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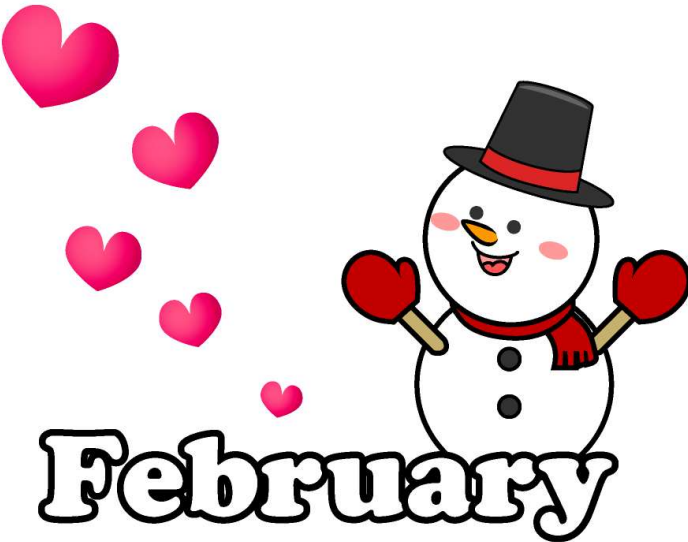
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2023

IN TOUCH WITH REDEEMER

A newsletter by and for the family of Redeemer Lutheran Church
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LENT – AN EXTRA OPPORTUNITY



Edith Cavell was a British nurse during World War I. She was captured by the Germans and eventually killed. Just before the bandage was placed over her eyes for the firing squad, she said; "I am glad to die for my country, but I realize that patriotism is not enough." Then she gave a clear and definite testimony to her personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and assurance of salvation through Christ. She died under the firing squad in 1915.

Today we hear a great deal about patriotism and renewed interest in patriotism which there ought to be. We need to show support of the brave men and women that are serving our country and also respect for the great country that God has given us. But we as Christians also need to say the same thing that Ms. Cavell said; "Patriotism is not enough."

Lent is a very special time when we can show the people around us through our life and actions, that Jesus Christ really means something to us. Our church attendance on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights reflect to the world that we sincerely believe that Jesus Christ suffered and died for us personally, and we are standing up showing our allegiance to Him as our Lord and Savior.

It is my prayer, practically every day, that all of our members and all of the members of their families, come forth and show the world our allegiance to Jesus Christ in the way we worship Him and proclaim Him to the world. Brothers and sisters in Christ, please join with me in showing our allegiance to Jesus Christ! Pastor Jack Baumgarn

I am preaching on seven statements of Christ from the cross:

February 22 – "Forgive them" Luke 23:34

March 1 – "Today you will be with me" Luke 23:43

March 8 – "Here is your mother" John 19:26-27

March 15 – "My God" Matthew 27:46

March 22 – "I thirst" John 19:28

March 29 – "It is finished" John 19:30

April 7 (Good Friday) "Father, into Your hands" Luke 23:46



SERVING GROUPS

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

FEBRUARY

Deb Bremseth – 320-231-2089

Sarah Fosso – 320-894-3325

Deb Bremseth

John & Sharon Cola

Carolyn Davis

Ryan & Sarah Fosso

Jeremy & Nichole Gleason

Keven & Diane Hillenbrand

Jamie Jackson

Roger & Nancy Klaassen

Ben Kopacek

Brad & Claudia Lenz

Brad Marcus

Gene & Rose Meyer

Randy & Melissa Mord

Nathan & Margaret Nielsen

Wayde & Sarah Olson

Tim & Stacy Pollock

Charlotte Roduner

Joseph & Katherine Schaeffbauer

Jennifer Schoumaker

Dave & Lynn Sherod

Jeff & LeAnn Stauffenecker

Tony & Kerry Texley

MARCH

Beth Corti – 320-231-1907

Alice Beckmann

Marcia Conklin

Lee & Beth Corti

Noah & Desrae Forst

Kim & Karen Heiden

Robert Hillenbrand

Ryan & Laura Jackson-Bjonfald

Robin Jacobson

Richard & Donna Johnson

Brandon & Chelsie Kopacek

Jeremy & Andria Krakow

Philip & Michelle Marcus

Mick & Heather Moyer

Cheryl Niss

Tom & Tracy Ost

Seth & Allison Pollock

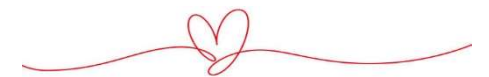
Todd & Audrey Raap

Debra Rodelius

Brad & Suzanne Skindelen

Wilfred Wenberg

Ted Wurm



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.

<h1 style="text-align: center;">++ FEBRUARY 2023 ++</h1>		
<p style="text-align: center;">WORSHIP SERVICES CAN BE HEARD IN THE PARKING LOT ON SUNDAYS BY TUNING TO FM STATION 101.9.</p>		
	ELDERS	ACOLYTES
<u>Feb 5</u> 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Stan Skaro, Mark Sellmann Jeff Pitt, Leon Schultz	Mia Corti Oscar Lopez
<u>Feb 12</u> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Dave Danzeisen Brandon Kopacek	Evan Gustafson Emma Reznecheck
<u>Feb 19</u> 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Dave Runke, Stan Skaro Steve Lueders, Ron Jaspersen	Mia Corti Devyn Frank
<u>Feb 22</u> 6:00 PM	Jeff Pitt	Brayden Schroeder
<u>Feb 26</u> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Dave Danzeisen Brandon Kopacek	Madison Runke Julia Moyer
<u>USHERS</u> 8:00 AM Tim Pollock, Mike Gratz, Judy Linhoff 10:30 AM Darrell Hoekstra, John Behl		<u>LIBRARY</u> Anita Petersen

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in your mailbox. Please do not use any of your 2022 envelopes as you may not have the same number and your offering will be posted to someone else.

Rachel Jeppesen, Preschool Director



ALL THE THANK YOU'S TO EVERYONE INVOLVED
IN THE PLAYGROUND CONTRUCTION

Thank you Gary & Mary Hillenbrand
–Hillenbrand Landscaping- for your
fantastic work & moving the
playhouse- \$10,117

Super thanks to Todd Swartz
for donating his time hauling
loads of pea rock and pulling
out the fence.

Rental of the post-hole digger and
saw to cut asphalt- \$224.83 Thanks
Russ Jeppesen for running those
machines & finishing the fence!

Thanks Myron Behm for your
tiling expertise. But especially
for moving and storing the
playground all this time!!

Tree trimming and grass prep:
Ken Behm, Ethan Friton and
Ethan Gustafson.

Laying the Patio Block: Lori
Schroeder, Laura Kassel, Heidi
Fernandez, Gretchen Fauskee &
Darla Hammerschmidt

Basketball Hoop Configuration
& Sledge Hammer pros: Pastor
Greg, John Friton, Ethan
Gustafson, Ethan Friton

Donation of pea rock and
tiling materials: Duininck, Inc
& Prinsco

Gerry Starr from Northland
Recreation who worked
circles around us!! \$900

Purchase of the playground
set which included the bonus
four benches and small
playhouse- \$4800

Steve Kotzenmacher & his
crew for creating our bike &
truck paths- \$3400

Rod Lindquist's skill with his
bobcat maneuvering pea rock
in place.

Wheelbarrow pea rock haulers:
Sarah Jeppesen, Adriana &
Abigail Behl, Christina Spieker,
Heidi Fernandez

Configuring the tube slide (at least
5 tries-Uff Da!): Larry Wessels, Dan
Spieker, John Behl, Lori Schroeder,
Luther Dykema, Larry Miller

Here, There & Everywhere
Youth Workers: Molly
Jeppesen, Kourtney
Hammerschmidt, Liz Jeppesen

DONATIONS: Congregation
members, Behm Foundation, Lila
Warwick, June Benson, Bunde &
Arnold Memorials

Thank you Ron Jaspersen,
PreCast, for donating the
concrete and the sand. And
for the new term-RELIQUIFY

Thrivent Action Team
donation of \$250 that helped
pay for part of the fencing.

Thank you to our lunch and
snack crew: Michelle Behl &
girls, Darci Mohr, Melanie
Schultz & Becky Villnow

Larry Miller –Berg's
Fabricating donated the post
for the basketball hoop.

Gene Meyer for constructing
the picket fence and other
projects still in the works!!

Queens of the Power Washer:
Sarah Jeppesen, Gretchen
Fauskee and Darla
Hammerschmidt

Adult Helping Hands: Deb
Arnold, Rollie Munsterman,
Curt Swart & Ken Nash and
Photographer Luann Palmer

Commercial Trikes to
Purchase as donations
are received

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERVICES

Worship at 6:00 pm

Supper at 6:30 pm

Boards or groups of people may sign up on the
church office window to serve supper.

February 22 – Youth serve supper

March 1 – _____

March 8 – Elder's & Altar Guild

March 15 – _____

March 22 – _____

March 29 – _____

April 6 – Maundy Thursday – 7:00 pm w/Lord's Supper

April 7 – Good Friday – 7:00 pm

April 9 – Easter – 8:00 & 10:30 am

CALL UPDATE Pastor Martin Mably has been called to serve Redeemer Lutheran Church. Please keep him, his wife, and his congregation in Elk River, MN in your prayers as he makes his decision on where the Lord is leading him to serve.

SUN	ATTEND	COMM	ADULT	ELEM	H.S.	PRIVATE
Jan 1	91	79	-	-	-	
Jan 8	180		32	6	9	
Jan 15	152	133	41	3	10	
Jan 22	156		33	4	5	
Jan 29						
TOTALS	579	212	106	13	24	10
In by affirmation of faith: Josh Hebrink & Finley, Renae Giinthir						

Don't let your funeral be the next time you attend church.



EVERYONE HAS TALENT! Put your talent to use by joining one of our church boards! Contact Tim Pollock or Tim Smith.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES Join Pastor Baumgarn in the Fellowship Hall or Danzeisen in the Trinity Room each Sunday at 9:15 am.

THE QUILTERS are in need of people to tie knots. Join us on Monday's at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall, even if it's for an hour or two. There are bundles on the wire rack in the kitchen if anyone would like to sew at home.

REDEEMER'S NEXT POTLUCK MEAL will be February 19th at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to pass!

MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS! Once again postage has increased, so please consider having your newsletter placed in your church mailbox, view it online, or emailed to you. Please contact Lori in the church office.

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. For more information on Lutheran Island Camp go to islandcamp.org.

REDEEMER GIFT CARDS! Order gift cards any time of the year! A percentage goes towards a Preschoolers tuition, to a Redeemer Youths account, or to our General Education. The percentage listed on the form is what the church receives back in rebates. Forms are located in the church office or the narthex! Deadline for this month is **Monday, February 13th**.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!! For February we will be collecting "Hygiene Products" for our troops. Eye Drops, Lip Balm, Saline Nasal Spray, Disposable Razors, Foot Powder, Multi-Vitamins, Vitamin C, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, & Sunglasses. Please place donated items in box located in the narthex.

CHURCH DIRECTORY If you would like a current directory, contact Lori in the church office. Also, let her know of any corrections.

LUTHERAN ISLAND CAMP INFO:



****WORK AT CAMP THIS SUMMER:**

****** Lutheran Island Camp is hiring for Summer 2023! The summer staff application can be found at www.nloma.org/employment/summer/. They are looking for Program Assistants, Camp Counselors, Groundskeepers, Kitchen Assistants, and Wranglers. For more information go to www.islandcamp.org/summer-employment.

****** Junior Counselors are needed for Summer 2023! Junior Counselors at Lutheran Island Camp serve under the Cabin Counselors, assisting them in their daily activities with the campers. Junior Counselors also have the opportunity to help in the kitchen! We are looking for energetic and Jesus loving teenagers, ages 15-18 (have completed 9th grade), to participate in this incredible experience. Applications are now available online. For more details, go to www.islandcamp.org/summer-employment.

****SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATIONS:** Registration for summer camp opened on January 1. Please check out the website for the list of programs offered this summer. Redeemer has scholarships available for you if you are interested in going to camp this summer.



NOTICE: DUE TO THE REDUCED STAFF IN THE OFFICE, NO ONE MAY BE IN THE OFFICE DURING THE NOON HOUR (12 - 1 PM). PLEASE CALL AHEAD.

NEW BIBLE STUDY Pastor Baumgarn will soon be starting a Sunday morning Bible study in February entitled "Eschatology", which is a study of "The Last Things". His outline is:

1. Temporal Death
2. The State of Souls between Death and Resurrection
3. The Second Advent of Christ
4. The Resurrection of the Dead
5. The Final Judgment
6. The End of the World
7. Eternal Damnation
8. Eternal Life



When God took Eve from Adam, He did not take from his head to lord it over him nor from his foot to be walked upon by him. He took her from his side to walk with him from beneath his arm to be guarded by him and from near his heart to be loved by him.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

Starting February 5th, Sunday School is looking just a little bit different. Each week we will start at 9:15 am for Large Group in the Sanctuary and then transition back to the classrooms until 10:15 am.

Pre K – Kindergarten is in the same room.

1st - 3rd grade together
4th - 5th grade together
(just down from the Trinity Room)

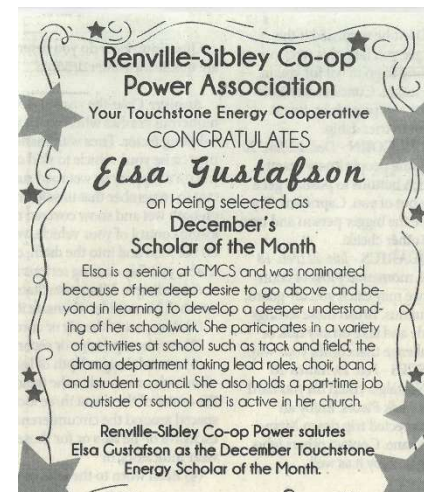
Middle School and High School will still be meeting
at 9:15-10:15 am in the youth room.

*We would also love to add another Adult Leader to the rotation to help teach Sunday School. If you're interested, please see Anna, Briana, Michelle or Josh. (Board of Education)

REDEEMER YOUTH IN THE NEWS



MACCRAY's annual Snow Week is here. To kick-off the chilly celebration, the student body has elected their Snow Week candidates. They include, back row from left, Josiah Seehusen, Joseph Heidecker, Brandon Sulier, Mike Cisneros and Jay Marcus; and front row, Serenity Lee, Madeline Miller, Lily Hultgren, Katie Gerdes and Anallely Maldonado. Coronation will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 23, where the court will be announced.



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO REDEEMER'S
YOUTH
JAY MARCUS &
ELSA GUSTAFSON!**

