“GodConnects”

One of the best new resources I have found to teach the basics of Christianity is called GodConnects from Lutheran Hour Ministries. I will be teaching GodConnects during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning adult instruction class beginning September 13th, Rally Day at Redeemer.

Whether you have questions about Christ or want to deepen your faith in Him, this class will explore what the Bible says about our God, and how His love gives direction and meaning to your life today and forever. This class is designed for those who are interested in learning or reviewing the foundations of the Christian faith.

Child care is provided! Watch an introductory video at www.lhm.org/GodConnects. Is there someone at work, in your neighborhood, or at your dinner table who is not a member of a Christian church and is weighing heavily on your heart? Invite (or refer) a friend to our class!

GodConnects is a video series explaining the Christian faith in a way that makes it easy to invite a friend, family member, or church visitor. Plain language and helpful illustrations present God’s work of salvation in a concise manner. This 12-week series is ideal for those with questions about sin, judgment, redemption, Jesus, the believer’s life, and more. GodConnects – an excellent resource for amplifying and sharing key concepts of the Christian faith. Who has God put in your life that need to hear His message?

God’s peace to you,

Pastor Steve
10 Ways to Help Your Child Have a Good School Year

1. **SIPS**: Make sure your child is well-rounded and their Spiritual, Intellectual, Physical, and Social needs are being developed. Sending your child to Redeemer Lutheran School will accomplish this. (I’m not missing any opportunity to toot our horn.) We excel at nurturing the whole child: spiritually, intellectually, physically, and socially. We have great Christian role models, local school counselors tell us they can spot a Redeemer graduate by their academics and work ethic, we offer sports right after school, and are now offering STEM Science, Technology, Education, and Math) curriculum for grades 5-8 students.

2. Model good reading habits for your child. Read with your child, to your child, or next to your child each night. I would suggest reading a good devotion together and then proceeding on to other reading material.

3. Make sure your child gets enough sleep. Example: A first grader needs 10 hours of sleep a night!

4. Encourage your child to exercise. Studies show that getting the kids outside in the fresh air for at least 20 minutes each day will help them sleep better.

5. Give them creative outlets. Expose them to different activities designed to help them discover where their interests lie.

6. Provide for a space of their own, even if it’s just a part of a shared bedroom.

7. Let them talk about their troubles. Each night at bedtime, ask your child to tell you something good that happened and also something they need to pray about. It helps you to know what’s on their mind.

8. Help them to relax. Deep breathing, reading a book, taking a few quiet minutes to look outside, and spending a few minutes in prayer are all ways your child can be taught to relax.

9. Have two routines – weekday and weekend – and a plan for both. Routine helps children to relax, knowing what’s coming up next.

10. Foster volunteering and helpfulness by letting your child see you do both. Join in volunteering together through the opportunities we offer at Redeemer, and other places.

11. Bring fun and playfulness into their lives with some silly together times. Our own children grew up with “Cinderella Saturday,” which meant we all did chores together in the morning and then we’d go do something special together in the evening.

VIP/Grandparent Day Wednesday, Oct. 7 – Children can invite that special person in their life to come and enjoy chapel with us at 8:45, followed by coffee and treats in the classroom.
**Wednesday Morning Women’s Bible Study**

Wednesday Morning Women’s Bible Study starts on **September 9th**.

Our study this Fall will be “Waiting For God”. We spend much of our life waiting. Sometimes the waiting can cause us to feel stuck, or forgotten by God. **But waiting time is not wasted time.**

This study will help us draw near to God in times of uncertainty and postponement, and we’ll become familiar with the dynamics of such times and learn to hear God’s call to rest in His timing.

You are invited to join us on Wednesday mornings, at 10:00, in the Multi-Purpose Room, for Bible study, prayer, and time with sisters-in-Christ.

For more information, please contact Linda Krantz at 763-476-0587, or Mary Sund at 763-233-2417.

**Garage Sale Success!**

*A great picture of one happy garage-saler ready to leave our sale Thursday. Gaylen Thostenson helped load her car but could not get all her “stuff” in the car until the convertible top was lowered. The proceeds from this year’s garage sale were $10,157 with expenses of $1,287, netting a profit of $8,870 to benefit Redeemer.*

**Redeemer Membership Class in September**

On Saturday, September 26th, Pastor Steve will conduct a half-day seminar for those who would like to become new members of Redeemer.

The seminar runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., with lunch included.

We will discuss the basics of the Christian faith, what it means to be a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and what to expect as a member of Redeemer – how our church is structured, opportunities for involvement, etc.

Please sign up by emailing Pastor Steve at pastorferber@redeemerwayzata.org.

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Redeemer Good News is a monthly newsletter for members and friends of Redeemer Lutheran Church & School in Wayzata.

Newsletter articles are due the second Monday of the month. Submit articles, news, and event items to Stacy Klone at sklone@redeemerwayzata.org. Comments and suggestions are welcome.
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH**, is **RALLY DAY** at Redeemer, the day Sunday School and Adult Instruction classes begin.

Sunday School is for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Child care is available for children through age 4.

On Rally Day, magician Al Johnson will be entertaining the Sunday School children with balloon animals and juggling in the gymnasium, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Adult Instruction classes run from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Please register your child for Sunday School by emailing your phone number and your child’s name to Stacy Klone at sklone@redeemerwayzata.org.

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**BAPTIZED AT REDEEMER!**

On Sunday, August 16th, **ELAINE ROSE JAMMER** was baptized into the family of God at Redeemer’s 10:45 a.m. service.

Elaine is the infant daughter of Chris and Jamie Jammer. Sponsors are Craig and Karolyn Coleman, Scott and Heather Rodine, and Troy and Heidi Denneson.

We thank God for the new birth of faith through the water and word of holy Baptism! Please keep Elaine in your prayers, that she grow to be a strong woman of faith, serving the Lord with all her heart.

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**THRIVENT ACTION TEAM’S “GIFTS OF LOVE” PROJECT**

Do you knit or crochet?

Have you ever thought about using these skills to share God’s love with those who are grieving, suffering illness or are lonely and depressed?

If so, consider participating in a Thrivent Action Team -

“Gifts of Love” project. We provide the yarn, (while supply lasts) and you enjoy creating shawls, chemo caps, etc.

If interested, you can sign up online: http://bit.ly/1eVzJxT -- Or contact Anna Gerber with questions at 952-475-9168.

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**NURSERY VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

The new Wednesday evening program, WINGS, is looking for a volunteer to watch children 3 and under from 6-7:30 p.m. A light dinner will be provided at 5:30.

We welcome someone who can volunteer every Wednesday, or let us know if you can volunteer once a month. Please prayerfully consider helping this growing ministry!

For more information, please contact:

  Paula Lindberg
  plindberg11@gmail.com

  Amy Crum
  amybcrum@gmail.com

  or Pastor Steve
**REDEEMER STUDENT MINISTRY**

We're baaaanaack! Summer 2015 is in the rearview mirror and we are excited to launch into our new Ministry Year! I am excited to get back to the weekly routine of meeting together and growing in our faith. Are you ready to be refined? My prayer for this year is each and every student will continue their journey in becoming more like Christ.

**“THE GATHERING”**

Our Wednesday night student ministry is now called “The Gathering.” The Gathering takes place on Wednesday nights from September through May and is for all students in grades 6-12. We meet at 6:30pm in the parsonage, which is the house attached to the church building. Come in Door 1 and walk straight ahead past the main office and look for the signs. What happens at The Gathering? Good question! The main elements that will take place on a weekly basis are: worship, teaching, activities and small groups. The first Gathering is Wednesday, September 16th. Come join us!

**SEPTEMBER 2015 SCHEDULE**

9/16 The Gathering kick-off! @6:30pm
9/23 The Gathering @6:30pm
9/30 The Gathering @6:30pm

**FANTASY FOOTBALL**

I am working with Teresa Johnson on setting up a Fantasy Football league for students. Please be on the lookout for an informational email.

in Christ,

Joe Lomando
Student Ministry Director

**STUDENT MINISTRY TEAM**

Running a Student Ministry is not a one person job. The most effective student ministries exist where a team of people dedicate themselves to being in the lives of students on a regular basis. Our students need others to pour into their lives and help raise the future men and women of God in our church. I cannot do this alone. As a result I am looking for men and women to join my team and change the lives of teenagers by helping them grow closer to Jesus. You don't need a particular skill set to be a part of the team...just an open heart and a willingness to be used by God. I have almost 20 years of experience working with teens. I will teach you the basics and partner with you along the way. Come join our team and see God work! I don't care if you are 23 or 83…pray and ask God to lead you and then contact me. God promises to richly bless you if you will pour into your younger brothers and sisters.

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**REDEEMER BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

**Bible Study**

Sunday Mornings
9:30 am—10:30 am
Auditorium
Pastor Steve
pastorferber@redeemerwayzata.org

**Women’s Bible Study**

Wednesday Mornings
Beginning Sept 9
10:00 am—11:30 am
Multi-Purpose Room
Linda Krantz
763/476-0587
or
Mary Sund
763/479-3208

**Women’s Bible Study**

Thursday Mornings
Beginning Sept 10
9:00 am—11:30 am
Multi-Purpose Room
Nancy Engel
952/473-1072
or
motherengel@aol.com

**Light Bible Study**

Thursday Mornings
Beginning Sept 17
9:30 am—11:30 am
Small Conference Room off hallway
beneath Sanctuary
Judymae Bowers
763/476-0913 or
Eva McAtee
763/476-1827

**Men’s Bible Study**

Saturday Mornings
7:00 am—8:00 am
Peoples Organic Restaurant on Lake Street in Wayzata
Gordy Engel
952/473-4667
or
gordye@thefoursome.com
“Notes” from the Director of Music Ministry

Meet Dan Oie

Many of you have met me before, as I led the music ministries of Redeemer from 1982-1988. It was here that our daughter, Elizabeth, was born, and my wife, Cheryl, and I shared many family, pre-school, and worship experiences together. After leaving Redeemer, we spent 8 years in Willmar at Vinje Lutheran Church. Our son, Benjamin, was born in Willmar, we led a large congregation of worshippers, and had an active youth choir ministry with many musicals and tours. In addition, I led the Prairie Arts Chorale for 8 years, including trips to England and Belarus.

A desire to return to the Twin Cities and further education for my wife, Cheryl, led us to Roseville Lutheran Church in 1996. For the last 16 years I have been the Music Director at Calvary Lutheran Church of Golden Valley, where I led contemporary worship services, directed a team of staff musicians, and led multiple choirs and instrumental ensembles. Calvary enlarged my music responsibilities and leadership in many different areas, including leading Spanish worship, producing concerts and recordings, and hosting many regional and national church conferences.

As we sensed another time of change was approaching, I began to look for a new “window or door” of work and opportunity that God might allow us to transition through, without a big move, or a change of teaching opportunities for Cheryl. During the past year I had several indirect conversations with some Redeemer folks, not knowing if this was the place for me. As summer approached, it became clear that we should test God’s purpose and will and follow His direction. Everything happened quite quickly. On August 16 we joined with you in leading our worship services here Redeemer.

My wife, Cheryl, is a vocal instructor and ensemble manager at Bethel University. Our daughter, Elizabeth, is married, lives in Plymouth, and works for Hammer Residences. Our son, Benjamin, recently graduated from Bethel University and works for Wells Fargo. We now have a son-in-law and two exciting grandchildren. Thank you for

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your warm welcome.

Soli Deo Gloria!

**JOYSOUND WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Redeemer offers a weekly worship service, “JOYSOUND,” using contemporary and modern worship songs as our “hymnal.” These songs come from the Scriptural exhortation to “Sing to the Lord a new song!” (Psalm 98:1)

Redeemer has a team of worship leaders who sing, play guitar, bass guitar, drums, and keyboards in fresh and new ways. We are in need of more singers and instrumentalists who can help us in leading God’s people in joyful worship. We can also use people to assist us with audio and media production. If you are interested in joining, please contact me or come and visit one of the worship leaders after a Sunday morning worship service.

**REDEEMER CHOIRS AND HANDBELLS**

“Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Ephesians 5:19,20

Redeemer is blessed to have people who love to sing together.

**REDEEMER CHOIR (DEO GLORIA CHOIR)**

is a choir for adults and Senior High students who want to use their voices in praise. The Choir will be meeting to determine their rehearsal times and to plan a schedule of singing in worship, usually two or three times each month. There will be opportunities to join the choir for special singing times at Christmas and Easter. Contact me for more information.

**REDEEMER HANDBELLS**

offers an opportunity for instrumentalists that have had some prior musical experience reading music and playing in a band or orchestra. The Hand Bell Choir will play for worship once a month at the 8:15 worship service. Contact me for more information.

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSICIANS**

“Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord.”

Psalm 150

Psalm 150 is a catalog of instruments that can participate in God’s praises. Trumpets, harps, tambourine, dance, strings, flute, and percussion are all listed in this list of instruments. If you are an instrumentalist, you should play your instrument to praise the Lord. Let me know of your interest and availability to play in worship.

Dan Die

Director of Music Ministry
die@redeemerwayzata.org
(952) 473-1281

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**WAYZATA’S JAMES J. HILL DAYS**

The James J. Hill Days Parade is **September 13** from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Plan to meet your Redeemer family and friends at 1:30 to walk in the parade and then spend the afternoon enjoying all the festivities and food.

For more James J. Hill Days info:

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**REHEARSAL SCHEDULE (BEGINNING SEPTEMBER)**

* Thursday evenings (beginning September 3)

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5:30–6:30pm - JoySound

6:30–7:30pm - Hand Bells

7:30–8:45pm - Deo Gloria Choir (Adult Choir)
We invite you to worship with us!

SUNDAY WORSHIP & PRAISE: 8:15 am and 10:45 am, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION-All Ages: 9:30 am

LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML)

Thank you to all who “gladly” donated items for our summer mission project “Dri-July.” We received: 194 diapers, 8 boxes of baby wipes, 2 fitted crib sheets, 1 hooded bath towel, 21 Onesies, 4 pacifiers, 3 baby sleepers, 2 baby sets, 6 baby outfits, 1 package baby shoes, 1 pair socks, 3 baby leggings and pants. All of the items were delivered to the Robbinsdale Women’s Center. They were very appreciative for these gifts.

The Fall Minnetonka LWML Conference Rally is scheduled for TUESDAY OCTOBER 20™, 6:30 pm at Redeemer Church, Wayzata Minnesota. We hope you to join with many women from the Carver North and Carver South zones and the Minnetonka zone. Mark your calendar and plan to join us for fellowship, coffee, dessert and hear about mission opportunity. Our speaker will be Pastor Andy Audette, LCMS Church Planter for the MN South District.

LWML meetings for Redeemer women and friends are held monthly (unless otherwise advertised), September through June. Please contact the church office or check the Happenings insert for specific date and time.
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