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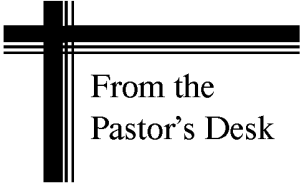
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IN TOUCH WITH REDEEMER

A newsletter by and for the family of Redeemer Lutheran Church

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From the Pastor's Desk

I have been blessed by God to have had the privilege to lead God's people at Redeemer in worship for six months. By God's grace we will install Pastor Canion on September 11th and my service will end. I will be able to retire once again, at least for a time. That is good, good for you and me. There are many things that do not get done during a vacancy, some of these your new pastor will be able to tend to, but others he too may not find the time or have the skills needed to do. Yet, if we each use the talents and skills God has given us and work together the work can be done. Yes, Pastor Canion will be different and that is good. I am different and use a different style in preaching than your previous pastors. Some may find that refreshing, others??? Pastor Canion will have his own style as well and prayerfully many will find that helpful to their growing in faith. But no matter, every one of the pastors that serve us, even those you have fond memories of, they all did the same thing. They preach and teach the Word of God in its truth and purity and administer the Sacraments faithfully. The result is that each one is able to grow in faith and service of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Let us fill the church for Pastor Canion's installation service, Sunday, September 11th at 2 pm. It will be a festival service filled with praise to our Lord with choirs, and visiting pastors leading us in thanking God for His gifts and encouraging us to use our gifts in service to God. Let us then continue to renew our commitment to faith and worship of our Savior the following Sundays by filling the church so that we can get to know Pastor Canion and he us. Join him in the Fellowship Hall starting already September 11th for these "get to know each other" sessions at 9:30.

I have enjoyed serving you and look forward to worshiping our Savior with you under Pastor Canion's leadership. May the Lord bless us all. Thank you!

Pastor Kruse

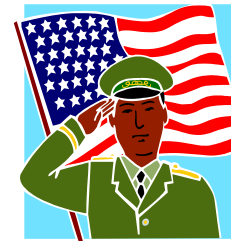
CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES...

Lt Jason & Emily (Ansorge) Geddes
724 West Princess Anne Road
Norfolk, VA 23517
Grandchildren of Virginia Ansorge

ET5 Brianna Runke
Electronics Technician
Hopper Information Service Center
Suitland, Maryland
Brianna is the niece of Dave & Carol Runke

Major James Nelson
Orthopedic Surgeon at
Ft. Benning, Columbus, GA
Parents are Wayne & Laurie Nelson

CW3 Jeffery Nelson
Chinook helicopter maintenance test
pilot at Ft. Bliss in El Paso, TX
Parents are Wayne & Laurie Nelson



**MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS &
SERMONS ON THE WEBSITE**
www.redeemerwillmar.org

PLEASE NOTE:

**The stoves in the kitchen are shut off to conserve gas.
Call the church office 24 hours in advance if needed.**

Please keep the church office current on all contact information when moving, changing home or cell numbers, and email addresses. The church is charged a fee every time the post office informs us of an address change.

HOSPITAL INFORMATION: If you ever have the misfortune of having to spend a day or more in the hospital, you or someone you know may need to call the church. The hospital may ask you your church affiliation, but they do NOT notify the church office.

Join Us As Redeemer Members Travel To
Plymouth Playhouse To See. . .



Sunday, October 9

Cost: \$44.00 (includes ticket & bus ride)

Bus loads in the North church parking lot at 11:30 am

Sign up on the church office window by Friday, September 9
or call 235-4685 (tickets non-refundable after that date)

Limited Number of Tickets Available

Invite Your Friends Too!

Sixth in the Church Basement Ladies series, Rise Up, O Men is a brand new musical comedy featuring the men of the church and your favorite church basement ladies who serve them. As these hard-working farmers discuss their scrap lumber piles and benefits of weld vs solder, they unintentionally disrupt the order of the kitchen. But that's what happens when you let the rooster in the hen house.

We will be stopping on the way home for Supper.

Trip sponsored by the Redeemer Fellowship Board



In the sixteenth chapter of the book of Acts the Apostle Paul and Barnabas had such a major disagreement that they went different directions. Imagine that, two devoted disciples so committed to sharing the love of Jesus that they could not stand to be around each other in the same ministry. In the end God blessed the efforts of both Paul and Barnabas even though they could not get along.

The Christian church today is made up of imperfect people serving a perfect God in the best way we know how. Sometimes the way we see serving and worshipping does not agree with the next person in the pew. Like Paul and Barnabas we are going to have a different opinion of what should happen in the life of the church. These opinions have been formed by our life in the church growing up and our life experiences. The question does not revolve around whether or not each one of us has a different opinion; the question revolves around what we will do when we are faced with multiple variables and options.

I too have my own thoughts and opinions based on a lifetime of serving in the church. I too need to remember the scriptural passages of a Jewish carpenter stressed in a garden to the point that He sweat blood. He put aside His own humanity and future to die in the most humiliating way. What could this group of believers accomplish if we put aside our own opinions and put on the mind of Christ? We will fully realize our potential or will we choose to fall away? ...The future has yet to be explored...

Pastor Matthew Canion

INSTALLATION for Pastor Matthew Canion is Sunday, September 11th, at 2:00 pm. A light lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall directly after the service. A table will be set up for pantry items and a basket for cards. Please come and welcome our new pastor and his family to Redeemer!



Sincere Faith Commitment

"I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and I am persuaded, now lives in you also."

These encouraging words that Paul shares with his mentee Timothy are great reminder to us of the importance of all generations are in the process of faith education and growth. As we get ready to start a new Sunday school year I want to share with you all, how very proud I am of the Board of Education members here at Redeemer for the past 2 months they have been working hard at their regular meetings putting in time to evaluate and examine some of the things that we have been doing currently in educational ministry at Redeemer and some areas that we would like to see some improvement.

Over the course of 2 meetings the group spent time looking at strengths, weakness, opportunities and challenges faced in our current education ministry. Here are some of the goals the group came up with out of those sessions.

Board of Education GOALS FOR 2016-2017

- 1. Family Education.** Offering education opportunities for the whole family (openings, short commitments service projects, bible studies, etc.).
- 2. Family Involvement.** Invite parents/guardians to be involved in their children's faith education.
- 3. Teachers.** Encourage and equip our Sunday school teachers so they are excited to share the Gospel with children and families each week.

Family Education - The group discussed the need and opportunity to offer more educational opportunities for the entire family and plans are being made already to reach this goal. Events like the Women's Retreat September 17th featuring Beth Moore, Sunday morning Adult Bible study being led by Pastor Matt & Cassie in the fellowship hall, men's Saturday morning Bible study, new Women's Bible study Entrusted on 2 Timothy starting October 5 and our new Sunday morning education hour for kids 3yrs-6th grade called Kingdom Quest. We are excited to offer these opportunities for both kids and adults.

Family Involvement - We have always strived to include parents in the faith growth of their children but decided we need to boost up our efforts. Watch for opportunities throughout the school year to be a part of Sunday morning Kingdom Quest Sunday school or other areas to serve. Join us November 6th as we gather together as a Redeemer family to pack shoeboxes full of items for our Fall offering project Operation Christmas Child.

Teachers/Shepherds - Our last goal really looked at connecting with our Sunday morning teachers and how we could encouraging them in their faith and help them as they prepare to love and lead kids to Jesus on Sunday mornings. One transition we are already working on is no longer calling them teachers but Shepherds as they really do lead our young sheep (kids) through God's word each Sunday. On August 27 & 30 our board met with 14 shepherds and substitute shepherds to share with them the upcoming changes to our Sunday morning curriculum and to encourage them as they start a new year.

We are excited to have you join us as we start a new school year at Redeemer and look forward to having you involved in some way.

Blessings in Christ, Cassie Drenkow, Director of Christian Education

++ SEPTEMBER 2016 ++					
	ELDERS	GREETERS	ACOLYTES	SOUND	LIBRARY
Sept 4 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Mark Sellmann Doug Jorschumb Ron Jaspersen Leon Schultz	Rolf & Joyce Standfuss Gayne & Marvelle Stone Bonnie Rhoda Gary & Mary Hillenbrand	David Reyes Ashlyn Leindecker	Brad Marcus Jacob Meyer	Michelle Marcus
Sept 11 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Dave Runke Neil Buboltz	Lyle & Vera Ehrenberg Jeff & Darla Kimpling Leon & Carole Schultz Marlin & Cheryl Niss	Luke Sellmann Eryn Sasse	Mark Boesch Darrell Hoekstra	Sarah Fosso
Sept 18 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Mark Sellmann Michael Sandau Wayne Dahlke	Luther & Peggy Dykema John & Marlys Eggen Loren & Judy Schultz Trudy Hemingway, Nancy Klaassen	Rebecca Wubben Quiana Christenson	Mike Mikkelsen Jacob Meyer	Lorraine King
Sept 25 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Stan Skaro Leon Schultz	Don & Birdie Urban Bill & Deb Paterson Todd Swartz, LaVonne Van Zee Alice Beckmann, Carol Dahlke	Tucker Helfinstine Crisstill Duaso	Wayne Dahlke Art Bolland	Bonnie Rhoda
USHERS 8:00 AM *Rolf Standfuss, Joyce Standfuss, Beau Standfuss, Jon Barber (* Head Usher) 10:30 AM *Neil Buboltz, Todd & Allison Hillenbrand					

Sunday/Wed	Attendance	Adults	Sr. High	Children	Communion	Private
Aug 7	189	14	-	-	171	
Aug 14	215	-	-	-		
Aug 21	221	10	-	-	172	
Aug 28	236	17	-	-		
TOTALS	861	41	-	-	343	26
Baptisms:						
Deaths:						
Transfers:						

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH! Anyone age 3 by September 1st is welcome to come to Sunday School. We are excited for the new Sunday School season to begin. Please keep our Sunday School teachers in your prayers as we begin a new year.

Large Group Presenters: Jon Friton, Michael Gratz, and Anna Barber, plus all the additional volunteers

Preschool: Paula Lueders and Michelle Marcus

Kindergarten: Denise Schroeder

1st Grade: Briana Jensen

2nd Grade: Sarah Hagen and Kay Sandau

3rd/4th Grade: Dan & Susan Spieker

5th Grade: Kristine Carlson

6th Grade: Tyler & Michelle Hanson and Wayne Dahlke

Jr High: Mark Boeschen & Jeff Pitt

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

The Perfect Pastor – A computerized study tells how to identify the “perfect pastor”.

He preaches exactly 15 minutes, condemns sin, but never offends anyone and works from 8 am to midnight. He’s good at janitor work, makes \$50 a week, wears good clothes, buys good books, and drives a good car. He is 28 years old and has been preaching 30 years. He has a burning desire to work with teenagers but spends all his time visiting senior citizens.

The perfect pastor smiles all the time with a straight face because he has a sense of humor that keeps him seriously dedicated to his work. He makes 15 calls daily on parish families, shut-ins and the hospitalized, spends all his time evangelizing the unchurched and is always available in his office.

If your pastor doesn’t measure up to these standards, mail this letter to six churches, bundle him up and send him to the top name on the list. In one week, you will receive 1,643 pastors, and one should be perfect. Have faith in this letter. One church broke the chain and got its old pastor back in less than three months.



A new school year is about to begin! With that can come many stressors for both the students and the parents. Change is the name of the game right now. For most of us this change is slight. There may be a reluctance to give up the summer routine but we tend to adjust quickly especially since it is a familiar process.

Many of Redeemer's preschoolers are first-time students. This new change will likely prompt some separation anxiety. The hardest part for parents and teachers is determining what is the biggest stressor. Sometimes it is not about leaving mom or dad. I had one little gal that didn't want to sit on the rug at circle time. But until she verbalized that to us morning drop off was not a pleasant time.

Each year we teachers reassure parents that we have successfully worked through some difficult cases of separation anxiety over the years. With teamwork and a lot of prayer we will do so again this school year.

Over the years we have collected a "bag of tricks" that can help.

*have a set routine in the morning-predictability is assuring.

*parent's emotions are felt by your children. Stay serene and cheerful

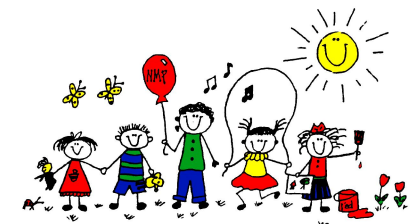
*drop off quickly-one hug and a good-bye. They will find you if you hang out by the door. An exception to this is if you set up a routine for each day "mom will help you start a puzzle or bring you to the block area". Make sure this routine works with the classroom schedule and determine an end date.

*send a favorite picture your child can keep during the day.

*give them a sticker or a token that can be rubbed or held as reassurance of your return.

*use a picture schedule to review when you will pick up.

*and always remember to: "Cast your burdens (anxieties) unto Jesus for He cares for you!" 1 Peter 5:7



...a fun place to play and learn!

In Christ, Rachel Jeppesen

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.

Sept 1	2 Chronicles 8	Psalms 58
Sept 2	2 Chronicles 9	Psalms 59
Sept 3	2 Chronicles 10 – 12	Psalms 60
Sept 4	2 Chronicles 13	Psalms 61
Sept 5	2 Chronicles 14 – 16	Psalms 62
Sept 6	2 Chronicles 17 – 18	Psalms 63
Sept 7	2 Chronicles 19 – 20	Psalms 64
Sept 8	2 Chronicles 21 – 22	Psalms 65
Sept 9	2 Chronicles 23 – 24	Psalms 66
Sept 10	2 Chronicles 25 – 26	Psalms 67
Sept 11	2 Chronicles 27 – 28	Psalms 68
Sept 12	2 Chronicles 29 – 30	Psalms 69
Sept 13	2 Chronicles 31 – 32	Psalms 70
Sept 14	2 Chronicles 33 – 34	Psalms 71
Sept 15	2 Chronicles 35 – 36	Psalms 72
Sept 16	Catch-up Day	Psalms 73
Sept 17	Catch-up Day	Psalms 74
Sept 18	Ezra 1 – 2	Psalms 75
Sept 19	Ezra 3 – 4	Psalms 76
Sept 20	Ezra 5 – 6	Psalms 77
Sept 21	Ezra 7 – 8	Psalms 78
Sept 22	Ezra 9 – 10	Psalms 79
Sept 23	Catch-up Day	Psalms 80
Sept 24	Catch-up Day	Psalms 81
Sept 25	Nehemiah 1 – 2	Psalms 82
Sept 26	Nehemiah 3 – 4	Psalms 83
Sept 27	Nehemiah 5 – 6	Psalms 84
Sept 28	Nehemiah 7	Psalms 85
Sept 29	Nehemiah 8	Psalms 86
Sept 30	Nehemiah 9	Psalms 87

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.

SEPTEMBER

Dee Erpelding – 320-235-0788
Gloria Schroeder – 320-382-6400

Robin & Janice Baker
Myron & Myra Behm
Scott & Katherine Bolstad
David & Susan Chase
Ron & Dee Erpelding
Travis & Christine Foster
Paulette Hentz
Ronda Hunt
Ron & Colleen Kassel
Joy Landin
Glen Lotthammer
Larry & Helga Miller
Matthew & Jodie Nelson
Anita Petersen
Linda Rhoades
Gary & Gloria Schroeder
Steve & Melanie Schultz
Jaimee Scoblic
Dan & Susan Spieker
Todd & Kim Swartz
LaVonne Van Zee
Marilyn Worke

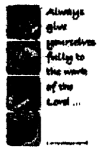
OCTOBER

Myrt Elsing – 320-235-3481
Lavonne Gast – 320-235-3889

Jerome & Kristine Bengtson
William & Pamela Borcherdt
Adam & Julie Bush-Gregory
Mike Christensen
Michael & Irmgard Dahlke
Myrt Elsing
Sergio & Kelly Fernandez
ElRoy & Lavonne Gast
Tyler & Michelle Hanson
Brian Heveron
Steve & Christy Hunt
Frank & Carmelina Johannes
Jeff & Darla Kimpling
Joanne Koep
Ray & Linda Landin
Cindy Lubenow
Gary & Nila Mogard
Bonnie Rhoda
Dan & Michelle Schanus
Mel Schwartz
Amy Uken
Dick Zetah

Minnesota North District – LCMS Prayer Calendar September 2016



“Partners in Mission and in Prayer with...”

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Rev. David Franzmeier - St. John Lutheran Church, (Dixville) Pierz	2 Rev. Dr. Timothy Rehwaldt - St. Paul Lutheran Church, Foley	3
4	5 	6 Rev. Dr. Timothy Rehwaldt - St. John Lutheran Church, (Popple Creek) Sauk Rapids	7 Rev. Greg Tomhave - Bethany Lutheran Church, (Ramey) Foley	8 Rev. Greg Tomhave - St. Paul Lutheran Church, Royalton	9 Rev. Paul Cloeter, Rev. Dave Strohschein, Rev. John Bakou & DCO Craig Cooper – Trinity Lutheran, Sauk Rapids	10
11	12 Rev. Brady Finnern - Messiah Lutheran Church, Sartell	13 Rev. Gary Hendrickson & DCO Peter Keyes – Zion Lutheran Church, Little Falls	14 Rev. Joseph Crosswhite, VP – St. Peter Lutheran Church, Randall	15 Vacancy Pastor – Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church, Rice	16 Rev. Donald Wilke – Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Sauk Rapids	17
18	19 Rev. Tim Renstrom – St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Braham	20 Rev. Jacob Dandy - Zion Lutheran Church, (Crown) St. Francis	21 Rev. Timothy Schaeckel – St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Milaca	22 Vacancy Pastor – St. John Lutheran Church, (Weber) North Branch	23 Rev. Steven Tischer - Zion Lutheran Church, Princeton	24
25	26 Rev. Tim Renstrom, VP – St. John Lutheran Church, Rush City	27 Rev. Donald Mulfinger, VP – Joy, Lutheran Church, Cambridge	28 Rev. Craig Bertram – Lord of the Lakes Lutheran Church, Forest Lake	29 Rev. Terry Grzybowski – Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Elk River	30 Rev. Marty Mably – Lord of Glory Lutheran Church, Elk River	31

ALTAR GUILD MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH AT 5:30 PM.



Prayer & Praise Mite Calendar September 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	The first Sunday in October is traditionally set aside for the observation of LWML Sunday. This year's service is "Some and See" Psalm 66:5, written by Dr. Leopoldo A. Sánchez M. Materials are available to download from the LWML website (www.lwml.org).			1 10¢ for each grandchild you have	2 Pray for Bible Translation Field Testing, so all may hear His Word! 10¢ MN NORTH GRANT	3 10¢ If you had the opportunity to work in your yard today
4 Pray for the children and your Sunday school teachers	5 Pray for Love Works! Lutheran Braille Workers 10¢ MN NORTH GRANT	6 <i>THE TIME IS NOW</i> Pray for the safety of children going to and from school Two-Minute Tuesday	7 10¢ for each piece of mail today that was not a bill	8 Pray for Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Chapel and our support for furnishings 10¢ MN NORTH GRANT	9 Thank a family member for all the support they give	10 Praise God for the rewards of our labors
11 Thank God for Bible study today	12 Pray for Gloria Dei School and Church Building in Cap Haitian, Haiti 10¢ MN NORTH GRANT	13 5¢ for each window in your house	14 5¢ for each magazine subscription you have	15 Pray for C.R.O.S.S. Appeal, in support of our Lutheran Day Schools 10¢ MN NORTH GRANT	16 Pray for Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students 10¢ MN NORTH GRANT	17 Thank God for the Word, may it reflect in our hearts
18 Greet someone today with the "Peace of the Lord"	19 Pray for Caring for Our Pastors (Doxology) 10¢ MN NORTH GRANT	20 <i>THE TIME IS NOW</i> Remember the LWML mission grants, 25¢ Two-Minute Tuesday	21 Pray for Lutheran Island Camp's Christ Serve Academy 10¢ MN NORTH GRANT	22 10¢ if you washed dishes by hand, 20¢ if you used the dishwasher	23 Pray for missionaries everywhere	24 Pray for your pastor as he prepares for worship tomorrow
25 Praise God for His Word and sacraments	26 Do something kind for a homebound person today	27 Pray for the ministry of Orphan Grain Train 10¢ MN NORTH GRANT	28 Thank God for the colors of fall	29 Pray for the teachers in our Lutheran schools	30 Pray for Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination 10¢ MN NORTH GRANT	

LWML: WHAT'S THAT??? Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Any woman age 18 and older is welcome to join. We support mission work locally and around the world. It only costs \$15.00 for the year to join. You will receive a copy of the Women's Quarterly four times a year to enjoy. Sign up to join at the LWML table during the month of October. Look for more info to come too about our Fall event that will include "Make and Take Fall Centerpieces"!

THANK YOU to all of God's people who worked so hard to get "Gottes Acker" in such good condition. As former members of Trinity, words cannot express the feeling of appreciation. Thank you to God for providing the beautiful day for the Ol' Fashion Ice Cream Social and the dedication of the plaque. Thanks to everyone that had a part in it. We have a Wonderful Church Family.

"THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS"

For **SEPTEMBER** we will be collecting previously viewed DVD's (comedy and action), paperback novels, games-board games, car games, electronic hand-held games, crossword and word find books, and journals.

Please place donated items in box located in the narthex.

TIME FOR NEW SCHOOL SHOES! Don't throw your old ones away. Bring them to church and put in the "Shoes For Missions" box that is located by the Fellowship Hall area. These shoes are then sent to Lutheran Island Camp. They send them on for processing and shipment to other countries. Lutheran Island Camp receives \$0.50 per pound for the shoes, so please help support that cause. Please tie or rubber band your shoes together. No flip flops.



FALL CLEAN UP AT LUTHERAN ISLAND CAMP: Mark the date of Saturday, October 8th, on your calendar to head up to Lutheran Island Camp to help them get the island and ranch ready for winter! Contact the church office if you would like to share rides.

AUTUMN ADVENTURE CAMP: It's not too soon to start planning for Autumn Adventure Camp at Lutheran Island Camp. Dates are Friday evening, October 14th, and will close out Sunday noon on the 16th. The cost is \$95 for Trailblazer Adventure (8-11 year olds) and \$105 for Western Adventure (12-14 year olds). Some camperships may be available from Lutheran Island Camp. Redeemer will also pay half of your registration fee for up to 7 nights in a calendar year. Transportation may be available if we get enough children interested in going. Some of the fun activities for the weekend may include hayride, kayak trip, sports activities, hiking and orienteering, horseback riding (Western), challenge course, a few campfires, a great Bible Study, great devotions and worship. Contact Deb Bremseth if you have any questions or would like to sign up. We also have camperships available if you would like to bring a friend with to camp. Pick up a brochure in the wooden rack in the narthex.



JOY BELLS has openings for hand bell ringers starting in September. Please see or call Dianne Kruse at 320-905-3882 if you are interested.



OPEN HOUSE
50th Wedding Anniversary
September 24
2 – 4 pm
Doug & Renee Jorschumb
Redeemer Fellowship Hall



REDEEMER LUTHERAN is proud of their commitment to missionary work abroad. But what does that look like in our own communities? Here is your chance . . . the Beth Moore simulcast is open to all women.

- * **Talk about it with your neighbors and friends.**
- * **Participate – come and enjoy a day in God's word and fellowship with other believing women.**

We would love to have you join us! Ask us about it! Start the conversation. Kindle and renew old and new friendships! Anna Barber, Julie Danzeisen, Cassie Drenkow, Fran Hussong, Cindy Nash



THE RICE HOSPICE PROGRAM will be offering Healing Hearts Bereavement Support Groups for individuals who have experienced a loss. Support groups will be held in the Hospice Conference Room at Rice Memorial Hospital from 3-4 pm. This begins on Monday, September 12 and will continue to meet on September 19, 26, and October 3, 10 & 17. Enrollment is open to anyone in the community and ask for pre-registration two days prior to the beginning of a support group series. For more info, call Rice Hospice at 320-231-4450.

Was It You?

Was it you . . . who spoke to that couple in the parking lot last Sunday morning? I heard you greet them cheerfully with, "Good morning, I'm so glad to see you today!"

Was it you . . . with the happy smile and hearty handshake who greeted folks out in the hallway between services Sunday? One of those you greeted remarked, "That man really cared that we had chosen his church for worship this morning."

Was it you . . . who noticed those visitors who were seated near you? It helped when you introduced yourself and your wife to them and to some of your friends close by. You hit the 1,000% mark when you accompanied them to the door and introduced them to the preacher.

Was it you . . . who noticed a member who looked a little "down" and then took time to talk to him/her earnestly about God's love and concern? Everyone comes to church with some burden. It helps so much when concerned Christians help "bear one another's burdens" (Gal. 6:2)

Was it you . . . who last week entertained some of our new members in your home? If you have ever been new in a community, you know how much an invitation like that means. How important it is that we reach out to new members!

Was it you . . . Well, if it were, you were a blessing to those who are important to God. In these many ways, you help Christ to minister to people when you greet visitors, seek out the lonely and show hospitality to fellow Christians. This kind of positive, excited, happy attitude will do more to build up the body of Christ than anything else. And the wonderful thing about it is . . . everyone can do it!



2016 ELDER – RESPONSIBILITY

<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

DEAR REDEEMER LUTHERAN On behalf of Lutheran Island Camp and our campers, we want to thank you for your quilt donation. The auction was a great success, bringing in over \$36,000. God's Blessings to you! Quilt Auction Committee

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING – Wednesday, September 7th, at 7:00 pm. Please meet in Fellowship Hall.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP meets starting September 7th at 7:00 pm.

ACOLYTE TRAINING for 7th graders will be September 14th, at 6:30 pm. We will be meeting in the Sanctuary.



7TH – 12TH GRADE YOUTH are invited with their families to the first Pizza Ranch night of the year Wednesday September 7th at 6:00 pm. Cost is \$5 for youth.

3rd through 6th Grade Students & Parents:

On Wednesday nights during Advent, your child will have the opportunity to work on a nativity set. Rachel Jeppesen has offered to pour the pieces for the 4th-6th graders. Ken Nash has also graciously offered to make the stable kits each year for our 3rd graders. By the time your child is in 6th grade, they will have completed a stable and 15 ceramic nativity pieces. What a wonderful keepsake for your child.

It is once again time to sign up for this project. We need to know by **Sunday, October 9** if you would like to participate in this activity. If you are new to Redeemer and would like to “catch up” on your pieces, you may sign up to do more than your “assigned” year of pieces. We will help you get caught up! We will not have a lot of extra sets on hand, so we do need to know by **October 9** if you would like to do them.

ADVENTure School
November 30, December 7 & 14
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Cost: \$5.00 per grade signed up for.

Please check which set(s) you will be doing this year.

If you have missed some in the past, you may make them up.

 3rd Grade

Stables

 4th Grade

Mary
 Joseph
 Baby Jesus
 Angel
 Donkey

 5th Grade

Wiseman standing w/pkg.
 Standing camel
 Shepherd
 2 sheep

 6th Grade

Wiseman standing w/vessel
 Wiseman kneeling w/pkg.
 2 camels laying down
 cow

Name _____ Payment Enclosed

Please contact Deb @ 231-2089 or dbremseth@charter.net if you have any questions. **PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN MONDAY, OCTOBER 9** to the Church Office. **Enclose payment with registration.** Make checks payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Dear Parents,



Do you have a son or daughter attending college this Fall?

Getting acclimated to being away from home and away from their home church are two very significant challenges that young Christian students face in their first weeks on a college campus.

Just as important as selecting a college or university, picking a major and scheduling classes, is finding a good campus ministry or local church. Here your son or daughter can be served with Christ’s Word and Sacrament while they are away from home, and where opportunities are provided to join together with other Lutheran students on campus for service and social activities.

To assist your college student in staying connected with God’s life-giving gifts while at school, we encourage you to contact an LCMS campus ministry or congregation near their college campus. Please fill out the information below and return this form to your church office to be forwarded to their respective campus ministry.

Student Name	School Attending
Home Address	Class Year
	Student Email
Home Phone	School Phone
School Address	Home Church & Pastor