It’s not a four-letter word, but it sure feels like it to me:

As someone who’s been known to procrastinate, deadlines are often my enemy. How about you? Got your taxes done yet? April 15th is the biggee deadline, feared by many Americans.

The term deadline originates from the Civil War, where a writer described conditions in the notorious Anderson, Georgia, prison camp. Inside the stockade, close to the fence, was a line drawn on the ground, called the “deadline.” Prisoners were warned that if they crossed that line, they would be shot.

Thankfully, that’s not the penalty for missing deadlines today. If it were, I wouldn’t be writing this article! Actually, we should be thankful for deadlines; they make us do the things we’re supposed to do, like pay taxes, write sermons, pay our credit card bills, and a thousand other things we might never get around to.

That’s why it’s interesting to me that Jesus, when speaking of His return, never gives us a deadline. In Acts chapter one, forty days after His resurrection, Jesus is moments away from ascending to Heaven. His disciples asked Him, “Lord, are You at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the

Father has set by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” After He said this, He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight. (Acts 1:7,8).

Why didn’t Jesus tell the disciples when He would return? Why doesn’t God tell us? Wouldn’t a deadline help us to get our house in order spiritually before the Lord returns? That’s the problem with a deadline: if we knew the

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INTERRUPTIONS

Prayer should serve as continual interruption.

Once there was a child whose first grade Sunday School teacher told her that prayer was simply talking to God. She shared that each morning while getting ready in the bathroom, she would talk to God. So of course, this child imagined a woman putting on her makeup, brushing her hair, and having a two-way conversation with God. Right?

When invited to a slumber party with the Sunday School teacher’s daughter, she got to listen for herself. Guess what she heard? A woman talking to herself. The teacher was praying, but the little 6-year-old’s heart was so disappointed to think that God didn’t talk so she could hear too!

I’ve learned that prayer is something we do much more for our own hearts than it is something we do to inform God of exactly what we need. But what is my challenge now? Now it’s learning to see prayer as something I do continually and not something that serves as a distraction to my already full day.

Prayer should serve as continual interruption. It sits as a line of communication that is always open, always ready for us to engage with our Heavenly Father in a way that keeps us with him. Abiding with him. In his presence. I like that word, interruption.

That’s the moment when we stop, we listen, we engage, we read his Word aloud, we write what He impresses on our hearts, and we pray. If we don’t make this happen, then God has a way of forcing us to. Have you noticed this? He’ll interrupt you and talk to you. But…are you listening?

Today I dare you to let yourself be interrupted. Learn to see the moments where you can stop, listen, and engage with a Father God that has pursued you even when you didn’t deserve it. He wants you with Him always. It is my prayer that you let God interrupt you enough to remind you that he wants to know you, He wants you abiding with Him. He wants to see you changed through your knowledge of Him.

PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING TEN NEW STUDENTS FOR NEXT YEAR ALREADY!

We love it when you tell your neighbors and friends about Redeemer. You’ve probably noticed the flyers posted on the school and church doors welcoming prospective families as they tour. That’s mostly because you fabulous families are sharing how much Redeemer means to you and your child(ren) with those around you! We’re so proud of our school, and of you for telling those in your circle of influence how Redeemer’s made a difference in your child’s life!

I am currently tracking about 25 other students whose families have toured, or will tour this coming week. There has been a lot of interest in our school, and again, we thank you! Keep up the good work telling others about us!
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.

**Voters Meeting**

**Sunday, April 10, 2016**

**9:30 a.m.**

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**Redeemer’s 17th Annual Auction**

**April 29, 2016, 5:30 P.M.**

Redeemer Lutheran Church and School invites you to its 17th annual Auction Fundraiser and Social Event!

This favorite event is a great time to celebrate all of God’s blessings at Redeemer, connect with new and old friends, and raise money for our school and church.

Tickets are on sale now and are being sold individually or as a table. Purchase your tickets either on-line via the link on the redeemerwayzata.org website OR in the church office.

This event features:

- **Music by Dan & Cheryl Oie**
- **Hundreds of Auction Items to bid on**
- **Sit-down dinner and social time**

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**When:**

**Friday, April 29th at 5:30 P.M.**

**Where:**

**Medina Golf & Country Club**

400 Evergreen Rd

Medina

**Who:**

Church and school families, friends & neighbors

**Why:**

Support ministries at Redeemer Lutheran Church & School and spend quality social time with other Redeemer families and supporters

Tickets cost $50 and includes appetizers, a sit-down meal (beef, chicken, or vegetarian), dessert, music, and a full evening of fun and fellowship.

Questions or volunteer opportunities:

Keri Rouen
(kerirouen@gmail.com)

or

Vetta Kreger
(vetta@ryan-and-vetta.com)

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date, we’d probably wait until the last minute. Instead, the Lord wants His children to live a godly life every day. After all, tomorrow could be The Day. The Lord could return tomorrow. Our life could end tomorrow by some accident or illness.

Nobody knows when the Lord will return, or when we will leave this earth. But we do know that we have the Holy Spirit and the commission to be the Lord’s witnesses. God calls us to live with a joyful sense of urgency. As one Christian said, “Live as though Christ died yesterday, rose today, and is returning tomorrow!” What is God calling you to do? Are you being obedient in your call, or procrastinating for whatever reason? Remember, God gives each of us a window of opportunity to influence other people for Christ. If you sense that opportunity to make an impact, don’t hesitate. Live as though Christ died yesterday, rose today, and is returning tomorrow!

In Christ,

**Pastor Steve**
**Music & Worship “Notes”**

**Musical Guests in Redeemer Worship Services**

**April 3**
Jonathan and Mary Preus, flute and clarinet

**April 10**
AMIFETIKA – 4 singers with acoustic instruments (Mi-ke Stewart, Fe-lix Norman, Ti-m Johnson, Ka-thy Banisky)

**April 17**
Metzler Trumpets

**May 1 (10:45AM)**
Redeemer School Students

**May 22**
Music Sunday – Choirs, Brass, Handbells

**Global Worship 9**
Many cultures, One Lord – an evening of great music all happens on **Sunday, April 17**, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul’s Church, 1901 Portland Ave S, Minneapolis. This multi-cultural gathering demonstrates the varieties of ethnic groups that meet as Christian congregations in the Twin Cities. Participants include African-American drummers, Jewish Messianic Dancers, Oromo singers from Ethiopia, a Latino Worship Band, a Filipino Worship Band, Vietnamese Xylophones, an Amharic (Ethiopia) Worship band, and a choir of Americans sharing their beautiful music.

A special rehearsal will be held on Thursday, April 14, at 7:30 to prepare two choral songs to be sung at the Global Worship 9 Concert.

Interested singers should contact Dan Oie at doie@redeemerwayzata.org.

**West Metro National Day of Prayer Breakfast May 5**
Redeemer members and friends are invited to participate in the West Metro Day of Prayer on **Thursday, May 5, 6 a.m.** at the Medina Entertainment Center.

Governor Al Quie (Wayzata resident) will be the featured speaker. Worship leaders will be Tonia Hughes and Dan Oie.

Contact Dan Oie for more information: doie@redeemerwayzata.org

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**Coming This Summer**

**Redeemer VBS (Vacation Bible School)** **June 13 17 Mornings**

**Music Camp:** **Kidz Under Construction** **June 13-17 12:30-4:00 p.m.**

Students learn and prepare a musical of 8 songs, drama, acting, and choreography in 15 hours – concluding with a performance at 4:00 p.m., Friday, June 17.

- Cheryl Oie, co-director
- To register, contact Dan Oie at doie@redeemerwayzata.org
- Cost: $25
- (Students completing Grade 1 – Grade 6)
- Older students grade 7 – 12 assist as stage directors, group leaders

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**Dan Oie, Director of Music and Worship**

(952) 473-1281 #209

Dan Oie
Director of Music & Worship
doie@redeemerwayzata.org
**REDEEMER MATCH PROGRAM**

A great opportunity has been presented to the Redeemer Family! An anonymous donor has come forward who will match all unrestricted donations to Redeemer Lutheran Church and School in 2016 up to $10,000, resulting in up to $20,000 raised for Redeemer.

To aid in your participation in this opportunity, special envelopes labeled “Redeemer Match Program” will be made available. You can find them in the Church Office, in the back of the Sanctuary on the usher tables, and on the bulletin board next to the water fountain near the gym doors.

Keep in mind, your donation will be over and above any weekly pledge you have made to Redeemer. When making your donation, please note “Redeemer Match Program” on the memo line. Your participation, in any amount, is sought and encouraged!

Together we can raise $20,000 for Redeemer.

So far, close to $7000 has been given, which translates into almost $14,000 raised!

For more information, contact Linda Krantz, Secretary for the Mission and Ministry Leadership Group, at 763-476-0587.

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**REDEEMER NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH**

**(30-SECOND GREET)**

On SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 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 remaining 10:00 a.m. 2016 Outreach dates:

- April 9
- May 14

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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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Carolyn and Philip wish to thank all Redeemer members and friends who have prayed for us, sent greeting cards and greeted us lovingly on the occasion of Philip’s recent heart surgery. Doctor Jesus is causing a strong recovery and we give the Lord praise for His hand in Philip’s health.

His blessings to you and (again) our thanks.

Carolyn and Philip
We invite you to our spring rally and “Dining in the Dark” luncheon, on Saturday, April 16, 2016 (9:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) at Victory Lutheran Church, 16200 Berger Drive, Eden Prairie.

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

Everyone is encouraged to bring one of the following: Granola Bars, 100 Calories Snack Packs, Cereal Bars, Protein Bars. These will be used at Blind Fellowship Event.

If you have questions or to R.S.V.P. (a courtesy for our hosts), contact Anna Gerber at (952-475-9168 or 952-380-8281) or email: gerberanna525@gmail.com

By the end of the day you’ll be “Scripture Equipped for God’s Good Work” and may even want to stay a little longer and attend the Communion Worship Service that evening.

More information and registration forms for the Convention and Christian Life Day can be found in the spring issue of Women on Mission (WOM) or online at: mnslwml.org.

Mites Deadline
Mites must be received by April 25, 2016 to be credited to this biennium’s mission goal of $260,000.

April LWML Meeting
Please note change! Next meeting: 10:00 a.m. April 5, 2016, In the Conference room

LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML)

MN South District LWML Convention
 Registration is now open for anyone wishing to attend the Minnesota South District LWML Convention on June 24-26, 2016 at the Verizon Wireless Center Ballroom in Mankato Minnesota. The theme is “THE LIVING WORD” based on scripture text, “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” II Timothy 3:16-17 NIV 1984

CHRISTIAN LIFE DAY
June 24, 2016
(8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)
A full day of fun, fellowship, Bible study led by our Christian Life Committee and Pastoral Counselors. The cost is $75.00 which includes lunch and materials. It’s a great retreat from daily activities which you won’t want to miss.
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**PASTOR'S PULPIT:**

- **April 9**
  - 7:00am Men's Bible Study- Wayzata Peoples Organic
- **April 16**
  - 7:00am Men's Bible Study- Wayzata Peoples Organic
- **April 23**
  - 7:00am Men's Bible Study- Wayzata Peoples Organic

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE:**

- **April 16**
  - 7:00pm Women's Bible Study
- **April 23**
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**CAMPUS PRAYER:**

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Please check your weekly bulletin for the most up-to-date information.
We invite you to worship with us!

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

**THRIVENT BUILDS WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Plan on volunteering with this year’s Habitat for Humanity home building project, **JULY 18 & 19**. It's a great opportunity to express your faith through this service project.

Stay tuned for more details as to where we’ll be working and what specific part of the build we’ll be involved with.

Questions? Contact Hank Radintz or Cory Schulz.

**SPRING WORKDAY**

Mark your calendar for Redeemer’s Annual Spring Workday, Saturday, **MAY 7TH**.

More information will be available as we get closer to that date.

**Jesus Appears to His Disciples**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

*John 20:19-20*