**Coming Soon!**

Wednesday, September 27th, is the kick-off date for Redeemer’s new small group emphasis called “40 Days of Community.” Over six Wednesdays (September 27th through November 8th) we’ll gather at 5:30 p.m. for dinner in Redeemer’s auditorium; at 6:15 p.m. we’ll watch a 25-minute video session from the series “Better Together,” then discuss it in small groups until 7:15 p.m.

Why get involved in this six-week small group journey? In 40 Days of Community, we’ll learn the answer to the question: **What on earth are we here for?** Each week we’ll learn how we can apply one of the five purposes of our lives - Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry, and Evangelism – together, in community. We’ll learn the benefit of small groups, to our own congregation and to the community. Watch for more information coming your way soon, and sign up today for **40 Days of Community!**

**The Case for Christ Movie Coming to Redeemer!**

Come watch the movie *The Case for Christ* at Redeemer Lutheran Church on Wednesday, September 6th. A light dinner will be available at 5:30 p.m. The movie starts at 6 p.m.

It is the true story of Lee Strobel, an atheist and award-winning investigative Journalist for the Chicago Tribune. He sets out to expose Christianity as a hoax, but ends up coming

(Reflections continued on page 3)
All are invited to celebrate!

Redeemer Christian Academy
40th Anniversary

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)

Please join us on Sunday, August 27th as we kick off our 40th school year at Redeemer Christian Academy! This event is an amazing opportunity for our church and school families to come together in celebration of God’s ongoing faithfulness during our 40 years of Christian education.

Join us for Worship, lunch, fellowship, and tour the building to see all the renovations that so many wonderful volunteers have done over the summer months!

**Schedule of Events**

11:00am Outdoor Church Service
12:15pm Ribbon Cutting
12:00 – 2:00pm Lunch, fellowship, activities & school supply drop off
1:30 – 2:00pm Celebration Program
2:00 – 3:00pm Fellowship, activities, school supply, drop off ESC, SCRIP and more!

RSVP appreciated for activity and food planning! Call 952-473-1281 to let us know if you can join in the Celebration.

**MENU**

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- Chips
- Watermelon
- Lemonade
- Dessert

**Teachings for a Lifetime**

Teachings for a **Life**time:
- Learning ...
- Integrity ...
- Faith ...
- Excellence

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to faith in Christ and making a huge impact for the Lord. Bring a friend to this exciting movie!

**FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT KICK-OFF EVENT!**

On September 13th, Redeemer kicks off its Wednesday evening family ministry season with dinner and fun! Eat at 5:30 p.m.; stay for games in the gym.

Children, youth, and adult classes officially begin on Wednesday, September 20th.

Bring your friends and family to this special kick-off event September 13th! And please, sign up to be a volunteer helper for W.I.N.G.S., our Wednesday evening children’s ministry. We need you – thank you!

*LUTHERAN NIGHT AT TARGET FIELD*

How many Lutherans does it take for the Twins to win a baseball game?

It was a beautiful summer evening as 32 Redeemer baseball fans joined 34,153 others attending Lutheran Night, August 8, to watch the Twins beat the rival Brewers, 11-4.

We must have played a role in that victory, right?
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**Music & Worship “Notes”**

**Deo Gloria Choir**

Redeemer’s adult choir ministry will be organized around a series of special services and events for the coming year. Having a project-oriented set of rehearsals allows for guests, former singers, youth, and Redeemer staff to sing for these special times. The choir will sing one Sunday per month, centered around festival services like Reformation (October), Thanksgiving (November), Advent Carols and Christmas (December), Black History month (February), Good Friday and Easter (late March/April), the Global Worship Festival (April) and Music Sunday (May).

The element of surprise and commitment is to be aware and ready for these special rehearsals. Music Director Dan Oie, along with Redeemer singers, will be actively recruiting you and your friends to sing. The variety of rehearsal days: Sundays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, permits you to sing on a flexible schedule. Following are three projects for the fall months of 2017.

**Reformation 500 at Concordia University, St. Paul Sunday, October 29, 4:00 p.m.**

Celebrate the 500th year of the Protestant Reformation (1517) with a crowd of Lutherans and Synod President, Dr. Matthew Harrison, and dozens of Twin Cities choirs and musicians on Reformation Sunday. Choral music includes a German hymn by Mendelssohn, a festive Bach chorale, and a unique arrangement by David Mennicke, Concordia Music Professor, of one of Martin Luther’s hymns, paired with a Palestinian song of praise.

More information: [https://www.csp.edu/reformation500/](https://www.csp.edu/reformation500/)

**Rehearsals for Reformation 500**

- Sunday, October 22, 6–7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, October 26, 7–8:30 p.m.
- Sunday, October 29, 1–3:30 p.m. (at Concordia)

**Services for Reformation 500**

- ♫ Sunday, October 29, 8:15 & 10:45 a.m. (Redeemer)
- ♫ 4:00 p.m. (Concordia University)

**Thanksgiving Evening of Worship Wednesday, November 22, 7:00 p.m.**

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise!” – Psalm 100

**Rehearsals for Thanksgiving**

- Wednesday, November 8, 7:30 – 8:45 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 15, 7:30 – 8:45 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 22, 6:00 p.m.

**Service for Thanksgiving**

- ♫ Wednesday, November 22, 7:00 p.m. (Redeemer)

**Christmas Lessons and Carols “The Wonder of Christmas”**

**Services for Christmas Lessons & Carols**

- ♫ Saturday, December 16, 4:30 p.m. @ Folkestone
- ♫ Sunday, December 17, 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. @ Redeemer
- ♫ Sunday, December 24, 5:00 p.m. @ Redeemer

This service of favorite carols with orchestra expresses the wonder of Christmas in sparkling arrangements. This series of five rehearsals begins on Sunday, November 26.

The choir will also sing for Christmas Eve Worship. More details to be announced in October. One of our outreach projects has been to sing this set of Christmas carols at Folkestone Wayzata. A CD recording of “The Wonder of Christmas” will help teach you these beautiful carols.

Dan Oie
**LOOKING FOR MUSICIANS!**

Music Director, Dan Oie, is always on the lookout for new musicians. If you would like to participate in the JoySound Worship Band, play along with our Wednesday night Youth Gatherings, help with children in Sunday School, SHINE (Sunday mornings), Wings (Faith and Family Wednesday nights), pull out your guitar or drums or sax and start practicing.

We welcome instrumentalists who are ready to play to share their musical offerings during communion times.

Vocalists, young and old, can sing a special solo, or sing with one of our music groups.

Contact Dan Oie at doie@redeemerwayzata.org or 952-473-1281 Ext 209.

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**REDEEMER WORSHIP SERVICES SPECIAL MUSIC**

**SEPTEMBER 3**
10:00 a.m.  
Dan and Cheryl Oie

**SEPTEMBER 10**
8:15 a.m.  
Ben Wagner, sax  
10:45 a.m.  
JoySound Band, Ben Wagner, Sax

**SEPTEMBER 17**
8:15 a.m.  
Ava Lambert, cello  
10:45 a.m.  
JoySound Band, Ava Lambert, cello

**SEPTEMBER 24**
8:15 a.m.  
Redeemer Brass  
10:45 a.m.  
JoySound Band, Redeemer Brass

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**SOUNDS LIKE LOVE YOUTH FESTIVAL #35 NOVEMBER 10-12 IN MAHTOMEDI**

Students in grades 9 – 12 are invited to participate in a fabulous worship and music experience geared for students in Senior High. The registration deadline is October 1.

Redeemer Music Director Dan Oie has been the accompanist and the Music Producer for Sounds Like Love since it began in 1982. This year celebrates the final year with John Jacobson, a national director of show choirs and music curriculum. Ben Wagner, Redeemer musician and choreographer, will be co-directing this fall’s festival.

Students will learn and choreograph ten worship songs and hymns in the span of three days, culminating in a Festival Concert at St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi, on Sunday, November 12.

Contact Dan Oie at Redeemer to participate. Cost is $80.

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**FALL REHEARSALS BEGIN**

**DEO GLORIA CHOIR**

Wednesday, September 13, 7:30 p.m.  
Organizational Meeting

**REDEEMER HANDBELLS**

Wednesday, September 13, 6:30 p.m.
NEW MEMBER CLASS

Interested in becoming a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church? Pastor Steve is holding a New Member class on Saturday, September 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Gathering Room. Lunch will be provided.

Let Pastor Ferber know if you plan to attend or contact him with any questions at (952) 473-1281.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/SHINE
HELP NEEDED

We are seeing growth in our Sunday morning children’s education classes during second service (Shine) and our between-service Sunday School program.

Helpers are needed in the areas of communication, scheduling, teaching, and curriculum.

Contact the church office or Tim Hanson for more information at 763-449-8691 or tjbh2705@yahoo.com.

FAITH & FAMILY

Join us for our Wednesday night Faith & Family program. The Faith & Family program takes place Wednesday nights beginning September 13th through April 25th from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

We are in need of filling the below positions:

† **Listener (1 weekly)** - Listens to students recite their weekly Bible memory verse and discusses the meaning of the verse in the children’s lives.

† **Gym (2 weekly)** - Oversees games and activities in the gym.

† **Nursery (2 weekly)** - Watches children ages 4 and under during Faith & Family program activities and adult Bible study.

Please pray about helping (weekly or even just once) and if you feel led to help, contact Amy Crum at [Amy Crum@gmail.com](mailto:AmyCrum@gmail.com) to answer your questions and/or give you more details about your role. It takes a village to raise a single child, and this teaching will be with our children for a lifetime.

“Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”

*Mark 10:14*

Blessings,

Pastor Steve
A sincere and heartfelt thanks to Judi Micoley and her entire garage sale volunteer team for the countless hours of preparation, set-up, and tear-down for Redeemer’s annual two-day garage sale event.

Garage sale proceeds after expenses netted $10,258. Of this amount, 10 percent will be donated to the scholarship fund, 10 percent will be donated to IOCP to help members in our community, and 80 percent will go to Redeemer’s general fund.

Thanks to all who donated items and/or their time.
RLCS Fiscal Year-End Report

Redeemer’s 2016/17 financial year ended on July 31st. Although we continue to face significant financial challenges, we have seen some very positive trends. Worship attendance is up over 10% versus the previous year. Overall giving is up. Loose plate giving from visitors and non-members was up 76%. School tuition income was up 14% over the previous year and will continue to rise with the increase in enrollment this year. The rebranding of the school, physical renovations, and a focused marketing effort are generating excitement for the coming school year.

Our budget estimated that we would end the year with a $59,600 deficit. We ended the year with a larger deficit of $69,392. Overall income was up but was outpaced by an increase in expenses.

The following is a summary of highlights from this past fiscal year.

† Total expenses exceeded budget by $53,014. Employee benefits, maintenance and day school salaries accounted for much of the additional expense.
† Total income exceeded budget by $43,223.
† School income was $34,263 under budget. Day school tuition was less than expected although pre-school income was $24,841 over the plan.
† Church income exceeded budget by $77,486. Loose plate offerings saw a significant increase.
† Sacrificial Giving totaled $16,110 in the final year of the special appeal.
† The Extended School Care program had a net income of $11,710.
† We received gifts from the estates of Arnie Gruetzmacher and Larrie & Barb Schulz totaling $111,335, with the direction to use them as most appropriate for Redeemer.
† The year-end balance in our Dedicated Fund accounts totaled $280,087, made up of 24 accounts including Scholarships, Technology, Human Care and Memorials.
† The Dedicated Fund savings account had a balance of $105,989, leaving a $174,098 unfunded balance in our dedicated accounts.

Financial Statements are available in the church office should you like to review the results in more detail. The year-to-date cash received vs. cash spent is reported weekly in the Sunday bulletin “Happenings.”

To God be the glory,

Steven Swanlund  Guang Zhang
Financial Administrator  Treasurer

Redeemer Students posed for a photo after enjoying a summer baseball pick-up game at Redeemer.
THURSDAY MORNING LIFE LIGHT STUDY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 14

The Thursday morning LifeLight 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 in the Conference Room.

Do you remember Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, or the prophetic dream King Nebuchadnezzar 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. We are very close to the end of time and Christ’s return because we are already in the “toes” of that statue.

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.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY RESUMES SEPTEMBER 13

Wednesday Morning Women’s Bible Study will resume on September 13th. We meet every Wednesday at 10:00, in the Conference Room.

This year we are beginning with “Joshua, The Power of God’s Promises.” This 12 week study will be exciting! Joshua includes the miraculous crossing of the Jordan, the crash of the walls of Jericho, and the sun stopping in the sky. Israel marches through the land, and we see God’s faithfulness and power. The battles we face today are different, but no less real. We fight against false values, temptation, discouragement, and pressures at work and home. Joshua can arm us with the weapons we need—God’s promises.

Questions? Call Linda Krantz (763) 476-0587 or Mary Sund (763) 223-2417.

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 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.

CHECK IT OUT!

Scrip gift cards are available for many gas stations, grocery stores, restaurants, and retail stores. Using Scrip instead of cash or your Visa gives money back to Redeemer Church and Redeemer Christian Academy. It’s a win-win!
At a Glance - Sunday Morning Adult Bible Studies

9/17 – 10/29 The Case For A Creator
(6 sessions - Lee Strobel)

Former atheist Lee Strobel has discovered that science, far from being the enemy of faith, now provides a solid foundation for belief in God. New scientific discoveries point to the incredible complexity of our universe, a complexity best explained by the existence of a Creator.

Join Strobel in reexamining the theories that once led him away from God. Individuals seeking resources that answer tough questions about the existence of God will find compelling answers in the Case for a Creator study. Sessions include: 1) Science and God; 2) Doubts about Darwinism; 3) The Evidence of Cosmology; 4) The Fine-tuning of the Universe; 5) The Evidence of Biochemistry; 6) The DNA and the Origin of Life.

11/5 – 1/7 The Odyssey of St. Paul
(8 sessions - Dr. Paul Maier)

Filmed entirely on location in Israel, Syria, Asia Minor, Greece, and Italy, this tour covers the life of the Apostle Paul from his birth in Tarsus to his schooling in Jerusalem and conversion on the road to Damascus. All the stations on his mission journeys follow, as well as his arrest in Jerusalem, imprisonment, and shipwreck voyage to Rome. A running commentary by Dr. Paul Maier makes this both a visual delight and an extremely vivid learning experience. Session 1—Young Saul; Session 2—The New Saul; Session 3—The First Mission Journey; Session 4—Quarrels & The Second Mission Journey; Session 5—The Second Mission Journey & Greece; Session 6—The Third Mission Journey; Session 7—Arrest & Imprisonment; Session 8—The Voyage to Rome.

1/14 – 3/4 Lutheranism 101: Holy Baptism
(8 sessions – Charles Lehman)

Here you stand, wondering what Holy Baptism is all about! Baptism is not a mere symbol of rebirth. It is not a choice or a prize for attaining a certain amount of faith. Lutheranism 101: HOLY BAPTISM gives an overview of what Baptism is, what it does, how it does it, and what it means for our lives now and into the future. Throughout, it emphasizes that the One doing the baptizing makes all the difference. Like the original book, Lutheranism 101: Baptism will never get too far away from the reality that it is all about Jesus.

4/11 – 4/15 Israel’s Mission: Becoming A Kingdom of Priests In A Prodigal World
(5 session – Ray Vander Laan)

In Israel’s Mission—the newest installment of the That the World May Know video Bible study series—author and Bible teacher Ray Vander Laan takes you on a journey through Israel to explore what it means to be a kingdom of priests in a prodigal world. Discover the mission that God gave his people many centuries ago and how that impacts us today. Session 1) Abraham and Sarah and Three Strangers; 2) Israel at Sinai: The First Great Commission; 3) Jesus Renews the Mission: Seeking the Lost; 4) The Lost Son: In a Far Country; 5) The Seeking Father: The Lost Son Returns.

(5 sessions – Max Lucado)

Anxiety just comes with life. However, as God's Word reveals, it doesn't have to dominate life. In this five-session video-based Bible study, bestselling author Max Lucado looks at seven admonitions from the apostle Paul in Philippians 4:4–8 that lead to one wonderful promise: "The peace of God which surpasses all understanding." As he unpacks each verse, he shows how God is ready to give comfort to help us face the calamities in life, view bad news through the lens of sovereignty, discern the lies of Satan, and tell ourselves the truth. We can be anxious for nothing, and discover true peace from God that surpasses all human understanding. Sessions include: 1) Rejoice in the Lord Always; 2) Let Your Gentleness Be Known to All; 3) In Everything by Prayer & Petition; with Thanksgiving; 4) The Peace of God Will Guard Your Hearts; 5) Meditate on These Things.
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**Key:**
- HC = Holy Communion
- CR = Conference Room
- GR = Gathering Room

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**Declarations:**
- Wednesdays by 11:30am: Bulletin Information Due
- 2nd Thursday of the Month by 9:30am: Newsletter Articles Due
- 2nd Friday of the Month: Newsletter Calendar Items Due

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**Notes:**
- Calendar dates are subject to change. Please check your weekly bulletin.
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**Iowa Basic Skills Achievement Testing (September 25-29)**
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**Pastor Ference Mission Trip—Haiti (September 18-23)**
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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

“Sharing a Changeless Christ in a Changing World”

New building signage on school can be seen from Highway 12 and Ferndale Road.