

Redeemer Resource



The monthly newsletter of Redeemer Lutheran Church-Rochester, Minnesota



How do I know what is happening?
Where can I get the latest news?

In this time of constant changes, it's easy to feel overwhelmed or wonder if you missed a vital piece of information. No worries! We are here for you! Here are best ways to stay connected:

- ① **EMAIL:** If you have not been receiving our weekly email communications, please contact the church office to verify that we have your correct email on file. This is the fastest and most reliable way for us to communicate quickly.
- ① **WEBSITE:** Be sure to check the Redeemer website (www.redeemer-rochester.com) for updates or previously released information. Links to all communications are on the front page in the orange box.

Do you know of someone who does not have access to either of the above options? Be a personal touch! Reach out and share information with each other.

- ① **Contact the Church Office:** Staff are usually available Monday-Friday, 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. Phone: 507-289-5147. Email: office@redeemer-rochester.com

June 2020

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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*Praying for our
Family of Believers
in Prayer*

June 6/7, 2020

- ✝ Bob and Tracy Decklever, Jacob
- ✝ Claire Wilhelm
- ✝ Bob and Ardis Jenkins
- ✝ John and Dorothy Zemke
- ✝ Lois Lueth

June 13/14, 2020

- ✝ Josh and Rachel Heirigs
- ✝ Eric and Kami Lenz, Kai and Elana
- ✝ Brock Neumann
- ✝ Jaqson Reimers
- ✝ Craig and Krisanne Nelson, Alexis

June 20/21, 2020

- ✝ Bryce and April Beckman, Adelaide and Alaina
- ✝ Brandon Kennedy
- ✝ Irma Kent
- ✝ Bret and Sarah Peterson
- ✝ Bruce and Mary Kennedy

June 27/28, 2020

- ✝ Steve and Dawn Ferschweiler
- ✝ Kurt West and Claire Lovick-West
- ✝ Ruth Hein
- ✝ Curtis and Linda Lenz
- ✝ Christopher and Judy Jerabeck, Tyler



Remember in Your Prayers. . .

Hospitalized/Health Concerns

- ✝ Sue Walch, Will Mennecke, Donette Adler, Josiah Ketchum, Miles Tostenson, Barb Wondrasch, Bob Trebble, Lynn Hebig, Lee Nauss, Mike Hanley, Sue Wondrasch, Todd Zmina, Betty Mueller, Jennifer Pralle, Mike Sonnabend, Olivia Reddick

Receiving Hospice Care

- ✝ Goldie Goldberg
- ✝ Arnold Boese

Grieving

- ✝ Mary Swenson and her family upon the recent death of her son, Roland.
- ✝ Bernie Nesler and his family upon the recent death of his sister, Faye.

Rejoice

- ✝ With Bob and Bonnie Hoenk who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on May 19.
- ✝ With Will and Janet Mennecke who celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on May 16.
- ✝ With Dick and EiLeen Miller who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on May 8.
- ✝ With Bob Hoenk who celebrated his 90th birthday on May 2.
- ✝ For the vocation of Mothers

Encouragement/Guidance

- ✝ For our governmental and civic leaders in the Rochester area.

Courage

- ✝ For fellow Christians living in persecution in many parts of the world.

Thanksgiving

- ✝ For our Sunday School teachers and all other volunteer educators.

Staff Reflections – “Plans... and God’s Plans...”

Plans...

Normally during a time like this, I would be in the church office... working on all the things that need to be communicated for Youth Ministry, Adult Ed, Sunday School, VBS, and writing an article for the Resource. Today, Family of Believers, I’m in my home, from my kitchen table... at 2pm on a Tuesday afternoon... writing an article to you without much to share about all those things as I typically would.

My plans are in tatters. There’s not a shred left of the old. The house projects I had plans with friends and family to do? On hold. RSE? That’s now different. Our Chicago Mission trip with high school youth? Canceled. SO MANY Weddings! Now on hold... VBS? Not in person this year...

If you’re like me, the brokenness of your plans breaks your heart... maybe it angers you... maybe it drives you to depression. I think it is important that we acknowledge this, Church. It is also important for us to acknowledge that God is bigger than this.

One of my favorite, and also most frustrating verses in the Bible, is Jeremiah 29:11, *“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord; plans to prosper and not to harm you, to give you a hope and a future.”*

Though I taught a class on this in January, it then would have NEVER occurred to me that as a world, nation, and Church we would be at this spot we’re in now. God’s Plan could not at all be this...

Worldwide and even state-initiated Government closures due to a pandemic? Nearly 90,000 Americans dead by the time I’m writing this in mid- May? Schools cancelled and called off? There’s no way! With all of this around us... what are we to make of God’s plan for us? Feeling Hopeful? Prosperous? *What future are you seeing?!*

Much of the 8-week class I taught on this delved into what it means in our world and for our faith when God’s Will seems like a tragedy. What are we to make of a God who would allow Covid-19? Let’s get down to the basics-

Is God all-powerful? Is God all-knowing? Is God always present? Is God good?

Let me help you with the answers... the answer to all of them is YES! Even in the midst of this... God is still GOOD! God allowing Covid-19 to happen does not mean that His ultimate plan for our hope and future is broken. Instead it focuses our attention right back on Jesus. Jesus is that answer to God’s eternal plan for us. You may have had plans, your business you poured everything into, your financial security... all hanging by a thread, but that does not mean that God has changed his stance toward you. He loves you! He shows it in Jesus being the ultimate sacrifice for our sins... and still giving us grace upon grace we do not deserve, each and every day.

Your world may be so different than you want it to be... I know mine sure is. Your plans, like mine, may be in complete tatters. You may be angry with what God has allowed to happen... I have been, and sometimes I still have my moments.

Know this: God is bigger than the frustration and anger and He’s there to listen! Come to Him with your frustration and anger. He is able to turn that into peace and joy. It may take time, but God’s Plan is always for our ultimate good: a joy-filled, eternal family celebration in heaven.

So I hope, even as this situation drags on, that you would be able to look around and have moments of God-given clarity. How is God using this for good? How can God use you, in the midst of this, to further His mission that continues right here and now? How can you help reconcile people that are becoming increasingly more divided?

Look for the good in who God is. His plan remains... His purpose is true... He loves us still!

God’s peace, love, and providence to you!

Josh Heirigs, DCE

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June 7: The Holy Trinity

Theme:

Readings: Genesis 1:1—

2:4a; Acts 2:14a, 22-36;

Matthew 28:16-20

June 14: Second Sunday After Pentecost

Theme:

Readings: Exodus 19:2-8;

Romans 5:6-15; Matthew

9:35—10:8 (9-20)

June 21: Third Sunday After Pentecost / FATHER'S DAY

Theme:

Readings: Jeremiah 20:7-

13; Romans 6:12-23;

Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

June 28: Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Theme:

Readings: Jeremiah 28:5-9;

Romans 7:1-13; Matthew

10:34-42

For the latest and most up-to-date information, be sure to check out the information on our website:

www.redeemer-rochester.com



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

All services are available

via Live Stream on:

Facebook page:

***Redeemer Lutheran
Church-Rochester, MN***

Or

*YouTube: RLC-Family of
Believers*

***We will Livestream the
8:00 am Sunday
service***

**You can watch LIVE or
watch the service later!
Join Us!**





PORTALS OF PRAYER

Portals of Prayer daily devotional booklets for July through September are available for pick up from the little library located on the East side of the building by the office entrance. Feel free to stop and pick up a copy for yourself and share one with a friend! If you are unable to pick one up, please call or email the church office (289-5147/office@redeemer-rochester.com) to have a copy mailed to you.

OUR DAILY BREAD

Daily devotional booklets for June through August are available in the little library on the East side of the church by the office entrance. You can also sign up to receive this devotion by email at go.odg.org/devotional or find them on Facebook at [Facebook.com/ourdailybread](https://www.facebook.com/ourdailybread). If you are unable to pick up a copy, please contact the church office to arrange to have one mailed to you.

"MY DEVOTIONS" FOR FAMILIES

The Summer edition of "My Devotions" for June through August is available for pick up in the little library on the East side of the building. If you are unable to pick it up and would like to have a copy mailed to you, please contact the church office.

LUTHERAN WITNESS

This monthly publication is also available for pick up in the little library on the East side of the building. Please contact the church office if you need a copy to be mailed to you.

If you have any questions on this information, please call or email the church office.

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TRANSITION TEAM UPDATE:

Team Members: Bill Cochran, Grant Wilson, Connie Scheid, Ric Thieke, Lowell Dale, Tim Kanne, Aaron Peter, Michael Harvey, Delores McGillivray, Pastor Adam Koglin

Goal: Reopen Redeemer Lutheran Church for the Sacraments, Worship, Bible Study and ministry in a way that provides a safe and healthy environment that best meets the needs of our staff, our Family of Believers, and our community.

May 26th Motion: Live Streaming will be Redeemer's worship format for the remainder of May and through, at least June, as the Transition Team works through the many and complex requirements of reopening our Church. Made by Lowell Dale - Seconded by Grant Wilson - Passed Unanimously.

Stay Informed: Weekly Ministry Updates will be sent out through Redeemer's email blast. If you are not receiving those, please call the church office, 289-5147. These updates will also be posted on our website under the tab "Ministry Update."

Provide Feedback: On May 28th in our weekly email blast a survey went out. This survey is a chance for our staff and our Transition Team to take a pulse of how our Family of Believers feels about opening, mitigation strategies, and Spiritual care. This will also go out in a letter to everyone the first week of June.



WORSHIP CD's AVAILABLE

For those members who are unable to Livestream worship services during this time, you can contact the church office to have an audio CD copy of a worship service made for you. It can be mailed to you or can be picked up in the church office.

Contact the office,
507-289-5147 or email at:
office@redeemer-rochester.com

RUMMAGE



NOTICE: Sarah Circle will **not** be organizing the annual Rummage Sale in September in consideration of the safety and health of Redeemer volunteers.



Hello Redeemer!

God's peace to you! Normally, I would be addressing all of you to conclude our Sunday school year, celebrate our awesome teachers, and look forward to what God is going to do over the summer through the awesome programming we have for youth and children. Today, we are faced with new realities of changing times and safety considerations we never had to consider before.

In light of this and with so much yet unknown, planning an in-person Vacation Bible School at Redeemer's campus for this July is unwise. The VBS team did not want to arrive at this decision. We crave the opportunities to engage with kids directly and share in their joyful laughter as they hear the Gospel. We long for the day we can do that again. However, your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors matter to us right now!

We are still going to be connecting with students! We'll soon be sending out an invite to register for some VBS helps. Our VBS team is still working on what that will look like. Though VBS will most certainly look differently, God is still going to do something awesome!

In His Grip,

Josh Heirigs, DCE

VIRTUAL GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT/DISCUSSION GROUP

You Are Invited to Attend Our First Virtual
Grief & Loss Support/Discussion Group for
Redeemer Members



We will be starting a virtual, 6-week Grief and Loss Support Group for members of Redeemer on Wednesdays, June 10; 6/17, 6/24, July 1, 7/8, and 7/15, from 2-3:30 p.m. All members, or friends of Redeemer, "who are traveling their grief journey", are welcome. This group is offered in a Christ-centered and Christian-based environment.

If you have access to a computer, iPad, cell phone, or any other electronic device that has internet access, you will be able to attend the group. We will be using Zoom conferencing, which is quite simple to use. It is much like live-streaming our Sunday services. You will be sent a link and you just double click on the link to join the group. If you are interested in attending the group and have not used Zoom, you will be called to familiarize you with its use.

Weekly Support/Discussion Group Themes

Week One: Defining grief and loss, both Biblically and personally.
(Getting acquainted, sharing stories, and sharing individual perceptions of grief and loss)

Week Two: Learning about the "Three N's of Grief: Normal, Natural, and Necessary" (Sharing Biblical and personal experiences and physical and emotional symptoms in being a survivor of loss).

Week Three: Learning about and discussing healthy coping methods for grief and loss, as well as, dealing with the emotions of anger, guilt, loneliness, depression, fear, and sudden upsurges of grief.

Week Four: Discussing the importance of prayer in our daily lives (particularly during the healing process, & using supportive scriptural passages). Identifying the "H-E-A-Ling People" in our life and how they connect us all to God," helping us to know "When we are feeling better."

Week Five: Making personal commitments in healing from loss: Starting to develop "Personal Action Plans."
Planning for "Rebuilding and Remembering" loved ones, as well as well as, discussing practices in self-care, spiritual support, and healthy coping.

Week Six: Putting It All Together: Next Steps in healthy grieving, healing and Beyond! (Includes important resources available to us all)

If you are interested in attending this group please contact:

Kathy Zarling, RN, Redeemer Parish Nurse, at: 507-398-7036,

*or contact the church office (507-289-5147), **by Sunday, June 7th.***

We look forward to having you join us!



Redeemer's Rochester Servant Event cannot happen as it usually does. The planning team has come together and is excited to offer:

Rochester Servant Event: Limited ADDition!

This event is limited in some ways by the pandemic, but its mission is to ADD service, care and the hope of Jesus into the Rochester community!

To do this we are asking people to register to let us know if you would like to serve. Families can register together and serve together. Age restrictions are up to the parents. A family will be connected with a project. Small groups will serve. An individual can sign up and we will put together a team of people (fewer than 10). You will bring your own lunch, if needed, and a mask. You will drive or arrange to be dropped off at the work site and serve with a small team keeping the recommended social distancing.

There will be outdoor projects around Rochester and projects people can take home to do on their own or as a family. *Rochester Servant Event: Limited ADDition* will help supply tools and supplies as needed.

This event is free. Free Will donations to support the ministry will be accepted but not asked for. We are doing this together. The *Rochester Servant Event: Limited ADDition* planning team is working hard to facilitate a way for God's people to join Jesus on His mission in these difficult times. We hope you join us! We hope you are patient with us as we flexibly plan in these changing times. We hope that together we can bring a HUGE light to Rochester!

Follow this link to register:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeAGI1gVFFwjCHBZzoNJDxVHut5SFSzczp7_3Q0FWDEoIRFFg/viewform



GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Congratulations to our Redeemer
2020 High School Graduates!
Please keep these young people
in your prayers.
Tyler Bell



Tyler Bruns
Noah Decker
Alia Diercks
Eamon Driscoll
Taylor Fick
Addie Harvey
Anthony Hastings
Bethany Mennecke
Hailey Moore
Ethan Poch
Olivia Rossman
Noah Schmitz
Davis Schulz
Sophie Schwarz
Taylor Thieke

Health Notes



CLOTH FACE MASKS – AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE OTHERS!

This is a time of many unknowns for our nation and world. People have differing opinions on the best way to stay healthy. Why not view this as an opportunity to serve others?! Anyone can unknowingly carry the virus (and spread it to others) for several days before showing any symptoms. Cloth face masks can help slow the spread of the novel Coronavirus by keeping your germs contained.

Cloth face masks do not cost much to make, and they allow the various healthcare professionals to have all of the medical-grade masks necessary to stay safe on the front lines. Cloth masks are also very easy to use! Here are some basic guidelines on how to care for your cloth mask:

- ★ Make sure your mask covers both your nose and mouth. It should fit snugly, but not make it hard for you to breathe.
- ★ Your mask should have two to three layers of fabric, and should be secured with ear loops or ties.
- ★ Know how to safely remove your mask. Grab the mask by the ties or ear loops and carefully place it in a plastic bag or directly into the washing machine. Wash your hands after removing your mask.
- ★ Machine wash your mask in warm or hot water after each use.

Redeemer has been blessed by several church members who have sewn cloth masks. If you do not have a mask and would like one, please contact the church office or one of the Parish Nurses. When we are able to gather together for church services, the masks will be available for anyone who does not already have one.

Information in this article is from the CDC's website,
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

MUSIC NOTES

by April Beckman, DPM

Virtual music:

I am so thankful for those of you who have shared time and talent for special music during this COVID time. If you are interested in joining in on sharing, please contact April Beckman at: beckmana1@hotmail.com or by contacting the church office at: 507-289-5147.

Summer Organ Recitals at Trinity have been canceled this summer. April will not be having a recital this summer as had previously been planned.



Notes of Thanks...

Thank You

Thanks for the Easter Lily and red rose. Enjoyed them much! Thanks to Gloria and Bobbi for delivering them and the phone calls. God's blessing to all! - *Pat Markwardt*

Thank You

This is a thank you to Gloria Poch and Gail Sims from Project Compassion. To Gloria for delivering an Easter Lily and to Gail for delivering carnations to Bob for his 90th Birthday. The flowers and visits were very much appreciated! - *Bob and Bonnie Hoenk*

Thank You

Thank You, Redeemer! Starting on April 20th, Lee experienced a reoccurrence of AFIB (Atrial Fibrillation). His first episode was in June 2017. He was hospitalized at St. Mary's where they did a cardio conversion. This time it happened during COVID-19 lockdown. It was the advice of his physician to be treated at home and not risk getting exposed to the virus in the Emergency Room. It was good advice. After a few days on the medication and many, many prayers from family and friends, Lee is doing very well and hasn't experienced any more symptoms for about three weeks. We want to THANK YOU, our Redeemer Church Family for all your calls, cards, prayers and support. We are so happy to call Redeemer our church home! Jesus bless each of you and we pray that all of you stay healthy, too. We miss you and hope to see you soon!

- *Lee and Geri Nauss*

Thank You

Thank you so much to Project Compassion and Julie Walters for the gorgeous lily she delivered to us for Easter. Also, for the phone calls and beautiful greeting cards we received in honor of our 65th Wedding Anniversary. We are so blessed to be members of Redeemer and our Family of Believers. - *Dick and EiLeen Miller*

Thank You

We would like to thank Project Compassion for the beautiful Easter Lily. It brought a touch of Spring to our home. Thank you Pastor Koglin, Pastor Loos and staff for the online services. The Easter service was very inspiring, as well as, the Music Service. - *Linda and Virgil Eickhoff*

Thank You

Thank you, Project Compassion, for remembering us with a beautiful rose and then again with an Easter Lily. Our house has been beautiful with the flowers, plus, a week before our children delivered 3 dozen tulips to celebrate our April birthdays, just six days apart. We looked like a greenhouse! We appreciate the support our Family of Believers sends to us daily and each Sunday. God bless you all and especially at this time with Gloria's delivery, her bravery to be out and about. - *Bud and Norma Holst*

Thank You

Just a little note to say thank you to Project Compassion for my beautiful birthday rose. It really brightened my day. - *Inge Peiker*

Stewardship: Your Response to God's Love

May 2/3, 2020

Local Ministry..... \$17,883.00
 Missions \$2417.00

May 9/10, 2020

Local Ministry..... \$12,489.00
 Missions \$1689.00

May 16/17, 2020

Local Ministry..... \$17,542.76
 Missions \$3213.50

May 23/24, 2020

Local Ministry..... \$
 Missions \$

Memorials and Special Gifts

- ♥ \$50 for Project Compassion Fund
- ♥ \$1400 towards Good Samaritan Fund
- ♥ \$1000 towards Music Fund
- ♥ \$202.66 for Alleluia Singers
- ♥ \$100 to Undesignated Memorials in memory of LaVonne Sas
- ♥ \$65 to Library Fund in honor of Dick and Eileen Miller's 65th Wedding Anniversary
- ♥ \$100 for Technology Fund
- ♥ \$10 to Undesignated Memorials in memory of Cy Griebenow
- ♥ \$70 in honor of Bob and Bonnie Hoenk's 70th Wedding Anniversary



Stewardship Update

Redeemer Family of Believers - The commitment to your tithe/giving is truly amazing! Even though we are going on over 2 months of not being able to worship together, I can see your dedication to the missions our staff is working on each and every day.

As I look back over the past few months, I can only appreciate all that we have accomplished as a Family of Believers. The biggest accomplishment I can see is the expanded access to services, Bible Studies, and Christ Care groups to believers outside of our church walls.

Another big "shout out" needs to go to all the staff and team leaders. You have been extremely fiscally responsible during this time and our April financial statement shows that hard work.

Year to Date Financial Statement (as of April 30)

Income: \$391,564.35
 Expenses: \$372,293.91
 Net Income(Loss): \$19,270.44

Please remember that if you are part of a Ministry Team to check with your Council representative to see if you have a designated fund.

- Eric Brown, Treasurer



Dorothy LaVonne Sas

LaVonne Sas died Tuesday, May 5th, 2020, at Madonna Towers at the age of 87. Graveside services will be held in Leaf Valley at a later date. LaVonne loved to sing in the church choir and loved being a part of Redeemer's Family of Believers. She worked as a medical secretary at Mayo Clinic for 22 years and she loved to have fun with friends and family by playing Scrabble and cards.

I will always remember LaVonne's kindness towards me when I first took the call here and her faith in Jesus as she shared her personal story with me in a visit. Her grace and loving-kindness to me reflected our Savior's loving-kindness. It was only fitting then that I was privileged to visit with her the day she died to help her close this chapter of her journey with the Lord in the loving-kindness, peace, and hope of our risen Savior who even now holds LaVonne in the palm of His hands. - Pastor Ben Loos



*Strategic Planning =
Seeking God's Will;
Embracing His Mission*

In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps. Proverbs 16:9

As outlined in last month's Resource, we have had to adjust our approach and be flexible with our schedule. Our plan was to arrive at a final set of Strategic Focus statements and share them at the May Voters' Meeting. However, for obvious reasons, that meeting did not happen. Our hearts were in the right place, but the Lord had other things in mind.

God has given us a unique opportunity. He is establishing our steps. The Strategic Focus statements that are so near completion will now be tested in new and exciting ways. Do the strategic directions these statements move us toward hold up in changing times, keeping us focused on the bigger picture? Now that this world has changed in some very fundamental ways, are changes needed in these statements?

The Strategic Planning process will continue in good time, and the goal remains clear – to arrive at a final set of statements that we will bring to the congregation when we are once again able to gather for a voters' meeting.

Please keep this process in your prayers. We will eventually get to a place where we can look forward again. Meanwhile, in the words of Paul to the Colossians...

We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience...

Colossians 1:9-11

Questions? Comments? Concerns? Please reach out to a member of the Discovery or Leadership Teams. Discovery Team members were published in November's Resource. Leadership Team members are Pastor Koglin, Michael Harvey, Marcia Cochran, and Kurt Rump.



Church Council Highlights - May 12, 2020

Review & Acceptance of April 2020 Council minutes:

Rhonda Kanne

1. **MOTION: Accept April 2020 Council Minutes M/S/P:** Jay Kurtz/Eric Brown

Review & Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report:

Eric Brown

- Praise be to God for our current financial standings!
 - Available cash \$111,794
 - Dedicated funds are up \$8K from last month.
2. **MOTION: Accept April 2020 Treasurer's Report M/S/P:** Grant Wilson/Darin Grewe

Trustees Report:

- Spring clean up was completed by the Trustees the last weekend in April.

Staff Reports: Pastor Koglin, Pastor Loos, Michael Harvey, Josh Heirigs, April Beckman, Martha Farag
Pastor Koglin:

- There has been a rapid learning curve for all staff on how to do things during this time.
- April put in a tremendous amount of time to accomplish Music Sunday! Feel free to send her a note thanking her for this blessing!

Pastor Loos:

- Volunteers recently placed a Google Form on the front door of residents in our local neighborhood, asking if they required any assistance during this quarantine time. We received more feedback from individuals wanting to help rather than those in need.
- Spiritual Care Form – This will be a touch point for the congregation to see how they are doing, asking if anyone is in need, or would like a call from one of our staff.

Michael Harvey:

- RSE will not be taking place as planned. We are, however, as a team still meeting and are hopeful to roll out assistance in a safe way. Possibly a way for families to serve together. There will not be food, but are looking at worship options.
- Sabbatical – Covid-19 has placed restrictions in place that would affect the plans for Michael's Sabbatical. He will report to council in June as to his decision to take it or postpone.

Josh Heirigs:

- VBS will not be able to meet in July. There will be an email sent 5/14/20 with this information, as well as a form asking those families how we can help going forward.

At Large Report(s): Megan Grudem/ Molly Gommels/Kay Kluge/Jay Kurtz

- **Megan Grudem:** Endowment committee is continuing our work via digital platforms.
- **Molly Gommels:** Most teams are not meeting, but she is reaching out to members via phone.

Kay Kluge: Ministry teams

1. Christ Care:

- a. Paul Rengstorf for **Malachi** – Meeting by Zoom
- b. **Partners** (Paula Muth) - Meets using Zoom.
- c. Dawn Shelstad for **Emmanuel** has not met, but in March and again in April, she calls members to ask for prayer requests.
- d. Kristie/Scott for **Agape** -- Met in March before the Stay-at-Home order, but not sure if they met in April or May
- e. Paul Lewis for **New Beginnings** has been calling his members
- f. Bobbi Lewallen for **Shalom** -- She mails devotions to supplement her calls
- g. Dee Christenson – Not sure about meeting, but they call their members
- h. Mary France Burton – Not sure about meeting but they call their members
- i. Gennrichs for **Koinonia** – No meeting but connecting via email
- j. SEA is meeting via Zoom

2. Elderberries: Not meeting

3. Health Cabinet – Meeting via Zoom

4. Monday Morning Women's Bible Study – Uses Google Duo. Meets on Monday for Bible Study and on Thursday for Fellowship. This has really helped them through this difficult time.

5. Stephen Ministry – Using Zoom and keeping their normal meeting schedule - First and Third Thursday of every month. All is going well.

6. Tuesday Morning Men’s Bible Study – Meeting via Zoom

7. Tuesday morning Women’s Bible Study – Not meeting. Will reconvene in the fall.

8. Wednesday evening Men’s Bible Study – Not meeting

Jay Kurtz:

From Delores McGillivray:

- Sarah Circle is not meeting of course— however, I am sending emails and postal mail once a month to keep in touch and keep members updated on MN South District LWML news. Even include some humor.
- Our May event serving RARE (Rochester Area Retired Educators) was also canceled with a fall date set in September. Now, though, since large group meetings are still probably iffy in the fall and most of us are in the vulnerable age group, we are notifying the group that we will not be serving them in September either.
- For the same reason, I am putting a notice in the June Resource that Sarah Circle will be not be holding a Rummage Sale this year, citing health and issues for volunteers and customers.

Elders Report: Darin Grewe

- Continue discussions on what needs to happen for curb side Communion.
- Working with Nomination Committee for Elder requirements going forward.

Community Engagement, Education, Riverside

Parent Community & Advisory Team:

Josh Heirigs/Connie Scheid/Dan Zeccardi

- Neighborhood association is collecting masks to distribute to those in need.

OLD BUSINESS

Nominations Committee for 2020-2021: Pastor Koglin and Grant Wilson

- List was provided for the positions that need replacements, along with names for each position.

3. MOTION: Accept the Nomination Committees recommendations: M/S/P: Grant Wilson/Jay Kurtz

Nursery Coordinator: Pastor Koglin

- The position was extended to Brandy Collopy and she accepted!

NEW BUSINESS

Live Streaming Status: Michael Harvey

- They are adding videos for readers.
- Trying to expand the outreach of the service with call-in for those individuals that do not have access to live streaming video.
- Working with Jay Kurtz on refining the sound.
- Shout out to all the clickers that have been available to assist during service, their assistance is much appreciated!

Voters’ Meeting May: Bill Cochran

- As we will not be having a May Voters’ Meeting, Bill is looking at ways to move forward with the Nomination Committee’s recommendations for replacements. Further discussion in June.

COVID-19: Pastor Koglin

- A Transition team will work alongside the Administrative Pastor and Staff to prayerfully prepare for an intentional, safe, and calculated transition back to in-person worship and activities.

4. MOTION: Passed Council to support the

Transition Team: M/S/P: Molly Gommels/Jay Kurtz

Submitted by Rhonda Kanne, Council Secretary



June 2020

2019–2021 LWML MISSION GRANT #11

Mission Grant Prayer Guide and Story

PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS

Prayers for the mission of Lutheran Braille Workers reaching out to people who are blind and visually impaired with the Good News of their Savior, Jesus Christ.

PRAYER #1

Dear heavenly Father, we thank You for blessing the work of Lutheran Braille Workers and the dedication of thousands of volunteers who have labored to print and assemble braille Bibles. We ask You to continue to bless their work so that the love of Christ can spread to people who are blind or visually impaired. In His name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER #2

Dear Father in heaven, we thank You for the creativity You have given people who design machines that are necessary for printing pages of the braille Bible. The equipment and technology allow Your Word to be spread by opening the eyes of the blind and visually impaired to see You. Continue to bless the work of Lutheran Braille Workers. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER #3

Dear Jesus, Redeemer of the world, we raise before You the nearly 36 million people in the world who are blind or visually impaired. Many of these people still do not know of Your saving grace and live in a world of hopelessness. Lutheran Braille Workers strive to bring the Good News of salvation to this community. Braille Bibles can open their hearts and minds to You. Bless this grant which will provide funds to purchase the necessary equipment to print more Bibles in more languages. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER #4

Holy Spirit, the perfecter of faith, we ask You to touch the hearts of people who are blind or visually impaired. Uphold them as they grow in their faith by reading Your Word in materials provided by Lutheran Braille Workers. We also ask You to bless the workers as they assemble braille Bibles that provide hope to many people around the world. Open the hearts of LWML women to give their mites to support the purchase of needed equipment for braille printing of Your Word of salvation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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

LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS — \$100,000

The mission of Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) is to passionately reach out to people who are blind and visually impaired with the Good News of their Savior, Jesus Christ. There are over 36 million people in the world who are blind or visually impaired, with an estimate of over 94 percent of that population being unchurched. Many have not had access to reading the Word of God by themselves.

Since their founding in 1943, LBW has shared the Gospel with individuals who are blind or visually impaired. They have produced over 14 million volumes of braille, large print, and audio materials. Work started in a single language, and currently, materials are produced in over 30 languages. The volunteer force has grown from one in 1943, to over 3,000 volunteers working in 170 work centers across the United States today. LBW is one of the largest producers of braille Bibles in the world, and they are daily approached to send God's Word to people who are blind or visually impaired. Bibles are sent to people in many countries around the world, and all materials are free. Volunteers help to produce the Bible and other Christian materials in braille using zinc plates, braille presses, specialized paper, covers, and spiral bindings.

The complete braille Bible consists of 37 volumes and is over five feet in length. Each volume contains up to 90 pages on which braille is printed on both sides. Each page requires production of a separate zinc plate, via a plate embossing device (PED). Multiple plates of each page of the Bible are needed in every language. Production of zinc plates is critical to the printing of the Bible and other materials. Currently, a large workload is placed on the existing PEDs. New technology now exists that makes the embossing of these plates, and the development of plates in different languages easier. The purchase of the new PUMA-brand plate embossing device is critical to meeting the demand.








The new Puma plate embossing device, manufactured in Norway, will allow more zinc plates to be developed, and the Bible can be printed in additional languages. The saving news of God's grace then can be spread to more people throughout the world. Funds from this mission grant will help LBW purchase the machine and pay for shipping, installation, and staff training.

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Redeemer Lutheran Calendar

June 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 9:00a FB Devo 4:00p Transition Team 6:00p RSE Planning Team	2 9:00a Men's Bible Study 9:00a FB Devo 9:30a Staff Zoom Mtg 7:00p Elders via ZOOM	3 9:00a FB Devo 	4 9:00a FB Devo 9:30a Staff Zoom Mtg	5 9:00a FB Devo	6 9:00a FB Devo Haake/Simon Wedding
7 Live Stream WORSHIP - 8 am Youth Zoom - 9:20 am Peer Ministry Zoom - 1 pm	8 9:00a FB Devo 	9 9:00a Men's Bible Study 9:00a FB Devo 9:30a Staff Zoom Mtg 7:00p Church Council via ZOOM	10 9:00a FB Devo	11 9:00a FB Devo 9:30a Staff Zoom Mtg	12 9:00a FB Devo 	13 9:00a FB Devo
14 Live Stream WORSHIP - 8 am Youth - Zoom - 9:20 am	15 9:00a FB Devo	16 9:00a Men's Bible Study 9:00a FB Devo 9:30a Staff Zoom Mtg	17 Resource Deadline 9:00a FB Devo	18 9:00a FB Devo 9:30a Staff Zoom Mtg	19 9:00a FB Devo	20 9:00a FB Devo
21 Father's Day Live Stream WORSHIP - 8 am Youth - Zoom - 9:20 am 	22 9:00a FB Devo	23 9:00a Men's Bible Study 9:00a FB Devo 9:30a Staff Zoom Mtg	24 9:00a FB Devo 	25 9:00a FB Devo 9:30a Staff Zoom Mtg	26 9:00a FB Devo	27 9:00a FB Devo 
28 Live Stream WORSHIP - 8 am Youth - Zoom - 9:20 am	29 9:00a FB Devo	30 9:00a Men's Bible Study 9:00a FB Devo	Weekly updates to this calendar WILL happen. Check church website for most up-to-date information. 