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# In Touch With Redeemer

## *Sharing Christ and Changing Lives*

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## IN TOUCH WITH REDEEMER

A newsletter by and for the family of Redeemer Lutheran Church

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"SHE SAW THAT THE STONE HAD BEEN MOVED AWAY . . ." (John 20:1)

Picture, for a moment, the mood of the disciples on Easter Sunday. They had loved Jesus . . . they had left everything to follow Him . . . they had experienced His presence and joy and love as never before. They had seen Him heal the sick and feed the hungry. And after a very few short years, they had witnessed Palm Sunday and the glorious march into Jerusalem where they had expected it all to climax with Jesus' coronation. But instead, He had been CRUCIFIED. He had been executed in a most painful, brutal way . . . and the walls came tumbling down for them. But there was even more, for now, unbelievable insult had been added to injury; Jesus' enemies, they thought, had robbed the tomb and stolen His body. They wouldn't even let Him rest in death.



We need to reflect a little bit on this empty tomb on Easter morning. We need to understand that when Jesus' disciples first discovered that the tomb was empty, it was not GOOD news. It was BAD news because they thought that His tomb had been desecrated . . . their Lord's dead body was gone. It was still dark when they made this stunning discovery, and we can only imagine how desperately they looked for the light of dawn to break.

But then it came . . . gloriously the morning came . . . bright and beautiful it came . . . filled with the Resurrection Power of God . . . filled with the presence, the loving presence of God. And Mary, the Mary that had loved Jesus so much, was the first person to experience the wonder of that day. We are told that in those days it was believed that after a person had died, his spirit hovered near the body for about three days before it departed. Perhaps, therefore, Mary had gone to the tomb to be near Him and to prepare the body for burial with dignity and respect . . . perhaps she had been unable to sleep. What better thing to do then, but to get up and go to Him even while it was still dark. At any rate, He appeared to her, but she did not recognize Him! WHY? Maybe she was blinded by her tears . . . maybe it was because she had come looking for a dead body . . . maybe Jesus' resurrection body confused her. Anyway, Jesus spoke her name: "Mary". There is magic in your name when you hear it spoken by someone you love. And when Mary heard her name spoken by Jesus, SHE KNEW! SHE RECOGNIZED HER LORD!

One by one the disciples began to also experience the presence of Jesus' Resurrection body. It is this historical event that we contemplate and prepare to celebrate as we look forward to Easter. JESUS WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD! JESUS IS ALIVE! We prepare to say, "ALLELUIA! THANK GOD! JESUS HAS RISEN!"

"She saw that the stone had been rolled away . . ." Alleluia! Jesus has risen!

Pastor Loren Kruse

## CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES...

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

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

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

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



**MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS &  
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[www.redeemerwillmar.org](http://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.**

# Orphan Grain Train Collection of New Socks and Undies

**All congregations in the Minnesota North District are invited to collect New socks and undies for Orphan Grain Train.**



These items will be taken to Texas border missions and other places where new items are allowed. **All sizes of undies and socks (for men, women, children) are being collected**, but children's socks (**for age 3 to 6<sup>th</sup> grade**) are very much needed, as children in Mexico cannot go to school without socks and shoes.



**Please send New socks and undies with your Pastor when he attends the MN State Pastoral Conference on May 9-11, 2016, at Madden's Resort, Brainerd, MN. Drop off Point: Orphan Grain Train Booth.**

**Money to help with shipping costs is also welcome.**

Monetary donations can be mailed to Orphan Grain Train, PO Box 61, Morris, MN 56267, or brought to the OGT Booth. Questions? Contact Gene Pasche, Chairman of MN North, Orphan Grain Train, at 320-589-2796.



**Relief for Human Need Worldwide**

## A Crucified Leader and an Empty Tomb

*So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"*

The tomb is empty, their teacher is dead, the disciples have been scattered and, according to Mark's gospel, as the women went to the tomb that Easter morning, the disciples were mourning and weeping somewhere else. Put yourselves in the shoes of the disciples that Easter morn. What could they have been possibly thinking? What did the disciples do during the 72 hours following the crucifixion?

With the death of Christ the disciples world had been turned upside down and soon they will hear that the tomb is empty, again, their world will be changed. The things that Christ had told his disciples before his death will start to fall into place as they encounter the risen Christ, but before they are wandering, lost, alone and in fear without a leader.

How many times in our lives can we relate to the disciples and what they were feeling during the time immediately following the resurrection? Nothing that the Lord is doing in our lives or has told us is making sense and we feel as the disciples may have felt, lost alone and hiding in fear of what lies before us.

However, we know the story did not end with Christ's death or the announcement of the empty tomb. As the disciples start to encounter the risen Christ, they start to understand and make sense of things Christ had shared with them prior to his death. This attitude did not linger long with the disciples as they began to encounter the risen Christ, things became clear to them. The same can be true for our own lives as we encounter the Risen Christ, we are able to see things as he sees, have his attitude and share with others the great news that the tomb is empty, Christ is Risen and we too can move forward in mission with Him.

With Joy in the Risen Savior,  
Cassie Drenkow  
Director of Christian Education

**PLEASE PUT YOUR DONATIONS IN THE BOX LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX**

Calling All Parents both Youngish and Olderish!!

Please come for an evening of humor and wit that will recharge your batteries no matter what stage of the parenting game you are in. Parenting is not an easy job even though it comes with multitudes of blessings. Scheduling some time to rejuvenate is necessary.

Katy Smith, MN 2011 Teacher of the Year, is returning to Willmar this spring (she was here in the fall). She will give us some straight forward tips about raising children. Her humor and stories will remind us that we all face the same challenges on this journey God has entrusted us with.

You don't want to miss this event!!

Where: Redeemer Lutheran Fellowship Hall  
 When: Friday, April 15th  
 6:00-7:30pm

Sponsored by: Willmar ECI (Early Childhood Initiative) and  
 Redeemer Lutheran Preschool

**PRESCHOOL RESTOCKING NEEDS:**  
 Buttons  
 Beads  
 Other types of decorating materials

**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.

<b>†† APRIL 2016 ††</b>					
	<b>ELDERS</b>	<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>ACOLYTES</b>	<b>SOUND</b>	<b>LIBRARY</b>
<b>Apr 3</b> 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Stan Skaro Mark Sellmann Wayne Dahlke Dave Runke	Marvelle Stone Lyle & Vera Ehrenberg Todd Swartz, Carol Dahlke LaVonne Van Zee, Alice Beckmann	Abby Stauffenecker Sarah Jeppesen	Mark Boeschen Kolby Lindquist	Lorraine King
<b>Apr 10</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Jeff Kimpling Neil Buboltz	John & Marlys Eggen Luther & Peggy Dykema Trudy Hemingway Keven & Diane Hillenbrand	Cora Gleason Ashlyn Leindecker	Mike Mikkelsen Brad Marcus	Bonnie Rhoda
<b>Apr 17</b> 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Michael Sandau Stan Skaro Leon Schultz Doug Jorschumb	Jeff & Darla Kimpling Don & Birdie Urban Jerry & Betty Schleh Roger & Nancy Klaassen	Jennassa Hanson Eryn Sasse	Wayne Dahlke Darrell Hoekstra	Anita Petersen
<b>Apr 24</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Mark Sellmann Wayne Dahlke	Bill & Deb Paterson Anita Petersen, Myron Behm Troy & Lisa Anderson Doug & Renee Jorschumb	Michael Mohr Jacob Meyer	Brad Marcus Art Bolland	LaVonne Van Zee
<b>USHERS</b>	8:00 AM	*Lyle & Vera Ehrenberg, Rob Linhoff, Michelle Corti			(*Head Usher)
	10:30 AM	*Troy & Lisa Anderson, Ron Kassel, Wyatt Kassel			

Sunday/Wed	Attendance	Adults	Sr. High	Children	Communion	Private
Mar 2	151					
Mar 6/9	306/152	15	7	55	227	
Mar 13/16	234/139	15	4	43		
Mar 20	283	14	12	48	225	
Mar 24/25	135/179				131	
Mar 27	530	-	-	-		30
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2109</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>583</b>	

In by baptism: Eva Luella Hanson, Willow Anne Bremseth  
 Out by transfer: Amy, Brock, Devin Buffington & Levi Streich  
 Out by release: Dawn Gast  
 Out by death: Harlan Hemingway, Barbara Rasanen

### **APRIL MUSIC SPOTLIGHT!**

Broken Vessels - (Amazing Grace) Hillsong Worship

Build Your Kingdom - Here Rend Collective

God is on the Move - 7eventhTimeDown

Touch the Sky - Hillsong United

Christ In Me - Jeremy Camp

**THE STEWARDSHIP BOARD** is looking for someone to do the annual internal audit of Redeemer's financials. On an annual basis, a member of the Congregation performs the internal audit. We have an Audit Procedure Checklist to follow so it helps the person perform the audit with very good directions. Chris Yoose will provide all reports to assist in the audit. The financial reports are very easy to follow. Please contact Rolf Standfuss, (235-4934) Stewardship Board Chair for more details.

**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU** to all the home quilters, you know who you are. You cut blocks, sew blocks together and donate material. You have been wonderful. Come join the Happy Quilters every Monday at 12:30 and enjoy the fellowship. If you can tie a knot you are a quilter.

### **BUTT PRINTS IN THE SAND**

One night I had a wondrous dream, one set of footprints there was seen,  
The footprints of my precious Lord, but mine were not along the shore.

But then some stranger prints appeared, and I asked the Lord, "What have we here?"  
Those prints are large and round and neat, "but Lord, they are too big for feet".

"My child", He said in somber tones, "for miles I carried you alone.  
I challenged you to walk in faith, but you refused and made me wait".

"You disobeyed, you would not grow, the walk of faith, you would not know.  
So, I got tired, I got fed up, and there I dropped you on your butt."

"Because in life, there comes a time, when one must fight, and one must climb,  
when one must rise and take a stand, or leave their butt prints in the sand".

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for Sunday, April 10th, as that will be a special day of thanksgiving as Redeemer dedicates our refurbished church. Our guest speaker for the day will be President Fondow. We will be having a cake and coffee hour between services, giving you time to visit with the Building Committee and one another. Let us praise God for the beautiful new look of our chancel, sanctuary, narthex, balcony, screen, bathrooms and halls. Let us rejoice and be glad together as we thank the Lord for His many blessings. Pastor Kruse

**SPECIAL THANKS** to all our musicians who helped make the Easter Resurrection service special in our refurbished sanctuary: organist, pianist, choir, brass; your service was greatly appreciated. Thank you also to the youth and their leaders for the great breakfast, your labor is appreciated and together made our celebration of our Lord's resurrection a wonderful day.

**SENIOR PASTOR UPDATE:** The congregation called Pastor Cory Burma at the last call meeting. However, later that evening when Pastor Frank, Circuit Visitor, was able to reach him, he indicated that due to present circumstances he would be unable to consider our call at this time. A special call meeting has now been set for April 5th at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Pray for God's guidance.

**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.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE:** All the updates look beautiful and our project is nearly finished! The new lighting and communion rail is scheduled for installation the week of April 6th, and then all we will have left is the finishing touches. A big thank you to our congregation for your patience during the construction process and continued support of this project! A dedication is planned for April 10th.

**PLEASE DO NOT** drop items off at the church without talking to the office first.

# 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.

Apr. 1	Numbers 28 – 29	Psalm 91
Apr. 2	Numbers 30 – 31	Psalm 92
Apr. 3	Numbers 32 – 33	Psalm 93
Apr. 4	Numbers 34 – 35	Psalm 94
Apr. 5	Numbers 36	Psalm 95
Apr. 6	Catch-up Day	Psalm 96
Apr. 7	Catch-up Day	Psalm 97
Apr. 8	Deut. 1	Psalm 98
Apr. 9	Deut. 2 – 3	Psalm 99
Apr. 10	Deut. 4:1 – 43	Psalm 100
Apr. 11	Deut. 4:44 – 5:33	Psalm 101
Apr. 12	Deut. 6 – 7	Psalm 102
Apr. 13	Deut. 8 – 9	Psalm 103
Apr. 14	Deut. 10 – 11	Psalm 104
Apr. 15	Deut. 12:1 – 14:2	Psalm 105
Apr. 16	Deut. 14:3 – 16:17	Psalm 106
Apr. 17	Deut. 16:18 – 18:22	Psalm 107
Apr. 18	Deut. 19 – 20	Psalm 108
Apr. 19	Deut. 21 – 22	Psalm 109
Apr. 20	Deut. 23	Psalm 110
Apr. 21	Deut. 24 – 25	Psalm 111
Apr. 22	Deut. 26	Psalm 112
Apr. 23	Deut. 27 – 28	Psalm 113
Apr. 24	Deut. 29 – 30	Psalm 114
Apr. 25	Deut. 31:1 – 29	Psalm 115
Apr. 26	Deut. 31:30 – 33:29	Psalm 116
Apr. 27	Deut. 34	Psalm 117
Apr. 28	Catch-up Day	Psalm 118
Apr. 29	Catch-up Day	Psalm 119
Apr. 30	Joshua 1	Psalm 120

# 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.

## APRIL

Betty Schleh – 320-354-2136  
 Deb Setrum – 320-222-3869

Deb Arnold  
 Jenyne Beehler  
 Lisa Bjerke  
 Jim & Gayle Braun  
 Dorothy Broman  
 Dean & Cynthia Cordes  
 Luther & Peggy Dykema  
 Brian\* & Jackie Frank  
 Dan & Karen Gorans  
 Joe & Darla Hammerschmidt  
 Todd & Allison Hillenbrand  
 Fran Hussong  
 William & Kathryn\* Jagow  
 Loren & Dianne Kruse  
 Larry & Judy Lind  
 Kathy Martens  
 Brenda Munsterman  
 Jay & Amy Olson  
 Dave & Carol Runke  
 Jerry & Betty Schleh  
 Kim & Deb Setrum  
 Joe & Michele Steffen  
 Joey Werder

## MAY

Marlene Buboltz – 320-796-2352  
 Lori Martinek – 320-235-1670

Wallace & Murriel Ashburn  
 John & Michelle Behl  
 Lenora Bode  
 Neil & Marlene Buboltz  
 John Corti  
 Rev. Robert & Irene Friedrich  
 Michael & Joy Gratz  
 Richard & Dianne Hanson  
 Darrell & Gail Hoekstra  
 Ron & Bonnie Jaspersen  
 Jason Jorschumb  
 Jason & Marlene Kubasch  
 Rod & Naomi Lindquist  
 Mike & Lori Martinek  
 Rollin Munsterman  
 Terry & Cheryl Pankow  
 Dain & Angela Peterson  
 Lynn & Ranae Rahn  
 Matt & Alicia Runke  
 Rod & Denise Schroeder  
 Brandon & Jessica Smith  
 Gayne & Marvelle Stone  
 Roger & Darlene Swenson  
 Marvin Theilke

\*indicates non-member

# Minnesota North District – LCMS Prayer Calendar April 2016

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Circuit Visitor Fergus Falls Circuit – Rev. Tom Eaves	2
3	4 Circuit Visitor Long Prairie Circuit – Rev. Marty Porter	5 Circuit Visitor Wheaton Circuit – Rev. Donald Wagner	6 Circuit Visitor Appleton Circuit – Rev. Donald Klatt	7 Circuit Visitor Montevideo Circuit – Rev. Steven Frank	8 Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Crookston – Rev. Steven Bohler	9
10	11 First Lutheran Church, E. Grand Forks – Rev. David Laue	12 First English Lutheran Church, Eldred – Rev. Steven Bohler	13 St. Paul Lutheran Church, Euclid – Rev. Michael Nielsen	14 Trinity Lutheran Church, Fisher – Rev. Michael Nielsen	15 Redeemer Lutheran Church, Plummer – Rev. John Bumgardner	16
17	18 Immanuel Lutheran Church, Radium – Rev. Dr. Mark Buchhop	19 St. John Lutheran Church, Red Lake Falls – Rev. John Bumgardner	20 St. John Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls – Rev. Thomas Puffe	21 Zion Lutheran Church, Warren – Rev. Thomas Puffe	22 Zion Lutheran Church, Ada - Rev. Gary Rehborg, Interim	23
24	25 St. John's Lutheran Church, Green Meadow – Rev. Dean Bell	26 Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Mahnomon – Rev. Dean Bell, VP	27 Immanuel Lutheran Church, McIntosh – Rev. Linden Wendzel, VP	28 Trinity Lutheran Church, Twin Valley – Rev. Robert Behling	29 First English Lutheran Church, (Indep.) Lockhart (Ada) – Rev. Gary Rehborg, Interim	30

### LOST AND FOUND:

Nativity Set – 4 DVD's  
Come to church office to claim.

\*Life is a coin. You can spend it as you wish, but only once.

\*Life is short. Pray hard.

\*Jesus – Dying to know you!



## Prayer & Praise Mite Calendar April 2016



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 Give thanks for the Risen Savior!	4 Pray for Life in Christ Lutheran Church, Grand Marais 10¢ MN NORTH GRANT	5 <i>THE TIME IS NOW</i> Offer your hands in service to someone in need	6 Remember to pray for the grants supported by the national LWML	7 Pray for Lutheran Braille Workers 10¢ MN NORTH GRANT	8 The only way to have a friend is to be one. Proverbs 18:24	9 Pray for all Full-time Church Work Students 10¢ MN NORTH GRANT
10 Pray for the seminary student graduates	11 Pray for Men Preparing for Ordination 10¢ MN NORTH GRANT	12 Pray for the LWML MN North BOD & Nuclei Committee meeting in Willmar, MN	13 Encourage someone new to attend a spring rally	14 Pray for Rev. James Kollie Education Fund, Liberia 10¢ MN NORTH GRANT	15 Pray for those who are working on the district convention	16 Pray for April showers and the blessing they bestow
17 Thank your Sunday school teachers for their time and talents	18 Start your week off by saying "God loves you!" to the first person you meet	19 <i>THE TIME IS NOW</i> Pray for the ministry of Orphan Grain Train 10¢ MN NORTH GRANT	20 Remember farmers as they prepare to sow their crops	21 Plant a Mustard Seed in someone's mailbox	22 Pray for the School Building for Gloria Dei in Cap Haitian, Haiti 10¢ MN NORTH GRANT	23 Time for Spring cleaning... Ask God to prepare a clean heart in you day.
24 Offer thanks and praise to God for your pastor and worship team	25 20¢ if the sun is shining 10¢ if it is raining	26 Pray for the Staff Training at Lutheran Island Camp Summer 10¢ MN NORTH GRANT	27 Thank God for each society member in your LWML group	28 Pray for the Teaching Staff at Yambio Lutheran School, South Sudan 10¢ MN NORTH GRANT	29 Praise God for the gift of Fridays 5¢	30 Pray for God's hand of healing

### 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 ARE STARTING TO ROUND-UP** the flock for our Barnyard Roundup Vacation Bible School June 26-30. Join us April 22, for a Farm themed Family movie night and pre-register for Vacation Bible School. Dinner starts at 5:30 pm with movie starting at 6:30 pm.

**VBS 2016** is "farm-tastic!" On-line registration now open for *Barnyard Roundup* Vacation Bible School on June 26-30, 2016, just go to:  
<https://vbsmate.com/redeemervbs2016>.  
 For more information, call 235-4685 or email [cdrenkow@redeemerwillmar.org](mailto:cdrenkow@redeemerwillmar.org).



**VBS ITEMS NEEDED:** We are starting to collect items for VBS crafts. If you have any of the following, please drop them in the box located in the narthex. 80 – rounds lids from sour cream, yogurt, cool whip & butter containers. 900 – roofing nails. 50 – old CD's. Packages of peas, dried lentils, dried beans, popcorn kernels, pumpkin seeds in varieties of colors. Please place items in box located in the narthex.

**NERF WARS** April 8th, 8:00-Midnight, for 7th-12th grade youth. **What people need to bring:** Any and all Nerf guns and ammunition. Make sure all Nerf guns and related parts are labeled with your name. Dress in black or camo and we encourage facepaint. Also bring a snack to share during the cease fire; beverages will be provided.

**YOUTH SCAVENGER HUNT!!!!** 7th-12th Grade Youth - Mark your calendars for April 17th, from 1-4:00 pm for an afternoon of scavenging and hunting.

**REFORMATION – 500 YEARS**

**Tap! Tap! Tap!**

Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall for a 5 part study on Martin Luther starting next Sunday, April 3rd. Five hundred years ago, Luther nailed the 95 theses on the door in Wittenburg, Germany and the Reformation began. Luther said you can not buy indulgences to pay for your way out of purgatory and the sins you committed. But saved by grace. He wrote many hymns we use in church today. He transcribed the Bible into languages so the people could read it for themselves. "It is still all about Jesus." Come together and hear what God has done for us.

If you have taken a peek at the sanctuary or old bathrooms, you've already noticed some of the changes and updates as a result of our remodeling project. Of course Redeemer's Voters have already approved of a loan to cover the cost of the construction. However, there are also some odds and ends that make sense to update at this time. Therefore the Stewardship Board would like to offer any Redeemer members who are interested, the opportunity to make donations towards these items. Here is a list of these items with estimated corresponding costs.

Sanctuary and Chancel Lighting	\$38,000*
Furniture for the Narthex	\$ 2,000*
Purchasing new Communion Cushions	\$ 2,000*
Cleaning of Existing Pew Cushions	\$ 3,500
Ceiling Fans	\$ 2,000
Sanctuary Room Remodeling	\$ 2,600
Grinding and Re-coating Floor and Extra Steel Beam for Narthex	\$ 8,000
Lighting Engineer	\$ 1,200
Refurbish Brass Letter "Go Disciple all Nations"	\$ 500

In our remodeled sanctuary we also need somewhere to sit! This was included in the original bid. The Stewardship Board would also like to offer the opportunity to donate towards the refinishing of the Pews. In keeping with church policy no names will be on these items, however a permanent record will be kept of all donations. It is estimated that each long pew costs roughly \$1,300 to refinish, and each short pew \$650. Paying ahead of time for these pews would help lower the cost of the loan that Redeemer will take out to finance this project. Please prayerfully consider giving towards this worthwhile project, and thank you for all your support so far!

\*These amounts were approved by the voter's along with the construction bid.

**BENEFIT FOR OWEN ZIMMER** (Great Grandson of Don & Birdie Urban) A chili feed benefit for Owen Zimmer will be from 4-7 pm on Saturday, April 23rd, at Eagle Lake Lutheran Church, north of Willmar. The infant son of Matt & Barb (Urban) Zimmer of Murdock was born with several medical issues. He is the grandson of Larry & Jean Urban of New London and Gary & Nancy Zimmer of Kerkhoven. Freewill donation.

**LUTHERAN ISLAND CAMP ONLINE AND PHONE-A-THON REGISTRATION JAMBOREE:**

On the weekend of April 1-3, Camp will be hosting an online and telephone jamboree. You will be able to register for camp online or by telephone.

**Online registration** - Simply go to our website and pick out the event(s) that you wish to sign up for. Then follow the link to register online or click here.

**Telephone registration:** call 855-372-CAMP (2267) toll free. If you are a past camper, all you have to do is give us your name and the event you are signing up for. There is no need to give us credit card information at that time. If you get an answering machine leave your name, the event you are signing up for and a call back number.

Lutheran Island Camp would like to try to register at least 50 kids in those three days!

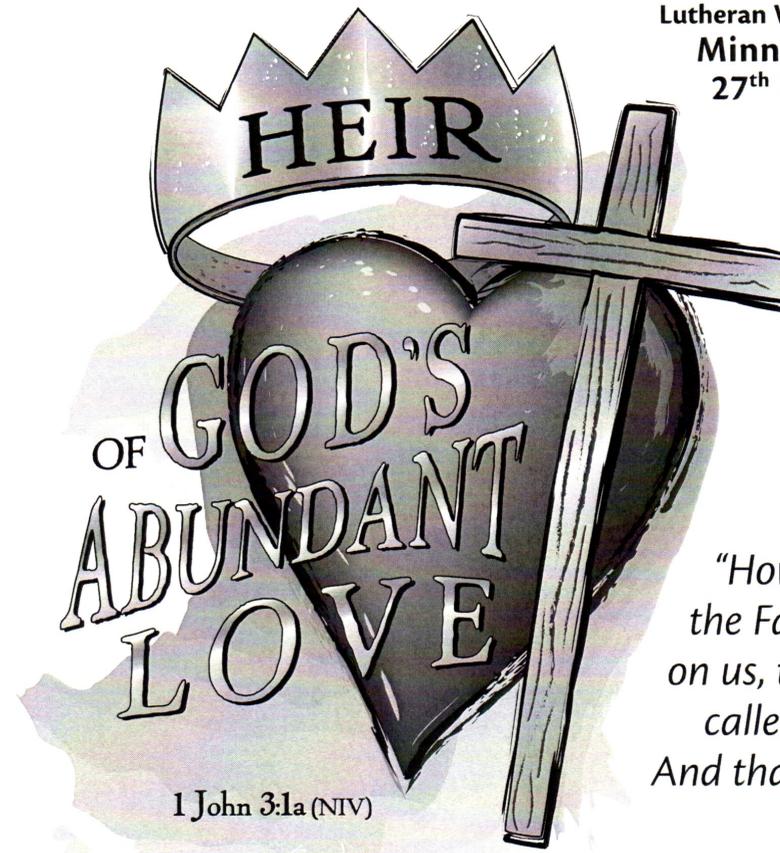
**LUTHERAN ISLAND CAMP REGISTRATION JAMBOREE AT REDEEMER:**

We will be hosting a Registration Jamboree for Summer 2016 Lutheran Island Camp and Christ Serve Ranch registrations on **Sunday, April 17**. Bill Schultz from camp will be here to help register children and to answer any questions you might have. Children 3 and older can sign up for camp on that day. There are lots of events for you to consider. We will be handing out brochures to families in the two weeks prior to the jamboree. On the day of the jamboree, you can give your registration to Bill. You won't need to provide a deposit as our congregation provides **half the registration fee up to 7 days per year per child** of the registration and that will serve as a deposit.

Camp has continued with some new programs this summer and we hope you'll take a look at them. They include STEAM Camp, Prairie and Woods Camp, Dinosaur Week and Family Adventure Camp. Campers in these programs will get to spend time at Christ Serve Ranch where we have added some new activities, exhibits, and experiences.

The Classic and Splash camps are back as are the Adventure Camps like Otter Tail Adventure, Crow Wing River, Boys Survivor, and the Voyageur Weekend. Horseback camps have been expanded and the camp has added some staff. Rates are remaining the same or in a few cases were lowered.

The biggest challenge you will have this summer is picking out which camp to attend, so why not come to more than one! Those who register for camp on the day of the Jamboree will receive an LIC backpack plush toy or a flying disc.



Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
Minnesota North District  
27<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention

June 20 - 22, 2016  
Willmar, MN

*"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)

**Theme & Verse:** "Heir of God's Abundant Love" 1 John 3:1a (NIV)

**Keynote Speaker:** Gary Thies, Mission Central, Mapleton, IA  
*Gary Thies is the Director of Mission Central, a missionary training and conference center in western Iowa. (<http://missioncentral.us>)*

**Bible Study Leader:** Rev. Don Stauty  
Pastor at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Virginia, MN

**Entertainment:** Chord-Ayres  
*Male chorus from west central Minnesota; they perform sacred, secular, and patriotic music. ([www.chord-ayres.com](http://www.chord-ayres.com))*

**Convention Location:** Willmar Conference Center – Willmar, MN

**Hosting Region:** Lakeland II

**More Happenings at Convention:**  
Worship, Breakout Sessions, Mites in Action Speakers, Election of Officers, Set Mite Goal for 2016-2018 Biennium, Mission Grants Selected, Mite Walk, Human Care Ingathering and much more!

For more information visit the District website: [www.lwmlmnn.org](http://www.lwmlmnn.org)

# Spring Crafters Retreat

Quilters, Scrap  
bookers, and other  
crafters welcome.



March 15– March 20, 2016

April 19-April 24, 2016

Cost including lodging, brunch and supper  
each day.



3:00 pm Tuesday check-in \$250

3:00 pm Wednesday check-in \$200

3:00 pm Thursday check-in \$155

3:00 pm Friday check-in \$105



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival:  Tues.  Wed.  Thurs.  Fri.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Event: Circle event (s) registering for: March 15-March 20    April 19-April 24

Payment: Total Amount Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Deposit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ minimum of \$25  
Balance due upon arrival \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed or Credit Card:  Visa  Mastercard

Card#: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Women's Retreat @ Lutheran Island Camp

Please join us April 15-17, 2016 for our Annual Women's Retreat. Our Women's Retreats are known for great programs, excellent meals, fun fellowship, and lots of activities that women of all ages can enjoy.

Shelly Schwalm, Director of Church Relations at Concordia-St. Paul will be leading the group based on Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

God calls us masterpieces?! When we feel more "mess" than "masterpiece," it's important to know who God says we are in Christ. Identity and who we believe we are shapes every aspect of how we live. It's time to dig in to God's Word and believe what He says about us over our own opinions.

Former camp staff members Justin Hett and Rebecca Ehlert will be leading us in music throughout the retreat.

Our Women's Retreats are a great value for individuals or groups. Please consider encouraging other women to join you this year. Come for the entire weekend or just for Saturday!

Cost: \$99 or \$60 commuter/Saturday only

Wondering what the "**BIRTHDAY OFFERING**" envelope is in your 2016 envelope box? This is what the Altar Guild uses to supply fresh flowers for the altar on Sundays. Any and all donations are very much appreciated.

### "THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS"

For **APRIL** 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 -