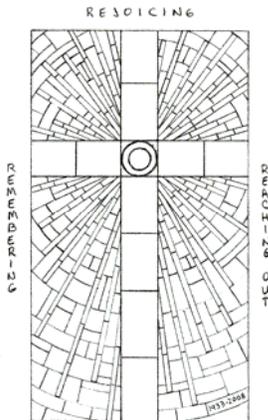


Redeemer Resource

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Rochester, Minnesota

75 YEARS: Remembering Rejoicing Reaching Out



75th Anniversary Preview!

Sunday, June 29

- ✚ Former pastors and members will be returning to celebrate with us
(Have you sent invitations to family members and friends who used to be members of Redeemer? They are available at the Welcome Center.)
- ✚ Worship will be at 8:00 and 10:40 am.
Former Pastor Roger Polansky will be our guest speaker.
- ✚ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Women will serve the Noon meal (Ham and scalloped potatoes).
(They need to know how many to prepare for. Have you signed up yet? The list is on the counter in the narthex or please call the church office to RSVP.
(Volunteers are needed to help with serving and cleaning -- sign-up sheets are available on the counter in the narthex.)
- ✚ There will be a special "memories" program at 2:00 pm, as well as special displays throughout the day.

Mission Statement

"As Christians based on the solid foundation of God's Word, empowered by the Holy Spirit we strive to live out, lift up, and share our faith in Jesus Christ - welcoming all into our family of believers."

JUNE 2008

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WORSHIP THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!

MAY 29/31/June 1

We will celebrate the Third Sunday After Pentecost with Scripture readings from Deuteronomy 11:18-21,26-28, Romans 3:21-28, and Matthew 7:15-29. The theme will be "Building Our Lives On A Solid Foundation." Holy Communion will offered at all services. Graduate Recognition will take place during the 9:30 am service.

JUNE 5/7/8

We will celebrate the Fourth Sunday After Pentecost with Scripture readings from Hosea 5:15-6:6, Romans 4:13-25, and Matthew 9:9-13. The theme will be "Ablaze."

JUNE 12/14/15

We will celebrate the Fifth Sunday After Pentecost with Scripture readings from Exodus 19:2-8, Romans 5:6-15, Matthew 9:35-10:8. The theme will be "It's Harvest Time!" Holy Communion will offered at all services.

JUNE 19/21/22

We will celebrate the Sixth Sunday After Pentecost with Scripture readings from Jeremiah 29:7-13, Romans 6:12-23, and Matthew 10:5a,21-33. The theme will be "Bad Peace -- Good Strife."

JUNE 26/28/29

We will celebrate Redeemer's 75th Anniversary with Scripture readings from 1 Kings 8:22-30, 1 Peter 2:1-9, and Matthew 5:13-16. The theme will be "Remember the Past to Work Towards the Future." Holy Communion will offered at all services. *More details on the Anniversary Celebration can be found on page 1 of this newsletter.)*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS. . . .

Hospitalized and Health Concerns:

- † Ray Rahman, Willard Nisbit, Don Polikowsky, Jim Fister, Bill Cochran, Charlie Hinsch, Dorothy Beach, Roland Hansen, Cherie Burdick

Grieving:

- † Shirley Valde, and her family, upon the recent death of her brother.
- † Tom Olson upon the death of his mother.
- † Helen Lenz and her family upon the sudden death of her grandson.
- † The family and friends of Melba Sisson who passed away on May 18.
- † Ele Moore and her family upon the death of her husband, Owen Moore.
- † LaVonne Sas and her family upon the recent death of her nephew.

Rejoice:

- † Dwayne and Merilynn Schacht who recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary
- † Dave and Kathy Zarling who recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary
- † Teresa Schultz and Mike Danzow who were united in marriage at Redeemer on May 10.
- † Angela Poch and Mark Clark who were united in marriage at Redeemer on May 24.

Encouragement/Guidance:

- † for those planning our new pre-school
- † for those guiding us in our Fan Into Flame effort



TAKE NOTE! UPCOMING EVENTS

Elderberries

We will meet **Tuesday, June 3, at 11:30 am, in the Fellowship Hall.** The menu will include grilled chicken breast, au gratin potatoes, house salad with two dressings, buttered rolls and dessert. The cost is \$7. Our guest will be Pastor Heidorn from our sister congregation, Grace Lutheran Church in Rochester. Pastor Heidorn will discuss a mission trip he made to Russia last year. Come and listen to his presentation and enjoy the Christian fellowship.

The sign-up sheet will be in the narthex or just call Ted or Renee Saxman at 282-5079 if you want to attend. Please sign-up by Sunday, June 1. If you would be willing to bring a dessert please indicate that on the sign-up sheet and Renee will contact you if needed. Please remember if you can't attend and you haven't cancelled by Sunday, June 1, Elderberries will be charged for your meal. Any questions, call Ted or Renee Saxman at the above number.

One more thing, please contact Ted or Renee with recommendations for upcoming programs for Elderberries. (Please do this even if you think you have already given us your recommendations.) We will then vote on the different possibilities at our June luncheon.



SUMMER COFFEE is shared between services each Sunday. For several years, groups have volunteered to provide refreshments between services on Sunday morning. This provides great fellowship and also gives opportunity for you to share a little about your group. Please volunteer for a Sunday by contacting Chris in the church office (289-5147).

Available Dates:

June 15

July 6

August 3, 10, 17



REACHING OUT - Pastor Jim

“Ablaze”

“Mission”

“Evangelism”

“Bethesda”

“Fan into Flame”

“Together in Mission”

“Vacation Bible School”

“Interfaith Hospitality Network”

Do we see some common themes here? I hope so! In Ephesians 2:8-9 we are reminded that we are saved by grace alone. But the apostle continues in verse 10 “we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” We say thanks to God for our salvation, by sharing his love with others.

I am thankful that as we look forward to our 75th Anniversary celebration, we are not only “remembering” and “rejoicing,” but we are also “reaching out.”

I give thanks to God for those who are lifting up before us “Fan into Flame,” through which we can give our local, national, and international mission programs a boost.

Through the “Together in Mission” program, we have had partner missionaries for several years. While we were surprised and saddened to hear that the May missionary family will be leaving the mission field, we look forward to a new partnership. It was exciting to hear Rev. Jacob Gillard tell our Voters’ Assembly of his upcoming work in Uganda. We will soon decide if we will support him, or another foreign missionary.

I will be in St. Louis June 10-12 to be trained as a “PALS” facilitator. I am not sure what that all stands for, except that it is to help new seminary graduates as they begin in their first parishes. We must think of others!

We look forward to a new Christ-centered preschool here at Redeemer this Fall. I hope that we think of this as something not just for us, but as an opportunity to share the love of Jesus with others in our community. (I would hope we have the same purpose for our VBS in July.)

One way of summing all this up is to simply say the church is ABLAZE! By the power of the Holy Spirit we share the love of Jesus we have experienced.

Your partner in Outreach,

Pastor Jim Heining



Hymn #835, "On Galilee's High Mountain" in **The Lutheran Service Book**, was sung during communion distribution the third weekend in May. The words speak to us, v2: "The Lord who, born of Mary, came down as man and died. Who preached to all who listened, for us was crucified -this Lord, our living brother, in pow'r at God's right hand, Has chosen us to carry His truth to every land." v3: "His strength

within my weakness will make me bold to say how His redeeming power transforms my stubborn clay; His touch of fire ignites me, with courage I am sent, my tongue-tied silence broken, with grace made eloquent."

Ablaze! and ***Fan into Flame*** undertakings will address some of the most pressing new mission needs of our church body today as stated in the ***Ablaze!*** goals - especially our opportunity to spread the Gospel around the world. The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod is actively involved in mission work in 84 countries through the labors of missionaries and partnership with 29 international church partners. Our missionaries' work will help us meet the ***Ablaze!*** goal of reaching 50 million people internationally with the Good News of Jesus by 2017. There are so many who don't know Christ, and we have the ability to fund efforts locally, nationally, and globally to reach them.

Behind the vision of the ***Ablaze!*** movement is the need for more trained professional missionaries who are positioned throughout the world. Through ***Fan into Flame***, the current number of professionally trained and deployed missionaries will increase by more than 50% from 65 to 100 in the coming years. Our new missionaries will initiate new outreach ministries, train new leaders, provide educational tools, and offer medical aid to those in need, all with the goal of sharing the Good News of Jesus with 50 million people.

Here are examples of what is needed, enabling the Good News to be spread:

LCMS World Mission has helped local Christians build their churches by paying for the roof, the most expensive part of construction.

In parts of West Africa and Asia, local residents need our help to buy land.

In former communist countries, church buildings that were converted to such uses as theatres and swimming pools need to be reclaimed and restored.

In South Africa, buildings available for theological education programs have exceeded capacity. New facilities must be provided if these programs are to produce people needed to assist the church in Africa.

In Taiwan, China Lutheran Seminary must expand to prepare pastors and other professional church workers for the Mandarin speaking world.

The seminary in India must reach the accrediting standards that would allow it to grant Bachelor of Theology degrees.

It is with excitement that we look forward to the congregation's participation in ***Fan into Flame*** in June. What a month that will be! An opportunity to join the whole LCMS church body in support of ***Ablaze!*** with a sacrificial gift . . . **AND** a celebration of 75 years of ministry for Redeemer Lutheran. It will be a month of celebrations!

verse 4 "And not alone to nations in far away retreats, but everywhere I broadcast His love through crowded streets: the lives that my life touches, however great or small - let them through me see Jesus, who served and saved us all." (Hymn #835, LSB)

FAN INTO FLAME

Please be prayerfully considering if the Lord is leading you to make a special gift for Fan Into Flame. Below is a copy of the commitment card, which will be distributed during the month of June. Our goal is to raise \$60,000 as a congregation. A more important goal is to remind everyone of the importance of sharing the good news of Jesus with 100 million people by 2017.

Congregation _____



Name _____

Address _____

I am/We are pleased to make a gift to **Fan into Flame**:

YES! I/We agree to pledge today or increase my/our pledge.

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Amen! I/We have already made a pledge.

Phone _____

Praying! I am/We are thinking about our decision.

Please call me at _____ on _____

No. I am/We are unable to make a pledge today.

Total Pledge Amount \$ _____

Today's Payment \$ _____

Payable: Monthly Quarterly Semi-Annually Annually

Beginning: ____/____ for ____ months/years.

month

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signature

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This is a statement of donor intent. This pledge is not legally binding.
If you would like to make a gift with your credit card, please call (800) 977-2017

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Gift Planner



Total Pledge	Annually	Monthly	Daily
\$5,000 (5-Year)	\$1,000	\$83.33	\$2.74
\$2,100 (3-Year)	\$700	\$58.33	\$1.92
\$1,800 (3-Year)	\$600	\$50	\$1.64
\$1,500 (3-Year)	\$500	\$41.66	\$1.37
\$1,200 (3-Year)	\$400	\$33.33	\$1.10
\$900 (3-Year)	\$300	\$25	\$.82

EDUCATION NEWS AND UPDATES:

ARE YOU SENDING YOUR CHILD TO RCLS NEXT YEAR?

If you are a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church, are planning on sending your child(ren) to RCLS for the 2008-2009 school year, and would like tuition assistance, please call the church office and let us know your intentions. On July 1 the list will be closed and tuition assistance will be distributed. If your child will be attending Kindergarten, please indicate if they will be attending full or half-day Kindergarten.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Harvey at 289-5147.

WE REMEMBER:

MELBA SISSON was born March 3, 1928, in Springfield, South Dakota. She became a child of God through baptism as young girl, and joined the Lutheran Church after her marriage to Myron Schneckcloth on June 24, 1951, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pleasant Valley. Her husband died in 1962, she then married Bill Sisson on May 4, 1965, in South Dakota. Bill died on December 24, 2006.

Melba had been a member of Redeemer since 1964, and was a valuable member of the Quilters group. After significant health challenges, Melba received the crown of life on Sunday, May 18, and the funeral in her memory was held at Redeemer on Wednesday, May 21. Remember her children Carey, Karen, Mark, Kay, Lori, and all her family and friends in your prayers.



OWEN ROBERT MOORE was born in Rochester, Minnesota, on September 14, 1924, and was made a child of God through the Sacrament of Baptism on November 12, 1925. Owen was raised by his loving parents, Harry and Pearl Moore. He married Eleanor Gosewisch on August 14, 1949, in Mankato, and their marriage was blessed with three children, Mitch, Vicki, and Julie.

After having served his country honorably in World War II, he worked for I.B.M. for 25 years and retired in 1981. During his retirement, he worked for Eastwood Golf Course for many years.

After a stay at Sunrise Cottages, Owen went to live with his Savior on May 20, 2008, where he now joyfully waits for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. The funeral in his memory was held at Redeemer on May 23, 2008. Please remember Elie and her family in your prayers, as they look forward in faith to the day when all who are in Christ will be reunited again.

MUSIC NOTES - April Beckman, DPM

Remembering, Rejoicing, Reaching Out

June is typically a month for many celebrations such as graduations and weddings. Bryce and I (along with many) will join in celebrating our wedding anniversary. Anniversaries are wonderful times to remember how you got to where you are at, rejoicing at how you've grown, and thinking about the future. Bryce and I can remember clearly how beautiful our wedding day was and the special people that were there to celebrate with us. We are so thankful in knowing God has blessed us so much by being part of the Redeemer family. We rejoice that God had a job available for Bryce so we are able to stay in Rochester. Lastly, we pray that we can continue to serve Redeemer with all that we can.

Anniversaries are special. Redeemer celebrates a monumental 75th anniversary this year. How awesome to think of all the people that have been a part of the Redeemer family throughout the years. It will be exciting to have the "homecoming" celebration on June 29. I'm especially looking forward to the alumni choir! How special it will be to have singers from different generations joining together at this anniversary to praise God in worship! It will be a great day for memories and seeing old friends! We will rejoice at how God has blessed Redeemer. But as in every aspect of life, we also look to the future. What can each person share to lift up the body of Christ? How can we reach out and share the good news with others? I pray that we can all stretch our arms of love to reach out to our friends, neighbors, and strangers...anyone who doesn't know Christ, just as freely as Christ stretched out his arms for us on the cross. ~ April Beckman

Thank you to the **Spring Choir** who shared their music in worship on May 18. What a joy it was to have 16 people take advantage of this great opportunity. I pray singers will continue to be interested in this low commitment group for next year!

The 50th anniversary of **Music Sunday** was great! Thank you to all participants who share their talents and a lot of time to enhance our worship services throughout the year! Thank you also to Herb Mueller, Lynette and Lynora Miller, and Carol Sonnabend for their time spent directing groups! You are all a blessing to Redeemer!

Thank You to all who came to my organ recital on May 18!! I appreciate the time you took to support me! It is my joy to play organ here at Redeemer. God is the one who has blessed me and gives me the strength to continue to play!

75th Alumni choir will meet for a practice Saturday, June 28 at 4 pm. Please come to the Sanctuary for the practice. Bring a dish to pass for the potluck after the practice! If you can't make the Saturday rehearsal, please come to the practice on Sunday morning at 9:20 am!

I will be attending **Graduate school** at Concordia University Wisconsin June 8-July 4. I will return for the 75th anniversary and then will head back to Wisconsin. If you have any questions while I am gone, you may email me at beckmana1@hotmail.com.



Jesus said, "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down His life for his friends. You are My friends."
John 15:13-14

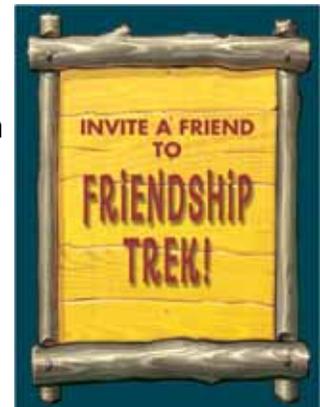
Friends are great gifts from God . . . and the greatest friend of all is Jesus, our Savior!

Grab your gear and join Friendship Trek, an amazing hike through the Bible to meet Jesus, our Forever Friend. Children will find fun, faith, and friends at Friendship Trek. They experience Jesus' friendship, enjoy meeting old and new friends, and learn to care for one another.

Through the week, children will explore five friend-filled Bible stories about Jesus. They run to follow Jesus as He reaches out to a new friend named Matthew. They go along as a centurion's friends ask Jesus to heal the man's servant—and He does! They traipse to the temple as Jesus heals a blind friend, then go to Bethany to see Jesus raise His friend Lazarus from the dead. Finally, they scurry to a locked room on Easter evening to witness the ultimate love Jesus showed by giving His life for His friends.

Each day brings an exploration of the friendship Jesus offers. There will be snacks, crafts, singing, praying, hiking, and guidance in dealing with conflicts that raise issues about the kids' friendship with Jesus and one another. Every day a good Friend Challenge will put what they learned to work in their lives.

Registration forms are available on the Friendship Trek table in the narthex or register online at www.redeemer-rochester.com.



WATCH FOR – donation board coming soon. Your help (and your prayers) are greatly appreciated.

NEEDED – Decorating crew – Friendship Trek has a wilderness theme. Help is needed to transform Redeemer into "God's Country," complete with scenery and forests. Scenery painting will be scheduled at volunteer's convenience. Set up will start after the 9:30 a.m. service on Sunday, July 13, 2008, with light refreshments served. "Striking the set" will start at the end of VBS on Friday, July 18. Sign up at the Friendship Trek table in the narthex or call the church office, 289-5147.

NOTES OF THANKS:

THANKS To Nurse Janet Dicke for her lovely visit and her concern of our health and well-being at this time. She also brought with her a beautiful knit Prayer Shawl made by Jan Walters. We will always treasure that, knowing the prayers that she prayed while making it. Our very special thanks to both of you lovely ladies.

Thank you to Rebecca Circle for the May Basket filled with treats, that was so very thoughtful and kind. We sincerely enjoyed the visit with Darlene. Ray enjoyed the visit with her, having been raised in the same area and all. Thanks again --

Ray and Loretta Rahman

THANK YOU to the Rebecca Circle for May Basket gift.

Donald Polikowsky

THANK YOU - The family of Floyd "Fuzz" Helmbrecht would like to thank everyone for their kindness and prayers during our time of loss. Thank you to Pastor Heining and Pastor Settle for all the hospital visits and helping us through this difficult time. Thank you to the ladies who took care of the lunch. Also, thank you everyone for their prayers, memorial, and cards.

*Bev Helmbrecht,
Dan, Tammy and Sue*

THANK YOU - Gene and I are truly grateful for our caring Redeemer Family and thank all for their prayers, cards and calls at the time of my brother, Bob's, death. Our thanks also to Pastor Jim and Pastor Rance for their support.

Elaine Searles

THANK YOU for your support, encouragement, hugs, love, prayers, notes, and help offered during my time of loss. As you know, Marty was a very special man. It was evident you felt that too, by the love you

showed me and my family. I so greatly appreciate God blessing me with all of you. I have strongly felt God's love through you!

Surely God is my help; the Lord is the one who sustains me. - Psalm 54:4.

June Storma

THANK YOU - "I saw the Lord always before me for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken: therefore my heart is glad, and my tongue rejoices; my body will rest secure. You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence..." Ps 16:8, 11

We are humbled by the love, concern and most importantly the prayers lifted up for us our by Redeemer family and our extended family; our brothers and sisters in Christ during this difficult time in our lives.

Thank you all so much for your prayers, phone calls and visits. Christ has strengthened us through your expressions of love and concern these past two weeks. Christ truly is at our right hand and we give Him glory for the pain relief Bill has already experienced, and for whatever is to come. We are confident that God will be glorified as He already has been through this trial in our lives. We are so very blessed to be a part of the Redeemer family. God bless you all.

"Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you." Ps 63:3

Bill and Marcia Cochran

THANK YOU - I wish to thank all who offered prayers on my behalf and the phone calls I received plus many cards while I was hospitalized at Fairview-Riverside in the Cities last month. It is indeed appreciated when one is away from home to get the care necessary for my problem. Again, it proves that Redeemer Church is very sensitive to the needs of its members.

Roland Hansen

MORE NOTES OF THANKS

THANKS to the Woodcarvers Club for making the new North and South Fellowship Hall signs, and a \$400 donation as a way of saying thanks for allowing them to meet here each month.

THANK YOU - The Christ United Health Cabinet members thank you for your

graciousness in allowing us to use your cholesterol screening meters. We had a successful 2008 Health Fair Sunday due to wonderful volunteers and fellow Health Cabinets, such as yourself, who have assisted us in making our 11th Annual Health Fair successful. Blessings to you all.

R.L.C.W. SPONSORED EVENTS

"BUNDLES OF LOVE"

item collection to continue

Thank you to all who contributed baby items during the month of February. Donations will be distributed among 40 agencies in Rochester and the metro area.

The baby items will be the ingathering at the Minnesota South LWML Convention in Rochester this summer from June 20-22. Therefore, the collection will continue up until June 20, the first day of the convention. The box for donations will be

LWML DISTRICT CONVENTION

June 20-22

The LWML District Convention will be June 20-22. There will be four special offerings during this convention. If you are unable to join us and would like to make a contribution to be included in our "love offering," please place your donation in the Mite box by June 20. They will be

"CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES - A SECOND HELPING" 1969-1970 Plymouth Playhouse -- Sunday, October 12

As the world prepares to enter a new decade, the ladies of the church prepare for readjustments of their own. The world is changing, slowly but surely, the women of the kitchen will be forced to change with it. From the Luther League Banquet, to the Mission Festival, to the Pastor's Last Supper, and the birth of a baby, the ladies celebrate the seasons of life and the season of the church with their typical humor and down-to-earth charm. Lunch will be baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, tossed salad, corn, rolls, beverage, and dessert. The cost is \$69 and includes lunch, transportation, and theatre ticket. We will depart from the church parking lot at 10:30 am and return back at approximately 6:15 pm. No refunds will be issued after September 10. Registration forms are available in the narthex. Please turn your completed registration form and payment to the church office. There is a limit of 45 people. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Rump or Jan Walters.

75th ANNIVERSARY MEMBER MEMORIES

by Lori Hameister

Being a life long member of Redeemer has provided me with many special memories of Redeemer Lutheran Church. Instead of writing a book, I'll share just a few little snippets of my favorite memories.

- ♥ Mae Eickhoff and Betty Brand as my Sunday School Teachers.
- ♥ Being an angel complete with wings made from metal hangers and tinsel for the Christmas Program
- ♥ Receiving the little Nativity Scenes at the Christmas Program that glowed in the dark
- ♥ The divider walls in the Fellowship Hall that were used to make our Sunday School "classrooms" before the Education addition was built.
- ♥ Singing in the Cherub Choir and having Herb Mueller as our director.
- ♥ All of the fun Youth Group activities with Lynette and Lynora and the lifelong friendships that were developed.
- ♥ Helping out with Easter Breakfast.
- ♥ The chance for son and daughter to experience all the fun Youth Group activities with Lynette and Lynora including VBS, Bethesda and the Youth Gathering.
- ♥ Paul Krentz - When he served communion to me, he would always call me by my name.
- ♥ Sami and Tyler's Baptism and Confirmation Celebrations
- ♥ Our Wedding on August 4, 1984
- ♥ The personal note I received from Rose Larson following my father's death. I still have it after 37 years!
- ♥ Confirmation Class with Pastor Polansky and then being a parent helper in my own children's confirmation classes
- ♥ Pastor Schwerman's gentle soft spoken manner
- ♥ Pastor and Mrs. Panning becoming my "adopted grandparents" after my grandma passed away
- ♥ Being the Cookie Lady for Vacation Bible School
- ♥ Having one of my Sunday school students pass out during the Christmas program
- ♥ The Flood
- ♥ The best handshake in the world from Herman Schmidt.
- ♥ My mom as the church secretary...we could never leave right after church because everyone would always need to talk with her.
- ♥ Being referred to by members of Redeemer as "Dottie's Daughter" all the time....When I got married, my husband received the title of "Dottie's Daughter's Husband"
- ♥ Hurting my ankle and ending up in a cast just before Confirmation Day...the photographer tried to hide it in the group picture but if you look, you can still see the cast.

Looking back over the many years, I realize that I am truly blessed to be part of the Redeemer Lutheran Church Family.

From Congregational President: Ruth Weispfenning

Comments shared at the close of the Spring Voters' Assembly. . .

As we end our meeting this evening, I would like to take a few moments to reflect on this past year. Once again - God has shown his blessings in ways we might never have imagined and he has called us to expand our ministry.

I think first of our upcoming 75th Anniversary celebration. Many of our members have come together to plan an event that will be a wonderful, festive celebration of 75 years of God's blessings on our congregation. It will be an event that will re-unite many past and current members and perhaps serve as a call to others to become a part of our congregation.

We will have lasting reminders of our 75 years with the beautiful stained glass window that many of our members have designed and financially supported. It will be a tribute to these past 75 years and will serve to inspire us as we continue God's work. In addition, a wonderful history book has been written that will be enjoyed and cherished by many. Praise God for Redeemer's 75 years.

I think of our Planning for the Future Committee who have met for the better part of two years, carefully examining the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats among our congregation and then setting forth a new mission and vision for the whole congregation and for us as individual Christians. Where will our new vision take Redeemer? Listen carefully so you can hear God's voice for Redeemer, for you personally. Pray for God's guidance as we move forward.

In this day and age, we would be remiss if we did not spend some time planning for emergencies - both natural and man created. A very dedicated group of individuals have come together to discuss, plan and write procedures as to what we would do if in fact a disaster occurred - a flood, a fire, pandemic flu, terrorism. How would the community serve us? How can we support the community during these times? As these plans are finalized, informational meetings will be scheduled to inform and help each of our members prepare for these types of situations.

I think of the RCLS pre-school - what a wonderful opportunity for God's work among children and young families. Some will be members of our congregation, many will not. We have been blessed with a building and environment that is desirable and physically welcoming to children. This is also an opportunity for us as a congregation - to reach out in a very intentional way to welcome these children and their families.

The blessings seem obvious as we embark upon this adventure, but I am guessing there will be some challenges too. Like any other age group, children have special needs. Their enthusiasm and zest for life can be too much for we empty nesters at times and it is easy to become impatient and critical. When we find ourselves having these thoughts, I would ask that we remind ourselves and each other that to be loved and trusted by children, those who are most vulnerable and dependant upon us for their care and protection, and their parents, who entrust them to this space and all who enter here; to be loved and trusted by
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From Congregational President - Ruth Weispfenning

children and their parents, is perhaps one of the greatest compliments any of us can receive. For Jesus said, "what you have done for the very least of these, you have done for me".

God's blessings abound for us, but many in this world are not as blessed. We are reminded of this as we are asked to consider supporting the Fan Into Flame project. While we are not required to do anything, perhaps we can all do a little something and through this program, we will be a blessing to those in need and, we will receive a percentage in return. I would ask that you pray and respond as God leads you to.

There are many more activities and opportunities I could mention. We have many groups and projects that reach out and support our congregation in various ways. Along with that we have numerous examples of informal support and encouragement among members.

During these past two years I have worked very closely with our staff. We have, if not the best, among the very best when it comes to called staff. I have often been in the position of calling people to ask them to give of their time and talents and there have been occasions when I have received several "no" responses in rapid succession. It's then that I can get discouraged. Whenever I called Pastor Jim, and probably started the conversation with "I'm getting frustrated" Pastor Jim would respond with "Well, you haven't called the right person yet!" Or "that's wonderful, this is an opportunity for someone else!" and so I would be encouraged to continue on and sure enough, I would eventually find that right person who has enthusiastically taken on the committee or project at hand.

Our called staff are excellent leaders but they are so much more than that. They are people dedicated to God and doing God's work. They are concerned, caring, compassionate, knowledgeable, humble people. They are excellent role models for all of us on what it means to lead and live a Godly life. What a blessing they are in our midst.

Going forward, I would ask for your prayers for Redeemer, its' members, our staff, its' leaders, for our boards, committees and elected officers. Pray for each other and for yourself, that God's hand will continue to guide all that we do and hope to do.

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS - May 13, 2008

The **75th Anniversary** invitations will be going out this week. Current Redeemer members are asked to send out their own invitations to family members who may be living out of town and were former members of Redeemer. At this point we have had positive responses from the following former pastors: Polansky, Schleicher and Henslin; also from former Parish Assistant Carol Bode. Former DCE Paul Krentz sent a letter of greeting, but apparently is not going to be able to attend.

Randy Wendt, Chairman of the Steering Committee for the **Fan Into Flame** program, reported on the progress of the program and handed out brochures which will be included in this Sunday's bulletin. He also handed out pledge cards and explained how the financial commitments to this program can be paid. He also asked members of the Council to do a preliminary pledge so that we can come to the congregation and indicate that "this much" has already been pledged by the committee, the Council, and the Sarah Circle. The goal for Redeemer has been set at \$60,000, but we would like to reach the \$75,000 level in honor of Redeemer's 75th Anniversary.

15% of the total from our church will come back to our congregation and will be put toward the start-up of the Pre-school this fall; 15% will go to the District; 20% will be sent to the National office; and the 50% remainder will go to support International programs. A guest speaker will be at our church on June 7 and 8, and Commitment opportunities are tentatively scheduled for June 12, 14, & 15; and June 19, 21, & 22. The main focus of this program is missional work not the money. It is a 3-year commitment for pledges under \$5,000 and a 5-year payment plan for those pledges over \$5,000. Initial monies will be collected by Redeemer; however, the remainder of the pledges will be handled by St. Louis. In closing, Randy urged the congregational members to pray for the success of the Ablaze Program and also to support it financially.

George Poch had received a letter from Lynn Schoppers in regard to the new **Pre-School proposal**. All applications for financial help have been filled out, we are waiting for the Fire Department to make an inspection, RCLS is planning a June Open House at Redeemer for prospective students and parents can visit; new and additional toys, etc., are in the process of being ordered; and Principal Pahlkotter will be visiting Redeemer on Sunday, May 18 to take applications and answer questions.

Ted Saxman reported that we have received word that our **Missionary support** of the May family will be terminated as they are going to be returning to the States this summer. We have been offered another missionary family to help financially, namely, Pastor Jack Gillard, who was at First Trinity in Minneapolis and will be going to Uganda in October. Pastor Gillard will be invited to be at the Voters' Meeting next Tuesday so that the congregation can meet him and hear his plans. The congregation needs to decide whether or not we want to continue to support a missionary family, and if they decide to support Pastor Gillard, he could be invited to preach at Redeemer sometime this Fall before he leaves for Uganda. A motion was made, seconded and passed that we invite him to the May Voters' Meeting and to ask the voters whether or not we wish to continue to support a missionary.

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS - continued (1)

An Amended Motion was then made to have a "Meet and Greet" only meeting next Tuesday night with Pastor Gillard. There was a second to the motion, and it passed.

Officer, Board and Cabinet Reports

Treasurer's Report

Tom Burton

Tom had Treasurer's Reports to be distributed and went over some of the items in the report. Financially, we are doing well. He also talked about slightly changing the procedure used to count monies, enter the data into the computer, etc. He also discussed the Dedicated Accounts that could be taken out of our books. He will talk more about this at another meeting.

Church Growth

Judy Lee

This Board has been assigned the task of producing publicity for the new Pre-School, so they will get together with Lynn Schoppers at their June meeting. Also, they have decided to include a tour of the church for new members after they are presented at the late service. The last New Member Sunday was a success with 7 family units joining. They are also working on a survey to give to new members after they have been here for 3 or 4 months, and are also working on a new Guideline Book for new members.

Board of Education

George Poch

The Board met tonight and discussed the Pre-school, the May 18th Sunday School Teacher Recognition Program (and also the last day of Sunday School until next Fall). Apparently a Lutheran High School is again on the radar as a slight blip!

Board of Elders

Joel Pralle

The Elders have continued to study Holy Communion thanks to a presentation from Pastor Rance. The Elders voted unanimously to keep our statement about Holy Communion in the weekly bulletin as it is. The Elders feel that Redeemer is meeting the guidelines as established by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod at this time. The Elders have also encouraged the staff to think about including Holy Communion as an upcoming bible study/class topic.

RLCW

Dorothy Zemke

The Spring Salad event went well last week. They are busy planning for the 75th Anniversary celebration, and Sandy Weiden will be the new President and will be the Council representative.

Youth Ministry

Lynora Miller

They plan to have the refurbishing of the Youth Room completed by the 75th Anniversary Sunday and need to get rid of a sofa and a chair. They are looking at another servant event in Stockton soon; having a Celebrate the Graduate on June 14 with a pizza party and games; a trip to Valley Fair on June 30; a couple of Twins' games, paintballing and camping. They are also planning to do a fundraiser at Pizza Ranch to raise the funds for a possible servant event in Chicago next year, and also doing a fundraiser for Charlie Hinsch early in September.

Staff Reports

Church Council Highlights - continued (2)

DCE Report

Michael Harvey

Michael has been coaching a group of Redeemer young adults to set up a young adult summer ministry as there is nothing in the current church schedule that is for this group of young people. Some events will take place at the church, and some will be off-site. He is also looking at setting up a Family Retreat; the last session of KINDLE is coming up; VBS plans are going well, but they need some drivers to pick up children and bring them to VBS.

He also asked the Council members to pray for a decision to be made whether or not he will be traveling with his sister-in-law and her husband as they travel to Moscow to pick up twins they will be adopting from Russia. He would be gone from May 29 – June 10.

DPM Report

April Beckman

She thanked all who shared in the Music Service last Sunday and who have participated in all of the music groups throughout the year. Her recital at Concordia went well, and she invited everyone to the Recital that she will be giving this coming Sunday afternoon at Redeemer at 3:30 P.M. The Spring Choir will sing this coming Sunday at the 2nd service. She is also finishing preparations for her June absence from Redeemer to attend Graduate School in Wisconsin.

	New Members	Continuing
President		Bill Cochran
Vice-President (President elect)	Scott Okuno	
Secretary		Elaine Gittus
Treasurer		Tom Burton
Financial Secretary	Gloria Poch, Lois Leuth	Marge Rengstorf
Elders		Al Schacht, Joel Pralle, Scott Brandt, Mark Gennrich, Randy Hellickson, Larry Stoen, Tim Strohschein, Jeff Lee, Mick Reese, Darin Grewe, Bob Keith, Mike Sonnabend, Dan Zemke, Jim Peterson, Jeff Schoppers
Trustees	Harlan Gerke	Gordy Rupkalvis, Paul Johnson, Doug Koepsell, Dick Valde, Brant Schimmel, Gordy Hinsch, Dan Hildestad
Education	Leslie Rivas, Linda Neterval	Lynette Miller, George Poch, Marcia Cochran, Jenny Zmina, Lynette Miller, Beth Hanson
Stewardship	Kristie Klatt, Roger Wrase	Ellie and Doug Jerde, Steve Fingerson
Youth Ministry	Shelly Sturdevant	Pat Fitch, LuAnn Haack, Melissa Haring, Bryce Beckman, Tim and Sandy Batterson
Family Life	Mary Hepinstall, Jill Fick, KrisAnne Nelson, Tara Pike, Janelle Miller	Jean Michaelis
Church Growth	Jill Swihart	Sherri Hoffmann, Michelle Kazos, Judy Lee
Human Concerns	Kris Otto, Phyllis Pinnow	Kay Fockler, Bob Vehrenkamp, Rosie Petersen, Darla Karstens
Fund Development	Judy Berschet	Glenn Prehn, Sherri Hoffmann

HEALTH NOTES - Asthma and Allergies

By Marla Lichtsinn, RN, MPA, CIC, Parish Nurse

Springtime brings warmer weather and new life in budding flowers.... And a lot of sneezing and wheezing! Asthma and allergies may kick into high gear during this time of the year, but there are ways to live full, active lives in spite of these conditions.

ASTHMA is a disease in which the air passages become narrowed or blocked – the lining of the airways swell and become inflamed; mucus can clog the air passages; and, muscles tighten around the airways (“bronchospasm”). An estimated 20 million Americans have asthma, and in spite of available treatments, it is responsible for nearly 500,000 hospital stays each year. Asthma can affect people of any race, age or sex.

Asthma is generally described as **allergic (extrinsic) asthma** triggered by an allergic reaction, or **non-allergic (intrinsic) asthma** triggered by factors *not* associated to allergies (e.g., anxiety, exercise, dry or cold air, smoke, viruses) but causing similar symptoms. Asthma has a genetic origin (a disease you are born with), passed down from generation to generation. People with asthma are super-sensitive to things which don't bother other people – these things “trigger” symptoms like coughing, wheezing and a tight feeling in the chest. **Common triggers** include:

Allergens (things that cause allergic reactions) such as foods, dust, pollens, molds, or pet dander

Irritants in the air, such as smoke, strong fumes from household sprays, paint, gasoline, perfumes, scented soaps

Respiratory infections such as colds, flu, sore throats and sinus infections (these are the #1 asthma triggers in children)

Exercise and other activities that make you breathe harder, including laughing, crying, or hyperventilating

Weather, such as dry wind, cold air, or sudden changes in weather

Certain medications like aspirin can cause asthma episodes in people who are sensitive to them

People with asthma react in different ways to these factors: some react to only a few; others, to many; some only get asthma symptoms when they are exposed to more than one factor or trigger at the same time. Since each case is unique, it's important to:

Identify and avoid contact with your asthma triggers

Take prescribed medications as directed (may include long-term control medications and/or short-acting “quick relief” medications)

Monitor your asthma and recognize early signs that it may be worsening

Know what to do in case of an asthma episode or emergency – discuss this with your doctor!

ALLERGIES are diseases of the immune system that cause an over-reaction to substances called “**allergens**” – protein particles in foods, plants, chemicals or animal dander that can trigger an allergic reaction. These substances may enter our bodies in several ways: being inhaled into the nose and lungs; through eating/drinking; by injection (medications, insect stings or bites); or absorbed through the skin (toxins from poison ivy, or latex exposure). Like asthma, the capacity to become allergic is an inherited characteristic. Yet, although you may be born with the genetic capability, you are not automatically allergic to specific allergens – several factors must be present for allergies to develop:

The specific genes acquired from parents

The exposure to one or more allergens to which you have a genetically programmed response

The degree and length of exposure (very limited exposure may not cause symptoms)

As with most rules, there are exceptions: for example, poison ivy allergy (“contact dermatitis”, or a skin reaction following direct contact with the allergen) is an allergy in which hereditary background does not play a part. If you break out in hives when a bee stings you, or you sneeze every time you pet a cat, you know what some of your allergies are. But if the pattern is not so obvious, try keeping a record of when, where and under what conditions your reactions occur – as easy as jotting down notes on a calendar. If it's still a puzzle, your doctor may base a diagnosis on your personal/medical history, physical exam and tests to determine which allergens cause your symptoms. (Even then, it may not be possible to *always* avoid those allergens... not without moving to another planet!) As with asthma, your best bet is to:

Identify and avoid your allergens

Take prescribed (or over-the-counter) medications as directed – they really *can* help you to avoid painful complications such as sinus, eye or skin infections

Monitor your symptoms and tell your doctor if they become worse instead of better – sometimes, the irritation of eyes, nose or throat can become the site of a bacterial infection that requires different treatment than the allergy remedy...

When it's not possible to avoid your allergens and prescribed treatments haven't solved the problem, immunotherapy (“**allergy shots**”) may help to prevent severe allergy symptoms (can be effective for some people with “hay fever”, certain animal allergies and insect stings... usually not effective for allergies to food, drugs, feathers, or hives or eczema)

For more information, consult your doctor, chat with your pharmacist and go to www.aafa.org (Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America).

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

for articles to be included in the next Resource is Wednesday June 18.
 Please call the Church Office (289-5147) with questions.
 Thank you!

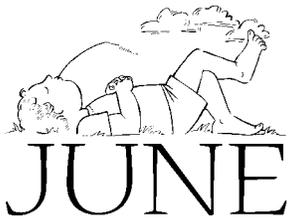
OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE

Weekends	April 26/27	May 1/3/4	May 8/10/11	May 15/17/18	May 22/24/25
Worship Attendance	699 (108+192+186+213)	483 (35+108+184+156)	577 (25+70+246+236)	490 (34+84+188+184)	417 (34+95+119+169)
S.S. & Bible Classes	233 (87+146)	206 (74+132)	223 (79+144)	204 (80+124)	n/a
Guests	37	30	49	42	26
Budget Offerings	\$11,421.40	\$15,171.10	\$7677.30	\$9349.00	\$7284.50
District/Synod	\$3009.60	\$1478.90	\$849.70	\$1530.00	\$675.00
Renovation	\$2654.00	\$10,213.00	\$1356.00	\$2083.00	\$1380.00
Undesignated		\$71.00	\$678.00	\$26.50	

LOOSE COINS for June have been designated for Interfaith Hospitality Network.

Memorials and Special Gifts:

- ♥ \$360 for Stained Glass Window in memory of Fuzz Helmbrecht
- ♥ \$40 for Undesignated Memorials in memory of Robert Young
- ♥ \$620 for Creation Evangelism Fund
- ♥ \$71 for 75th Anniversary Fund
- ♥ \$6.75 for Orphan Grain Train
- ♥ \$500 for Library Fund
- ♥ \$155 for Creation Fund
- ♥ \$48 for Endowment Fund
- ♥ \$50 for Interfaith Hospitality Network
- ♥ \$100 for 2nd Grade Bibles
- ♥ \$200 for Music Fund
- ♥ \$100 for Library Fund
- ♥ \$26.50 for Pastor Settle’s Education Debt
- ♥ \$100 for Fan Into Flame
- ♥ \$58 for Debt Reduction in honor of Bob and Bonnie Hoenk’s 58th wedding anniversary



**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
WOMEN**

When help is needed, the chairpersons for June, EiLeen Miller and Janette Benson, will call women who are listed in the church directory.

ALTAR GUILD (*) Monthly Chairperson

- (*) Marilyn Olson Nancy Carlson
- Lois Norby Ann Boyd
- Connie Feeder Lois Hamilton
- Beverly Bailey

LAY READERS

- May 31 5:30 pm – Linda Neterval
- June 1 8:00 am – Ardell Brenner
- 9:30 am – Sharron Smith
- June 7 5:30 pm – Bob Vehrenkamp
- June 8 8:00 am – Lowell Dale
- 9:30 am – Lynette Miller
- June 14 5:30 pm – Chris Burdick
- June 15 8:00 am – Joel Dubbels
- 9:30 am – Herb Mueller
- June 21 5:30 pm – Bob Vehrenkamp
- June 22 8:00 am – Kurt Rump
- 9:30 am – Sherrill VanGuilder

ACOLYTES

- June 1 8:00 am – Adam Schulz/Michael Bosshart
- 9:30 am – Michael Erickson/Dylan Lyke
- June 8 8:00 am – Peter Bartlett/Sam Hinsch
- 9:30 am – Miranda Christenson/Tiana Pike
- June 15 8:00 am – Jonah Mueller/Jorgen Brandt
- 9:30 am – Alicia Hoffman/Faith VanProosdy
- June 22 8:00 am – Liz Dicke/Heather VanGuilder
- 9:30 am – Chris Nitz/Luke Wilde
- June 29 8:00 am – Jaimie Shumaker/Madison Okuno
- 9:30 am - Bree Behne, Tanya Hoppe

BLOOD PRESSURE NURSES - Blood pressures are taken every Sunday and every 3rd Saturday of the month.

- June 1 – Kathy Zarling
- June 8 – Linda Neterval
- June 14 -
- June 15 – Sue Kazos
- June 22 – Barb Wallskog
- June 29 - Mary Hepinstall

TRANSPORTATION - Please call the church office by **Noon** on Friday (289-5147) if you need a ride to worship.

PEW MAINTENANCE – Caroline Ferdig (287-0187)

USHERS

- 5:30 pm Dale Hass and Bob Sim
- 8:00 am Leon Larson, Dave Zarling, Adam Roerish, Jay Kurtz
- 9:30 am - Marv Reinecke, Mark Fister, Gordon Hinsch, Charlie Hinsch, Jacob Bosshart

GREETERS

- May 31 5:30 pm - Bob and Jacque Bonsi
- June 1 8:00 am – Bob and Jeanne Vehrenkamp, Doug and Elna Jerde
- 9:30 am – Caroline Ferdig, Mary Hepinstall
- June 7 5:30 pm – Gene and Elaine Searles
- June 8 8:00 am – Don and Arlene Strelow
- Dick and Marge Rengstorf
- 9:30 am – Craig Nelson Family
- Roger Brand, Glenn Prehn
- June 14 5:30 pm – Sue Kazos
- June 15 8:00 am – Bill and LaVonne Sas
- 9:30 am – Dan and Terry Zemke
- John and LaVon Pavek
- June 21 5:30 pm – Bob and Jacque Bonsi
- June 22 8:00 am – Bob and Bonnie Hoenk
- Tom and Mary Burton
- 9:30 am – Ann Boyd, Lois Norby, Terry Ellerman
- June 28 5:30 pm – Arlan and Elnora Hildestad
- June 29 8:00 am – Everett and Marion Mueller
- 9:30 am - Dick and Shirley Valde

ELDERS

- May 29 6:30 pm - Al Schacht
- May 30 5:30 pm – Jeff Hartson
- June 1 8:00 am – Scott Brandt
- 9:30 am – Larry Stoen
- June 5 6:30 pm - Tim Strohschein
- June 7 5:30 pm – Jeff Lee
- June 8 8:00 am – Bob Keith
- 9:30 am – Mick Reese
- June 12 6:30 pm - Mark Gennrich
- June 14 5:30 pm – Jim Peterson
- June 15 8:00 am – Mike Sonnabend
- 9:30 am – Dan Zemke
- June 19 6:30 pm - Joel Pralle
- June 21 5:30 pm – Randy Hellickson
- June 22 8:00 am – Jeff Schoppers
- 9:30 am – Scott Brandt
- June 26 6:30 pm – Jeff Hartson
- June 28 5:30 pm – Al Schacht
- June 29 8:00 am – Larry Stoen
- 9:30 am - Tim Strohschein
- 2:00 pm - Jeff Lee