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IN TOUCH WITH REDEEMER

A newsletter by and for the family of Redeemer Lutheran Church

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The summer months of June, July, and August bring a change to the office culture. The rest of the year saw a rush of deadlines from Thanksgiving to Christmas; a short break before Lent started, and then Easter led into the close of the Confirmation calendar. Now that the school year is ending one would expect a small relaxed atmosphere to fall over the inner-workings of the office. The shift that will happen in the office will center on planning for the

next twelve months to reduce the amount of stress that usually accompanies a busy church calendar.

As a staff, we are already trying to tackle some of the bigger issues now rather than wait too long and rush to do them later. This fall will mark the 500th year anniversary of the Reformation and there is a renewed emphasis on the life and times of Luther. There is a great opportunity to dig a little deeper in the theology of our Lutheran heritage and see what made Luther a wanted man. Our staff is exploring different possibilities of learning more about Lutheran educational practices and hymnody.

Does anyone miss the sub-zero temperatures and the chance to play in the snow? One area the staff is already talking about is Advent. Christmas will be here before we know it and the pressure to have a sermon series, Christmas program, and special music will be too much if we wait until November to start looking at the holiday schedule.

This past month our Stewardship Board addressed questions from congregation members as to the financial trends of the year. Typically, the congregation has waited until the end of the year to talk about where we are financially and that has proved to be too late to make some of the decisions that really need to be made. During the summer, the Sunday morning attendance slides as the temperature increases. By the fall, we are typically taking out a line of credit to cover our expenses. As a staff, we will be asking the question of how do we avoid some of the financial expenditures.

In October of this year we will host the last Voter's Meeting of the year. One difference you will see in the fall meeting is the finalization of the 2018 budget, which will need to be worked on during the summer. The boards of the church will need to address their individual needs before September so that the PPC can have a better picture of where we are going to be next year.

One major topic we need to study is our identity; we know that Christ is at the center of everything we do. If you notice there are many different churches in Willmar and the surrounding county. How is Redeemer different than all the rest? Are we an ordinary church that has nothing to offer someone who finds themselves in a pew on Sunday morning; or do we want everyone who walks through our doors to know who Christ is by what they experience from our worship services and the people who call this place home? Over the summer, I will be talking more about the mission and vision statements of this congregation with the goal in mind to have a clearer direction so that everyone here can articulate why we continue to seek out God's teachings from this place.

Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let not your hands be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well. Ecclesiastes 11:6

Pastor Matt

SERVING GROUPS

We have monthly serving groups and a list is posted on the church office window. Please check your phone number for accuracy or if you're not on the list and would like to be, contact the church office. Please help out when your co-chair calls.

JUNE

Sharon Jergenson – 320-235-8278

Bob & Doris Ast
Gordon & Betty Behm
Vern & Sally Bierbaum
Jessica Bode-Van Eps
Norm Christensen
Lyle & Vera Ehrenberg
Jon & Jessica Friton
Ron Grefe
Steven & Beverly Hanson
Dewayne Holthusen
Joshua & Briana Jensen
Joel & Sharon Jergenson
Larry & Christi Jorschumb
Rick & Sally Kloth
Jack Kuppich
Paul Lenz
Jon & Dawn Lingbeek
Paul & Elizabeth Meyer
Ken & Cynthia Nash
Bill & Debra Paterson
Donovan & Carol Ryks
Gary Schroeder
Charlene Smith
Larry & Beverly Wessels

JULY

Heather Petersen – 320-444-8450

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Ken & Alix Behm
Mark & Amy Boesch
Kristine Carlson
Michelle Corti
Chris Dahline
Wayne & Kelly Dahlke
Larry & Vickie Eisenlohr
Marv & Sharon Erdelt
Melanie Garberich
Bill & LeeAnn Houselog
Shane & Brooke Jensen
Violet Klucas
Steven & Christine Kurtzbein
Rob & Judy Linhoff
Don & Eleanor Perschau
Craig & Heather Petersen
Bob & Lila Rekedal
Jose & Wendy Reyes
Milton Sadd
Leon & Carole Schultz
Lyle Smith
Wayne Streich

Redeemer Lutheran 2017

Super Summer Preschool

We are offering one week sessions of preschool for 3-5 year olds.

Choose one week or all three weeks.

The first session will be 4 days (T-F) for \$48.

The next two sessions will be 5 days each (M-F) for \$60.

All sessions will run from **8:15-11:30 am**.

Call 235-4685 for a form or go to

www.redeemerlutheranpreschool.org

Following are the descriptions of each.



Our Lovable Land

May 30-June 2

From the mountains to the valleys let's explore how big God's land is. Let's get messy and discover how fun dirt, rocks and sand can be.



Our Wondrous Waters

June 5-9

When God created water, he knew that it was good. Let's discover the seas, lakes, rivers and bubbles of course ☺
...and on the last day bring our suits and towels.



Our Spacious Sky

June 12-16

Join us as we blast off into space, and discover the Uniqueness of the sky. With stars, planets, sun, and moon
...come be astronauts with us.

COMMUNITY PICNIC

The annual Church Picnic will be held on Wednesday, June 28 from 4:30-7:00 pm. on the Church parking lot. There will be games, bouncy house, music and food. This event is open to all and there is no charge. Volunteers will be needed to grill and serve. A signup sheet will be posted on office window. The event will be held rain or shine.

Hello members of Redeemer Lutheran Church! My name is Aubrey Akerson. This summer I have the honor of being the summer intern here and I cannot wait to spend some more time getting to know you all! Just to help you get to know me a little better here are a few facts about myself:

1. I am Matt and Jennifer Akerson's second daughter.
2. I have two sisters: Ashley and Amiah.
3. I am the second granddaughter of Ron and Bonnie Jaspersen's seven granddaughters.
4. I attend Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska where I am studying to be a Director of Christian Education and also getting a B.A. in theology.
5. I am getting married here at Redeemer in August to Ben Browne (who will also be attending Redeemer this summer).
6. I enjoy running, drinking coffee or tea, reading, playing guitar, knitting, learning about theology, and of course praising God during it all!
7. I love getting to know people and also praying for them. If you ever want to get together to talk or have a prayer request contact the church office and they will give you my phone number. I would love to talk with you and hear about how God is working in your life!
8. You can find me at various events this summer. One of the main events you can find me at is Youth Bible Study at Lulu Beans during education hour (9:15-10:15 a.m.) on June 4th, 11th, and 18th where I will be leading a 3-week Bible Study series! ATTENTION YOUTH: I would love to get to know you all so please stop by and hang out!

I am so excited to spend the summer serving and praising God with you all! Again, I would love to get to know you so come say hi to me!

Aubrey Akerson

"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philipians 1:6

God's Magnificent (and sometimes creepy) Creation!

Each year I order critters from The Earth's Birthday Store. We always have butterflies which are so fun to watch form a chrysalis and hatch into Painted Lady Butterflies. This year each room had 6 live ones that we released (some years not all survive). Then I order one other new insect. We have had Bess Bugs, ants, and ladybugs. So this year I thought let's try a Praying Mantis. I have found a few in their natural habitat over the years and thought observing one would be fun. Little did I know....

Not all of God's creation thrills me- I will admit it. Some things are downright scary, creepy or rather disgusting. Praying Mantis' did not fit in the "Why did you create this, God?" category. When the package arrived, it was a paper-ish, half dollar sized cocoon. The directions said the temperature would need to be a steady 70 degrees or more before dozens of nymphs will hatch. "WHAT, dozens?? Not one?" All of the teachers were now a tiny bit apprehensive but this is a Learning Activity. This is Good for the kids!! So, we prepped the cage and kept spraying the nest to keep it soft. And we waited. And waited. We thought- yeah! They may not hatch before school is out! Ms. Corti had agreed to take them home and let her boys watch them. They would put them in their garden when and if they ever hatched. Whew!

Last Day of school: Out of habit I went over to the cage with the spray bottle and started to dampen the cocoon. And noticed something moving. There were white larva-like things coming out of the cocoon. Oh great, I thought it was rotting. Yuck! In a bit I came back and now there were dozens of white things squirming out of the shell. And the first ones were climbing the net and looked like teeny tiny mantis'. Oh double Yuck! Not very professional-like I stepped in the doorway and yelled for Ms. Corti (after all she wanted them!!) to come and see and there was Mrs. Fauskee with her class and Everyone had to look 'cause it is not often Mrs. Jeppesen is grossed-out (I do tend to be pretty tough).

And then I brought it back in my class and you can see from the picture what happened. There was a lot of interest in these tiny nymphs that were hatching. The magnifying glasses were brought out and as the morning progressed the net habitat filled with these tiny critters. They don't look so bad now, the cute factor is starting to show even. It is a good thing that my initial reaction didn't hamper the children- they thought it was funny. Their curiosity overtakes any inhibitions they have when exploring God's world. And even though I am not sure what some critters purpose is, God knows that there is an important reason for each and every creation's existence. Amen.

Enjoy your summer Exploring God's World.
Rachel Jeppesen, Preschool Director



Sunday	Attendance	Adults	Sr. High	Children	Comm.	Private
May 7	332	-	5	48	225	
May 14	278	58	6	32		
May 21	290	-	-	-	245	
May 28						
TOTAL	900	58	11	80	470	23
In by affirmation of faith: Crisstill Duaso, Cora Gleason, Jennassa Hanson, Zoey Jorschumb, Michael Mohr, David Reyes, Mikayla Schoumaker, Rebecca Wubben, Dale Weilage, Laurie Olson						
Out by transfer: Kathleen & Elliot Stalnaker						

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS

For **JUNE** we will be collecting previously viewed DVD's (comedy and action), paperback novels, games-board games, electronic, hand-held games, car games, crossword and word find books, and journals. Please place donated items in box located in the narthex.

ELDERS FOR 2017

<u>Elder</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u>Household Names</u>
Mark Sellmann	235-0075	Akerson – Bokelman
Michael Sandau	894-0637	Bolland – Davis
Stan Skaro	599-4506	Derksen – Grewe
Ron Jaspersen	354-5083	Grothe – Jacobson
Leon Schultz	248-7466	Jagow – Kruse
Doug Jorschumb	235-5451	Kubasch – Meyer
Neil Buboltz	796-2352	Mikkelsen – Phillips
Wayne Dahlke	262-9847	Pitt – Schoumaker
Jeff Kimpling	235-5373	Schroeder – Streich
Dave Runke	235-9068	Stueckrath – Zetah

PRAISE ON THE PATIO! We are going to be having a Wednesday praise night at 6:30 pm starting on **June 7th** in the courtyard along with a light meal. Bring your lawn chairs and a blanket to sit on.



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	ELDERS	GREETERS	ACOLYTE	SOUND	LIBRARY
June 4 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Michael Sandau Mark Sellmann Neil Buboltz Stan Skaro	Mike Botzek, Deb Arnold Brad & Suzanne Skindeliem Todd Swartz, LaVonne Van Zee Alice Beckmann, Carol Dalke	Mikayla Schoumaker	Mike Mikkelsen Darrell Hoekstra	Lorraine King
June 11 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Jeff Kimpling Wayne Dahlke	Jeff & Cheryl Pitt Rolf & Joyce Standfuss Troy & Lisa Anderson Jerry & Betty Schleh	Cora Gleason Natalie Jorschumb	Wayne Dahlke Sarah Jeppesen	Bonnie Rhoda
June 18 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Ron Jaspersen Dave Runke Leon Schultz Doug Jorschumb	Gayne & Marvelle Stone Lyle & Vera Ehrenberg Doug & Renee Jorschumb Bonnie Rhoda	Nicholas Mohr Mitchell Nelson	Wayne Dahlke Art Bolland	Anita Petersen
June 25 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Michael Sandau Stan Skaro	Jeff & Darla Kimpling Ken Behm Gary & Mary Hillenbrand John & Marlys Eggen	Rebecca Wubben Hannah Lingbeek	Mark Boeschen Sarah Jeppesen	Marcia Gilman
USHERS	8:00 AM *Larry Miller, Jeff Kimpling, Mike Gratz, Bob Ast		(* Head Usher)		
	10:30 AM *Brad Marcus, Glen Lotthammer				



Please join us in celebrating Isaac King's graduation at an Open House on Saturday, June 17th, from 1-4 pm in Redeemer's Fellowship Hall.

OPEN HOUSE

90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
FOR TRUDY HEMINGWAY
SUNDAY, JULY 2
12 – 3 PM
AT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
310 MEDAYTO DRIVE
SPICER, MN



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!! Redeemer's 2017 graduates are: McKenna Hillenbrand, Molly Jeppesen, Isaac King, Kendall Larson, Madison Larson, and Heidi Sellmann.

WOMEN'S SUMMER BOOK CLUB On Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am, starting on June 14th, the Women's Bible Study will be starting a book titled, *Uninvited* by Lysa TerKeurst. The author leans in to honestly examine the roots of rejection, as well as rejection's ability to poison relationships from the inside out, including our relationship with God. There will be a \$5.00 fee for the book, so please sign-up on the church office window to reserve your copy today. If you are unable to make it Wednesday morning due to work schedules, there will be an opportunity to discuss the book after Praise on the Patio on Wednesday evenings.

COMO ZOO BUS TRIP! We will leave at 8:00 am on Saturday, June 17th from the North side of the church and leave the zoo at 3:00 pm. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Bring a picnic lunch to eat at the zoo or eat at the Zoo Café. Sponsored by the Redeemer Sunday School.



THANK YOU to ALL the Sunday School Teachers, Substitutes, Large Group Participates, Supply Coordinator, and EVERYONE who helped in Sunday School this year in some way, shape, or form. You are all truly appreciated very much! Thank You!! Also Thank You to the parents of our Sunday School children for bringing them to Sunday School and helping them grow in their faith.

PLAYGROUND AND POPSICLE'S VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Last summer we opened the playground a few times and welcomed the neighborhood kids to come and play. We would like to do that again this year and need at least 2 volunteers each night (teens can volunteer but we need one adult also). If you are interested in meeting and helping our neighbors please check out the sign-up sheet on the office window. You will be contacted with directions before your date. Generally, it involves opening the playground, setting out play items, handing out popsicles and putting things away but especially visiting!



*A father is someone you look up to no matter how tall you grow.
Happy Father's Day!*

TWO-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Every Christians goal in life should be to read the entire Holy Bible. This plan will take you through the Old and New Testament in two years, and through the Psalms and Proverbs four times.

June 1	Matthew 27	Psalms 145
June 2	Matthew 28	Psalms 146
June 3	Catch-up Day	Psalms 147
June 4	Catch-up Day	Psalms 148
June 5	Mark 1	Psalms 149
June 6	Mark 2:1 – 3:6	Psalms 150
June 7	Mark 3:7 – 4:34	Proverbs 1:1 – 7
June 8	Mark 4:35 – 6:6a	Proverbs 1:8 – 33
June 9	Mark 6:6b – 8:21	Proverbs 2:1 – 22
June 10	Mark 8:22 – 9:29	Proverbs 3:1 – 35
June 11	Mark 9:30 – 10:45	Proverbs 4:1 – 27
June 12	Mark 10:46 – 11:26	Proverbs 5:1 – 6:19
June 13	Mark 11:27 – 12:40	Proverbs 6:20 – 35
June 14	Mark 12:41 – 13:37	Proverbs 7:1 – 27
June 15	Mark 14	Proverbs 8:1 – 36
June 16	Mark 15	Proverbs 9:1 – 18
June 17	Mark 16:1 – 8	Proverbs 10
June 18	Catch-up Day	Proverbs 11
June 19	Catch-up Day	Proverbs 12
June 20	Luke 1	Proverbs 13
June 21	Luke 2	Proverbs 14
June 22	Luke 3:1 – 4:13	Proverbs 15:1 – 29
June 23	Luke 4:14 – 44	Proverbs 15:30 – 33
June 24	Luke 5:1 – 6:11	Proverbs 16
June 25	Luke 6:12 – 49	Proverbs 17
June 26	Luke 7	Proverbs 18
June 27	Luke 8	Proverbs 19
June 28	Luke 9:1 – 50	Proverbs 20
June 29	Luke 9:51 – 11:13	Proverbs 21
June 30	Luke 11:14 – 54	Proverbs 22: 1 – 16



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mighty Fortress

July 16 – 20

6 – 8 pm

Register at www.redeemerwillmar.org

HEAR YE, HEAR YE! Calling all kids and adults! Grab your armor and crowns and join us on June 24th as Redeemer participates in the Willmar Fest parade. We are looking for families who are interested in walking the parade route or riding the train during the parade. Can't walk the parade route with us, but want to help? We are looking for donations of non-melting candy to hand out during the parade. Sign up outside the church office if you would like to walk in the parade or leave your candy donations in the church office by June 23rd.

VBS DECORATION WORK NIGHT will be Thursday, June 22nd from 6:30-9:00 pm. Can you cut paper, glue, or paint? Then join us as we create decorations for our Mighty Fortress VBS this summer.

BE PART OF MIGHTY FORTRESS VBS! God's children of all ages will learn that in Jesus, the victory is won at *Mighty Fortress* VBS. AND, every child will hear the Good News that Jesus, their Savior, has won the victory over sin, death, and the devil and that God gives us that victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! At *Mighty Fortress* VBS, as VBS staff you can live out the theme "In Jesus, the victory is won" as you share the message and the fun with kids! If you can help full or part time, we have many ways to be involved to suit your schedule and interests. Call *Cassie* at 235-4685 or e-mail cdrenkow@redeemerwillmar.org, for more information. Join us to see how in Jesus, the victory is won!

VALLEY FAIR TRIP Youth mark your calendars for June 20th as we will be traveling to Valley Fair for the day. Cost is \$30.00 a person. Youth who helped with Easter Breakfast receive a discount \$10 off for 1 day \$15.00 off for 2 or more days. Please sign-up and fill out a form located outside the youth room. Forms and payment are due by noon on June 18th.

DULUTH MISSION TRIP On the week of July 23-28th, eighteen youth and five adult leaders will be going to the Duluth area, "*On a Mission to Serve*". Part of that mission is to serve at a soup kitchen, community garden, and other service opportunities. The youth will be ranging from freshman to just graduated seniors. The youth will be hosting coffee hour on July 16th!