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IN TOUCH WITH REDEEMER

A newsletter by and for the family of Redeemer Lutheran Church
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Carol, my wife, and I were privileged to go to the northwest part of the United States a few years ago. Carol always wanted to see the huge redwoods on the coast of California. And we saw them – monstrous indeed!

Two of those trees may grow up year after year, a few feet from each other. Finally, after fifty or a hundred years, the trees may touch, and the bark begins to overlap and fill out so that the two trees ultimately become one. I've heard that there have been cases where a dozen trees have formed a perfect circle. Ultimately, the outward appearance will be that of a single giant tree.

Spiritually, can you image God looking down unto all of us as brothers and sisters in Christ at Redeemer Lutheran Church. As we are studying, reading, and listening to God's Word (being fed) we are growing closer and closer to Christ and each other. St. Paul put it this way, "so in Christ, we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." (Romans 12:5) Christ has made us "one plant" with Him. So, His death on the cross took out the sting of our death. His resurrection to life gives us the abundant and eternal life. St. Paul even says, "we are members of His (Christ's) body."

Wow, what privileged people we are uniting around Christ and His Word!
Yours in Christ, Pastor Baumgarn

BIBLE STUDY Join Pastor Baumgarn each Sunday morning at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall for a Bible Study on the names of Jesus and how they relate to us. All are welcome!

INFORMATION CLASS Pastor Baumgarn has started an "Adult Information Class" on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. It is a membership class and good for any member in reviewing the basics on the Christian faith. It is being 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.

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

AUGUST

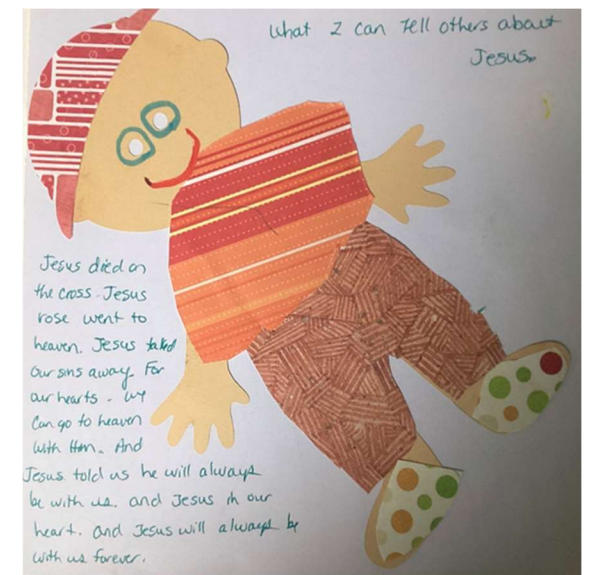
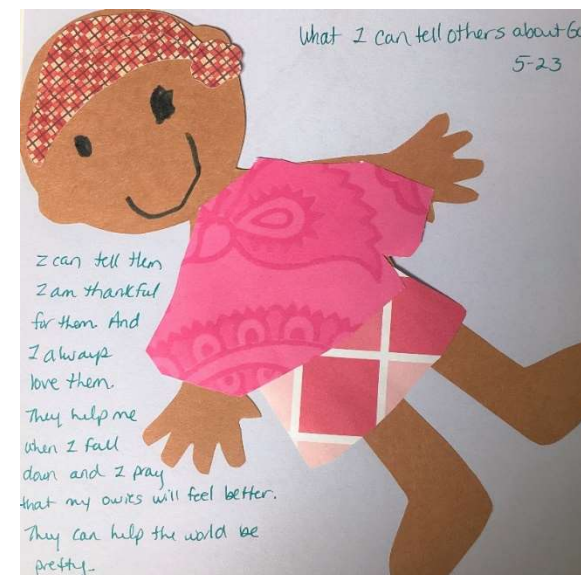
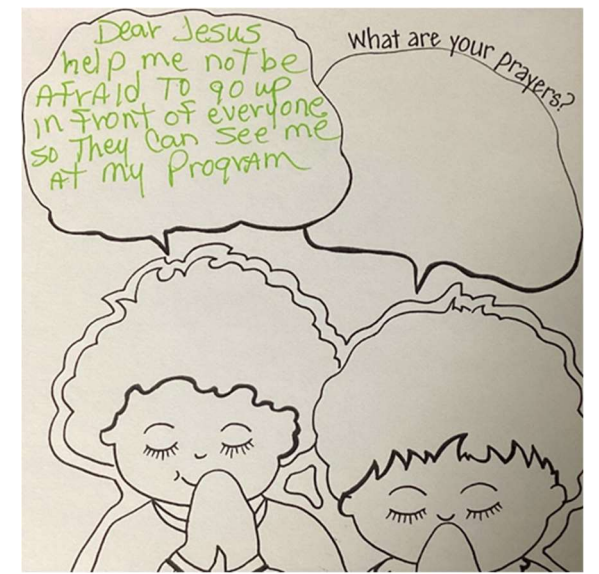
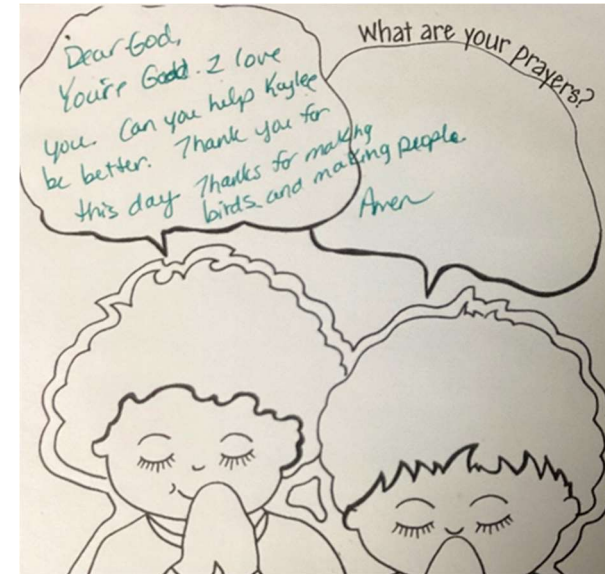
Chairs: Deb Bremseth – 320-905-3078
Lori Schroeder – 320-290-7035

Matt & Teresa Behm
Art & Elaine Bolland
Deb Bremseth
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
Dianne Sampson
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.

PRESCHOOL

For the last 20 years I have been teaching children to pray and express themselves about Jesus. The last few years I have compiled these spiritual concepts in keepsake books. The following are pictures from some of the 4 & 5-year olds' books. This is what is being taught and retained in Your school!! Rachel Jeppesen, Preschool Director



<h1 style="text-align: center;">++ JULY 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>July 2</u> 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Dave Danzeisen, Doug Jorschumb Jeff Pitt, Leon Schultz	Brayden Schroeder Mason McChesney
<u>July 9</u> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Stan Skaro Brandon Kopacek	Aliyah Lingbeek Oscar Lopez
<u>July 16</u> 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Dave Danzeisen, Lee Corti Steve Lueders, _____ ?	Emma Reznecheck Julia Moyer
<u>July 23</u> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Dave Runke Brandon Kopacek	Griffyn Dahline Alex Rodriguez
<u>July 30</u> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Stan Skaro Jeff Pitt	Brayden Schroeder Eva Berghuis
<u>USHERS</u> 8:00 AM Stan Skaro, Craig Nissen, Dick Zetah 10:30 AM Ron Jaspersen		<u>LIBRARY</u> Marcia Gilman

SUN	ATTEND	COMM	ADULT	ELEM	H.S.	PRIVATE
June 4	156	140	45			
June 11	145		43			
June 18	167	155	39			
June 25	131		39			
TOTALS	599	295	166			12
In by Baptism: Addilyn Mae Pollock						



Summer Sunshine Camps

Register for children 5-11

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 the
 2nd and 4th Friday in
 July & August!**
**If you would like to help in
 any way, please contact
 Dave Danzeisen at
 320-894-2396.**
Crafts for kids!



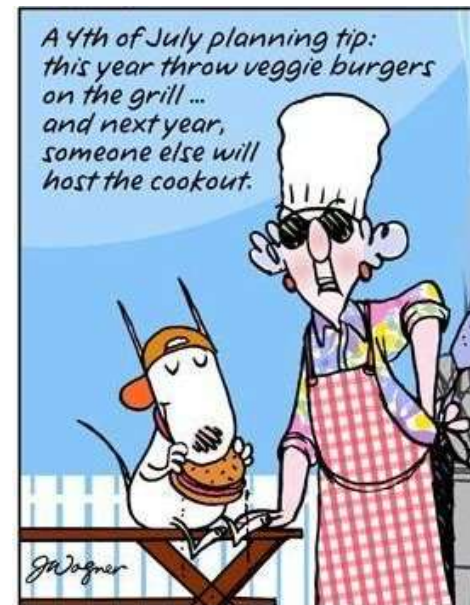
THANK YOU to everyone who helped out with Friday Burger Nights in June. Your help was GREATLY appreciated! We have heard such positive feedback from those that attend and they are so appreciative of what we do. God has richly blessed us! We will serve the 2nd and 4th Fridays in July and August. If you would like to help out, please contact Dave Danzeisen.

REDEEMER'S NEXT POTLUCK MEAL will be July 16th at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to pass!

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, July 10th.**

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.



LUTHERAN ISLAND CAMP

LIC QUILT AUCTION Come out to the Island for the day on August 5th and bid on the beautiful quilts that get donated to camp. This is the camp's largest fundraiser! Food will be available for purchase. Redeemer Quilters sent quite a few quilts to camp and there is also a beautiful one that was embroidered by Elloyd Bartel, pieced together by Janice Bartel and quilted by Deb Krueger. We thank them for that donation!

ERC RENOVATION 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. You can help by giving online or mailing a check to LIC today! Please specify "ERC Fund" in the memo line of your check.

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 or contact Deb Bremseth.

THE 68TH CONVENTION OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

is July 29 to August 3 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. You can be involved by watching it livestream at: lcms.org/convention/livestream or listen to interviews at: kfuo.org.

A CHILD'S PRAYER One little fellow knelt at the side of his bed, closed his eyes and prayed, "God bless Mom, God bless Dad, God bless Grandma. And please take care of Yourself, God. Cause if anything happens to You, we're all sunk."

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!

HEY 7TH-12TH GRADE YOUTH! We are GOING BANANAS in July! We think our event will really aPEEL to you! BAnAnA RaMa ScAvEnGeR HuNt! Sunday, July 16, 6-8:30 pm. We will be headed around town with a zany list of Banana themed activities to do. Extra points for your team if you dress like a banana or wear all yellow! Medical forms are REQUIRED. Please bring them with you, filled out. If you need a form, check the church office or visit www.redeemerwillmar.org, click on youth, and the link to print the form is under the picture. Don't SLIP up and miss this one! What kind of school do bananas go to?.....Sundae School!



CORN SHUCKERS/RUNNERS/SERVERS are needed on August 10th at the Kandiyohi County Fair starting at 1:00 pm. Redeemer has been asked again this year to help out! We need at least 6 strong people to do some heavy lifting and kids are encouraged to help also. We would like 12-15 people to sign up on the church office window.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact your Elder according to the list below.

ELDER

Steve Lueders
Brandon Kopacek
Jeff Pitt
Stan Skaro
Dave Danzeisen
Dave Runke

PHONE #

894-5750
905-0734
894-3132
894-9450
894-2396
894-1474

HOUSEHOLD NAMES

Aeikens – Corti
Dahline – Hebrink
Heideman – Kopacek
Krakow – Neumann
Nielson – Schultz
Schwartz – Zetah

LWML UPDATE

Greetings!

Have you ever wondered who were the recipients of the Mite Funds we donate? I personally would like to know where my money is going. I learned there are 11 grants the District committed to fund. They are: Orphan Grain Train, CROSS Appeal, Scholarships for both men preparing for Ordination and anyone pursuing a Full Time Church Work degree, Lutheran Island Camp, Swaddling Clothes, Main Street Living North Ministry Outreach TV Program, Pastoral Care and Well-Being, Project 24, Christ's Care for Children in Kenya, New Shepherds for South Sudan and Connecting People in an Inclusive Christian Housing Community. Some of these grants are already fully funded. This month we will meet on Tuesday, July 11 at 5:30 pm for a potluck supper with Pastor Tim Renstrom leading our Bible Study. We are collecting items for Hope Pregnancy Center and here is a list of requested items: boppy pillows, baby laundry soap, diaper bags, square laundry baskets, personal care items for both adults (deodorant, shampoo, toothbrush and paste...) and babies, 24-2T clothes for girls and newborn diapers. All women of Redeemer are invited to join us at our meeting this month! We would love to grow this ministry, so prayerfully consider becoming a member of the LWML. If you can't make the meeting and would still like to donate baby items, please bring them to the church office.

In Christ, Brooke Sellmann

Dear Pastor Jack and members of Redeemer!

Thank you for allowing me to present the Gideon ministry in your church on June 11. It was a privilege to be a part of the worship service.

On behalf of the Gideons of Willmar and the Gideon International, I want to express my sincere thanks to your congregation for the support of the Gideon work. The funds that are given are evidence of the love your congregation has for making the Word of God available to those who otherwise may not have a copy. Your offering of \$403 will enable many Bibles and Testaments to be purchased and placed in motels and other places where needed.

We especially appreciate your prayerful support for this ministry. Thank you again for the privilege of representing the Gideons in your church. It is good to be a part of the generous body of believers.

Sincerely, Stan Wubben of the Gideons International

REDEEMER YOUTH IN THE NEWS



The Willmar Velocity 10U fast-pitch softball team won the Pride in the Pack National Qualifier Tournament on June 3-4 in Cottage Grove. Aspen Krakow is the third girl from the right.

MACCRAY TRACK & FIELD DAY
Giovanni Lopez is the first one on the left for the start of the 800 meter dash.

Below is Brayden Schroeder and Oscar Lopez. They were in confirmation together but this picture found them competing against each other on June 26th in a Summer Rec Baseball game when Atwater played MACCRAY.



Graduate Mackenzie Schoumaker, on left, chatting with friend before the start of the 2023 Willmar Senior High School graduation ceremony.