“THE PATH TO EASTER: ONLY THROUGH THE CROSS”

There is a church in New York City with unusual front doors. When the doors are closed, their panels form a beautiful cross. When the doors are opened, the cross divides, and the worshiper can walk right through the severed panels, down the center aisle, directly to the altar.

The designer had a simple explanation for the symbolism of these unusual doors. "It is only through the cross," he said, "that a man can step into the presence of a just and holy God." Sunday after Sunday, through the severed arms of a wooden cross, the congregation members step out of the hubbub of their workaday world and into the presence of the Lord Most High.

In a sense that is what you and I do every day of our lives, and become especially aware of it again during the season of Lent. We step into the presence of our God in prayer, in worship, and in praise, not in our own right but pleading the merits of His Son, who died for us on Calvary’s cross. We can stand in the presence of the Lord of heaven only because His Son has made peace—peace between God and man—"by the blood of His cross."

The cross makes our joyful Easter season possible! On Easter Sunday, Jesus rose from the dead because God the Father accepted His Son’s sacrifice for our sins. Christ is risen! Our sins are forgiven! Because Jesus lives, we too shall live!

Come celebrate Easter, the triumph of life over death, at Redeemer Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 27th. Our two Easter Festival worship services will be held 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
At Redeemer Lutheran School (RLS) we strive to help build your child’s self-esteem through encouragement and helping them discover the gifts and talents God has given them. Watching a child grow in this environment is so rewarding. Often we see students transfer in, defeated by the world around them, learn that they are loved for who they are, and graduate as a totally different person. We thank God every day for helping us make a difference in each child’s life.

What does this look like at RLS? Inviting a middle-schooler who had been verbally bullied at his former school to work alongside the teachers at a school event and watching him beam as he becomes part of a team. Helping a parent to see the good in themselves and share that with their children. Giving a child an opportunity to sing a solo and share their talent with a larger audience. Having smaller class sizes allows our teachers to “tailor-make” opportunities for a child to find out he really does shine in certain areas. When his classmates compliment him on a job well done, he knows it’s genuine.

Being able to make a difference in a child’s life is one of the biggest reasons we teachers work at Redeemer Lutheran School. Often students enter our doors with a special education diagnosis and find out that our teachers take the time to work individually with them, encourage them, expect them to strive to do their best (and will not allow them to do less than their best), and the diagnosis becomes virtually non-existent. Having your teacher believe in you and find ways for you to succeed makes a huge difference in a child’s life. Happy students = happy teachers!

Who do you know that can benefit from teachers that work to build your child’s self-esteem? Contact Linda Wiebold at 952/473-5356 or lwiebold@redeemerwayzata.org

Check us out online at www.school.redeemerwayzata.org or Facebook at Wayzata Redeemer Lutheran School. Everyday is a tour day at RLS.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!
The amount of blessings we’ve received in the form of wishes that have been fulfilled has been incredible. A classroom floor rug was purchased, as well as Dri-Erase markers, classroom books, a conference table, two Koala baby changing tables for the rest rooms in the church lobby, and a new camera for the church entrance are just a few items we’re very grateful for. We still have a few remaining wishes to be fulfilled. Interested? Look for the gold stars on the bulletin board in the church lobby. Again…thank you, thank you!!!

THANK YOU AGAIN! TARGET TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION

We want to thank all of you who have designated Redeemer Lutheran School as your charity of choice in Target’s Take Charge of Education program. The total amount received for 2016 is $1645.41. That’s a large chunk of change!

Target Corp. is ending its giving program through which it has sent hundreds of millions of dollars to schools over nearly two decades.

The Minneapolis-based retailer will discontinue its "Take Charge of Education" program in May 2016, through which the company donates 1 percent of RedCard holders’ purchase total to a school of their choice. It will shift its social responsibility focus from education to health and wellness.
**MAUNDY THURSDAY SEDER MEAL**  
**MARCH 24TH, 2016**  
**6:00PM IN THE AUDITORIUM**

Cost is $8 per adult and $5 per child-$25 max per family.  
Sign up sheet in the church lobby.

Our menu will include wine, grape juice, unleavened bread, vegetables, herbs, eggs, charoseth, lamb & artichoke stew and hearty chicken soup.

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**Ferber Thrivent Action Team Event**

You are invited **Sunday, March 20th**, from 9:30-10:45am between the first and second services to a **Free-Will Donation Fundraiser** to help the Ferber family pay approximately $1,500 for one-way airline tickets to fly their 3 1/2-year-old twin daughters home to the U.S. from an orphanage in China. The event will take place during the coffee hour in Redeemer’s auditorium.

The Ferbers are super-excited to have been approved to adopt not only one, but two girls! To pay what the Chinese government and the orphanage require, in addition to hotels, meals, and their airfare, they estimate the total cost to be approximately $40,000. Please consider giving generously to help bring these two orphans to their new home with the Ferber family.

Doughnuts, coffee cakes, cookies, coffee, juice, and milk will be provided courtesy of a Thrivent Action Team event.

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**REDEEMER NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH**

On **Saturday, March 12**, meet at Redeemer at 10:00 am, as we call on new people moving into our neighborhood.

Teams of two simply welcome them and leave a small gift and information about our church and school and ask them to “come and see.”

Mark you calendars for the following 10:00 a.m. 2016 Outreach dates:

- March 12
- April 9
- May 14

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**Wednesdays in Lent**

**March 2, 9, and 16**

**WORSHIP** (Songs, Word, and Prayer) at 5:00 pm

**SUPPER** at 5:30 pm

**WINGS AND ADULT CLASSES** at 6:00 pm

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**W.I.N.G.S.**

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**

For all children ages Preschool through 5th Grade

For more information or to volunteer, contact:

- Amy Crum
  amybcrum@gmail.com
- Paula Lindberg
  plindberg11@gmail.com
- Pastor Steve
  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 third Thursday of the month. Submit articles, news, and event items to Stacy Klone at sklone@redeemerwayzata.org. Comments and suggestions are welcome.
**Music & Worship “Notes”**

**When In Our Music God Is Glorified**

Through music we grow in our faith, we serve with our voices, minds, and strength, and we demonstrate how the Body of Christ works together. We also express a variety of musical styles, all of which bring glory to God, our Creator and Redeemer. Come and join our Redeemer musicians:

🎵 **Deo Gloria Choir** –
Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Sings for worship twice a month.

🎵 **Redeemer Handbells** –
Rehearsals on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Plays monthly for worship.

🎵 **Joysound Worship Band** –
a rotation of singers, guitar players, drummers and instruments. (Strings, brass, woodwinds, and keyboards are invited to participate)

Contact

Dan Oie, Director of Music and Worship
doie@redeemerwayzata.org
(952) 473-1281 #209

**Join the Weeping Tree Musical Project**

Singers are invited to join in a dramatic musical presentation of *The Weeping Tree*, a story of the cross that uses hymns, a

thoughtful narration, and simple symbols to create a touching testament of grace that impacts all who witness the centerpiece of history, Good Friday and Easter.

This 25 minute musical is an expressive opportunity for singers — young and old, members or non-members — to help share the Good Friday Passion.

Special rehearsals will be held during March to prepare for the presentation of *The Weeping Tree* on Good Friday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m.

🎵 Sunday, March 6, 6–7:30pm
🎵 Thursday, March 10, 7–8:30 p.m.
🎵 Sunday, March 13, 6–7:30pm
🎵 Thursday, March 17, 6-7:30pm
🎵 Wednesday, March 23, 7–8:30pm (Choir and orchestra)
🎵 Friday, March 25, 7:00pm — Good Friday with *The Weeping Tree*

Contact Dan Oie to participate.

**Lenten Mid-Week Worship — “Living as People of the Resurrection”**

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 10) and culminates on Easter Sunday (Mar. 27). Forty days reflect the time of fasting, prayer, and devotion which Jesus spent in the wilderness before beginning his public ministry.

“Lent” is from an old English word which describes “spring,” or the season when the days are lengthening.

Redeemer Church will observe the Lenten season with a series of Wednesday worship services.

Each service will consider how we live in Lent as Easter people. These themes will be based upon one single word through which we can view the Passion of Christ through the lens of Easter.

March 2 ........... Proclaim
March 9 ........... Praise
March 16 ........ Pain

**Musical Guests in Redeemer Worship Services**

🎵 March 7 — Ben Wagner, Clarinet and Saxophone
🎵 March 25 — *The Weeping Tree* - Good Friday Choir and Orchestra
🎵 March 27 — Redeemer Brass and Choirs
🎵 April 3 — Jonathan and Mary Preus, Flute and Clarinet

**Coming This Summer**

🎵 Redeemer VBS (Vacation Bible School) - June 13–17 (Mornings)
🎵 Music Camp: *Kidz Under Construction*—June 13–17 (Afternoons)

(Students completing Grades 1–6)
Older students: stage directors, group leaders.
**Lent and Easter Worship Services**

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| **NEW LIFE LIGHT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS MARCH 17TH**

The LifeLight Bible Study will be studying the Old Testament book *Ezekiel* on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 beginning March 17th.

Come study the Scriptures with us. We meet in the conference room off the hall beneath the Church Sanctuary.

Study guides for *Ezekiel* ($10) are available from Stacy in the office.

Questions? Contact Judymae Bowers at 763-476-0913 or Eva McAtee at 763-476-1827.

**Wednesday Morning Women’s Bible Study**

**Jesus’ Final Week** is the title of the new book for the Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study.

Once every year the church calendar calls us to walk through the events of the final week of Jesus’ life. We celebrate Palm Sunday with exuberance. We weep through Good Friday. We eagerly await Easter morning.

The events that took place during Jesus’ final week on earth — Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, the trial, Jesus' death and his resurrection — are foundational to our salvation and our Christian life. As we focus more closely on these amazing events, we’ll gain new understanding about who Jesus is and how he loves us.

You are invited to join us on Wednesday mornings, starting March 9th, at 10:00 in the Gathering Room, as we take a closer look at the final week of Jesus’ life here on earth.

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

**Student Ministry**

**Coming in March**—

Parent Meeting for 6-12th grade parents of both Redeemer Lutheran School and Church.

Watch for details.

**Men’s Bible Study**

Throughout the New Testament, there is a recurring word pattern...“_____ one another.” The study “Love One Another—20 Practical Lessons” explores the words which complete these sentences and are the “how-to” of love. Join us and bring a friend. We meet Saturday mornings from 7:00 to 8:00 at the People’s Organic Restaurant in Wayzata.
**Holy Week at Redeemer Lutheran Church**

**March 20**
**Palm Sunday**
Children and Palms
Worship Services at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

**March 24**
**Maundy Thursday**
Seder Meal at 6:00 p.m.

**March 25**
**Good Friday**
“The Weeping Tree”
Worship-Choir and Strings
Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.

**March 27**
**Easter**
Easter Festival Worship
Worship Services at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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**Redeemer’s 17th Annual Auction—Save the Date!**

Mark your calendar, invite your friends, and get ready for an amazing evening of music, food, fundraising, and fellowship!

Redeemer’s 17th Annual Spring Auction Fundraiser and Fellowship Event is scheduled for the evening of **Friday, April 29th**, at the Medina Country Club.

Stay tuned for exciting details about this event that brings together church and school families with friends and neighbors to raise money to help further our vision of joyfully and passionately sharing Christ’s love with families, our community, and the world.

The evening will feature music by Redeemer’s music director Dan Oie and his wife Cheryl.

Planning is underway, but there is still a HUGE need for volunteers to make this event a success! Whether you can put in a few hours at the event, or help lead a committee, please prayerfully consider how you can help at this event. School families can earn volunteer hours by helping.

There are many volunteer opportunities, but a few examples are:

- Helping make a classroom project in the day school.
- Procuring items for the silent auction from local businesses.
- Silent auction item intake as items are delivered to Redeemer.
- Stuffing and mailing procurement letters.
- Coordinating volunteers for the evening of the event.
- Assisting in venue coordination.
- Coordination of ticket sales
- Raffle sales
- Day of event set-up, table closing, clean-up, etc.

Please reach out to the auction chairs via email if you would like to help in any way:

Keri Rouen
Kerirouen@gmail.com
or
Vetta Kreger
Vetta@ryan-and-vetta.com

Blessings,
Keri Rouen & Vetta Kreger
CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!!!

Do you dream of having an entire day of nothing but creating? Do you dream about having a whole big table to spread out your supplies on? If so, you are invited to a craft/crop day at Redeemer!

Saturday, March 5th, from 8am until 10pm the lunchroom has been reserved for a **Mini Craft Retreat**!

If you would like to attend, please contact Judi Micoley at judi_stamparooni@hotmail.com as soon as possible! Space is limited!

♦ I am suggesting a free-will donation of $10 per table.
♦ Bring a snack to share on the snack table.
♦ Meals are on your own. Bring a lunch if you want. We will have a refrigerator available.
♦ Bring a cooler of ice if you want. We will not have ice on hand.
♦ Let me know if you need an electrical connection.
♦ Bring a grocery bag to use as a wastebasket if your craft generates a mess! There are not enough trash cans at Redeemer for everyone.
♦ Clean up your workspace, including the floor, before you leave at the end of the day!

**Thrivent’s “A, B, C’s of Giving” Program**

As you may or may not know, Thrivent is eliminating their local Community Abounds chapters. In the past Redeemer Lutheran Church and School (RLCS) has benefitted from this generous program.

Thrivent will be replacing Community Abounds with what they are referring to as the **A, B, C’s of Giving**:

♦ **Action Team Funding** (several Action Teams have already been formed by Redeemer members)
♦ **Builds** (Thrivent Builds-Habitat for Humanity)
♦ **Choice Dollars**

As we close out the West Hennepin County Community Abounds chapter, I am pleased to announce that our group will be donating approximately $3,800 dollars to three area food shelves:

♦ **Western Community Action Network in Mound (WCA)**
♦ **Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People in Bloomington (VEAP)**
♦ **Interfaith Outreach and Community Partners in Plymouth (IOCP)**

As President I have partnered with some of my contacts in the food industry to buy food from various vendors at a significant discount and also secured a large donation of protein bars from KIND.

I encourage you to go the extra mile in March with your food donation as it will be matched in-kind by Second Harvest Food Shelf. Redeemer has a grocery cart in the church lobby to gather your donations and will deliver them **before 3/31/16** to get the match pound for pound.

As a reminder, please declare your Choice Dollars before the end of March, too.

Contact your Thrivent representative for any questions and more details regarding the new A, B, C's of Giving program.

Thank you,

**Stacy Klone**
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- 10:00am Women's Bible Study
- 5:00pm Lenten Service
- 5:30pm Faith & Family Dinner
- 6:00pm WINGS / Gathering / Adult Bible Study
- 6:30pm Handbells

**Tuesday**

- 8:20am Mom's in Prayer
- 9:30am LifeLight Bible study
- 5:30pm JoySound practice
- 6:00pm Elders Meeting
- 7:00pm MMLG Meeting
- 7:00pm Choir

**Wednesday**

- 7:00am Men's Bible Study
- 10:00am Redeemer Mini Craft Retreat
- 8:15am Worship-HC
- 9:30am Bible Study all ages
- 10:45am Worship-HC
- 6:00pm Weeping Tree Practice
- 7:00pm Craft group

**Thursday**

- 8:45am Chapel
- 10:00am Women's Bible Study
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- 5:00pm Lenten Service
- 5:30pm Faith & Family Dinner
- 6:00pm WINGS / Gathering / Adult Bible study
- 6:30pm Handbells

**Friday**

- 8:20am Mom's in Prayer
- 9:30am LifeLight Bible study
- 5:30pm JoySound practice
- 6:00pm Weeping Tree Practice
- 7:00pm Choir

**Saturday**

- 7:00am Men's Bible Study
- 10:00am Redeemer Neighborhood Outreach
- 7:00am Men's Bible Study
- 7:30am Breakfast Buddies

**Notes:**
- Calendar dates are subject to change.
- Please check your weekly bulletin.
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 UPDATE

SPRING RALLY—APRIL 16

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to eat, walk, and live without your sight? Many people struggle with this new challenge when they first lose their sight. We invite you to our spring rally “Dining in the Dark” on April 16, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at Victory Lutheran church, 16200 Berger Drive, Eden Prairie, MN.

This will be a chance for you to experience the challenge that blind people face firsthand and to get messy and have fun at the same time. Be sure to wear something that you won’t mind getting dirty if you spill. Our guest speaker is Carol Zemke, Director for Lutheran Braille Workers.

If you have questions, contact Anna Gerber (952-475-9168) or email: gerberanna525@gmail.com.

RITE UPDATE:

As of February 13, 2016, we had received $224,456.44 towards our goal of $260,000 for the 2014-2016 biennium. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to “Mites for Mission.”

April 30, 2016 marks the end of the biennium. More information can be found at www.mnslwml.org/gospeloutreach.

NEXT MEETING

Our next monthly gathering will be on March 9, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Redeemer conference room. Please join us for Bible study, fellowship and discussion on mission work.

PRAYER SHAWLS

Four prayer shawls were delivered since October. Thrivent Action Team “Gifts of Love” project participants have completed and presented six shawls to the Prayer Shawl ministry.

The baby cap project ends on March 31st.

“Serve the Lord with Gladness”

Psalm 100:2