“FEARLESS”

Imagine your life untouched by fear. What if faith, not fear, was your default reaction to threats? If you could hover a fear magnet over your head and extract every last shaving of dread, insecurity, and doubt, what would remain? Envision the day when you can trust more and fear less. Can you imagine your life without fear? Starting Sunday, January 29th, I will be preaching a four-week sermon series based on veteran pastor and best-selling author Max Lucado’s book Fearless.

Sunday, January 29th: Why Are You Afraid? Fear is an honest response to circumstances that affect us all. The Bible promises that there will be storms in our lives. God also promises to weather those storms with us.

Sunday, February 5th: The Fear Of Not Mattering. People often wonder if they are truly important to God. Does He really care about the details of their lives? This sermon drives home the point that God not only cares, He sees us as His greatest work, His masterpiece.

Sunday, February 12th: The Fear Of Global Calamity. How can we be at peace when the whole world seems to be in a state of panic? Jesus said, “See to it that you are not alarmed.” But how? By preparing yourself through God’s Word to understand the world events that will take place. Jesus said things will get worse before they get better.

Don’t give up – God’s great plan is nearing the end.

Sunday, February 19th: The Fear Of Life’s Final Moments. The fear of death is perhaps the greatest fear of all. We all want to die peacefully without feeling afraid. The good news is that we can face death with faith.

I’ll be preaching this series at both the 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services. Bring a friend! Be encouraged to live fearlessly with the help of God’s Word.

In Christ,

Pastor Steve
HOW IS REDEEMER DIFFERENT FROM OTHER SCHOOLS? Redeemer Lutheran School provides the platform for powerful Godly mentoring relationships with your children. They will have the opportunity to interact daily with Christian caring and mature adults and to learn lessons that address their spiritual, emotional and physical maturity, as well as their academic maturity. We are able to address the whole child’s needs. The truth of God’s Word permeates every aspect of Redeemer Lutheran School life and your children will see the adults around them demonstrate the personal application of that truth every minute of every school day.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL EDUCATION - $$.
MENTORING RELATIONSHIPS IN A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ... PRICELESS. Can you put a price tag on the close relationships your children will develop with adults who consciously promote and model authentic Christianity? We don’t think so. We pride ourselves on the "family feel" you’ll notice when you walk the halls of our school. We pair older and younger students all year long as chapel buddies, service project helpers and reading mentors. Dads (or a significant male) have an opportunity to have breakfast with their child (ren) each month at Breakfast Buddies. Classroom parents work side-by-side in service projects. These are just a few examples. Come and see our family-oriented ministry for yourself.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT www.school.redeemerwayzata.org. It will give you more information as to what we’re all about.

WE TEACH THE SMART PROGRAM IN K-3 EVERY DAY. Fox9 TV came and profiled our program, and you’ll find the video on our website. The SMART Program is a multi-sensory approach to learning based on brain research and emphasizes (RLS continued on page 3)
stimulating the brain and body to promote richer connections among the neurons. We pair movement with an educational component such as identifying alphabet letters or sight words at the kindergarten level. It helps children practice and retain what they’ve learned. In a nutshell, movement anchors learning. We’re proud that we teach this program and have seen much success through it, as have the Hopkins, Minneapolis, Bloomington and Minnetonka school districts.

† We offer teachings for a lifetime: Learning, integrity, faith and excellence in all we do. Alumni from way back still come and visit us, and are sending their own children

† Tours also available afternoons by appointment by contacting Linda Wiebold at lwiebold@redeemerwayzata.org or calling 952/473-5356.

Redeemer FunFest
Friday, January 27
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Our carnival/open house, called FunFest, will be held on Friday, January 27, from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. It’s an opportunity to have fun, and see many other church and school families. You can bring friends and neighbors, too.

We serve pizza and hot dogs, and offer many carnival games, and a raffle. It’s always a well-attended, fabulous night.

Who can you invite?

BE GRATEFUL

One of my favorite words is thanks. Just the word lifts the spirit. To say "thanks" proclaims "I am blessed.” According to Max Lucado, “To say ‘thanks’ is to cross the line from have-not to have-much, from the excluded to the recruited.”

Jesus modeled gratitude.

Jesus was thankful. He was thankful when Mary interrupted the party with perfume. When he hugged children and blessed babies and watched blind people look at their first sunsets, Jesus was thankful. When the disciples returned from their first mission trip, he rejoiced: “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth.” (Luke 10:21)

Some techniques to help us be more grateful:

♦ Keep a gratitude journal. Note one to three good things that happened during the day – and be specific. Thank God for these things.

What ARE you Thankful for?

♦ Savor good times. Photographs, drawings and written accounts help reinforce memories. Collect them in scrapbooks or post around your home.

♦ Find a gratitude accountability buddy. Swap gratitude lists with a friend.

♦ Go on a gratitude visit. Write a letter of thanks to someone who has helped you in the past. Read it in person or over the phone.

♦ Count blessings, not sheep. Review events and people to be grateful for during the day as you’re falling asleep.

Linda Wiebold
Music & Worship “Notes”

Lenten Easter Festival Choir (March & April Project)
Singers are invited to participate in Redeemer’s Good Friday choral service “Hope in the Shadows,” a contemporary Tenebrae Service. Songs will feature the writing of Keith Getty (“In Christ Alone,” “The Power of the Cross,” and “Gethsemane Hymn.”) Our Easter celebration will include a new Getty song, “Christ Is Risen, He’s Risen Indeed.” Five special rehearsals will be held to rehearse this new cantata arranged by Lloyd Larson, a Minnesota composer from Maple Grove.

Rehearsals will be:
- Sunday, March 19, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, March 26, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, April 2, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 6, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 13, 8:00 – 9:30 p.m. (with orchestra)
- Friday, April 14, 7:00 p.m. GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT

Easter rehearsal will be:
- Saturday, April 15, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. (Easter Brass)
- Sunday, April 16, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. EASTER FESTIVAL WORSHIP

Opportunities in Music and Worship
You can always participate in Redeemer’s Worship and Music Ministry. Celebrate the New Year of 2017 by joining one of our musical groups:

Deo Gloria Choir
rehearses on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Sings for worship 1-2 times a month.

Redeemer Handbells
rehearse on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Play once a month for worship.

JoySound Worship Band, a rotation of singers, guitar players, drummers and instruments.
Contact Dan Oie to participate: email doie@redeemerwayzata.org or phone 952-473-1281 #209.

Dan Oie

Looking for “Twelve Ordinary Men” for “Living Last Supper” – April 14
Music Director Dan Oie is looking for 12 young men (adults age 16 – 40) who would help portray the disciples of Jesus in a portrayal of the Last Supper on Thursday, April 14. No dramatic experience required. There will be brief speaking parts for each disciple of about two to three paragraphs to help tell the story of Jesus’ last evening with his closest friends, and the betrayal which leads to the cross of Good Friday. Contact Dan Oie at: doie@redeemerwayzata.org
MUSIC IN REDEEMER WORSHIP – FEBRUARY
February 5 .......... Ava Lambert, cello
February 12 ....... St. Anthony Sacred Dance – “I Will Awaken the Dawn”
February 19 ....... Yolanda Williams, Gospel Singer, and Deo Gloria Choir
February 26 ........ Redeemer Handbells, Redeemer Brass

REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL MUSIC EVENTS
Sunday, February 5, 10:45 a.m. Kingdom Kids Sing at Zion Lutheran
Thursday, February 16, 6:30 p.m. Redeemer Talent Show

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.

Diaper Service Project
January 4, 2017
**Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) News**

**Mark the Date …**
**June 22-25, 2017**

**Let’s Celebrate!!!!!!**

They will come by car, plane, train or bus to journey through the past 75 years of ministry as the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, under the theme: “**Jesus Christ Above All**.” They will come to hear Mission Speakers, to participate in Servant events, to do a Mission Pledge Walk fundraiser, and most of all, to enjoy a time of worship and praise for all God has done through their Mite offerings. They will go home, refreshed and renewed spiritually, to carry on the work in their congregations, assisting “**wherever and whenever God has need of them**” with joyful hearts.

Early discounted registration opens on February 1, 2017 ($175 registration fee applies). It is open to all women. Registration forms, information about speakers and special events are in the winter issue of Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly (available from the rack across from church office) or online at [www.lwml.org/2017-convention](http://www.lwml.org/2017-convention).

**Project “Baby Caps”**

Looking for something to do to pass the time during these cold and snowy days? Once again, we are knitting/crocheting baby caps for a local hospital as our Service Project for January, February, and March. Simple patterns are available on the LWML baby cap display table in the lower hall.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room. Come, join us for Bible Study (from the Quarterly) and fellowship. Bring your Mite boxes.

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**Training for Volunteers in our Braille Work Center**

Redeemer has entered into partnership with Lutheran Braille Workers to produce and distribute Braille Christian Bibles and Christian materials for people with visual impairment.

Ability to read Braille is NOT a requirement. All that is needed is a commitment of 4 hours of your time each month to help with collating, assembling, punching, binding, checking and shipping materials.

If interested in volunteering, please pick up a Procedures Manual prior to the training session. Procedure Manuals will be available on Sunday mornings between church services (in the copy room).
Thank you to a few generous donors who found and purchased the lockers. And thank you to all the those who volunteered their time and talent to get them installed.

There is room for you! The Wednesday Night Faith and Family Night Bible Study has resumed.

Please join us as we learn together how God wants us to be a positive influence in our culture and how He will help us. The study is interesting and well written. The DVD portion of the study takes us to the Holy Land.

We meet in the Conference Room from 6:15 to 7:15. Bring your Bible and a friend. You can get a study book on Wednesday nights or pick one up in the church office. The cost is $10.00.

If you have any questions, feel free to call the church office or Pam Swanlund at 612-859-3102.
STEM Update

Redeemer Lutheran School received a two-year, $20,000 Cargill Foundation grant for our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) program last year. Here’s an update on what is going on in these classes, under the direction of our Science teacher, Mrs. Sandy Tutka.

The Automation and Robotics class, grades 7-8, recently completed their mechanism builds of a dozen different simple machines. They are now tasked with using what they have learned from the simple mechanisms to build a more complex machine. Students are challenged to make a windmill with equal input and output speed and torque. Once this is accomplished, they will modify their machine to make the output speed less than the input speed and the output torque greater than the input torque. Students are working hard to meet the demands and deadlines of the project. Teamwork and creative problem-solving skills are vital to each team’s success. Each group will present their product to a company who will be purchasing the best design.

The Design and Modeling class, grades 5-6, just completed their isometric sketches. Drawing 3D objects can be a challenge. In the weeks to come they will be working on precision and accuracy in their metric measuring skills using rulers, meter sticks and dial calipers. They will be making Skimmers. A competition for the most efficient Skimmer will be the ultimate test of their precision and accuracy in measuring!

Angel Tree 2016

What a blessing it has been to watch the yellow angel tags ‘fly’ off of the Angel Tree again this year, returning to the building attached to a gift for each special child to which they were delivered in time for Christmas! So much of your love was put into these gifts – it was obvious, with the beautiful wrapping paper and special touches that were placed on them.

Thank you all for being a part of this way that we can share God’s love with these kids who might have been feeling quite alone, while their parent is in prison.

A quick recap: there were 16 families, with 31 children. This year all but 2 or 3 were hand-delivered. Cynthia Pannier, Angie Kuch, Tammy Melton and Gretchen Blount did most of the deliveries – thank you! Each gift was paired with a Bible and a handwritten note on behalf of all of us – thank you to Paula Lindberg for writing these out with such care. Many others volunteered their efforts, which made this Christmas-time effort possible. Many blessings to you all for your cares and prayers. Until next year, God-willing!

Erin Kelly
February is the month often most associated with the color red and the feeling of love. This is mostly due to what we know the alternate identity of February 14th to be…Valentines Day! And the color we most associate with love is…Red!

For me personally I most associate the month of February with a furry little creature that is supposed to make an appearance on the 2nd day of the month. I find myself “praying” that little guy doesn’t see his shadow and winter will soon be at an end! And the color I most long to see is green...because that means the snow is gone and spring has come.

Speaking of love…this month our focus will be on the life changing impact of God’s love. Students will be challenged to see and experience true love in a different way other than what the world has taught them. We will look at how God’s love has been demonstrated from the very beginning of time and is very much an active agent in their lives today. My goal is for all of us to live in the freedom of God’s unchanging and relentless love for those who call him Father. I invite you to pray for our students as some of them have maybe never known the true nature and power of God’s love in a personal way.

**Winter Retreat 2017**
Arctic Blast Winter Retreat
Feb 10th - Feb 12th
Camp Lebanon
$125/student
STRATEGIC PLANNING 2016-17 PRIORITIES

As a follow up from our strategic planning discussions at the Mission & Ministry Leadership Group (MMLG) monthly meeting on December 6, 2016, the MMLG confirmed their priorities for the upcoming Redeemer 2016-17 year as follows:

1. **Initiate an Assimilation Committee** – Linda Krantz & June Radintz MMLG Advocates
   - A. Evaluate Pastor Steve’s recommended Assimilation program
   - B. Assist Leslee Stewart (committee chairperson) with program definition and start-up
   - C. Help the committee find necessary members and resources

2. **Initiate a Fellowship Committee** – Steve Pannier MMLG Advocate
   - A. Define Fellowship Committee program requirements
   - B. Identify candidates and find a leader for the Fellowship Committee
   - C. Help the Fellowship Committee find necessary members and resources

3. **Continue Supporting Day School Rebranding Efforts** – Tim Anderson MMLG Advocate
   - A. Monitor the Day School Board (DSB)-developed timeline for Rebranding roll-out
   - B. Appropriately assist DSB with the rebranding roll-out as requested

4. **Support Optimization of Church & School Website** – Debbie Schulz MMLG Advocate
   - A. Monitor the DSB-developed timeline for a new Redeemer website roll-out
   - B. Provide support for church website components as requested

5. **Secure Stewardship Chairman & Start-Up Committee** – Dewey Schibilla MMLG Advocate
   - A. Identify candidates and find a leader for a Redeemer Stewardship Committee
   - B. Help the Stewardship Committee find necessary members and resources

   - A. Monitor the Mary Sund (committee chairperson)-developed timeline
   - B. Appropriately assist Mary with the Child Protection Program roll-out as requested

Please continue to pray for our Lord’s guidance of the MMLG priorities for the upcoming year, and contact the corresponding MMLG advocate if you are interested in participating in one of these listed initiatives or joining one of these new committees.

Blessings,

Paul Kieffer

MMLG Chairman

ATTENTION CRAFTERS!

The next craft marathon is scheduled for **Saturday, February 4th**!
So mark your calendar now if you would like to join the next crafters marathon.

We have reserved the auditorium and kitchen from 10am to 10pm, all are free to come and go as their schedule allows. Your fellow crafters are welcome to join.

Contact Judi Micoley for more info and to sign up at 952-476-0214.
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**The Gathering!**

**Wednesdays**

**6:00 P.M. 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 by email at _jlomando@redeemerwayzata.org_ or my cell phone number at _612-849-3693_.

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**FunFest Carnival**

**Friday, January 27**

**5:30 - 8:00 pm**

We’ll be hosting our annual Funfest Carnival on Friday, January 27 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. If you have never experienced the Redeemer Funfest Carnival, this event cannot be missed!

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**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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“Sharing a Changeless Christ in a Changing World”