"My Father’s House"

April 10th is a special day for our family. On April 10th, we close on the sale of our home, and on the purchase of our new home. We have prayed and worked hard for this day. We are so excited! Our new home is bigger, just right for our expanded family.

April 16th is another special day, for all of God’s family. It is Easter Sunday, the day to remember that God has a home ready for each of us in Heaven because Jesus died for our sins and rose from the dead. Christ is risen! Because He lives, we too shall live. Jesus said, “In My Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you” (John 14:2). To all who believe in Christ, we have a future in God’s Heavenly house.

To celebrate this greatest of all truths, we have three special services at Redeemer during Holy Week:

† On Maundy Thursday, April 13th, 6:00 p.m., we will celebrate the “Living Last Supper,” which includes a Jewish meal and a drama with Jesus and the 12 disciples on stage in the auditorium.

† On Good Friday, we gather in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. to remember the death of our Savior for our salvation.

† On Easter Sunday, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Invite your friends to these special services. Give them the hope that you have through Christ, who loves all people and wants all to be with Him forever.

In Christ,

Pastor Steve
Dear Parents of Redeemer,

It warmed my heart as I drove by Redeemer recently and saw many of you gathered on the sidewalk visiting with each other after picking up your children from preschool. It reminded me of myself many years ago... and God placed it on my heart to write this letter...

My husband Todd and I enrolled our three-year-old in the pre-school 3 class in the fall of 2001 at the recommendation of a friend who had 3 children attending. At the time, I hadn't even thought about what we would do for school after preschool, I was just happy to have our son in a "nice little preschool". Over the course of Sam’s time in preschool at Redeemer I fell in love with the staff and the Christian environment. Sam was progressing and happy and loving preschool. The kindergarten room was just the next door down the hall from the preschool room and even though we were living in a great public-school district I began to realize that I couldn’t imagine my son anywhere else but in that kindergarten room. I wanted him to stay and to continue being a part of what I felt was a true gift to us...a place of grace and love and passion for teaching kids about Jesus right alongside a quality education. For us it was an easy decision to stay at Redeemer for grade school.

Fast forward 16 years...we have now have had two boys go all the way through Redeemer and our youngest son is now in sixth grade. I know it's that time of year when many of you have to make decisions about next school year... and maybe you are wondering if Redeemer is the right fit for your child, understandably. We all want the best for our kids. So before you automatically enroll in your local public school or another private school, I sincerely hope you consider entrusting Redeemer with your child's kindergarten through 8th grade education. I give thanks so often to God for the teachers at Redeemer who have played a key role in who our kids are today. It is so evident that teaching at Redeemer is more than a job to them but rather a partnership with families to help raise our children who are well-equipped academically but more importantly equipped with a Christian foundation. Our boys are great students, but most significant to us is that they are Godly young men who have huge hearts for the Lord and for others.

I am hopeful that this letter will touch your heart and help you make the decision to enroll your child at Redeemer Christian Academy.

God Bless,
Todd and Jana Nelson

Taking the Show on the Road

Want to know how to market a school? Just take the show on the road! Grades K-3 and their families have enthusiastically presented songs, lobby displays, and upfront messages.

(School continued on page 3)
Regional Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the following students who will go on to represent Redeemer Christian Academy at the regional spelling bee at Lutheran High School in Mayer.

- Grades 7-8: Tiara Boisselier and Sydney Roepke,
- Grades 5-6: Marcus Johnson and Grace Lomando,
- Grades 3-4: Chris Crum and Jerzie Wohlman,

Go Redeemer!

Please Join Us in Welcoming Five (5) New Students

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

National Volunteer Week is an annual celebration observed in the United States and Canada in mid- to late-April, to promote and show appreciation for volunteerism.

In the United States it is organized by the Points of Light Foundation. Redeemer’s staff wishes to thank and recognize all the people that give so generously of their time and resources. Our volunteers are truly the heart of Redeemer!

There are over 80 volunteer ministries here at Redeemer, run by our wonderful volunteers. As a small token of our appreciation we wish to invite all those who volunteer here or elsewhere to stop in. We would like to thank you with a cup of coffee and a little something sweet; stop by Monday April 24 through Friday April 28.

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@redeemерwayzata.org. Comments and suggestions are welcome.
**“LIVING LAST SUPPER” April 13, 6:00 p.m.**

Come and experience a beautiful Hebrew presentation of food and special music on the night before Jesus journeyed to the cross.

On Maundy Thursday, Jesus joined with his closest friends in a special celebration of the Jewish Passover. We will hear from the 12 disciples who were all with Jesus on that special evening and relate with them their biggest question: “Lord, is it I?”

See page 6 for Reservation Form.

**SHADOWS FESTIVAL CHOIR**

It is not too late to join the choir and sing “HOPE IN THE SHADOWS” for our Good Friday Worship on April 14.

Singing in the SHADOWS project allows you to participate in one musical service that our musicians prepare for a special time of worship like the Good Friday Service.

This year’s set of songs uses worship lyrics written by Keith Getty (composer of “In Christ Alone”) as way of expressing a fresh perspective on the cross, and the dark shadows that engulfed Jesus and his followers on this tumultuous day. The choir will be led by a small chamber ensemble of instruments, and directed by Redeemer’s Music Director Dan Oie.

**“SHADOWS” REHEARSALS:**
- Sunday, April 2, at 6 p.m.
- Thursday, April 6, at 7 p.m.
- Thursday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m. (orchestra)
- Friday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.—Good Friday Worship

**EASTER SINGERS**

Join us in leading the Redeemer Congregation in our Festival Easter Worship Services.

The choir will sing at the opening of both the 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Easter Services, along with Brass and Timpani.

A special rehearsal will be held on Saturday, April 15, 9 – 10 a.m.

**ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL SCHEDULE FOR APRIL (ADJUSTED)**

**Redeemer Handbells** will rehearse Wednesdays April 5, 19 and 26. (No Rehearsal on April 12)

**Shadows Festival Choir** will rehearse Sunday, April 2, and Thursdays, April 6 and April 13.

**JoySound Vocal Team** will rehearse Thursday, April 5, 19, and 26 at 5:30 p.m.

Dan Oie
**APRIL MUSIC IN WORSHIP AT REDEEMER**

**April 2**
- 8:15 a.m...... Blessings Gospel Trio – Jerry, Tim and Bob Johnson
- 10:45 a.m...... Blessings Gospel Trio

**April 9 - Palm Sunday**
- 8:15 a.m...... Redeemer Handbells
- 10:45 a.m...... JoySound Band, Sunday School Children

**April 13 - Maundy Thursday**
- 6:00 p.m...... JoySound Vocals

**April 14 - Good Friday**
- 7:00 p.m...... Good Friday Choir and Chamber Ensemble

**April 16 - Easter**
- 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Easter Brass and Festival Choir, JoySound Band

**April 23**
- 8:15 a.m...... Scott Eugene, solo
- 10:45 a.m...... JoySound Band and Sax

**April 30**
- 8:15 a.m...... Jonathan and Mary Preus, Flute and Clarinet
- 10:45 a.m...... Ben Hertle, Worship Leader

**REDEEMER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY MUSIC EVENTS**

**Sunday, April 30**
- 10:45 a.m...... Kingdom Kids sing at Crossview Lutheran, Edina

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**Vacation Bible School**

June 12 – 16, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Ages 3 years old (must be potty trained) thru currently enrolled in 4th grade

**Summer Music Camp Coming in June!**

**The PRODIGAL CLOWN**

June 12–16, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

(following Morning VBS)

Open to students completing Grades 1 – 6

Directors: Dan and Cheryl Oie

Performance: Friday, June 16 at 4:00 p.m.

Cost: $25 (includes music, t-shirt, snacks)
Come and experience a beautiful Hebrew presentation of food and special music on the night before Jesus journeyed to the cross. On Maundy Thursday, Jesus joined with his closest friends in a special celebration of the Jewish Passover. We will hear from the 12 disciples who were all with Jesus on that special evening and relate with them their biggest question: “Lord, is it I?”

The “Living Last Supper” menu will include Chicken Dumpling Soup, Chopped Salad, Kosher Pickles, Dinner Rolls and Apple Crisp.

To help with the preparation of the meal we are asking you to reserve your supper. The cost is $8 per adult and $5 per child. Please fill out and return the reservation form to the church office by Friday April 7th.
**IT STARTS WITH: THE MISSION + THE STRATEGY + THE TEAM + THE SUPPORT**

This ministry began with a woman with a dedicated mission heart named Helene Loewe Koehler who responded to a plea from Mr. Fred Graepp for Braille Bibles for blind pastors in Germany. Her “file” cabinet for the Braille manuscripts consisted of a shoe box under her bed. Her brother got involved and created a press using rollers from their mother’s ringer washer. Helene soon sought assistance of the Ladies Aid Society of Trinity Lutheran Church, which became the first of nearly 200 Braille and Large Print Work Centers.

**JUST THINK!!** Now, nearly 75 years later, there are nearly 200 Work Centers and 5,000 volunteers making it possible for Christian publications to be distributed (free of charge) in 30 languages to more than 120 countries around the world. “HELPING PEOPLE TOUCH THE PROMISES OF JESUS”...will you join us in this ministry?

There are three ways in which you can help:

1) **PRAYER**;
2) **VOLUNTEER**;
3) **FINANCIAL**.

**VOLUNTEER ...**

**DATE SET FOR TRAINING Of VOLUNTEERS FOR BRaille WORK CENTER AT REDEEMER**

**Friday and Saturday, April 28 & 29, 2017,** are the dates set for training of volunteers for Braille Work Center at Redeemer. **Ability to read Braille is NOT a requirement.** All that is needed is a commitment of your time for the training, and four hours of your time each month to help with collating, assembly, punching, binding, stamping and checking and shipping of materials.

For a successful beginning a minimum of 8-10 volunteers is needed. Volunteers must pick up a Procedures Manual for Braille Work Centers (available on a table in the lobby) prior to the training session. Though the manual may look “complex,” don’t let it frighten you away. This is a TEAM effort and there are many tasks to perform. You will be able to choose the task best suited for you. Reading the Manual will give you an overall picture of how this material is produced and distributed.

**An added benefit** — Don’t forget the “FELLOWSHIP” and RELATIONSHIPS built and strengthened through working together.

Invite a friend to join you in “HELPING PEOPLE TOUCH THE PROMISES OF JESUS.”
DEEDEEMER DAY SCHOOL REBRANDING & SPRING FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Dear Friends and Families of Redeemer:

We are very excited with the progress of our Day School Rebranding, and look forward to our transition to Redeemer Christian Academy for the 2017-18 school year. In conjunction with this endeavor, the Redeemer leadership group feels that the time is appropriate to initiate a capital fund drive this fall, to solicit financial support for the expansion of our ministries and the updating of our facility.

As such, we have decided to forego the annual Redeemer Spring Auction this year, and replace it with a scaled back spring fundraising event, primarily focused on the solicitation of donations for 2017-18 day school scholarships.

We ask for your continued support of our Day School Rebranding efforts, and prayers for our Lord’s guidance as we seek His will for Redeemer’s future. May God continue to bless you and your family.

In His Service,
Paul Kieffer
Congregation Chairman

SPRING WORK DAY—
MAY 6, 8:30 A.M.

It’s that time of year when we “spruce up” our facility and grounds God has entrusted us with.

Plan on spending the morning of May 6 with other members beginning at 8:30. There will be inside and outside tasks.

We’ve had limited hands showing up the last few workdays. Please consider volunteering a bit of your time.

Hank Radintz
612-865-2130

REDEEMER CHURCH DIRECTORIES—

Are scheduled to arrive mid-April. All those that had their photo taken to be part of our directory will be notified when they arrive and can pick them up at the church office.

Any others wishing to have a copy or want a second copy can purchase them for $5.

Training Braille Work Center Volunteers
April 28 and 29

Pick up a Procedures Manual for Braille Work Centers at the table in the lobby prior to the training session.

“Helping People Touch the Promises of Jesus”
LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML) NEWS

MN SOUTH DISTRICT SELECTIONS

YOUNG WOMAN REPRESENTATIVES

JOY! EXCITEMENT! A little APPREHENSION maybe? How would you feel if you were chosen to represent the Minnesota South District LWML as a Young Woman Representative (YWR) at the National LWML Convention in Albuquerque, June 22-25, 2017?

Six months ago applications were made available for women between the ages of 22-40 who would be interested in attending the convention as a YWR. Seven young women applied and two were chosen to represent our District LWML.

The two chosen are ADRIENNE ZHANG ( Redeemer/Wayzata) and AMY KHAMPHANH (Worthington). They have already met through the MN South Committee on Young Women’s co-chairs, who will be their Mentors.

CONGRATULATIONS ADRIENNE AND AMY!!!

BABY CAPS

Thanks to all who have given of their time to knit or crochet baby caps for newborns. Collections will end March 31st.

LAKE MINNETONKA ZONE SPRING RALLY

CELEBRATE SPRING with us at Zion Lutheran Church (241-Fifth Ave No., Hopkins, MN) on Saturday, April 22, 2017.

Registration and brunch will begin at 9:15 a.m. in the fellowship hall, followed by Bible Study on II Samuel 7 led by Joel Landskoerner, Executive Director at Mayer Lutheran High School.

Mothers and daughters entering high school……this program is for you.

Cost is FREE WILL OFFERING at registration.

“GIFTS FROM THE HEART”

“Gifts from the Heart” for Zone Delegate to take to convention are gift cards to Walmart, Kmart, Kohl’s or JC Penney in $10 or $25 amounts. (Recipients include Lutheran Family Service, Care Net Pregnancy Centers of Albuquerque and the Albuquerque Christian Children’s Home.)

Other “Gifts from the Heart” kits are listed in the Quarterly, but due to the fact our Delegate will be flying, it would be difficult for her to take kits with her.

2017 NATIONAL CONVENTION - JESUS CHRIST ABOVE ALL

JUNE 22-25, 2017....A TIME TO CELEBRATE!!!!

LWML turns 75 in 2017. There is still time to register to come to our Diamond Dazzle Celebration in Albuquerque.

MITES DEADLINE

The end of the 2015-2017 biennium is drawing near. All mites to be applied to the Mission Grants adopted in 2015, need to be sent in to District LWML by March 31st.
Happy Easter! He is risen! Can you tell how I feel about Easter Sunday? I don’t think there is a Sunday throughout the year more exciting to me than Easter Sunday. It has nothing to do with bunnies or chocolate or the fact that the weather has hopefully changed for the better…it’s all about Jesus! He won! And because He won we have won too! Jesus conquered sin and death…forever! He willingly endured rejection by His own people, brutal treatment at the hands of the Romans and a horrible death on the cross to pay for our sins. Ephesians tell us that He did all this while we were still dead in our transgressions. He gave us what we needed most before we even realized we needed it. Now when sinners come to the realization of their sin they have “the way” already prepared for them to be redeemed. Jesus paved the road of salvation with his own bloodshed for people in advance of their own revelation of how much they actually needed it. The reality of what Jesus did for us personally should provide the motivation we need to greet each day with a thankful heart.

Isn’t it refreshing to be reminded of that? Students just like adults need to be reminded of the reality of Christ’s work in their lives. Our lives are so full of “stuff to do” that we lose the focus of who we are and where we’re going. Today’s family is so busy. Subsequently we have busy students balancing plates that are overflowing. I believe the state of being busy causes us amnesia. We forget who we are, why we are here and why we do what we do on a daily basis. Then when life throws us a curveball or the enemy attacks. We are like sheep out in the wilderness…lost and defenseless.

Take the opportunity this month to stop, be quiet, look up to the heavens and breathe. Remember who you are (alive in Christ, child of the King) and why you are here (salt and light and to fulfill the plans He has for you).

In other words…stop and smell the roses or the tulips or whatever shrubbery you prefer 😊 and remember, He is risen!

Joe Lomando
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**Key:**
- **HC** = Holy Communion
- **CR** = Conference Room
- **GR** = Gathering Room

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

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**Image:** A colorful Easter-themed image with eggs and spring flowers.
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We invite you to worship with us!

“Sharing a Changeless Christ in a Changing World”

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

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Palm Sunday, April 9
8:15 a.m.
Worship with Palms and Children
10:45 a.m.
JoySound Worship with Palms and Children

Maundy Thursday, April 13
6:00 p.m.
Passover Supper with Living Last Supper
(RSVP Redeemer Church Office)
First Communion for Confirmation Students

Good Friday, April 14
7:00 p.m.
Good Friday Tenebrae (Service of Darkness)

Easter Sunday, April 16
9:00 a.m.
and
10:30 a.m.
Festival Easter Worship