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**REFLECTIONS**

**THE KAISERS ARE COMING BACK!**

On Sunday, August 13th, Redeemer Lutheran Church is excited to be welcoming Dr. Jim Kaiser and his wife Susan to both the 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. worship services. They will also lead the Bible study hour in the auditorium at 9:30 a.m. This will be their second visit to Redeemer in two years.

The Kaisers are excited to be part of a new partnership between Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) and the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY), which is the largest Lutheran church in Africa. They are helping make the Good News of God’s Word available to the people of Ethiopia in their heart languages.

Susan helped establish a literacy program for the Loko people of Sierra Leone (1980-1983). From 1985 to 2006, the Kaisers helped to translate the New Testament for the Kono people of Sierra Leone (dedicated in 2008). From 2006 to 2012, Jim assisted with the translation of the Old Testament for the Chaldean people of Iraq while also completing advanced studies to further equip him as a translation consultant.

Currently, Jim serves as a translation consultant with projects in five languages—Konso, Dirayta (also known as Dirasha), Zayse, Ts’amakko, and Ale (also known as Gawwada). All five language groups are found in the southwest part of Ethiopia near Lake Chamo in the Great Rift Valley. The EECMY is translating the Old Testament for the Konso people (the New Testament was completed in 2002) and is translating the New Testament for the other four languages.

(Reflections continued on page 3)
SAVE THE DATE!

REDEEMER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

The theme for Redeemer Christian Academy’s 40th year is “Rooted,” based on Colossians 2:7-6-7

Continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. (NIV)

It is only because we are rooted in Him that we are celebrating our 40th school anniversary!

Come and celebrate this blessing on Sunday, August 27th with an outdoor church service at 11 am followed by a school celebration beginning at noon.

There will be:
11:00-Noon  Outdoor church service
Noon-2PM   Lunch, fellowship, activities
1:30-2PM   Celebration program
2PM-3PM   More fellowship, activities and school supply drop off, complete outstanding paperwork, sign up for school/service activities, learn about music lesson, ESC, SCRIP and more!

RSVP appreciated for activity and food planning! Call 952-473-1281

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All of us are called to “go and make disciples.” Being part of Lutheran Bible Translators is how the Kaisers are pursuing their calling from God. How are you responding to God’s call on your life to “go”? Come to these inspiring services on Sunday, August 13th. Attend the Bible study hour. Bring a friend! They will appreciate the Kaisers’ story of how God is working through their lives. Come to encourage Jim and Susan in their challenging, important ministry of spreading God’s Word.

In Christ,

Pastor Steve

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.
Did you know “Seek Ye First” was written in 1971 by Karen Lafferty, who was part of the “Jesus movement,” a Christian “hippie” identity that was very casual, folk, rock and roll, long hair, and communal living, along with non-traditional churches?

Did you know Fannie Crosby (1820-1915) was a blind missionary on the streets of New York City and wrote over 8,000 hymns, the most familiar being “Blessed Assurance” and “To God Be the Glory”?

Or that Bill and Gloria Gaither have written over 700 songs? They wrote “He Touched Me” in 1964, first made popular by Doug Oldham, and sung by Elvis Presley, and “Because He Lives” (1971), written during the political upheavals of the late 60s and early 70s.

Hymns and spiritual songs have a way of touching the heart. Please continue to share your favorite hymn titles with Music and Worship Director Dan Oie. Some of our favorite hymns will continue to appear throughout the church year.

**Swedish Night of Song August 16**

You are invited to join Dan Oie and Swedish musician, Lennart Johansson from Luleå, Sweden, in a night of favorite Swedish hymns and songs, on Wednesday, August 16, at 7 p.m.

A couple of famous hymns from Sweden are “How Great Thou Art,” “Children of the Heavenly Father,” and “Day by Day.” Also included in the program will be the Swedish National anthem and a couple of favorite folk songs and singing “The Lord’s Prayer.” Cheryl Oie, vocalist, will also participate in singing a few Swedish anthems.

**SCHOOL WORSHIP AND KICKOFF ON AUGUST 27 WELCOMES**

**TONIA HUGHES**

Gospel recording artist/worship leader Tonia Hughes will be joining us to help celebrate our school worship and kickoff on August 27.

Worship celebration from 11 – 12.

Live music featuring Tonia Hughes, Dan Oie, and the JoySound band from 12:15 until 1:30 pm.
**REDEEMER WORSHIP SERVICES – SPECIAL MUSIC**

**AUGUST 6**
8:15AM—Solveig Meyer and Carolyn Allmon
10:45AM—Jennifer Larson

**AUGUST 13 8:15 AND 10:45AM**
Kaiser Family – Missionaries to Ethiopia

**AUGUST 20, 8:15 AND 10:45AM**
Laurie Praetorious, Harp
Melissa Wagner, “Poetry Rap” Artist (daughter of Deb & Dave Wagner)

**AUGUST 28, 11:00AM**
JoySound Worship Under the Tent – Redeemer Academy Kick-Off
Ben Hertle and Tonia Hughes

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**FALL REHEARSALS BEGIN**

**DEO GLORIA CHOIR**
Wednesday, September 13, 7:30 p.m.

**REDEEMER HANDBELLS** Wednesday, September 13, 6:30 p.m.

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**Redeemer Worship Snapshots**

Worship Guest Denver Bierman June 18

AMIFETIKA led worship at the June 25th service which was supposed to be outside. The chilly temperature (in June???) moved the service indoors.

June 25 Pastor Steve’s Sermon

June 25 Children’s Message

June 25 Refreshments—Bagels and Coffee
**Pastor Gerhard Bode's 50th Anniversary of His Ordination**

Peace Lutheran Church in Hutchinson is celebrating Pastor Bode's 50 years in the ministry on **Sunday, August 13th, at the 10:30 worship service**.

Pastor Bode was Redeemer's pastor for twenty years during the 1970s and 1980s.

The service will be led by Rev. Dr. Gerhard Bode, Jr., Rev. Chris Bode, Rev. Eric Nelson, Erin Bode and Syd Rodway.

Worship will be followed by lunch at 11:45. If you can bring a salad or dessert, it would be greatly appreciated.

*RSPV on the sign up sheet in the Lobby at Redeemer to help Peace Lutheran in their food planning process.*

The address for Peace Lutheran Church is 400 Franklin Street SW, Hutchinson, MN 55350.

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**Braille Center #12 Update**

Braille Center #12 officially opened with a dedication service on Sunday, July 9, 2017. Maureen Pranghofer, a blind singer, song writer, author and speaker, and her handicapped husband Paul's testimonies made it a celebration of Blind Ministries and touched the hearts of those in attendance.

Although everyone in the picture on the right appears "serious" the sounds of laughter and lively chatter coming from the work center tells a different story. It is truly becoming a time of fellowship and storytelling and sharing. We welcome new volunteers, Carol, Gaylen and Terry!

Many questions arise as we work. "Why, in this day of technology, isn't this automated?"

All materials produced by LBW work centers are "FREE" to the blind. Another question asked is about postage to mail these books.

This, too, is free to the blind. "Where do these books go?" All across the US and internationally to China, India, Zimbabwe, Ghana, Tanzania, Guatemala, Nigeria, Italy so far. This is a "Worldwide" mission carried out by volunteers. Love Works!

Currently we meet on Monday afternoons, but as we gain more volunteers, we will have other work sessions on other days. Friday afternoon has already been suggested. So, just because you've not signed up yet, it doesn't mean you've "missed" the opportunity. Drop by on Monday afternoon, check it out, and see for yourself.
**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY**

The Wednesday Morning Women’s Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, August 9, at 10 a.m. We are studying the Names of God.

God is called by many names in Scripture — names that highlight specific aspects of His character. This study invites us to experience and trust God Most High in deeper ways and to worship Him with fresh awe and reverence.

Please join us for study and fellowship, and bring a friend.

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

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**SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR & BIBLE STUDY**

Join Pastor Steve between services Sunday mornings as he leads an eight-part video series titled “Christianity, The First Three Centuries.” Explore how such a tiny sect conquered the world and how a tiny, tortured faith became the most successful phenomenon in all history.

During its first 300 years, from Christ to Constantine, the Christian Church had to wage a two-front campaign against external persecution and internal heresy until it finally conquered the Roman Empire ... and the future.

Let’s study the Word together.

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**MEN’S SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

The men’s Bible Study meets Saturday mornings at the Community Room in Lunds at Colonial Square from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m.

As we all know, “We live in momentous days marked by a rapidly shifting moral landscape.” As Christians, how are we supposed to respond to all this? In the words of “Counter Culture” author and pastor David Platt, “My aim in this Bible study is to call us to a contrite, compassionate but courageous response in such a way that we’re able to speak the gospel clearly to our culture.”

Bring your Bible and a friend.

Questions, contact Gordy Engle at 612-708-4879 or email gordye@thefoursome.com.

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**LIFE LIGHT BEGINS NEW STUDY BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 14**

The Thursday morning Life Light Bible Study invites you to study the Old Testament book of *Daniel* (of “Daniel in the Lion’s Den” fame) beginning *September 14*, from 9:30-11:30am.

Do you remember Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, or the prophetic dream King Nebuchadnessar had of a large statue with a head of pure gold, chest and arms of silver, belly and thighs of bronze, legs of iron, and feet and toes of iron and clay? After praying to the Lord, Daniel was able to tell the King his dream and explain its meaning. Come study God’s Word with us. Everyone is welcome.

Questions? Contact Judymae Bowers at 763-476-0913 or Eva McAtee at 763-476-1827.

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**LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE TWINS GAME**

Lutheran Night at the Twins Game is scheduled for *Tuesday, August 8*. The Twins will take on the Milwaukee Brewers. Game time is 7:10 p.m. Redeemer fans will be sitting in right field on the main concourse level.
Be a part of our new family directory program. Our goal is to include everyone!

We are partnering with Lifetouch for professional photography that will connect our families and tell our story.

Create treasured keepsakes
More information will be coming soon about scheduling your photography session.

Convenient
Lifetouch will photograph at our location.
In your one-hour session you will:
• Be professionally photographed
• Immediately view your portraits
• Be able to purchase portrait gifts

Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait & directory for participating

Exclusive products for your cherished memories
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Calendar dates are subject to change.
Lifetouch offers us updated directories twice a year, and our first opportunity is just around the corner.

Our portrait sessions will be Monday, August 21 and Tuesday, August 22, from 2:00 to 8:50 pm, at Redeemer in the Gathering Room. Anyone who feels Redeemer is their church home is invited to have their photo in the directory.

Missed the last photo session? Recently became a new member? Have an addition to your family? Is your hair longer? New glasses? Didn’t care for the last photo? All great reasons to sign up this time around.

There are three ways to choose from to sign up:

1 - Go to redeemerwayzata.org and click on the link to the Lifetouch portrait schedule. Follow the online instructions to set up your portrait appointment. You will be asked to make a login and password, remember to write them down for future access. For more time slots after 4:30, click on the "Next" button.

2) Sign up with a volunteer at the desk in the church lobby from 9:15am to 10:45am on Sundays, August 6 and 13.

3) Call Stacy, and she will reserve your time slot; 952-473-1281.

There is no cost for a new directory, plus you get a free 8 x 10 of your favorite pose. Directories are a great way to put names to faces you see each week, and we invite everyone to participate.