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Sharing Christ and Changing Lives



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WITH YOU ON SUNDAY MORNINGS!**

IN TOUCH WITH REDEEMER

A newsletter by and for the family of Redeemer Lutheran Church

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To the world it is simply another day on a calendar; yet to others it points to a turning point in world history.

The publishing of the 95 Thesis marked a momentous occasion in Germany, Europe, and the world. Theologians had been challenging the Roman Catholic Church to turn back to the Scriptures as the authority for the church at large. They met an early fate thanks to condemnation from the church for being heretics. When Luther wrote the 95 debating points he wanted the church to openly discuss the German monk benefitted from the latest technology of that era. The printing press widely circulated these debate points all throughout Europe; the 95 Thesis were translated from the original Latin and sent to Spain on the other side of Europe in under two weeks! Words and ideas could be copied at a high rate of speed, which led to the popularity of Luther and Wittenberg as the center of the Protestant Reformation.

If you were to ask 100 people about the significance of October 2017, I wonder how many people would know about the significance that it holds. I doubt very many people even know what the 95 Thesis were about; let alone know how they changed the map of Europe and led to the settling of the New World, the place we call America...i.e. home. In this country, I would gather that most of the population cannot think of one positive thing Luther did. Yet for one American, he was so inspired by the writings of Dr. Luther that he would change his name, and the name of his son, to reflect his deep admiration for Luther's stand for the truth of the Bible and his care for the impoverished. Martin Luther King Jr, a name that most Americans know, received the middle name of "Luther" in honor of the German Reformer.

Today we have the technology to send information across the globe in a little more than two seconds. The world wide web has been flooded with so much information that the concept of truth has been compromised. A monk who once used technology to turn our attention back to the written word of God might be appalled that the common person is so enamored by information overload that millions of people are turning away from God and away from the Bible as the norm for their lives. The reforms that Luther spent so much time and effort to point to Jesus and to repentance have been turned back; so that it seems that we are back to the point where the culture is still trying to influence us that our good deeds are the very thing that will earn us our way to eternal life.

Five hundred years later...the culture in and around the church is still selling the way to "heaven" centered around our works righteousness.

For five hundred years...Luther's words are still relevant in what he was trying to make plain: For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

SERVING GROUPS

We have monthly serving groups and a list is posted on the church office window. Please check your phone number for accuracy or if you're not on the list and would like to be, contact the church office. Please help out when your co-chair calls.

OCTOBER

Myrt Elsing – 320-325-3481
Lavonne Gast – 320-235-3889

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

NOVEMBER

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

Geoff & Anna Barber
Mike & Pat Botzek
Brian & Tessa Erdelt
Edith Gerdes
John Gulden
Norman Imme
Ann Johnson
Doug & Renee Jorschumb
David & Lorraine King
Nancy Koepp
Jane Larson
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

TWO-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Every Christians goal in life should be to read the entire Holy Bible. This plan will take you through the Old and New Testament in two years, and through the Psalms and Proverbs four times.

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| Oct 1 | Galatians 5:13 – 6:18 | Psalms 81 |
| Oct 2 | Catch-up Day | Psalms 82 |
| Oct 3 | Ephesians 1 | Psalms 83 |
| Oct 4 | Ephesians 2 | Psalms 84 |
| Oct 5 | Ephesians 3:1 – 4:16 | Psalms 85 |
| Oct 6 | Ephesians 4:17 – 6:9 | Psalms 86 |
| Oct 7 | Ephesians 6:10 – 24 | Psalms 87 |
| Oct 8 | Catch-up Day | Psalms 88 |
| Oct 9 | Philippians 1:1 – 26 | Psalms 89 |
| Oct 10 | Philippians 1:27 – 2:30 | Psalms 90 |
| Oct 11 | Philippians 3:1 – 4:3 | Psalms 91 |
| Oct 12 | Philippians 4:4 – 23 | Psalms 92 |
| Oct 13 | Catch-up Day | Psalms 93 |
| Oct 14 | Colossians 1:1 – 2:5 | Psalms 94 |
| Oct 15 | Colossians 2:6 – 3:11 | Psalms 95 |
| Oct 16 | Colossians 3:12 – 4:18 | Psalms 96 |
| Oct 17 | Catch-up Day | Psalms 97 |
| Oct 18 | 1 Thessalonians 1 | Psalms 98 |
| Oct 19 | 1 Thessalonians 2:1 – 16 | Psalms 99 |
| Oct 20 | 1 Thessalonians 2:17 – 3:13 | Psalms 100 |
| Oct 21 | 1 Thessalonians 4:1 – 12 | Psalms 101 |
| Oct 22 | 1 Thessalonians 4:13 – 5:11 | Psalms 102 |
| Oct 23 | 1 Thessalonians 5:12 – 28 | Psalms 103 |
| Oct 24 | 2 Thessalonians 1 | Psalms 104 |
| Oct 25 | 2 Thessalonians 2:1 – 12 | Psalms 105 |
| Oct 26 | 2 Thessalonians 2:13 – 3:18 | Psalms 106 |
| Oct 27 | Catch-up Day | Psalms 107 |
| Oct 28 | 1 Timothy 1 | Psalms 108 |
| Oct 29 | 1 Timothy 2 | Psalms 109 |
| Oct 30 | 1 Timothy 3:1 – 13 | Psalms 110 |
| Oct 31 | 1 Timothy 3:14 – 4:16 | Psalms 111 |

In the October Voter's Meeting there are a few proposed items to be considered:

Vote to move the Budget Vote to October

The first item on the agenda that will require action is to vote to move the budget vote for the following year to October. Currently we have the history of voting on the budget on the third Sunday of January. The dilemma we have is that as is by the time we "vote" on the new budget we are already operating under the budget that has yet to be passed. We also want to move vote on the budget because the Minnesota North District relies on pledges to put together their budget for the following year in December and requires churches to have their numbers turned in around Thanksgiving. A budget passed in October will mean that we will have those numbers ready for the District office.

Vote to adopt the Youth Retreat/Event Policy

The church has done great things to see youth be able to attend events at a low cost. The dilemma in youth ministry is that more youth can attend events; the problem remains that there is a possibility with every event that something might pop up at the last minute to persuade a youth group teen to miss an event. We want to be sensitive to the chance that family dynamics do not always allow teen to go on trip, yet we also want to be more proactive in urging all our teens to make good on their commitment to go on trips.

Vote on Board Vacancies

According to the By-laws the October meeting is the time of year we vote on positions on the boards that need to be filled.

Voting to amend the mission/vision statement

There are several actions we can take in regard to this matter.

A mission statement tells WHY a church exist. (What we do)

A vision statement tells HOW we are going to accomplish the mission statement. (What we will do in the future)

No action needs to be taken now; yet there seems to be a small void in this church. As I listen to members of this congregation the most common thread I hear is that we cannot explain How we are following God and Why Redeemer was built. Option (1) we can adopt The Great Commission as our mission statement and move our current statement, "Sharing Christ, Changing Lives", to stand as our vision statement. Option (2) We can adopt a new mission statement at the October meeting and form a small group to form a new vision statement. Option (3) we can change nothing.

Vote to elect delegates to the next district convention

The next Minnesota North District convention is right around the corner. We will need to vote on two delegates to the convention that will be held next spring. One pastor and one congregation member will need to attend the convention to represent our church.

Pastor Matt

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| | ELDERS | GREETERS | ACOLYTE | SOUND | LIBRARY |
|---|--|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Oct 1 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM | Mark Sellmann Dave Runke Ron Jaspersen Leon Schultz | Luther & Peggy Dykema Don & Birdie Urban Leon & Carole Schultz Marlin & Cheryl Niss | Natalie Gleason Kayleigh Barber | Mark Boesch Sarah Jeppesen | Bonnie Rhoda |
| Oct 8 8:00 AM 10:30 AM | Jeff Kimpling Neil Buboltz | Bill & Deb Paterson Anita Petersen, Myron Behm Loren & Judy Schultz Trudy Hemingway, Nancy Klaassen | Elsa Gustafson Henry Johnson | Mike Mikkelsen Kolby Lindquist | LaVonne Van Zee |
| Oct 15 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM | Michael Sandau Doug Jorschumb Stan Skaro Wayne Dahlke | Gene & Rose Meyer Mike Botzek, Deb Arnold Keven & Diane Hillenbrand Troy & Lisa Anderson | Jay Marcus Adrianna Rodriguez | Brad Marcus Sarah Jeppesen | Michelle Marcus |
| Oct 22 8:00 AM 10:30 AM | Ron Jaspersen Leon Schultz | Brad & Suzanne Skindelien Jeff & Cheryl Pitt Todd Swartz, LaVonne Van Zee Alice Beckmann, Carol Dahlke | Malinda Petersen Mackenzie Schoumaker | Mark Boesch Art Bolland | Sarah Fosso |
| Oct 29 8:00 AM 10:30 AM | Mark Sellmann Neil Buboltz | Lyle & Vera Ehrenberg Jeff & Darla Kimpling Jerry & Betty Schleh Doug & Renee Jorschumb | Sergio Fernandez Evan Friton | Mark Boesch Kolby Lindquist | Lorraine King |
| USHERS | 8:00 AM *Bill Paterson, Don Ryks, Richard Hanson, Elloyd Bartel (* Head Usher) 10:30 AM *Darrell Hoekstra, Dave Danzeisen, Wayne & Kelly Dahlke | | | | |

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS For **OCTOBER** we will be collecting "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.

| Sunday | Attendance | Adults | Sr. High | Children | Comm | Private |
|--|-------------|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Sept 3 | 189 | 19 | - | - | 156 | |
| Sept 10 | 301 | Rally Day | 11 | 57 | | |
| Sept 17 | 289 | Brian Young | 7 | 55 | 245 | |
| Sept 24 | 288 | 54 | 4 | 66 | | |
| TOTAL | 1067 | 73 | 22 | 178 | 401 | 28 |
| Out by release: Nicholas & Arianna Behm, Debra Munson | | | | | | |

Join us as Redeemer members travel to Plymouth Playhouse to see...

The Looney Lutherans in

"HOLD THE LUTEFISK"



Sunday, November 19

Cost: \$44.00 (includes ticket & bus ride) Bus loads in the North Church Parking Lot at 11:30 am

Call 235-4685 to sign-up and pay in the church office by Sunday, October 29 (tickets nonrefundable after that date)

Limited number of tickets available

Invite your friends too!

"You'd better watch out, you'd better not cry..." Because the Looney Lutherans are coming to town with more tips for surviving the holidays, the Lutheran way. Prepare to keep those New Year's resolutions with exciting new exercise tips (the 12 Days of Housework); hear the Loonies extol the virtues of their new Cuisinart 12 speed mixers; and learn the secret to getting on Santa's "nice list" (hotdish, anyone?) Whether your in-laws have overstayed their welcome, or the furnace is acting up, take a break from the stress of the season by celebrating the holidays with the Looney Lutherans. (And, of course, you don't have to be Lutheran to love 'em!)

We will be stopping on the way home for supper. Trip Sponsored by Redeemer Fellowship Board.

CRAFT NIGHTS from 6 pm to midnight in the Fellowship Hall for the rest of the year are: October 20th, November 10th, and December 8th. Any type of project is welcome i.e. scrap booking, crocheting, knitting, coloring, sewing, whatever you would like to work on! Bring a snack to share and your own beverage. For questions contact Julie Danzeisen.



AUTUMN ADVENTURE CAMP: 8-14 year-olds if you enjoy hayrides, pumpkin carving, campfires, great Bible Studies and devotions, along with other great camp activities, then you will be interested in Autumn Adventure Camp at Lutheran Island Camp beginning Friday evening, October 13, and ending Sunday, October 15 at noon! The cost is \$95. Brochures can be found in the narthex and have been handed out in Sunday School. Remember Redeemer has camperships available for you to attend these camps. We can also help out if you would like to bring a friend with. Contact Deb Bremseth if you have any questions and let her know if you are planning to go so rides can be coordinated.

FALL CLEAN UP at Lutheran Island Camp will be on October 7th. You can go up for the whole weekend or just for the day. There is no charge to come for the weekend, but if you do plan to go, please let camp know so they can prepare enough food for the meals and have work lined up for you.



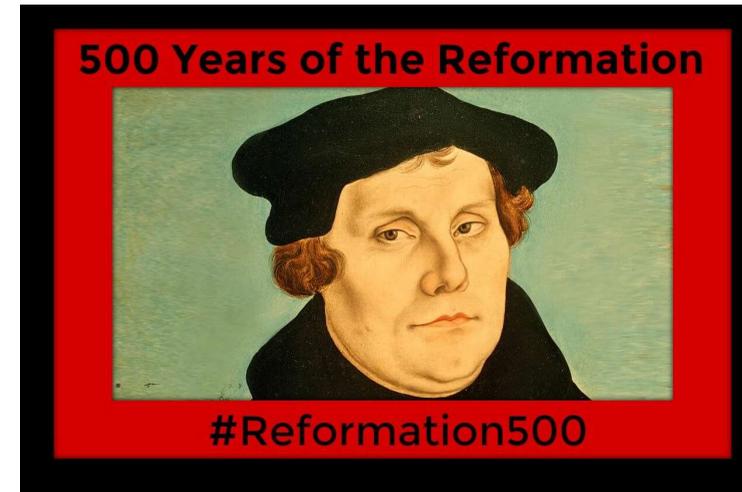
REDEEMER LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL

is supporting Samaritan's Purse
"Operation Christmas Child"
for the months of September and October.
A small shoebox can have a **BIG** impact.

There are different ways you can help:

- *Pick up a shoebox and pack with items for children around the world.**
- *Purchase items for the shoeboxes and drop off by November 12th.**
- *Donate \$9.00 per box to cover shipping.**

Join us on Sunday, November 12th, after second service, for our **Packing Party and Potluck** to get the boxes ready for shipment. Last year we packed 85 boxes, lets pack 100 this year!!! More information can be found at www.samaritanpurse.org/occ



**Sunday,
October 29th
Concordia
St. Paul**

Buses depart at 12:00 noon from the North Parking Lot of
Redeemer Lutheran Church
1401 6th Street SW
Willmar, MN 56201

Cost is \$10.00

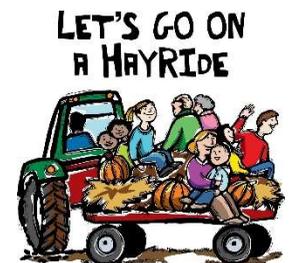
A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex or
call the church office at 320-235-4685.

Sign up deadline is Sunday, October 8th

All are welcome to join us!

We will stop for supper on the way home.

YOUTH HAYRIDE is October 8th, from 4:00-9:00 pm. We will head out to the Lindquist's for a hayride, devotion and activities. Meet at church at 3:30 pm to carpool. The straw rack will leave Lindquist's at 4:10 pm so be sure to be there by then if you are driving separately. Parents, if you are available to help transport kids out to the Lindquist's, please contact DCE Cassie. We should be back at church by 9:25 pm that evening.





Application Form

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

License Plate # _____

Vehicle Make/ Model: _____

Trunk Description: _____

Media Release Consent

_____ I, the undersigned, hereby authorize Redeemer Lutheran Church to photograph me, take motion pictures of me, take video footage of me, and/or make electronic sound recordings of me (herein referred to as photographic or electronic reproductions). 2) I authorize the use of any such photographic or electronic reproductions of me for any purpose, including, but not limited to educational and other public media as may be deemed appropriate by Redeemer Lutheran Church (I understand that I may be identifiable from such photographic or electronic reproduction)

Signature of Applicant: _____



October 28th 4-6pm

Redeemer Lutheran Church Parking Lot

Trunk or Treat Event is a safe and family-friendly event for trick-or-treaters. Adults gather and park their vehicles in the Redeemer Parking lot with trunks open and accessible from 4:00-6:00 pm.

Car owners must complete the attached form to participate. Only those who have properly registered their vehicles will be allowed to participate at this event. All participants should be prepared for at least 250 plus children to visit this event. For those not registering, but would like to help out, candy donations are welcomed, appreciated and can be dropped off in church office.

Registered vehicles can arrive at Redeemer parking lot for check-In starting at 3:00 pm. All vehicles must be decorated by 3:45 pm. For safety purposes, all participating vehicles must stay at the event until the event ends at 6:00 pm. To ensure the safety of the children, we will not allow any vehicles to exit or enter the parking lot until the children are removed or relocated.

Upon arrival, you will be directed where to park and set-up your vehicle. All registered vehicles will receive a number that must be attached to their trunk for judging. Vehicles will be judged on presentation and creativity. Props and participants in costume will be considered. Vehicles must be decorated by 3:45 pm to be considered. All judging will take place before events starts at 4:00 pm.