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In Touch With Redeemer

Sharing Christ and Changing Lives



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IN TOUCH WITH REDEEMER

A newsletter by and for the family of Redeemer Lutheran Church

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When I moved to Willmar last year I did not know what to expect and what to hope for. I had a lot of questions about myself and if I could make the transition from an associate pastor to a regular pastor. Over the short time I have been here, I have noticed one thing from where I stand and where I have observed the

congregation. There seems to be a connection happening that has been in the works for some time. I look on with a great smile as people find others in this family with similar backgrounds and stories.

During the Sunday morning announcements, I have often made a point to emphasize two things: sitting closer to the front of the church and attending the Family Education Hour as many times as possible. Giving up your favorite spot has been a little bit of a challenge for some (especially with a "Sheldon" syndrome), but the time between services has been crucial. I once preached that if our attendance does not pick up and the education hour does not increase we will be looking at the closing of this church; and I still believe that to be the case as I am typing these words.

What I have noticed during the Adult Education portion of Sunday morning I am presently surprised when a person or couple will sit down at a table and in a few minutes they appear to be talking with someone they haven't been talking to for years. I am delighted to see people who have been going through similar experiences share a cup of coffee and show genuine caring for others. It is a great feeling to see hope lived out in these lives as we find shared stories the last few months.

Please consider how we operate within our faith family; the importance of meeting together on Sunday morning revolves around our worship of what God has done for us, sharing our stories of where Christ has interacted with us personally, and giving hope to one another that comes from the message of the empty tomb. May we continue to move forward together as we lift up the name of Christ, bear each other's burdens, and care for the community that God has put us in.

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.

MAY

Marlene Buboltz – 320-796-2352
Lori Martinek – 320-235-1670

Murriel Ashburn
John & Michelle Behl
Lenora Bode
Neil & Marlene Buboltz
John Corti
Rev. Robert & Irene Friedrich
Michael & Joy Gratz
Richard & Dianne Hanson
Darrell & Gail Hoekstra
Ron & Bonnie Jaspersen
Jason Jorschumb
Jason & Marlene Kubasch
Rod & Naomi Lindquist
Margaret Marsh
Mike & Lori Martinek
Terry & Cheryl Pankow
Dain & Angela Peterson
Lynn & Ranae Rahn
Matt & Alicia Runke
Rod & Denise Schroeder
Brandon & Jessica Smith
Gayne & Marvelle Stone
Roger & Darlene Swenson

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



REDEEMER RENAISSANCE

VBS FESTIVAL

Friday, May 19

6:00-8:00 pm

Join us for

- Dinner (Anything on a Stick)
 - Pre-Register for VBS
 - Pool Noodle Jousting
 - Catapult Marshmallow Launching
 - Coat of Arms Creations
 - Prince & Princess Crown Decorating
- Come in your best Renaissance Costume**

VBS DECORATION WORK NIGHT will be Friday, May 12th from 6:30-9:00 pm.

Come help start decorations for our Vacation Bible School.

A BORING ISRAELITE

At a previous NYG, I once heard one of the emcees describe herself as a “boring Israelite”. You know the people who followed Moses out of Egypt those “boring Israelites” they didn’t do anything great like part waters, they merely lived their life. Well, I am here today to confess to you that I am a boring Israelite and all of you can be one too.

Who were these boring Israelites? They were ordinary people, fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, grandparents, young children and yes even teenagers. Moses led them out of Egypt, out of slavery and no not two by two (that’s another story); he led them to freedom, to a better life. Their response in less than one chapter of Exodus they are already complaining to Him. Exodus 14, God’s people are crossing the Red Sea on dry ground, chapter 15 they are singing a song of praise and thanksgiving with Moses and his sister Miriam and by the end of chapter 15 they are grumbling and complaining saying to Moses it would have been better to die in Egypt around pots of meat, but you have led us out into the desert to starve to death. It is this lack of trust and faith that eventually leads them to spend 40 years wandering that desert wasteland eating only manna and quail.

We do not know all their names, but we do know that they continued to live their life. They were there to help their neighbor carry belongings across the red sea. They helped to care for an elderly neighbor or child as they wandered the desert. They were ordinary people. They didn’t part the sea, scout out the Promised Land or lead the battle of Jericho they merely led their life like ordinary people. Yes, there were struggles along the way, like eating only manna for 40 years and seeing the Promised Land but not entering it. God used and continues to use ordinary people to accomplish and share his plan of salvation. Many of our acts of love go relatively unnoticed. But what can happen in our church, in our community when several boring Israelites (ordinary people) start to love our neighbors.

What kind of difference can we make?

- One action I will take to Live Love in the next two weeks . . .
- One person God has placed in my Life that I can show God’s Love to . . .
- I can show them Jesus’ Love by . . .

So, boring Israelites let us love one another.

In Christ, Cassie Drenkow, Director of Christian Education

PRESCHOOL

I haven't shared memorable quotes from the preschool kids for a while. So when we took dictation in February for Mom's Day I kept a few to share because they were just too cute. (the child's responses are in italics)

All About My Mom

My Mom is 11 or 22 Years Old (Yeah for those kids!!)

My Mom is 096490 or 84 Years Old (not so much)

My Mom is 0 Years Old (hmmm)

My Mom Laughs When: *I tease her; I scare her; a seed is cooked; we play the game called Pie Face; Never*

My Mom is Really Good at: *Sleeping; Making things, Target Practice; Tying Knots; Doing Exercise; Doing Handstands; Reading Stories*

My Mom and I Really Like to: *Hug; Play garbage; Go to Hobby Lobby; Play; Have snowball fights.*

I Love my Mom because: *Her lets me have her money; Her hair is so pretty; She's a good cook; she cleans everything for me; she snuggles with me*

Send your mom some love this month and maybe a story or two you knew she wouldn't appreciate when you were younger but now it just might be worth sharing!!

Thrivent Builds Experience

Speaking of Moms, and in my case, daughters about 5 years ago I decided to take each of my girls on a trip that needs a passport. So Liz and I embarked on an adventure in Peru the next year. We have since decided that our trips should involve some kind of service. In Peru we visited schools and brought a collection of craft and school supplies in one suitcase and a duffel bag of old sports uniforms donated from church and preschool families. So it is finally Molly's turn.

We have chosen to try a Thrivent Builds trip in a nice "cool" location - the Dominican Republic. Thrivent works with Habitat for Humanity building homes all around the world. We have a team leader Darrin Timm, from Nebraska and a general itinerary for our trip at the end of June.

I did ask about collecting needed items for the village we will work in but our team leader said that Habitat has pretty strict rules regarding this and it is easier to send donations in to our team's trip which all goes to Habitat. Half of our trip cost is a direct donation to Habitat and if you are a Thrivent member, Thrivent also gives a generous donation on behalf of the workers. Habitat in turn uses these donations to build.

I am excited to share this experience with Molly and who knows if another build is in our future someday.

In Christ, Rachel Jeppesen, Redeemer Lutheran Preschool Director

Sunday	Attend	Wed	Attend	Adults	Sr. High	Children	Comm.	Private
Apr 2	290	Apr 5	174	31	7	40	225	
Apr 9	401	Apr 13	218	40	11	58	158	
Apr 16	610	Apr 14	250	-	-	-	387	
Apr 23	310			-	11	39		
TOTAL	1611		642	71	29	137	770	38
In by baptism:								
In by affirmation of faith: Christy Ruegge, Janet Peterson								
Out by release: Brittany Sussenguth								
Out by death: Jay Wedner (11-2-16)								

"THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS"

For **MAY** we will be collecting "Hygiene Products".

Eye Drops, Lip Balm, Saline Nasal Spray, Disposable Razors, Foot Powder
Multi-Vitamins, Vitamin C, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, & Sunglasses

Please place donated items in box located in the narthex.

ARE YOU CONSIDERING FULL-TIME CHURCH WORK? Whether you're thinking about becoming a pastor, DCE, DCO, church school teacher, or any other church work career, scholarships are available through the Lutheran Women's Missionary League for the 2017-18 academic year. You can find the forms in the wooden rack in the narthex. **Deadline is May 15, 2017.**

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

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	ELDERS	GREETERS	ACOLYTE	SOUND	LIBRARY
May 7 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Stan Skaro Mark Sellmann Ron Jaspersen Doug Jorschumb	Lyle & Vera Ehrenberg Jeff & Darla Kimpling Bonnie Rhoda Gary & Mary Hillenbrand	Sergio Fernandez Hannah Lingbeek	Mike Mikkelsen Kolby Lindquist	Marcia Gilman
May 14 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Michael Sandau Neil Buboltz	Ken Behm Luther & Peggy Dykema John & Marlys Eggen Leon & Carole Schultz	Payton Freiberg Evan Friton	Mark Boesch Wayne Dahlke	LaVonne Van Zee
May 21 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Dave Runke Stan Skaro Wayne Dahlke Doug Jorschumb	Don & Birdie Urban Bill & Deb Paterson Marlin & Cheryl Niss Loren & Judy Schultz	David Reyes Crisstill Duaso	Mark Boesch Darrell Hoekstra	Michelle Marcus
May 28 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Jeff Kimpling Leon Schultz	Anita Petersen, Myron Behm Gene & Rose Meyer Trudy Hemingway, Nancy Klaassen Keven & Diane Hillenbrand	Jennassa Hanson Zoey Jorschumb	Brad Marcus Kolby Lindquist	Sarah Fosso
USHERS	8:00 AM *Mike Botzek, Lori Schroeder (* Head Usher) 10:30 AM *Doug & Renee Jorschumb, Rob & Judy Linhoff				

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY!!!

Redeemer members will have the opportunity to serve our community during Willmar's Destination Playground build nights happening **May 16th-25th**. We need volunteers to help in a variety of areas. Check out the dates below and sign up on the sheets posted on the church office window.

May 17th – BUILD NIGHT Skilled and unskilled volunteers needed for playground building.

May 20th – NOON MEAL Volunteers are needed to help serve the meal or bring bars or cookies for the meal.

May 24th – EVENING MEAL Confirmation Students & Mentors will serve the evening meal and volunteers are needed to bring bars or cookies for the meal.

LET'S ALL GET INVOLVED! If interested or have questions, contact Lee & Beth Corti at 231-1907 or DCE Cassie as soon as possible.



CONGREGATION MEMBERS are invited to please join the confirmands and their families for the Faith Statement presentation on Sunday, April 30th, at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. A dessert bar reception will follow. Then join us on Sunday, May 7th, in honoring our Confirmands during a reception held in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00-10:00 am.

CONFIRMANDS

Crisstill Duaso
Cora Gleason
Jennassa Hanson
Zoey Jorschumb
Michael Mohr
David Reyes
Mikayla Schoumaker
Rebecca Wubben

PARENTS

Arnold & Lovina Obiedo
Jeremy & Nichole Gleason
Richard & Dianne Hanson
Larry & Christi Jorschumb
Jerret & Darci Mohr
Jose & Wendy Reyes
Jennifer Schoumaker
Kevin Wubben & Lisa Bjerke

MENTORS

Myra Behm
Beth Corti
Mary Hillenbrand/Cassie
Kelsey Stach
Brad Marcus
Lee Corti
Fran Hussong
Doris Ast

CHURCH SOFTBALL TEAM

Be sure to sign up for Redeemer's softball team in the narthex.

BACKYARD BASH!

Youth from 7th – 12th grade, please come to the "End of the Year Backyard Bash" on May 20th from 6 pm to midnight at Cassie's house. Come hangout, enjoy a nacho bar and some backyard games!

MISSION TRIP TEAM MEETING

will be May 21st from 7 – 9 pm at Redeemer.

WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO LIC?

Would you like to see when your friends are going to camp, or would you like to share a ride with someone this summer? Sign up on the sheet in the hallway just past the library with your name, the camp you are going to, and the dates you are going.



REDEEMER COMMUNITY PICNIC

Wednesday, June 28

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.

May 1	Nahum	Psalms 114
May 2	Habakkuk	Psalms 115
May 3	Zephaniah 1	Psalms 116
May 4	Zephaniah 2 – 3	Psalms 117
May 5	Haggai	Psalms 118
May 6	Catch-up Day	Psalms 119
May 7	Zechariah 1 – 2	Psalms 120
May 8	Zechariah 3 – 6	Psalms 121
May 9	Zechariah 7 – 8	Psalms 122
May 10	Zechariah 9 – 11	Psalms 123
May 11	Zechariah 12 – 14	Psalms 124
May 12	Malachi 1:1 – 3:5	Psalms 125
May 13	Malachi 3:6 – 4:6	Psalms 126
May 14	Catch-up Day	Psalms 127
May 15	Catch-up Day	Psalms 128
May 16	Matthew 1 – 2	Psalms 129
May 17	Matthew 3:1 – 4:11	Psalms 130
May 18	Matthew 4:12 – 6:18	Psalms 131
May 19	Matthew 6:19 – 7:29	Psalms 132
May 20	Matthew 8 – 9	Psalms 133
May 21	Matthew 10	Psalms 134
May 22	Matthew 11 – 12	Psalms 135
May 23	Matthew 13:1 – 52	Psalms 136
May 24	Matthew 13:53 – 15:39	Psalms 137
May 25	Matthew 16 – 17	Psalms 138
May 26	Matthew 18	Psalms 139
May 27	Matthew 19 – 20	Psalms 140
May 28	Matthew 21 – 22	Psalms 141
May 29	Matthew 23 – 24	Psalms 142
May 30	Matthew 25	Psalms 143
May 31	Matthew 26	Psalms 144



VBS 2017 IS A VICTORY CELEBRATION! In *Mighty Fortress* VBS, your children learn that in Jesus, the victory is won! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts about God, our Mighty Fortress, and the victory Jesus has won for us.

Registration opens May 1st for children 3 years old – 6th grade

VBS is July 16 – 20

6 – 8 pm

Come along with us as we sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, play awesome games, and more. Plus you'll learn in Jesus, the victory is won!

Can't wait to see you there!

Register online at <https://vbsmate.com/redeemervbs2017>. Any questions on registration, contact Briana Jensen [320-905-2118](tel:320-905-2118) or behabicht@hotmail.com.

Leave Your Checkbook at Home! Did you know that we offer a safe and convenient option for your recurring contributions to the church while providing much-needed donation consistency for our congregation? Electronic giving is certainly less risky than writing checks or carrying cash to church. You may already be using electronic payments to pay your mortgage, car payment, utility bills or insurance premiums through an automatic withdrawal from your checking account. This form of giving is used to automatically transfer funds of any amount from your checking account directly to the church's bank account on a weekly, monthly or semi-monthly basis. You decide! Feel like giving more? You can still make additional contributions during the year by cash or check just like you do now. It costs you nothing to sign-up for electronic giving. If you try it and don't like it? You can cancel your authorization at any time by notifying the church office. To sign up, simply fill out an authorization form (yellow-colored form found in the narthex or office), attach a void check, bring back to the church office and leave your checkbook at home.



OPEN HOUSE
60th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday, April 30th
2 – 5 pm
Will & Janice Wenberg
Kandiyohi Power Co-op
8605 47th Street NE, Spicer, MN

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 MEAL ON WHEELS SCHEDULER is needed to call people from a list of volunteer drivers to see when they can deliver meals for two weeks in May. If you would be willing to help, please contact the church office.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING – WEDNESDAY, MAY 10TH AT 6:00 PM

PROJECT HOME TO HOME can use your donations of lightly used, functional, household items. These items will go to less fortunate families in our area who need to reestablish a home after a fire, flooding, homelessness, abuse, etc. A list of items can be found on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, contact Mike Botzek.

RINGERS NEEDED FOR JUNIOR JOY BELLS!! Any children 1st - 8th grade are welcome to ring with the Junior Joy Bells! We are going to start practice on Wednesday, May 10th at 6:30, and will be ringing on a Sunday in early June. If you would like to ring with us, please contact Anna Barber at 320-905-4401 or at a_r_barber@yahoo.com so that I can have a spot ready for you on May 10th!

LWML SPRING RALLY Please come to the LWML Spring Rally this Saturday, April 29th at Redeemer. Registration begins at 11:30 am with lunch at noon. Our guest speaker is Denise Wittman from Hope Pregnancy Center. Please bring your donations of baby items to the rally that morning.

Orphan Grain Train Collection of New Socks and Undies

All congregations in the Minnesota North and South Districts are invited to collect New socks and undies for Orphan Grain Train.



These items will be taken to Texas border missions and other places where new items are allowed. **All sizes of undies and socks (for men, women, and children) are being collected, but children's socks (for age 3 to 6th grade) are very much needed, as children in Mexico cannot go to school without socks and shoes.**

Please send New socks and undies with your pastor when he attends the MN State Pastoral Conference on May 15-17, 2017, at Madden's Resort, Brainerd, MN. Drop Off Point: Orphan Grain Train Booth

Money to help with shipping costs is also welcome.

Monetary donations can be mailed to Orphan Grain Train, PO Box 61, Morris, MN 56267, or brought to the OGT Booth. Questions? Contact Gene Pasche, Chairman of MN North, Orphan Grain Train, at 320-589-2796.



PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

☀ 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.

2017 Summer Preschool Registration

Redeemer Lutheran Preschool
1401 6th St SW Willmar, MN 56201

Print Child's Full Name: _____ M F

Parent's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

_____ City State Zipcode

Phone (Home): _____ Phone (Work): _____

Child's Birthday ____/____/____

Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

2017 Summer Class choices: 8:15-11:30am

☀ Our Lovable Land May 30-June 2 (4 days)

☀ Our Wondrous Waters June 5-9

☀ Our Spacious Sky June 12-16

Tuition for the 4 day session is \$48 with \$20 due with registration. Tuition for 5 day sessions is \$60 with \$25 due with registration. Registration for all three sessions is \$168 with \$60 due at registration. The balance is due for each session on the first day of class.

I understand that each class's registration fee is non-refundable.

Signed _____ Date _____

Office use	<input type="checkbox"/> Registration Fee	Check # _____	amount _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation
	<input type="checkbox"/> Balance Paid	Check # _____	amount _____	

Questions contact Rachel Jeppesen, Director
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