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## *Sharing Christ, Changing Lives*



# 2019

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## IN TOUCH WITH REDEEMER

A newsletter by and for the family of Redeemer Lutheran Church  
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Special thanks to the staff person who caught this...

Have you ever been to a place so many times that you do not notice the surroundings anymore? Just now I overheard a phone call of two people talking about the sign we have on the outside of the sanctuary. Some of the words were supposedly misspelled and so the mystery had been revealed. Even though I was in Minnesota in the winter I went out without a coat in the frigid and negative temperature outside to see if this thing that I had heard was true. As I went outside, I looked and behold, it was as it had been told to me. When I returned to the safety of the warm office, I checked my cell phone to see if I still had a picture that I had taken from November of last year. Sure enough, the words on our sign were misspelled two months prior to the revelation. For two months, I had walked by that same sign at least twice a day and I had failed to notice until someone else brought it to my attention. My routine in life and led me to walk the same steps for countless times and I did not notice when something was out of place.



We do not like to admit it, but in life that is often what happens. We get used to the stain in the carpet, the crack in the wall, or the door that seems to stick. When a visitor comes to our house (especially if you are selling) they often find the issues in the house because they have fresh eyes that are seeing things for the first time.

What we, who have been members for a while, see might be different than what someone who is attending our worship service for the first time sees with their own eyes.

As we explore what we do here on Sunday morning, I have received a lot of feedback from members. What I often hear are questions that are about the style of worship that we use here on Sunday mornings. There is a lot of talk about traditional (organ) liturgy versus the songs that are played on radio stations (guitar).

Is our worship on Sunday morning dependent on the instrument that is used that morning?

Where does the word of God fit in that mindset?

Where is prayer?

I admit that I can have the same mindset every Sunday morning; there's always something that I feel needs to be done before the service starts. I struggle with trying to make sure everything is as perfect as I can make it, because there might be guests that day that will really notice when a mistake is made, yet in the pews are people who are experiencing life with all of its highs and lows. What would happen if compassion was not overlooked?

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.

### FEBRUARY

Deb Bremseth – 320-231-2089

Sarah Fosso – 320-967-4159

Troy & Lisa Anderson

Deb Bremseth

John & Sharon Cola

Carolyn Davis

Ryan & Sarah Fosso

Jeremy & Nichole Gleason

Sarah Hagen

Keven & Diane Hillenbrand

Jamie Jackson

Randy & Lynn Johnson

Roger & Nancy Klaassen

Ben Kopacek

Brad & Claudia Lenz

Brad Marcus

Gene & Rose Meyer

Randy & Melissa Mord

Nathan & Margaret Nielsen

Tim & Stacy Pollock

Charlotte Roduner

Jennifer Schoumaker

Dave & Lynn Sherod

Jeff & LeAnn Stauffenecker

Tony & Kerry Texley

Roland Wedel

**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**

### MARCH

Beth Corti – 320-231-1907

Alice Beckmann

Marcia Conklin

Lee & Beth Corti

Kim & Karen Heiden

Robert Hillenbrand

Robin Jacobson

Richard & Donna Johnson

Brandon & Chelsie Kopacek

Jeremy & Andria Krakow

Philip & Michelle Marcus

Dan & Phyllis Monson

Mick & Heather Moyer

Marlin & Cheryl Niss

Tom & Tracy Ost

Todd & Audrey Raap

Robert & Debra Rodelius

Justin & Tanya Rosenau

Brad & Suzanne Skindelien

Gordon & Deloris Steffen

Wilfred Wenberg

**SCRIP GIFT CARD ORDER FORMS** can be found in the wooden rack in the narthex or the church office. The next order will be due by Friday, February 8th.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS** For **FEBRUARY** we will be collecting "Hygiene Products" for our troops. Eye Drops, Lip Balm, Saline Nasal Spray, Disposable Razors, Foot Powder, Multi-Vitamins, Vitamin C, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, & Sunglasses. Please place donated items in box located in the narthex.



**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE** who contributed to the LWML Human Care project by Supporting Our Troops. There were 844 items donated in 2018. It included DVD's, books, word find and game books, hygiene items, socks, snacks & treats, cards & encouraging words and your prayers. A big thank you to our Blue Star Mother, Sharon Skaro for her support.

**A SEWING PROJECT FOR HOME!** 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.

**JUNIOR JOY BELLS!** I have had some former Junior Joy Bells ringers approach me, and ask if they could ring again, so...let's ring! I am looking for 11 ringers, ages 3rd-8th grade, who would like to be a part of the Junior Joy Bells. Practices will be Thursdays at 5:30 on January 31, February 7, 14, 21, and March 7. Practices are very important, so it would be best if you could make all of them! We will ring on Sunday, March 10, at BOTH services. If this is something your child would be interested in, please let me know! I look forward to working with the kids! Anna Barber



**LOVE**

**LOVE is patient**

**LOVE is kind**

**LOVE does not envy**

**LOVE does not boast**

**LOVE is not conceited**

**1 Corinthians 13:4**

**WE ARE LOOKING** at the possibility of expanding the programming we have on Wednesday nights during confirmation. If you are willing to spend some time with elementary students one to two times a month, see Kim Canon.

**ALTAR GUILD** will meet Thursday, February 21st at 5:30 pm.



## Loving Families

Happy Valentine's Day! What traditions does your family have for Valentine's day? I remember growing up my mom would always make sure that my brother and I received Valentines before leaving for school that day. Of course, we would come home from school with loads of little cardstock cards and a valentine's box full of candy and there would always be Valentine's from the grandparents. Like any holiday there were family traditions maybe not as many as Christmas but they were still important to our family.

The last few months our youth and education boards at Redeemer have been looking at how we connect with our families here at Redeemer. You are important to us and we want to serve and walk alongside you the best we can. We have implemented some new things in the last few months like our Parent Connections email that is distributed monthly last month we talked about "The power of the Family Dinner". If you would like to sign-up for that email you can with the link our Children's ministry page on the church website. There you will also find a link to our family experience page which is filled with age-specific activities that you and your family can do together. Join us for some of the upcoming family events listed in this newsletter under family section.

We continue to look for ways to provide our members and families with good quality resources to help you with all your parent and grandparent moments. If you ever have comments or questions please feel free to stop by, call or text us in the office and ask. We always welcome the opportunity to connect with you and seek your feedback if you have the opportunity to fill out the questionnaire below and return to the church office.

Blessings,  
Cassie Drenkow  
Director of Christian Education

### Questionnaire

How many Sundays in a month does your family attend Sunday school?  
None 1 2 3 4

When your child attends Sunday school do you attend Adult Bible Study?  
Yes No Serve as a Volunteer elsewhere during that hour

I really like this about Redeemer Children & Family Ministry . . .

One thing I think Redeemer Children & Family Ministry can improve upon is . . .

Does your family use any of the following items that Redeemer offers to families? (Check all that apply)

- God Talk at Home
- Parenting Connections Newsletter
- Advent/Lenten Devotions
- Portals of Prayer

What programs/special events has your family participated in the last year at Redeemer? (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> VBS                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Peder Eide Taste Worship Event | <input type="checkbox"/> Donuts with Dads                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trunk or Treat                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Art Night                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Camping Weekend at School Lake |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ADVENT-ure School                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Church Decorating    | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Football Party                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Program                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Easter Egg Hunt                | <input type="checkbox"/> End of Sunday school Year Potluck     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church Picnic                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Muffins with Mom               |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Redeemer Sponsored Movies in the Park |   |  |

Amen!

A word of affirmation used by the people of God to let a presenter know he or she has faithfully spoken the word of God and is a valued member of the fellowship. (From [Life in the Fishbowl](#) by Tom Rogers). This is one form of affirmation to use but others can also lift us up. When a brother or sister in Christ is speaking or doing a service to the Lord affirm them. Congratulate the person, tell him or her that you appreciate the communication of the Word of God. "We all have received affirmation aplenty in our baptisms. That was and is God's "Amen!" to us. Let's make the phrases "Thank you!" "nice job!" and "I'm proud of you!" permeate our working relationships. They make a tremendous difference."

I know I need this reminder in the midst of yucky weather and the winter blues. It seems to be much easier to find fault with our friends and neighbors during these times. But strive to change that.

As Valentine's day approaches think about your personal relationships with affirmation in mind. Tom Rogers, a Lutheran Pastor, also writes, "When I help couples prepare for marriage, the first thing we work on is their ability to affirm each other. I ask them to look at each other and answer this question: "**Why is it, that in a world filled with thousands of people you probably could have spent the rest of your lives with, you have chosen this person?**" The words that follow always amaze me. Couple say words that build each other up. They discover that affirmation is a wonderful thing to do for each other. This exercise helps them look forward to blessing each other all their lives.

God has affirmed us, and now he invites us to affirm one another."

Rachel Jeppesen  
Preschool Director

[Lutheran Schools Week](#) is fast approaching on March 4-11.

[Reading Day](#): members come and read to small groups of students. Let Rachel know if you are interested.

[Pancake Breakfast 6 & 7](#): come and enjoy breakfast here at Redeemer.

[Jennie Williamson Concert 6th](#): "Pearly White Gates" "G-O-D". "I Am Unique" and many more favorites will be sung. Daycares invited for the morning concert at 10:30 am. If a daycare is interested contact Rachel to set that up at [rjeppesen@redeemerwillmar.org](mailto:rjeppesen@redeemerwillmar.org) or 235-468

## †† FEBRUARY 2019 ††

	ELDERS	GREETERS	ACOLYTES	SOUND	LIBRARY
<b>Feb 3</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>10:30 AM</b>	Jeff Pitt Doug Jorschumb Wayne Dahlke Paul Meyer	Don & Birdie Urban Anita Petersen Todd Swartz Bonnie Rhoda	Bradyn Bush-Gregory Mackenzie Schoumaker	Mike Mikkelsen Art Bolland	Bonnie Rhoda
<b>Feb 10</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> <b>10:30 AM</b>	Jeff Kimpling Brandon Kopacek	Bill Paterson Deb Paterson Jack Kuppich Doug & Renee Jorschumb	Eric Sellmann Chloe Jensen	Mark Boeschen Kolby Lindquist	Marcia Gilman
<b>Feb 17</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>10:30 AM</b>	Stan Skaro Dave Runke Matt Akerson Neil Buboltz	Gene Meyer Rose Meyer Gary Hillenbrand Mary Hillenbrand	Koda Helfinstine Maddox Bolstad	David Reyes Sarah Jeppesen	Anita Petersen
<b>Feb 24</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> <b>10:30 AM</b>	Jeff Kimpling Wayne Dahlke	Jim Gilman Marcia Gilman Leon Schultz Carole Schultz	Matthew Mohr Adriana Behl	Brad Marcus Kolby Lindquist	LaVonne Van Zee
<b>USHERS</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> *Tim Pollock, Mike Gratz, Jason Kubasch, Mel Schwartz <b>10:30 AM</b> *Darrell Hoekstra, Ken Nash, John Behl				

**YEAR END GIVING STATEMENTS** are in your mailbox. If you need them mailed to you or if you have any questions, please contact the church office.

### **YOUR ELDER FOR 2019**

<b><u>Elder</u></b>	<b><u>Phone #</u></b>	<b><u>Household Names</u></b>
<b>Dave Runke</b>	<b>235-9068</b>	<b>Akerson – Bokelman</b>
<b>Brandon Kopacek</b>	<b>905-0734</b>	<b>Bolland – Davis</b>
<b>Stan Skaro</b>	<b>599-4506/894-9450</b>	<b>Derksen – Grewe</b>
<b>Jeff Pitt</b>	<b>894-3132</b>	<b>Grothe – Jacobson</b>
<b>Paul Meyer</b>	<b>651-295-6670</b>	<b>Jaspersen – Kruse</b>
<b>Doug Jorschumb</b>	<b>235-5451</b>	<b>Kubasch – Meyer</b>
<b>Neil Buboltz</b>	<b>796-2352</b>	<b>Mikkelsen – Phillips</b>
<b>Wayne Dahlke</b>	<b>262-9847</b>	<b>Pitt – Schoumaker</b>
<b>Jeff Kimpling</b>	<b>235-5373</b>	<b>Schroeder – Streich</b>
<b>Matt Akerson</b>	<b>894-4997</b>	<b>Stueckrath – Zetah</b>

Sunday	Attend	Adults	Sr. High	S. S.	Comm	Private
Jan 6	278	38	6	44	229	
Jan 13	257	37	6	36		
Jan 20	209	78 (Voter's)	11	37	173	
Jan 27	180	27	6	36		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Out by release: Margaret Marsh</b>						
<b>Out by death: Randy Arndt</b>						

#### FAMILY MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Families are encouraged to join other Redeemer members as we attend Prairie Wood's Winter Fun Day together on February 10th, from 11-4 pm. The afternoon will be filled with winter activities like: XCountry Skiing, Kicksledding & Rock Climbing. Live music and chili feed. Cost is \$5 per person/\$15 family maximum.

**JENNIE WILLIAMSON CONCERT** On March 6th, families can join us for a night of worship and praise as Jennie Williamson shares her music with us as we start our Lenten season. You will have two opportunities that day to hear her music at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm.

**NYG TEAM MEETING** Sunday, February 10th from 11:30 am -1:45 pm.



SAVE THE DATE  
REDEEMER VBS 2019  
JULY 21-25

#### REDEEMER LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

Enrolling now for Fall  
Ages 3 to 5 years old  
2 to 5 days per week  
Half or Full Day



Accredited, Christian Curriculum  
4 Star Parent Aware  
Eligible for Scholarships

Registration forms are on the welcome counter or on the website at:  
[www.redeemerlutheranpreschool.org](http://www.redeemerlutheranpreschool.org)



## Family SKI/Tube Trip March 3, 2019

11:30 am-7:30 pm

Bus leaves Redeemer at  
11:30 am & Returns 7:30 pm

Redeemer will cover the cost of lift tickets families are responsible for any Rental Equipment (paid prior to trip).  
Sign-up and pay in the church office by February 24th.  
Children 6th grade and younger must be accompanied by a parent.

# Men of Christ

Men's Retreat at  
Lutheran Island Camp

February 15-17, 2019

Retreat Begins Friday  
Registration 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Closing Worship  
Sunday 10:45 a.m.

**PRESENTER:**  
Rev. Jeff Hemmer,  
Fairview Heights, IL

*Pastor of  
Bethany Lutheran Church  
& Author of "Man Up!", CPH*



**To Register**  
Go online at [www.islandcamp.org](http://www.islandcamp.org)  
email us at: [register@islandcamp.org](mailto:register@islandcamp.org)  
or call 218-583-2905

COST  
\$125  
FOR FULL  
WEEKEND  
\$90  
COMMUTER  
RATE

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Registration forms can be found in the church office  
or online at [www.islandcamp.org](http://www.islandcamp.org)

LUTHERAN ISLAND CAMP  
AND  
CHRIST SERVE RANCH

Women's Retreat

2019

April 5-7, 2019

Featuring Guest Speaker

Jane Wilke

"Laced with Grace"

2019 CAMP  
THEME:  
"FORGIVEN"

About Lutheran Island Camp

Lutheran Island Camp provides quality, Christ-centered programs for people of all ages. Located on a 67-acre island in the middle of East Battle Lake, our setting is unique and beautiful. We have facilities for up to 200 people including a retreat center, cabins, excellent waterfront, recreation areas, horseback riding, a beautiful chapel, and excellent food.

Program participants should plan to bring their own bedding, personal items, and towels.

A map with directions to the camp will be sent along with confirmation of receipt of your registration. You can also visit our website for more information.

Have a Spring Fling at  
the Island

April should provide a beautiful setting for ladies from around the region to come and enjoy the Island and the Ranch. It is a wonderful time of change with spring birds starting to arrive, geese starting to hatch, a fawn or two being born, grass and early flowers making a show and the ice breaking up. After this year's long winter we are ready to have our hearts and souls revived by a study of God's Word, devotions, music and much more.

Jane Wilke has served in a variety of ministry roles over the years. She was an early childhood educator for 20 years, first at King of Kings Lutheran School in Roseville, MN, followed by Christ Community Lutheran School in St. Louis, MO. From there she transitioned into various leadership roles, which included Editor for Children's and Family Ministry at Concordia Publishing House, Creative Director for Lutheran Hour Ministries, and Communications Administrator for Lutheran Senior Services, all in St. Louis. Jane has also written curriculum for CPH and devotions for Creative Communications for the Parish.

She and LeRoy decided to retire in Minnesota and Jane currently serves part-time as Director of Church Relations for Concordia St. Paul. She loves sharing learned insight through inspirational speaking and writing, as well as traveling, pursuing healthy living, and looking forward to what God has in mind around the next corner.

Registration Forms can  
be found in the wooden  
rack in the narthex.