

The Redeemer Post

When I say . . .

When I say . . . I am a Christian I'm not shouting "I am saved." I'm whispering "I get lost" That is why I chose this way.

When I say . . . I am a Christian I don't speak of this with pride. I'm confessing that I stumble and need someone to be my guide. When I say . . . I am a Christian I'm not trying to be strong. I'm professing that I am weak and pray for strength to carry on.

When I say . . . I am a Christian I'm not bragging of success. I'm admitting I have failed and cannot ever pay the debt

When I say . . . I am a Christian I'm not claiming to be perfect. My flaws are too visible but God believes I'm worth it.

When I say . . . I am a Christian I still feel the sting of pain. I have my share of heartaches which is why I seek HIS name.

When I say . . . I am a Christian I do not wish to judge. I have no authority I only know I'm loved. - Unknown

I said, "God, I hurt." And God said, "I know."
I said, "God, I cry a lot." And God said, "That is why I gave you tears."
I said, "God, I am so depressed." And God said, "That is why I gave you Sunshine."
I said, "God, life is so hard." And God said, "That is why I gave you loved ones."
I said, "God, my loved one died." And God said, "So did mine."
I said, "God, it is such a loss." And God said, "I saw mine nailed to a cross."
I said, "God, but your loved one lives." And God said, "So does yours."
I said, "God, where are they now?" And God said, "Mine is on My right and yours is in the Light."
I said, "God, it hurts." And God said, "I know."



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<p>2 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>3 Pr. Steph Vacation</p>	<p>4 6:30 Worship & Music Pr. Steph Vacation</p>	<p>5 NO YOUTH GROUP Pr. Steph Vacation</p>	<p>6 Pr. Steph Vacation</p>	<p>7 Pr. Steph Vacation</p>	<p>8 Pr. Steph Vacation</p>
<p>9 9:30am Worship Baptism of Alivia & Cash Conely Fellowship Hour immediately following worship</p>	<p>10 12:00 First Look 5:30 Property 6:00 Joint VBS meeting</p>	<p>11  Redeemer is 137!! 4:30 Faith & Family Stewardship 6:00 Joint committees meet – CYF Ministry</p>	<p>12 7:30 Youth Group</p>	<p>13 9:30 Conf. 2 Pastoral Meeting @ Redeemer 5:00 Finance</p>	<p>14 Pr. Steph Vacation</p>	<p>15 Pr. Steph Vacation</p>
<p>16 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion <i>Father's Day</i> </p>	<p>17 12:00 First Look 6:00 Next Gen. Team Meeting</p>	<p>18 6:00 Council Meeting</p>	<p>19 7:30 Youth Group</p>	<p>20 Pr. Steph Vacation</p>	<p>21 Pastor Sabbath </p>	<p>22 Pr. Steph Vacation</p>
<p>23 9:30am Worship Outdoor</p>	<p>24 12:00 First Look</p>	<p>25 7:30 Youth Group</p>	<p>26 7:30 Youth Group</p>	<p>27 Pr. Steph Vacation</p>	<p>28 Pastor Sabbath</p>	<p>29 Pr. Steph Vacation</p>
<p>30 9:30am Worship with H/C Honor flight brunch following worship</p>						

Redeemer Council Meeting Summary May 20, 2024

Council Members Present: Jan Anderson, Jan Nordin, Leona Bugge, Scott D Camp, Pastor Steph

Council Members Excused: Angie Westling

Council Members Absent: Gary Hintz, Wenda Sumrall, Tony McLean, Terri Cuppett

Guest: Dianne Stroh

Call to Order: Jan Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. With not enough members present, no actions will be taken but items will be discussed.

Devotions: Devotions were given by Jan Nordin from the Christ in Our Home book. Day – May 10. Very fitting.

Adoption of the Agenda: The agenda was approved.

Secretary's Report: None submitted. Tabled until next meeting.

Treasurer/Finance Report: Report submitted with notes that we made the Synod and Pathways payments. And other larger payments to the McDaniel Envelope Company for next year's offering envelopes and to Bernier Plumbing for the new toilet in the women's bathroom. We also voided one payment to Ashton's and issued a new check.

Pastor's Report: 3 Baptisms completed with 4 more scheduled in the coming weeks. Funeral for Lonnie Thompson and 2 more scheduled. 17 Communion given outside the church, 2 Hospital visits, 8 bereavement and 5 baptismal meetings, Mailings include 16 SPLASH, 69 birthday greetings, and 8 sympathy cards.

Program Updates: Youth – Youth led service held April 28 and May 1, confirmation has ended. Youth group will meet Wednesdays in May and possibly switch to Sundays in the summer.

VBS will be at Redeemer this year. July 21-24 Theme: Trusting God's Call Planning with Pastor Kristin Will need volunteers to help.

Adult – Gather Bible Studies – attended and participated in both Martha and Ruth Groups. Both groups suspending for summer months. First Look has resumed meeting on Mondays at noon. Will not meet on Memorial Day.

I have attended the committee meetings that have met.

We also hosted the Synod WELCA on April 20, took part in the National Day of Prayer on May 2 with the TRF Ministerium,, hosted Candlelight and Caring Dinner on May 4, help an Armed Services Celebration on May 15, attended WELCA Spring Luncheon Conference 1 & 2 Pastors in Greenbush on May 9 and attended the Synod Assembly on May 17 and 18 at Concordia in Moorhead, MN.

Committee Reports:

Faith Formation: No Report

Evangelism & Social Ministry: No Report

Property Committee: Pastor Steph reported that the flower boxes on the west Side of the church have been refurbished, restained, and planted with flowers.

Faith & Family Stewardship - Hosted Senior recognition fellowship with cake And coffee following worship on May 19th. Coffee and fellowship will only be the Second Sunday of the month during the summer.
The 5th Sunday in June will be a free will offering egg bake with proceeds going To the veterans from Redeemer who are going on the Honor Flight.

Worship & Music Committee: Met but no report. Their sole intent was to advise the council on the suspension of the Wednesday night worship service for the summer months. An email will be sent out to collect the vote on Tuesday, May 21st. This committee is looking for ideas to get the families of the BLAST kids and the confirmation kids to become more involved in worship and in the teachings of what their children are learning. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact a member of the Worship and Music Committee.
Scott D Camp, Reid Froiland, Tom Kays, Paula Adamson, Greg Dally, Dean Dalen, Terri Cuppett, Pastor Steph

Personnel Committee – No report

Altar Guild – Committee met on April 30 and outlined worship plans through June 9th.

Mission Endowment Fund: No Report

Safety Committee: Immediate and short term items have been completed from the safety list. Will need to recruit members of other committees to help with some of the larger safety items. Would like to start with Property committee – 1 or 2 representatives. Safety Committee meets the first Thursday of the month at 4pm in the Emmaus room.

Next meeting is Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 6pm.

Devotions for June 2024 – Terri Cuppett

Meeting was adjourned at 7:09pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Dianne Stroh



Come join the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun,
The interweaving of the 3 – the Father, Spirit, Son!
The universe of space and time did not arise by chance,
but as the Three in love and hope, made room within their dance.

Come Join the Dance of Trinity!!

Ah, the long lazy days of Summer are upon us – the weather is beginning to turn warmer, the daylight is getting longer, the usual school and game schedules are replaced for many of us with trips to the lakes, vacations out of state, and new sports to fill the evenings! Doesn't seem so much like it slows down any more! In this long season after Pentecost in the church (*which last until the end of November!*) we begin with Holy Trinity Sunday and we hear the invitation to join

our God in the Dance of the Trinity – the celebration of being **Community Together!** Sad to say, more often in many churches it becomes a dismal time apart.

But our God is a God of Community and Diversity! God invites us into Community with them and with each other as the Church! We are meant to be together, to worship, to serve, to love those around us as God has loved us.

I remember taking classes in African Drumming and Dancing at the University of MT. We gathered regularly that summer in Missoula – often with people I had not met, to sing, dance, and drum together as we shared stories, ate, and enjoyed a sense of new belonging. Similarly when I would spend time going to Native American Pow-Wows, learning and later teaching some of those songs and dances when I return to teaching my classes in the Fall.



Paul writes in Romans 12:4-5: *For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.* We as the Church – not the building but the living Body of Christ – have different gifts and callings in our daily lives that build up help build up this Body or Community...as serve in the larger community and world for the sake of Jesus Christ. We are called together to help each other grow in that service and work.

How do you engage at Redeemer? Is it in teaching or studying together? Is it in visiting, calling, or writing to people you haven't seen, or are experiencing life transitions? Do you gather together for coffee or dinners with people to hear and understand their stories? Do you share your music, creativity or cooking talents for others' enjoyment? How does your faith help you step beyond your comfort zone or traditions to learn and serve in each new stage of your life? When you are traveling, how do you worship and share your trust in God with others?

The Next Generation Ministry Team has begun exploring those avenues on behalf of our Children, youth and Families. VBS is host this year! Worship and us into closer relationship and us in the Dance. Come and Join!



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ramping up – and needs your help to learning opportunities continue to draw trust in Jesus. And God continues to lead

~Pastor Steph~

2024 Synod Assembly Summary

Delegates Chuck & Kathy Carlson, Jan Anderson, and Pastor Steph attended.

Our Purpose Together:

We gather in the assembly to worship as a synod; to listen to one another and to God's word for the sake of God's mission; to deepen our relationships; to deliberate as a synod.

Business that we did together

We voted on the:

- Compensation Guidelines
- Accepting the Treasurer's Report and the clean audit
- The proposed 2026 Budget
- And elected Synod Council members, people to serve on the Synod Discipline Committee, Nominations for the Churchwide Council, and Churchwide Assembly Voting Members and alternates.



PASTOR JON ANDERSON
KEYNOTE SPEAKER



JILL BEVERLIN
CHURCHWIDE REPRESENTATIVE

What we heard and did

- We learned from Pastor Jon Anderson, Director of Rural Ministry at Luther Seminary about our theme of **Good Soil**.
- We learned from Jill Beverlin, ELCA Program Director for Coaching about our connections between our congregations, Synod, and Churchwide - and learned more about coaching.
- We were (re)introduced to Pastor Keith Pearson, our new Synod Minister for Generosity, and he was installed.
- At dinner; we recognized congregations and rostered ministers who had significant anniversaries, rostered ministers who were retiring, Bishop Bill "coined" several leaders who have lived out our Synod values, and we remembered the rostered ministers who joined the saints triumphant this past year.
- At worship; Bishop Bill preached, we had water at the font from across the Synod, we celebrated communion, and we commissioned around 30 SAMs, who were in attendance, with a blessing and a special cross.
- As we look ahead to the 2025 Synod Assembly, and the next Bishop Election, Bishop Bill announced during his report that, at this time, he continues to sense a call to do serve as Bishop here in the Northwestern Minnesota Synod and would allow his name to go forward for a potential re-election.

This was our first all together, and in-person since 2019, and the Holy Spirit was present and the energy was palpable. You can find the 2024 recordings and documents on our website:

www.nwmnsynod.org/pages/synod-assembly

Mark your calendars for next year's Assembly at Concordia College, once again; May 30th-June 1st, 2025



COMMISSIONING OF THE SYNOD AUTHORIZED MINISTERS AT WORSHIP



INTRODUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF PASTOR KEITH PEARSON, MINISTER FOR GENEROSITY

A note from the council president,



Redeemer in Action!



A very successful Salad Luncheon! Thank you to all that brought salads, made donations, set up and cleaned up for this spring tradition at Redeemer Lutheran Church. It was great to see friends from other churches and organizations.



Parents and Students—Please watch for and look for information on Vacation Bible School! Hope to see you!



The final Wednesday night Worship for the summer. Thank you Greg, Paula & Dean for your faithful music service.



Redeemer in Action!



During Armed Services Week, Redeemer veterans and all branches of the military were honored. Pastor Steph, accompanied by Reid sang a special song highlighting the Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy, National Guard and Coast Guard. Dale, Ken, Dave and Al shared a brief story of their service.

Thank you to all that have served our country.



Once in a while the numbers may be small—but the voices in song are great! Thank You, Choir & Reid

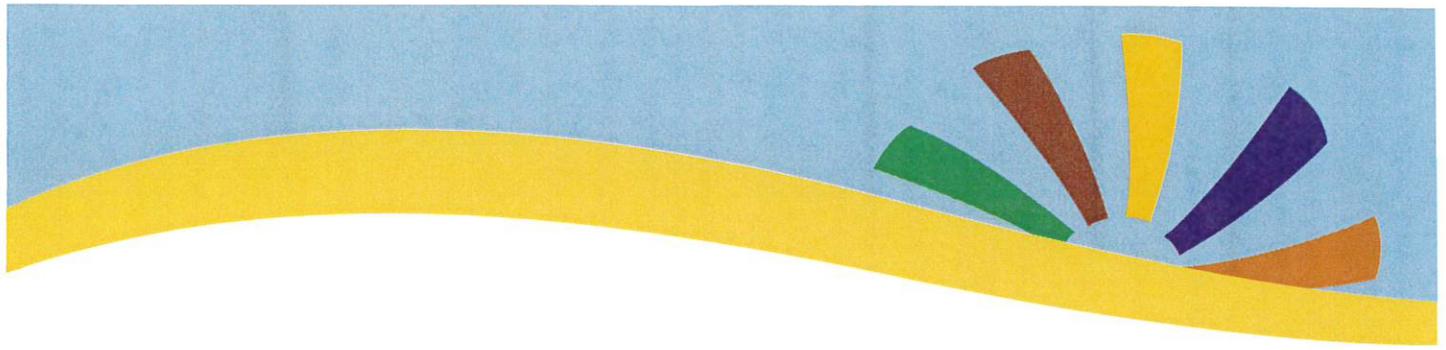
CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS:

Evan Anderson, Blake Bugge, Liza Bjerklie, Talen Dokkin, Logan Gilbertson, Ella Harbott, Maya Johnson, Nathan Nelson, Maxton Peterson, Carlie Rogalla, Jeremy Schoon, Nick Svir and Lysie Westling



Redeemer Senior recognition Sunday. Honoring our seniors and gifting them with a special quilt made by the Redeemer Quilters. *Seniors, May you find comfort and the feeling of home every time you wrap yourself in your special quilt. Congratulations and God's blessings as you move forward.*





5th Sunday Brunch *June 30, 2024*

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In the Fellowship Room
Following Worship*

*Freewill offering. Donations will go
to Redeemer members traveling
on the Military Honor Flight
to Washington DC*



A FEW WHO DARED TO TRUST GOD



JONAH



RUTH



SHADRACK, MESHACK & ABENDIGO



TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART. PROVERBS 3:5

God asks ordinary people to do some extraordinary things. Kids Pre-3 through Grade 5 are welcome to gather and learn about a few remarkable people who trusted God in amazing ways. With God, we can all do hard things.

ESTHER



REDEEMER-ZION VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Kickoff
Sunday, July 21
6:00-7:30

Monday-Wednesday
July 22-24
9:00-1:00

All Events held at
Redeemer Lutheran
1300 Nora St E
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Birthday Blessings

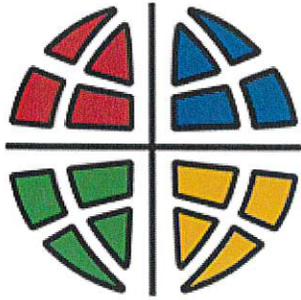
June Birthdays –

1 – Ashley Bergerson 2 – Jacinda Zemcik, Peter Ihle, Jodi Rondorf, CeJae Bakken, 3 - Cayda Reieron, Trevor Bergerson 5 – Nicole Dennis, Maya Johnson 6 – Kiptyn Anderson, Cassidy Mostrom, Dakota Garcia 7 – Dennis Bendickson, Melissa Comstock 8 – Nathan Carlson, Dierdre Hodgson 9 – Phyllis Johnson, Travis Harbott 10 – Vicki Halsa, Pauline Helgeland, Haley Nelson, Joyce Olson, Corlynnne Jorde 11 – Kathy Carlson, Laureen Halvorson, Trevor Thompson, Blake Walker 12 – Julie Tjelle, Braylee Weinen 13 – Julie Olson, Cydnee Lystad, Nancy Kirkeide 14 – Kelsi Sunsdahl 15 – Jett Gerardy, Owen McLean, Reid Froiland 16 – Dave Ulrich, Jessica Klemetson 17 – Kimberly Ellefson 18 – Yvonne Wahlbeck 19 – Michelle Walker, David M Ulrich, Ann Bregier, Keadon Kempert, Alison Dennis 20 – Loren Voecks, Kyeser Klaven 21 – Mattea Bugge, 22 – Maryel Anderson, McKenzie Hintz 23 - David Vigen Scott Mostrom, Darlene Kelley, Emerson Carlson 24 – Korbyn Nessen 25 – Kathy Barry, Sharon Forsberg, Kaitlynn Swick, Sheyenne Johnson, Kallie houske 26 – Brock Borcharadt, Jenae Johnson, Kim Hiemstra, Brayden Johnson 27 – Chad Berg 28 – Amanda Sjaaheim, Lynn Grahn, Carol Ihle, Don Hejlik 29 – Mary Jo Mugaas 30 – Gloria Erickson, John Erickson, Storm D Camp, Matthew Bauer

In Our Thoughts and Prayers



Ken and Deb Niemela Family, Cory and Dawn Gustafson Family, Dave and Bev Thompson Family, Dan Elleson, Cindy Hughes, Luke and Sharon Noreen, Hal Kelley, Michelle Kasprick, Neil Erickson, Shari Safranski, Leslie Rogalla, Trevor Sorter, Jamie Elleson, Travis Forsberg, Bob and Barb Horien, Morgan Martell, Rick and Tami Hanson, Dale Folger, Rose Teie, Fern Melbye, Larry and LaVonne Forsberg, Annabelle Cuppett, Jeremy Johnson



Lutheran Disaster Response

Dear friends,

Severe storms across the Midwestern and Southern United States have brought deadly tornadoes and flash flooding to millions of people. With your support our church stands ready to walk with our neighbors as they rebuild.

[Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response ensure that survivors don't have to face the road to recovery alone.](#)

Through these disasters and others across the United States and around the world, Lutheran Disaster Response accompanies communities for as long as the recovery process takes. Together we follow Christ's call to share hope and healing with our neighbors in need.

With gratitude,

Daniel Rift

Director, ELCA Service and Justice Giving
ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response

Additional Ways to Give

Checks or money orders can be sent to:

Lutheran Disaster Response
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Give by phone at **800-638-3522** or [online](#).

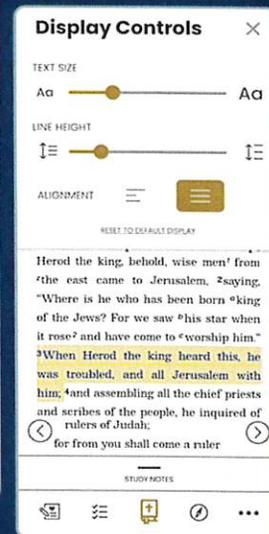
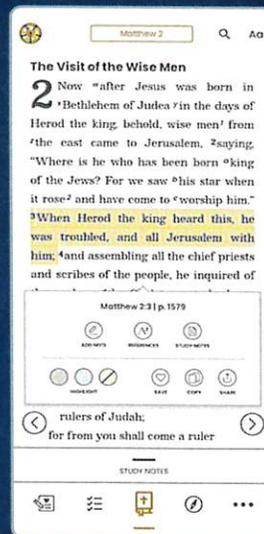
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REMEMBER
THE SABBATH
DAY AND KEEP IT HOLY

FOR IN SIX DAYS
THE LORD MADE
THE HEAVENS ^{AND}

THE EARTH

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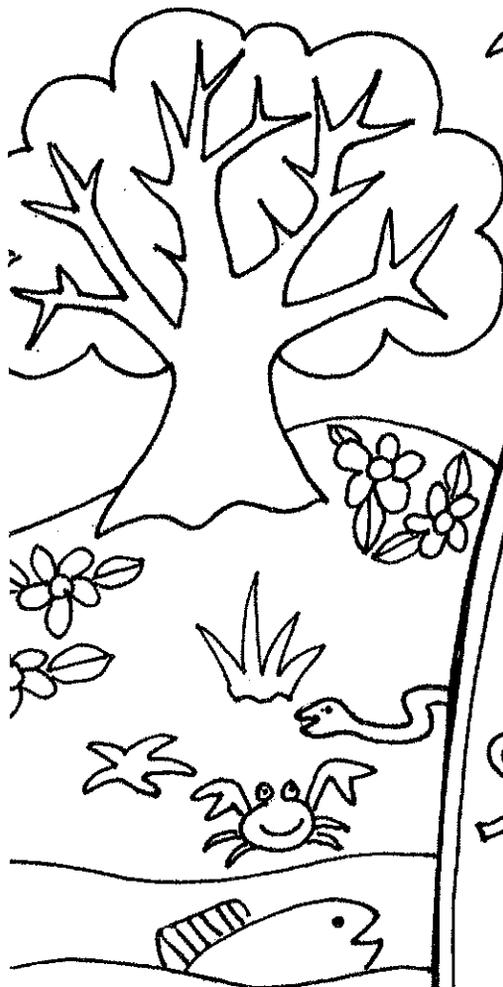
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ON THE

SEVENTH

DAY



EXODUS 20:8,11