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IN TOUCH WITH REDEEMER

A newsletter by and for the family of Redeemer Lutheran Church

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REDEEMER LUTHERAN BENCHMARKS 2018

Spearhead a city improvement

There are several possibilities for our church to help the city improve its appearance and keep its pride as a place to live and raise a family.

Connect with the neighborhood through offsite events

We have been in contact with the management team from the apartment complexes across the street. Combined with the neighbors in and around 5th/6th street we have a chance to increase our presence in this area. It could be as simple as game nights hosted by the apartments or a neighborhood egg hunt.

Organize a camping trip/picnic

Several people from the congregation have already started planning this event that will be held sometime in the next seven months. The options include a night at a park or possible open land that would be accessible to the number of people that would be open to this event.

Form a spiritual care team to work with the Elders to make member contacts

The Elders have been at work trying to increase their connection with the members of the congregation. It has been suggested that a small team would be put together to help the Elders understand family ties to determine how to best serve individuals and families.

Encourage multigenerational interaction inside the church and beyond

In the age of Facebook, where Americans are becoming less social and losing the art of face to face interactions, the intention of this goal is to bring together people of different ages in the same room. Adults have expressed interest in learning more about the technology they carry with them; while younger church members could benefit from the wisdom of those who have more life experience.

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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.

FEBRUARY

Rose Meyer – 320-235-2556
Marlys Eggen – 320-235-7088

Troy & Lisa Anderson
Lois Bartel
John & Sharon Cola
Carolyn Davis
John & Marlys Eggen
Jeremy & Nichole Gleason
Sarah Hagen
Keven & Diane Hillenbrand
Jamie Jackson
Randy & Lynn Johnson
Roger & Nancy Klaassen
Ben Kopacek
Brad & Claudia Lenz
Brad Marcus
Gene & Rose Meyer
Randy & Melissa Mord
Nathan & Margaret Nielsen
Tim & Stacy Pollock
Charlotte Roduner
Jennifer Schoumaker
Dave & Lynn Sherod
Jeff & LeAnn Stauffenecker
Tony & Kerry Texley
Roland Wedel

MARCH

Beth Corti – 320-231-1907

Randy Arndt
Alice Beckmann
Deb Bremseth
Marcia Conklin
Lee & Beth Corti
Ryan & Sarah Fosso
Kim & Karen Heiden
Robert & Jeanette Hillenbrand
Robin Jacobson
Richard & Donna Johnson
Brandon & Chelsie Kopacek
Jeremy & Andria Krakow
Philip & Michelle Marcus
Dan & Phyllis Monson
Mick & Heather Moyer
Marlin & Cheryl Niss
Tom & Tracy Ost
Todd & Audrey Raap
Robert & Debra Rodelius
Justin & Tanya Rosenau
Brad & Suzanne Skindelien
Gordon & Deloris Steffen
Wilfred Wenberg

NOTE: Please remember to contact your co-chair and ask them how you can be of assistance or just to let them know you are available!

LENTEN LUNCH AND SUPPER sign up sheets are posted on the church office window. Get a group together, families, or boards and have fun serving at Redeemer!

CRAFT NIGHT is Friday, February 9th from 6 pm to midnight in the Fellowship Hall. Any type of project is welcome i.e. scrap booking, crocheting, knitting, coloring, sewing, whatever you would like to work on! Bring a snack to share and your own beverage. For questions contact Julie Danzeisen.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS For **FEBRUARY** we will be collecting “Hygiene Products” for our troops. 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.

DURING THE 2017 YEAR there was a total of 786 items donated for Redeemer LWML Human Care Project “Support our Troops.” Redeemer LWML would like to thank everyone who donated items for this project. Special thank you to Sharon Skaro, a Blue Star Mother, for all the work she did. It is very much appreciated!

YEAR END GIVING STATEMENTS are in your mailbox. If you need them mailed to you or if you have any questions, please contact the church office.



PRAYER BOX Please share any prayer requests or praises in your life by filling out a form and dropping it in the Prayer Request Box located in the narthex.

THE HAPPY QUILTERS are in need of your help! They need quilt tops sewn together for missions. If you would be willing to take bundles of squares home to sew they would very much appreciate it! Squares can be found on the rack in the kitchen. The quilters meet every Monday at 12:30 pm!

REMEMBER TO BRING your unused shoes and boots to church and place them in the box down by the Fellowship Hall (no flip flops please). We would also appreciate it if you could tie or rubberband your shoes together in pairs.

Sunday	Attend	Adults	Sr. High	Sunday School	Comm	Private
Jan 7	242	37	6	42	207	
Jan 14	216	37	8	35		
Jan 21	259	80	11	37	205	
Jan 28	215	31	7	41		
TOTAL	932	185	32	155	412	23
Out by death: Dennis Loose						

Increase partner organization awareness through Sunday morning presentations

Seven organizations from the area have been identified as partner organizations for this congregation: Hope Pregnancy Center, Bethany Christian Services, Let’s Go Fish’n, Safe Avenues, Community Basics, Atlas, and Nathan Scheele. In February, we will have two presentations from this list during the Family Education Hour; and Mr. Scheele will return later in the year. The remaining organizations will be asked to join us on a Sunday morning in the future.

Effectively allocate our resources to be a blessing to the congregation and community

In past years this congregation has relied on a line of credit from the bank. During the last twelve months the church has been blessed with a few special gifts that has allowed us to stay in the black. Financially we would like to continue this, but it will depend on the generosity of the congregation. As a church we want to be financially responsible so that we can help others in the area who serve Christ and share His love.

Pastor Matt

Did You Know? Resources for Your Family

Did you know that Redeemer offers a lot of Resources for Families to help you grow in your faith life at home. Here are a couple of things that we are currently offering, stop and check them out.

Parenting Christian Kids Newsletter - For all families. Each issue of this resource is themed and packed with:

- Articles, parenting principles, pointers, and more—all focused on a relevant, monthly theme
- Scripture woven throughout
- Power Source—a prayer guide
- Teachable Moment—a family activity tied to the theme and to Jesus
- Media Madness—5 reviews of recent or upcoming media releases for kids and families
- Current cultural trends and stats that provide insights for parents
- Monthly Redeemer Events Calendar

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CPYU Parent Page - Designed by the Center for Parent/Youth Understanding For middle school and high school families this resource is packed with information designed to help keep parents informed about the latest happenings and trends in the world of youth culture. The CPYU Parent Page is a monthly newsletter designed by the Center for Parent/Youth Understanding to help Churches and youth groups, Christian schools, and other youth organizations can subscribe to this easy-to-use resource and are encouraged to distribute it to the parents of their teens. Individuals may also subscribe. You can find these two newsletters at the Welcome counter in the narthex and the coffee table in the gathering space outside the Fellowship Hall.

Blessings & Prayers for Parents - Discover Biblical encouragement and guidance for parents.

For parents of all ages with children of all ages, Blessings and Prayers for Parents points readers to our Heavenly Father as the only perfect parent and speaks to parents' need to hear God's specific words of forgiveness and grace. Tuck this small devotional in a pocket or a purse to take with you wherever you are and whenever you need a word of encouragement.

On-the-Go Prayers - Make prayer part of your daily routine! You rush out the door, jump in the car, buckle your seat belt, and head out for the day. During those last few minutes when we're preparing to leave home, whatever the reason, our mind is filled with checklists—turn out the lights, grab the keys, remember the backpack and lunch box, coats and gloves. Did someone feed the dog and take out the trash? Did I unplug the iron? The clock is ticking. There is no time to waste. But there is time to pray. It takes only a minute.

Taste Worship Event February 24th - Families will have a chance to grow together in their relationships as a family and in the relationship with the Lord. This upcoming family event is an interactive experience that's strengthening families in a worship lifestyle and will help your families discover creative ways to live out their faith together. Unlike anything you've seen before, Taste Worship is a radically new experience where families:

- experience worship together—led by Peder Eide
- expand their vision and understanding of worship
- engage with each other in meaningful conversations
- explore practical "ingredients" to connect spiritually throughout the week

Turn their deep hunger into deeper relationships with Jesus and each other.

Do you have a resource that you would like to share with families? Email it to cdrenkow@redeemerwillmar.org and we will share with families in the months to come.

God's Blessings to you this month,
Cassie Drenkow, Director of Christian Education

++ FEBRUARY 2018 ++					
	ELDERS	GREETERS	ACOLYTES	SOUND	LIBRARY
Feb 4 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Jeff Pitt Stan Skaro Wayne Dahlke Matt Akerson	Jeff & Cheryl Pitt Lyle & Vera Ehrenberg Todd Swartz, LaVonne Van Zee Alice Beckmann, Carol Dahlke	Natalie Gleason Hannah Lingbeek	Wayne Dahlke Art Bolland	Lorraine King
Feb 11 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Jeff Kimpling Paul Meyer	Jeff & Darla Kimpling Mike Botzek, Deb Arnold John & Marlys Eggen Doug & Renee Jorschumb	Payton Freiberg Mitchell Nelson	Mark Boeschen Sarah Jeppesen	Bonnie Rhoda
Feb 14 6:00 PM	Mark Sellmann		Nicholas Mohr	Mark Boeschen	
Feb 18 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Dave Runke Doug Jorschumb Neil Buboltz Brandon Kopacek	Brad & Suzanne Skindeliem Luther & Peggy Dykema Gary & Mary Hillenbrand Bonnie Rhoda	Elsa Gustafson Kayleigh Barber	Mike Mikkelsen Kolby Lindquist	Anita Petersen
Feb 21 6:00 PM	Stan Skaro		Eric Sellmann	Sarah Jeppesen	
Feb 25 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Jeff Pitt Wayne Dahlke	Don & Birdie Urban Bill & Deb Paterson Leon & Carole Schultz Marlin & Cheryl Niss	Jay Marcus Henry Johnson	Brad Marcus Darrell Hoekstra	Marcia Gilman
Feb 28 6:00 AM	Jeff Kimpling		Adrianna Rodriguez	Kolby Lindquist	
USHERS	8:00 AM	*Tim Pollock, Bill Houselog, Jason Kubasch, Mel Schwartz			(*Head Usher)
	10:30 AM	*Darrell Hoekstra, John Eggen, Ken Nash, John Behl			

YOUR ELDER FOR 2018

<u>Elder</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u>Household Names</u>
Mark Sellmann	235-0075	Akerson – Bokelman
Brandon Kopacek	905-0734	Bolland – Davis
Stan Skaro	599-4506	Derksen – Grewe
Jeff Pitt	894-3132	Grothe – Jacobson
Paul Meyer	651-295-6670	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
Matt Akerson	894-4997	Stueckrath – Zetah

YOUTH NEWS!!!



FINAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE is February 4th for the Jr Quake Retreat on March 16-18, 2018. Cost is \$59 for the weekend retreat. Sign-up outside the Youth Room or at our Event Registration site:

(<https://reg.redeemerwillmar.org/index.html>)

POLAR PLUNGE High School Winter Retreat is March 2-4th at LIC. Registration deadline is Sunday, February 11th. Cost to attend is \$41. Payment is due at time of registration. For Application form see Cassie in church office.

YOUTH SKI TRIP is February 18th from 11:30 am - 9:30 pm. Redeemer will pay lift and trail pass tickets, youth are responsible for equipment rentals. All equipment rentals must be paid prior to event. Ski -\$14, Snowboard \$24, Cross Country Ski \$10. Sign up by February 11th outside youth room or at our Event Registration site (<https://reg.redeemerwillmar.org/index.html>). If you are not signed up, you will not go.

YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP will be in Houston, TX from July 8-15th, 2018. Youth will be helping with a wide variety of Harvey relief efforts around Houston that will range from clean-up, restorations, and outreach to the community. Cost is \$185 per participant and deposit of \$100 is due with application by March 18, 2018. Applications for the trip can be picked up from Cassie in the office.

2018 VBS PLANNING TEAM We are looking for creative and passionate people who love helping with our VBS to be a part of our planning team. Join us on February 11th for an introductory planning meeting following second service. Lunch will be provided and childcare will be available for those who would like to be a part of our planning committee.



BIRTHDAY BAG SERVICE PROJECT The Sunday school kids are collecting the following items for a service project they are doing for *Hope for our City* in Willmar on February 25th. If you are willing to donate any of the following, please drop off in the narthex in designated box.

Medium Size Birthday Bags – Balloons – Birthday Candles – Spaghetti Noodles – Spaghetti Sauce – Cake Mixes – Frosting – Cans of Soda Pop (Lemon/Lime, Orange, Root Beer, Grape, Cherry, Strawberry or Cola)

It is so much fun to see alumni back in the preschool. Earlier this year one of my former students, Teri, came in to job shadow and this week we had two more. Benjamin was here to read during our library time and Molly was working as a substitute in the classroom a few days. I love to hear how each one is doing and especially as they graduate what path God is leading them on.



Super Bowl Fun

The preschool is taking advantage of Pastor Matt's connection with the Super Bowl. We are sending hand-made high five cards and cookies with him to the Minneapolis Precinct where he will be serving as chaplain. We hope the hard-working security forces enjoy our treats.



Rachel Jeppesen
Preschool Director

Redeemer Youth Ministry would like
to invite you to our

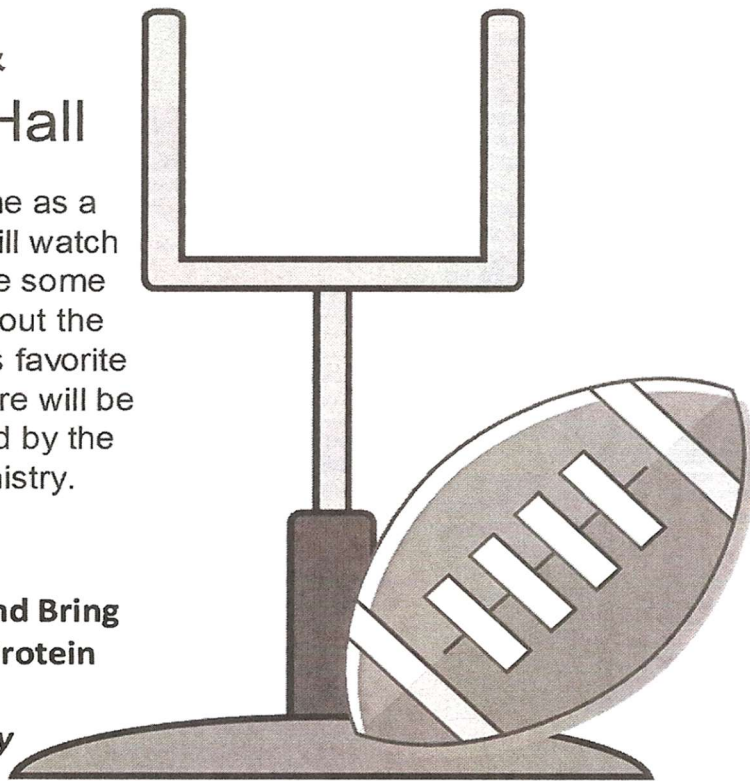
Family Friendly Football Party

Sunday February 4th
5:30 pm

In Gym & Fellowship Hall

Join us for a Super time as a Redeemer Family we will watch the Big Game and have some other activities throughout the night. Bring your families favorite game snack to share there will be pizza and subs provided by the Redeemer Youth Ministry.

**Help our Community and Bring
Donation of Canned Protein
Food Items for
*Hope for Our City***



Drawing families closer to God and closer together.

Peter Eide

**Saturday February 24th,
4-6 pm**

Redeemer Lutheran Church & Preschool

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 - EXPAND** their vision and understanding of worship
 - ENGAGE** with each other in meaningful conversations
 - EXPLORE** practical tools to connect spiritually throughout the week
- TASTEWORSHIP.COM



Answer to last month's puzzle:

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INTERESTING CHURCH SIGNS:

IF ABSENCE MAKES THE HEART
GROW FONDER, SOME PEOPLE
MUST REALLY LOVE CHURCH.

T.G.I.F. – THANK GOD I'M FORGIVEN!

COME EARLY TO GET A SEAT IN
THE BACK.

CHURCH IS LIKE FUDGE – SWEET,
WITH A FEW NUTS!

WE ARE NOT A DAIRY QUEEN, BUT
WE HAVE GREAT SUNDAYS!