

Redeemer Resource



The monthly newsletter of Redeemer Lutheran Church-Rochester, Minnesota

February 2012

“The Trials of Jesus: Voices of the Prosecution”

This will be the theme for our Wednesday Lenten services this year.

Like a courtroom drama, a series of witnesses come forward to give testimony about their experiences with the accused—Jesus Christ. Through their accounts we come to know the truth, that Jesus came to take our place in the defendant's chair.

The voices of Satan, Judas, Annas, Caiaphas, Peter, and Herod, will be shared in turn by Pastors Haugen, Wood, and Heining.

Services will be at 4:15 and 7:00 pm, beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 22, and continuing for six weeks. Several groups are volunteering to serve supper in

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.”

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Redeemer Members Celebrate Christmas!



Staff Reflections

Ashes of Love

As I sit and think about sharing some inspirational nugget in the February Resource the theme of love is like that kid in class who wants to share the answer so bad that they not only raise their hand but jump out of their seat and unconsciously say, "Me, Me! Pick me!"

First I had to see what else February had to offer and it turns out there is a little known "special day" every day of February! Weatherman's Day is the 5th, Make a Friend Day is the 11th, Love Your Pet Day is on the 20th, Be Humble Day is the 22nd, and Public Sleeping Day is the 28th. These are just a few of the special little days in February. Many of these days inspire more sarcastic comments than serious observance but a few are attention getting. While Create a Vacuum Day on February 4 passes with little observance, many will stop and recognize Boy Scout Day on the 8th. February 14th is not only Valentine's Day but also National Organ Donor Day something no one can deny deserves a day of recognition. Do a Grouch a Favor Day sounds like a good idea on the 16th but is often eclipsed by the much more popular Presidents Day on the 20th.

In the end I was forced to come back to love. February 22nd is Ash Wednesday this year.

Ash Wednesday may not bring love to mind for most. Repentance, mortality and guilt may be more natural connections. When we receive the ashes we are acknowledging our sin and our deep need for forgiveness. We are reminded that of dust we are made and to dust we will one day return. We are admitting we deserve nothing less than a verdict of, "guilty", be pronounced over us and our sin.

Not quite the Valentine's Day picture of love. People tend to prefer to buy cards with hearts and flowers with bright colors not ashes and tears in tones of black and gray. No, this is not a Hallmark moment; it is much, much deeper.

Ash Wednesday is about a love that chose to live for us, as Paul says in Philippians chapter 2, "... *Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.*" From dust Jesus chose to be made. Jesus took on a body of ash. A body that could be, "*wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.*" What god chooses to do that? Only the One True God!

If God did not take on the ashen form of man we would still be dead in sin and love would not be part of our lives. But God loves more deeply than you can imagine. Not only did the omnipotent choose vulnerability but the immortal became completely mortal, "*And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*"

And Jesus' body of dust was limp upon the cross.

Jesus lived for us, He died for us, He lives again for us!

On Ash Wednesday repent before God AND receive God's rich forgiveness. Remember that you were born and you will die AND you will live forever for Jesus sake. Know that you are guilty AND that Jesus took that guilt upon His guiltless life and pronounces upon you the verdict of innocent!

Have a blessed February and a blessed Ash Wednesday. May the love of God fill you and give you peace!

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Remember in Your Prayers...

Hospitalized/Health Concerns

- ✝ Sherrill VanGuilder, Ruth Kettner, Paul Johnson, Kathy Zarling, Gary Poch, Elizabeth Horstmann, Janet VanProosdy, Anna Cunningham, Norm Rasmussen, Ruth Tibesar, Bev Bailey, Roger Applen, Dick Rengstorf, Sharron Smith, Shari Oldenburg, Shawn Schneider, Bridget Cunningham, Sue Burdick, Dorothy Volberding, Coler Peterson, Brian Boese

Grieving

- ✝ Connie Wileman and her family upon the recent death of her mother.
- ✝ Sue Tollers and her family upon the recent death of her father
- ✝ The family and friends of Evelyn Leitz who passed away on January 17.

Safety

- ✝ For Rev. A.G. Paul as he seeks to emigrate to America.

Rejoice:

- ✝ With Al and Ruth Hein who celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on December 29.
- ✝ With Jon and Shannon Range upon the birth of their son, Brooklen Jon, on December 29.

Thanksgiving:

- ✝ For the loving work of those involved with Project Compassion
- ✝ For our ChristCare leaders and groups
- ✝ For all who have served in the Armed Forces of our nation

Please note: These are the prayer requests through January 20.

Worship The Lord With Gladness!

FEBRUARY 4/5 Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany

We will observe the Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany with scripture readings from Isaiah 40:21-31, 1 Corinthians 9:16-27, and Mark 1:29-39. The theme will be "Will the Good Times Last?" Holy Communion will be celebrated at all service this weekend.

FEBRUARY 11/12 Sixth Sunday After The Epiphany

We will celebrate the Sixth Sunday After The Epiphany with scripture readings from 2 Kings 5:1-14, 2 Corinthians 10:31-11:1, and Mark 1:40-45. The theme will be "Some Things You Cannot Buy." The 10:40 am service on Sunday will be "celebration" style.

FEBRUARY 18/19 Transfiguration

We will observe the Transfiguration of our Lord with scripture readings from 2 Kings 2:1-12 or Exodus 34:29-35, 2 Corinthians 3:12-13;4:1-6, and Mark 9:2-9. Holy Communion will be celebrated at all service this weekend.

FEBRUARY 22 Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday services will take place at 4:15 and 7:00 pm. Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes will be offered at each service. We will begin a Lenten Sermon Series entitled, "The Trials of Jesus: Voices of the Prosecution." The theme for Ash Wednesday will be, "The Voice of Satan."

Supper will be served in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00-6:30 pm. Thanks to Thrivent for serving.

FEBRUARY 25/26 First Sunday in Lent

We will celebrate the First Sunday in Lent with scripture readings from Genesis 22:1-18, James 1:12-16, and Mark 1:9-15. The theme will be "Testing vs. Tempting."

FEBRUARY 29 Mid-Week Lenten Worship

We will continue our mid-week Lenten worship with services at 4:15 and 7 pm. The theme will be "The Voice of Judas."

LUTHERAN HOUR SCHEDULE

If illness or the snow or the cold manage to keep you from coming to church, consider tuning into the Lutheran Hour, which is broadcast each Sunday at 10 am on KOLM 1520 AM. This is followed at 10:30 am by the worship broadcast of our sister congregation, Trinity Lutheran.



Take Note... Upcoming Events!

ASSIMILATION TEAM has been working hard!

-They are following up on the MAQs (Ministry Activity Questionnaires) that many of our members filled in last fall. These have been entered into the data base and are now being distributed to leaders of various ministries. Thanks to all the volunteers for many hours of data entry. If you have not been called, please be patient. Better yet, speak up and volunteer. We did have several turned in with no names, and they can never be contacted!

-Several are being trained as "Ministry Mentors." They are personally contacting many of our newer members with the goal of helping them to find those areas in which they can joyfully serve.

-Another sub-group is developing a much more thorough new member orientation series. The first series will take place the first three Sundays of February.

This group of 15 or so fellow members has been working diligently on this project—and realizing that it is a very big project. But it is very important. Thanks to all.

The Story

The Story is a unique version of the narrative portions of the Bible. Divided into 31 chapters, it traces the "narrative" of the Bible in one continuing story. About 95% of the book is straight narrative from the NIV text, with simple transitional paragraphs tying the materials together. Beginning the Sunday after Easter, we will focus on one of these chapters each week in our worship services. By November, as a congregation we will have walked through the entire "story" of the Bible. Some may wish to purchase copies of the book and read "the story" during the week, and others will be content with listening to the summaries as part of the worship services. While this does not replace reading through the entire Bible, which many have done and is a worthy goal, it is a more realistic option for many. Watch for details to come!

LENTEN SUPPERS

We will again be offering supper on the six Wednesday's during Lent. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve a meal. If you are interested, please call the church office at 289-5147. Thank you to the following groups who have already volunteered!

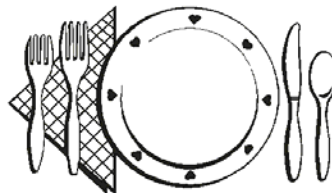
February 22—Thrivent (hamburgers and fixings)

February 29—open

March 7—open

March 14—Rebecca Circle

March 21—Sarah Circle



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Will be February 5, 12, and 19. Those who might like to join Redeemer should speak to Pastor Heining soon.

SERVICE TO GOD AND COUNTRY BOARD

is complete and mounted by the elevator. The Trustees will be installing a light to aid in viewing. This project was made possible through memorial gifts. Thanks to all.



SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING

Our voters will look at the profiles of several men about to graduate from the seminary, and also hear the results of the personal interviews conducted by the members of the call committee. Then they will be asked to vote on a preferential order. This will then be considered by the seminary, along with the candidates' preferences, before the final placement is made. The date and time will be announced soon in the bulletin and on the website.

ATTENTION!

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers Are Care Givers

- ♥ *Is life more than you can handle alone right now?*
- ♥ *Are your health, your attitude, or your relationships suffering?*
- ♥ *Are you adjusting to a new job, a change in marital status, a serious illness, the death of a loved one, a recent move?*
- ♥ *Would you like to have someone in your life who really cares?*

Everyone goes through difficult times. Having someone to care, to listen, to share God's love with you can help you get through the confusion, stress, or loneliness you may be experiencing.

Stephen Ministry is grounded in Jesus' command to love on another. Through one-to-one caring relationships, those who are hurting receive the love and care they need to support them.

For more information on how to request a Stephen Minister, please fill out a request form (found on the counter in the Narthex) and give it to Pastor Heining or feel free to call Bill Cochran (288-4133) or Dave Wood (529-5635).



Sunday Adult Education Schedule

Sundays at 9:20 am:

- ◆ "The Unexplained—Miracles, Mysteries, and More" This class is led by Dave Wood in the South Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ "Hymnody Through The Ages," This class is led by April Beckman in the Choir Room/Room 203.
- ◆ "Celebrating God's Grace," led by Pastor Heining in the North Fellowship Hall.

NEW BIBLE CLASSES BEGIN FEBRUARY 5

- ◆ "C.F.W. Walther" - Who is this man? What part did he have in the formation of the LC-MS? What scandals had to be overcome? Pastor Heining will lead this 3-session class which will watch and discuss the newly produced movie on the life of Walther.
- ◆ "We the People: Citizens of Two Kingdoms" is a three-part Bible Study about government, Christianity and our citizen role as Christians in the United States. Understanding and participating in the democratic process as Christians is very vital today. Part of the week's study will be a DVD hosted by Dr. Dale Meyer from Concordia Seminary, St Louis, followed by a discussion of the issues. This class will be led by Paul Haugen.
- ◆ "Hymnody Through The Ages," continuing



Redeemer

"Health Forum Series"

Please plan to attend the "Health Forum Series", presented here at Redeemer for our members, on 5 Sundays, in 2012: February 26, March 4, March 11, March 18, and March 25.

The topics requested from members of our congregation are as follows:

- **Adult Psychological Issues: Depression, Anxiety, and Suicide**
- **Addictions**
- **Teen-age Psychological Issues: Depression, Anxiety, and Suicide**
- **"Bullying" in Adolescents**
- **Safe church, home and school environments**

Please watch the next "Resource" for specific speakers, for each topic and date. *This year's topics should be of interest to both adults and adolescents.*



ELDERBERRIES GATHERING

(age 50 and older)



We will meet Tuesday, February 7, at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will include sliced ham, au gratin potatoes, green beans, buttered roll and dessert. The cost is \$7.50.

Our presenter will be Paul Koeller discussing Rochester 1959 versus now. *(There is more information about Paul's presentation by the signup sheets.)* This seems like an ideal presentation for Elderberries. Come and listen to the presentation and enjoy the Christian fellowship.

The sign-up sheet will be in the narthex or call Ted Saxman at 923-6801 if you want to attend. Please sign up by Sunday, February 5. If you would be willing to bring a dessert please indicate that on the sign-up sheet and Ted will contact you if needed.

Please remember if you can't attend and you haven't cancelled by Sunday evening February 5, Elderberries will be charged for your meal. Any questions, call Ted Saxman at 923-6801.

In Loving Memory...

EVELYN LENA LEITZ

Evelyn Leitz was born December 13, 1915 in Plainview to Charles and Amanda Streich. She was made a child of God through God's promises in her baptism on December 30 of the same year. She married John Skelly. They were later divorced and John died in 1991. Evelyn married Vernon Leitz on November 2, 1953. Evelyn had six sons and five daughters. They joined Redeemer in 1958.

Evelyn worked many years as a waitress and spent over twenty years working for Waters Instruments, retiring in 1978. Evelyn was very faithful in caring for Vernon as he struggled with cancer before dying in 1999. After that, her health deteriorated and she eventually moved to Samaritan Bethany where she spent these last years, before receiving the crown of life on January 17, 2012, at the age of 96. The funeral in her memory was held at Redeemer on Saturday, January 21.



Christ Care

"The Joy of Serving," Redeemer's 2012 theme, is reflected in our ChristCare Ministry motto, "A place to be...to belong...to serve."

TO SERVE

One focus of Christ Care is Missional Service. Our groups provide a variety of service. Serving meals, helping the elderly, bringing treats to Ronald McDonald House, working at Channel One, etc. are some examples of missional opportunities.

The purpose of Missional Service is to reflect Christ's service to us. How many times have we heard, "it's better to give than to receive"? In giving we are further blessed by God. The service component of Christ Care further bonds the relationship of group members.

If you are not a member of a Christ Care group, please know that you are welcome to join. Please contact one of the Equippers: Paul Haugen (951-4595), Bonnie Haugen (951-4476), Paula Muth (289-4436), Paul Collopy (281-2493), Sue Tollers (288-2317), or Pastor Jim (289-5147).



Stewardship: Your Response to God's Love

December 17/18

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|----------------------------|------------------|
| Worship Attendance..... | 764 |
| | (95+182+156+331) |
| S.S. & Bible Classes | 173 (86+87) |
| Guests | 69 |
| Budget Offerings..... | \$11,536.00 |
| District/Synod..... | \$2552.50 |
| Renovation..... | \$6033.50 |
| Christmas Offerings..... | \$263.00 |

December 24/25

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| Worship Attendance..... | 1004 |
| | (525+350+129+170) |
| Guests | 245 |
| Budget Offerings..... | \$8376.00 |
| District/Synod..... | \$972.50 |
| Renovation..... | \$1665.50 |
| Christmas Offerings..... | \$8396.32 |

December 31—end of year offerings

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| Budget Offerings..... | \$8323.00 |
| District/Synod..... | \$181.00 |
| Renovation..... | \$1045.00 |
| Christmas Offerings..... | \$245.00 |

January 1

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|----------------------------|-------------|
| Worship Attendance..... | 303 |
| | (128+96+79) |
| S.S. & Bible Classes | 75 |
| Guests | 36 |
| Budget Offerings..... | \$10,522.00 |
| District/Synod..... | \$1489.75 |
| Renovation..... | \$2804.25 |

January 7/8

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|----------------------------|---------------|
| Worship Attendance..... | 503 |
| | (113+172+218) |
| S.S. & Bible Classes | 228 (87+141) |
| Guests | 26 |
| Budget Offerings..... | \$17,733.80 |
| District/Synod..... | \$2456.25 |
| Renovation..... | \$3862.75 |
| Christmas Offerings | \$100.00 |

January 14/15

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|----------------------------|--------------|
| Worship Attendance..... | 495 |
| | (88+188+219) |
| S.S. & Bible Classes | 212 (73+139) |
| Guests | 22 |
| Budget Offerings..... | \$17,540.50 |
| District/Synod..... | \$2040.41 |
| Renovation..... | \$1536.75 |

Loose coins for February have been designated for Interfaith Hospitality Network.

SPECIAL MEMORIAL FUND

\$1,885 was donated to Redeemer in memory of Josh Evers. A special scholarship fund, "Psalm 37:4 Scholarship Fund" has been established in his memory. This Scholarship fund is to help youth with financial needs participate in youth events and mission trips. The Psalm 37:4 scholarship is something anyone can donate to. (*Psalm 37:4 is Josh's confirmation verse and has served as a source of comfort to many since Josh's death.*)

Memorials and Special Gifts

- ♥ \$2955.25 for Ginger Lagergren's African Mission
- ♥ \$38 in memory of Don Strelow for Undesignated Memorials
- ♥ \$20 for Altar Guild
- ♥ \$100 for Parish Nursing in memory of Forrest Walters
- ♥ \$64 for Budget in honor of Harold and Mary Devries 64th wedding anniversary
- ♥ \$50 for Parish Nursing in memory of Wallace Bornmann



From the Gillards

Wednesday, December 28th was a wonderful day in the life of Kampala Lutheran Church, a congregation excited to take the next step as they relocate to a nearby suburb to build their own building on

their own land.

It was around 6 pm and golden rays were filtering through the trees. The setting and mood were serene. We were in the middle of the festive season so no one was in a hurry. The building site is nestled in a cozy neighborhood that is not yet built-up. We weren't very far off the main roads (Ggaba road is 400m to the NE and Lukuli Road is 250m to the SW) but it felt like we were in the village—that's a good thing! Neighbors and neighborhood children were warm and welcoming as parishioners gathered near the largest tree on the plot—a jackfruit.

We ushered in the construction phase at the building site with a short rite of dedication (liturgy and prayers in Luganda, hymns in Swahili) led by Rev. Jerome Wamala.

Thank you to those of you who offered prayers and sacrificial gifts that have brought the congregation to this moment—to the Glory of God!



Notes of Thanks...

Thank You

Dear Partners in Faith,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you, your congregation and your fantastic volunteers for your work with our Interfaith families this past year. This network is designed on the format of helping families by using the resources of our faith communities and we could not stabilize and give that gift of a 'hand up' to these families without your help.

2011 was a busy year and we were surely blessed to have so many of our 49 faith communities involved, not only with the hosting of our families; but also in our fund raising events and in the financial support we receive every year from you. You are why IHN is so successful and why other agencies and IHN's want to know what we are doing and how we get it done!

2012 is upon us. We are moving forward. We have many exciting things to accomplish again this year...but the biggest is to provide care, support and case management for families in need. We want to continue to help families to grow and become stable and keep their children safe. We cannot do this without you.

Thank you so much for the generosity and dedication of your congregation as well as all of the individual volunteers.

Blessings and peace,

Joanne L. Markee, Executive Director

Thank You

Thank you so much for remembering me with your beautiful cards and calls during my recovery from hip surgery. *Martha Adler*

Thank You

My dear Redeemer Family,

Happy New Year to one and all! As the 2012 begins my THANKS go out to you for your continued support in 'our'- yours and my - ministry here in South Africa, specifically in Ntshongweni (shong – we – nee) with the children, orphans and caregivers, and men and women of our church and community through your prayers and loving emails and letters, and financial gifts!

As I integrate into the team with Pastor Thwala's guidance through worshiping, working and socializing with these new friends, I find myself using the many areas we've shared together at Redeemer – worshiping, on committees, choir and music, circles and LWML, Sunday School, luncheons, parties, youth events, cleaning, painting ...and more – as a wonderful resource for building relationships and fellowship while growing our faith and spiritual support. I am drawing upon these times with you to reach out to this congregation, particularly the Gogo's (grandmothers), who provide care and direction to many of the families. The Zulu culture may be different from ours in some ways, yet we all want the same things for our families – good health, a home with enough food and clothes, and education to ensure a strong life to serve the Lord. Our Zulu Lutheran Church is small, yet vibrant and alive!

God has provided a beautiful place in the world for my new friends to live. Times are difficult, yet they smile and sing His praises. Please pray with me for His guidance in building strong ties with these women as we laugh, sing and study God's word together, so they're confidence will grow as they become His disciples and soon they will spread His love and His promise of salvation to those in need in their community who have not yet heard the Good News!

As Greg Gillard – Jacob's father - says in His mission messages; "we will continue God's mission service 'Until the whole world hears!'"

My love and gratitude always, Ginger Taff-Lagergren

Thank You

Thank you to Project Compassion and all who came to visit me at Madonna Meadows. May God bless you all! Happy New Year! *Kitty Harders*

Thank You

I want to thank Project Compassion for the beautiful Christmas Poinsettia and my meaningful Christmas card that were delivered to me. Even though I am unable to be an active member any longer, I still feel a strong connection with my church with the many phone calls from staff and members and also the much appreciated communion visits. I feel so fortunate to belong to Redeemer, with all its loving, caring people. God bless you all and Merry Christmas. Sincerely, *Marg Watkins*

Thank You

Thank you all so much for the beautiful Poinsettia and cards. Thank you Ardis I enjoyed our visit so much. I miss you all very much, but keep you in my thoughts and prayers daily. God bless, *Polly Cunningham*

Thank You

I would like to thank Project Compassion for the flowers given to my husband and I. We received it at the right time to help me recover from a heart attack and also for the lovely rose given to me for my birthday. It's wonderful to have such a caring church.

Merry Christmas, Julianna and Kenneth O'Haver

Thank You

Thank you so very much for the beautiful poinsettia, it's just perfect. And also for the card that was with it, I truly liked what it said. And thank you to June for delivering it. Please all of you have a blessed Christmas.

- Loretta Rahman

Thank You

Thank you to Project Compassion for the beautiful poinsettia that was delivered to me. Thank you also to the group of members who came out Christmas caroling – your music was a true joy. Thank you also to Pastor Wood for your wonderful visits. I appreciate and enjoyed them all and am still enjoying the poinsettia plant! *Elaine Morse*

Thank You

Thank you so very much to Project Compassion for sending me the beautiful poinsettia plant that was delivered by the lovely, Mrs. Struve. I'm enjoying the flower every day. *Lorraine Eker*

Thank You

Words cannot describe the joy and thankfulness that we feel from our loving Redeemer family for your prayers and concerns for us. Visits by Pastor Jim, Paul Haugen, Bob Keith, Jan Dicke, and Iva Kietzmann; the many phone calls and food brought to us, plus all the get well cards and Poinsettia from Project Compassion. We are truly blessed by all of you.

- Dick and Marge Rengstorf

Thank You

Thank you to Pastor Heining and all the rest of those hearty souls who came to my house with their Christmas carols just before Christmas. It was such a delight and added much to my Christmas joy. God bless you all!

- Marg Watkins

Thank You

Thank you for the lovely Christmas cards and gifts during the Christmas season! We are always humbled by your thoughtfulness and remembrance of us. I am thankful to be serving the Lord here at Redeemer and for the music we make together to praise the Lord.

-April and Bryce Beckman



Music Notes

by April Beckman, DPM

Sunday school PK – 2nd Grade - Parents, I will be visiting these classes in February and March to learn and sing songs. I would Love to have the students take the opportunity of sharing in special music in the 10:40 a.m. worship on March 18. Please mark that date on your calendars!

Instrumentalists—We will meet on **Feb. 12, Feb. 19, and Feb. 26 at 5 p.m.** to learn some beautiful Lenten themed band music. Please join us if you've had experience with an instrument for at least 2 years on those Sundays in the balcony! We will share in worship on Sunday, March 4 at the 8 a.m. service!



Health Notes

MENTAL HEALTH MYTHS and FACTS FOR CONGREGATIONS

MYTH: Mental illnesses don't affect me.

FACT: Mental illness are surprisingly common, and they do not discriminate. *One in four adults (approximately 57.7 million Americans)* experience a mental health disorder in a given year.

Based on this fact, how many individuals in your congregation might be dealing with mental illness? <http://www.nami.org>

MYTH: Mental illnesses are the result of character weakness.

FACT: Serious mental illnesses are *diseases of the brain* that cause disturbances in a person's thinking, feeling, moods, and ability to relate to others. Knowing the facts about any illness helps create understanding. *To learn more about mental illnesses go to:* <http://www.nami.org>

MYTH: Once people develop mental illnesses they will never recover.

FACT: *Mental illnesses are treatable and most people recover.* The treatment includes medication and psychological/social rehabilitation programs. People with mental illnesses lead active, productive lives. *To learn about resources for treatment and support available in Minnesota go to:* <http://namihelps.org>

MYTH: Depression is a normal part of aging.

FACT: It is not normal for older adults to be depressed. *Depression in the elderly is often undiagnosed.* It is important for seniors and their family members to recognize the problem and seek professional help. *How do your current ministries (e.g. phone ministry) help prevent depression in older adults?*

MYTH: Children are too young to get depressed.

FACT: The US Center for Mental Health Services estimates that *more than 2 million children* in the United States *suffer from depression* and *half of them go untreated.* *To learn about Minnesota resources for children facing mental health challenges go to:* <http://macmh.org>

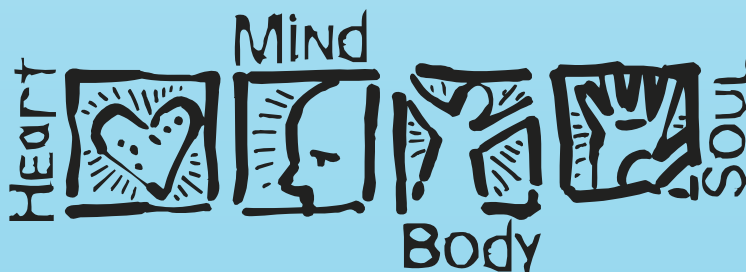
MYTH: Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) happens only after you fight in a war.

FACT: *PTSD can occur after any traumatic event* such as rape or other violent attack, natural disaster or learning of an unexpected death of a loved one. *To become more informed about PTSD go to:* <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/index.shtml>

MYTH: Talking about suicide may give someone the idea.

FACT: You don't give a suicidal person morbid ideas by talking about suicide. The opposite is true – *bringing up the subject of suicide and discussing it openly is one of the most helpful things you can do.* *To learn more about suicide and what you can do to prevent it go to:* <http://www.save.org>. (Source: Lutheran Voice for Mental Health, Burnsville, MN. 2010)

NOTE: See Redeemer Health Forum Series Listing for 2012 which will focus on both adult and teen-age mental health issues. Plan now to attend one or more of these beneficial sessions.



Church Council Highlights - January 12, 2012

OLD BUSINESS:

- **2012 Budget – update and approve for Voters' Meeting**
Budget revisions from 2012 Budget proposal include:
Worship supplies increase from \$3,770 to \$4,200; **RCLS Tuition Reimbursement** increase from \$28,000 to \$33,000 to approach recommended level of support, and an additional family. **SCRIP** sales help to reduce this expense; **Workers' Compensation** increase from \$2,300 to \$2,800; **Property Insurance** increase from \$4,500 to \$4,700.; **General Maintenance** from \$8,000 to \$10,000; **Auto-Associate Pastor** decreased from \$5,300 to \$2,650. Overall, the 2012 budget reflects a 3-4% increase from 2011.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Update on Mission Projects/Funding based on input from Board of Stewardship**

Randy Wendt, representing the Board of Stewardship, recommended the following revisions:
That donations from the Lenten suppers be directed to the Redeemer Church Work scholarship fund. This fund has been set up to support members who intend to enter into full-time church work. Currently, we have one man planning to enter the Seminary in the Fall and one woman considering becoming a DCE. The amount of the scholarship is to be determined. A committee comprised of an Elder, a representative from the Board of Education, the Council Chairman and a Pastor will determine how to distribute funds based upon each applicant. Currently the fund balance is approximately \$3,000 from Special Gifts money.

Loose Coin designation has been revised and allotted as follows:

1. January, February, March to IHN (replaces good Samaritan fund)
2. April, May, June: Coins for Missions for District Convention.
3. July, August, September – Community Food Response
4. October, November, December – Lutheran Association of Missionary Pilots

Special Offerings

Lenten Services – 50% Budget – 50% A.G. Paul
Easter Breakfast – LCMS Youth Gathering
Easter – 75% Budget – 25% A.G. Paul
Thanksgiving – LCMS World Relief
Advent Suppers – Orphan Grain Train
Advent Services – Uganda Missions
Christmas Services – 50% Budget – 15% Camp Omega, 10% A.G. Paul – 10% KINDLE – 15% Salvation Army Emergency Fund

NEW BUSINESS: Voters Meeting Agenda

Nominations for District Offices

Suggestions for Voters:

District President: Pastor Dean Nadasdy (Woodbury); Vice

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President: Mark Rosenau (Owatonna);

Board of Directors: Lyle Fritsch (Stewartville) and Jon Vollrath (Eyota);

Commissioned Ministers: Randy Ash and Troy Miller; Circuit Counselor: Matt Lehman and David Wood;

Lay Representative: Tim Block.

- DCE Intern: Michael will make a presentation/recommendation that we investigate and pursue for 2013-14.
- POBLO- Update; bring to Voters per motion last month.
- Possible upgrades in projection, sound abatement, other technology needs

Michael will present 4 slides on technology, and ask what is the congregation looking for in technology, is it possible for us to improve, and is there a need to do so? If it is indicated, he will request that a task force be formed from a group of interested people to move forward in discussion. Time will be allowed for conversations around tables at the Voters' Meeting to gather information. Council members will split up to help facilitate discussion.

- Budget- Jess Ihrke, will present the budget, noting there are no major changes, with a 3.2% increase from 2011.
- Mission projects for 2012

Randy will present this, noting modifications as listed previously, to the Lenten suppers' designated donation recipients.

- Tom will read the financial report

Officer, Board and Cabinet Reports

President's Report: The Annual Report affirms our goals for Council: an effective transition and selection process for an Associate Pastor, the conclusion of Mission 2012 Joy in Serving to empower all members is well on track with an Assimilation Team in place to continue this work, the review and update of the Constitution and by-laws is in process, and the implementation of the Safe Church policy is underway.

Treasurer's Report: Income less expenses: \$12,476.00. Cash available: \$55,898. Mortgage Balance: \$440,004.

Elders: Discussed some possible ways for using *The Story* at Redeemer. *The Story* is a book made up of carefully selected verses from the Bible organized chronologically. It is intended to complement the Bible, not be a replacement or substitute for it. Considering the possibility of adding a fourth service on Christmas Eve to alleviate the overcrowding that was experienced at the 3:00 p.m. service the past couple years. Will meet with usher teams in February to discuss and review roles and responsibilities during worship services, collect input, and answer questions. The Scholarship Fund Committee is being resurrected because Redeemer has a

member who plans to attend the seminary. Dan Zemke will be the committee representative from the Board of Elders.

Trustees: Currently installing new lights by bulletin boards.

Youth Ministry: Youth will serve chili luncheon at Annual Meeting, and offer Super Bowl subs later in the month. Pizza Ranch is January 17; planning has begun for Chicago/Bethesda fundraisers. Memorial bench will be ordered for Josh Evers. Preparation is beginning for the Valentine's Dinner. Consideration is being given to a Rochester mission going out into the community to help with various tasks, possibly in conjunction with other churches.

Staff Reports

DCE: Michael will be leading the Confirmation Retreat at the end of January with Dean Jenson helping with the 8th grade class. Sam Carlson, a high school student, will also be helping.

DPM: April is enjoying teaching an Adult Bible Study class on Hymnody.

Pastor's Report: Pastor will be attending a "Best Practices in Ministry" conference in February to be held in Phoenix, AZ. He will use some vacation time in addition to conference time. He will not be in attendance for the February Council meeting, but plans to fly back for Ash Wednesday services. Pastor Haugen will be assisting for Ash Wednesday.

Annual Meeting Highlights - January 15, 2012

Present: 104 (voting) members, 14 youth

Approval of Previous Voters' Minutes- January 16, 2011, August 10, 2011, November 6, 2011

2011 Treasurer's Report –Tom Burton

Net gain for 2011: \$12,476. Dedicated accounts reflected a gain from \$51,685 to \$75,343. Positive cash flow of \$32,784. Mortgage balance \$440,004 from \$535,300 at the end of 2010. Available cash balance of \$55,898. Tom stated that despite a tough economy, Redeemer had a good year overall. He thanked Anita Werle for her bookkeeping work.

Staff Reports

Pastor Heining (p.9): Worship attendance remained steady from the past year; bringing in new members is something to work on. He is thankful for the large number of baptisms over the last year. Further statistics are published on page 9. After Easter, the book "The Story", a narrative of the Bible in 31 chapters, will be used for weekly study. A brief update on Uganda included the return of Pastor Gillard to the U.S. awaiting reassignment. The LCMS has terminated our relationship with that church body due to embezzlement and immorality on the part of the local Pastor. At the request of Pastor Gillard, Redeemer's funding support was redirected, and continues, to Ginger Lagergren serving in S. Africa.

DCE Report:

Michael thanked the Congregation for the blessing of his sabbatical during the past year. He is moving forward with the goals as stated in his report. One recent highlight was the Bright Lights' meeting, over Skype, with Ginger Lagergren at her mission in S. Africa.

"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."

DPM Report:

April expressed her joy in serving Redeemer for the last 6 years. She thanked all those involved with the commissioning of a piece of music in honor to commemorate her earning her M.A. She asked for continued prayer and support as she and Bryce anticipate the birth of their first child.

Officer, Board and Committee Reports

Youth Board:

Lynora Miller appreciated the Congregational support throughout the year. The youth are currently selling Super Bowl Subs and working on the Valentine's Dinner.

Parish Nurse/Health Cabinet:

Jan Dicke thanked the Health Cabinet and Staff for support and direction of Health Ministry. It was a busy year, and looking forward cholesterol screening is upcoming, and the CPR class beginning February 6 is full. Under the direction of the Education Committee, a new video, "Cooking Safely for a Crowd", will be shared with relevant groups this year.

President's Report:

Jess Ihrke stated the goals, listed on page 15 of the Annual Report, and addressed each point, and how the goals are being met and/or pursued.

Christ Care:

6 members are currently in leadership training.

Church Growth:

Pictorial directory is underway, with photo sessions beginning.

Endowment Fund:

December 31, 2010 balance: \$103,685.77
2010 Budget surplus: \$1000.00
Other Contributions: \$634.00
2011 Interest Earned: \$1422.05
December 31, 2011 balance: \$106,741.82

*Also noted in the meeting was the need for the following corrections to the Annual Report:

1. Inclusion of Fund Development Report
2. Revision of the Elder Report to denote Kurt Rump vs. Larry Stoen
3. Mission Projects 2012 should revise Uganda Missions to read African Missions

New Business

POBLO: A.G. Paul, the Missionary called to work in the Rochester area, is waiting for immigration with his new wife; potential date of March 1. His mission is to reach out with the Gospel message to Muslim people. POBLO oversees his work, and asks for the Rochester Circuit 's support to supplement what they provide. This is a good faith commitment, and approximately 2/3 of the Rochester Circuit has agreed to participate.

Motion from Council to recommend that Redeemer will pledge to commit \$12,000 for one year, with the understanding that this is a 3-year program, to be reviewed annually. Motion carried.

Technology: Michael Harvey asked for feedback on how best to use the tools now available to us to serve our Lord. To facilitate this, response sheets were provided at each table, and time allowed for discussion and recording of responses. The topic included considering Sanctuary and Educational Technology, discussing whether it is possible to improve technological resources at Redeemer in a God-pleasing way, and inviting interested members to a part of an exploratory task force.

Motion by Council to recommend appointment of a task force to investigate technological needs and possible solutions was made and seconded.

There was an Amendment to the Motion from the floor:

The task force's main goal is to evaluate technology opportunities for worship and communications.

The Amendment was seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote:

Vote on the Amended Motion

“Appointment of a task force to investigate technological needs and possible solutions.

The task force's main goal is to evaluate technology opportunities for worship and communications. “

Passed by unanimous voice vote.

Nominations for District Offices: Pastor presented the suggested slate of candidates from Staff. Other nominations were invited.

District President: Pastor Dean Nadasdy (Woodbury); **Vice President:** Mark Rosenau (Owatonna); **Board of Directors:** Lyle Fritsch (Stewartville) and Jon Vollrath (Eyota); **Commissioned Ministers:** Troy Miller; **Circuit Counselor:** Matt Lehman and David Wood; **Lay Representative:** Tim Block.

Motion to advance slate of candidates as presented. Motion carried.

DCE Intern: Michael stated that a goal that came out of his Sabbatical time was to share his passion and hope that Redeemer would become a DCE “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.”

Internship site. He has worked with KINDLE, a servant leadership training organization. The Church needs workers and the workers need a safe and healthy place to grow and develop. These are qualities Redeemer can offer to an Intern. An Intern can offer different perspectives and ministry opportunities to Redeemer while gaining experience and growth. Such an investment requires a congregational support team, a congregational supervisor (Michael) and funding for the 12 month Internship, at a cost of approximately \$22,000. This presentation was to provide information and to ask for prayer to consider this opportunity to nurture an Intern beginning in 2013-2014.

Recommendations for Mission Projects 2012

See page 17 for a complete listing.

Motion made to approve Mission Offerings for 2012.

Motion carried.

Proposed Ministry Budget for 2012

Motion to approve 2012 Budget as written. Motion carried.



February 2012

PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS

1. Did you turn the page on your calendar? If you did, 50¢; if not, \$1
2. Forward a favorite Mustard Seed Devotion to someone – 25¢
3. Do you have church fellowship tonight? – 25¢
4. Look up the Lutheran Braille Workers website – 50¢
5. Praise God for His provision and care – freewill offering
6. Pray today at noon giving thanks for the volunteers who help produce and distribute Braille Bibles and Christian materials - 25¢
7. Did not visit the LWML website today? – \$1
8. Still looks like winter outside – 50¢; if the sun is out – \$1
9. Call up a relative you haven't talked to in a while – 50¢
10. Put 10¢ in your Mite Box for each Valentine's card you will give
11. Put 20¢ in your Mite Box for every heart decoration you see today
12. Praise God for His unconditional love in Jesus Christ – freewill offering
13. Pray that Braille Bibles and Christian resources will be distributed where needed - 25¢
14. Put 10¢ in your Mite Box for every "Happy Valentine's Day!" you hear today
15. For every piece of chocolate you ate today – 25¢
16. For each hug given to your loved ones today – 25¢
17. Call up a friend for coffee – 50¢
18. Bake cookies to share with your neighbors – 50¢
19. Invite a friend to church – 50¢
20. President's Day – pray at noon for our nation's leaders – 25¢
21. Find out about local organizations for the visually impaired – 50¢
22. Do you have Bible study tonight? – \$1
23. Be thankful that tomorrow is Friday – 25¢
24. Check out the Mission Grants resources at www.lwml.org – 50¢
25. Gather up items to donate to your local thrift store – 50¢
26. Talk to someone you don't know at church today – 50¢; if not – \$1
27. Thank God for the work of Lutheran Braille Workers in sharing His Word – 50¢
28. Share a favorite Bible verse with a friend – 50¢
29. It's a leap year! Praise God for the extra day – \$2



* Please be Together in Prayer
at Noon every Monday with LWML sisters.

www.lwml.org/missions

PLEASE FOLD OR CUT THIS GUIDE ON THE DOTTED LINE,
AND KEEP PRAYER GUIDE IN YOUR BIBLES
FOR DAILY MISSION SUPPORT REMINDERS.

MISSION GRANT STORY

LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS PLATE EMBOSSING DEVICE

\$100,000

Lutheran Braille Workers is committed to providing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the visually impaired throughout the world. With more than 180 million people around the world who are blind or who have only partial sight, the need is great. Since 1943, Lutheran Braille Workers has provided Christian materials in more than 30 languages to visually impaired people in more than 120 countries. Each year, Lutheran Braille Workers produces and distributes over 11 million sheets of Braille material throughout the world, as well as large print books of the Bible and other Christian materials.

Lutheran Braille Workers has grown into one of the largest faith-based producers of free Braille Bibles and Christian materials throughout the world. Lutheran Braille Workers currently supports almost 200 work centers with over 5,100 volunteers in the United States and Canada, who punch, emboss, and collate sheets of Braille paper and large print materials for distribution.

LWML is providing \$100,000 in funding to help Lutheran Braille Workers purchase a new Plate Embossing Device (PED) to replace worn out zinc plates, as well as create zinc plates for new Braille titles. The PED is the sole device in the United States to emboss Braille plates for the production of Braille books. Without the PED, the ability to produce Braille material would be restricted in the near future as existing plates wear out. Thus, obtaining a new PED would ensure continued production of the zinc plates for many years to come, allowing Lutheran Braille Workers to continue providing Braille Bibles and other Christian resources to visually impaired people worldwide. Lutheran Braille Workers has pledged to commit \$50,000 toward the \$150,000 needed to purchase, ship, and provide supplies for the new PED.

The free Braille and large print Bibles and Christian materials provide the message of salvation through faith in Jesus to individuals who are visually impaired, bringing those on the edge into the Kingdom of God and providing those already with Jesus the comfort of reading His Word. Your mites will aid thousands of people who are not able to see but who want to be with Jesus.



TAKE TIME FOR A “WINTER INTO SPRING” RETREAT



WOMEN'S RETREAT

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2012

(halfway into Lent, just 10 days before the first day of Spring)

**LOCATION -- GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL
800 EAST SILVER LAKE ROAD, ROCHESTER**

*Vicar Eldon
Kohn of Trinity
has been invited
to lead the Bible
Study, and with
his wife, Molly,
will incorporate
their mission to
Taiwan.*

*Pastor David
Preuss will
give the
opening and
closing
devotion.*



**Meet
for a
winter retreat**

*⇒ Sign in at 8:30,
have some coffee
⇒ Program at 9
⇒ Cost- just \$2
⇒ BYOL (Bring
your own Lunch)*

*⇒ Enjoyable
Fellowship
guaranteed!*

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Youth Page/Calendar



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|------|----|-----------------|
| Feb. | 1 | Colin Haugen |
| | 7 | Libby Batterson |
| | 9 | Jadenn Clark |
| | 12 | Brian Gray |
| | 13 | Ashley Seines |
| | 15 | Noah Probach |
| | 19 | Darin Horstmann |
| | 22 | Kelsey Miller |
| | 25 | Dillon Hagen |
| | 26 | Madisyn Timm |
| | 28 | Peter Bartlett |



- Feb. 1 Confirmation - 6:10 pm
- Feb. 4 Make Super Bowl Subs - 10 am
- Feb. 5 Super Bowl Sunday
- Feb. 8 Confirmation - 6:10 pm
- Feb. 11 Set up for Valentine Dinner
- Feb. 12 Finish Setting up for Valentine Dinner - 11:30 am
- Feb. 12 Valentine Dinner - 5:30 pm
- Feb. 15 Confirmation - 6:10 pm
- Feb. 19 Y.E.S. - 9:20 am
Shout! - 6-8 pm
- Feb. 22 Confirmation - 6:10 pm
- Feb. 29 Confirmation - 6-10 pm

SHOUT!

Shout! will be on Sunday, February 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. Although plans are not set, we may be doing Extreme Board/Card games, a "Can-You-Do-It" challenge, or Beat the Timer. Of course, we will have Devo, Food, and Praise to God! If it snows that day, bring a shovel and we may try to serve a few neighbors!



- to **Sandy Batterson, Tim Batterson, Paul Lewis, and Sally Roerish** for helping out at the Annual Meeting luncheon;
- to **Lynette Miller** for babysitting at the Annual Meeting.



Coffee Schedule

- Jan. 29 Janna Henkel
- Feb. 5 Libby Batterson
- Feb. 12 Christian Nisbit
- Feb. 19 Darin Horstmann
- Feb. 26 Leah Ward, Lindsey Ward
- Mar. 4 Heather Van Guilder



We need all youth to help with this event. We need youth to be hostesses, waiters, bus boys, work in the kitchen and do daycare. We passed a signup sheet around on Sunday, but if you were not there and are interested in doing one of these jobs, please let Lynora know as soon as possible. We are asking youth to wear formal dress (no jeans and t-shirts), button up shirts and slacks, nice shoes; nice dress or skirt for girls. Let Lynora know what you would like to do. We will make up a list of what needs to be done. This will be our third year and is a great event.




SHOUT SNACK VOLUNTEERS

- February Van Guilders
- March Ally Kann

CHICAGO! Have you signed up for the servant event in Chicago? The mission trip to Chicago takes place June 17-24. This is an amazing trip! This year we need to have our group finalized by FEBRUARY 1! Right now there is a sign up on the youth board to indicate interest. This requires one adult for every 2.5 youth! WE NEED ADULTS. The number of youth we can bring directly relates to number of adults going! This really is a completely amazing Spirit filled adventure. Sign up, come to the meeting! Initial registration will be \$150, a real blessed bargain! Financial assistance is available. For any questions or to register, talk to Michael Harvey.



 There is still time to order your sandwiches for Super Bowl Sunday, February 5. The cost for the subs this year will still be only **\$5.00**. Orders will be taken before and after church services. There may be a **few** left over to sell that Sunday, but don't count on it. Besides we need to have a pretty accurate count as to how many we should make.

You may also fill out the form in the bulletin and give it to one of the Miller's or put in the church office. Or, if you want, you can email Lynora at millertwins2@charter.net. Proceeds from the subs will go in the Youth's "Gathering", "Bethesda" and "Chicago" funds.

Youth, keep February 4 open from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. That is when we will be making the subs. The more help we get, the faster it gets done and the more fun we have.

SUPER SUBS I would like to order _____ subs at the cost of \$5.00 each.

Name

DON'T MISS OUT!

Check out these upcoming events!

- **Pizza Ranch - March 20**
- **Lenten Supper - March 28**



PIZZA RANCH STEWARTVILLE

We are not doing Pizza Ranch in February with all the other fund raisers going on, but we will be back in March - the date will be Tuesday, March 20 and a sign up sheet will be up in a couple weeks. Be sure to leave that date open and let your friends know.

The proceeds from March's Pizza Ranch will go to help fund the 'Random Acts of Kindness' during the Chicago servant event. This is a super servant event and is one way we can joyfully serve.



Bethesda

It's time to start signing up for the Bethesda Servant Event. The dates for this are July 29-August 3. There is a deposit fee of \$50.00 which should be paid when you sign up. The first deposit has been sent in, so please contact Lynora as soon as possible to reserve your spot. There are spots open for 22 youth. If you are interested in going, you can sign up by paying the deposit to Lynora. It will be - first come, first serve. The rest will be put on reserve in case someone is not able to go. This is open to youth 13 years old and up. Be sure to check your schedules before signing up. We will most likely be doing the sharing the Sunday after we get back.


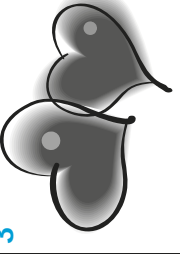

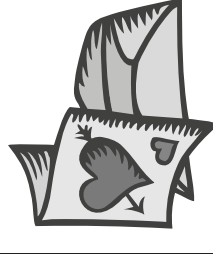

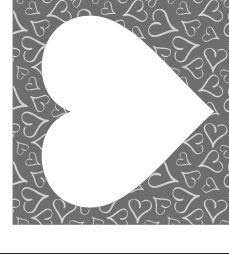

Y.E.S.

(Youth-Enlightened-Encouraged-Enthusiastically Led by the Spirit)

On Sunday, February 19, Y.E.S. will be meeting at 9:20 am. This year, the group is going to deliver the Valentine gifts they made to the Shut-ins themselves.

Redeemer Lutheran Calendar

February 2012

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|---|
| 5 HOLY COMMUNION - 8:00 and 10:40 am 8:30a Cholesterol Screening 9:00a Blood Pressures 9:20a Sunday School 9:20a Adult Bible Class | 6 8:00a Quilters 6:00p CPR Class 7:00p Eagles Wings CC  | 7 9:00a Men's Bible Study 9:00a Ladies' Bible Study 10:30a FFF 7:00p Elders 7:00p Friends in Christ CC | 1 5:30p Youth Choir (7-12) 5:47p Youth Chimes (7-12) 6:00p Alleluia Singers (2-6) 6:00p Men's Bible Study 6:05p Cherub Choir 6:10p Confirmation 6:30p Angelic Chimes (2-6) 7:00p Sounds of Praise 8:00p Celebration Practice | 2 8:00a Faithfully Fit Forever 1:00p Faithful Followers CC 6:15p Men's Choir 6:30p Stephen Ministry 6:30p CC Leadership Trng 7:00p Chancel Chimes | 3  | 4 10:00a Superbowl Sub Assembly 5:30p HOLY COMMUNION |
| 12 WORSHIP - 8 and 10:40 am 9:00a Blood Pressures 9:00a Usher Meeting 9:20a Adult Bible Classes 9:20a Sunday School 11:40a Usher Meeting 1:00p Circuit Forum 5:00p Instrumentalists 6:00p Brass Quintet 5:30p Valentine Dinner 7:00p Lutherans For Life | 13 8:00a Quilters 6:30p Emmanuel CC  | 14 9:00a Men's Bible Study 9:00a Ladies' Bible Study 10:30a FFF 10:30a RLCW Exec Board 6:15p Church Growth 6:30p Trustees 7:00p Youth Board 8:00p Church Council | 15 Resource Deadline 9:00a Shalom CC 1:00p Seekers CC 5:30p Youth Choir (7-12) 5:47p Youth Chimes (7-12) 6:00p Men's Bible Study 6:00p Alleluia Singers (2-6) 6:05p Cherub Choir 6:10p Confirmation 6:30p Angelic Chimes (2-6) 7:00p Sounds of Praise | 16 8:00a Faithfully Fit Forever 1:00p Faithful Followers 6:30p Stephen Ministry 6:30p CC Leadership Trng 7:00p Chancel Chimes | 17 9:30a Library Committee  | 18 5:00p Blood Pressures 5:30p HOLY COMMUNION |
| 19 HOLY COMMUNION - 8:00 and 10:40 pm 9:00a Blood Pressures 9:20a Adult Bible Classes 9:20a Sunday School 9:20a Y.E.S. Group 5:00p Instrumentalists 6:00p SHOUT! 6:30p Partners in Christ CC | 20 8:00a Quilters 7:00p Salt Shakers CC  | 21 9:00a Men's Bible Study 9:00a Ladies' Bible Study 10:30a FFF 6:30p Young Couples CC 6:30p Koinonia ChristCare | 22 Ash Wednesday 4:15p HOLY COMMUNION 5:00p Supper (5-6:30) 5:30p Youth Choir (7-12) 5:47p Youth Chimes (7-12) 6:00p Alleluia Singers (2-6) 6:05p Cherub Choir 6:10p Confirmation 6:30p Angelic Chimes (2-6) 7:00p HOLY COMMUNION 7:45p Sounds of Praise 8:00p M.W.O.W. | 23 8:00a Faithfully Fit Forever 6:30p CC Leadership Trng 6:30p Malachi ChristCare | 24  | 25 5:30p WORSHIP |
| 26 WORSHIP - 8 and 10:40 am 9:00a Blood Pressures 9:20a Adult Bible Classes 9:20a Sunday School 11:45p Celebration Practice 5:00p Instrumentalists 7:00p Olkos ChristCare | 27 8:00a Quilters 7:00p Health Cabinet | 28 9:00a Men's Bible Study 9:00a Ladies' Bible Study 10:30a FFF 7:00p Friends in Faith CC 7:00p Women's Bible Study | 29 5:30p Youth Choir (7-12) 5:47p Youth Chimes (7-12) 6:00p Alleluia Singers (2-6) 6:05p Cherub Choir 6:10p Confirmation 6:30p Angelic Chimes (2-6) 7:45p Sounds of Praise 7:45p CC Equipppers |  | | |

Sharing their time and talents this month. . .

Acolytes

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| 2/05 | 8:00 am | Damian Chaloner / Jayden Leuth |
| | 9:30 am | Dillon Hagen / Drew Hellickson |
| 2/12 | 8:00 am | Lindsay Behne / Johanna Blanco |
| | 10:40 am | Grayson Loos / Rylan Webster |
| 2/19 | 8:00 am | Damian Chaloner / Kayla Manuell |
| | 10:40 am | Sam Rivas / Kyle Hooten |
| 2/22 | 4:15 pm | Sam Hildestad / Sam Sonnabend |
| | 7:00 pm | Jacob Pralle / Jacob Erpelding |
| 2/26 | 8:00 am | Lindsey Ward / Madisyn Timm |
| | 10:40 am | Danae Oldenburg / Jady Shumaker |
| 2/29 | 4:15 pm | Lindsay Behne / Johanna Blanco |
| | 7:00 pm | Dillon Hagen / Drew Hellickson |

Altar Guild

Chair: Shelly Potter

Members: Karen Dee, Susan Kuehn, Connie Harnack, Leslie Rivas

Blood Pressure Nurses

Blood pressures are taken every Sunday and every third Saturday of the month.

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| February 5 | |
| February 12 | Barb Wallskog |
| February 18 | Sue Kazos |
| February 19 | |
| February 26 | |

Elders

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|------|----------|------------------|
| 2/04 | 5:30 pm | Scott Okuno |
| 2/05 | 8:00 am | Tim Strohschein |
| | 10:40 am | Kurt Rump |
| 2/11 | 5:30 pm | Terry Severson |
| 2/12 | 8:00 am | Matt Nitz |
| | 10:40 am | Dan Zemke |
| 2/18 | 5:30 pm | Darin Grewe |
| 2/19 | 8:00 am | Mick Reese |
| | 10:40 am | Dewey Wondrasch |
| 2/22 | 4:15 pm | Stan Czaplewski |
| | 7:00 pm | Scott Feeder |
| 2/25 | 5:30 pm | Eric Huan |
| 2/26 | 8:00 am | Jim Weispfenning |
| | 10:40 am | Dean Jensen |
| 2/29 | 4:15 pm | Larry Stoen |
| | 7:00 pm | Scott Okuno |

Greeters - Schedule coming soon!

Lay Readers—Schedule coming soon!

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Kim Jensen

Redeemer Women

When help is needed, the chairpersons for February, Rosie Petersen and Msxine Fieck, will call women who are listed in the church directory.

Transportation

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Ushers

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| 5:30 pm | Dale Hass and Bob Sim |
| 8:00 am | Dave Zarling, Dean Jensen, Tim Batterson Danielle Trogstad |
| 10:40 am | Marv Reinecke, Mark Fister, Gordon Hinsch, Sam Hinsch, Raf Webster, Kailey Webster, Darin Horstmann |



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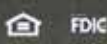
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