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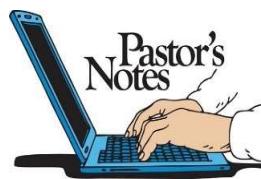


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IN TOUCH WITH REDEEMER

A newsletter by and for the family of Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Then Joshua called the twelve men from the people of Israel, whom he had appointed, a man from each tribe. And Joshua said to them, "Pass on before the ark of the Lord your God into the midst of the Jordan and take up each of you a stone upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel, that this may be a sign among you.

When your children ask in time to come, 'What do those stones mean to you?' then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So, these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever." Joshua 4:4-7

The Lord was doing a great thing in the sight of the people of Israel. When the Israelites left a life of slavery in Egypt the Lord had opened the waters of the Red Sea and they walked on dry land. After wandering in the desert for forty years the children of those who crossed the sea on dry ground came to the border of the Promised Land. God was renewing in their minds that He had led their parents out of Egypt and He would continue to be with them.

God was calling the people to go forward, He was calling them to something different in their future. There was no Moses to stretch his staff over the waters, there was no army chasing them from behind. Joshua was the new leader of a new generation of Israelites and it was time that they crossed over into the land that was promised to their parents. They could see their future with their own eyes, it was right in front of them just waiting for a crossing. Something was different in these steps; God was the same; but His directive was different. God was calling His people to obedience.

We are not always comfortable with this concept; we are a little uneasy that God asks us to step forward. To be honest, isn't it easier to think that if God blesses us with what we want when we want it that following Him would be less complicated? For some reason I forget that part of being blessed is that God leads me through some "waves" so that I will be changed on the other side of the river. Settling for the status quo, sitting on the East side of the Jordan so that I will be able to watch the sun set over its waters sounds much more appealing. If I cross that line I might be asked for my last two fish and five loaves of bread, to step out of the boat, to watch parents say goodbye to their precious infant son, or to keep walking even though I know the road leads to a place high above the city walls that is shaped like a skull.

I know I want to keep moving Lord, wherever You lead. It is difficult to trust You and I often stumble because I put so many things in the way. Help me to trust You knowing that when I obey it is done to Your glory.

Pastor Matt Canion

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.

OCTOBER

Kim Canion – 586-707-1198
Darla Kimpling – 320-235-5373

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

NOVEMBER

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

Geoffrey & Anna Barber
Mike & Pat Botzek
Brian & Tessa Erdelt
Edith Gerdies
John Gulden
Norman Imme
Ann Johnson
Doug & Renee Jorschumb
David & Lorraine King
Nancy Koepp
Donna Luck
Steve & Paula Lueders
Mike & Mary Mikkelsen
Linda Mogard
Randy Mogard
Kris Nelson-Jensen
Arnold & Lovina Obiedo
Ruth Rieger
Brenda Schanbachler
Mark & Brooke Sellmann
Beau & Yvonne Standfuss
Todd & Michelle Thorstad
Eric & Sherilyn Wanner

NOTE: Please remember to contact your co-chair and ask them how you can be of assistance or just to let them know you are available!

Sunday	Attend	Adults	Sr. High	Sunday School	Comm	Private
Sept 2	158	23	-	-	138	
Sept 9	250	90	8	47		
Sept 16	263	28	7	53	218	
Sept 23	265	28	4	54		
Sept 30						
TOTALS	936	169	19	154	356	27
Out by transfer: Donald & Eleanor Perschau						
Out by release: Lacey, Madisen & Chase Ellingson						
Out by death: Marvin Thielke, Kathleen Martens, Mildred Randall						

BRIDGE 56 EVENT - 1Seed Corn Maze Event will be October 14th from 1-3pm. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, October 10th. We will meet at church at 12:45 pm to carpool to the cornmaze.

NITE NITE GAMES with Willmar Area Churches for 9-12th grades will be from 6:30-11 pm at Green Lake Bible Camp on October 6th with food and transportation provided. Bus leaves Bethel Church, Willmar at 6:30 pm (also rain location) a second bus picks up at Faith Lutheran, Spicer at 6:45 pm. Sign-up outside Youth room by October 1st.

THE 2019 NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING is in our very own backyard next summer in Minneapolis, MN. All 8th-12th grade youth are eligible for next summer's gathering. There will be an informational meeting October 14th, following second service, for parents of youth interested in attending next summer's gathering. If you are interested in traveling to NYG next summer, applications and information about the trip are posted outside the youth room. Adult leader applications are due September 30th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS sing October 14th at end of 8:00 am and beginning of 10:30 am service.

TWO COWBOYS were riding the range one day, watching over a heard of buffalo. One cowboy said to the other; "These buffalo are the dirtiest, smelliest, ugliest creatures on the earth." Whereupon, the other cowboy turned to him and said, "I thought out here we weren't supposed to hear a discouraging word." Because of our sinful and selfish nature, we often speak discouraging words. The Apostle Paul wrote, "*Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation...*" (Philippians 2:14). May God help us all shine as His lights in this dark world.



Take off the Mask

October, a month filled with pumpkin spice, tons of candy, and any number of zombies, superheroes, ghosts, princess wandering throughout the streets. It is the one month out of the year that it is completely ordinary for you to be anything but yourself. When November 1st comes around do we really take off the costume or do we just switch to hide behind another mask?

So, if you had to name some masks Christians wear would they look anything like these:

Masks for Christians

- I'm Okay - My life is crashing about me but I'm gonna say I'm Okay to avoid the long discussion.
- Everything is Fine - similar to the "I'm Okay" mask but may include plastered smile.
- Fake it till you make it - I have no clue how to handle what life is throwing at me but I'm tough and gonna act like I know what is going on.
- Perfectionist - Everything is perfect in my life nothing bad happens at all.

Throughout this year Redeemer Youth we will be unpacking the theme for the 2019 National Youth Gathering, Real. Present. God. This fall we are spending time on the word Real looking at topics that focus on how God is Real, Real people have real problems, Real life is messy and Because Jesus is Real I can be real.

In this month as we see people dressing up in costume and hiding behind masks it seems fitting that we talk about hiding behind masks. Are you hiding behind a mask? The truth is we probably are all hiding behind a mask. Here is the challenge I set before you (yes, I say challenge because even for me it will be one) TAKE OFF YOUR MASK, yep take it off.

Nowhere in the Bible does God ever say that as a Christian we would have our lives all put together and perfect. In fact, Jesus tells in scripture, "In this world, you will have troubles," John 16:33, so take off the mask. Be real with other people, it will be painful at times and people will see what we don't want them too but remember because Jesus is real we can also be real. When we are real with one another we take time to connect with and encourage others who may be facing the same challenges, transitions or life circumstances.

Life can be messy but there can also be joy even in the midst of struggle "Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us," Romans 5:3-5. Let us walk through the struggle and remember Jesus didn't just stop at the cross, at the trouble part of life, He conquered far more than we will have to face in this world when we overcame sin and death. At the end of John 16:33, He goes onto remind us "But [and it's a big BUT] take heart I have overcome the world," John 16:33b.

In Christ, Cassie Drenkow, Director of Christian Education

Preschool

We have had a busy start to our new school year. Everyone is settling in to the routine and I am hearing lots of learning happening in the classroom. It is music to a teacher's ears!!

Each morning the staff and students begin the day with a short devotion. This year the book we are using is Jesus Calling by Sarah Young, which surprisingly came from our Scholastic Book fair last spring.

One devotion caught my eye especially as budgeting has been a hot topic in our church lately. This devotion reminded me that all we do is not always about the money but everything we do is to please our Lord. One thing He asks is to share the gifts He has given to us, monetary and other. I especially liked the phrase "these are the things that make Me (God) smile." I have used that phrase in question form with children already - "Will that (behavior or action) make God smile?"

Enjoy the following devotion written as if God is speaking directly to you...

Working for Me

"Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people." Colossians 3:23

Every day you are faced with choice after choice. When you're trying to make decisions, you need a good goal to guide you.

So, seek to please Me in all your choices - in all that you do.

You know that in order to please Me you need to spend time with Me.
Worship, prayer, praise,

and Bible study - these are things that make Me smile.

But pleasing Me isn't just about the things you do with Me. It's also about the things you do for Me. From the big things like helping the sick, giving to the poor, and being a friend to the friendless, to the everyday things like emptying the dishwasher for your mom, taking out the trash for your dad, and being respectful - do everything for Me.

It may seem like you are working for others, but you are really working for Me.
So, do the best you can, knowing I'll be with you in all of it.

Rachel Jeppesen, Preschool Director

JANITOR POSITION OPEN Preschool needs a 10/week janitor starting in October. Cleaning is done each day after 2 pm. Contact Rachel Jeppesen at 320-220-7332.

† OCTOBER 2018 †

	ELDERS	GREETERS	ACOLYTE	SOUND	LIBRARY
<u>Oct 7</u> 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Dave Runke Jeff Pitt Wayne Dahlke Neil Buboltz	Don & Birdie Urban Bill & Deb Paterson Trudy Hemingway Keven & Diane Hillenbrand	Brady Bush-Gregory Adriana Behl	Mike Mikkelsen Sarah Jeppesen	Lorraine King
<u>Oct 14</u> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Jeff Kimpeling Matt Akerson	Myron Behm, Anita Petersen Gene & Rose Meyer Troy & Lisa Anderson Jerry & Betty Schleh	Koda Helfinstine Maddox Bolstad	Mark Boeschen Darrell Hoekstra	Bonnie Rhoda
<u>Oct 21</u> 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Jeff Pitt Doug Jorschumb Stan Skaro Paul Meyer	Jim & Marcia Gilman Gayne & Marville Stone Alice Beckmann, Carol Dahlke Todd Swartz, LaVonne Van Zee	Matthew Mohr Chloe Jensen	Brad Marcus Sarah Jeppesen	Anita Petersen
<u>Oct 28</u> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Dave Runke Brandon Kopacek	Jeff & Cheryl Pitt Lyle & Vera Ehrenberg Jack Kuppich, Bonnie Rhoda Doug & Renee Jorschumb	Monica Rhoda William Jorschumb	Mike Mikkelsen Art Bolland	Marcia Gilman
<u>USHERS</u>		8:00 AM *Bill Paterson, Don Ryks, Richard Hanson, Elloyd Bartel 10:30 AM *Darrell Hoekstra, Dave Danzeisen, Wayne & Kelly Dahlke			(*Head Usher)



THE 2018 GREAT MUG SWAP Women's Event—Here's how it works: You sign up online or at the welcome desk in the narthex. We find another gal with similar interests and then send you her contact info and other pertinent information. You then put together a little Fall fun care package for her, based on that information.

YOU MUST, AT THE VERY LEAST, GET HER A MUG. Then bring to church Sunday, **November 11th** and join us for brunch and few fellowship activities following second service. By the end of the event you'll now have met two new friends -- one you've given/sent a package to and one who has given/sent a package to you. Applications are due on **October 15th**.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS For **OCTOBER** we will be collecting "Snacks" for our troops. Beef Jerky-Nuts-Raisins-Granola Bars-Microwave Popcorn-Tuna-Hard Candy-Licorice-Canned Ravioli/Beef Stew-Powdered Drink Mix. Please place donated items in box located in the narthex.

IT'S OFFICIALLY FALL! Looking for a project to do this Fall or Winter? Here's something you can do at home, on your own time! The quilters have bundles of squares that can be sewn together, just grab one or more from the wire rack in the kitchen. Directions are included. The quilters meet every Monday at 12:30 pm – we'd love to have you join us!

OLD SHOES AND BOOTS!!! Bring your old shoes and boots (snow boots, work boots, rain boots, etc.) to church and place them in the box by the Fellowship Hall (no flip flops please). Please tie or bind them together. They are used to help support our Lutheran Island Camp.

SCRIP ORDER FORMS can be found in the wooden rack in the narthex. October's order is due on the 9th.

LUTHERAN ISLAND CAMP has a lot of events going on in October and November. You can get forms online at www.islandcamp.org or contact the church office. Here are a few:

Autumn Adventure Camp – October 12-14 – ages 8-14 – Hayrides, sports, hiking, campfires, and devotions.

Crafters Retreat – October 16-21 – Quilters, scrapbooks, and other crafters welcome.

Reformation for Today – October 21 – A presentation from Rev. Dan Abrahams who recently toured the Holy Land.

Uncovering the Truth about Creation – October 26-27 – Dr. Jake Hebert and Dr. James Johnson speak on the biblical creation.

Quilting and Knitting Retreat – November 6-11

Redeemer will pay half up to 7 nights per year for children/youth and half up to 2 nights per year for a post-high school adult.

REDEEMER FALL CLEAN-UP is schedule for Saturday, **October 13th** at 9:00 am. Please bring your rake or other tools to help with general cleanup around the church grounds. Everyone is encouraged to help!



DID YOU KNOW that last year Redeemer used multiple Thrivent Action Team Grants to help fund projects for our community? Projects like Community Picnic, Trunk or Treat, Art Night, Youth Summer Mission Trip, Thanksgiving meal have all utilized funds from Thrivent Action Grants. Thrivent Action Teams make it easy for you to bring people together to make a positive change in your community! When you see a need, apply to lead a volunteer team—and bam! Once your idea is approved, a Thrivent Action Kit is delivered to your door. It's packed with everything you need to help make your project a success. It even includes \$250 in seed money to help get your project started. Each Thrivent member has the opportunity to apply for two grants a year that support service in your congregation or community. If you are a Thrivent member and would be willing to apply for a grant to help with an upcoming project yet this year, please stop in the church office and find out how to apply.



KRUSE FARM HONEY for sale in the Preschool office. Proceeds go to the Redeemer Lutheran Preschool.



Join Us As Redeemer Members Travel To Ames Center in Burnsville To See. . . Sunday, November 4

Cost: \$44.00

(includes ticket & bus ride)

**Bus Loads in the North Church Parking Lot at 11:00 am
Sign Up and Pay in the Church Office by Friday, October 5
Call 235-4685 to sign up**

(tickets nonrefundable after that date)

Limited Number of Tickets Available

Invite Your Friends, too.

**Trip Sponsored by Redeemer Fellowship Board
Lunch -- No Stops -- Pack Your Lunch
Supper -- We will stop at Red's Café in Montrose**

TRAVELING SOUTH FOR THE WINTER? Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with other obligations? Redeemer offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. If you have plans to travel south this winter, electronic giving gives you a convenient way to keep up with your intended offerings. Simply complete and return an electronic giving authorization form to get started. Look for the yellow forms in the narthex or church office.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY:

We have been asked to be part of the team to volunteer at the snack table at the upcoming Feed my Starving Children Event. The event is October 26-27 at the Middle School. Please contact Kim Canion if you would like to help with snacks and maybe we can have some teams pack together as well! This is a great event to work together with our neighbors and time commitment is one to two hours.

Miller Park – Join us for a work day on October 6th at 10:00 am.

Flags of Honor – Join us on October 28th at church for lunch at noon and then we will head to the Flags of Honor to do some painting.



October 28th 4-6pm
Redeemer Lutheran Church Parking Lot

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

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

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

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



Application Form

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

License Plate # _____

Vehicle Make/Model: _____

Trunk Description: _____

Media Release Consent

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

Signature of Applicant: _____