“GOD IS FAITHFUL!”

Can you imagine two people being more different? Dennis Rodman, eccentric former NBA star, and Kim Jong-un, leader of North Korea. Yet, there they were, sitting together and shaking hands. Rodman has made several trips to North Korea, and calls the Kim Jong-un his “friend.”

God uses sometimes bizarre circumstances to carry out His will. In April 2013, American missionary Kenneth Bae was sentenced to 15 years hard labor by the government of North Korea for allegedly plotting to overthrow the government. Not long after the sentencing, Rodman took to Twitter with an urgent request: “I’m calling on the Supreme Leader of North Korea or as I call him ‘Kim,’ to do me a solid and cut Kenneth Bae loose.”

After two years in prison, Bae was freed. Amazingly, God used Dennis Rodman to accomplish His will. God heard the prayers of so many who called on the Lord to free His servant. During his imprisonment, God used Bae’s captivity to grow his faith. The missionary said, “I learned to say, ‘Lord, You know my heart – but not my will but yours be done. I give up my right to go home, and I leave my family to You.’ My prayer changed from “Send me home, Lord” to “Use me, Lord.” After that, God started opening doors for me to connect with my captors. I was building genuine relationships. I want readers to know that God is faithful – that we go through difficulties in life, but God never leaves us, never forsakes us. We need to let the Lord do His work, and then depend upon Him during times of difficulty, whether that’s a North Korean prison or anything else.”

Bae’s words show a deep understanding of God’s will. Freedom became less and less important. Being used by God, whether in or out of prison,

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The More Things Change...

Public education in Minnesota has changed dramatically over the past few years. We are experiencing the intrusion of laws and regulations that are in direct opposition to our faith and values as Christians. These initiatives are being integrated into classrooms at every grade in the public school system. At Redeemer, we make every decision based on God’s Word and integrate it into our curriculum, classrooms, hallways, playground, and more. This permits us to come alongside you as parents and support your parenting ministry.

The More They Stay the Same...

Our new 2016-2017 church and school theme is just that… “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” Hebrews 13:8.

The take-away is that tapping into God can help us weather all kinds of change with grace and resilience. We don’t have to search for new publications and books for our guiding sense of purpose – we’ve got THE Book – and it’s the basis for all we do at Redeemer. It doesn’t change!

Our central reason for being has remained constant – to impart teachings for a LIFETIME: Learning, Integrity, Faith and Excellence. We are constantly searching for ways to be a school of excellence, using teachings for a LIFETIME as the guideline for all we do.

Do you know someone who could benefit from consistency in their lives? Direct them to us. We’ve been here for 38 years, and are still going strong! Tours can be given M-F, 8:30 – 4:30. Contact Linda Wiebold, School Administrator, to schedule your visit at 952/473-5356 or lwiebold@redeemerwayzata.org.

Enrollment Up Over Last Year!

We’re thrilled to announce that our enrollment for this coming school year has already surpassed the enrollment for last year, and we’ve still got a whole summer to give tours! We’re at 98 students as of this writing.

Health Services Paraprofessional Needed

We are seeking someone for the position of Health Services Paraprofessional for Redeemer Lutheran School. Hours are M-F 8a to about 10a when school is in session.

The Health Services Paraprofessional provides routine health services and is

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became his heart’s desire. Bae began building relationships with the prison guards, witnessing to them by his loving actions and words.

God is so faithful to us. As we give our lives to Him, He opens doors to serve. In difficult times, He comforts us and gives us strength. He reminds us that Jesus is always with us. We are God’s forgiven children, on earth to serve our Savior, whatever the circumstances.

On our recent trip to China, Donna and I experienced God’s overwhelming faithfulness and love: A safe journey, two beautiful new children, and now the joy and challenge of raising our four girls. Already He is at work, faithfully binding us together. It is not easy; every day is a challenge! But God is faithful. He is growing our faith as we trust Him and step out with His will in mind: “Not my will but Yours be done.”

God is faithful! Don’t give up in difficult circumstances. Jesus is with you always. Look for ways to do the Lord’s will by loving people.

In Christ,

Pastor Steve

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responsible for helping us to respond to emergencies in the building. The Health Services Paraprofessional also performs clerical duties as scheduled or assigned by the Office Administrator. Current First Aid and CPR certification or plans to acquire certification is required before school starts. Contact Linda Wiebold if interested at 952/473-5356 or lwiebold@redeemerwayzata.org.

School Lunch Server Needed

We also have need for a school lunch server 3-4 days/week, 10:00 - 1:00.

This person is needed during the days school is in session, plus one week before school starts and one week after school ends.

Duties include but are not limited to: placing the food order with our vendor, serving the food, clean-up, and record keeping. Computer proficiency required. Smiles are also required. 😊

If you are interested, please contact Linda Wiebold at 952/473-5356, or lwiebold@redeemerwayzata.org.

Servant Event for the Blind

Needed: Volunteers to help prepare and serve a nutritious meal for approximately 30 blind guests and volunteers at 12:00 noon on Saturday, July 16th, 2016.

If you are interested in this one-time servant event for the blind of Minneapolis at Faith Lutheran Church, 3430 E 51st Street, Minneapolis, MN, contact Anna/Phil Gerber or sign up in the church lobby by July 10th.

Blind Fellowship Outreach is an affiliation of Lutheran Braille Workers. Carpooling can be arranged.

GOD BLESS America
**Music & Worship “Notes”**

**Summer Sing-Alongs Continue in July & August**

Summer worship at Redeemer brings the unique opportunity to sing some favorite hymns, gospel songs, spirituals, Sunday School songs, and good old family favorites that tend to get forgotten in the development of new hymnals and songbooks.

Congregation members are invited to write down their ten favorite songs and give the list to Redeemer’s Music Director, Dan Oie, who will compile a summer list of sing-along songs for the opening 5–10 minutes of worship. These songs will be heard during the prelude and then as a medley for the opening of worship each Sunday. Some songs may be a part of the service or communion time.

Invite your friends and family members to church as they will enjoy these songs as well. This sing-along for July 3 will include patriotic hymns.

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**Redeemer Worship Services – Special Music**

- **July 3** ............. Patriotic Hymns and Songs
  10:00 a.m. (1 service only)
  Dan and Cheryl and Ben Oie
- **July 17** ........... Ava Lambert, cello
- **July 24** ........... Blessings Gospel Trio
  Jerry, Tim and Bob Johnson
- **August 7** ........ Solveig Meyer (8:15); Jennifer Larson (10:45)
- **August 21** ...... Laurie Praetorious, harp
- **August 28** ...... Dave Horn, Worship Leader

**West Metro Summer Organ Concerts – Thursdays at 12:10 p.m.**

As part of our summer music celebrations, several church music leaders have put together a series of ten organ concerts that will be performed at five different churches in Hopkins, Edina, Minnetonka and Wayzata.

The collaboration and planning was headed by Brice Peterson in an effort to celebrate 40 years of

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**Thanks “Kidz Under Construction”**

Twenty-nine eager and excited students participated in the first ever Summer Music Camp at Redeemer held June 13-17.

The week culminated in a show in which the kids demonstrated their singing ability, both as a group and as solos, memorization of acting parts, songs, and daily Scripture verses, along with learning how our lives are part of God’s big plan – constructing a personal Masterpiece in each person’s life. Pastor Ferber had a minor role in the play, along with Ben Wagner, our own “Joe Carpenter.”

Thanks to our assistant director, Cheryl Oie, and many youth and adult helpers. Remember, “God’s still working on me!”

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![Photo of Summer Music Camp participants](image-url)
(Listed below are the seven organ concerts, all beginning at 12:10 p.m.:

- 🎼 July 7 ....... Andrew Jacob, Normandale Lutheran, 6100 Normandale Road, Edina
- 🎼 July 14 .... Dan Oie, Redeemer Lutheran, 115 W Wayzata Blvd, Wayzata
- 🎼 July 21 ...... Brice Peterson and Friends, Zion Lutheran, 241 5th Ave N, Hopkins
- 🎼 July 28 ..... Joseph Trucano, Gethsemane Lutheran, 715 Minnetonka Mills Rd, Hopkins
- 🎼 August 4 .... Jack Swanson Hymn Sing, Normandale Lutheran, 6100 Normandale Road, Edina
- 🎼 August 11 .. James Hild, All Saints Lutheran, 15915 Excelsior Boulevard, Minnetonka
- 🎼 August 18 .. Various organists (Dan Oie) Zion Lutheran, 241 5tha Ave N, Hopkins

The program for July 14 at Redeemer includes the following music selections:

- “Allegro from Concerto #2” – Vivaldi/Bach
- “Wachet auf” (Cantata 140) – J.S. Bach
- “Laudate Dominum” – Mozart
- “Sonata #6 (Vater Unser)” – Mendelssohn
- “Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern” – Drischner
- “Toccata in G Major” – Dubois

Bring your lunch and listen. A closed-circuit video camera will allow the congregation to watch Mr. Oie play the organ close-up. The program will last approximately 45 minutes. A light dessert will be served following the recital.

**“ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL”**

Dan Oie, Redeemer Music Director, will be the music director for six performances of the “Addams Family Musical” presented by the Buffalo Community Theater at Buffalo High School.

The musical involves a cast of 30 singers, along with a 10-piece Spanish orchestra. The story is about an unusual family, the Addams, that attempts to relate to the outside world through the anticipated romantic relationship of their oldest daughter Wednesday. Modeled after the highly popular TV show from the 1960s, this 90-minute overly dramatic episode demonstrates the resolve of two children who struggle to introduce their weird families to one another.

The drama director and choreographer for this show is Ben Wagner, a regular Redeemer attendee, who played a small role in our recent Redeemer Music Camp, “Kids Under Construction.” The Addams Family presents their characters in a unique way of “full disclosure.” This is a fast moving and exciting family show for all ages.

The dates for the show are **JULY 22, 23, 24 (SUNDAY MATINEE), 28, 29 AND 30.** The evening shows are at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday matinee is at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at **www.buffalocommunitytheater.org** starting three weeks before the show. Tickets are $15, $12 and $8. Tickets will also be available at the door.

**ALEXANDRIA CONCERT AUGUST 6 BY DAN AND CHERYL OIE**

If you’re near the lakes area of Alexandria, MN, you’re invited to a concert by Dan and Cheryl Oie on Saturday, August 6, at 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Carmel Bible Camp, located 7 miles north of Alexandria on beautiful Lake Carlos. The concert will include light classical tunes, some Broadway show-tunes, and a section of popular gospel hymn tunes. Dan and Cheryl will also lead Sunday morning worship at Mt. Carmel on Sunday, August 7, at 11:00 a.m.
REDEEMER’S 2018 VISION (or 3 to 5 year vision):
“We will joyfully and passionately share Christ's love with families, our community and the world”

REDEEMER’S 2018 YEAR VISION OBJECTIVES:
1. Create an ongoing Wednesday Evening Faith & Family Night
2. Create a Fellowship Atmosphere
3. Grow our Christian Day School
4. Provide Excellent Worship Services
5. Provide Community Outreach and Service Opportunities

ANNUAL VOTERS’ MEETING Recap

On Tuesday, June 14, 2016, the Voters Assembly gathered for the Annual Meeting.

After reports by the different boards were given, the 2016-2017 Ministry Vision was presented, followed by the 2016-2017 Financial Plan.

Those present voted to approve both the 2016-2017 Vision and the Financial Plan. The Election of Officers and Board positions was held, and the following individuals were elected:

- Steve Pannier - MMLG, Member-at-Large
- Deborah Schulz - MMLG Member-at-Large
- Steve Jantzen - Board of Elders
- Don Okrina - Board of Elders
- Alan Nelson - Board of Elders
- Keri Rouen - Day School Board
- MaryJo Jensen - Day School Board
- Kai Kroll - Day School Board

Congratulations and thanks go to these individuals for their dedication to Redeemer Lutheran Church and School!

In His Service,

Paul Kieffer
Congregation Chairman

NEW FACILITY USE GUIDE IS NOW IN PLACE

As members of Redeemer Lutheran Church and School, you are able to reserve rooms in our facility. You are also able to reserve and borrow tables, chairs, etc., for use off church property.

The new policy now requires that all such activities be approved ahead of time by the Church Administrator, Stacy Klone.

The reason for the new policy is so that when groups come in who have reserved space in our facility, they will also find their room unoccupied, and all chairs/tables/kitchen equipment/sports equipment, etc., that they had expected to use, to be there.

Please stop by the church office and pick up a copy of the new “Facility Policy and Procedures Use Guide.”

We want to use our facility to the glory of God. We ask for your help in making this happen!
**R.A.D.I.C.A.L. Bible Study**

David Gesch

R.A.D.I.C.A.L. (Redeemer Athletes Developing In Character And Leadership) Bible Study met before school on Friday mornings throughout the school year.

Along with studying the Bible and focusing on Christian leadership skills, the 5th – 8th graders did a year long service project raising funds for wounded members of our armed forces. Through an outstanding “Coins for Heroes” effort, the Bible study group collected over $600.00!

The money will be split between the “Wounded Warrior Project” and “K9s For Warriors” – two amazing organizations that provide much needed support for our wounded military members in their effort to reenter society after war.

God bless these wonderful kids for living out their faith and honoring their Lord and Savior through servanthood!

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**LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML)**

"DRI JULY" is one of LWML’s ongoing outreach missions.

We collect items for Robbinsdale Women’s Center Boutique. Robbinsdale Women’s Center ministers to women with unplanned pregnancy and their children. All items should be new.

**Items needed:**
- Bottles - Avent (brand),
- Bottle brushes,
- Onesies (Newborn to 24 months),
- Receiving blankets,
- Crib sheets,
- Pacifiers,
- Baby wipes,
- Boy/Girl Sleepers (neutral colors, size newborn to 6 months),
- Baby hats and socks,
- Burp cloths,
- Dreft laundry detergent,
- Baby toys - teethers,
- Baby grooming kits - combs, thermometers.

The following items are also acceptable:
- Like-new items (in original box).
- Strollers,
- Pac & Play - recent model (for 2 to 3 years old).

Bring items to the collection box beneath the LWML bulletin board.

If you have questions about the boutique you may call: 763-531-9554.

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**Military Service Recognition**

Do you have a family member or friend currently serving in the military?

Redeemer wishes to recognize and pray for those individuals.

Please submit a military photo with current service information to the church office for posting on our military recognition billboard.

Jordan Pannier is our only service member recognized so far and his picture needs some company.

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**Redeemer Garage Sale**

August 3 & 4, 2016

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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.
SUMMER WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Once a month during the summer, come and join us for a Bible Study on Women Who Believed God.

We will meet on the second Wednesdays of July and August, and spend some time looking at the lives of Abigail, Salome, Eunice and Lois. Are you unfamiliar with these particular ladies? They are lesser known, ordinary women who dared to trust God, and in the process influenced their families, changed their communities, and affected the course of history. Not bad for ordinary women!

We will meet on July 13, and August 10, at 10:00 am in the Gathering Room. We hope you will join us as we all find encouragement to imitate their faith.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

Summer 2016 is underway! I hope you are enjoying the beautiful weather as well as the time off from schoolwork and other school year routines.

We had a great week of VBS here at Redeemer with over 75 kids participating. I am very thankful for our students who stepped up as leaders throughout the week and made VBS a great experience for all the kids who attended. It was truly a team effort and the Body of Christ in motion. I couldn't be more proud of them.

Our Wednesday night ministry is still going though it has morphed for the summer. The Gathering UNPLUGGED takes place most Wednesday nights throughout the summer. Come join us and have a great time with your peers or meet some new peeps.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

You are loved!

Joe Lomando, Student Ministry Director
Music Camp & VBS
Week of June 13-17
Sunday School/SHINE will resume after Labor Day. Teachers are needed. Contact Tim Hanson if you are interested @ 763-923-1109.

SHINE Nursery—K and younger will continue during second service over the summer months. Please make arrangements for help if moving heavy items.

Garage Sale donations accepted until July 29th during office hours. Please make arrangements for help if moving heavy items.

WILL Annual DRI July Collections can be dropped off at the table in the church lobby throughout July.

- **Sunday, July 31st**
  - 11:00am Sunday Service
  - 1:00pm Women's Bible Study

- **Monday, August 1st**
  - 7:00am Men's Bible Study

- **Tuesday, August 2nd**
  - 7:00am Men's Bible Study

- **Wednesday, August 3rd**
  - 7:00am Men's Bible Study
  - 5:30pm JoySound Practice

- **Thursday, August 4th**
  - 7:00am Men's Bible Study

- **Friday, August 5th**
  - 9:00am AA Group

- **Saturday, August 6th**
  - 7:00am Men's Bible Study
  - 6:30-8:00pm Youth Group

Notes:

- **High Communion—HC**
- **Grouping Room—GR**
- **Conference Room—CR**

Key:

- HC: Holy Communion
- CR: Conference Room
- GR: Grouping Room

Please check your weekly bulletin. Calendar dates are subject to change.
REDEEMER IS GETTING A NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!

Do you ever see people in church and wonder what their names are? Have you ever heard an announcement regarding a member and wished you could put a face with a name? Are you new to our church and wish you had something to help you put names with faces? Help is on the way! We are producing a pictorial directory for our church.

Photo sittings will be on July 18, 19, & 20, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, from 2:00pm to 9:00pm. There are two ways to sign up for your photo sitting. You can sign up at home on your own computer by going to the Redeemer website, redeemerwayzata.org, and on the bottom of the CHURCH home page, you will find a link to LifeTouch. Click on the link, and follow the instructions. It’s that easy!

Or, you can sign up at church in-between services on June 19 & 26 and July 3 &10, with the help of the Pictorial Directory Committee, Kristine Anderson, Minnie Ann Klone, Linda Krantz, and one of hopefully many volunteers, Cheryl Oie. They will help you find and select a time slot that works for you.

After your photo sitting is complete, you will be able to view your portraits right away, and select any you would like to purchase. A price list will be available ahead of time for you to use in making your decisions.

Best of all, there is no cost to you, and every family unit who has their portrait taken gets a free 8x10 portrait, and a free church directory! So don’t delay, sign up for a photo sitting time slot that works with your schedule.

LifeTouch is partnering with us to have a food drive during our photography sign-ups. They are asking families to bring in a non-perishable food item for our local food shelf, IOCP. They will in turn give you a $5.00 off certificate toward any portrait purchase in thanks for your donation.

The idea for Feed the Need began when Lifetouch learned that some churches were hesitant to offer new directories or portrait sessions because many in their congregation were facing financial hardships. At the same time, food shelves throughout the nation were seeing an increase in people needing assistance. From these conversations, the Feed the Need program was created.

A $10 certificate is sent to all that sign up online. Lifetouch knows not everyone uses the internet, and they are automatically offering the $10 certificate to everyone, should you choose to purchase.

The Pictorial Directory Committee is seeking volunteers to serve as a host or hostess during the actual photography sessions. The shifts are 2:00pm to 5:30pm and 5:30pm to 9:00pm. Please contact a Directory Committee member to volunteer.

The sooner you sign up for a photo sitting, the better. So sign up soon!

If you have any questions, or want to volunteer to help, please call a member of the Directory Committee: Kris Anderson 630-310-2434, Minnie Ann Klone 763-229-2375, and Linda Krantz 763-476-0587.
LUTHERAN NIGHT AT TARGET FIELD

Join your fellow baseball fans at Lutheran Night at Target Field, Tuesday night, JULY 26, 2016, when the Twins take on the Atlanta Braves. We’ll be sitting in right field close to the main plaza.

Tickets are $27 each and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

You may sign up in the church lobby or you may contact Hank Radintz at 612-865-2130 or hcr720@aol.com.

THRIVENT BUILDS/HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Redeemer's 2016 participation in the Thrivent Builds/Habitat for Humanity program is scheduled for Monday, JULY 18 AND TUESDAY, JULY 19.

This year we'll be working on a new home building project in Bloomington. All skill levels are needed, men and women, ages 16 and older.

A sign-up sheet is in the church lobby.

Contact either Hank Radintz or Cory Schulz if you have questions.