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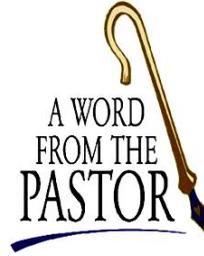
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IN TOUCH WITH REDEEMER

A newsletter by and for the family of Redeemer Lutheran Church

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We are entering into the summer months. A time when we find our schedule not quite as routine but somehow still filled with a multitude of things to do and places to go. It is a time when we can live and show our faith to others. Give God thanks for that fish you catch-let everyone in the boat and on shore know it is a blessing from God. A round of golf, a ball game, a family re-union all are times to thank the Lord for His blessings that we are enjoying. When traveling visit a local church-remember your children, neighbors, strangers all see your love of God in your actions far better than an occasional word. Show, share and encourage one another by your worship and witnessing your faith each day.



Yes, we have a Pastoral vacancy at this time, but God still needs us to Make Disciples. Help your church Make Disciples. One simple but very effective and helpful way is with the FRIENDSHIP ROSTER. You know that little red book that you sign during the offering. Did you notice the people in your pew, who indicated they are visitors or attend regularly but are not members. Make it a point to say hello and welcome them, maybe even encourage them to give us an address or phone number. We do check these sheets over and would like to follow up with our guests. Your help is vital to make this a positive witness for Jesus. This is a little thing we each can do. Take that first step, welcome them and introduce them to others around you. Thank you. Thank you for living your faith and putting it into action.

Pastor Loren Kruse

WANTED . . .

Fathers like Abraham: "He will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord" (Gen. 18:19).

Mothers like Hannah: "As long as he (her son) liveth he shall be lent to the Lord" (1 Sam. 1:28).

Boys like Jesus: He returned with His parents to Nazareth and "was subject unto them" (Luke 2:51).

Girls like the little maid who told her mistress that God could heal Naaman's leprosy (2 Kings 5:1-3).

Brothers like Nehemiah and Hanani, who served God together (Neh. 7:1-2).

Sisters like Mary and Martha, who received Jesus into their home and lives (Luke 10:38-39).

Preachers like Paul, who "in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling" (1 Cor. 2:3) presented the truth in the power of the Spirit.

Servants of God like Barnabas: "He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith" (Acts 11:24).

Lovers of the Bible like the Bereans: "They received the word (message) with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily" (Acts 17:11).

CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES...

Lt Jason & Emily (Ansorge) Geddes
724 West Princess Anne Road
Norfolk, VA 23517
Grandchildren of Virginia Ansorge

Major James Nelson
Orthopedic Surgeon at
Ft. Benning, Columbus, GA
Parents are Wayne & Laurie Nelson

ET5 Brianna Runke
Electronics Technician
Hopper Information Service Center
Suitland, Maryland
Brianna is the niece of Dave & Carol Runke

CW3 Jeffery Nelson
Chinook helicopter maintenance test
pilot at
Ft. Bliss in El Paso, TX
Parents are Wayne & Laurie Nelson



**MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS &
SERMONS ON THE WEBSITE**
www.redeemerwillmar.org

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. The church is charged a fee every time the post office informs us of an address change.

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.

ARE YOU GOING TO CAMP THIS SUMMER? If so, please put your name and the dates you are attending Lutheran Island Camp on the sign up sheet located in the gym hallway. That way you will know when your friends are going to camp and maybe you can share rides! Remember Redeemer will pay half your registration fee for up to seven nights in a calendar year. There are also scholarships available from Lutheran Island Camp.

SHOES FOR MISSIONS: School is out and it's time to kick off your shoes and slip on the flip flops! Bring your tennies and other shoes (except flip flops) to church and put them in the blue tub by the Social Hall. They will be taken to Lutheran Island Camp and sent on to help people in third world countries get a shoe business started. Please either tie or rubber band your shoes together if possible.



COLLECTION SITE LOCATION We have moved the Ink Jet Cartridge, Campbell's and Cash Wise collection area to the end of the hall by the gym. There is a table behind the door that has the receptacles for each of these items.

 Food Club - Top Care
 Full Circle - Paws

LABELS FOR LEARNING
50 POINTS
 Expires 6-11-16
 More information go to:
www.cobornsgives.com

← ← ← REMINDER:

Please bring in all your Cash Wise "Labels for Learning" points. They expire on **6-11-16** so we need to send them in shortly. Please drop them at the collection site located down by the gym or the church office.

THE ELDERS are looking for additional people willing to usher at 8:00 or 10:30 services. You will be contacted soon by one of your Elders. Please prayerfully consider doing this for your Redeemer family.



THE HAPPY QUILTERS want to thank everyone who had a part in quilting this past year. To all the wonderful home quilters, you cut blocks, sewed them together, did some hand sewing, and donated material. You helped make this a successful year. Thank you to all the faithful ones that came on Mondays and of course to you who served coffee. There was a total of ninety local and mission, baby quilts and lap robes made. Thank you and give God the glory. See you in October.

Following the example of the "Good Shepherd"

The Lord is my shepherd; I lack nothing. Psalm 23:1 NIV

About a month ago I met with a few adult leaders who are preparing to go to New Orleans with our youth this summer, in a pre-trip planning meeting we heard a fellow DCE describe to us the differences in being a Shepherd vs. being a chaperone. As a part of that conversation the speaker shared this story about herding sheep. We all know that sheep follow the shepherd but on a recent sightseeing trip a traveler saw a man walking behind the sheep chasing them. Questioning this method, the traveler asked their travel guide why the shepherd walked behind and not in front. To which the guide answered, that's not the shepherd that's the butcher. During the weeks and days during VBS week I sometimes feel more like the butcher herding than the Shepherd leading. Thank goodness we have Christ, the Good Shepherd as a model for all of us to follow during those days.

Vacation Bible School is less than a month away and I am excited to share with you all about our Barnyard Roundup VBS. This summer our VBS is based on Psalm 23, "The Good Shepherd Psalm". It is hard to believe that in 6 short verses God reminds us as Christians that he is our Shepherd who LEADS us throughout life. Each day of VBS is set-up with a different theme that focuses on a different section from Psalm 23.

Jesus Cares Now and Forever "The Lord is my shepherd; I lack nothing." 23:1

- What are you lacking in your life: time, sleep, money, happiness, peace, balance? We often feel we are lacking one or more of these things in our life. In 23:1 we are reminded that we have a God who loves us even more than the birds of the air or flowers in the field (Matt 6:28-30) and would never leave us without care.

Jesus provides Now and Forever "He makes me lie down in green pastures. 23:2

- Jesus provides in ways beyond our knowledge for our everyday needs, notice I said needs and not wants. We are blessed daily to know that God is continually providing for all our needs despite the fact that we do not really deserve them. Just as He provided enough food to feed 5000 people out of 2 small fish and 5 loaves, our God can and does provide what we may see as impossible to meet our possible needs.

Jesus leads us Now and Forever "He leads me in paths of righteousness." 23:3

- Where are we going? What direction are we headed in as a congregation? Who are we following? Our Shepherd doesn't drive us through our lives, he leads us and we follow. We follow exactly where Christ needs us to be, right now as He leads the way we are caring for those we meet along the way. We join with Jesus as he works in people's lives, by building relationships with them and caring for them.

Jesus Forgives Now and Forever! "I will fear no evil for You are with me." 23:4

- Jesus forgives us constantly without thought, yet it can be so difficult for us to forgive those around us that cause pain, frustration or some other cause.

Jesus is our Savior, Now and Forever! "I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever." 23:6

- Because of Christ's sacrifice on the cross we can dwell in the house of our Lord forever, free from sin and every worldly pain and problem.

Please consider being a SHEPHERD (there are lots of ways to help) and join us June 26-30 as we hear all about how Jesus, cares, provides, leads, forgives us NOW and FOREVER and the wonderful promises of our Savior! Parents are welcome to attend our Gather Round opening in the Sanctuary each night. Register for VBS as a student or volunteer at www.redeemerwillmar.org/ministry/vacation-bible-school/.

Gathering Round His Word, Cassie Drenkow, Director of Christian Education

Get Moving!

This is a popular theme that is advertised quite often for all ages. In the Early Childhood Arena we are also asked to keep kids moving and exercising. So in that spirit the following is a list of Get Moving activities you can try with your children in June. More ideas will follow in July and August.

1. Go to every space in your home and do a funny dance.
2. Motions of the weather: Use your bodies to pretend to be different types of weather. Rain, wind, thunder, snow...."
3. Do the Opposite! Work on doing opposite movements, such as run fast and slow, reach high and low, march soft and hard.
4. Become a cloud! Watch the clouds today and change your body into all of the shapes that the clouds make- then float through space going high, low, fast and slow.
5. Go to the Willmar Fest parade. Then pretend to play your favorite instrument and go on a parade around your yard.
6. When it is raining outside: Pretend that your house is full of puddles and your job is to leap over all of them. Don't get wet!!
7. Place baseball.
8. Use wet sponges to throw at a big target such as a building or a garage door.
9. Fill a cup full of water. Can you run around your building carrying the cup without losing much water? How else can the cup be carried?
10. Practice your volleying skills. Find a balloon and try to keep it up in the air. Try volleying it with different parts of your body.
11. Come to the Redeemer Neighborhood Picnic and enjoy the activities here.
12. Come to VBS where every night will help you "Get Moving!!"

Have a fabulous summer enjoying God's creation!!

Rachel Jeppesen
Redeemer Preschool Director

Register for Summer preschool or Fall preschool online at www.redeemerlutheranpreschool.org
We have a few 4 year old openings on Tues/Thurs and 3 year old openings both Mon/Wed & Tues/Thurs for fall.

†† JUNE 2016 ††					
	ELDERS	GREETERS	ACOLYTES	SOUND	LIBRARY
June 5 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Michael Sandau Stan Skaro Leon Schultz Wayne Dahlke	Luther & Peggy Dykema Jeff & Darla Kimpling Troy & Lisa Anderson Doug & Renee Jorschumb	Abby Stauffenecker Mikayla Schoumaker	Mike Mikkelsen Darrell Hoekstra	LaVonne Van Zee
June 12 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Mark Sellmann Dave Runke	Don & Birdie Urban Bill & Deb Paterson Gary & Mary Hillenbrand Leon & Carole Schultz	Cora Gleason Jordan Freiberg	Wayne Dahlke Art Bolland	Michelle Marcus
June 19 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Stan Skaro Doug Jorschumb Ron Jaspersen Neil Buboltz	Ken Behm Anita Petersen, Myron Behm Marlin & Cheryl Niss Loren & Judy Schultz	Blake & Jennassa Hanson Sarah Jeppesen	Brad Marcus Wayne Dahlke	Sarah Fosso
June 26 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Jeff Kimpling Leon Schultz	Rolf & Joyce Standfuss Mike Botzek, Deb Arnold Todd Swartz, LaVonne Van Zee Alice Beckmann, Carol Dahlke	Michael Mohr Ashlyn Leindecker	Mark Boeschen Sarah Jeppesen	Lorraine King
USHERS	8:00 AM	*Larry Miller, Jeff Kimpling, Mike Gratz, Bob Ast			(* Head Usher)
	10:30 AM	*Brad Marcus, Kenny Nash, Elijah Nash, Glen Lotthammer			

Sunday/Wed	Attendance	Adults	Sr. High	Children	Communion	Private
May 1	363	-	-	51	270	
May 8	238	14	10	36		
May 15	267	-	8	41	209	
May 22	208	15	-	-		
May 29						
TOTALS	1076	29	18	128	479	30

In by Baptism: Owen William-Dale Weilage
In by Transfer: Marilyn Worke
In by Confirmation: Gaborick Bolstad, Jordan Freiberg, Blake Hanson, Tucker Helfinstine, Sarah Jeppesen, Ashlyn Leindecker, Jacob Meyer, Kaitlin Mogard, Eryn Sasse, Luke Sellmann, Abby Stauffenecker
Out by Transfer: Pastor Greg, Jillian, Donovan, Clara, Elisha Enterline
Out by Release: Jessica Dahlke, Jeffrey Dahlke
Out by Death: Florence Christensen

JUNE MUSIC SPOTLIGHT!

What's on your music playlist?

Here is a list of Christian Artists that Anna Barber submitted this month:

I Lift My Hands by Chris Tomlin (<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=c24EnOr-IXg>)

We Believe by Newsboys (<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=WjZ01FcK0yk>)

Greater by MercyMe (<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=GXI0B4iMLuU>)

You Are More by Tenth Avenue North (<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=lwtcwOwgdsA>)

Start a Fire by Unspoken (<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=xrEzr-rWwe8>)

"THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS"

For **JUNE** we will be collecting previously viewed DVD's

(comedy and action), paperback novels, games-board games, electronic, hand-held games, car games, crossword and word find books, and journals.

Please place donated items in box located in the narthex.

SENIOR PASTOR UPDATE: We have recently called Pastor Matthew Canion of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Waco, Texas. He and his wife Kimberly have been married eleven years and have one son Jordan who is 4. Pastor Canion and his family plan to visit us and he may possibly preach on Sunday, June 4th. Please keep Redeemer and St. Paul's, Pastor Canion and his family in your prayers as he considers the call to serve as our Senior Pastor.

DURING THE TIME THAT REDEEMER is without a regular pastor, if you are in need of pastoral care, we ask that you call the church office. If it is an after-hours emergency, please contact Pastor Kruse, vacancy pastor at 320-262-3499 or 320-220-0097 or Pastor Friedrich, visitation pastor at 320-214-0132 or 320-894-6315, or one of the Elders.

GARDEN SPOTS are available this summer on the north side of the church again to anyone who would like to plant a garden. You provide the seeds, tools, and the maintenance of it and God provides the rain! (We will have water available just in case!) If interested, please contact the church office.



Redeemer Lutheran 2016 Super Summer Preschool

We are offering one week sessions of Preschool for 3-5 year olds. Choose one week or all three weeks. The first session will be 4 days (T-F) for \$47. The next two sessions will be 5 days each (M-F) for \$58. All sessions will run from **8:15-11:15 am**. Call 235-4685 for a form, check the narthex, or go to www.redeemerwillmar.org.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS (May 31 – June 3)

Exploring God's creation as we learn about all the wonderful things that

He has made, such as bugs, animals, and even YOU!

ONE BIG MESS (June 6-10)

Join us as we explore how much fun being messy can be. This week will include all sorts of science experiments and other activities that might get messy.

WATER, WATER, WATER (June 13-17)

What a gift God created when He gave us water. This week we are going to explore water inside and out, learning how we use it every day in many ways.

Ms Michelle Corti will be team teaching summer school with Mackenzie Lindquist, a brand-new teaching graduate from Concordia University, St. Paul.

CHERYL AND I wish to thank everyone for their prayers and cards during my illness. A special thank you to Ken and Alix Behm and Paulette Hentz for the food and extra effort to help us out. Our gratitude to Pastor Kruse and Pastor Friedrich for their prayers, phone calls and visit. Great is His faithfulness! Terry Pankow

DEAR REDEEMER Thank you so much for supporting me both financially and emotionally over the past four years. I am grateful for all of the friendships that I have had at Redeemer and they will forever be meaningful. As I finish my time at Concordia, St. Paul, I have accepted a Call to teach 3rd grade at Mount Olive Lutheran Church and School in Des Moines, Iowa. I look forward to using my education as I teach these students and continue to grow myself. Thank you for the continued support and everything that you have provided me with. I am forever grateful. Thank you, Mackenzie Lindquist

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.

June 1	Ruth 3	Proverbs 1:8 – 33
June 2	Ruth 4	Proverbs 2:1 – 22
June 3	Catch-up Day	Proverbs 3:1 – 35
June 4	Catch-up Day	Proverbs 4:1 – 27
June 5	1 Samuel 1:1 – 2:11	Proverbs 5:1 – 6:19
June 6	1 Samuel 2:12 – 4:1a	Proverbs 6:20 – 35
June 7	1 Samuel 4:1b – 5:12	Proverbs 7:1 – 27
June 8	1 Samuel 6 – 7	Proverbs 8:1 – 36
June 9	1 Samuel 8 – 9	Proverbs 9:1 - 18
June 10	1 Samuel 10 – 12	Proverbs 10
June 11	1 Samuel 13:1 – 14:48	Proverbs 11
June 12	1 Samuel 14:49 – 15:35	Proverbs 12
June 13	1 Samuel 16 – 17	Proverbs 13
June 14	1 Samuel 18 – 19	Proverbs 14
June 15	1 Samuel 20 – 21	Proverbs 15:1 – 29
June 16	1 Samuel 22 – 23	Proverbs 15:30 – 33
June 17	1 Samuel 24 – 25	Proverbs 16
June 18	1 Samuel 26 – 27	Proverbs 17
June 19	1 Samuel 28 – 29	Proverbs 18
June 20	1 Samuel 30 – 31	Proverbs 19
June 21	Catch-up Day	Proverbs 20
June 22	Catch-up Day	Proverbs 21
June 23	2 Samuel 1 – 2	Proverbs 22:1 – 16
June 24	2 Samuel 3 – 4	Proverbs 22:17 – 29
June 25	2 Samuel 5 – 7	Proverbs 23
June 26	2 Samuel 8 – 9	Proverbs 24:1 – 22
June 27	2 Samuel 10 – 11	Proverbs 24:23 – 34
June 28	2 Samuel 12	Proverbs 25
June 29	2 Samuel 13 – 14	Proverbs 26
June 30	2 Samuel 15 – 16	Proverbs 27

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.

JUNE

Gloria Schroeder – 320-382-6400
Sharon Jergenson – 320-235-8278

Bob & Doris Ast
Gordon & Betty Behm
Vern & Sally Bierbaum
Jessica Bode-Van Eps
Norm Christensen
Lyle & Vera Ehrenberg
Jon & Jessica Friton
Ron Grefe
Steven & Beverly Hanson
Dewayne Holthusen
Joshua & Briana Jensen
Joel & Sharon Jergenson
Larry & Christi Jorschumb
Rick & Sally Kloth
Jack Kuppich
Paul & Carol Lenz
Jon & Dawn Lingbeek
Paul & Elizabeth Meyer
Ken & Cynthia Nash
Bill & Debra Paterson
Donovan & Carol Ryks
Gary & Gloria Schroeder
Charlene Smith
Larry & Beverly Wessels

JULY

Lila Rekedal – 320-235-9218
Heather Petersen – 320-444-8450

Randy & Jill Augustin
Ken & Alix Behm
Mark & Amy Boeschen
Kristine Carlson
Michelle Corti
Chris Dahline
Wayne & Kelly Dahlke
Larry & Vickie Eisenlohr
Marv & Sharon Erdelt
Melanie Garberich
Dohn & Jenny Harpestad
Bill & LeeAnn Houselog
Shane & Brooke Jensen
Clarence & Violet Klucas
Steven & Christine Kurtzbein
Robert & Judy Linhoff
Donald & Eleanor Perschau
Craig & Heather Petersen
Bob & Lila Rekedal
Jose & Wendy Reyes
Milton & Marcella Sadd
Leon & Carole Schultz
Lyle Smith
Wayne Streich

Minnesota North District – LCMS Prayer Calendar June 2016

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Perham – Rev. Carl Noble and DCE Christopher Brown	2 St. John Lutheran Church, Vergas – Rev. Tony Cloose, VP	3 St. John Lutheran Church, Height of Land (Frazee) – Rev. Scott Muehberg	4
	6 Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Callaway – Rev. Matthew Meyer	7 Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bartlett Twp. (Verndale) – Rev. Robin Fish, Sr.	8 St. Paul Lutheran Church, Bertha – Rev. Blake Rickbell	9 Trinity Lutheran Church, Deer Creek	10 St. Paul Lutheran Church, Henning – Rev. Kevin Mann	11
12	13 Trinity Lutheran Church, Hewitt – Rev. Gerold Goetz, VP	14 Nimrod Lutheran Church, Nimrod – Rev. Mark Hesse	15 Zion Lutheran Church, North Germany (Sebeka) – Rev. Raymond Hendrickson	16 St. John Lutheran Church, Ottertail - Rev. Dr. Karl Weber	17 St. Paul Lutheran Church, Richville – Rev. Dr. Karl Weber	18
19	20 St. John Lutheran Church, Wadena – Rev. Stephen Meltzer	21 Trinity Lutheran Church, New York Mills – Rev. Kirk Douglas and DCE Gary Bach	22 Grace Lutheran Church, Sebeka – Rev. Mark Hesse	23 St. John Lutheran Church, Aitkin – Rev. David Becker	24 Zion Lutheran Church, Brainerd – Rev. Steven Benson	25
26	27 Zion Lutheran Church, Crosby – Rev. Dean Stolz	28 Immanuel Lutheran Church, Iron Hub (Aitkin) – Rev. Dean Stolz	29 Our Savior Lutheran Church, McGregor – Rev. Joshua Reinke	30 Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Pequot Lakes – Rev. Frank Milo		

DURING THE TIME that Redeemer is without any regular called pastors there is reduced monthly expenses. The difference in expenses between an associate pastor and a vacancy pastor is \$4591 each month. The elders feel our congregation should designate this amount of money each month to be used to make over and above payments on the church building loan, first on the existing loan and then on the new loan. This only addresses the reduced cost on the associate pastor and doesn't even consider the senior pastor budget amounts. This would start April 2016 and continue until the month a Senior Pastor would start at Redeemer. A motion was made and passed at the last Quarterly Voter's Meeting to accept this recommendation. Please continue to give your offerings to the Lord.



Prayer & Praise Mite Calendar June 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 "Heir of God's Abundant Love" <i>"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" 1 John 3:1a (NIV)</i>			1 Pray for all Full-time Church Work Students 10¢ MN NORTH GRANT	2 Pray for Life in Christ Lutheran Church, Grand Marais 10¢ MN NORTH GRANT	3 Pray for Lutheran Braille Workers 10¢ MN NORTH GRANT	4 Thank God for your family 25¢
5 This week grow in your faith daily through study of God's Word MN NORTH GRANT	6 Pray for Men Preparing for Ordination 10¢ MN NORTH GRANT	7 Pray for Rev. James Kollie Education Fund, Liberia 10¢ MN NORTH GRANT	8 Pray for the ministry of Orphan Grain Train 10¢ MN NORTH GRANT	9 Pray for the School Building for Gloria Dei in Cap Haitian, Haiti 10¢ MN NORTH GRANT	10 Pray for the Staff Training at Lutheran Island Camp Summer 10¢ MN NORTH GRANT	11 Pray for the Nuclei Committee, for their service in preparing for the district convention
12 Pray for all of the newly called pastors from our seminaries.	13 Pray for the Teaching Staff at Yambio Lutheran School, South Sudan 10¢ MN NORTH GRANT	14 Two-Minute Tuesday Flag Day 1¢ for every flag you see today.	15 Remember to pray for all who will be attending our convention.	16 Mites in Action, give thanks for those who will share their stories at convention	17 Pray for the Keynote Speaker Gary Thies of Mission Central	18 Remember your local food pantry with a gift and a prayer
19 Father's Day Pray for safe travel for all those going to the LWML MN North District Convention	20 Come and worship with your LWML sisters at convention	21 Pray for decisions made at our district convention today	22 Pray for the new BOD members as they use their gifts to serve God	23 Pray for outgoing officers in thanks for their service	24 Give thanks for the ingatherings collected at convention	25 Remember your local food pantry with a gift and a prayer
26 Pray for the homebound members of your congregation	27 Call a neighbor and share some words of encouragement	28 Two-Minute Tuesday Pray for the police officers in your community	29 Thank God for willing feet to follow Him 5¢	30 Ask God to give you more patience		

2016 ELDER – RESPONSIBILITY

Elder	Phone#	Household Names
01 Mark Sellmann	235-0075	Akerson – Bokelman
02 Michael Sandau	894-0637	Bolland – Davis
03 Stan Skaro	599-4506	Derksen – Grewe
04 Ron Jaspersen	354-5083	Grothe – Jacobson
05 Leon Schultz	248-7466	Jagow – Kruse
06 Doug Jorschumb	235-5451	Kubasch – Meyer
07 Neil Buboltz	796-2352	Mikkelsen – Phillips
08 Wayne Dahlke	262-9847	Pitt – Schoumaker
09 Jeff Kimpling	235-5373	Schroeder – Streich
10 Dave Runke	235-9068	Stueckrath – Zetah



WE NEED FARM HANDS to help with our Barnyard Roundup Vacation Bible School. Please prayerfully consider helping us sometime throughout the week of June 26-30. It takes lots of volunteer help and support to lead and guide our sheep (kids) and share God's great promises for us. See a list of Volunteer opportunities posted outside the kitchen and sign-up to help online at <http://www.redeemerwillmar.org/ministry/vacation-bible-school/>

LIST OF DONATED ITEMS NEEDED FOR VBS:

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| 10 Bags Mini Marshmallows | 2 squeeze mustards |
| 3 Bags Large Marshmallows | 3 squeeze ketchups |
| 3 Bags Twizzlers | 1 squeeze mayonnaise |
| 1 Box Life Cereal | 8 - 1 lb. boxes of potato chips |
| 1 Big container Goldfish Crackers | 3 - 117 oz. cans of Bush's Baked Beans |
| 150 Pudding Cups | 2 - 1 gallon jars of hamburger sliced dill pickles |
| 3 Bags Pretzel Sticks | Powdered juice or lemonade mix |
| 6 Bags Dried Cranberries | 3 bottles pancake syrup |
| 6 Bags Sunflower Seeds (Shelled) | 14 - 46 oz. jars of applesauce |
| 4 Large Bags M&M's (Plain) | 2 - 38 oz. jars of salsa (mild or medium) |
| 4 Jars Sunbutter | 1 - 36 oz. bottle of Ranch dressing |
| 6 loaves sliced white bread | 4 bags of gummy worms |
| 6 Bags Green Balloons | 900 roofing nails |
| 6 Bags Red Balloons | 80 rounds lids from sour cream, yogurt, cool whip & butter containers |
| 8 Bags of White Balloons | |
| 3 Rolls of Plastic Checkered Table Cloth | |
| Elmer's Glue | |
| 80 - 5 1/2" x 10" pieces of wood | |
| 2 jars grape jelly | |
| 2 jars creamy peanut butter | |

Please place all items in box located in the narthex no later than June 23rd.

**VBS DAY AT
LUTHERAN ISLAND CAMP
Monday, June 6**

Leave 7:15 a.m.
Return approx. 6:00 p.m.

**AGES: 3 - 12 years old
COST: \$15 per person
BRING YOUR FRIENDS, TOO!!!**

Come and join the fun at Lutheran Island Camp for a day. We will be riding a coach bus to The Island.

The Day's Activities Include:

- Singing
- Bible Study
- Playing Games
- Lunch
- Doing Crafts
- Swimming

If you have any questions, please contact Deb Bremseth at 320-905-3078 or dbremseth@charter.net. **Parents are urged to attend with their children at an additional cost of \$15. Please pre-register also.**

**Please sign up by Tuesday, May 31
Payment is due by June 1.**

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE WOODEN RACK IN THE NARTHEX.

CALLING ALL FARM ANIMALS! Kids and adults grab your overalls, boots, bandana's and join us on June 25 as Redeemer participates in the Willmar Fest parade. We are looking for families who are interested in walking the parade route. Can't walk the parade route with us but want to help? We are looking for donations of non-melting candy to give out during the parade. Sign up outside the church office if you would like to help walk in the parade or leave your candy donations in the church office.



NYG PARENT AND TEAM MEETING June 12th from 7-9:00 pm. Parents please join us for the first 45 minutes of the meeting as we will be going over some important final trip information.



Church Picnic

REDEEMER COMMUNITY PICNIC is June 15 from 5-7 pm. If you would like to help with games and activities for that day please sign-up online at: www.redeemerwillmar.org/ministry/youth/news/

Thanks for being willing to pray! Here are some requests:

- 1) Praise God that our trips went well - both to Kenya and down to Gidole. We returned to Addis Ababa on May 12. We spent some days buying supplies, and then we will return to Gidole. Please pray for safe travels on the busy roads (with vehicles, people, and animals), and that we would have no mechanical problems.
 - 2) In June, I will begin working with the Konso team. We will be checking over their translation of the book of Numbers. Please pray for my preparation as I preview their translation.
 - 3) Please continue to pray for those affected by the drought here.
- God bless, Jim & Susan Kaiser, Translation Consultant in Ethiopia, Lutheran Bible Translators



VALLEY FAIR TRIP Youth mark your calendars for June 22 as we will be traveling to Valley Fair for the day. Cost is \$30.00 a person. Youth who helped with Easter Breakfast receive a discount: \$10 off for 1 day; \$15.00 off for 2 or more days. Please sign-up and fill out a form located outside the youth room. Forms and payment are due by noon on June 19.

IT'S TIME TO GET READY FOR BARNYARD ROUNDUP VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

June 26-30. What is the *Barnyard Roundup* VBS? In *Barnyard Roundup* VBS, your children learn that Jesus, our Good Shepherd, gathers us together! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five farm-tastic Bible accounts that teach us how God is with us, provides for all our needs, and protects us now and forever!

Jesus, our Savior, cares, provides, leads, and forgives us!

Register today at www.redeemerwillmar.org/ministry/vacation-bible-school/
May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us.

LOOKING FOR AN EASY, convenient way to help support Redeemer Lutheran Church and Preschool? Look no further than Thrivent Financial's member-advised charitable giving program, Thrivent Choice. By participating in the Choice Dollars component of this program, eligible Thrivent members can recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable grants, including to Redeemer Lutheran Church or Preschool. Here's how Choice Dollars works: Eligible Thrivent members are designated Choice Dollars based on 1) Premiums paid on qualifying insurance products; 2) Quarterly contract value of their qualifying products; and/or 3) Whether they hold a qualifying Thrivent volunteer leadership position. Learn more at Thrivent.com/thriventchoice. On the ThriventChoice website, you'll find helpful information about the Thrivent Choice program -- including whether you are eligible to direct Choice Dollars and, if so, the number of Choice Dollars available for you to direct. Thank you for your continued support of our church and preschool.

REDEEMER'S CONGREGATION'S response to the Cambodian Mission Project has been very good. The door offering raised \$1,277.05 plus the \$250.00 from the elder budget totaled \$1,527.05. Here is a message from Stephanie Behm:

I thought I'd let you know that between Redeemer, St. John, and Bloomington Living Hope we have raised more money than we need for this mission! I'm ecstatic! So, naturally we upped our game and will now aim to serve 800 - 1,000 children instead of 600. The donations are still coming in; I'm very grateful for everyone's support.

You still have an opportunity to donate good used backpacks (drawstring bags are also appreciated) through June 10. This collection box is down by the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to everyone that supported this project. We can continue to support Stephanie and Michael through our prayers. Dave Runke - Head Elder

THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML)

Minnesota North District will be gathering in Willmar to hold its 27th Biennial District Convention on June 20, 21, and 22. The theme is "Heir of God's Abundant Love". 1 John 3:1a Registration begins on Monday, June 20th, 11:00 am at the Willmar Conference Center. The convention begins with a worship service at 7:00 pm. Convention business will be electing officers for the following biennium, adopting mission grant goals for mites, and bylaw changes. This past biennium, LWML MN North women have given \$136,000 towards LWML MN North mission grants plus thousands towards LWML mission grants.

Keynote speaker will be Gary Thies, Director of Mission Central, Mapleton, IA. The Chord-Ayres will provide entertainment. The Bible study leader is Rev. Don Stauty, Pastor at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Virginia, MN, and Redeemer Lutheran Church, Aurora, MN. Cheryl Mattil, LWML Strategic Plan Facilitator, will be the LWML Representative in attendance.

Participants will have the opportunity to participate in the choir, Kandi-land Krusade Mite Walk, breakout sessions, and servant events.

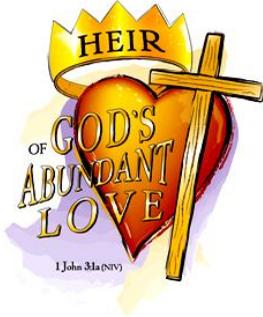
The women will be gathering items for Grace Place and Safe Avenue Shelter in Willmar as well as doing servant events at the conference center. Ingathering items are **toilet paper, paper towels, laundry soap, dish soap, cleaning products, towels, washcloths, scrubbers, and Kleenex**. Please place your donations in the collection box located in the narthex.

Speak to Marvelle Stone or the church office about obtaining a registration form or visit the District website at: www.lwmlmn.org.

THE KANDI-LAND KRUSADE MITE WALK

will take place on Wednesday, June 22 at 6 am. All money gathered will go toward the 2016-2018 biennial mite goal. You can pledge your support on the form located on the church office window. Cash or check, payable to **LWML MN North District**, can be turned in to the church office.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



OPEN HOUSE GRADUATION PARTY for Katherine Meyer. Please join us on Saturday, June 4th, from 1-4 pm in Redeemer's Fellowship Hall as we celebrate Katherine's high school graduation.

OPEN HOUSE honoring Kourtney Hammerschmidt on June 4th from 11:30 – 3:00 pm at our home, 20040 30th Street SW, Blomkest. Kourtney is graduating from MACCRAY High School on May 29th at 2:00 pm. Kourtney will be attending St. Cloud State in the Fall.



A SURPRISE OPEN HOUSE 90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY for Norman Imme is being held on Sunday, June 12th, from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Richard and Dianne Hanson's house, 2004 15th Street SW, Willmar. No gifts please. **Shhhhh, it's a surprise!!!** (His newsletter won't have this announcement!)



PASTOR AND IRENE FRIEDRICH are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on June 26th between church services and would like to invite you to the Fellowship Hall for cake and coffee. Their anniversary is actually June 4th.

CONGRATULATION GRADUATES!!! Redeemer's 2016 graduates are: Jennifer Gratz, Tyler Grewe, Kourtney Hammerschmidt, Alex Holtberg, Shelbie Jackson, Korissa Lindquist, Katherine Meyer, Kennedy Raap, Alexis Schultz, and Lauren Wubben.



POEM FOR DAD

I'm afraid to call you
World's Best Father or
Number One Dad,
since you told me at
least twenty million
times to stop
exaggerating!