Pastor Steve Ferber

“You Shall Call His Name Jesus”

Today, November 10th, is my daughter Hannah’s eighth birthday. What a special girl! When I looked at Redeemer’s birthday calendar, I noticed that seven members of our church have November 10th birthdays. That’s a lot! But did you know that every day, 353,000 babies are born in the world? And every day, 155,000 people die.

That second statistic is the reason why another baby was born two thousand years ago.

The Bible says that death is the result of sin: “Through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned...” (Romans 5:12).

Sin not only brings physical death; it separates us from God and condemns us to spiritual death, eternity apart from Him. But Jesus was born, in a manger, to reverse the curse of our sin.

One day an angel appeared to Joseph to assure him that his fiancée Mary’s pregnancy was from God. The angel said, “Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for that which has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save their people from their sins” (Matthew 1:20,21).

Jesus is our Savior. This is the reason for Christmas. A holy baby, God in the flesh, was born to save us from our sins. Through faith we are forgiven and bound for Heaven. God is with us every day. No circumstance, no matter how dark or horrible, is without hope: “They shall call His name Emmanuel, which means God with us” (Isaiah 7:14).

Come and worship the Savior of the world this Christmas! Redeemer has two Christmas Eve services: 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Both are family candlelight services with a children’s message. Christmas Day worship is 10 a.m. with Holy Communion.

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Steve
S.M.A.R.T. Program
Designed to Boost Students' Learning

Learning can be child's play. Just ask Sophia. She had just finished crawling on a mat, slapping math facts and saying their answers. She was beaming because she knew all the answers.

S.M.A.R.T., or Stimulating Maturity through Accelerated Readiness Training, is a system that uses a series of exercises — including bouncing on a mini-tramp, balancing on a beam, crawling, rolling and patternning — to give students a better sense of their bodies and teach them motor skills that will help make them better learners.

"Everything they do has a purpose," Amanda Dehmer, second grade teacher says. "It's a multisensory approach to learning. They're working on their vocabulary words. They're working on their math facts. They're working on their spatial awareness," she said. "Everything they're doing is making connections in their brain. Every activity has a purpose. There's something going on that's helping them get ready to learn."

For example, according to the Minnesota Learning Resource Center, walking on a balance beam helps a child develop balance and body awareness. Body awareness helps children sit still and remain seated. It also helps a child understand left from right, which helps when learning to read from left to right.

Crawling on a mat and touching the center line helps with eye-teaming. Eye-teaming is important for reading. Children who have trouble with eye teaming may tire easily and show a decline in reading comprehension and even avoid schoolwork.

Auditory activities help children understand distinct units of sound (phonemes), blend of sounds to form words, and develop the brain's ability to organize and make sense of language sounds (auditory discrimination).

It doesn't hurt that all the crawling, creeping, spinning, balancing, rolling and patternning is not only fun, but improves students' physical fitness, strength, coordination and their ability to pay attention. "It's a great program," Amanda Dehmer said. "It's another tool to help these kids succeed."

Preschool through grade three teachers utilize this S.M.A.R.T. program almost every day of the week. It's something that makes Redeemer stand out from area schools, in that it helps with readiness to learn. Even adults would benefit from these activities!

Come and check us out to see how S.M.A.R.T. we are!

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**EIGHTH GRADE CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE**
The 7th and 8th grade students will hold their annual Christmas Boutique on **Thursday, December 1, 8am – 12pm and 1pm-4pm, and Friday, December 2, 8pm to 12pm.** Everyone will have a chance to purchase crafts, gift items, and baked goods created by our seventh and eighth graders. Prices for items vary, but some start at 25 cents.

Please stop and see us! The proceeds will go to help fund our class trip!

**SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS ARE RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER**
Smiling cherubic faces, inspired music, and the Christmas message are part of the special school children’s Christmas programs.

Who can you invite to join you?

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 9AM:** Preschool 3’s and Pre-K 4’s Christmas program in the sanctuary

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 9:00AM DRESS REHEARSAL AND 6:30PM PROGRAM:** Preschool-grade 8 Christmas program in the gym.

Come to the dress rehearsal if you can’t make it to the evening program.

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**It’s COOKIE TIME!**

Redeemer’s Compassion Circle invites cookie bakers to contribute as many “Christmas cookies” as you are willing to share with others for our annual Christmas Cookie Pack.

Cookies will be distributed to Home Free (a local shelter for battered women and children), Meals-on-Wheels, Interfaith Outreach, Vicksburg Commons families, and Redeemer’s shut-ins. Please label cookie containers “for C.C.” and deliver them to the Redeemer kitchen by Monday noon, December 12th.

Adults are welcome to help sort and pack the cookies in the auditorium **between 1-3 PM on December 12th.**

Please phone Judymae Bowers (763-476-0913) or Vi Schulte (763-473-5697) with questions, or to arrange for pickup if you are unable to deliver your cookies by noon on December 12th. Thank you very much.

“We LOVE GOD by LOVING OTHERS.”

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Tonia Hughes is notably among Minnesota’s most gifted artists. From a squalling Gospel to a gritty Blue Grass – audiences are drawn to her electrifying, passionate and transparent delivery. Her versatile ability and incomparable delivery, has afforded her the opportunity to open for various events featuring such mega gospel industry standouts as Dorinda Clark-Cole, Marvin Sapp and Fred Hammond to name a few.

She has performed with the Minnesota Orchestra at Orchestra Hall, at the acclaimed Lincoln Center in New York and throughout the Twin Cities at hundreds of culturally diverse church, theatrical, college and university events.

Tonia’s continued work as a performing artist and worship leader in both massive and small venues is nothing short of medicinal to those present. Her Kingdom anointing is evidenced by a heartfelt delivery that allows her to surpass racial, denominational and inter-generational barriers that often segregate worshipers.

Tonia has garnered critical acclaim for her leading roles in musical and theatrical productions. Her credits include *Encounters* (2002), Southern Theater; *Black Nativity* (2003 – present), Penumbra Theater; *Caroline or Change* (2009), Guthrie Theater; *Loves Covers* (2010), Women’s Club of Minneapolis; *Mahalia* (2011), Fellowship Baptist Church; and *Cinderella*, The Ordway Theater (2011).

Tonia will be share favorite Christmas carols and songs and will be assisted by Dan Oie, Redeemer’s Director of Music, Cheryl Oie, and Kathy Banisky. Redeemer Handbells will also play several Christmas Carols. This is a wonderful outreach event for the women and youth of Redeemer.

**December Out-Reach Events**

An important part of our Christian witness is the sharing of our musical gifts during the season of Advent and Christmas. There are several events listed below that identify times and places where Redeemer musicians will be performing.

There are some openings to participate in these events (contact Dan Oie). It is also important to invite people who live nearby or at these residences, to the events listed.

The visit to Harbor Light on December 18 has limited music space, so inquire with Dan Oie.

**Outreach Events for Advent and Christmas 2016**

Wednesday, November 30 .......... 6:15 p.m......... WINGS Caroling at Meridian Manor
Tuesday, December 6.............. 7:00 p.m......... Christ for People with Disabilities Wayzata EF Church
Wednesday, December 7 .......... 6:30 p.m.......... Handbells and Choir at Hillcrest Golden Living Center
Saturday, December 17 ............ 4:30 p.m......... Handbells and Choir at Folkestone Residence, Wayzata
Sunday, December 18 ............. 5:00 p.m.......... Harbor Light Salvation Army Center – Band/Singers
**REDEEMER WORSHIP SERVICES AND MUSIC SCHEDULES**

**Wednesdays**  
November 30, December 7, & December 14 at 5:00 p.m.  
Mid-Week Advent Meditations  
Pastor Steve Ferber and Dan Oie

**Sunday, December 4 at 5:00 p.m.**  
Advent by Candlelight  
Tonia Hughes, Gospel Musician  
Redeemer Handbells

**Sunday, December 11 at 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.**  
CREO Worship Dancers

**Sunday, December 18 at 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.**  
Christmas Lessons and Carols  
Orchestra

**Monday, December 19 at 5:00 p.m.**  
Dan Oie, piano, at Calvary Co-op Apartments

**Saturday, December 24 at 3:30 & 5:00 p.m.**  
Christmas Eve Worship with Harp  
Redeemer Handbells

**Sunday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m.**  
Christmas Day Communion with Brass

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**TOUR TO VISIT MARTIN LUTHER EXHIBIT ON JANUARY 6**

As part of the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation in 1517, Redeemer will host a guided tour of the Art Exhibit of Martin Luther at the Minneapolis Institute of Art on **Friday evening, January 6**.  
Transportation will be provided, leaving Redeemer at 5:00 p.m.  
We have 30 tickets available.

Contact Dan Oie to RSVP your ticket at email doie@redeemerwayzata.org or phone 952-473-1281, Ext 209.

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**CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA PROJECT BEGINS NOVEMBER 30**

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**“JOY TO THE WORLD,”** a celebration of Lessons and Carols with choir and orchestra will be presented on **Sunday morning, December 18 at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. worship services.**

Music Director Dan Oie will direct a chamber orchestra of strings, winds, harp and percussion. Many singers are needed to help present this special project. Rehearsals begin on Sunday, November 27 at 6 p.m. Singers need not be members of Redeemer to participate. High school and college students may also participate.

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**CREO DANCERS SHARE IN REDEEMER WORSHIP DECEMBER 11**

Creo Dance Studio of Wayzata has as its mission: “I think! I create! I believe!” One of the ways this mission is accomplished to visit area churches and interpret their worship of praise and faith through interpretive dance. Creo will share a Christmas song, “Hallelujah! Light Has Come” on **Sunday December 11**.

Redeemer student Brooke McKevitt is a dancer for Creo Dance Studio.

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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.
Join us in singing 10 beautiful carols arranged by John Leavitt, accompanied by harp and chamber orchestra. We would love to invite friends, community members, and youth, to join with the Redeemer Choir in this joyous celebration. We will insert 2 contemporary Christmas songs. *(Changed by a Baby Boy – Gaither; Hallelujah – Darlene Zschech)*

**Rehearsals**

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We would like all singers to make at least 3 rehearsals, especially the rehearsal with orchestra. A rehearsal CD will be made with all the songs.

**Carols:**

- *See Amid the Winter’s Snow* (LSB 373)
- *Zion Hears the Watchmen Singing* (LSB 516)
- *Changed by a Baby Boy* – Gaither
- *Ring Merry Bells*
- *Gesu Bambino*
- *While By My Sheep*
- *Hallelujah – Darlene Zschech*
- *O Holy Night*
- *On This Day Earth Shall Ring*
- *Joy to the World* (LSB 387)

**Outreach Concerts**

- Wednesday, December 7 6:30 p.m. Hillcrest Golden Living Wayzata
- Saturday, December 19 4:30 p.m. Folkestone Chapel Wayzata

*(We will sing 30-40 minutes of our concert program + audience Carols; hallway caroling)*

NAME ___________________________________________ ☐ Soprano ☐ Alto ☐ Tenor ☐ Bass (check one)

Email address: ___________________________________ Phone: ______________________________

Mailing address: ___________________________________________________________
As I write this little letter, preparation for this Christmas’ Angel Tree Program is underway. Gretchen Blount, Amy Crum, and I have been talking with the local families of 18 people who will be imprisoned over the holiday, verifying their addresses and getting some gift ideas for these 30 children who are affected by this circumstance.

The caretakers – often a mom or grandparent, struggling under an emotional and financial burden – often sound tired, sad or embarrassed at first. But then when we begin to talk about each child, and what might bring a smile to his or her face, I often ‘hear’ a smile creep on the caretaker’s lips, and sometimes even a little laugh as they explain why something might be a special surprise for a particular child.

I know they’re looking forward to receiving a package containing a gift and – so much more importantly – a Bible, from Redeemer along with a message from the parent who is serving time. What a blessing it is to establish a connection between these folks and Redeemer! Maybe some of them are His sheep and lambs?!

Would you like to be involved, too? There are a few ways to do so. Just look for the ‘Angel Tree’ in the lobby. It will be adorned with angel tags, each with a name of a child and a gift idea for them. You can purchase and wrap the gift; if you are led to do so you can deliver it to the family yourself, or you can bring it back to the office by December 8th and we will ship it to them.

Another way to help is to contribute money towards shipping costs and Bible purchases. I would love an extra set of hands to collate and deliver gifts to UPS, as well. Just email me at matt_erin_kelly@hotmail.com if you’d like to help out one or two afternoons on that part.

Please pray that these families recognize Jesus Christ’s strong love for them through this process.

Erin Kelly
**Diaper Drive!**

Redeemer Lutheran is partnering with New Life Family Services, a Twin Cities area pregnancy resource center, to provide much-needed diapers and wipes to their clients with new babies.

Here’s how it works: During the month of December, Redeemer members and friends will donate diapers (sizes 4, 5, & 6) and wipes. Bring them to the church. We’ll store them here until Wednesday, January 4th.

On that night, a Faith & Family Service Project night, WINGS kids, student ministry (youth group) participants, and adults will work together to:

a) bundle the diapers,
b) mark verses in Bibles provided by New Life, so that clients who receive diapers will also receive the Good News of Jesus, and
c) kids will write encouraging notes on 4 x 6 cards that will be put into the package of diapers, wipes, and Bibles.

A staff member from New Life will speak at the event and show a video of the organization’s services. Dinner will be served at 5:30, followed by music and the service project.

Come on Wednesday, January 4th, for this special Faith & Family service project! Get started today by buying and donating diapers and wipes.

For more information, contact Amy Crum or Pastor Steve.

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**Lutheran Women’s Missionary League News**

Redeemer LWML group will **not** meet in December. We encourage the ladies to participate in **Advent by Candlelight** and to offer their services to Compassion Circle’s annual cookie pack. We will resume meeting for Bible Study and knitting/crocheting baby caps in January. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Conference room.

**Save the Date:** **July 28-29, 2017, for the District Women’s Retreat** at Best Western Plus – North Mankato sponsored by the Minnesota South District Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) Christian Life Committee and Pastoral Counselors.

Read about **mites at work** at [http://www.mnslwml.org/resources/mites-at-work](http://www.mnslwml.org/resources/mites-at-work) to learn about how your mites are blessing Mission Grant recipients.

The **Women on a Mission Newsletter** is available online at [http://www.mnslwml.org](http://www.mnslwml.org) and also in the information rack across from the office. Issues are published in September, December, March and June. Please help yourself.

Thank you all for your support. God bless and have a Blessed Christmas.
The Gathering!

Wednesdays
6:00 PM until 7:30 P.M.

The Gathering is a community of students joining together for worship, Word, and small groups. These three main elements are designed to help teens grow in their faith and their relationship with Jesus. All students currently in grades 6-12 are welcome. Come check it out and bring your friends!

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions me by email at jlomando@redeemerwayzata.org or my cell phone number at 612-849-3693.

Joe Lomando

Need a Gift Idea? — Check out Scrip!

Scrip makes a great gift. Gift cards are available for many retail stores, restaurants, gas stations, and grocery stores. Check out the selection.

Plus, using Scrip for your gift-giving instead of cash or your Visa, gives back money to Redeemer Church and School. It’s a win-win!

Scrip can be purchased in the auditorium on Sundays or the church office weekdays during business hours.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas.

Lifelight

The LifeLight Bible Study will not be meeting during the month of December, but will be offering a new nine-week study of the first half of the New Testament book of Romans on Thursdays, beginning January 12 from 9:30—11:30am in the Conference room.

A Study guide ($10) is available in the office. Come study God’s Word with us. Bring a friend. Everyone is welcome.

Questions? Ask Eva McAtee (763-476-1827) or Judymae Bowers (763-476-0913).

The Story Bible Study

Join Pastor Steve and your fellow brothers and sisters for the Adult Education Hour between services Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Pastor Steve is leading a journey through Scripture using The Story, a fresh, effective way to study and understand the great themes of the Bible.

What a great way to study the Word together!

Women’s Bible Study

The Wednesday Morning Women’s Bible Study will not be meeting on December 21st. Our last meeting in December will be on the 14th.
Faith & Family Night
October 26, 2016
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**KEY:**
- Conference Room = CR
- Gathering Room = GR
- Holy Communion = HC
- Christmas Eve = CE
- Newsletter Articles Due

**Complete Calendar event details can be found in the newsletter and on the website.**

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR WEEKLY BULLETIN.**

Calendar dates are subject to change.
We invite you to worship with us!

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

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**JOY TO THE WORLD**

**SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS**

**DECEMBER 18**

On Sunday, December 18, at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m., the singers and orchestra of Redeemer Lutheran Church will present “Joy to the World,” a worship service of ten familiar and uplifting carols and gospel songs. The choir of 30 singers will be joined by an orchestra of 12 strings, winds, handbells and harp to fill the room with Christmas joy and reflection.

Music Director, Dan Oie will be the director.

Invite a friend, neighbor, and family members to enjoy these beautiful worship services.

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**CHRISTMAS DECORATING**

Begin celebrating Christmas by helping decorate Redeemer on **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 27TH AT 8:30 AM**.

Help is needed to assemble trees with lights and tree decorations, hang garland and display the outdoor winter scenes.

“Many hands make light work.”