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# In Touch With Redeemer

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## *Sharing Christ and Changing Lives*



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**2015**

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## IN TOUCH WITH REDEEMER

*A newsletter by and for the family of Redeemer Lutheran Church*

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*Matthew 7:1-5 “Judge not, that you be not judged. <sup>2</sup>For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.<sup>3</sup> Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?<sup>4</sup> Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye?<sup>5</sup> You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.*

These verses are certainly appropriate for us these days. Many of you have probably heard about a piece of recent national news. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled on the legality of gay marriage. They ruled that States cannot prevent same—sex couples from marrying and must recognize their unions. This is a shock, not because we didn't expect it, but because it is shocking. It is truly 'historic'.

You might be ambivalent, or you might be frustrated and angry. But what are Christians to do? Jesus gives us some guidance. Jesus speaks to those who are tempted to become self-righteous; those who are tempted to let their anger and frustration fuel their actions and reactions.

We should never let hate or anger get the best of us. When Jesus was hated and reviled, he responded with compassion, forgiveness, and sacrifice. He did not, of course pretend that sin was not sin. Rather, Jesus consistently preached a message of both repentance and forgiveness. We should do the same. Jesus did not shun or ostracize sinners, Jesus came to eat with them, to demonstrate Gods grace and offer God's healing to them.

Shouldn't we do likewise? Perhaps instead of getting angry, we should diligently search and create space for healing and the compassion (and truth) of Christ. Again, this news is shocking to us, and we want to do something about it. What should we do as followers of Christ? We should resolve to continue to speak the truth of the gospel, and to preach repentance. We should seek to respond to anger with the grace of Christ. Perhaps the first thing we should do, however, is what Jesus specifically says we should do when we are tempted to judge. We should remove the plank from our own eye.

Do we take seriously the sin in our life, or do we consider it to be more acceptable than other forms of sin? Do we work to remove it, or do we find it convenient to condemn someone else's sin before we address our own sin? Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us practice what we preach; let us repent first before we say anything in response to such a ruling. We don't want to judge, we let God judge, and he has made it abundantly clear that he desires to save lost sinners.

On a side note, not judging, contrary to the way most people misquote Jesus, also means reserving judgment for God alone. It means not pretending that we have the authority to say what is sin or not sin. The Supreme Court Of The United States can rule whatever they like, and they have a certain amount of civic authority to do so. But God alone can determine what is moral or immoral, and not any other court of humankind.

Again, let us hold on to, and apply first in our own lives, the words of Jesus: “The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!”

In Christ,

Pastor Greg Enterline

**CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES...**

Lt Jason & Emily (Ansoorge) Geddes  
412 34<sup>th</sup> Street  
Virginia Beach, VA 23451  
Grandchildren of Virginia Ansoorge

Captain James Nelson, MD  
6205 Viale Lungo  
El Paso, TX 79932  
James is the son of Laurie Nelson

CW2 Jeffery Nelson  
1276 Silverberry Drive  
Fairbanks, AK 99712  
Jeffery is the son of Laurie Nelson

ET3 Runke, Brianna C  
CS/CE  
USS Chosin CG-65  
FPO AP 96662-1185  
Brianna is the niece of Dave & Carol Runke



**SERMONS ON THE WEBSITE**  
[www.redeemerwillmar.org/sermons](http://www.redeemerwillmar.org/sermons)

**PLEASE NOTE:**

The stoves in the kitchen are shut off to conserve gas.  
Call the church office 24 hours in advance if needed.

**Please keep the church office current on all contact information  
when moving, changing home or cell numbers, and email addresses.**

**TRAINING FOR THE NEW SOUND AND PROJECTION EQUIPMENT** will be held Wednesday, July 1 at 7pm and Wednesday, July 15 at 7pm. You **MUST** attend one of the trainings to be eligible to operate the equipment. Sign up in the church office.

**CAN WE HAVE JUST A FEW MINUTES OF YOUR TIME?** We are looking for a few volunteers to deliver bulletins to our shut-ins. This could be as easy as just going to one nursing home and visiting our members there. Men – we have male shut-ins that would enjoy a visit from you. If you are interested, please contact Lori in the office.

### **SLEEP OUT FOR HOMELESSNESS**

Family Promise of Kandiyohi County and Heartland Community Action Agency are two organizations working together to end homelessness in the Willmar area. We invite you to join us for a fundraising event on Friday, July 10, at First Presbyterian Church's parking lot in downtown Willmar. Interesting in sleeping out? Grab a registration



form on the table in the narthex. If you can't Sleep Out, you are still welcome to come for the concert and program. Entrance passes are **FREE** and can be picked up in Redeemer's church office or most Kandiyohi County churches, Heartland Community Action, Cub Foods, and Cash Wise. If you have any questions, contact Mike Botzek (235-6938).

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** the following 19 youth and 4 adult leaders who will be traveling to Chicago on July 5-10 to be God's hands and feet in that community.

Marquis Christenson

Kaitlin Danzeisen

Heidi Fernandez

Ethan Friton

Jennifer Gratz

Ethan Gustafson

Kendra Hammerschmidt

Kourtney Hammerschmidt

Cole Helfinstine

Liz Jeppesen

Molly Jeppesen

Laura Kassel

Isaac King

Kolby Lindquist

Korissa Lindquist

Tanner Mord

Jason Schoumaker

Heidi Sellmann

Justin Sik

Pastor Greg

Rod Lindquist

Melissa Mord

Cassie Drenkow

“Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” Matthew 6:10



In less than 8 days (from the time of writing this) on July 5th, 19 Redeemer youth and 4 adult leaders will be turning their world upside down and entering into a whole new experience for 6 days as we travel to Chicago for our summer Mission Trip. Throughout the trip we will be hearing, learning and experiencing God's "Upside-down Kingdom". Here is just a sample

of the topics the youth and adult leaders will be hearing and experiencing throughout the week. Please keep us in your prayers as the youth experience God's upside down kingdom.

**Your Kingdom Come (Matthew 6:9-13)** We are a part of God's kingdom, yet it is hard for some people to experience or even understand the kingdom of God. As the hands and feet of Jesus we can be Jesus with skin on to people who aren't part of the kingdom or don't understand God's kingdom.

**Taking Root in God's Kingdom (Matthew 13:31-33)** We may not be doing big things during the week, but knowing that even the smallest seed can take root and grow. Helping sort food at a food pantry, having a conversation with someone who doesn't have a home to go to every night, or literally planting seeds in an urban garden for a community to reap the harvest later. We ourselves may see a harvest on the trip and then again maybe not, but even the smallest of seeds planted can still take root and grow.

**Love your neighbor as yourself, but who is my neighbor? (Mark 12:28-34)** We'll be loving our neighbor. Not people that we know but people who are new to us and unknown. We will be stepping out of our green zone of safety into a yellow uncomfortable zone that stretches us to reach out and really love our neighbor.

**The value of God's Kingdom, giving up everything for God (Matthew 13:44-46)** We will find out that God's kingdom is more valuable than anything we have already or could ever own. Giving of ourselves (time, talent or treasure) helps to increase God's kingdom.

**No servant greater than his master (John 13:1-17)** No task was too great for Jesus to do. Even Jesus took on the roll of a servant at the Last Supper and humbly washed his disciples' feet, setting an example of humility for all of us.

The youth may be finding value, loving and serving their neighbor, and planting seeds to increase God's kingdom in Chicago but I ask you the following.

- Where is there value in our community of Willmar?
- What are some ways we might sacrifice (time, money, stuff, skills, etc.) to serve the community of Willmar and take part in God's Kingdom?
- What could be your first step in making this happen in our own community?

We as Christians don't have to do big things to bring God's Kingdom to those around us but it is God doing big things through us that turns things upside down and increases His Kingdom.

Blessings to you this July, Cassie Drenkow, Director of Christian Education

# †† JULY 2015 ††

	ELDERS	GREETERS	ACOLYTES	LIBRARY
<b><u>July 5</u></b> <b>8:00 AM</b> <b>Lord's Supper</b> <b>10:30 AM</b>	Mike Botzek Mark Sellmann Leon Schultz Neil Buboltz	Rolf & Joyce Standfuss Mike Botzek, Deb Arnold Todd Swartz, LaVonne Van Zee Carol Dahlke, Alice Beckmann	Tucker Helfinstine Gaborick Bolstad	Sarah Fosso
<b><u>July 12</u></b> <b>8:00 AM</b> <b>10:30 AM</b>	Jeff Kimpling Leon Schultz	Gene & Rose Meyer Larry & Judy Lind Harlan & Trudy Hemingway Keven & Diane Hillenbrand	Tanner Mord Jordan Freiberg	Mary Lou Chappell
<b><u>July 19</u></b> <b>8:00 AM</b> <b>Lord's Supper</b> <b>10:30 AM</b>	Stan Skaro Michael Sandau Dan Monson Doug Jorschumb	Jeff & Cheryl Pitt Gayne & Marvelle Stone Jerry & Betty Schleh Troy & Lisa Anderson	Tucker Helfinstine Sarah Jeppesen	Lorraine King
<b><u>July 26</u></b> <b>8:00 AM</b> <b>10:30 AM</b>	Mike Botzek Dave Runke	Lyle & Vera Ehrenberg Luther & Peggy Dykema Doug & Renee Jorschumb Gary & Mary Hillenbrand	Luke Sellmann Ashlyn Leindecker	Bonnie Rhoda
<b>July 6</b> <b>July 13</b> <b>July 20</b> <b>July 27</b>	Doug Jorschumb Leon Schultz Dave Runke Dan Monson			
<b><u>USHERS</u></b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>*Don Ryks, Craig Nissen, Stan Skaro, Dick Zetah</b>		<b>(*Head Usher)</b>
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>*Ron Jaspersen, Randy &amp; Melissa Mord, Brandon Mogard</b>		

## NEW 2015 ELDER – RESPONSIBILITY

<u>Elder</u>	<u>Phone#</u>	<u>Household Names</u>
Mark Sellmann	235-0075	Akerson – Bokelman
Michael Sandau	894-0637	Bolland – Davis
Stan Skaro	599-4506	Derksen – Grewe
Mike Botzek	235-6938	Grothe – Jacobson
Leon Schultz	248-7466	Jagow – Kruse
Doug Jorschumb	235-5451	Kubasch – Meyer
Neil Buboltz	796-2352	Mikkelsen – Phillips
Dan Monson	605-680-9718	Pitt – Schoumaker
Jeff Kimpling	235-5373	Schroeder – Streich
Dave Runke	235-9068	Stueckrath – Zetah

**“THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS”**

For **JULY** 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 narthex.

**\*\*\*\*\*NO MAGAZINES PLEASE \*\*\*\*\***



**SHOES!** Keep collecting those shoes for Lutheran Island Camp. We take all kinds of shoes except flip flops. They need to be pairs of shoes. If possible, please tie them together or rubber band them together. Please put them in the blue collection tub by the courtyard doors. Lutheran Island Camp gets a small amount of money per pound for these shoes and then they are sent to third world countries.

**SENIOR PASTOR CALL UPDATE:** A new candidate list has been received from the Minnesota North District office. The Call Committee will meet to narrow down the list of candidates. After this process, the background checks will need to be completed and then this list will be brought to the voter’s to select a Senior Pastor to call for Redeemer.

**LET US DO THE DRIVING** Central Community Transit’s Senior Transportation Program utilizes volunteer drivers using their personal vehicles. These volunteer drivers provide safe, reliable transportation to various appointments, shopping and errands. Anyone who lives in Kandiyohi or Renville County and is at least 60 years of age qualifies for this program. This program runs Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and may be used up to three times per week. This program utilizes a cost-share sliding fee scale. Please call 320-235-8413 for more information.

**VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED** Central Community Transit is looking for volunteers to use their own personal vehicles to provide transportation to people in need. Volunteers are able to make their own schedule and help others when they are available. Mileage is reimbursed, please call us today at 320-235-8413!



# JULY BIBLE READING

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1 Joshua 6:6-27<br>Acts 10:18-33    | 11 Judges 6:25-40<br>Acts 15:6-21     | 21 1 Samuel 4:1-22<br>Acts 16:23-40      |
| 2 Joshua 7:1-26<br>Acts 10:34-48    | 12 Judges 7:1-23<br>Gal. 1:1-24       | 22 1 Samuel 5:1-6:16<br>Acts 18:1-28     |
| 3 Joshua 8:1-28<br>Acts 11:1-18     | 13 Judges 13:1-25<br>Gal. 2:1-21      | 23 1 Samuel 6:19-7:17<br>Acts 19:1-22    |
| 4 Joshua 10:1-25<br>Acts 11:19-30   | 14 Judges 14:1-20<br>Gal. 3:1-22      | 24 1 Samuel 8:1-22<br>Acts 21:15-36      |
| 5 Joshua 23:1-16<br>Acts 12:1-25    | 15 Judges 15:1-16:3<br>Gal. 3:23-4:11 | 25 1 Samuel 9:1-27<br>Acts 21:37-22:16   |
| 6 Joshua 24:1-31<br>Acts 13:1-12    | 16 Judges 16:4-30<br>Gal. 4:12-31     | 26 1 Samuel 10:1-27<br>Acts 22:17-29     |
| 7 Judges 2:6-23<br>Acts 13:13-41    | 17 1 Samuel 1:1-20<br>Gal. 5:1-26     | 27 1 Samuel 12:1-25<br>Acts 22:30-23:11  |
| 8 Judges 3:7-31<br>Acts 13:42-52    | 18 1 Samuel 1:21-2:17<br>Gal. 6:1-18  | 28 1 Samuel 13:1-18<br>Acts 23:12-35     |
| 9 Judges 4:1-24<br>Acts 14:1-18     | 19 1 Samuel 2:18-36<br>Acts 15:22-41  | 29 1 Samuel 14:47-15:9<br>Acts 24:1-23   |
| 10 Judges 6:1-24<br>Acts 14:19-15:5 | 20 1 Samuel 3:1-21<br>Acts 16:1-22    | 30 1 Samuel 15:10-35<br>Acts 24:24-25:12 |
|                                     |                                       | 31 1 Samuel 16:1-23<br>Acts 25:13-27     |

Sunday	Attendance	Adults	Sr. High	Children	Communion	Private
June 7/8	217/28	7	-	-	198/17	
June 14/15	215/14	9	-	-		
June 21/22	221/13	7	-	-	199	
June 28/29	227/15	5	-	-		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>880/70</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>25</b>

In by Baptism: Harris Lloyd Fosso

Out by Release: Emily & Madysen Rogalski



LWML Minnesota North District

Prayer & Praise Mite Calendar

JULY 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 THE TIME IS <i>now</i>	Every other Tuesday, get a tip on reaching out to others. <b>The Time Is Now!</b> Visit <a href="http://www.lwml.org">www.lwml.org</a> for more information.		10¢ if you mowed your lawn today	1 Pray for the Teaching Staff at Yambio Lutheran School, South Sudan <small>MN NORTH GRANT</small>	2 Pray for the safe travel of family and friends this weekend	3 Independence Day Praise God for our freedoms 
50¢ if you missed Bible study	5 Pray for Lutheran Braille Workers 25¢ <small>MN NORTH GRANT</small>	6 <i>now</i> Share a Mustard Seed	7 Pray for an opportunity to share God's love with someone	8 Pray for all Full-time Church Work Students <small>MN NORTH GRANT</small>	9 Praise God for our beautiful lakes 25¢	10 Pray for missionaries both far and near 
12 Praise God for the opportunity to worship	13 Praise God for summer's work 20¢	14 Pray for the LWML MN North BOD; meeting today	15 15¢ If it is a sunny day, 5¢ if it is cloudy	16 20¢ if it is raining	17 Pray for Rev. James Kollie Education Fund, Liberia <small>MN NORTH GRANT</small>	18 Take a walk with your neighbor today 
19 Pray for musicians 25¢ for each hymn you sang today.	20 Pray for the ministry of Orphan Grain Train <small>MN NORTH GRANT</small>	21 <i>now</i> Pray for Men Preparing for Ordination <small>MN NORTH GRANT</small>	22 Volunteer to help someone in need	23 Pray for your church counsels and committees 10¢	24 Pray for the School Building for Gloria Dei in Cap Haitian, Haiti 15¢ <small>MN NORTH GRANT</small>	25 Use your hands in willing service for Him today 25¢ 
26 Praise God for the opportunity to worship	27 Be thankful for sisters in Christ 25¢	28 Pray for Life in Christ Lutheran Church, Grand Marais <small>MN NORTH GRANT</small>	29 Read your favorite Bible verse	30 Pray for the Staff Training at Lutheran Island Camp Summer 10¢ <small>MN NORTH GRANT</small>	31 Invite a friend or a neighbor over for a barbecue 	

### ALL ABOUT LWML MITES

Mite Boxes are used to collect money for missions.

Twenty-five percent of the mite offering is sent to LWML for mission grants and the remaining seventy-five percent is used for your district's mission grants.

Mite money is used to further God's kingdom through the mission grants selected by delegates at district and national conventions.

Place your Mite Box wherever you can feed it: dressing table, office desk, laundry room, car, kitchen counter, etc. You mite want to give a Mite Box to family members and friends.

Return your filled Mite Box to your LWML society. The Mite box is placed in the narthex the second Sunday of every month.

# **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.

## **JULY**

Lila Rekedal – 320-235-9218

Heather Petersen – 320-444-8450

Randy\* & Jill Augustin

Ken & Alix Behm

Mark & Amy Boeschen

Kristine Carlson

Michelle Corti

Wayne & Kelly Dahlke

Chris Dahline

Larry & Vickie Eisenlohr

Marv & Sharon Erdelt

Melanie Garberich

Wanda Gjerde

Dohn & Jenny Harpestad

Bill & LeeAnn Houselog

Shane & Brooke\* Jensen

Clarence\* & Violet Klucas

Steven & Christine Kurtzbein

Robert & Judy Linhoff

Donald & Eleanor Perschau

Craig & Heather Petersen

Robert & Lila Rekedal

Jose\* & Wendy Reyes

Milton & Marcella\* Sadd

Leon & Carole Schultz

Lyle Smith

Wayne Streich

## **AUGUST**

Eileen Klinghagen – 320-967-4227

Lori Schroeder – 320-974-8314

Mary Ann Bacon

Matt & Teresa\* Behm

Art & Elaine Bolland

Dennis & Mary Lou Chappell

Carol Dahlke

Lyle & Kathy Eisenlohr

Darv & Donna Gast

Scott & Rachel Grewe

Harlan & Trudy Hemingway

Russ & Rachel Jeppesen

James\* & Cari Kardell

Eileen Klinghagen

David\* & Tamara Knapper

Jason & Jennifer\* Landin

Dennis & Charlene Loose

Michelle Marotzke

Laurie Nelson

William\* & Sandra Peters

Chris & Jeanne Reznecheck

Michael & Kay Sandau

John & Lori Schroeder

Loren & Judy Schultz

Tim & Denise Smith

Curtis & Deborah Swart

Donald & Birdie Urban

(\* indicates non-member)

# Minnesota North District – LCMS Prayer Calendar July 2015

“Partners in Mission and in Prayer with...”

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Rev. Noel Herr, St. Paul Lutheran Church – Fergus Falls (F. Friberg)	2 Rev. Mark Hesse, Nimrod Lutheran Church – Sebeka (Nimrod)	3 District Office Closed	
5	6 Rev. Mark Hesse, Grace Lutheran Church – Sebeka	7 Rev. Justin Hesterman, Immanuel Lutheran Church – Eagle Bend	8 Rev. Justin Hesterman, St. Matthew Lutheran Church – Clarissa	9 Rev. Nathan Higgins, Emmanuel Lutheran Church – Long Prairie	10 Rev. Robert Hinckley, Jr., St. John Lutheran Church – Vergas	11
12	13 Rev. Robert Hinckley, Jr., St. Paul Lutheran Church – Vergas (Loon Lake)	14 Rev. David Hinz, Zion Lutheran Church – Alexandria	15 Rev. Ronald Hobbie, St. John Lutheran Church – Montevideo (Sparta)	16 Rev. Ronald Hobbie, Trinity Lutheran Church – Montevideo (Havelock)	17 Rev. Geoffrey Gronewold, Zion Lutheran Church – Alexandria	18
19	20 Rev. Timothy Heinecke, St. John Lutheran Church – Park Rapids	21 Rev. Bryan Hopfensperger, St. Paul Lutheran Church – Eden Valley	22 Rev. Philip Hoppe, Peace Lutheran Church – Finlayson	23 Rev. Philip Hoppe, St. Paul Lutheran Church – Finlayson (Bruno)	24 Rev. Ronald Jobe, VP, St. John Lutheran Church – Perham (Corliss)	25
26	27 Rev. David Johnson, Grace Lutheran Church – Becker	28 Rev. Harvey Kietzman, St. John Lutheran Church – Akeley	29 Rev. Donald Kirchner, Trinity Lutheran Church – Lake George	30 Rev. Thaine Kister, Grace Lutheran Church – Correll	31 Rev. Thaine Kister, Trinity Lutheran Church – Odessa	

An onion can make people cry but there's never been a vegetable that can make people laugh.

It's not how much you give but how much love you put into your giving.

**LWML RETREAT AT LUTHERAN ISLAND CAMP** will be held August 7-9, 2015. The theme is “Anatomy of a Christian.” Bible Study leader will be Rev. Anthony Cloose and the guest speaker will be Kathy Schultz, Parish Nurse. Registration forms can be found on the table in the narthex or in this newsletter.

**2016 MN NORTH DISTRICT LWML CONVENTION**, hosted by Lakeland II Region, will be held in Willmar, MN on June 20-22, 2016. Nuclei Chairman is Julie Schlecht. The Bible verse is “*How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God! And that is what we are!*” 1 John 3:1a. The theme chosen is “***Heir of God’s Abundant Love***”.

### **STAMPS FOR MISSIONS**

For many years the Minnesota North District has been collecting stamps to raise money for missions. You can too! Just clip your canceled postage stamps and put them in the box in the narthex. From there they are auctioned off in batches for sale by weight to collectors and club auctions. The money raised goes towards our Missions Grants.

**Do** save all foreign stamps.

**Do** save all commemorative stamps (larger than standard size).

**Do** save all stamps with a value of \$1 or more.

**Do** save entire postcards.

**Do not** pull, soak, or otherwise take stamps off the paper.

**Do not** reglue stamps.

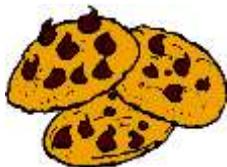
**Do not** save stamps on red or green envelopes.

**Do not** save torn or creased stamps, or stamps with damaged perforations.

**Do not** save common, air mail, postage due, pre-sorted or other small-size stamps unless they are \$1 or more.



**HOSPITAL INFORMATION:** If you ever have the misfortune of having to spend a day or more in the hospital, you or someone you know may need to call the church. The hospital may ask you your church affiliation, but they do **NOT** notify the church office.



**COOKIES/BARS:** Would you be willing to help out and bake some cookies or bars for Vacation Bible School? We could use 2 dozen cookies or a 9x13 pan of bars. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Thank You!

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE  
★ TO THE **FLAG** OF ★  
★ THE **FLAG** THE ★  
UNITED STATES OF  
**AMERICA**  
AND TO THE | FOR WHICH  
REPUBLIC | IT STANDS  
**ONE NATION**  
UNDER **GOD** **INDIVISIBLE**  
WITH **LIBERTY** & **JUSTICE**  
★★★★ **FOR ALL** 🇺🇸

The Pledge of Allegiance was written in August 1892 by the socialist minister Francis Bellamy (1855-1931). Bellamy hoped that the pledge would be used by citizens in any country. Its original form read: “I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.” In 1923, the words, “the Flag of the United States of America” were added. In 1954, in response to the Communist threat of the times, President Eisenhower encourage Congress to add the words “under God,” creating the 31-word pledge we say today. One should stand at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform men should remove any non-religious headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute.

## FREEDOM’S CELEBRATION

Freedom is a right that comes with the privilege of being an American. We have freedom to work, live, and study wherever we please, to decide how many children we want to have, and to speak for or against an issue. We have freedom to worship in whatever manner we please. We don’t have to worry about our churches being closed for what they teach or even being arrested for bearing the name of “Christian.” Every day we should thank God for our freedom, but, as Christians, we know that no one is completely free until he is free in Christ (John 8:36). God’s freedom allows us to find the joy of having our sins forgiven and the ability to grow in faith, and become the persons God wants us to be. Along with this freedom, though, comes responsibility. Our responsibility is to administer our whole lives—personality, time, talent, money, influences, goals, everything, in accordance with the spirit and ideals of Christ. What an exciting way to thank our Lord for the freedom we find in Him!



## 2015 LWML RETREAT

"Anatomy of a Christian" 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (ESV)



"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."



1 Cor. 6:19-20

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." 1 Cor. 6:19-20 (ESV)

Join us as we explore the parts of our "spiritual bodies," in Bible study, discussion, song; our physical bodies in exercises and good food.

**Rev. Anthony Cloose** will lead us in Bible study.

**Parish Nurse Kathy Schuitz** will be our guest speaker.

We will be touring the **Christ Serve Ranch** which will be dedicated the weekend of August 28-30, 2015. Singing and fellowship around a fire, praying and meditating in a serene setting, walking through the woods...all parts of a fun, relaxing and enjoyable experience as we learn about ourselves, our Savior, our Christian life.

**SPECIAL: Bring a "Retreat First Timer" and you both will receive 25% off the registration price.**

**2015 LWML Retreat**  
**August 7-9, 2015 at**  
**Lutheran Island Camp**  
**Henning, MN**

4:00-6:00 pm  
 6:00 pm  
 7:00-8:30 pm  
 8:30 pm  
 9:30 pm

### FRIDAY EVENING

Registration  
 Picnic supper provided by LIC  
 Getting in Shape  
 Campfire  
 Snacks in the Fireside Room

### SATURDAY

7:00-8:00 am  
 8:00 am  
 8:30 am  
 8:45 am  
 10:00-11:30 am  
 12 noon  
 1:00 pm  
 1:15-2:45 pm  
 3:00 pm  
 5:00 pm  
 6:30 pm  
 8:30 pm

Registration  
 Breakfast  
 Devotions and Announcements  
 Bible study - *Rev. Anthony Cloose*  
 Speaker - *Kathy Schuitz*  
 Lunch  
**LWML MN North District President**  
*JoNette Brogaard*  
 Speaker - *Kathy Schuitz*  
 Free Time - (*Tours of Christ Serve Ranch, pontoon rides, etc.*)  
 Dinner  
 Entertainment  
 Campfire



### SUNDAY

8:00 am  
 10:00 am  
 11:00 am

Continental Breakfast  
 Worship  
 Brunch and Farewell

### FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lori Salvhus at:  
[christianlife@lwmlmnn.org](mailto:christianlife@lwmlmnn.org)  
 or call (218) 784-2475  
 Updates about the retreat and a map to LIC can be found on the District website:  
[www.lwmlmnn.org](http://www.lwmlmnn.org)

### ITEMS TO BRING:

- Bible • Flashlight
- Clothes for Sun or Rain
- Insect Repellent
- Towel & Washcloth
- Toiletries
- Pillow, Bedding or Sleeping Bag
- Snacks for health(y) appetites

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**2015 LWML Retreat**  
**August 7-9, 2015**  
**at Lutheran Island Camp**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone : \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs : \_\_\_\_\_

Roommates : \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration Deadline: August 1, 2015

(There will be an additional \$10 fee for late registration. No refunds after August 7. Young women ages 12-17 receive a 25% discount.)

✓ Check	Before Aug. 1 <sup>st</sup>	After Aug. 1 <sup>st</sup>
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday-Sunday	\$120	\$130
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday-Saturday	\$70	\$80
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Only	\$50	\$60

Choose your housing preference:

Cabin     Retreat Center

Make Check Payable To: **LWML MN North District**

Send Registration To:  
 Lori Salvhus  
 102 Thorpe W  
 Ada, MN 56510

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**POWER LAB VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**JULY 26 – 30**  
**5:15 SUPPER**  
**5:45 – 8:15 VBS**



**VBS LAB CREW LEADER TRAINING** will be Sunday, July 19, @ 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall or Wednesday, July 22 @ 7:00 pm. You must attend 1 training session prior to VBS start on July 26th.

**VBS STATION LEADER TRAINING** will be Wednesday, July 22 @ 6:30 pm. If you are a station leader and can not attend this training meeting please contact DCE Cassie right away so she can go over specific safety information with you.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** decorating/construction day Sunday, July 19 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. No crafty skills needed, just need hands to help paint, construct and prepare items for Vacation Bible School decorations.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SET-UP** July 25 from 9:00 am – Noon. Join us as we decorate and set-up for our Power Lab Vacation Bible School. Lunch will be provided afterwards.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS FOR VBS:**

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Empty Ice Cream Pails     | 100 Test Tubes/Vials with Covers |
| Dawn Dish Soap            | 100 Plastic Spoons               |
| 1 Bottle of Corn Syrup    | 19 oz Powdered Drink Mix         |
| 4 Gallons Distilled Water | 2 Liter Bottles Diet Coke        |
| Balloons                  | Inexpensive Toilet Paper         |
| Paper Plates              | Silver Spray Paint               |
| Mentos Mint Candy         | Ping Pong Balls                  |

**BORROW LIST:**

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 Kids Wading Pool      | Christmas Lights or Rope Lights      |
| Bubble Wands            | Plasma Ball-Static Electricity Light |
| Motion Christmas Lights |                                      |

Contact Cassie with any questions.



## **REDEEMER CHURCH SOFTBALL**

Come and support our church softball league! These games will be played Thursday evenings at Swansson Fields. The July schedule is:

July 2 – 8:15 (Yellow Field)

July 9 – 7:15 (Red Field)

July 16 – 8:15 (Red Field)

July 23 – ?

July 30 – ?

## **FEATURED BOARD OF THE MONTH: YOUTH**

The Board of Youth is a group of adults and youth that work together to plan fun events, Mission trips and NYG for our youth. Our goal as a group is to encourage the youth of our church to have fun and participate in church events. Some of the fun events that we plan for our youth are bowling, Pizza Ranch, Powder Ridge ski trip, family sledding, scavenger hunt, lock-ins, lock-outs, Christmas party, Year-end celebration, camping and much more. Our group also plans the Mission trips and NYG. We encourage our Youth to outreach, by inviting friends to these great events. As a board we are always looking for ideas for new and fun things for our Youth. Our Youth is very important to us and want to see them all grow in their faith.

**THE YOUTH BOARD** would like to thank Elizabeth Jeppesen and Heidi Sellmann for adding their voices to our monthly meetings. Youth who are interested in being apart of the Youth Board for the 2015-16 school year, please contact DCE Cassie for an application. Application deadline is August 1.

**SUMMER IS HERE!** Along with summer come family vacations, to who knows where and how long. It is a great time to go places and we don't have to worry about snowy and icing roads, maybe a few thunderstorms, but not bad roads. Just pile the family in the family vehicle or camper and head on down the road. But wait; don't forget about God and Redeemer Church. Sure you will be on vacation and may not be able to attend Redeemer Sunday services while out and about, but the Church still needs your offerings to continue. Redeemer's expenses don't go on vacation so your offerings are just as important to continue to do God's work in our Church during the summer as it is any other time. The Stewardship Board is asking you to consider using our Simply Giving Electronic method to continue your offerings even though you are on vacation. It is so easy, so please consider this and contact Chris at the Church office if you wish to sign up and she will give you the details.

Redeemer Stewardship Board



**7:00 PM  
SUMMER  
MONDAY  
EVENING  
WORSHIP**

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

FEATURING HYMNS - PRAISE SONGS

BIBLE STUDY SERMONETTE

Starting with the book of James, offering us some very practical guidelines for daily Christian living.  
Pastor Kruse will lead these services.

INFORMAL - FAMILY FRIENDLY - JOYFUL WORSHIP

July 6th, 13th w/communion,  
20th, 27th  
August 3rd, 10th w/communion  
17th, 24th



**LIC CAMPERS:** If you are planning to go to Lutheran Island Camp, please put your name on the sheet by the Social Hall so other campers can see when you are going and that you can possibly share rides. Remember, Redeemer provides scholarships for our campers.



## **CHRIST SERVE RANCH DEDICATION** **AUGUST 28-30, 2015**

There is a special place in our region that is being dedicated to remembering our Creator. It is coming into its own officially on the weekend of August 28-30, 2015 in a series of dedication events. The place is Christ Serve Ranch, an environmental learning center near Lutheran Island Camp that uses a Biblical Christian worldview to teach science, education, leadership, and the environment.

Here is the special place where young people and older can behold the wondrous works that God has done in fashioning His world and all that is in, on and above its surfaces. Through these phenomena at Christ Serve Ranch, God offers a revelation of Himself -- of His divine nature, power and love. Beside commemorating God and His works there, this new facility will be dedicated to teaching all who participate in its programs and activities how to pass on this wonderful information to other believers and to non-believers alike and to defend ourselves against the arguments of any naysayers who have no time in their lives for our Creator God or our Sovereign Lord.

The main dedicatory worship service will be on Saturday, August 29 at 2:30 p.m. with Dr. Dean Wenthe, President of the Concordia University System as the main preacher. Throughout the entire weekend other events and speakers will be offered that will stimulate and inspire attendees in the wonders of God's creation and set the tone for greater interest in what else He has to say in His divine Word. For more information visit [www.christserveranch.org](http://www.christserveranch.org).



# Quilt Auction and Open House

Saturday, August 1, 2015

- Silent Auction
- Sing-Along
- Lunch Available
- Inflatables for Kids
- Free Ice Cream Sundaes
- Rides from Parking Lot
- Over 300 Handmade Quilts and Craft Items
- Ponies

Viewing opens at 8:30 a.m.

Sale begins at 11:00 a.m. • Rain or Shine

Proceeds will help children and families to enjoy Christian camping experiences at Lutheran Island Camp, a camp of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

View Quilts Early at:  
[www.islandcamp.org](http://www.islandcamp.org)



*Lutheran Island Camp  
& Retreat Center*

45011 230th Street  
Henning, MN 56551



**Questions?**

Phone: 218-583-2905

Fax: 218-583-2906

E-mail: [info@islandcamp.org](mailto:info@islandcamp.org)

**Directions:**  
Lutheran Island Camp is  
located 8 miles west of  
Henning on East  
Battle Lake

