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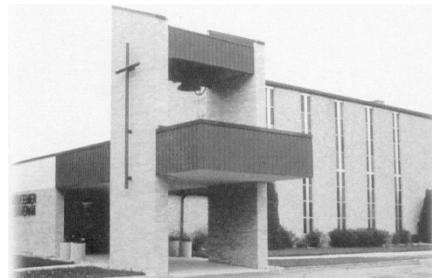
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# Go Disciple All Nations

## *Sharing Christ, Changing Lives*



Lutheran Church Missouri Synod



**2019**

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## IN TOUCH WITH REDEEMER

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

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Pray...

Pray for our leaders in Washington and St. Paul. God does not ask us to only pray for the leaders who we respect; He charges us to pray for all those in authority. Your political stance is not something I am appealing to you right now. I am asking you to consider for this next year to commit to praying for the leadership we have. Soon our televisions will be over with political attack ads that will not have a positive effect on the country. We can gripe and complain all we want; God is still in heaven and is in control. Sometimes it might feel as though our prayers are resembling someone telling God how to run His creation; what would it look like if His people who are called by His name would pray that God would change them and in turn have a positive effect on a nation that is tanking morally?

Pray...

Pray for our leaders in St. Louis and Baxter (aka Brainerd). There is great strain on our denomination to follow paths that would be more appealing to an unbelieving world. We could compromise our beliefs in order to gain men's hearts; but it is not what we are called to do by scripture. The Council of Presidents is charged with leading their Lutheran brothers and sisters by the Word of the Lord. The staff at the Minnesota North District office need our prayers also. Please remember them this month as they seek to lead us by the strong arm of the Lord.

Pray...

Pray for our Preschool here at the church. We will continue to teach the young people in our care about the great love of our God. There is a challenge to hand their minds over to a different motivation for living. Our message of the saving power of Jesus Christ is the core of who we are!

Pray...

Pray for the message that will be preached this month. We will be talking about Erosion, things of this world that try to wear away at the church and seek to crumble it from its foundation. Please set your alarms back fifteen minutes earlier than normal to be in prayer that the Word may have power in our community through what is proclaimed.

Pray...

Pray for our congregation as it struggles with what to do in an ever-changing neighborhood. We have been given some amazing challenges these past years, and we have seen an awesome God who has blessed us beyond what we deserve. The events we have held on our campus have drawn a diverse group of people here; opportunities for us to serve our neighbors.

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## LUTHERAN ISLAND CAMP HAPPENINGS

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### Autumn Adventure

**October 11-13**

After a month and a half of school most kids are ready for a break, and LIC is happy to supply it! Return to the Island for a weekend of camp fun, fall style. A hayride, drinking hot apple cider, and other great autumn activities join summer favorites like gaga ball, campfire, kayaking, and nine square in this awesome adventure for ages 7-14. Cost \$120.

### Creation Conference

**October 18-19**

Join us for our annual creation conference. This year's event will feature Joel Tay of Creation Ministries International and his talks, "Creation: Impacting Our Culture and The Fall: A World of Corruption." A freewill offering to support the work of Creation Ministries International will be collected and housing and meals are available for an additional cost.

### Mystery Weekend

**October 25-27**

Join us for three days of imagination! After choosing your character, you'll be launched into an interactive story filled with strategy, team building, physical challenges, and puzzle solving. Good news: you don't have to be a great actor! This year, TOTAL ECLIPSE will take us back to the 1980s for a ghostly family reunion. This activity is a great Christian alternative to Halloween and is for ages 12-99. Cost is \$120.

### Meal Prep Extravaganza (NEW!)

**November 2**

Come to camp for the day and leave with family supper for a week! Health Coach Amanda Kaldor will teach you how to plan out a week of healthy meals, then prepare them all ahead of time so you can just pull them out of the fridge or freezer to throw in the oven when you need them! All participants will leave with five meals (enough for four to five people) to take home and eat later. Event starts at 10 am and includes lunch. We will provide all necessary ingredients and equipment! Cost is \$100. Bring a helper (no take home meals) for \$15 extra!

### Quilter and Crafter Retreat

**November 5-10**

Stay for a whole week or just come for a weekend! These retreats are dedicated to giving you the time and space to work on your quilting or crafting project while also enjoying great fellowship and devotional time on the Island! Arrival dates are flexible for all events. Cost based on arrival day. Call or check our website for details.



## 5 to 1 Ratio

*“Don’t let anyone despise your youth, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.” 1 Timothy 4: 12*

One of the phrases I hear a lot as a person who works in youth ministry is that “our youth are the future of the church.” I first think that this phrase is overused but more importantly I think that this phrase is very wrong.

“Our youth are the future of the church” implies that they are not important now; that they are not a part of the church now. Our YOUTH are the CHURCH NOW. In fact, at Redeemer you can find youth involved in a variety of ways; some are musicians, some serve as sound and media technicians, some serve as ushers and they regularly serve as leaders and helpers in our Sunday school and VBS ministries. They serve at things like Trunk or Treat, the Church picnic, the Thanksgiving meal, Advent and Lenten meals, and within our community. They do a great job of aiding in these areas.

However, youth are still developing and need examples of adults who are willing to come alongside them to help them during these years as they are still growing and learning. As a speaker at a conference I attended this past weekend stated, they need “been there” people. People who have already faced some of the struggles they are facing.

As I was preparing for this article I ran across this verse in Jeremiah where God calls out Jeremiah for not wanting to speak to God’s people; But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, I am only a youth; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the Lord”. What if God had put in the word adult, “Do not be afraid and say I am only an adult”.

Adults are so important to the life of our students. In fact, Christian author and speaker Chap Clark writes in his book *Sticky Faith: Everyday ideas to build lasting faith in your kids*, that there should be a 5 to 1 ratio; not 5 kids to one adult but 5 adults to 1 kid. Kids need to have at least 5 adults beyond their parents who pour into their lives.

If we keep implying our youth are the future of the church and we are waiting for them to take over then we have already lost them. So how do we change this or shift our thinking? There are a number of ways that you can be involved in the life of our youth. It can be as easy as saying hello to any of our young kids at Redeemer and having a conversation with them. You can serve alongside them on Sunday mornings or you can see the list of examples on the next page and help in one of those areas.

We are here to encourage and equip you with resources and skills to effectively participate so don’t hesitate to ask how you can be involved. Praying for you all each and every day as you seek to live out God’s purpose and will in your own lives.

Cassie Drenkow  
Director of Christian Education



**Praise Team:** Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the balcony.  
**Joy Bells:** Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm in the balcony.  
 We still need 2 ringers!!  
**Jubilation Choir:** Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the balcony.



Sunday	Attend	Comm	Adults	Sr. High	S. S.	Online	Private
Sept 1	167	150	20		-	52	
Sept 8	279		26	7	46	46	
Sept 15	236	192	26	5	49	61	
Sept 22	251		25	6	46	52	
Sept 29							
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>22</b>

**THE BLESSING BOXES ARE UP!!!** The box east of the garage is for books. Feel free to leave books in the box for others to take. The second box is just west of the main entrance and this one is for nonperishable food. All are welcome to place food items in the second box.

**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 Wednesday, October 9th.

**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.

**SHOES!!!** So you bought new shoes for school this year. . . . are your old ones still laying around somewhere under your bed or in the back of your closet? Gather them together and bring them to church and place them in the box located by the Fellowship Hall. By doing so you are helping Lutheran Island Camp. Please rubber band your shoes together. No flip flops please.

**REDEEMER FALL CLEAN-UP** is schedule for Saturday, **October 19th** 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!

**QUARTERLY VOTER’S MEETING  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 AT 9:15 AM**

### We Have a Need to Give

In our human nature, we are selfish and greedy people. Because of our self-interests, we are inclined to take care of ourselves first and others second. Giving is not a natural inclination. If we rely on our own strength to give, we are likely to hoard what we have. Our heavenly Father knows that our giving helps us break the grip money may have over us. When we give our first and best to the Lord, we show that our faith and trust are in Him, rather than in our money and possessions. Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). God wants us; He wants the givers, not just the gifts from the givers. He doesn't need our gifts, but we have a need to give. When Jesus asked the rich young man in Mark chapter 10 to give all that he had to the poor, he went away sad because he was unable to give up his possessions. The rich young man didn't possess his possessions; they possessed him. On the other hand, when the heart of Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector, was changed, he willingly gave half of his possessions to the poor. This transformation in Zacchaeus was remarkable because, before his encounter with Jesus, his money had been his life, but, having experienced Jesus' love for him, his gratitude to Jesus changed his perspective on both money and possessions. His giving revealed a new heart. We are enabled to give because of Who God is and what He has done for us. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). We can love "because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19). As recipients of God's grace and love, we are empowered to share God's gifts with Him and others. Board of Stewardship



### Hope For Our City Birthday Bag Service Project

This Sunday School year we will be collecting items all year long. Each month will have a specific item to place in the box. The drop off box will be located outside the Fellowship Hall.

October – Plates and Napkins

November – Balloons

December – Plastic Tablecloths

January – Frosting

February – Cake Mix and a can of pop  
(1 can of pop is needed per cake mix)

March – Candles

April – Decorations (Streamers, Banners and Hats)

May – Spaghetti Noodles and Spaghetti Sauce

### **Prayer Warrior:**

**Responsibilities:** Pray for our youth, their families, and our ministry team.

**Estimated time commitment:** What time you have to give!

### **Sunday Morning Small Group Sponsor:**

**Responsibilities:** Working with leader, to help lead discussion of faith and life with a group of youth. We need sponsors for senior high and middle school youth.

**Estimated Time Commitment:** The Sunday school hour is 9:30 am to 10:45 am (1.25 hrs.) and 1.5 hours that week to prepare the lesson. Materials and help are provided!!

### **Wednesday Night Small Group Sponsor:**

**Responsibilities:** Spend a Wednesday night with a group of senior high youth having fun and growing in faith. We want every small group sponsor to do five things: be present; create a safe place; partner with parents; help kids and students to make their faith personal; and engage them in a way that they are able to connect their faith to a bigger story. That means every week, our small group sponsors, are helping to lead activities, games, and discussions with these five goals in mind.

**Estimated Time Commitment:** 1-2 hours.

### **Snack/Treat Provider:**

**Responsibilities:** Periodically provide snacks or treats for Wednesday nights or for other special youth activities. Usually the equivalent of 2-3 dozen cookies.

### **Youth Mentor:**

**Responsibilities:** Discipling and building relationships with Redeemer confirmation students during their 7th & 8th Grade years.

**Estimated Time Commitment:** 1-2 hours a month.

### **Youth Ministry Driver:**

**Responsibilities:** Periodically provide safe transportation for youth activities.

**Estimated Time Commitment:** Depends on the event.

### **Board of Youth Ministry Member:**

**Responsibilities:** Provide support for the youth ministry. Praying for the ministry, planning and executing events, sharing ministry information with others, and recruiting parents and sponsors for events.

**Estimated Time Commitment:** Attend monthly board meetings, 1-2 hours per month. You determine your time involvement. Contact the board chair Melissa Mord for more information.

Well, as some of you know, Molly is getting married next summer. Exciting times in the Jeppesen household but for mom's contemplative mood. For some reason my plan was such that I would finish one season of parenting (all through high school), have a little moment to breathe, and then commence the next season (Marrying them off 😊). Funny how our plans are not God's plans. And the parents and children's timing are usually not in sync.

Surprisingly I am the reluctant one this time. Usually at each stage of life I am encouraging my children to move forward: "You will LOVE Kindergarten!", "Try out for the play-it's good to experience new things.", "I know it's hard now but it will get easier.", "This too shall pass." And now instead I am saying: "Wait", "Stop", "You're too young", "I'm not ready yet." But she and Logan are both ready. Russ see's that and I do too, and yet.....sigh

God's timing is always the right timing.

So-- wedding dress shopping was fun- maybe it will be alright!!

*Psalm 62:8 "Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge."*

Rachel Jeppesen  
Preschool Director

Pediatric First Aid and CPR Class

Tuesday, November 12th

6-10 pm at Redeemer

\$40.00 - Sign up with Rachel at  
rjeppesen@redeemerwillmar.org



**KRUSE FARM HONEY FOR SALE IN THE  
PRESCHOOL OFFICE. PICK UP YOUR SUPPLY FOR  
THE YEAR SOON AS IT ALWAYS GOES FAST!**



**CHAIRMAN:** Tim Smith  
**SECRETARY:** Beth Corti

**VICE-CHAIR:** Tim Pollock  
**TREASURER:** Jim Gilman

BOARDS

Elders: (11)

1. Neil Buboltz
2. Dave Danzeisen
3. Doug Jorschumb
4. Jeff Kimpling
5. Dave Runke
6. Stan Skaro
7. Matt Akerson
8. Wayne Dahlke
9. Brandon Kopacek
10. Paul Meyer
- \*11. Jeff Pitt

Education: (6)

1. Kim Canion
2. Anna Barber
3. Marcia Gilman
4. Briana Jensen
- \*5. Michelle Marotzke
6. \_\_\_\_\_

Youth: (6)

1. Jerret Mohr
2. Kelly Fernandez
3. Nichole Gleason
4. Jodi Nelson
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

Outreach: (5)

1. Alix Behm
2. LaVonne Van Zee
- \*3. Bill Paterson
4. Chelsie Kopacek
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Trustees: (7)

1. Elloyd Bartel
- \*2. Glen Lotthammer
3. Todd Swartz
4. Larry Miller
5. Marlin Niss
6. Dan Spieker
7. \_\_\_\_\_

Preschool: (5)

1. Andrea Krakow
2. Darci Mohr
3. Tanya Rosenau
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Fellowship: (6)

1. Marlene Buboltz
2. Anita Maras
- \*3. Renee Jorschumb
4. Deb Swart
5. Kim Swartz
6. \_\_\_\_\_

Stewardship: (5)

1. Ken Behm
2. Chelsie Kopacek
3. Kim Heiden
- \*4. Rolf Standfuss
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Recording Secretary

Craig Nissen  
Dave Runke

***Italics indicates those people willing to be elected for 2020-2021.***

Please give any nominations or corrections to the church office.

(\*Denotes chair person)



# HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH



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| BOO        | GHOST     | PARTY    |
| BROOMSTICK | GHOUL     | PUMPKIN  |
| CANDY      | GOBLIN    | SKELETON |
| COBWEB     | HALLOWEEN | TREAT    |
| COSTUME    | HOLIDAY   | TRICK    |
| CREEPY     | OCTOBER   | WITCH    |



IF YOU STARE AT A PUMPKIN LONG ENOUGH ...

YOU'LL REALIZE THEY'RE GOURDEOUS!



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**IRAs, 401(k)s, 403(b)s, RMDs...** lots of letters and lots of acronyms! But, did you know that these acronyms can become one of the very best gifts to Redeemer Lutheran Church? The IRA rollover provision allows those age 70 ½ to make gifts directly from their IRAs to their chosen charities. Making an IRA rollover, as opposed to a normal charitable gift, satisfies your required minimum distribution (RMD) and you're able to transfer up to \$100,000 annually without first having to recognize the distribution as income. Interested in making a gift? Contact your IRA account administrator and/or tax professional to discuss the options available.



October 27th 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 300 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 2:30 pm. All vehicles must be decorated by 3:15 pm. 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 3:15 pm to be considered. All judging will take place when events start at 3:30 pm.

# Trunk or Treat

## Application Form

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

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

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

License Plate # \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Make/Model: \_\_\_\_\_

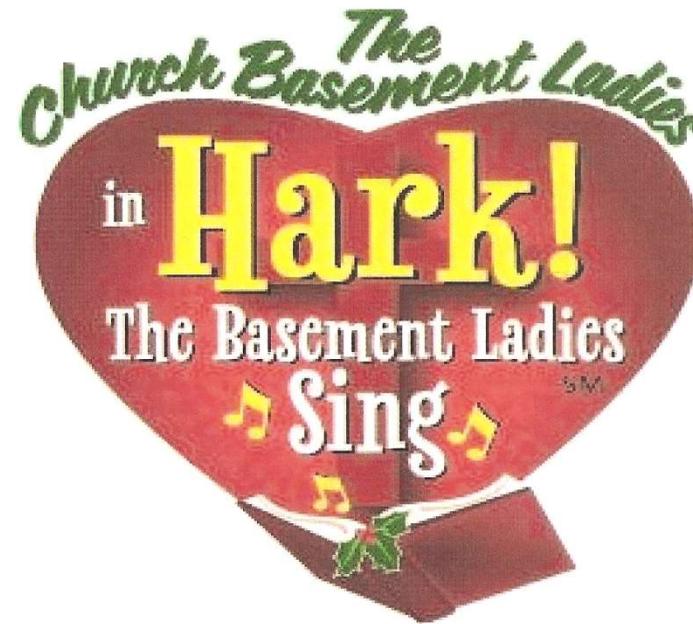
Trunk Description: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Join Us As Redeemer Members & Friends Travel To  
Ames Center in Burnsville To See. . .**  
(improved seating from last year at Ames Center!)



**Saturday,  
November 23**

Cost: \$48.00  
(includes ticket  
& bus ride)

Bus Loads In The  
North Church Parking  
Lot at 12:00 noon  
1401 6<sup>th</sup> St. SW  
Willmar, MN

**Sign Up and Pay in the Church Office By  
Wednesday, October 30 **Call 235-4685 to sign up****

*Sponsored by Redeemer Fellowship Board. We will stop for supper (on your own) on the way home.*

(tickets nonrefundable after that date)  
**Limited Number of Tickets Available**  
**Invite Your Friends, too.**

HARK! THE BASEMENT LADIES SING is the latest installment in the Church Basement Ladies musical series. It is December 1960, and members of this rural community have gathered around their reel-to-reel tape player to record a special Christmas greeting for one of their boys serving overseas. As the ladies serve up coffee and cookies, Pastor suffers from a case of stage fright, Mavis smuggles a piglet into the kitchen, a surprise visitor leaves Karin speechless, and the Widow Vivian Snustad gets caught in an embarrassing situation. Throughout it all, you are encouraged to sing along as Beverly Barsness bangs out Christmas carols on the old upright. So come "Fa La La" with the Church Basement Ladies as they deck their fellowship hall.

