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# Go Disciple All Nations

## *Sharing Christ, Changing Lives*



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# 2020

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## IN TOUCH WITH REDEEMER

A newsletter by and for the family of Redeemer Lutheran Church  
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### 2020 Vision

I had thought that the start of this year things would be different. After all that had happened last year, I was hoping for a year that we could bounce back from the pain from a year ago. The year 2020 was supposed to be different for me. I was looking at this year as one that would be filled with a renewed sense of why we are here, why the congregation of Redeemer Lutheran Church still exists. I was encouraged that this year we would be able to see greater possibilities, that the year of 2020 we would see things more clearly in much the same way we think of eyesight being 20/20. In the fall, I wanted to revisit the mission of this congregation and the role it plays in this community. Life has changed, the first weeks of the shut-down we thought this was going to be a short disruption.



This virus that has ravaged the global will not go away overnight; things will never be the same. This is our new normal whether we like it or not. As a congregation we have a choice going forward, we can try to rely on the way things have been in the past or realize that we must adapt the way we are reaching out. In America, we have already seen a steep decline in the number of people who attend church on a Sunday morning. The number of people who come back to church on a Sunday morning will also be different. The internet has made it possible to reach out to more people than ever before. The Gospel is being heard by more people who have been hesitant to enter a church building.

How can we adapt what we have been doing to where the culture will be starting this month? We cannot rely on opening our front doors and expecting people to flood the sanctuary. Our approach to "discipling" must also adapt for a new sense of urgency this summer. There is no greater time to reach others with the gospel than when the news is saturated with the loss of life; there is no greater time than now to unleash the "church" on our community. We have spent the last three years connecting with local organizations who engage the community with Jesus all the while meeting needs of others. Our partner organizations will need our support going forward. *(continued on the last page . . .)*

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The Gospel of Jesus Christ is needed in this community. People are concerned, scared, and hungry. Our culture has tried to shift away from God, but this tragic time in the life of our nation is opening opportunities. Our message will remain throughout this pandemic, the Word of God cannot be compromised. Our preaching using the dynamic of the Law and Gospel themes found in scripture must not be changed or updated to fit better with younger generations. Pastor Matt

*"All the ends of the earth will remember and return to the Lord. All the families from all the nations will worship you because the kingdom belongs to the Lord and he rules the nations. All prosperous people on earth will eat and worship. All those who go down to the dust will kneel in front of him, even those who are barely alive. There will be descendants who serve him, a generation that will be told about the Lord. They will tell people yet to be born about his righteousness—that he has finished it." Psalm 22:27-31*



*"For Father's Day, I'm giving my dad an hour of free tech support."*

**Go to [www.redeemerwillmar.org](http://www.redeemerwillmar.org) for our online Sunday  
Worship Services and Wednesday night devotionals.**

## 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.

### JUNE

Doris Ast – 320-214-7016  
Sharon Jergenson – 320-235-8278

Bob & Doris Ast  
Gordon & Betty Behm  
Vern & Sally Bierbaum  
Norm Christensen  
Lyle & Vera Ehrenberg  
Jon & Jessica Friton  
Brennen Gulden  
Steven & Beverly Hanson  
Dewayne Holthusen  
Josh & Briana Jensen  
Joel & Sharon Jergenson  
Larry & Christi Jorschumb  
Rick & Sally Kloth  
Jack Kuppich  
Paul Lenz  
Jon & Dawn Lingbeek  
Paul & Elizabeth Meyer  
Ken & Cindy Nash  
Bill & Deb Paterson  
Don & Carol Ryks  
Gary Schroeder  
Charlene Smith

### JULY

Lila Rekedal – 320-235-9218

Randy & Jill Augustin  
Ken & Alix Behm  
Mark & Amy Boeschen  
Jeff Carlson  
Kristine Carlson  
Michelle Corti  
Chris Dahline  
Wayne & Kelly Dahlke  
Marv & Sharon Erdelt  
Melanie Garberich  
Bill & LeeAnn Houselog  
Shane & Brooke Jensen  
Clarence & Violet Klucas  
Steven & Christine Kurtzbein  
Judy Linhoff  
Craig & Heather Petersen  
Tina Pillatzki  
Bob & Lila Rekedal  
Jose & Wendy Reyes  
Milt & Marcella Sadd  
Leon & Carole Schultz  
Lyle Smith  
Wayne Streich

**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.**

## PRESCHOOL

Sometimes negative events can influence positive change- or be a complete catalyst for it. I am seeing some of that happen already during this pandemic. The first few weeks I was attached to the news as information I needed for preschool was constantly changing. There was little positive news. Now things have settled somewhat, or I am choosing not to check the news as often-probably the latter. When I do tune in the focus seems to have changed a bit. The positive stories of service, strength and hope are surfacing more and more. The strong will to adapt and move forward is showing in our world. "We can do this!" it repeats. Humans are proving they will make lemonade out of lemons or find the rainbow in the midst of the storm. This is not accidental, God created us to have hope. He gave us the Fruit of the Spirit for such times as these: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness and Self-Control. These fruits are being practiced daily- Look for them. Share these fruits yourself.

I have found a few big positives that have happened in my world. Maybe some that will stay. For every positive I list someone will be able to list negatives to go with it-I understand but please don't stay focused on those.

1. All of my kids are home at one time. We were not to have Liz move home again. It was her time to graduate from college and move on to a career that she was going to start before school was even out. Instead she moved home. Molly came home early and the house was packed to the rafters. It was a bit rocky at first but I believe this time has tightened the sisterhood bonds for a lifetime-positive change from a negative event!
2. Church in my pajamas with coffee- What more can I say 😊
3. Drive through Bridal Showers. So far these have been quite the success. Maybe a continued practice? A great alternative for introverts who don't always know who to sit by or talk to. The bride-to-be and moms can talk to each guest and not miss anyone. And for a bride who may not get her big to-do this is a fun & safe mini-party.
4. Funeral in the field for a too young farmer. Yes, a big negative to lose someone way too soon. But in a normal year 800 people (400 cars approximate and 35 emergency vehicles) would not have fit in a church. But out in God's beautiful farming country all could attend and pay their respects to this young man and his family. How fitting for a farmer.
5. Graduation parades. The preschool parking lot graduation was a huge success! In fact, many think we should continue this new event- negative event a catalyst for positive change. Decorated cars, cowbells, honking horns made this great fun for our preschoolers. We pray for continued blessings on these kiddos as they move to the next stage of their young lives. Sarah, along with other high school seniors, will be experiencing a new style of graduation this year. So far we are having fun planning for her parade. A good attitude will influence a positive experience.

I pray that you can find the positives too. Look for the Fruits of the Spirit. Give God your worries. Keep praying. With Love, Rachel Jeppesen



**PRESCHOOL 2020 DRIVE-THRU GRADUATION**



**THE LWML MN NORTH DISTRICT** 29th Biennial Convention that was scheduled for June 22-24 in Grand Rapids, MN has been cancelled.

<b>++ JUNE 2020 ++</b>					
<b>JOIN US IN THE PARKING LOT ON SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH AT 9:30 AM. TUNE INTO FM STATION 101.9 FOR THE WORSHIP SERVICE W/COMMUNION.</b>					
	<b>ELDERS</b>	<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>ACOLYTES</b>	<b>SOUND</b>	<b>LIBRARY</b>
<b>June 14</b> 8:00 AM 9:30 AM	Matt Akerson Wayne Dahlke				
<b>June 21</b> 8:00 AM Communion 9:30 AM	Jeff Pitt Dave Runke Steve Lueders Brandon Kopacek				
<b>June 28</b> 8:00 AM 9:30 AM	Doug Jorschumb Paul Meyer				
<b>USHERS</b>	8:00 AM *				(*Head Usher)
	10:30 AM *				

**THERE WILL BE NO SCRIP ORDERS FOR JUNE**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>ONLINE</b>	<b>COMM</b>	<b>WED</b>	<b>ONLINE</b>	<b>PRIVATE</b>
May 3	193	160	May 6	156	
May 10	233		May 13	110	
May 17	172		May 20	139	
May 24	209		May 27	207	
May 31					
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>160</b>		<b>612</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Out by death: Irene Friedrich</b>					

# Graduation Recognition

## June 7, 2020 10:45 am

We ask that if you come for drive-in worship that Sunday that you stay, following service, and participate in the Graduate celebration following services that morning. The online video stream that day will also have a section honoring Graduates at the end of service that day so those who are not on-site can see as well.

**Parking:** For those who come to recognize our graduates, please park in the north lot (by the playground) using the spaces right next to the garden and the spaces directly across from those. This will create an aisle for the cars to drive through, as you park facing the center of the lot. In the south lot park on either side facing the middle (aisle). On the east side park facing out. If needed cars can park on 6th street between the north and south entrance.

**Guests:** We encourage everyone to participate in this celebration, vehicles can participate by cheering and waving, using poms or streamers, noisemakers etc. Please DON'T HONK horns until the very end. We need to hear the radio announcements. There will be a designated time to HONK horns.

**Program/Procession:** Graduate families will pull out of the spot they are in and proceed counterclockwise. Follow the arrows on the pavement. It does not matter where you are in the line. The procession will circle around the church. On the west side use 6th street to move from the north to the south entrance. There will be a stop at front entrances to greet staff, we ask that you then make the circle of the parking lot even if you have already done so.

10:45 am Short Program - Message to Graduates  
Announce Graduates and they parade through the parking lot.

## 2020 High School Graduating Seniors

Gaborick Bolstad  
Jordan Freiberg  
Blake Hanson  
Tucker Helfinstine  
Sarah Jeppesen

Jacob Meyer  
Katlin Mogard  
Eryn Sasse  
Abby Stauffenecker  
Luke Sellmann

## GUIDELINES & PROTOCOL FOR RETURNING TO CHURCH

- We will have a parking lot service on Sunday, June 7th at 9:30 am with communion. Please tune into the FM station 101.9.
- Worship services will be offered in the sanctuary at 8:00 and 9:30 am starting on June 14th with a maximum of 70 people. Any overflow will be then directed to the gym where you can participate by watching the screen. If you are seated in the gym, exit will be out the North playground door. No indoor Bible Study will be offered at this time.
- **Entrance will only be through the South narthex doors, exit will only be through the East single door.** Please note that all other doors will be locked. Doors will be propped open during entry and exit with one-way traffic only to help maintain physical distancing. Some hallways will be blocked off, please respect these areas.
- Elder's will monitor entry, please keep the 6' distance, watch X's on the floor. Please stay in line and do not greet each other with touching.
- As you enter, your temperature will be checked with a no-touch thermometer.
- Pews will be sectioned off so that people cannot sit closer than 6' (unless you are members of the same household). You will be ushered into the sanctuary and you will not have a preference as to where you want to sit and at the end of the service you will be ushered out. This action should be respected.
- Areas within the church will be thoroughly sanitized before and after each service. Hand sanitizers will be available throughout the church.
- Please limit bathroom use if at all possible. Tape will be placed outside the restroom to indicate where you should stand in line to wait.
- Those people who are over 65 and those with underlying health conditions should consider staying home and listening online or in the parking lot. Please stay home if you are sick.
- Please bring your own protective wear. **Facemasks will be required.**
- Designated boxes will be available for your offering as you enter the sanctuary or as you exit the sanctuary.
- For Sundays that we observe communion in the sanctuary, it will also be offered in the parking lot for those who wish to remain in their cars for the worship service.

**We continue to remind people that no one is obliged to come if they do not feel safe and we will still have online services or parking lot worship services broadcasted on the FM radio station available. Please be patient and abide by these guidelines as we seek to keep our community as safe as possible during these trying times.**

During this time of uncertainty, if you have questions or concerns please feel free to call your Elder.

**YOUR ELDER**

<b><u>YOUR ELDER</u></b>	<b><u>PHONE #</u></b>
Dave Danzeisen	894-2396
Brandon Kopacek	905-0734
Stan Skaro	599-4506/894-9450
Steve Lueders	894-5750
Paul Meyer	651-295-6670
Doug Jorschumb	235-5451/905-2447
Neil Buboltz	796-2352/894-9681
Wayne Dahlke	262-9847
Dave Runke	235-9068/894-1474
Matt Akerson	894-4997

**HOUSEHOLD NAMES**

Akerson – Bokelman  
Bolland – Davis  
Derksen – Grewe  
Grothe – Jacobson  
Jaspersen – Kruse  
Kubasch – Meyer  
Mikkelsen – Pillatzki  
Pitt – Schoumaker  
Schroeder – Streich  
Stueckrath – Zetah



THANKFUL 4 FAMILY  
*Thursdays*



**THANKFUL 4 FAMILY THURSDAYS**

Join us on Thursdays in June for 2 social distance friendly events that your family can participate in. Join us for the opportunity to stay connected while being apart.

**June 11 - Family Car Scavenger Hunt**

7:00 pm meet at Church and participate in a 12 stop Scavenger Hunt with your Family.

**June 18 - Where's Waldo Redeemer Style**

7:00 pm meet at Church and receive clues to find a Redeemer Staff member hiding out somewhere within the Willmar City Limits.

**SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!!** June collections will be previously viewed DVD's (comedy and action), paperback novels, board games, electronic games, hand-held games, car games, crossword and word find books, and journals. Please place donated items in box located in the narthex.

**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)

**2020 PHOTO DIRECTORY**

**Lifetouch has rescheduled our photography appointments. Photo dates have been rescheduled for August & September. More information will be forthcoming.**



Bridal Drive Thru shower honoring Molly Jeppesen bride to be of Logan Holtan.



Saturday, June 13  
9:30-11:30 am

At Molly's home.  
15671 140th Ave NW, Sunburg, MN



Please join us for an opportunity to celebrate with Molly and Logan as they plan an August wedding. They are registered at JCPenney and Menards.

Find it at [theknot.com/mollyloveslogan](http://theknot.com/mollyloveslogan)

Questions? Please call Naomi 320-894-3212



### 2020 VBS Neighbor Party - VBS in your backyard

We don't want to remove VBS from our Summer events at Redeemer due to Social Distancing. So, guess what? We are revamping and bringing VBS to your neighborhood this Summer. Instead of 5 days, we are spreading the fun out over 5 weeks starting July 6th. Each week a new daily theme will drop on the Redeemer Website and Redeemer Kids Facebook Group. You and your family can do the activities for that week or invite some friends from your neighborhood and host a VBS Neighborhood Party in your yard and do all 5 days of activities in one week.

#### How does it work?

1. Your Family Registers at [www.redeemerwillmar.org](http://www.redeemerwillmar.org) for your Neighborhood VBS party pack. The pack includes everything you will need to participate in our 5 weeks of VBS Focus Activities.
2. On June 24, 2020 from 7:00-8:00 pm participate in our drive-thru VBS Kick-off party. Pick up your box of supplies and see our Redeemer Staff as we cheer you on into your VBS Neighborhood Adventure.
3. July 6th watch the Redeemer Website and Redeemer Kids Facebook Group as we release videos on Monday each week through August. You can follow our Redeemer Schedule starting July 6th or choose a week and host a VBS in your neighborhood.  
Invite others as you feel comfortable.

## YOUR GIVING OPTIONS

- 1) Online Giving is available by going to [redeemerwillmar.org](http://redeemerwillmar.org) and clicking on the Give Now button to use a credit card, debit card or bank account to donate to Redeemer. You can also setup recurring payments if desired!
- 2) You can give via text by sending Give and the amount (e.g. Give 100) to 320-200-2029.
- 3) Offerings (**placed in your offering envelope**) may be mailed to Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1401 6th Street SW, Willmar, MN 56201.
- 4) Consider using our "Simply Giving" program to have your offerings electronically transferred to the church's account. It's as easy as filling out the form below and returning to Chris Yoose in the church office.

## AUTHORIZATION FORM

Church name:	
Your name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Email address:	
I would like to make the following contribution(s):	
<input type="checkbox"/> General Operating Fund	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Fund	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	\$ _____
<b>Total</b>	\$ _____
Date of first contribution: ___/___/___	
Frequency of contribution (check one):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly – Mondays	
<input type="checkbox"/> Semi-monthly – 1 <sup>st</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 1 <sup>st</sup>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 15 <sup>th</sup>	

<b>CHECKING / SAVINGS</b> <i>Complete this section if using your checking or savings account</i>	
Please debit my (check one):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Checking account—attach voided check <input type="checkbox"/> Savings account—attach voided deposit slip	
Routing #:	Account #:
<i>Valid routing # must start with 0,1,2 or 3</i>	
I authorize the above organization and Vanco Services to process debit entries to the above account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.	
Authorized signature: _____	Date:    /    /

## Redeemer Lutheran Church Boiler Replacement Project

Greetings, the Redeemer Elders and Pastor Canon have asked to have a special voter's meeting to discuss and approve replacing the church's boiler. We would appreciate your input and approval of this very important need.

### Timing:

The Stewardship board ask the Trustee's board to address replacing the church boiler in 2020. The primary rationale is that this project is of the highest priority due to the condition and age of the boiler (it is approximately 60 years old). There are no other large projects anticipated in 2020.

### Bids:

The Trustee's contacted four local contractors who do this kind of work. Of those, only two submitted bids. The bidders were Chappell Central, Inc. and Bullet Proof Mechanical Services, Inc. Both companies are proposing the same product: Two LOCHINVAR Knight WHB 95% efficient wall hung firetube boilers. In addition, the church will need to do some asbestos abatement and install a new fire door to the boiler room. The additional costs above and beyond the boiler bid may be covered by energy credits that are available on the market. Both bids include removal of the existing boiler.

The bids are as follows:

Bullet Proof Mechanical Services, Inc	\$ 44,460.00
Chappell Central Inc.	\$ 42,525.00

### Financing:

The financing option as approved by the Parish Planning Council is to use the Capital Projects fund, undesignated memorials and an amount from the education memorial funds so as to reduce the burden of the line of credit. This would be split out as follows:

- Capital projects fund \$ 28,000.00
  - Undesignated memorials 6,000.00
  - Education memorial fund 5,000.00
- (The Board of Education and Preschool boards have consented to this amount be used and to not be repaid)

Balance as needed to come from current operating cash and draws from the line of credit at the bank if needed. Rebates from CenterPoint Energy and Willmar Municipal Utilities would also be applied for if eligible.

### Process:

Due to the Covid-19 situation it was determined to put this information in the June newsletter. We will have a ZOOM meeting with all congregational members on June 14 at 7:00 PM and this information and a ballot (sent to voting members only) will be mailed out around June 12. A stamped envelope would be provided for the ballot to be mailed back. Ballots should be postmarked June 22nd or before.

## Special Voter's Meeting Discussion Session—June 14, 7pm

### HOW DO I CONNECT?

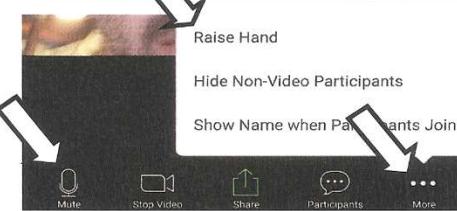




smartphone or  
tablet

**Before the meeting day:** Download *Zoom Cloud Meetings* from Play Store or App Store

Open the **Zoom** app on your phone  
Click **Join a Meeting**  
Enter in Meeting ID: **894 6257 7618**  
Enter your name in the field below  
Click **Join Meeting**  
Click **Call via Device Audio**



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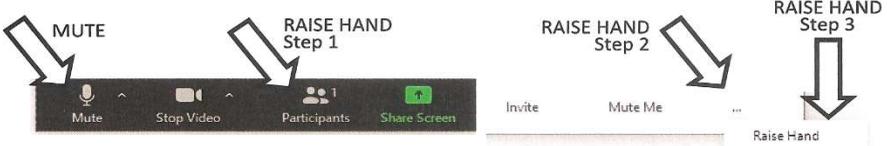


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**\*\*NOTE: YOU MUST HAVE A MICROPHONE ON YOUR COMPUTER TO SPEAK.**

**Before the meeting day:**  
Go to: [www.zoom.us/test](http://www.zoom.us/test)  
Click **Join**  
Download and Run the Zoom software  
Please walk through the testing

Go to: [www.zoom.us/join](http://www.zoom.us/join)  
Enter Meeting ID: **894 6257 7618**  
Click **Join**  
Click **Join with Video**  
Click **Join with Computer Audio**



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phone call

Dial **312-626-6799**  
Enter Meeting ID: **894 6257 7618#**  
When asked for Host ID enter: #  
When asked for Participant ID enter: #

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Raise Hand

### I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT ZOOM. ?

If you have never used Zoom before, please use the **Phone Call** option.

*1st Resource:* Go to [support.zoom.us](http://support.zoom.us) or Google **Zoom Support**. Videos and guides are available.

*2nd Resource:* Email Mark Boesch at [mboesch@redeemerwillmar.org](mailto:mboesch@redeemerwillmar.org).

**JUNE 14, 6p—7p (One hour before meeting ONLY):** Call Church Office at 320-235-4685.

### WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW? !

- **Consider joining the meeting 10 to 30 minutes early to make sure your equipment works.**
- Your microphone will be muted when you join.
- Raise your hand if you have a question or comment. Know how to raise your virtual hand.
- Please wait to be called on before speaking.
- Those on the phone call will be asked for their names based on their telephone number when they connect so we know who is connected.
- **You will not be able to enter the meeting after 7:10pm.**