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REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our Mission Statement

Being chosen by God and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, Redeemer Lutheran Church gathers together to worship, serve and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people, to provide meaning and purpose for daily living.

Our Staff:

<i>Pastor</i>	Darrel Cory (phone: 218-791-0141, e-mail: darrelcory@gmail.com)
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<i>Secretary</i>	Vanessa VanDam (phone: 218-681-3390, e-mail: redeemer@mncable.net)
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<i>Choir Director</i>	Vanessa Martell
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<i>Volunteer Coordinator</i>	Vacant
<i>Custodian</i>	Mike Lundgren
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<i>Church Council President</i>	Eric Tjelle (phone: 218-686-6239)

Dear People of God,

*I invite you, therefore, in the name of Christ,
to observe a holy Lent
by self-examination and penitence,
by prayer and fasting,
by works of love,
and by reading and meditating on the Word of God.*

These words are part of the invitation to the observance of the Lenten Discipline. They indicate that this liturgical season is not fun and games. There are those whose Lenten observance includes the giving up of candy or chocolate or smoking or consuming carbonated beverages or alcoholic beverages, etc. That is not bad or wrong. However, take a close look at the words above and notice that only fasting has anything to do with giving something up. The rest, self-examination, penitence, prayer, works of love etc. all are about taking something on.

Lent is not a fun time in the church year. I suspect that is why there are fewer in worship through the season, there are fewer at the table on Ash Wednesday than Easter, and there are fewer making a commitment to participate in the midday prayer service, or the Maundy Thursday or Good Friday worship, then Christmas Eve. Lent simply is not fun. Unlike Advent a season which allows us to put up decorations and light candles and sing hymns of hope and promise. Lent makes us put away the "Alleluias" and sing hymns of penitence, and loving sacrifice and calls us to self – examination.

Lent is not fun - it is not entertaining. Lent is work. There are two things that I will promise you, if you invest yourself in this work. First, when Lent is over, the celebration of Easter/Resurrection will have a deeper meaning to you than it has ever had. Secondly, if the invitation is accepted, you will be changed. Maybe that more than anything is what we are trying to avoid.

Nevertheless, I invite you to observe a holy Lent.

Grace and peace be with you,

Pastor Cory



BLAST ... Bible Learning and Serving Together

FEBRUARY 2018

A big thank you to the families that have been coming to BLAST. Your participation in your child's faith formation is so very important, and I hope it's rewarding for you as well!

Faith Formation Committee:

As the BLAST Coordinator and Chair of the Faith Formation committee, I **welcome your comments and/or concerns about our youth education programs. Feel free to contact me any-time.** :) We are always evaluating and reevaluating our education programs. Your feedback and volunteerism is essential to making our programs successful.

Dates to remember:

Feb. 14th - Ash Wednesday - we will begin our new abbreviated schedule:

Soup supper 5:15, BLAST 5:45-6:25, Worship 6:30-7:15

March 25th - First communion class - all 5th graders and their parents are invited to attend the first communion class at 10:30am after the worship service.

→**March 29th** - Maunday Thursday - First Communion will be celebrated for 5th graders at the evening worship service.

April 8th - RYM Time - we will begin RYM (Redeemer Youth Ministry) Time during the Sunday services. K-3rd graders will be excused after the gospel. They will hear the lesson of the day at a "kid-friendly" level and do an activity. They will return to the service at offering time.



UNAPPROVED Congregational Council Meeting

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Date: 1/16/18

Council Members Present: Larry Amundson, Jan Anderson, Suzanne Browning, Christine Burnham, Stacy Davidson, Diedre Nordin, Julie Olson, Brenda Poe, Brenda Russ, Eric Tjelle, Brooks Vigen, Pastor Darrel Cory

Council Members Absent: Jeff Kezar, Denice Nelson, Shelley Steva, Kylie Westling

Guests:

Agenda Item	Discussion/Conclusions/Recommendations	Actions
Call to Order:	The meeting was called to order by Eric Tjelle in the Narthex of Redeemer Lutheran Church at 7:12 pm.	
Adoption of Agenda:	Larry Amundson made a motion to adopt the agenda with the inclusion of Stewardship Committee Report; Worship and Music Recommendation; Youth Director Update; Council Election Information and Memorial Gift, seconded by Stacy Davidson. Motion carried.	
Secretary's Report:	Larry Amundson made a motion to adopt the Secretary's Report from 12/19/17 and 1/13/18 as submitted, seconded by Stacy Davidson. Motion carried.	
Treasurer's Report:	The Treasurer's Report was received.	
Committee Reports and Assignments:	Finance Committee: As reported in Treasurer's Report	
	Stewardship Committee: Reported on the 2018 Estimate of Giving. 50 cards were returned with a contribution estimate of \$106,082.	
	Worship and Music Committee: -Request for a title change for Reid Froiland of Liturgist/Organist/Accompanist and for an all-inclusive salary of \$8000.00. Will be further discussed in budget discussion. -Recommendation that there be no Saturday services during the Lenten season from Ash Wednesday through Easter. Lenten services will still follow Holden Evening Worship. After Lenten season, Saturday service format will move to Wednesday at 6:30 pm with communion at every Wednesday service. Discontinuing Saturday service and holding it on Wednesdays will be evaluated after a year. Council approved the recommendation	

	<p>-Recommendation that communion be offered at every Sunday service during Lent through Easter. Council approved the recommendation.</p>
<p>Unfinished Business:</p>	<p>-Youth Director Update: Zion Lutheran Church did not budget for a Youth Director. No collaboration will be pursued between Redeemer Lutheran Church and Zion Lutheran Church.</p> <p>-Council Election Information: Tony Olson, LeeAnn Lund and Darin Bakke have agree to run for Council.</p> <p>-The Council thanks the member of the congregation who has offered a Memorial Gift to help defray the costs of a projector in the fellowship hall.</p>
<p>New Business:</p>	<p>Budget: The budget was discussed with some minor and some noted adjustments to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -adding \$1000 to the budget for expenses for Faith, Family Fellowship Committee -adjusting for full time Director of Youth and Family Ministry position at \$44,000 with \$10,000 to cover benefits -Adjustment of organist to \$8000 with deletion of Choir Accompanist of \$500 <p>Larry Amundson made a motion to accept the budget as developed for submission to the congregation for approval at the Annual Meeting, seconded by Brenda Poe. Motion Carried.</p>
<p>Adjournment:</p>	<p>Julie Olson made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm, seconded by Stacy Davidson. Motion carried. Adjournment was followed by the Lord's Prayer.</p>

Our Mission Statement:

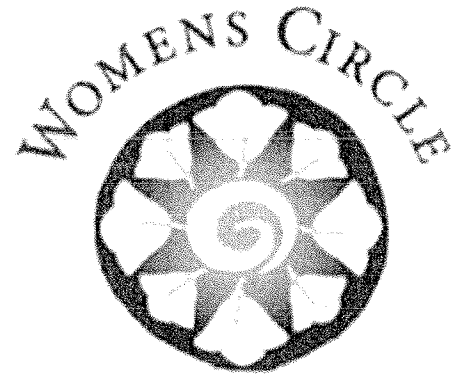
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Respectfully submitted:

Brenda E. Russ

Martha Unit

Will meet at 10:00 on February 6 at
Valley Home



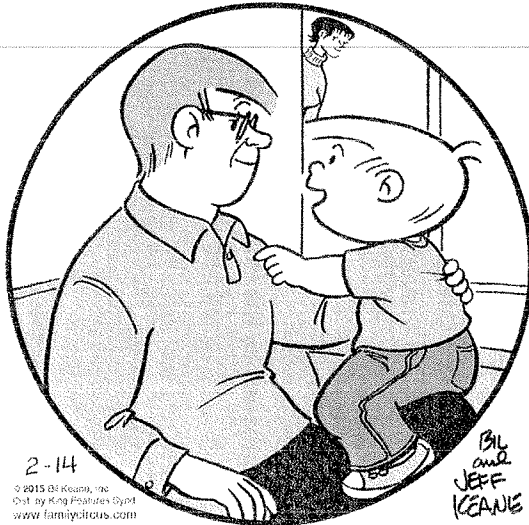
Hannah Unit

Will meet at the home of Elaine
Gunderson on February 14 at 7:00p.m.

Ruth Unit

Will meet at the home of Betty Carlson on
February 7 at 7:00 p.m.

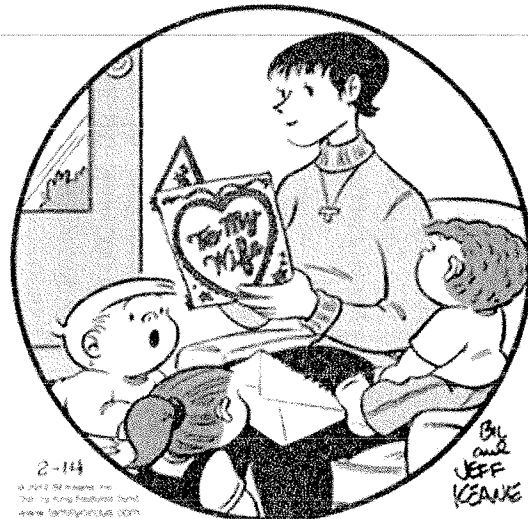
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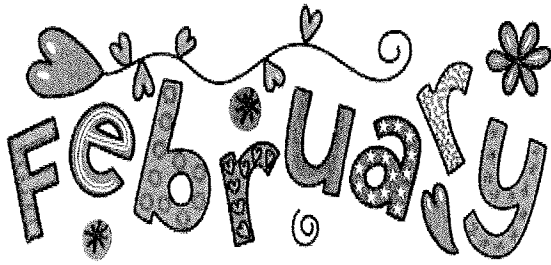
"I'll make you a deal. Mommy'll be
MY valentine THIS year, and she
can be yours NEXT year."



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"That's it? I guess Daddy couldn't
find any funny ones."



February 1

Lona Anderson
Annabelle Hanson
Dallas Russ
Ann Wold

February 2

Christopher Anderson
John Olson

February 3

Cody Deschene
Julie Deschene
Betsy Schiltz

February 4

Grace Bergland
Anthony Garcia
Blair Lund
Lyla Vacura

February 5

Darren Bakke
Tina Beito
Benjamin Carr
Brook Danielson
John Jacobson
Rachael Lindquist

February 6

Evan Anderson
Karen Halsal
Kelly Little
Nicole Peterson

February 7

Aaron Halsal
Dana Sorenson
Lonnie Thompson

February 8

Deb Haats
Aurora Hesby
Evelyn Jesme
Jada Jimenez
Tyler Johnson
Valera Noel
Doyle Olson
Jerome Sorenson
Elliot Spyhalski

February 9

Mike Eickman
Jessica Olson
Windfield Olson

February 10

Ken Frosschheiser
Treston Hughes
Rachel Schoenecker

February 11

Hannah Anderson
Dylan Gustafson
Paul Ihle
Krystal Zutz

February 12

Melanie Ortloff

February 13

Codu Hulst
Kyle Jordet
Delores Nomeland

February 14

Maiah Benter-Collette
Derek Berg
Kirby McFarlane
Kenya Olson
Ryan Stromlund

February 15

Wyatt Nelson

February 16

Janet Anderson

February 17

James Anderson
Lorraine Dallmann
Hans Harder
Mckenzie Swick

February 18

Larry Amundson
Geraldine Bigelbach
Denice Nelson
Kendall Voecks

February 19

Ron Bjercknes
Emmy Eickman
Shawn Newland
Evelyn Skiple

February 20

Harold Dupree
Kate Ihle
Ryan Philipp

February 21

Diane Peterson
Breanna Wien

February 22

Nicole Anderson
Trisha Kostrzewski
Peyton Olson
Debra Quesnell

February 23

Kate Anderson
Clinton Bauer
Ross Soiney

February 24

Matthew Voecks

February 25

Julie Gustafson
Greg Srnsky

February 26

Andrew Schiltz
Sandra Sunsdahl
Megan Swenson

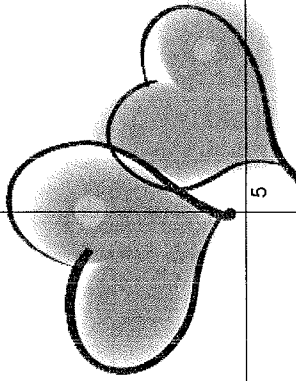

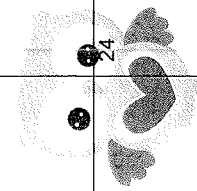
February 27

Kelly Amundgaard
Jeremy Anderson
Glen Haugen
Brooke Hickerson
Ivar Martell
Phoebe Morris
Melani Reuter

February 28

Marlys Anderson
Amber Gilbertson
Elaine Gunderson
June Kruta
Alice Levin
Janet Milender
Nathan Tischer

February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>4</p> <p>8:15-9:15AM Choir rehearse & sing</p> <p>9:30 Worship with Holy Communion</p> 	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00AM Martha Unit at Valley Home</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:15PM Meal</p> <p>6:00PM BLAST</p> <p>6:30 PM Confirmation</p> <p>7:00 PM Ruth Unit at Betty Carlson home</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>11</p> <p>8:15-9:15AM Choir rehearse</p> <p>9:30AM Worship</p> <p>4:00PM Acolyte Training</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Ash Wednesday</p> <p>Happy Valentines Day</p>  <p>5:15PM Meal</p> <p>5:45-6:25PM BLAST</p> <p>6:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>7:00PM Hannah Unit at Elaine Gunderson Home</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Choir Off</p> <p>9:30AM Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:00PM Council Meeting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>5:15PM Meal</p> <p>5:45-6:25PM BLAST</p> <p>6:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> 
<p>25</p> <p>8:15-9:15AM Choir rehearse</p> <p>9:30AM Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9AM-12PM Quilting 6-8 PM</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9AM-12PM Quilting 6-8 PM</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5:15PM Meal</p> <p>5:45-6:25PM BLAST</p> <p>6:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5:00pm Worship with Holy Communion</p>

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