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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.

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Dear Redeemer Saints,

It is amazing where we can hear God whispering to us. Certainly that can happen in the Bible, or good novels, or non - fiction, or a volume of short stories, or in a symphony, or a Bach cantata, or singing hymn or even a sermon. I was caught off guard one day, now years ago, when I was reading a magazine insert to the Sunday newspaper. It was a simple story about the actor/performer Andy Griffith, who had then recently died.

I remember him as Andy Taylor the sheriff of Mayberry who dispensed a wisdom to his son Opie and Aunt Bea and Deputy Barney. The writer who had done the interview said that Mr. Griffith is up in years now; finds it hard to move around, does a little recording of hymns. He and his wife live in a small town under 2,000 where they attend a small church. He is given the privilege of being just one of the congregation. On occasion he said a visitor will recognize him and will ask for his autograph.

This is when I heard God whisper. The article continued, Mr. Griffith's response to such a request was a gentle but firm, "not here, not in church, I need to worship . . . that's what we're here for."

It's a good reminder that our purpose on Sunday morning is to leave behind all those details that might clutter up the one job we have. That job is to remember all that God has done for us and to take the time to say "thank you." Thank you for God's grace revealed to us in the life of Jesus and also revealed to us the in the lives of people like you.

Just a reminder, the word liturgy means the work of the people. Our work is to say, "Thank you."

Darrel

A note from Council President

What an exciting time to be a part of Redeemer Lutheran Church!

Thank you to the Faith, Family, Fellowship Committee for organizing the 3rd annual Block Party. What a fantastic evening celebrating with friends and neighbors around Redeemer. 160 hotdogs were served!

More exciting events are coming so *Save the Dates!*

You are invited to the Council Expo Sunday, September 8th following worship and Rally Wednesday, September 11th. Booths will be set up by different committees and groups within Redeemer that showcase their work and stewardship.

Welcome BLAST, Sing & Ring, and Confirmation students as classes start up again. Please register soon so materials and teachers are ready for you. Rally Wednesday is September 11. Please come to worship for Blessings of the Backpack and installation of teachers.

Following worship on September 22, Tom Kays and Pat Thibert will lead a discussion on charitable giving. Tom and Pat will clarify some of the confusion around the new tax laws.

September 29 is the 5th Sunday Potluck hosted by Faith, Family, Fellowship. More details coming!

Monday, October 7st is the annual Hospice Spaghetti Dinner. The Evangelism and Social Ministry Committee has hosted this event for many years. Donations support Hospice services in the community and area.

October 7-11 is Redeemer's week to serve the community through delivering Meals on Wheels. Meals on Wheels provides a needed service to people who are unable to get out to other places for a meal. Meals on Wheels helps keep people in their homes by providing one nourishing hot meal a day. Sometimes this delivery person is the only human contact they have during the day. Betty Hanson, the director says that 425 to 450 meals are served each month. If you can deliver meals for a day or the week, please call the church office or sign up in the narthex.

Confirmation Retreat is September 21st. Confirmation Day is October 29th.

The outside electronic sign looks great! Thank you, Property Committee.

The shared Youth Ministry agreement has been finalized and signed by Zion and Redeemer, advertising for applicants has been completed. Continue to pray for the committee and prospective applicants.

If you haven't had a chance to check out Redeemer's on-line giving opportunity be sure to check out the website. <http://redeemertrf.org/>.

For more information on any of these activities call the church office. 681-3390.

God's love and peace,

Jan Anderson

Greetings Redeemer!



Hope you have all had a wonderful summer! How can it be that August is coming to a close, and school is right around the corner?! Time sure flies by quickly when there is sunshine and warm weather to enjoy.

A few pieces of information regarding BLAST and Confirmation for the 2019-2020 school year:

"Rally Wednesday" will be held Wednesday, September 11th. This is the first night of BLAST and confirmation for the school year. We will kick off the season meeting teachers, enjoying fellowship, and maybe even round out the evening with a sweet treat! We will also bless the children's backpacks and install our teachers at the service following classroom time.

BLAST and confirmation will have similar Wednesday schedules this school year. BLAST will start at 5:45pm in the sanctuary, and then students will gather in their classrooms from 6-6:25pm. Confirmation students will meet 5:15-6:15pm for instruction time in the classroom.

We would love to see everyone stay for the church service at 6:30pm.

Can't wait to see everyone's smiling faces this fall!

Peace & Blessings,
Megan Eickman





NOTES FROM THE ORGAN BENCH—SEPTEMBER 2019

“And The Walls Came Tumblin’ Down”—With Your Help!

We are going to do a bit of remodeling at Redeemer, and we need your help! We are going to take down the wall between the current choir room and the classroom next to it. This will create a larger rehearsal room for Senior Choir, Sing and Ring, future handbells, or other meetings/ensembles. A folding divider will take the place of the wall, so the room could still be divided for smaller committee meetings and the like. The current space just isn't big enough for the adults in Senior Choir to fit or the noise levels from Sing and Ring to be safe.

Suzanne Browning and I thought that if we taught Sing and Ring the words to “Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho” that we could get the wall to come down, but that just won't work with modern building codes. That's where you come in!

We will be taking the wall down in early October. Here are our needs:

Do you have a concrete saw we could use to saw the 6” concrete block in the wall? This would save on rental costs.

Do you have a wheelbarrow we could use to haul the block to the dumpster?

Are you able to help with the actual demolition, whether cutting the wall or hauling pieces to the dumpster?

Are you able to help with cleanup afterward—vacuuming, dusting, etc.?

Are you able to help paint the room after things are complete?

If you are able to lend us equipment or volunteer to help with these tasks, please let me know, either by phone, e-mail, or in person. Or, call the church office and Vanessa will pass along that information. When dates for demolition are confirmed, I will contact volunteers and get that information in the bulletin and next newsletter.

Thank you in advance for your contributions to this project! And, thank you to the Property Committee and Church Council from the musicians, particularly Suzanne, Sing and Ring, the Senior Choir and me, for approving this project. We will have a lot more flexibility in our music programming with a larger rehearsal space.

Senior Choir and Sing and Ring start in September

Senior Choir will start in September! You are invited to join us! Anyone in high school and older is welcome to join us on Sunday mornings at 8:15 a.m. for rehearsals. We sing roughly twice a month in worship and rehearse most Sunday mornings. New this year: a few Wednesday evening rehearsals to accommodate people's schedules.

Worried about not being able to read music? We'll work with you! Worried you can't be there every Sunday? We'll work with you! Worried that your voice doesn't always do what you want it to? We'll work with you!

If you are interested in joining us, come to the first rehearsal on Sunday, September 8, at 8:15 a.m.. If you can't make that rehearsal, let me know and come when you can. And, be ready to "pick a note" to sing! The schedule for the year will be available on the website, in the narthex, and at the rehearsals in September.

Sing and Ring will also start in September; watch for more information from Suzanne Browning on those start dates and rehearsal times.

Music Office and Old Library

All of us on the music staff thank the Property Committee and the Church Council for approving the creation of a Music Office in the former office space for the Youth Director. The room has been painted and the tall shelves from the former Library have been moved in to provide much-needed storage space for music and instruments. Formerly, choir music was stored in the choir room, cutting into rehearsal space, and we musicians have stored much of our music and instruments (including the Sing and Ring bells) at our homes. Now we will all be able to keep our frequently used music and instruments at the church, saving on wear and tear, and we will have space for planning our musical life at Redeemer. Stop by sometime and take a look! (The new Director of Youth and Family Ministry will instead be housed in the former "Pastor 2" office.)

The former Library is being turned into a small meeting room and room for the bride at weddings. The room needs to be painted; if anyone is willing to help paint the room, please contact me or the church office.

MISSING: Cross Stitch Art

We have had the blessing of cross stitch art panels gracing the spaces above the sanctuary windows for many years. When the air conditioning was installed in the sanctuary, four of the panels were removed. We would like to reinstall them in the church somewhere, but we don't know where they are!

If you know where the four missing cross stitch panels are, please contact me or the church office. Thank you!

I hope you have as relaxing of a start to the school and programming year as possible. Thank you for your continued involvement in our worship and musical life at Redeemer!

Reid



Calling All Quilters!!!

We usually start quilting in August but that didn't work out this year. After many phone calls I have decided to just make a schedule for this fall.

If this doesn't work out we can change it for the rest of the year.

We will quilt mornings 9:00am-12:00pm, evenings 6:00-8:00pm.

Mark your calendar with the following dates and come when you can.

Thank you, Shirley Booth

September 9-10, 16-17

October 14-15, 21-22

November 11-12, 18-19

December 9-10, 16-17



You're Invited to

Redeemer Lutheran Church



Congregation Expo

Congregation Committees and Groups will host information booths

- Come and meet with Committee members to learn & ask questions
- Learn what programs are provided to support our congregation
- Provide input on how we can grow and expand to support our mission

Where: Fellowship Hall

When: Sunday, September 8th

Wednesday, September 11th

Time: After worship services



Would you or your group like to have a booth at the Congregational EXPO?

1. *What is the Congregational EXPO?*

The Congregation EXPO is a Church Council sponsored opportunity to provide an interactive activity for the members of Redeemer Lutheran Church to learn about and provide input regarding the various Congregation Committees and groups.

2. *What happens at the Congregation Expo?*

- a. The Congregation receives a plastic bag to put information and goodies that are distributed at the booths.
- b. One item is the Congregational EXPO participation card, have each booth member initial your participation card as you progress through the EXPO. Please make sure you sign your Participation Card before placing it in the collecting basket. On Wednesday and Sunday of the EXPO, a completed card will be randomly drawn to win a door prize.
- c. The second item is a ballot for the Congregation to vote for the "People's Choice" best booth. These are also placed in the collecting basket.

3. *When is the Congregation EXPO?*

The EXPO is planned annually for a Wednesday and a Sunday around the time BLAST resumes in September.

4. *Why do we have a Congregation EXPO?*

Our short-term goal is transparency, communication and we cannot express enough the value of the interaction.

Our long-term goal is to eliminate the question "Who does that at Redeemer?"

5. *Who do I notify if I want to have a booth?*

Contact the church secretary at 218-681-3390 and let her know you would be interested in having a booth at the next Congregation EXPO.

6. *What comes with a booth?*

The Church Council will place a table cloth, table tent identifying the booth, paper notes for the Congregation to share their ideas, a gift bag that collects the idea slips from the Congregation and a sign-up sheet for the Congregation members to sign-up if they are interested in participating in the committee or helping with a project.

7. *What is a booth owners' responsibility?*

You are free to decorate your booth in any way that represents your group and its support of Redeemer Lutheran Church's mission. You may develop materials to distribute, treats, or door prizes to draw for participants. You must have your Committee Agreement displayed at your booth and someone staff your booth during the time the Congregation is in attendance.

Charitable GIVING



A charitable-giving informational session will be held after worship on Sunday September 22, 2019 in the Emmaus Room.

Discussion leaders will be Pat Thibert and Tom Kays.

The tax law passed in 2018 has made giving to the church very challenging. There are ways to be generous and benefit, tax-wise.

Topics to be discussed - giving appreciated securities, and the use of QCD from your RMD out of your IRA.

Please join Tom & Pat if this sounds confusing!



Spaghetti Benefit Dinner

The 29th Annual Hospice Spaghetti Dinner
will be on Monday, October 7th from 5-7 p.m.

There will be a sign up for donations and volunteers in
the church narthex soon!



Martha Unit

Will meet at 10:00am on September 10th at
Valley Home

Hannah Unit

Will meet at 7:00pm on September 10th at
Diedre Nordin home.

Ruth Unit

Will meet at 7:00pm on September 10th at
Linda Ulrich home.



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

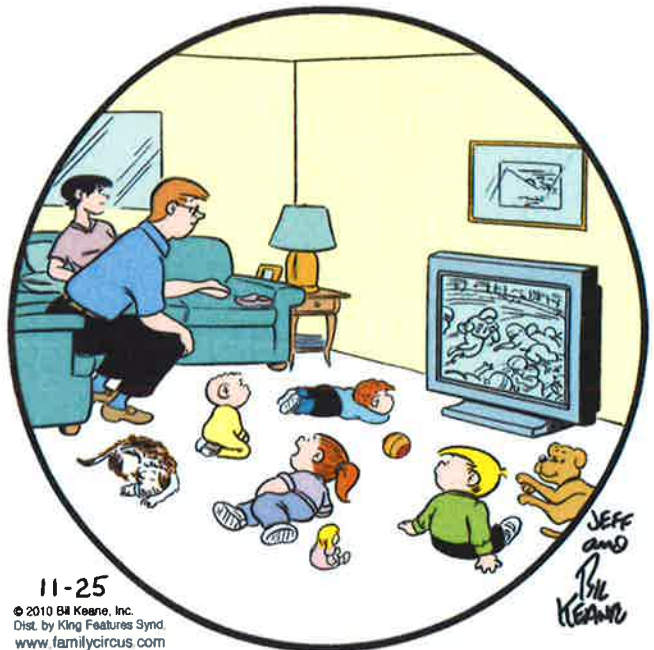


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**“All our summer shade
is falling down!”**










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**“So, what did we watch before
football season started?”**

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<p>8 9:30am Worship 10:30am EXPO Confirmation Meeting</p>	<p>9 9-12 Quilting 6-8pm Quilting</p>	<p>10 9-12 Quilting 10:00am Martha Unit at Valley Home 6-8pm Quilting 7:00pm Ruth Unit at Linda Ulrich 7:00pm Hannah Unit at Diedre Nordin</p>	<p>11 Blessing of backpacks 5:15-6:15pm 6th-7th Confirmation BLAST 5:45pm Worship with Holy communion 6:30pm EXPO</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 </p>	<p>14</p>
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<p>22 9:30am Worship 10:30am Charitable giving informational meeting</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 5:15-6:15pm 6th-7th Confirmation BLAST 5:45pm Worship with Holy communion</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 5th Sunday Potluck 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>30</p>					