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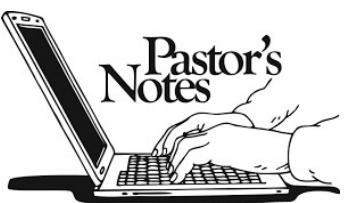
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IN TOUCH WITH REDEEMER

A newsletter by and for the family of Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Psalm 8:3-4 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?



David looked up at the sky at night and what he saw drew him to the awesome power that God possess. The numerous lights in the night sky were a reminder to David that he was a lowly creature in comparison to the expanse of the universe. The words of the Psalmist were written almost three thousand years ago in a simpler time, before the invention of computers and space travel. Modern atheists point to contributors of the Bible as uneducated and therefore they dreamed a god to keep people under control. If you see this argument in the media today, you might notice that this claim continues to try to say that humans are now more evolved than they were even a hundred years ago. Atheists might point to the advances of NASA into the exploration of space and all the technological innovations that we think we have invented as reasons to deny a sovereign God.

For all the accomplishments that we think are going to make our lives better we often get ahead of ourselves. First, the United States is not God's representative government in the world. Second, we are not so enlightened so much that God cannot admonish us when this country goes after other gods. Third, the Lord is God. Every single star that is in the night sky has been put there by a God who designed the universe. We can see them in the constellations that they form, but we struggle against the Being who designed them. We hear from some scientists that we know too much about matter, atoms, and physics. We are told that there is science that can explain how everything came together to form the earth, sun, and stars.

SERVING GROUPS

We have monthly serving groups and if you're not on the list and would like to be, contact the church office.

JULY

Lila Rekedal – 320-235-9218

Randy & Jill Augustin
Ken & Alix Behm
Mark & Amy Boeschen
Jeff Carlson
Kristine Carlson
Michelle Corti
Chris & Heidi Dahline
Wayne & Kelly Dahlke
Marv & Sharon Erdelt
Melanie Garberich
Bill & LeeAnn Houselog
Shane & Brooke Jensen
Clarence & Violet Klucas
Steven & Christine Kurtzbein
Judy Linhoff
Craig & Heather Petersen
Tina Pillatzki
Bob & Lila Rekedal
Jose & Wendy Reyes
Milt & Marcella Sadd
Leon & Carole Schultz
Lyle Smith
Wayne Streich

AUGUST

Deb Bremseth – 320-231-2089
Lori Schroeder – 320-290-7035

Matt & Teresa Behm
Art & Elaine Bolland
Deb Bremseth
Carol Dahlke
Cassie Drenkow
Kathy Eisenlohr
Scott & Rachel Grewe
Trudy Hemingway
Russ & Rachel Jeppesen
Jim & Cari Kardell
Eileen Klinghagen
David & Tamara Knapper
Jason & Jennifer Landin
Michelle Marotzke
Wayne & Laurie Nelson
Bill & Sandra Peters
Chris & Jeanne Reznecheck
Michael & Kay Sandau
Lori Schroeder
Loren & Judy Schultz
Tim & Denise Smith
Curt & Deb Swart

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

†† JULY 2021 ††

**JOIN US IN THE PARKING LOT ON SUNDAYS IN JULY AND
TUNE INTO FM STATION 101.9 FOR THE WORSHIP SERVICES.**

	ELDERS	ACOLYTES
<u>July 4</u> 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Jeff Pitt, Dave Danzeisen Steve Lueders, Brandon Kopacek	Wyatt Dahline Ayla Moyer
<u>July 11</u> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Matt Akerson Paul Meyer	Jillayna Schroeder Abigail Behl
<u>July 18</u> 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Dave Runke, Dave Danzeisen Wayne Dahlke, Steve Lueders	Emily Johnson Jackson Berghuis
<u>July 25</u> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Jeff Pitt Brandon Kopacek	Colton Dahline Dwayne Spaulding
USHERS	8:00 AM Stan Skaro, Craig Nissen 10:30 AM Ron Jaspersen	LIBRARY Anita Petersen

This July the Fourth, feel free to celebrate another birthday of our country. Feel free to relax and enjoy the company of family and the community. As we do this remember the men and women who gave their lives to defend this planet (We have been engaged around the world in the last two hundred years). As we emerge from the clouds of the past year where everything was cancelled and shutdown, please do not forget that the strength of our nation depends on the will of God. Our nation is not a rogue planet that is floating in space without a creator or purpose. This nation can be brought to its knees by something small, we are not too strong to fail. May we take to heart the words of a shepherd who kept our eyes looking up to the throne of God for everything we enjoy. Keep relying on Him for guidance and receiving forgiveness when we turn to Him in repentance. Humbly thank God for giving us the stars which show us the power He possess and the evidence that He exists and continues to watch over us.

Pastor Matt



NEW 2021 ELDER RESPONSIBILITES FOR MEMBERS

<u>Your Elder</u>	<u>Phone#</u>	<u>Household Names</u>
Dave Danzeisen	894-2396	Akerson – Bush
Brandon Kopacek	905-0734	Canion – Gast
Steve Lueders	894-5750	Gerdes – Holst
Paul Meyer	651-295-6670	Holtberg – Krueger
Jeff Pitt	894-3132	Kruse – Monson
Wayne Dahlke	262-9847	Mord – Rieger
Dave Runke	894-1474	Rodelius – Sorenson
Matt Akerson	894-4997	Spaulding – Zetah

Consider going to the Best Practices for Ministry next February in Phoenix. Contact Pastor Matt if you are interested.



Deadline to register is September 26, 2021.

BPM 2022 | Feb. 17-19, 2022 | Phoenix, AZ

This is a FREE conference for those who love the local church, the unchurched and the LCMS. This conference is open to pastors, church workers and lay people! It includes a variety of sessions, such as: leadership, children and youth ministry, discipleship, and engaging your community.

A REFRESHING NEW START

Before you read this newsletter article I want you to go read Acts 3. Yes, I said it, you can do it, it's only 26 verses.

Are we like the early Christians in Acts who Peter accused of killing Jesus? It is a pretty harsh statement. Gut reaction is I would never be included in this group. I am sure people at the time were joining in on the certainly "NOT I" bandwagon.

The truth is Peter's address in Acts 3 cuts deep in my heart and the words "You killed the source of Life" are as true in my own life as they were in the lives of that first crowd of soon-to-be followers.

I kill the source of life when:

I spend more time scrolling through other's life events than scrolling through the words of the source of life.

I killed the source of life when:

I walk past the stranger on Sunday morning in favor of talking to someone I know.

You killed the source of life when:

You spend more time (you fill in the blank) than with our Savior.

We are all guilty of it whether we want to admit it or not. If anything is true of this last year, a global pandemic has become our excuse for both good changes and bad habits that have crept into our lives.

Maybe their actions were done in ignorance as Peter said and maybe we act in the same manner. We do not always see the ways that we are putting God farther away in our lives in favor of some other priority. However, there are times we know we are choosing other things in our lives above God. To follow commandment number 1 is a daily struggle.

Although Peter accuses this group, he does not just write them off. He reminds them of God's mercy and grace. "The season of refreshing comes from the presence of the Lord." Acts 3:19. Sometimes it takes something drastic in our life to bring us back to God, or sometimes it is someone like Peter in our life that cares enough to call out to us to be reminded that we are God's child and He would like to spend some time with us.

Let this Fall be a season of refreshing as we set to restart and refresh our time with our Heavenly Father and the community of believers.

PLANS ARE UNDERWAY for a new Redeemer photo directory. Universal Church Directories will be coming October 5th-9th to take photos.

ALTAR FLOWERS Please consider signing up on the bulletin board to donate flowers for the altar this year. It may be to celebrate your birthday, anniversary, in memory of a loved one or for no reason at all! Contact Lori in the church office for any questions you may have.

PRAAYER REQUESTS forms can be found on the small tables in the narthex. Please complete your request and drop in either offering box as you enter or exit the sanctuary. You can also contact us by phone, email, text, or online.

SHOES/BOOTS Don't throw those old boots or shoes away! Bring them to church, along with your other outgrown dress shoes and tennies, and put them in the shoe box located in the narthex. They will then be taken to Lutheran Island to both benefit the camp, as well as people in other countries around the world.

CHECK OUT the library for good books to read! We also have a large variety of greeting cards and dinner napkins for sale.

LWML MITES may be brought to the church office any time.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES AVAILABLE THIS SUMMER

8 & 10:30 AM – Indoor worship

9:30 AM - Outdoor worship service with contemporary style live music. Participants can bring their own lawn chairs from home. We will meet in the grass area west of the playground on the north end of the building.





BURGER NIGHTS!

**Join us on Fridays
6:00 – 7:30 pm**



Please contact the church office if you would like communion brought to your home this summer.

**VOTER'S MEETING
JULY 25TH AT
9:15 AM**

SUN	ATTEND	COMM	PRIVATE
June 6	155	141	
June 13	159		
June 20	148	125	
June 27	156		
TOTALS	618	266	26
Out by release: Kory Behm Sarah (Paterson) Holm			

VERY BEST SUMMER! (7:00 – 8:00 PM)

Join us all Summer long for VBS Family nights. There will be an opportunity to connect with other Redeemer members and families as we grow together in God's Word.

July 14th – Come to Redeemer for SMORES' and to hear how we can dive into God's Word in our daily lives. There will be activities, snacks, and devotion.

July 28th – Come to the Rice Park Splash Pad for a night of Crazy Cool Fun as we learn all about how we are called Children of God. There will be activities, snacks, and devotion with time to explore the splash pad!

This Fall there will be several ways for your family to engage with your Redeemer family and refresh your faith.

BEYOND WORSHIP SUNDAY MORNING FAMILY CONNECT HOUR

3 years-6th grade will meet in the gym & Fellowship Hall area as we spend time hearing, talking about, and living for God. You can see a detailed schedule in the August newsletter.

7th & 8th Graders will meet in the Youth room Sunday mornings with an overview of Old and New Testament stories.

9th - Adult will have the opportunity to participate in many small group studies throughout the year to discover and discuss how God's Word plays out in their daily lives.

FALL ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Bible Presentations for 3 year olds and 3rd graders on October 10th.

Harvest Bonfire with Willmar Area Churches on October 3rd for the 3rd-5th grade and 6th-8th Grade.

Trunk or Treat - Start making plans for your decorative trunks now, as we are set to host this community event again on October 30th.

Advent Family Christmas Services - Our kids' Christmas program will be incorporated into our three Wednesday night Advent services in December, as kids and families tell about the Light of Christ entering into our world.

ADVENT-ure School is back - Our Advent-ure school will be back this December with families participating in some activities from learning about the characters of the nativity and painting nativity sets for our 3rd-7th graders, to lessons about the Advent season for our Kindergarten-2nd graders. Plus, there will be ornament painting for adults again with Rachel. December 1, 8, & 15 from 7:00-8:00 pm.

I hope your family finds the opportunity to Refresh your Faith this Fall.

Discipling one another in Christ, Cassie Drenkow, Director of Christian Education

7TH-12TH GRADE YOUTH If you are looking for Service Hours for school or to get a jump start on service hours for the 2022 Gathering, we have some projects in the office for Education & Youth ministry. Please contact Cassie in the office for more details.

PRESCHOOL

Summer Fun has begun and so sooo different from last year. Everyone is out and about. I have had quite a few chance meetings with preschool alumni so far. One of my joys- as is true for many teachers- is seeing my students years later. I love finding out what they are doing and how they have changed. Sometimes there is heartbreak but most times these former students are doing great things and enjoying life. When I see or hear about one of my alumni making the news I do like to brag a bit "They were at Redeemer Preschool!!" So far this summer I have connected with a few graduates, elementary students at parades and garage sales, high schoolers at a craft show and I hope to meet up with our Stinger.

These are my kids even though they are long gone from here. I still think of them as part of the Redeemer Preschool family. I hope someday if they are in the area that I see their children here. (although that does age me-sigh!)

Another fantastic thing that has happened is I am able to employ these alumni at the preschool. This summer we have two alumni working for us. I hope to see more in the future. Our summer program has been a lot of fun. We have had a few growing pains but overall, it is a positive addition to our school. We will continue to need staff for this program. Please send those college students my way, especially if they are interested in a career working with children.

Enjoy the SONshine!

Rachel Jeppesen, Preschool Director

Things to collect for us: Buttons-colors are the best, Kool-aid containers, Old atlases, International coffee containers (red lid on rectangle can)

July 6*	Hip, Hip Hooray for the USA
July 12	Splash City
July 19	God Gave Us Music
July 26	Olympics
August 2	Camping
August 9	Color God's World
August 16	Let's Be Farmers



Summer Sonshine Camps

Registering children age 3-9

Tuition per 5 day week: \$125

Other options available

www.redeemerlutheranpreschool.org
rjeppesen@redeemerwillmar.org

SCRIP ORDERS are due Monday, July 12th. Forms can be found in the wooden rack in the narthex or in the church office.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!! July collections will be snacks. Beef Jerky, Nuts, Raisins, Granola Bars, Microwave Popcorn, Tuna, Hard Candy, Licorice, Canned Ravioli/Beef Stew, Powdered Drink Mix. Please place donated items in box located in the narthex.

SIMPLY GIVING Please consider making your contributions to the church through the "Simply Giving" automatic withdrawal program offered through Vanco Services. This can be a real convenience to you and is a blessing to the church. What you set up can be changed at any time through a telephone call or email to the church office. You are always in complete control. It is easy to set up. There are yellow "Simply Giving" enrollment forms on the table in the narthex, in the church office or online at www.redeemerwillmar.org. All you do is put down your name, address, telephone number and your withdrawal instructions. You include a voided check or savings deposit slip (for the routing numbers), sign the form and return it to the church office. We will set it up. Done! By your structured commitments, you help us to accomplish what you have called us to do!

2021 VBS

