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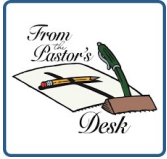


2023

IN TOUCH WITH REDEEMER

A newsletter by and for the family of Redeemer Lutheran Church
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HOW ARE WE WALKING?



A father and son arrived in a small western town, looking for an uncle whom they had never seen. Suddenly the father pointed across the square to a man who was walking away from them and said, "There goes my uncle".

But his son asked, "How do you know? You have not seen his face". The man answered, "Son, I know him because he walks exactly like my father".

The Bible says to all of us who believe in Christ as our Lord and Savior, "The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children". (Romans 8:16)

For us children of God, our lives this summer will take us many places. Will people see us and say, "I know who that person is because he (or she) walks exactly like Christ would walk".

Wow, let's think about that this summer where we go, how we talk and what we do every day, especially on Sunday mornings.

Your walking brother in Christ, Pastor Baumgarn

NEW BIBLE STUDY Pastor Baumgarn is starting a new Sunday morning Bible Study on the names of Jesus and how they relate to us. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 am.

INFORMATION CLASS Pastor Baumgarn is starting an "Information Class" on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm on June 12th. It is a membership class and good for any member in reviewing the basics on the Christian faith. It will be held in the Conference Room.

SERVING GROUPS

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

JUNE

Doris Ast – 320-214-7016

Bob & Doris Ast
Gordon & Betty Behm
Vern & Sally Bierbaum
Norm Christensen
Lyle & Vera Ehrenberg
Jon & Jessica Friton
Brennen Gulden
Steven & Beverly Hanson
Logan & Molly Holten
Josh & Briana Jensen
Joel & Sharon Jergenson
Larry & Christi Jorschumb
Burton & Carole Larson
Jon & Dawn Lingbeek
Jim & Alex Malkuch
Ken & Cindy Nash
Bill & Deb Paterson
Don & Carol Ryks
Charlene Smith

JULY

Chair: Lila Rekedal – 320-235-9218

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

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.

++ JUNE 2023 ++		
WORSHIP SERVICES CAN BE HEARD IN THE PARKING LOT ON SUNDAYS BY TUNING TO FM STATION 101.9.		
	ELDERS	ACOLYTES
<u>June 4</u> 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Dave Danzeisen, Mike Botzek Jeff Pitt, Doug Jorschumb	Esmond Gustafson Evan Gustafson
<u>June 11</u> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Stan Skaro Steve Lueders	Griffyn Dahline Devyn Frank
<u>June 18</u> 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Dave Runke, Ron Jaspersen Jeff Pitt, Mark Sellmann	Mia Corti Julia Moyer
<u>June 25</u> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Dave Danzeisen Brandon Kopacek	Brayden Schroeder Eva Berghuis
<u>USHERS</u> 8:00 AM Larry Miller 10:30 AM Brad Marcus		<u>LIBRARY</u> Elizabeth Miller

SUN	ATTEND	COMM	ADULT	ELEM	H.S.	PRIVATE
May 7	293	199	67	9	5	
May 14	188		52	8	5	
May 21	187	166	50	10	11	
May 28	134		33	-	-	
TOTALS	802	365	202	27	21	23
In by Affirmation of Faith: Mia Corti, Devyn Frank, Esmond Gustafson, Evan Gustafson, Aliyah Lingbeek, Julia Moyer, Mason McChesney, Emma Reznecheck, Madison Runke, Brayden Schroeder						

VOLUNTEERS

That’s what makes a church (& school) go “round! Those giving hands and feet are so important to the well-being of non-profits. Redeemer is no different. We have had volunteers picking up the sanctuary Monday morning, folding the newsletter once a month, planting and watering flowers spring-fall, checking & doing maintenance, serving on boards, working our events, music and tech for our church services. And all of those in the preschool: Nap-time supervisors, lunch help, librarians, classroom aides, office workers, board members, event help. Some of these “jobs” are not around anymore and others need those “cogs in the wheel” to enhance our ministries here at Redeemer.

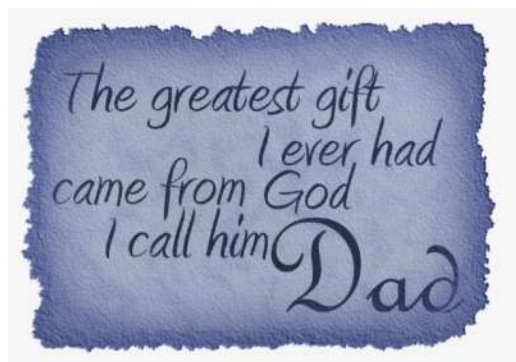
I want to give a “Shout Out” to the volunteers who bless us with their service in the Preschool. Our librarians come once every 4 or 5 weeks to read and help children check out books. THANK YOU to Renee Jorschumb, Deb Krueger, Desrae Forst, Ginny Norsten, Lynne Bredeson, Beth Corti, Margaret Nielsen and Myra Behm. The preschool board who takes on some hard decision making and serves at events: Carol Jackson, Andria Krakow, Jen Johnson, Sarah Juven and Dave Runke. I have a couple of ladies that come in when I call to do office work. Thank you to Judy Linhoff and Donna Luck.

And then there is DEB!! She has been a secure “cog in our wheel” for 18 years. I am not sure the preschool can “go ‘round” quite as effectively without her. She has blessed our children with: Smiles, hugs, cheers, conversation, tag & “monster” on the playground, lots of learning, messy art and above all a STEADFAST, FIRM FAITH In OUR LORD that she shares constantly. She has spent 6/hours one day a week with us. Such a commitment that I am very Grateful for. It is time she says to change to 1 hour/week. That is a blessing we will treasure.

We would love more volunteers to add to our “crew”!
Librarian: Mon or Tues am 8:30-9:00 am
Lunch Aide: Mon-Fri 11:30-12:30 or 1:00 (pick a day)
Project at home: Recreate visual Bible studies:
 requires tracing, cutting (w/exacto knife) & typing.
 Talk to Rachel: rjeppesen@redeemerwillmar.org
 Rachel Jeppesen, Preschool Director



Teaching, Living,
Sharing Jesus' Love



Summer Sunshine Camps

Register for children 5-11

June 5	Sea Life
June 12	I Am Unique
June 19	Storm Chasers
June 26	Creation
July 5*	Hip, Hip Hooray for the USA
July 10	Splash City
July 17	Habitats
July 24	Sports and More
July 31	Camping
August 7	Color God's World
August 14	Let's Be Farmers

Registration Form at:

www.redeemerlutheranpreschool.org

Burger Night is happening!
If you would like to help in any way, please contact
Dave Danzeisen at 320-894-2396.

There will be a bouncy house on June 9th with crafts for kids each Burger Night.



 **Happy Father's Day!** 



Open house for
Natalie Gleason

Sunday,
June 4th

5-9 pm

3501 105th
St NW,
Pennock

Open House
for
Jay Marcus

Saturday,
June 10th

8-11 am

14801 45th
Ave SW,
Raymond



2023 GRADUATE OPEN HOUSES

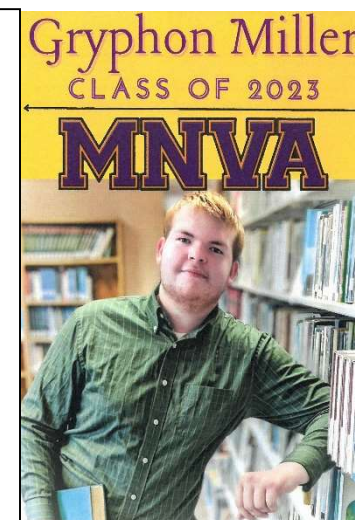


Open house for both
Kayleigh Barber &
Gryphon Miller

Saturday, June 10th

12-3 pm

4 Season Shelter at
Robbins Island
Hwy 71 South, Willmar



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY Join Pastor Baumgarn in the Fellowship Hall this Summer at 9:15 am.

REDEEMER'S NEXT POTLUCK MEAL will be June 18th at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to pass!

MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS! Please consider having your newsletter placed in your church mailbox, view online, or emailed to you. Please contact Lori.

SHOES/BOOTS/TENNIES Do you ever wonder what happens to all those shoes after you put them in the shoe collection box? Deb Bremseth bags them up and Art Bolland transports them to Lutheran Island Camp. LIC partners with Funds2Orgs. Volunteers at camp then put them in special bags and get them ready to go. Every time LIC volunteers package shoes, Funds2Orgs gives camp \$0.50/lb AND the shoes get fixed up and sent to third world countries! So, keep dropping off your shoes and boots, etc. (flip flops not accepted) and we will get them to camp to make sure they benefit LIC and people around the world.

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, June 12th.**

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!! June collections will be previously viewed DVD's (comedy and action), paperback novels, board games, electronic games, hand-held games, car games, crossword and word find books, and journals. Please place donated items in box located in the narthex.

NEEDED: Ushers for the 10:30 worship services for June, July and September. Please contact the church office. Thanks to all of those who fill in each Sunday!

TWO BATTERY OPERATED SMOKE ALARMS FOR SALE! \$13.25 each, see Lori in office.

LUTHERAN ISLAND CAMP

Exciting things are happening at Lutheran Island Camp as we continue our efforts to transform Lutheran Island Camp to meet its full potential! We are now raising money for the Education & Retreat Center to be upgraded! From now until November, your gifts will count as double thanks to a generous donor who has given a \$400,000 matching grant! Together we can make this happen! This is a \$2 million dollar remodel project of the ERC building. We have raised \$40,000 in the opening month of this effort with an additional \$25,000 of pledged support.

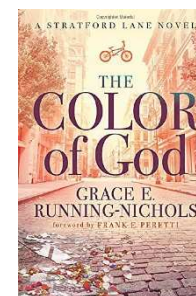
Exterior: The exterior of the Education & Retreat Center will include new siding, freshly installed windows in the dining hall, an outdoor fireplace, and a patio entrance!

Interior: The interior updates include a brand-new commercial kitchen, dining hall expansion with a view of the lake, a fireplace in the dining hall, expanded office spaces, an elevator, overflow seating in Birr Hall complete with windows overlooking the dining hall. A thoroughly modern space!

You can help by giving online or mailing a check to LIC today!

LIC OPPORTUNITIES: The camp needs help with grounds keeping, kitchen duty, and landscaping. Jobs are available for certain positions. LIC has a Wishlist that you can donate to through Amazon. Cabin rentals are available for your family. Sign up to go to summer camp, camperships are available for your child and friends. For more information on all these items and more, go to www.islandcamp.org.

REDEEMER SUMMER WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB



"The Color of God" is our next book we will discuss this summer. We will meet (location TBD) on July 26th and August 23rd at 6 pm. Bring an appetizer or snack to share. Cost is \$20. Please sign up on the church office window.

ROCKIN' ROBBINS! Redeemer will be hosting a booth again at Rockin' Robbins! We are looking for people to setup, do a short shift, or take down each night. The dates are July 11, 18, 25, and August 1. See the church office window to signup!

VBS NIGHT ON THE ISLAND! Redeemer will host a VBS night on Tuesday, June 27th at the four season shelter at Robbins Island. Children and parents are invited to join us from 4-6 pm. There will be an activity for parents and children together, then we will split and have a Bible story and activities for the kids and a Bible study for the adults. ****PARENTS, PLEASE STAY AT ROBBINS ISLAND WITH YOUR CHILD FOR VBS.**** There will be a meal from 6-6:45 pm following VBS! See ya there!

YOUTH EVENTS



BIG KAHUNA! How's your golf swing?! Youth 7th-12th grade (yes, you too graduated seniors!) are invited for an evening of mini golf at Big Kahuna in Spicer. Mini Golf will be covered, bring money for any extras you may want. Please meet at Big Kahuna at 6 pm and plan to be picked up by 8 pm.

COME HANG OUT AT THE ISLAND! All youth, 7th grade to young adult are invited for a night on the island on June 27th. We will have supper from 6-6:45 and then a quick devotion and games on the beach from 7-9.

"DEFINED, WHO GOD SAYS YOU ARE" Young women entering 9th grade through college age are invited to learn how they are "Uniquely Defined" this summer. We will be talking about who God is, what it means to be created in His image, and how we can walk in our identities as a daughter of the most high King. We will meet June 14, 22, 29; July 13, 20, 27; August 10 and 17 at 6:30 pm. Please see Briana or Anna to sign up. Cost for the study is \$10.



BALANCING ACT
Amid Life's Challenges

AUGUST 11-13TH 2023
LUTHERAN ISLAND CAMP
45011 230TH ST
HENNING MN 56551
ISLANDCAMP.ORG

1 Corinthians 10:31
So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

TENTATIVE SCHEUDLE

FRIDAY EVENING (8/11)
4-6pm Registration
6pm Picnic Supper
7:15pm Bible Study
8:30 Campfire

SATURDAY (8/12)
7-8am Breakfast & Registration
8am Ice Breakers
9:15-10:45 Breakout Sessions
10:45-11am Break
11am Photos
12-1pm Lunch
1-2:30pm Breakout Sessions
2:30-2:45pm Break
2:45-3pm LWML MNN President
3:15pm Free time/
Q & A With Presenters
5pm Dinner
6:30pm Campfire/ Entertainment

SUNDAY (8/13)
8am Breakfast
9:30am Worship & Farewell

SPEAKERS:
DEB VINKEMEIER & KATIE KOPLIN

- ITEMS TO BRING:**
- BIBLE
 - FLASHLIGHT
 - TOWEL & WASHCLOTH
 - INSECT REPELLENT
 - CLOTHES FOR SUN OR RAIN
 - PILLOW, BEDDING OR SLEEPING BAG
 - SNACKS TO SHARE
 - TOILETRIES



LWML SUMMER RETREAT

REGISTRATION INFORMATION WWW.LWMLMNN.ORG

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____ EMAIL _____ ROOMATES _____
SPECIAL NEEDS _____ UNDER 18? _____ FIRST TIMER _____
BRINGING A "FIRST TIMER"? WHO? _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 8/04/2023
(ADDITIONAL \$10 AFTER DEADLINE & NO REFUNDS AFTER 8/6/2023)
CHECKS PAYABLE TO: "LWML MN NORTH DISTRICT"

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

<input type="checkbox"/> FRI-SUN \$150	<input type="checkbox"/> CABIN
<input type="checkbox"/> FRI-SAT \$100	
<input type="checkbox"/> SAT ONLY \$80	<input type="checkbox"/> RETREAT CENTER

SEND REGISTRATION TO
VALERIE JOHNSON
13651 110TH ST, HOFFMAN, MN 56339
320-760-9540

LWML UPDATE

The LWML is alive and well here at Redeemer. We met in May with 15 women present. After much discussion, we decided we will meet in July and then begin monthly meetings in September. Our mission project for the July meeting will benefit Hope Pregnancy Center. We will be collecting baby and personal care items for new parents, so any donations you would like to provide can be dropped off in the church office in the meantime. Pastor Tim Renstrom will lead a Bible Study at our July 11 meeting. Amy Boeschen, LeAnn Stauffenecker, Sharon Skaro and myself have agreed to take on leadership roles. Amy will continue as Treasurer, LeAnn as Secretary, Sharon as Human Care Coordinator and myself as Chairwoman. We invite women from our congregation to come join us for a Potluck dinner with Bible Study on July 11th at 5:30 pm. Excited to serve with you, Brooke Sellmann.

KITCHEN REMINDERS:

- *Date and label EVERYTHING you put in the freezer or refrigerator.
- *Clean up after your event or activity -- this includes:
 - Take out the garbage and put a new bag in the can.
 - Wipe off the tables and counters.
 - Wash all your dishes and PUT THEM AWAY -- do not leave in drainer.
 - Clean out the strainer in sink -- don't leave food in it.
 - Take home the towels and wash them and return as soon as possible.
 - Clean out any coffee pots that you use and make sure you turn the Bunn coffee maker off and clean it out when you are finished with it.
 - Sweep or wipe up the floor if you spill something.
- *Leave a note if supplies are getting low.
- *Take home the leftover food from your event.
- *If something is not labeled -- it is a free for all.

We Thank You in advance for this.

The father of five children had won a toy at a raffle. He called his kids together to ask which one should have the present. "Who is the most obedient?" he asked. "Who never talks back to mother? Who does everything she says?" Five small voices answered in unison, "Okay, dad, you get the toy."

2023 SENIORS

Redeemer seniors receiving their quilts are:

Back: Jay Marcus, Gryphon Miller, Henry Johnson, Natalie Gleason

Front: Kayleigh Barber, Malinda Peterson, Adrianna Rodriguez, Elsa Gustafson

Mark & Brooke Sellmann received a quilt in memory of Eric.

(Not shown: Mackenzie Schoumaker)



2023 CONFIRMANDS

Back Row: Rev. Jack Baumgarn, Evan Gustafson, Esmond Gustafson, Brayden Schroeder, Jason McChesney

Front Row: Devyn Frank, Julia Moyer, Aliyah Lingbeek, Madison Runke, Emma Reznecheck (Not pictured: Mia Corti)



REDEEMER YOUTH IN THE NEWS

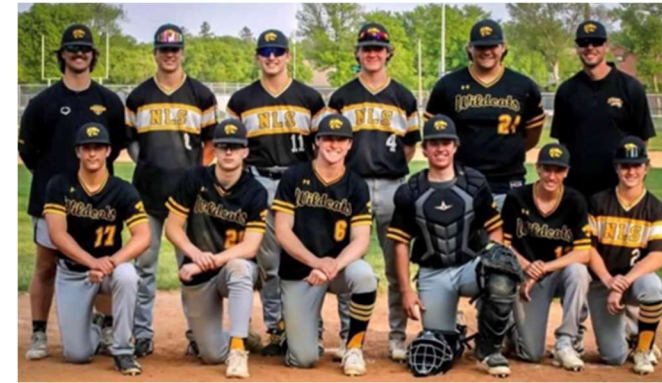
More than 120 people participated in a Polar Plunge using a custom-built mobile unit called the Plungester on April 28 at the Willmar Senior High School. Third from left is Chloe Jensen and in the middle is Tangh Conklin.



The Willmar Senior High School announced the third term honor roll students.
Seniors: Adrianna Rodriguez and Henry Johnson
Juniors: Koda Helfinstine and Matthew Mohr
Freshmen: Jackson Berghuis and Tangh Conklin



Congratulations to Natalie Gleason and Isaac Wirth for being the 2023 Music Parents scholarship recipients! These two are excellent musicians and leaders and they have put in a lot of time and effort toward the KMS band program.



The NLS Wildcat JV Baseball Team went undefeated with a record of 15-0!

Pictured on the bottom row, first one on the left is Adam Sandau. Congratulations guys!

Congratulations to Jay Marcus for receiving the John Philip Sousa award for band! This award is presented to a senior who has shown excellence and leadership throughout their high school career in instrumental music. Way to go Jay!



Henry Johnson
 CentraCare



Adrianna Rodriguez
 Normal Inspired Pathways Scholarship

Two Redeemer Willmar graduates were awarded with Willmar Civic Scholarships. Henry Johnson and Adrianna Rodriguez.