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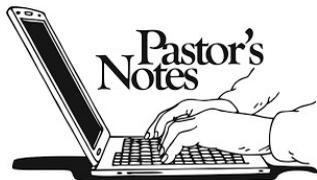
## IN TOUCH WITH REDEEMER

A newsletter by and for the family of Redeemer Lutheran Church

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*For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken. For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. Psalm 62:1-2, 5.*



In the middle of September, I took a trip to the middle of Michigan to attend a conference at one of the most historic churches in our Synod. The name of the conference was Best Practices Heartland, an event for pastors and congregation members to learn and connect. I was interested in hearing from

the main speaker, Greg Seltz, who was a Lutheran Hour speaker and now works in Washington D.C. I had seen him speak in the sister conference in Phoenix and have been very impressed. Pastor Seltz works with lawmakers in our nation's capital with church and state issues. One of the sessions during the classroom portion of the conference was to update us as to how the church was going to be different post COVID shutdowns.

The Saturday of my departure was peaceful and calm, very few cars on the road at that time. After I cleared the Twin Cities and entered the vastness of the land of Wisconsin, I settled in for a long day of driving. For some reason, I turned off the radio and drove in silence (except for the noise of the engine and the road). For twelve hours, the radio stayed off while I inched my way to my destination. With the radio off and my mind free of music, I spent a lot of time in thought. I wanted to be refreshed by the time I reached the conference. There has been a lot of activity at the office lately and my schedule has been constant. The drive to the conference was occupied with future sermons and questions that I wanted to find the answer to while with fellow Lutherans. Life in the church has changed over the last two years and that has been very heavy on my heart.

There were both positive and negative aspects of the conference. Pastor Seltz was amazing, just like I have come to know him. The main classroom session I was hoping to attend was cancelled because the presenter was in Indiana. The number of people I knew there was a fraction of the amount in Phoenix, but the conversations I did have with others were very good. When I departed for Minnesota I still had a lot of unanswered questions, I wanted to get them off my mind before returning home. There was an uneasiness to my drive (mainly because it was pouring down rain!) and I felt the journey was incomplete.

## SERVING GROUPS

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

### OCTOBER

Kim Canion – 586-707-1198  
Darla Kimpling – 320-979-7610

Jerome & Kristine Bengtson  
William & Pamela Borchardt  
Julie Bush  
Rev. Matt & Kim Canion  
Mike Christensen  
Sergio & Kelly Fernandez  
Lavonne Gast  
Tyler & Michelle Hanson  
Brian Heveron  
Frank & Carmelina Johannes  
Jeff & Darla Kimpling  
Joanne Koep  
Ray & Linda Landin  
Cindy Lubenow  
Gary & Nila Mogard  
Jennifer Rasanen  
Bonnie Rhoda  
Christy Ruegge  
Dan & Michelle Schanus  
Mel Schwartz  
Amy Uken  
Dick Zetah

### NOVEMBER

Renee Jorschumb – 320-235-5451  
Mary Mikkelsen – 320-995-6273

Geoff & Anna Barber  
Mike & Pat Botzek  
Brian & Tessa Erdelt  
John Gulden  
Norm Imme  
Ann Johnson  
Doug & Renee Jorschumb  
Lorraine King  
Nancy Koepf  
Donna Luck  
Steve & Paula Lueders  
Mike & Mary Mikkelsen  
Linda Mogard  
Randy Mogard  
Kris Nelson-Jensen  
Arnold & Lovina Obiedo  
Ruth Rieger  
Brenda Schanbachler  
Mark & Brooke Sellmann  
Beau & Yvonne Standfuss  
Todd & Michelle Thorstad  
Eric & Sherilyn Wanner

**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.**

# †† OCTOBER 2021 ††

**WORSHIP SERVICES CAN BE HEARD IN THE PARKING LOT ON SUNDAYS BY TUNING TO FM STATION 101.9.**

	<b>ELDERS</b>	<b>ACOLYTES</b>
<u>Oct 3</u> 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Dave Danzeisen, Dave Runke  Brandon Kopacek, Jeff Pitt	Andrew Sandau
<u>Oct 10</u> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Dave Danzeisen	Wyatt Dahline Abby Behl
<u>Oct 17</u> 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Dave Runke, Matt Akerson  Steve Lueders, Wayne Dahlke	Brayden Schroeder  Evan Petersen
<u>Oct 24</u> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Jeff Pitt Brandon Kopacek	Isaac Marcus Chelsea Lopez
<u>Oct 31</u> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Dave Runke Steve Lueders	Melanie Rhoda Mason McChesney
<b><u>USHERS</u></b> 8:00 AM Bill Paterson, Elloyd Bartel 10:30 AM Darrell Hoekstra, Wayne & Kelly Dahlke		<b><u>LIBRARY</u></b> Sarah Fosso

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

**JOIN THE QUILTERS** on Mondays at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. You're a quilter if you know how to tie a knot! There are also squares on the rack in the kitchen to be taken home to sew. Any help would be appreciated!



**SAVE THE DATE -- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH FROM 3:00-5:00 PM** We will be having a Nativi "tea" at Redeemer. There will be nativities on display and we are also looking for people who would be willing to decorate a table for the event, as we will have a program and "tea" also. If you would like to decorate a table, please contact Kelly Fernandez, Kim Canion, Briana Jensen, or Deb Bremseth. More information will be coming out in the November newsletter.

I wanted to find out more concerning trends in the church. When I asked the people I met at the conference the answers were mostly the same. The biggest concern on everyone's mind was what is going to happen to the local churches in the next few years. Everyone at the conference expressed concern that young families had not returned to the habit of Sunday morning worship. Churches of all sizes have seen the number of people on Sunday morning drop dramatically. Online services have provided a way for people to watch services from their home, but now researchers are using the word "disconnected" to describe the culture of the church right now.

The return home followed a different highway, but the time spent was the same. I purposely left the radio off so that my mind would not be fixated on what I was receiving from an electronic signal, I want to reflect and meditate on God's Word that I had heard at the conference. One speaker said that the church might be losing heart because the numbers we are experiencing are down as much as they are, but I had another thought in my mind during my long drive. Christian grows the most when it is met by fierce adversity. In America, we have enjoyed a culture that has been somewhat positive to Jesus. This is not necessarily the case in the post-modern United States. I for one, become exhausted at times with the task at hand to bring the Gospel back into the lives of the people who we live around; yet there is something inside me that thinks this is the best time for talking about Jesus in the last thirty years.

It is time for the local church to see possibilities to meet together again. It is time to assemble for worship services on Sunday, Bingo, Bible Studies, burgers, Advent/Lent meals, etc. Before the noise of your life spins you into your routine, try something that is out of the ordinary. Try to set aside some time soon to meditate on something from God's Word. Let me know what thoughts go through your mind, the scripture verses that come to light. Write them down and hand them to me the next time we meet.

May God bless the time you spend with Him this day!

Pastor Matt

**VOTER'S MEETING**  
OCTOBER 24TH AT 9:15 AM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

**THANKSGIVING PLANNING MEETING**  
OCTOBER 24TH AT 11:30 AM

## **CUSTOM CREATIONS - THERE IS ONLY ONE YOU**

*"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well." Psalm 139:14*

This month our Sunday school kids theme is Custom Creations-There is only one you. We will be learning about Individuality; how we are uniquely made by God and used by Him to make a difference.

I just got back from a 24-hour meeting for KINDLE, an organization I have been a part of for many years that equips 2nd chair ministry leaders to foster and multiply Christ-like servant leaders in their own congregations. I always love meeting with my KINDLE team. One, because we have a lot of fun and two, because it is a time for me to remember that before all my other roles of daughter, sibling, and church worker, I am uniquely created by God and I am His baptized and beloved child. This month's theme fits so well into this concept. Custom Creation, uniquely made by God.

I am sure that many of you play a different variety of roles in your life; mom, dad, parent, grandparent, teacher, office worker etc. but first and foremost you are a Child of God. This month we hope you and your family take time to participate with us on Sunday morning as we are reminded that above all your other roles and titles you have that you are a Baptized and Beloved Child of God first and uniquely created by Him.

Baptized and Beloved Children of God, may you come with joy into God's presence.

Here is a preview for you of this month's lessons:

Week 1: Image of God - Genesis 1:26-28 (You were made in God's image)

Week 2: Matthew - Matthew 9:9-13 (Knowing Jesus changes how you see yourself)

Week 3: Lydia - Acts 16:13-15 (Use your gifts to help others)

Week 4: Timothy - 1 Timothy 4:12 (You can make a difference right now)

Week 5: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (We can use our gifts together to make a greater difference)

Cassie Drenkow, Director of Christian Education

**THE NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING EARLY BIRD DEADLINE** for the 2022 Houston event will be Oct 1st. All 8th-12th Graders, make sure to turn in your applications and deposit to receive the early bird pricing of \$145. Deposit increases on October 2nd. The First Gathering team meeting will be on October 3rd at 11:30 am.

**ATTENTION 3RD-8TH GRADE FAMILIES** Come to the Fall Bonfire Event on October 3rd with WAC at Calvary Lutheran Church. There will be yard games, devotions, and a meal, so come and hangout with other area kids and have some fun. Signup by emailing Cassie at [cdrenkow@redeemerwillmar.org](mailto:cdrenkow@redeemerwillmar.org) by Thursday, October 2, 2021.

3rd-5th Graders @ 5:00-6:30 pm AND 6th-8th Graders @ 6:30-8:00 pm

**REDEEMER FALL CLEAN-UP DAY** will be Saturday, October 16th, starting at 9:00 am. Come and join us as we clean up around the church and prepare for the winter season. Then stay for a light lunch following as a "Thank you" for helping out.

**GLO MAZE EVENT** On October 23rd, at 6:00 pm, the 9th-12th Grade Youth Group will be hanging out at Kandi Land Farm Cornmaze for their after-hours Glo Maze Event. Dress in your craziest glow items and bring a friend for some fun as we travel through the maze.

**PHOTO'S FOR THE NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY IS OCTOBER 5-9TH.** If you haven't signed up please go online to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com) and click on Photography Appointment Scheduling Login, (available Mon-Fri only) enter (code: mn135 and password: photos) or call the church office. Please leave evening hours to working families. Sign-up sheets will be available on Sundays for those not having internet access. If you have multiple families and would like one big group picture, please schedule those times consecutively. Contact the church office if you have questions.

**SCRIP ORDERS** are due Monday, October 11th. Forms can be found in the wooden rack in the narthex or in the church office. Buying "Scrip" helps support our Preschool and Education ministries.

**SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!!** October collections will be "Snacks" for our troops. 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.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** forms can be found in the narthex. Please complete your request and drop in the prayer request box in the narthex or 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 place 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.

SUN	ATTEND	COMM	PRIVATE
Sept 5	123	114	
Sept 12	172		
Sept 19	164	133	
Sept 26	149		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Out by release: Edwin Holst, Cortney, Erin, Carson, &amp; Colton Howard</b>			

**ALTAR GUILD MEETING**

October 14th at 5:00 pm

**REDEEMER POTLUCK'S**

Let's get together on the third Sunday of each month with a potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall. October 17th at 11:30 am. Bring a dish to pass!

**PRESCHOOL**

School has begun! We have a few weeks under our belt and all is going as well as September can. We have introduced our theme: God's Team- We Are One. Using the question "What makes a good team?" we picked nine qualities to use each month for Chapel. Our first one was Working Together.

Working Together is practically the definition of Team: "Come together as a team to achieve a common goal." As we meet with parents that is a message that is shared each year. We-the teachers and parents- will help each other in our separate roles to help the student/child be successful. It is not something that can be done alone. And the team is much bigger than just the parents and teachers, it is a whole village. This team mentality is easy for some and not for others but at the preschool level it is an important thing to learn for educational success in the next 12-13 years.

The teachers picked this quality to use in September though mostly to help teach the concept of Clean-Up! If you have ever been near a classroom at that time it can be a bit stressful the first few weeks. We are consistently reminding the children that we all help each other. When we work together clean-up goes much faster. It is a challenge with all of the different personalities and developmental stages. First, they have to stop playing and then we work towards the rest.

Next week our chapel theme will center around Taking Turns- one can't do it all. At the preschool level this concept is at its most basic- when your friend is done then you can have a turn or now it is time to let another friend use that. As we grow Taking Turns is more about letting everyone have a chance at it. Share the Ball!! It is not easy whether we are big or small. When we know we are good at something it is hard to give the task to another who still needs some skill building. But that is how we grow as a team. The more Depth we have the better the unit is as a whole.

Just remember your Early Childhood Professionals at Redeemer are training the future generations to be teammates. September looks a bit grim but Everything looks so different in May!  
Rachel Jeppesen, Director

**NEWSLETTERS** Please consider having your newsletter placed in your church mailbox or emailed to you. With postage rates constantly on the rise, we can save on postage/paper. Please contact Lori in the church office.



**B-I-N-G-O!** Join us on Friday, October 1st, for a fun evening of Bingo in the Fellowship Hall at Redeemer. If you have any **NEW** items that you would like to donate for prizes, please drop them off in the office. A light supper will be served at 6:00 pm and Bingo will start at 6:30 pm.

**LUTHERAN ISLAND CAMP EVENTS**

**FALL WORK DAY AT LUTHERAN ISLAND CAMP** -- OCTOBER 9 -- Join in on the fun at the island as we tidy up and prepare for the winter! Bring your friends and family to help out at the Island! The work day starts at 9 am and goes until 3 pm. See you there!

**ONLINE LIC QUILT AUCTION** -- OCTOBER 14-23 -- The second half of the Annual Quilt Auction will be held via Proxibid! Create an account and get bidding! For any questions, contact Lutheran Island Camp at 218-583-2905. LOTS of beautiful quilts to bid on.

**QUILTING RETREAT AT LUTHERAN ISLAND CAMP** -- NOVEMBER 2-7 -- Calling all quilters! Join us for wine, friends, and beautiful quilts this November. For more information email [licprogram@islandcamp.org](mailto:licprogram@islandcamp.org).



**KRUSE HONEY FOR SALE** in the Preschool office. Quart size only for \$15. Proceeds go to the Preschool Scholarship Fund. Contact Rachel to pick yours up!

Women's Fall Event  
**Create & Craft**  
Saturday, November 20

9:00 am—7:00 pm @

Robbins Island 4 Season Shelter

Create and Craft Women's Crafting Retreat, come out for a day of crafting! Bring your own project or take part in any of our 3 crafting sessions throughout the day.

**11:00 am Visual Faith Prayers w/Redeemer Lutheran Church** led by Cassie Drenkow Cost Free

**1:00 pm Paint Therapy w/Kraft Koop** led by Rachel Jeppesen  
Cost \$10 for first piece, additional pieces extra cost  
Pumpkin, Gnome w/Pumpkins or Wreath, Plant Stake for your greenery pot or pick from a collection of Christmas Ornaments

**4:00 pm Christmas Pot construction with Stacy's Nursery** led by Molly Holten Cost \$45  
12 inch pot with assorted Christmas Greens

Signup in the Church office or online via the church website  
[www.redeemerwillmar.org](http://www.redeemerwillmar.org)



**Calling All  
Trunks**

**Trunk or Treat**

**October 30, 2021 4:00-6:00 pm**

**We are in need of:**

**TRUNKS**

**Judges**

**Greeters**

**Bag Handout**

**Traffic Control**

**Set-up & Tear down Helpers**

**Scavenger Hunt Table Volunteers**

**Storytime Reader**

**Candy**

**Contact Cassie**