

Redeemer Resource



The monthly newsletter of Redeemer Lutheran Church-Rochester, Minnesota

November 2012

Coming Soon . . .

All Saints Sunday—November 3/4

We take time to remember those who have joined the Church Triumphant in 2012 and remember that we are bound together in the fellowship of all saints, both the living and the dead.

Loyalty Sunday—November 17/18

Join us as we lift up our Fall stewardship theme, “Blessed to Share.” We hope you will prayerfully complete your **2013 Stewardship intent (pledge) form** and return it any of the services this weekend. Watch for materials to be arriving in the mail the first week of November. *Please note: We will not be completing the time and talents portion of our stewardship program until Lent.*

Thanksgiving—November 21/22

We take time to praise God and celebrate the blessings we enjoy every day. Please join us for worship on **Wednesday, November 21, at 6:30**

pm

Mission Statement

“As Christians based on the solid foundation of God’s Word, empowered by the Holy Spirit we strive to live out, lift up, and share our faith in Jesus Christ welcoming all into our family of believers.”

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Raising Funds for the Homeless



Staff Reflections

THE MARRIAGE AMENDMENT—SO WHY SHOULD WE CARE?

“Why not let people do what they want to do?” “If it does not affect me, why should I get involved?” “Isn’t this discrimination?” We are hearing all kinds of questions like these.

Most importantly, we cannot condone or ignore what God has called a sin. The Bible does not say it is worse than other sins, but a sin just the same (Romans 1:24-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10). Some have asked why it is that some other Christian groups (even Lutherans) are quite loudly campaigning against the amendment—and are even ordaining practicing homosexuals. The answer is quite simple. The “majority” in these denominations no longer look upon the Bible as God’s inspired and inerrant word. And this is causing much dismay among many of the faithful people in their pews.

There has been all kinds of talk about discrimination, denying civil rights, and gay-bashing. And those are all nasty things—that we do well to avoid. What are often forgotten are the rights of traditional Bible-believing Christians, who in some ways are becoming a minority. Our children and grandchildren are already being taught that they need to look upon homosexual relationships as being just as valid as God’s plan. This is powerfully and effectively being communicated by the entertainment industry. And now more and more so, this is being taught in our public schools (financed by our taxes).

While this ballot proposal is called an “amendment,” it does not seek to change anything, only to affirm what we all once took for granted. If this amendment is defeated, it seems safe to say that it will open the door for all kinds of new interpretations, as has already been the case in many other states. While religious organizations might (at least initially) be exempt, it is likely that we could not discriminate in hiring support staff or allowing use of the building. A law has just been passed in California that makes it illegal to offer counseling help to teens who want to change from a homosexual to a heterosexual orientation. Experiences in other countries have even shown that this can eventually lead to pastors being arrested for “hate speech” if they publically denounce this lifestyle or refuse to marry homosexuals. If this seems too cynical, consider the powerful lobby which is producing all the orange signs. If this amendment is defeated, I shudder to think what the next push will be. Even now, churches are being told what they “must” cover in their health insurance plans, even if it is contrary to their long established beliefs.

I intend to vote “Yes” on this amendment and encourage you to do the same. This is an ethical question that has nothing to do with being Republican, Democrat, or independent. More importantly, I hope that together we will do all that we can to strengthen traditional marriages and families. God’s good plan (Genesis 2:24; Matt. 19:5; Eph. 5:31) is being severely threatened in our self-centered world of today. While some would say it is too late to stop the tide, we cannot give up. Let’s be part of the solution—teaching and practicing marriage as God intended it to be. And above all, let us continue to remember that our primary focus should be upon our own sins and the forgiveness Christ won for each of us upon the cross.

Pastor Jim Heining

(This statement was reviewed and endorsed by our Board of Elders at their meeting on October 2, 2012.)

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Remember in Your Prayers...

Hospitalized/ Health Concerns

- ✝ Bob Jenkins, Don Sukke, Craig Nelson, Avis Riehl, Leon Larson, Nancy Anderson, Rita Priebe, Donna Bussell, Ruth Tibesar, Roger Brand, DeLayna Nitz, Austin and Ethan Manuell

Grieving

- ✝ The family and friends of Alice Colwell, who passed away on October 4.

Rejoice

- ✝ That Pastor A.G. Paul has finally been granted a visa and should be flying to the U.S. soon.
- ✝ With Robert Schafer (father of Cindy Scheve) who will celebrate his 90th birthday on October 9.
- ✝ With Tom and Anita Werle who will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary on October 10.
- ✝ With Cassandra Paulson and Matthew Williams who will be united in marriage at Redeemer on October 13.
- ✝ With Dick and Marge Rengstorf who celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary on October 13.
- ✝ With Shelly Applen and Matthew Clancey who will be united in marriage at Redeemer on October 20.
- ✝ With Sue Reinke Walch upon the birth of her granddaughter, Sienna Lorraine, born October 5. Parents are Travis and Anne (Reinke) Hanson.
- ✝ Tom Moore who celebrated his 85th birthday on October 19.
- ✝ With Jeff Feeder and Amy VerBurg who will be united in marriage on November 3.

Encouragement/ Guidance

- ✝ For our local congregations as we seek to welcome Pastor A.G. Paul.

Thanksgiving

- ✝ For the mission focused work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Worship The Lord With Gladness!



Remember: Daylight Savings Time comes to an end the weekend of November 3/ 4. Set your clocks back one hour when you go to bed on Saturday, November 3.

NOVEMBER 3/ 4 All Saint's

We will celebrate All Saint's Sunday with scripture readings from Revelation 7:1-18; 2 Timothy 4:1-8; and Matthew 5:1-12. The theme will be "Thanks for the Hand Off." Holy Communion will be celebrated at all services this weekend.

We will take the time to remember the members of Redeemer who have passed away during this past year.

November 10/ 11 24th Sunday After Pentecost

We will celebrate the Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost with scripture readings from Revelation 1:1-3,9-11,19:11-16,21:1-4,22-27,22:1-5 and John 11:21-27. The theme will be "More Than Conquerors—Through Jesus."

November 17/ 18 25th Sunday After Pentecost Loyalty Sunday

We will observe the Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost with Scripture readings from Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-25; and Mark 13:1-13. Holy Communion will be celebrated at all services this weekend. We will dedicate our commitments of time, talents, and treasure.

November 21/ 22 Thanksgiving

We will observe Thanksgiving with services on Wednesday, November 21, at 6:30 pm and Thursday, November 22, at 9:30 am. Scripture readings will be from Deuteronomy 8:1-10; Philippians 4:6-20 or 1 Timothy 2:1-4; and Luke 17:11-19. Holy Communion will be celebrated at all services.

November 24/ 25 Last Sunday of the Church Year

We will observe the Last Sunday of the Church Year with scripture readings will be from Isaiah 51:4-6 or Daniel 7:9-10,13-14; Jude 20-25 or Revelation 1:4b-8; and Mark 13:24-37 or John 18:33-37. The theme will be "Stay Awake."

December 2/ 3 First Sunday In Advent

We will begin the Advent season with scripture readings from Jeremiah 33:14-16, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, and Luke 19:28-40 or Luke 21:25-36. Holy Communion will be celebrated at all services.

"Blessed to Share"

is the theme for our Fall Stewardship Program. It is because God has first blessed us that we seek to serve others. Part of this serving involves our finances. On November 17/18 Redeemer members will be encouraged to make a financial faith commitment for the Lord's work through Redeemer in 2013. This is not a binding pledge. No one will send you a bill if your circumstances change and you cannot give what you planned. But it is good to set goals for ourselves and it gives the congregation an idea of what we can expect financially as we plan the program for the next year.

God has been very good to us as a congregation! Our members have been amazingly generous. No one says what anyone must give. We assume that those who have greater financial resources will give more, but it is completely voluntary. And the bills are paid (on time).

In the weekly bulletin these past weeks, you have seen some brief summaries of how your offerings are put to use for the Lord's work. Watch for your Stewardship materials to come in the mail the week of November 12. We encourage you to prayerfully make a faith commitment and return it to one of the worship services on November 17/18.

While sharing of time and talents is just as important as sharing of our treasure, we are approaching this differently this year in that we are looking at financial stewardship in November and will focus on opportunities to share our time and talents during the Lenten season.

MISSION UPDATE:

Don't forget to check out Ginger Lagergren's latest newsletter. It's posted in the narthex and on the website.

In Loving Memory...

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

The weekend of November 3/4, we will remember those saints of Redeemer that have gone before us this past year.



All Saints' Day

Evelyn Leitz	Died:	January 17, 2012
Dorothy Volberding		January 26, 2012
RoseMarie Larson		March 7, 2012
Robert Knop		March 7, 2012
Dolly Waitikowich		March 16, 2012
Ruth Kettner		April 26, 2012
Agnes Moyer		May 12, 2012
Lorraine Eker		June 5, 2012
Ruth Fenner		June 23, 2012
Evelyn "Steff" Porter		June 26, 2012
Shari Oldenburg		July 14, 2012
Verdetta "Jackie" Crandall		July 31, 2012
Roger Peterson		August 7, 2012
Geraldine Griebenow		August 29, 2012

ADVENT SUPPERS

Will begin on Wednesday evenings: December 5, December 12, December 19. This is always a great time of fellowship!

December 5: Men's Fellowship/Thrivent

December 12: Youth Group

December 19: **Volunteers needed!**

Watch for more details on time and menus!



FROM THE HAUANS

Eric is now learning Hebrew—and even finding it to be fun! He is playing on the Seminary soccer team to stay in shape. Eric and Jill have made some good friends already.

They have been assigned to the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection for "field work" and are finding it to be a lot like Redeemer. They appreciate the nice letters of encouragement from congregational members.



Redeemer is in the process of starting a new College Ministry to reach out to our members even while they are off at college. To get this ministry rolling we are in need of the contact information for our great college students. If you are a college student and reading this or a parent, please call the church office (289-5147) or email akoglin@redeemer-rochester.com with:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Thank you!



In Loving Memory...

ALICE MAE SQUIRES COLWELL

Alice Mae Squires Colwell was born April 6, 1928, in Winona, Minnesota, the youngest of 13 children. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Winona, where she also married Burt Colwell on October 13, 1950. Their union was blessed with one son, Kirk.

Alice and Burt joined Redeemer in 1958, where they joyfully served in many capacities. After nearly 53 years of marriage Burt went to heaven on May 3, 2003. Alice continued faithfully in worship and in service to others until her sudden, but peaceful, death at home on October 4, 2012, at the age of 84.

The funeral service in her memory was held at Redeemer on October 8. Remember Alice's family and friends in your prayers.

Upcoming Bible Classes

COMBINED BIBLE CLASS—SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER 18 and 25

Join us for two special classes as we wrap up our time with "The Story." We have spent the last 31 weeks journeying through the Bible. We will spend Sunday, November 18, focusing on any final thoughts and questions on the Old Testament portion of "The Story." On Sunday, November 25, we will focus our thoughts and questions on the New Testament portion of "The Story." We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Join us for bell ringing!

Here is a chance for you to volunteer this upcoming holiday season! Redeemer Lutheran Church has a scheduled day to assist with bell ringing for the Salvation Army. The Red Kettle Christmas Campaign enables The Salvation Army to provide food, toys and clothing to over 6 million people during the Christmas season and helps more than 34 million Americans recovering from all kinds of personal disasters nationwide.

Redeemer Lutheran Church is scheduled to ring the bell on November 14, 2012 from 10:00am – 8:00pm inside the mall entrance by TJ Maxx. (Located at 1300 Salem Rd SW) Please consider assisting by signing up on the sheet found in the Narthex. This is a great way to spend some time with family and friends and help those in need. **HAPPY BELL RINGING!!**



I am Blessed to Serve as Christ's Witness!

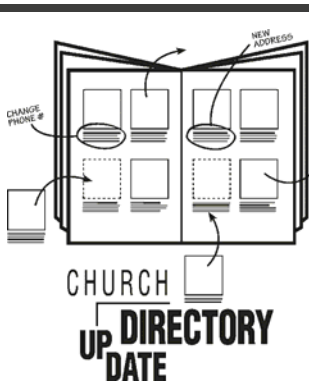
God has put me, His witness, in a specific place where I come into contact with specific people for His specific reason. I understand that this list of three people is my list and no one else will have the same list. These three people are people whom God created and sent His Son to save. Empowered and equipped by His Holy Spirit I now go out to reach to them with the good news of Jesus Christ. I understand this may not be easy, may take a lot of time, and may in some cases put my relationships with them in a tough spot – but I love them too much to be silent – Here I am Lord – Send me!

My Family Member: _____

My Friend: _____

My Neighbor or colleague: _____

I go out in prayer, in love, and in the power of the Holy Spirit to reach these three people!



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

It's almost time! A special thank you to everyone who has been so patient and helpful as we work to produce our latest pictorial directory. It is in it's final stages and we hope to have copies available around the middle of November. Watch the Sunday bulletins for more information!

Music Highlights

SUNDAY SCHOOL— Grades 3—6

will be singing on November 18! Parents, please mark that on your calendars and try to come to the 10:40 service so your child may sing for worship!!

FREE MUSIC OPPORTUNITY!

Worship and Music Workshop – November 3 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Stewartville. David Paul Britton, a recording artist and worship leader will present three sessions that day:

- 9 a.m. – Worship in Spirit and Truth: Understanding Biblical Foundations of Worship
- 10:30 a.m. – Choral Workshop: Calling all Singers! 2 years of Voice lessons in 90 minutes!
- 1 p.m. – “What Now?” Practical Clinic: Strategies for Integrating Positive Steps

There will also be a free light lunch – please register by email – pastor@stjohnsandweecare.org or by phone – 507-533-4420. This will help with knowing how much food to prepare.

Any questions on these events or for other musical questions, please contact DPM, April Beckman, at 289-5147.



Stewardship: Your Response to God's Love

September 20/ 22/ 23

Worship Attendance	541
	(40+99+196+206)
S.S. & Bible Classes	235 (83+152)
Guests	41
Budget Offerings	\$9995.91
District/ Synod	\$1588.16
Renovation	\$1347.25

September 27/ 29/ 30

Worship Attendance	529
	(50+70+163+246)
S.S. & Bible Classes	225 (87+138)
Guests	55
Budget Offerings	\$9812.50
District/ Synod	\$1003.25
Renovation	\$1364.25

October 6/ 7

Worship Attendance	573
	(106+218+249)
S.S. & Bible Classes	197(67+130)
Guests	50
Budget Offerings	\$19,390.81
District/ Synod	\$2174.75
Renovation	\$4582.75

October 13/ 14

Worship Attendance	555
	(133+174+248)
S.S. & Bible Classes	223 (85+138)
Guests	50
Budget Offerings	\$8953.00
District/ Synod	\$1342.91
Renovation	\$1305.25

October 20/ 21

Worship Attendance	581
	(289+125+167)
S.S. & Bible Classes	161(64+97)
Guests	85
Budget Offerings	\$10,866.54
District/ Synod	\$1581.64
Renovation	\$1715.75

Loose coins for November have been designated for the Lutheran Association of Missionary Pilots.



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Thanks to all the Redeemer members who have designated Redeemer to be the recipient of these funds. They really add up: \$16,666 in 2011, and \$9,143 so far in 2012. These do not go into the general fund but are set aside for special projects not included in the regular budget. A portion of these funds have been used for scholarships for Redeemer children who attend summer camp at Camp Omega. They also funded the computer equipment and monitors in rooms 201 and 202 for our 7th and 8th grade Sunday School classes. They will be used to fund Pastor Koglin's week long training session in St. Louis next spring, that he might be a Stephen Minister trainer.

Because this program has been so successful, Thrivent has announced that they will be cutting back on it. They will no longer be "automatically" renewing your designation, but will only fund those who renew their request. So please watch for that opportunity when it comes.

FINANCIAL UPDATE—Reason to Rejoice

September Budget Income: \$118,256

September Budget Expenses: \$108,403

YTD Budget Income: \$773,401

YTD Budget Expenses: \$747,873

After a deficit month in August, we rebounded during the five Sunday month of September. Numbers were higher than normal because of a special bequest of \$37,000 for mortgage principal. Our mortgage is now down to \$267,897. God is good!

Memorials and Special Gifts

- ♥ \$63 for Communion Ware in honor of Emery and Linda Walters 63rd wedding anniversary
- ♥ \$100 in memory of Jackie Crandall for Undesignated Memorials.
- ♥ \$200 for new Communion Ware
- ♥ \$57 for Church Work Scholarship Fund in honor of Roger and Betty Brand's 57th wedding anniversary
- ♥ \$300 for Ginger Lagergren's African Mission
- ♥ \$40 for Creation Fund
- ♥ \$500 for Technology Fund
- ♥ \$1000 for new Albs for Pastors
- ♥ \$600 for Church Work Scholarship Fund
- ♥ \$100 for Office Supplies
- ♥ \$50 for Budget in honor of Brooke and Bryan Zimmerman's baptism
- ♥ \$15 for 2nd Grade Bibles in memory of Alice Colwell
- ♥ \$6.75 for Orphan Grain Train
- ♥ \$50 for Altar Guild

Notes of Thanks...

LARGE SCREEN MONITORS

have been installed in rooms 102, 200, and 203. Thanks to the 2012 confirmation class, Ladies groups and others who financed this—and to the Trustees to did the hanging.

THANK YOU

John Brandt and Virgil Briske who once again kept our lawn looking great this summer. They were faithfully at it every week (usually Thursday mornings). Great job!

THANK YOU

A special thank to Pastor Heining and Pastor Koglin for your visits, prayers, and bringing communion. Thank you also to the many Redeemer members who remember me with phone calls, visits, and cards—they are so welcome and appreciated. *-Avis Riehl*

THANK YOU

Thank you everyone for your prayers, special greetings, hugs, and cards and thanking God for 80 years of Christian life. *-Jo Geerts*

THANK YOU

Thank you to Project Compassion for the flower on my birthday. It is wonderful to be remembered. *-Gary Polikowsky*

THANK YOU

Thank you to Project Compassion for the beautiful bouquet you gave me on my birthday. It lasted a long time. *-Doris "Goldie" Golberg*

THANK YOU

Thank you to Pastor Heining and Pastor Koglin for the hospital visit and phone calls. Thank you to Jan, Bill, and Dave for visits and phone calls. The Prayer Shawl is beautiful. Thank you to all for your prayers during my surgery. Your prayers and support are a blessing to me and my family.

-Wayne Roerish

THANK YOU

Thank you to each of you who remembered me in your prayers, who sent a card with get well wishes, who phoned with the same, who took time from their busy schedules to visit me either in the hospital or at Charter House. Both Elvera and I sincerely appreciate your kindness, your concern, and your thoughtfulness. In Christ, *Marty Cordes*

THANK YOU

Thank you Pastor Koglin, Pastor Heining, Bill and Marcia Cochran, Jan Dicke, Betty Mueller, Rosie and Harlan Petersen, Delores McGillivray, Bev Bailey, and many others who have prayed for me and sent cards. Thanks and praise to God for successful surgery, speedy recovery, and good friends.

-June Storma

THANK YOU

Redeemer friends, thank you ever so much for all the prayers that were prayed on my behalf during my surgery and recovery. They were needed! Also the cards and phone calls were very much appreciated. It gives encouragement to know people are concerned and thinking of you. Thank you to Pastor Heining, Pastor Koglin, Pastor Mueller, Jan Dicke, Bob Keith, and Bill Cochran for their visits, prayers, and phone calls. Again thank you all for the support Redeemer gave to me and my family. I am anxious to get back into the swing of things at Redeemer. Three of my favorite Bible passages that sustain me: John 3:16-17, Ephesians 2:8-10, Revelations 2:10b and my favorite motto: "Serve the Lord with Gladness." *-Connie Bennett*

CREATION CORNER

Thanks to all who attended the creation class we had during Sunday morning Bible study. If any of you are interested, we have additional materials in the church library on the subject.

Keep your eye on the Creation Corner next month. There will be some news about upcoming events that you will find exciting and interesting. The creation group is committed to arming you with the truth so you can witness to others and not feel like you need to worry that they might bring up dinosaurs or the age of the earth or cavemen or missing links and cause you to flee from the discussion.

2Peter 3:3-7 warns us that scoffers will come—denying that there was a global flood and that judgment will ever come.

In John 5:46 Jesus says that if we believed Moses we would believe Him; and it is no coincidence that we find the book of Genesis under attack.

Let's equip ourselves with answers so we can always be ready to give an account of the hope that is in us!

Pressing on toward the mark.....John Van Proosdy



Movie Night

Friday, November 9

6:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Please bring a comfy chair, a snack to share, and money for pop and pizza if you wish.

The Great Race

is a 1965 slapstick comedy film starring Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis, and Natalie Wood. The Great Leslie (Tony Curtis) and Professor Fate (Jack Lemmon) are competing in a race from New York to Paris by car. The six car race turns into a three car race with Maggie DuBois (Natalie Wood) a Local Suffragette. It was the most expensive comedy produced at that time at \$12 million.

Phone Call From A Stranger -

(1952) After his wife Jane admits to an extramarital affair, Iowa attorney Daniel Trask abandons her and their daughters and heads for LA. While waiting in an airport he meets three other passengers and becomes friends. Their plane crashes and kills his three acquaintances and Trask contacts the people in his friends' lives. Bette Davis plays a very minor but important role.



Health Notes

EMOTIONAL SIGNS OF CAREGIVER STRESS

*"I'm so scared I'm not going to be able to get everything done.
I can't believe no one will help me! It makes me so angry.
I've never felt so alone and out of control before."*

The emotional experiences involved with providing care can strain even the most capable person. The resulting feelings of anger, anxiety, sadness, isolation, exhaustion—and then guilt for having these feelings—can exact a heavy toll.

It's important to recognize the emotional signs of caregiver stress. Take a look at the following list and see if any apply to you:

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Moodiness/mood swings
- Butterflies
- Irritability, easily frustrated, road rage
- Memory problems and lack of concentration
- Feeling out of control
- Increased substance abuse
- Phobias
- Argumentative
- Feeling of isolation
- Job dissatisfaction

Noticing the way stress affects you physically is sometimes easier than seeing how it is affecting you emotionally. You may want to think about how your spouse or children are reacting to you. If you're more grumpy than normal they may let you know or may just avoid you altogether.

Consider talking with a healthcare professional that can help you to evaluate your situation. Remember, it is not selfish to focus on your own needs and desires when you are a family caregiver. In fact, it is important that you take initiative with your own physical and emotional care, or else it could make you less useful to the person for whom you are caring.

For more tips on learning to avoid and cope with caregiver stress visit CaregiverStress.com – an excellent website featuring videos, articles, blogs, and resources all devoted to caregiving topics.

(Source: CaregiverStress.com)



Church Council Highlights - October 9, 2012

OLD BUSINESS

Theme "Blessed to Serve"

The implementation of the theme is coming through in the sermon messages, Sunday school and throughout congregational activities.

Goal – Continue Discussion from September meeting

Discussion focused on how best to state a goal and whether it needs to be measureable/reportable. Working with an identified opportunity from the church self-study, care for current members, was the topic. (Particularly reaching those who have been somewhat inactive). Implementation could include challenging and empowering each member personally to reach out to someone in various ways. Such a goal would measure the activity and not the result. Empowering could include sermons reminding members to think of 3 people they can reach out to, in various ways, concrete suggestions via conversation starters or an invitation to church activities and events. In such a way sign ups for activities would provide some measurable results. This opportunity to care for current members could also be incorporated into the Ministry Teams that are highlighted monthly, emphasizing the use of all our different gifts. This goal provides a link to upholding Redeemer's mission statement to reach every member. Pastor Koglin will provide some resources to continue the discussion next month.

Ministry teams

Council looked over charts and completed any missing contacts. Currently no difference noted between MAQ contact and Team Contact, will label as "Contact", can be directed as necessary. Discussion continued with regard to Council's relating to /communication with Ministry Teams, and how best to address this so Teams feel connected and supported as we transition in to this new model. . An email invitation will be extended to all Teams, inviting them to attend Council meetings to share or voice concerns, and also to write a paragraph, in preparation for Council meetings, highlighting activities to be included in the Resource and minutes to inform the congregation. Discussion of creating a Resource/Nominating Committee will be tabled until next month.

Budget - Update/ Questions from the Budget subcommittee

The Budget subcommittee had some questions regarding how best to create a hierarchy to allocate the budget, with liaisons to authorize expenses, including the management of dedicated accounts. General heading categories Pastor Heining outlined last month work well. Dedicated accounts don't need to be budgeted for since they are contributed for a specific purpose (i.e. memorial items money to buy new music); these are extra budget. Must use designated funds as designated. Larry sent budget worksheets out to groups as listed on handouts. Ministry Teams know how best to spend their money, but a Council liaison could provide a check and balance using a monthly report format submitted by Teams. The Budget subcommittee will contact those Teams that have not been contacted for budget requests, suggesting they can use figures from previous years as a guideline. New Teams that may form during the year can bring a request to Council and undesignated Council funds are available to seed such new projects. Larry will meet with the Budget subcommittee to refine categories and assigning for the budget. It was suggested that a Congregational handbook for guidelines and procedures be compiled for reference in this process as we transition to the Team Ministry model.

NEW BUSINESS

Pastor Koglin as delegate to Circuit Forum 10/14

The purpose of this forum is to select delegates to the Synod Convention in June. The Lay and Pastoral delegates are usually those that were at the District Convention (Jess Ihrke and Pastor Heining). Pastor Heining will be out of town. **Motion made by M. Gennrich that we appoint Pastor Koglin as Pastoral Delegate to the Circuit Forum.** Motion carried.

Nominate Lay Representative to attend Synod Convention in St. Louis being held June 20-25, 2013.

One person will be elected at the Circuit Convention. This representative used to rotate from church to church, but now each of the churches in a Circuit has the opportunity to send nominees. They will vote for Pastoral and Lay representative. Jess is willing to let her name stand. **Motion made by M. Cochran that we nominate Jess Ihrke as a Lay Representative candidate for the Synod Convention.** Motion carried.

Redeemer Communication Subcommittee/Team Creation

The Resource format may be changing as our contract expires this summer. This offers an opportunity to explore communication using technology mediums that would best serve the members of Redeemer. Daryl agreed to begin this process by contacting members who may be interested in creating and working on a team for this project. Currently a team is working on contacting/connecting with members to compile email addresses that could assist in future communication while also providing an immediate outreach to offer prayer and connection via the initial contact phone call.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

We have a sizable balance. In the past, these dollars have been used for scholarships to Camp Omega and computers for the 7th and 8th grade Sunday school rooms. As a reminder to our congregants, eligible members must now designate these dollars quarterly through Thrivent. **Motion by K. Klatt to use some of the Thrivent Choice dollars to send Pastor Koglin to Stephen Ministry training.** (2nd: M. Cochran). Motion carried.

Officer, Board and Cabinet Reports

Treasurer's Report: Larry presenting. A good month. Current mortgage balance is \$267,897. Cash available \$85,411. It was suggested that as our mortgage balance is quickly decreasing, we look at our goals as a missional church and consider where our money is going. The hope was expressed that we will identify a need and seek to support a missional project when our "brick and mortar" is paid off.

Staff Reports

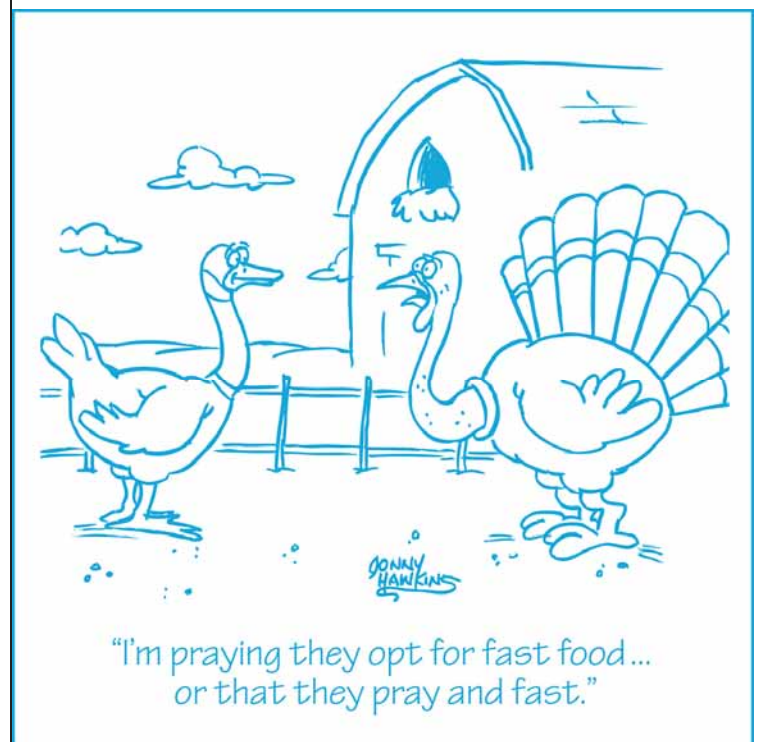
DCE: Ignite meets weekly with great youth leadership and more than 12 adults involved. 6th-12th graders watch a short video on how to be deeper followers of Christ, and then break off for small group discussion. On November 2-3 Redeemer will host a youth led and planned lock in, with Northfield youth from the Servant Event coming too.

DPM: submitted report attached. April led a Sounds of Praise retreat on October 6 in preparation for Christmas. She will be attending the LEA on October

18. She will begin meeting with Sunday school classes and Skyped in to teach a session at the Confirmation retreat.

Pastor Koglin: The Church growth directory is almost ready and needs to be printed. 400 directories will cost about \$1400-\$1500 with the goal to be available by November 15. They are requesting funds from Council to help with the cost. **Motion by Marcia to approve up to \$1600 to allow the first printing of 400 copies of the church directory with the congregation given the option to offset the expense with a freewill offering.** Motion carried. A freewill offering would help to provide seed money for future printings. He is meeting with the Assimilation, Church Growth, Activation and Connection Teams to coordinate efforts. Further discussion on this to be under Old Business next month. . He asks for continued prayers for medical issues.

Pastor Heining: He noted excellent September attendance and offerings. He has been working with the Stewardship Team on the upcoming stewardship program. Looking ahead, Council will need to set an annual meeting date, nominate President or Vice President of the Synod, and designate where to allocate mission money for next year since Ginger will be coming back at the end of February.





Redeemer Lutheran Church Women
CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Thursday, November 29, 2012
Doors open at 5 p.m., Dinner at 6 p.m.
Cost: \$10

*Donations of
White Elephant
Gifts, Silent
Auction Items and
Baked Good are
needed!
Contact Sandy for
information!*

Meal by Canadian Honker: Chicken Kiev, wild rice blend, 7 layered salad, chocolate raspberry dessert cake.

Activities include: silent auction, quilt raffle, white elephant sale, baked goods sale, Secret Sister reveal and sign up for next year, and Mite Gathering and devotion

Please use sign up sheet in the Narthex. Any questions, contact Sandy Weiden, 951-6901.



Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 3

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Redeemer Fellowship Hall

Over 20 vendors will be here!

Lunch being served by Rebecca Circle.

Questions, contact Sandy Weiden
507-951-6901



November 2012

PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS

1. All Saints' Day, thank God for their faithful witness – \$1
2. Copy this month's LWML devotion to share with your society – 25¢
3. Daylight Savings Time ends at midnight, 10¢ for each clock you change
4. Arrived at church one hour early (didn't change clocks?) – 50¢
5. Pray for all students at Haskell Indian Nations University (HINU) – freewill offering
6. Election Day – if you voted – 50¢; if not – \$2
7. If your favorite presidential candidate won – \$1; if not – 10¢
8. Ask God to bless all newly-elected officials – 50¢
9. Praise God for the growth of Haskell LIGHT House (Lutheran Indians Gathering and Helping Together) Campus Ministry – 50¢
10. Have "A Cup with Kay," praying 9 minutes @ 9 a.m. to fund all grants – 25¢
11. Veterans Day – thank a veteran – \$1
12. Count decorations in your home that say "thanks" – 10¢ each
13. List things for which you are thankful – 5¢ each
14. Pray for the development of a curriculum for students at HINU to help them share the Gospel effectively – 25¢
15. Grocery shopping? Buy extra for local food pantry – 25¢
16. You are the "Face of LWML"! Show joy! – 25¢
17. Have "A Cup with Kay," praying 9 minutes @ 9 a.m. to bless all LWML officers – 50¢
18. Thank a Sunday school teacher – 50¢
19. Thank your pastor for his service – freewill offering
20. For each Thanksgiving food item prepared ahead of time – 10¢
21. Ask God's protection for all who travel – 25¢
22. Thanksgiving Day, have a blessed day!
23. Shopping on Black Friday? 10¢ per each bargain purchase; didn't shop – \$1
24. Have "A Cup with Kay," praying for 9 minutes @ 9 a.m. for LWML mentors – 50¢
25. Still eating leftover pie – 25¢
26. Use leftover turkey in your favorite soup or casserole recipe – 25¢
27. Ask God's blessings on plans for the LWML Pittsburgh Convention – 25¢
28. Thank God for providing funds to purchase a van for Haskell LIGHT House Campus Ministry, so that teams may share the Gospel in many places – 25¢
29. Thanksgiving decorations still on display – 10¢ each
30. Praise God for all who spread the Gospel among the people of the world – 50¢



* Please be Together in Prayer
at Noon every Monday with LWML sisters.

www.lwml.org/missions

PLEASE FOLD OR CUT THIS GUIDE ON THE DOTTED LINE,
AND KEEP PRAYER GUIDE IN YOUR BIBLES
FOR DAILY MISSION SUPPORT REMINDERS.

MISSION GRANT STORY

HASKELL INDIAN NATIONS UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY EXPANSION, LAWRENCE, KANSAS – \$100,000

This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the LIGHT House (Lutheran Indians Gathering and Helping Together) Ministry at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas. One thousand students from 145 federally-funded tribes from over 40 states attend Haskell Indian Nations University. LIGHT Ministry provides an opportunity to evangelize, recruit, and train Native Americans, and minister to students who will one day return to their communities as witnesses to the power of the Gospel.

After approval of an LWML mission grant for the ministry at the 2007 LWML Convention in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Will and Patricia Main began serving at the LIGHT House. Patricia became full-time Director, using her counseling skills to reach out to the hurting students at Haskell. While serving part-time with Haskell LIGHT, Will entered the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT) program. When he was ordained as a minister in 2011, Will became the fourth ordained Native LCMS pastor in the United States. Raised in a home with two alcoholic parents and the dysfunction accompanying that lifestyle, Will came to know the salvation of Jesus Christ and shares this saving grace with the Native community.

At the 2011 Peoria, Illinois, LWML convention, delegates approved a \$100,000 grant to provide funding to expand the Lutheran Campus Ministry at Haskell Indian Nations University. It provides resources for additional staff and training, a new multi-purpose facility, travel expenses for a team to serve in a Native Community, and the development of a curriculum to train "Reaching Back Teams." This curriculum will teach Lutheran theology in the context of Native culture.

The goal of LIGHT House ministry is "Equipping and empowering this generation (of Native North Americans) to bring hope, light, and truth to the (Indian) Nations." Teams will gain a deeper understanding of the Christian faith and will learn how to share the Gospel effectively with their own people – reaching back to their own communities. This fall speakers were brought in for a women's retreat based on Ecclesiastes 3:4, *(There is) a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.* The men were encouraged by a Native American speaker from Alaska to be warriors, proud of their heritage, and grounded in Christ at a retreat called, "The Healing Journey of a Warrior."

With the first grant payment of \$30,000, a van was purchased to transport students to servant events, outreach activities, and Christian growth and enrichment opportunities. Part-time student workers have been hired to increase the hours of operation at the LIGHT House. Additional grant funds will be used to build a multi-purpose facility that will provide a larger place for worship and fellowship for university students, faculty, and members of the surrounding community. It will also provide smaller rooms for offices, study space, and Bible studies.

May God continue to bless Haskell LIGHT House Campus Ministry as it spreads the Gospel of Jesus Christ among Native Americans.





- Nov. 2 Johanna Blanco
- 8 Elizabeth Janssen
- Samuel Janssen
- Jesse Lowery
- 13 Madeline Horn
- 19 Jack Stien
- 23 Ally Kann
- 28 James Bartlett



- Nov. 2-3 Lock-In—5 pm to 8:30 am
- Nov. 4 Ignite—6-8 pm
- Nov. 7 Confirmation - 6:10-7:30 pm
- Nov. 11 Ignite—6-9 pm
- Nov. 14 Confirmation—6:10-7:30 pm
- Nov. 18 Deliver Christmas Greenery
1 pm
Ignite—6-8 pm
- Nov. 22 THANKSGIVING
- Nov. 25 Rehearsal for Youth Christmas Eve
Service - 4:30 pm
Ignite—6-8 pm
- Nov. 28 Confirmation—6:10-7:30 pm

IGNITE

Come, join us every Sunday night for a youth driven, adult supported event. There are games, music, speakers, devotions, and a time to just relax and get to know each other better. This youth ministry is for 6th - 12th grades and we meet from 6-8 pm. **Invite your friends to come and join us!** If you cannot come every Sunday, that's fine; come as often as you can.

Thank You!

•to **Paul Lewis, Dawn Shelstad, Dan Zemke, and Terri Zemke** for chaperoning the Cardboard Box City.



Coffee Schedule

- Oct. 28 Christian Nisbit
- Nov. 4 Jack Stien
- Nov. 11 Lauren Horstmann
- Nov. 18 Jacob Pralle
- Nov. 25 Marrison Van Guilder
- Dec. 2 Jenna Wileman



Special Dates to Put on Your Calendar to Sign Up For Summer Events

December	Bethesda Sign Up
January	Rochester Servant Event
February/March	Chicago Servant Event

It is important to sign up for these events at these times so we can make plans.

SURVIVOR LOCK-IN
OUTSERVE-OUTLOVE-OUTLIVE

Don't forget to join us for a fun evening on Friday, November 2. We will be meeting at 5 pm and ending at 8:30 am on Saturday. The cost for this great event is only \$5.00 and includes supper and breakfast. We will also have some snacks during the evening. This plans to be a fun lock-in where you can compete in challenges and vote out other competitors, all while having fun, and having great tie-ins to the Bible. Who will outserve, outlove, and outlive? Only one will remain the Sole Survivor. We have also invited our friends from Northfield to join us for this super event. Sign up today!!



WREATH ORDERS

On Sunday, November 18, we are asking youth and parents, if you are able, to help deliver wreaths and other greenery so customers can have them by Thanksgiving. We will meet at the Haack's (811 21st St SE) at 1:00 p.m. and deliver the wreaths. If we get enough people to help, it won't take that long and should be a fun day.



CARDBOARD BOX CITY



12 youth and 4 adults spent Friday night in a cardboard box. It was cold but the excitement was there. Redeemer came in second with the most money donated (\$1,921.00). Johanna Blanco came in first with the most individual donations. Thank you for your support for this worthwhile cause. Think about it—maybe you can join them next year and spend the night in a cardboard box!



YOUTH CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE



The Youth will begin rehearsals for the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on November 25 at 4:30 p.m. Rehearsals will last just one hour each week except maybe the last one or two rehearsals, if needed. We will need singers and speakers/actors. No need to sign up, but please be at the first rehearsal or give Lynora a call if interested in participating in the service.



Thanksgiving



Fundraisers



We are selling cutlery by Rada. You will be able to order individual knives, gift sets, etc. Also, available, are recipe books and candles. We will be selling these until the end of November.



CELL PHONES AND EMPTY INK JET CARTRIDGES NEEDED!



Remember, we are still collecting old cell phones and empty ink jet printer cartridges that we recycle for money. Check with your friends and family members about their old cell phones and ink jet printer cartridges (no Epson cartridges). Money obtained from these sources will go towards the next Youth Gathering and servant events. Thank you to everyone who brings in their cartridges and also their old cell phones.

Also, don't forget to save those pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House and pop cans for the youth.

FYI - saving pop tabs makes a huge difference to the Ronald McDonald House. They raise over \$10,000 annually just with pop tabs. We have given them at least fifteen boxes since we started saving them. There is a waste basket next to the elevator and, also, one next to the pop machine.






DON'T MISS OUT!
Check out these upcoming events!

- ◆ Youth Serve Advent Supper—Dec. 12
- ◆ Youth Christmas Eve Service
- ◆ Pizza Ranch—January 22



Redeemer Lutheran Calendar

November 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 Daylight Savings Time Ends HOLY COMMUNION - 8:00 and 10:40 am 9:00a Blood Pressures 9:20a Adult Bible Classes 9:20a Sunday School 6:00p Ignite Youth Ministry	5 8:00a Quilters 6:30p Redeemer Brass 7:00p Eagles Wings CC	6 Election Day 9:00a Men's Bible Study 9:00a Ladies' Bible Study 10:30a FFF 6:00p Education Ministry Team 7:00p Elders 7:00p Friends in Christ CC	7 9:00a Staff Meeting 5:30p Youth Choir (7-12) 5:47p Youth Chimes (7-12) 6:00p Men's Bible Class 6:00p Alleluia Singers (2-6) 6:05p Cherub Choir 6:10p Confirmation 6:30p Angelic Chimes (2-6) 7:00p Sounds of Praise	1 8:00a FFF 1:00p Faithful Followers CC 6:30p Stephen Ministry	2 5:00p Youth Lock-In M.W.O.W. @ Crofton's	3 Holiday Bazaar 9:00a Holiday Bazaar 5:30p HOLY COMMUNION
11 WORSHIP - 8 and 10:40 am 9:00a Blood Pressures 9:20a Adult Bible Classes 9:20a Sunday School 4:30p Instruments of Praise 6:00p Ignite Youth Ministry 7:00p Okuno CC 7:00p Lutherans For Life	12 8:00a Quilters 6:30p Emmanuel CC 7:00p Barnabas	13 9:00a Men's Bible Study 9:00a Ladies' Bible Study 10:30a RLCW Exec Board 10:30a FFF 11:30a Elderberries 6:15p Church Growth 6:30p Family Ministry Team 7:00p Trustees 7:00p Youth Board 7:00p Endowment 7:30p Church Council	14 9:00a Staff Meeting 5:30p Youth Choir (7-12) 5:47p Youth Chimes (7-12) 6:00p Men's Bible Class 6:00p Alleluia Singers (2-6) 6:05p Cherub Choir 6:10p Confirmation 6:30p Angelic Chimes (2-6) 7:00p Sounds of Praise 7:00p Rebecca Circle	15 8:00a FFF 1:00p Faithful Followers 6:30p Stephen Ministry 6:30p CC SEA Cort. Ed 7:00p Chancel Chimes 8:00p CC Equippers	16 9:30a Library Committee 	17 5:00p Blood Pressures 5:30p HOLY COMMUNION
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"Blessed to Serve" this month. . .

Acolytes

11/04	8:00 am	Mary Karth / Kayla Manuell
	9:30 am	Rylan Webster / Dillon Hagen
11/11	8:00 am	Marrissa VanGuilder / Johanna Blanco
	10:40 am	Laruen Horstmann / Jady Shumaker
11/18	8:00 am	Brandon Rossman / Grayson Loos
	10:40 am	Madysen Pralle / Madeline Horn
11/21	6:30 pm	Cassidy Greer / Rachel Tomasek
11/22	9:30 am	Jazmine Hammel / Madisyn Timm
11/25	8:00 am	Sam Janssen / Elizabeth Janssen
	10:40 am	Jacob Erpelding / Drew Hellickson

Altar Guild

Co-Chairs: Shelly Potter

Members: Mary Roehrick, Stephanie Behne, Eunice Strelow, Angela Hanson, Kathy Solomonson, Myrna Reinartz, Deb Strelow

Blood Pressure Nurses

Blood pressures are taken every Sunday and every third Saturday of the month.

November 4
November 11
November 17
November 18
November 25

Elders

11/03	5:30 pm	Mick Reese
11/04	8:00 am	Dewey Wondrasch
	9:30 am	Dan Zemke
11/10	5:30 pm	Jerry Ott
11/11	8:00 am	James Weispfenning
	10:40 am	Arnold Boese
11/17	5:30 pm	Jim Bronk
11/18	8:00 am	Andy Hanson
	10:40 am	Tony Fick
11/21	6:30 pm	Marlowe Bennett
11/22	9:30 am	Mark Gennrich
11/24	5:30 pm	Randy Hellickson
11/25	8:00 am	Mike Hooten
	10:40 am	Lynn Meier

Greeters

11/03	5:30 pm	Larry and Diana Stoen
		Lyle and Kathy Voight
11/04	8:00 am	Tom and Dory Moore
		Dick and Ruth Vrieze
	10:40 am	Donna Fitzgerald, Darlene Thompson

11/10	5:30 pm	Sue Kazos
11/11	8:00 am	Otto and Barb Wondrasch
	10:40 am	Dick and Shirley Valde
11/17	5:30 pm	Janet and Gordon Hoffmann
11/18	8:00 am	Bruce and Cheri Struve
	10:40 am	Caroline Ferdig, June Storma
11/24	5:30 pm	Kurt and Clare West
11/25	8:00 am	The Henkel Family
	10:40 am	Leslee Nisbit and Christian Lois Norby and Ann Boyd

Lay Readers

11/03	5:30 pm	Joel Dubbels
11/04	8:00 am	Ardell Brenner
	9:30 am	Chuck Probach
11/10	5:30 pm	Alan Krueger
11/11	8:00 am	Bruce Struve
	10:40 am	Beth Hanson
11/17	5:30 pm	Donna Mundell
11/18	8:00 am	Sherrill VanGuilder
	10:40 am	Julie Gehrking
11/24	5:30 pm	Christian Nisbit
11/25	8:00 am	Kurt Rump
	10:40 am	Tim Strohschein

Pew Maintenance

Tom and Connie Harnack

Redeemer Women

When help is needed, the chairperson for November, Ele Moore, will call women who are listed in the church directory.

Transportation

Please call the church office by Noon on **Thursday** (289-5147) if you need a ride to worship.

Ushers

5:30 pm	Lyle Voight and Wayne Meyers
8:00 am	Royce Ernst, Mark Massaro, Dean Henkel, Lynn Meier, Lindsay Behne
10:40 am	Dale Neumann, Grant Dicke, Larry Reinartz, Dick Valde, Krista Zemke

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