then another, what they needed and filled those needs. The next thing she knew friends started to help and the number of volunteers started to grow as did the list of troop units. After a couple of years of working out of her house it was decided if her hobby was going to grow there needed to be some changes. Operation: Thank You, Inc. was born and registered with the government as a 501C3, tax-exempt organization opening many doors to receive financial help. The big change that was needed was a location to move out of the Alexander house. This was finally found. A very gracious family offer to donate space in a warehouse and the supplies needed to set up and grow there. This move helped OYT to grow from serving 15 to 20 units to serving about 100 during late 2009 and to having about 1,000 volunteers and supporters on the mailing list.



### Sermon Themes for January

December 31/January 1: What's in a Name?

January 7/8: Basics of Biblical Finance

January 14/15: I Have A Dream

January 21/22: Where Do You Belong?

January 28/29: Where Do You Grow Best?



## Mark Your Calendars!

### *Mom Time - Resumes January 4th*

Moms join together for a weekly time of fellowship, fun, and laughter.

When: Wednesday Mornings

Time: 10:00am - 11:30am

Where: 3691 Pinnacle Lane, Mason, OH

Questions: Krista Lundt 513-543-2222 or klundt@cinci.rr.com  
or Shannon Friend 513-360-2811 or sfriend1014@yahoo.com

### *forgottenWORD*

When: Sunday evenings beginning January 8th

Time: 6:00pm

Where: Royal Redeemer - Annex



Dave Ramsey's

**Financial** *Peace*  
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**Financial Peace University**

Begins Monday, January 23

Sign Up in the Narthex

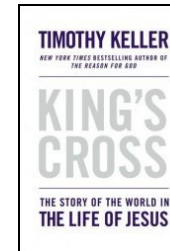
### **King's Cross Lenten Study**

When: Wednesdays

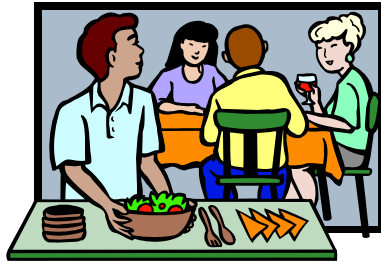
Feb 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28

Time: 7:00 pm

Led by Pastor Joel & Pastor Anders



## Happenings



### Suppers of Seven

Would you like to meet new people or get to know some others better? Are you new to Royal Redeemer? Then SUPPERS OF SEVEN could be just for you! Visitors, newcomers, regular attendees and members are all invited to participate. This will be our fourth year of SUPPERS.

You may ask, “To what does the ‘Seven’ refer?” The answer is “It’s a reference to an uneven number of guests, ensuring the inclusion of single persons into our SUPPERS groups.” The group size may actually range from as little as four to as many as nine and may be different at each gathering.

SUPPERS groups will meet in people’s homes to share a meal on a rotation schedule three times a year. Participants are asked to host no more than once during the year; and they, as hosts, decide the date of their SUPPER (or brunch or lunch) and provide the main dish and drinks. Guests bring the side dishes and dessert. There is no official program or bible study, just casual conversation and adult fellowship.

Look for more information and sign up sheets in the Narthex or call Bob Donnellon (847-4434) or Stacy Aten (779-4749). Sign up by January 22, 2012. Don’t miss the fun!



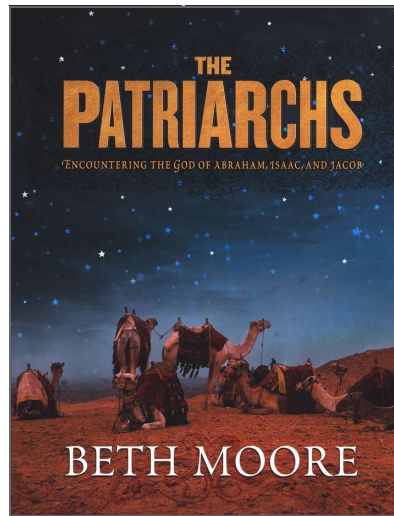
### Vintage Royals

The next scheduled event will be an intergenerational dinner hosted by the Senior High Youth Group.

When: Friday January 13, 2012

Time: 6:30PM

Where: Royal Redeemer Narthex



## Wednesday Women's Bible Study

**The Patriarchs: Encountering the God of  
Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob**

**By: Beth Moore**

An in-depth women's Bible study of  
Genesis 12-50. Discover God's pursuit of a  
relationship with man, and marvel as His plan to bless all people unfolds.  
Full of twists and turns, ruin and redemption, revelation and mystery this  
Bible study keeps

participants captivated by the God who stars in it! Explore concepts such as  
blessing, covenant, and promise, and the bearing each has on a New Testa-  
ment believer's life today. Group members will also study the Hebrew  
names of God introduced on the early pages of Scripture.

Participants will plunge into the heart of Genesis, to God's remarkable pur-  
suit of relationship and to the unfolding of His earthly plan: that through  
one nation—and ultimately, one man—all people on earth will be blessed.  
Many of the most profound and enduring concepts in the whole counsel of  
God's Word are initiated in this marvelous book of beginnings.

**When: Wednesday Mornings beginning January 11, 2012**

**Time: 10:00am - Noon**

**Contact: Virginia Rumford**

**513-459-6458**

**Please plan to join us and feel free to invite a friend!**



# Lutheran Coffee Chicks

## What is it?

An informal evening fellowship group for women of all ages and life stages focused on:

\*spiritual growth

\*fellowship

\*encouragement

\*prayer

## What do we do?

\*We select and read a book of our choosing and gather at a local coffeehouse for discussion - sometimes about the book but also about whatever is on our hearts' that day

\*We encourage and pray for each other - and others.

\*Some of us are 'regulars' - others just join for a book at a time.

\*Reading the book isn't required, it's okay just to join for the discussion and some coffee.

\*Bringing a friend is not only welcome - it's encouraged!

\*We announce and take sign-ups as we start each new book, but walk-ins are welcome anytime.

**When:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

**Resumes:** January 10, 2012

**Time:** 7:00 - 8:30pm

**Where:** Royal Redeemer Lutheran Church

**Who:** Adult women of Royal Redeemer and their friends

### Leaders:

Robyn Brouillette

(513-235-3016)

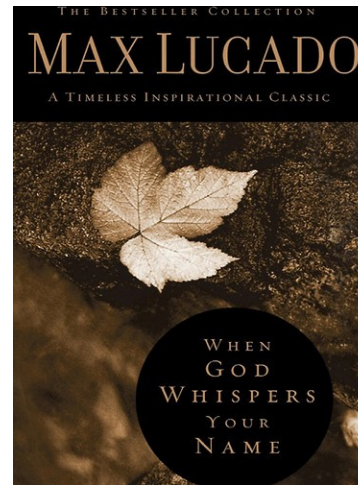
Eve Zerler (513-779-9072)

## Coffee Chicks' New Session Begins

Tuesday, January 24

The book we will be reading  
is "When God Whispers  
Your Name"

By: Max Lucado



Do you find it hard to believe that the One who made everything keeps your name on His heart and on His lips? Did you realize that your name is written on the hand of God (Is. 49:16)? Perhaps you've never seen your name honored. And you can't remember when you heard it spoken with kindness. In this book, Lucado offers the inspiration to believe that God has already bought the ticket-with your name on it.



### BLAZE High School Events – January 2012

\* Sun. Jan. 8 – Teen Inferno (Jeremy & Elizabeth Seebom)  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR JAN. 28  
SKI TRIP

\* Fri. Jan. 13 – Shared meal with Vintage Royals (Stefan  
Thieme, Greg & Pat Card)

\* Sun. Jan 22 – Teen Inferno *Faith Stories* (Pastor Joel)

\* Sat. Jan. 28 – Ski Trip to Perfect North (Kari & Mike Houston)

\* Sun. Feb. 5 – Super Bowl Party at the church



## Presents for Baby Jesus

*Every year, the teachers at Royal Redeemer Christian Preschool talk with the children about the meaning of Christmas. They try to relate the birth of Jesus to something the children will understand. And they do this by planning a birthday party for Jesus. Our parties are complete with balloons, games, ice cream, birthday cake and presents! We explain to the children that instead of bringing presents to give to Jesus, we bring presents to give to other babies who are in need of help. By helping others, we are showing our love for Jesus.*

*Every child brings in a new or gently used baby item to donate to the Pregnancy Care Center and then they get to put it under the Christmas tree during our party on the last day of class before Christmas break. What a beautiful sight it is to see all of the gifts under our giant tree!! All of the items are then loaded (and stuffed!!) into a car and taken up to Pregnancy Care in Middletown. This year, the center received 6 extra large trash bag sized bags full of baby clothes, diapers, formula, wipes, blankets and other baby items...all from the children at RRCP who were going to a birthday party!*

*The children in the preschool learned about and shared the true spirit of Christmas with those in need.*

*Winter 2012*  
*New Member Class Dates:*

**Sunday, January 22**

Spiritual Life & Growth

(Required for all new members)

12:00-2:00pm

(Pastor Joel)

**Monday, January 30**

Network Class

(Required for all new members)

7:00 - 9:00pm

**Wednesday, February 8**

Network Class

(Required for all new members)

7:00 - 9:00pm

**Sunday, February 12**

The Lutheran Faith

(Required for those coming from a non-Lutheran background)

12:00-2:00pm

(Pastor Anders)

**Wednesday, February 15**

Spiritual Life & Growth

(Required for all new members)

7:00-9:00pm

(Pastor Anders)

If you have any questions regarding the new member classes,  
please contact

Stacey Aten:

[rrpa@fuse.net](mailto:rrpa@fuse.net) or 779-4740

**Three great Royal Redeemer members mugged in  
December!**



**5:30 Sharon Palm**

- \*Banner Maker
- \*Changes Banners with the seasons
- \*Christmas Decorator

**9:00 Michael Anthony**

- \*Usher
- \*Greeter
- \*Reader

**10:30 Sharon Johnson**

- \*Enters attendance EVERY week!
- \*Reader

**Thank You**

Dear Royal Redeemer Church,

Hi my name is Victoria DeAvila-Esquivel I would like to thank you for everything you have done for me and my family this year and last year, you have truly been a God sent blessing. I would like to say Thank You for everything. We are very thankful for everything you have done and you have made my children very happy.

Sincerely,

Mrs Victoria DeAvila-Esquivel

Monroe, OH

## Studies

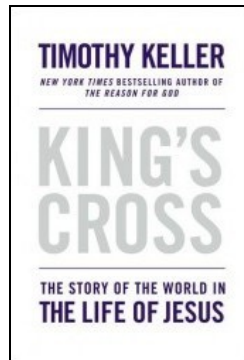


# forgottenWORD

Do you know the smallest books of the Bible? Is there really a book with only 13 verses? Can these little books impact life?

Come check out *forgottenWORD*! Together we'll dive deep into the often forgotten and little known shorter books of the Bible to find their important life messages! This fast-moving Adult Bible Study will tackle a new book each week. Miss a week? Just be ready to start fresh the next week.

Pastor Anders will lead this study, meeting on Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm in the Annex at Royal Redeemer. Come with your Bible on January 8<sup>th</sup> to study the *forgottenWORD*. Let's see what God's Word has to say for our life journey.



## King's Cross Lenten Study

(this study will parallel King's Cross sermon series)

When: Wednesdays

Feb 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28

Time: 7:00 pm

Led by Pastor Joel & Pastor Anders

*King's Cross* is Timothy Keller's revelatory look at the life of Christ as told in the Gospel of Mark. In this study we will focus on the Passion of Jesus Christ, delving into the previous weekend's message.

***Those serving at Royal Redeemer:***

***Acolytes:***

\_\_\_\_\_ / Zach Kopeck - January 1  
Ashlyn Hoffmann / Jennifer Ellison - January 8  
Youth Quake - January 15  
Max Johnson / Andrew Brownley - January 22  
Tommy Levin / Sydney Bayer - January 29

***Readers:***

Jill Wilkey / Jeff Klare / Sharon Johnson - Dec 31 / Jan 1  
Diann Gaffrey / \_\_\_\_\_ - January 7/8  
Tori Hickey / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ - January 14/15  
Tori Hickey / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ - January 21/22  
Diann Gaffrey / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ - January 28/29

***Ushers:***

\_\_\_\_\_ / Ron Miller & Aaron Jahnke / \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ - Dec 31/Jan 1  
Carl Kohs / Kevin Turain & Steve Pasch / Jeff Hazel & \_\_\_\_\_ - Jan 7/8  
Dave Palm / Kevin Turain & Steve Pasch / Jeff Hazel & \_\_\_\_\_ - Jan 14/15  
Carl Kohs / Steve Pasch & Jim Deines / Jeff Hazel & Dave Hoffmann - Jan 21/22  
Dave Palm / Trent Meyers & Aaron Jahnke / Brian Highland & Jeff Hazel - Jan 28/29

***Greeters:***

\_\_\_\_\_ / Joe Rich / Glenda Donnellon - Dec 31/Jan 1  
\_\_\_\_\_ / Joe Rich / Marilyn Patschke - Jan 7/8  
\_\_\_\_\_ / Joe Rich / Penny Fileds - Jan 14/15  
\_\_\_\_\_ / Joe Rich / \_\_\_\_\_ - Jan 21/22  
\_\_\_\_\_ / Joe Rich / \_\_\_\_\_ - Jan 28/29

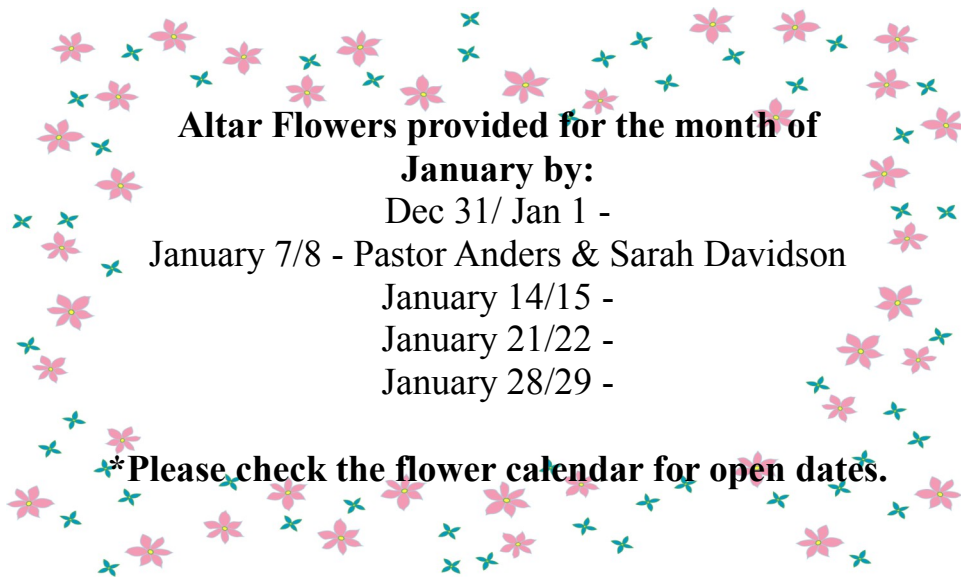
***Welcome Center:***

Colleen Anderson / \_\_\_\_\_ / Colleen Anderson - Dec 31/Jan 1  
\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ - Jan 7/8  
\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ - Jan 14/15  
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\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ - Jan 28/29

***Communion Assistants:***

January 1 @ 9:00am – Pastor Joel & Pastor Anders  
January 7 @ 5:30pm – Will Billings  
January 8 @ 10:30am – Mike Grieff, Arthur Radun & Jim Boettcher  
January 15 @ 9:00am – Pastor Joel & Pastor Anders  
January 21 @ 5:30pm - Mike Zerler  
January 22 @ 10:30am – Will Billings, Bob Burgett & Marty Preede  
January 28 @ 5:30pm - Len Schuster  
January 29 @ 9:00am Pastor Joel & Pastor Anders  
January 29 @ 10:30am - Dave Ballenger & Dave Hoffmann

**If you would be able to fill any of the openings contact Jennifer Samson @ 779-4740 or Stacey Aten @ 779-6778**



**Altar Flowers provided for the month of  
January by:**

- Dec 31/ Jan 1 -
- January 7/8 - Pastor Anders & Sarah Davidson
- January 14/15 -
- January 21/22 -
- January 28/29 -

**\*Please check the flower calendar for open dates.**

**Monthly Stewardship Report  
November, 2011**



<b>Last Month (November, 2011)</b>	
Average Weekly Worship Attendance	307
Building Fund Giving	\$2,474
Actual Offerings (General Operating Fund)	\$41,441
Budgeted Offerings (General Operating Fund)	\$29,049
Difference Actual vs. Budget (General Operating Fund)	\$12,392

<b>Year to Date (November 30, 2011)</b>	<b><u>YTD Actual</u></b>	<b><u>YTD Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>
<b>Financial Summary (without preschool)</b>	11/30/2011	11/30/2011	
Income	\$364,244	\$374,176	(\$9,932)
Expenses	<b>\$328,729</b>	<b>\$370,476</b>	<b>\$41,747</b>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$35,515	\$3,700	\$31,815
Building Fund Balance	\$235,664		



Jessica Taylor	January 1	Andrew Houston	January 23
Carl Kohs	January 1	Alex Kelker	January 24
Jennifer Lunsford	January 2	Brielle Thieme	January 25
Dave Palm	January 2	Casey Tesmer	January 25
Michael Gustin	January 2	Kyle Nobiling	January 25
Kristin Dormish	January 6	Erik Ellison	January 28
Katie Nobiling	January 9	Cassie Sheridan	January 28
Liz Rumford	January 10	Sam Dittrich	January 28
Olivia Anthony	January 10	Jacob Hernandez	January 28
Ken Schmitz	January 13	Kaitlyn Zonka	January 29
Eileen Turain	January 13	Ella Yon	January 29
Logan Harter	January 16	Theo Blomquist	January 29
Barb Hall	January 21	Jackie Kramp	January 30
Joan Smith	January 21	Darien Noe	January 30
Jim Bukowski	January 22	Charlie Herrmann	January 31



## Anniversaries

Tim & Susan Kelker - January 2
Pasotr Anders & Sarah Davidson - January 8
Larry & Carol Whitman - January 14
Bob & Jill Kroeger - January 17
John & Cheryl Mathews - January 19

\*If your birthday or anniversary is missing please let the office know,  
779-4740 or royalredmr@fuse.net - THANKS!