“WHY EASTER MATTERS”

When Billy Graham died on February 21st, America lost its greatest evangelist ever. Over 60 years, Rev. Graham preached to 215 million people in 185 countries and territories. Hundreds of thousands of people gave their lives to Christ.

A record 59 times, Graham was named by Americans as “One of the Ten Most Admired Men in the World.”

Why? What was the source of Billy’s enduring admiration and success throughout the world? Rev. Graham may have hit upon the answer when he said, “The message I preached hasn’t changed. Circumstances haven’t changed. Problems have changed, but deep inside man has not changed; and the Gospel has not changed.”

Rev. Graham understood and loved people; He loved God and preached the unchanging Gospel with passion and commitment.

What is that Gospel? The Apostle Paul lays it out clearly: “Now brothers I want to remind you of the Gospel I preached to you… that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures…” (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

Death is a reality all of us will face one day. Sin brings death.

Jesus Christ paid the penalty for our sins by living a perfect life and dying on the cross. Easter matters because God accepted the death of His Son as payment for our sins by raising Him from the dead. Jesus lives! Our sins are forgiven, and “Because I live, you also will live” (John 14:19). The empty tomb guarantees our future as resurrected people of God, enjoying the presence of the Lord in Heaven forever.

All this comes through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. In Rev. Graham’s last message, in 2013, he preaches the unchanging Gospel one final time: “I want to tell people about the meaning of the cross. Not the cross that hangs on a wall or around someone’s neck, but the real cross of Christ… With all my heart, I want to leave you with the truth that He loves you and is...” (Reflections continued on page 3)
REDEEMER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: IT’S THE TEACHERS THAT MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

Parent quote: “Redeemer has a solid core of Christian teachers who interact well with each other, and show a great love for Christ in their teaching. My son has developed not only academically, but also as a strong Christian. Redeemer was the best place I could have sent my son to prepare him for high school and life.”

At Redeemer Christian Academy, the first thing one will notice is our loving staff, each of whom has been called to ministry to serve children and families. With an average of over 15 years of classroom experience, our teaching staff is a body of highly trained, exceptional educators who provide a nurturing learning environment for the children.

Our teachers go out of their way to help children learn: staying after school to tutor, offering upper grade students a study hall during the recess break, taking classes each summer to be able to teach the next units in our STEM curriculum, helping students discover their God-given gifts and talents and give them opportunities to shine.

We are committed to providing an exemplary education in a safe, Christian atmosphere, an atmosphere that supports family values and helps develop strong, Christian character in our students. We believe in educating the whole child by providing enrichment opportunities beyond the classroom such as band, service opportunities, and a variety of athletics. This year we took part in mission projects such as packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child, singing to the seniors at Meridian Manor next door, and packing sandwiches for the homeless.

RCA teachers will lay a foundation of biblical truth in the heart of your child that will serve as a cornerstone upon which to build the success for his or her life. I invite you to explore the possibilities of what a Christ-centered education could mean for your children and your family, and those in your circle of influence. It is a privilege to share why Redeemer Christian Academy is well-suited for families who are looking for a Christ-centered school community with a commitment to academic

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excellence. Our mission is to equip students for their journey on the road through this life to eternal life with God. Our Teachings for a Lifetime help students grow in Learning, Integrity, Faith, and Excellence to become equipped disciples of Jesus.

Tours can be arranged any time of the day from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Please contact me at lwiebold@redeemerwayzata.org, or call me at 952/473-5356, ext. 219 to arrange a tour.

**Gr. K-3 Take the Show on the Road**

We’ve been taking our Redeemer Christian Academy Show on the road! Grades K-3 Kingdom Kids have enthusiastically presented songs, lobby displays, and upfront messages to Zion Lutheran in Hopkins, and are scheduled Sunday, March 18, to share at Shepherd of the Grove in Maple Grove, and Sunday, April 29, at Mount Olive in Mound. We are proud of our families for helping us spread the word about our fabulous school to families at area Lutheran churches!

**Thank You From Heritage Christian Academy**

“We have high schoolers that have enrolled at HCA after completing 8th grade at your school. The Heritage faculty and staff have always been impressed with Redeemer students as they transition to high school here. You have sent us students that are well prepared for high school - thank you”.

Head-of-School at Heritage Christian Academy in Maple Grove

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willing to forgive you of all your sins. There is no other way except through the cross of Christ. Today I’m asking you to put your trust in Christ.”

You are invited to celebrate the unchanging, life-changing message of the Gospel this Easter, April 1st, at Redeemer! Worship services are at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Both services blend contemporary and traditional music with the unchanging message of hope: Christ crucified and resurrected for us.

Happy Easter!

*Pastor Steve*
Music & Worship “Notes”

Dan Oie, Director of Music and Worship

Lent, Holy Week and Easter Helpers – “Thank You!”

The Cross Has the Final Word gave our Lenten services some “spark” and “innovation” as we discovered a new way to tell character stories hidden in the Bible. Thank you – King Herod, Barabbas, Dismas, Joseph of Arimathea, Mary Magdalene, and Martin Luther, for your time and intense preparation to tell your story. Thank you musicians and technical helpers for contributing your artistry. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for nudging people to attend Wednesday night worship. In addition, we had teams of people helping with our Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday, and singers and instrumentalists interpreting the story of the cross on Good Friday. We can only experience the power of Easter, as we sense the purpose and meaning for the journey to the Cross.

Dan Oie

Holy Week and Easter Services at Redeemer

Palm Sunday, March 25
8:15 and 10:45 a.m.
“Heading to Jerusalem”

Maundy Thursday, March 29
6:00 p.m.
“Seder Meal—Jesus Celebrates the Passover”
(RSVP Redeemer Church Office)
First Communion for Confirmation Students

Good Friday, March 30
7:00 p.m. “Man of Sorrows
(He Chose the Nails)”
Good Friday Tenebrae
(Service of Darkness)

Easter Sunday, April 1
9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Easter Festival Worship
“When the Son Comes Up”
(Who’s the Fool Now?)

Musicians for Easter Festival Worship

Sunday, April 1

Singers and musicians can participate in Redeemer’s Easter festival worship. Easter titles include Man of Sorrows, Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, What a Beautiful Name, and Crown Him with Many Crowns. Join the choir of singers as we celebrate with brass, timpani, and organ.

🎵 Saturday, March 31, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Choir and Brass Rehearsal

🎵 Sunday, April 1, 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Easter Festival Worship

April Music Ensembles Schedule (Adjusted)

Redeemer Handbells
🎵 Wed. April 4, 6:30 pm
🎵 Wed. April 11, 6:30 pm
🎵 Wed. April 18, 6:30 pm
🎵 Wed. April 25, 6:30 pm

JoySound Vocal Team
🎵 Thursdays at 5:30 pm

Gloria Deo Choir
🎵 Wed. April 4—No rehearsal
🎵 Wed. April 11, 7:30 pm Rehearsal
🎵 Wed. April 18—No rehearsal
🎵 Wed. April 25, 7:30 pm Rehearsal
GLOBAL WORSHIP FESTIVAL SATURDAY, APRIL 21

The 11th annual gathering of multi-ethnic congregations will be celebrated on Saturday, APRIL 21, 6 P.M. at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 1901 Portland Ave, Minneapolis.

Last year’s gathering included samples of worship from eight different ethnic congregations. We’ve also included a sample of traditional and contemporary American worship. St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in South Minneapolis is host to Mission Shift Institute, which provides urban training for cross-cultural ministries. St. Paul’s also provides a college-based training in the Urban Cross-Cultural College Consortium (U4C).

The Twin Cities is home to more than 50 ethnic congregations, including Spanish, Hmong, Liberian, Ukrainian, Korean, Chinese, Filipino, Karen, Indian and more.

Dan Oie will be a worship leader at this global event. Singers are invited to join the American group in singing two numbers: “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” and “What a Beautiful Name”. A rehearsal will be held for the choir @ 5 p.m. the day of the Festival.

MUSIC IN REDEEMER WORSHIP

APRIL 8

♩ 8:15 a.m.—Cheryl Oie, solo; Ben Wagner, sax
♩ 10:45 a.m.—JoySound Band, Ben Wagner, sax

APRIL 15

♩ 8:15 a.m.—Gloria Deo Choir, Jonathan and Mary Preus, woodwinds
♩ 10:45 a.m.—JoySound Band, Preus Woodwinds

APRIL 22

♩ 8:15 a.m.—Redeemer Handbells
♩ 10:45 a.m.—JoySound Band

APRIL 29

♩ 8:15 a.m.—Solveig Meyer, solo; Carolyn Allmon, organ
♩ 10:45 a.m.—JoySound Band

REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL MUSIC EVENTS

♩ Saturday, April 14, 1 – 5 p.m.—Band Day at West Lutheran High School
♩ Sunday, April 29, 9:00 a.m.—Kingdom Kids sing at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Mound

SUMMER MUSIC CAMP IS COMING

“NOT YOUR AVERAGE JOE”
A 50’s setting of one unusual family from the Old Testament

Monday, June 11–Friday, June 15
12 noon – 3:30 p.m.

Performance:
Friday, June 15, 4:00 p.m.

Open to students completing Grades 1–6;
Youth and parent helpers
(Registration forms available at Redeemer)

Dan and Cheryl Oie, Directors
**Coming Events**

**WEST METRO NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER—MAY 3**

The West Metro gathering for the National Day of Prayer will be at the Medina Entertainment Center on Highway 55 on **THURSDAY, MAY 3, AT 7 A.M.** The speaker this year will be David Wheaton, a former all-American tennis pro, and host of the radio program *Christian Worldview.*

Tonia Hughes, gospel singer, and Dan Oie, Director of Worship at Redeemer, will lead the time of worship.

**PULSE EVENT AT US BANK STADIUM MAY 18**

Christians and churches from around the Twin Cities will be hosting a one-night gathering at US Bank Stadium on **FRIDAY, MAY 18.**

The speaker will be evangelist Nick Hall and music will be provided by Lecrae. This event is targeted for youth. Come and fill 66,200 seats.

**SPRING AND SUMMER SMALL GROUPS**

Plans are being firmed up and sign-ups for spring and summer small groups are underway!

If you are interested in more information or would like to join one of the following groups, contact Deb Wagner at thewagners@comcast.net.

**† Home Small Group** – Pam and Steve Swanlund’s home – Tuesday evenings

**† Fellowship Group** – Redeemer – after the meal on Wednesday evenings or on weekends.

**† Parenting Group** – place TBD – considering after the meal on Wednesday evenings or on weekends.

**† Study Group** – Redeemer – after the meal on Wednesday evenings

Groups will be having their first planning meetings soon to determine frequency of meetings and other details. Contact Deb to learn more!

**NEW MEN’S STUDY BEGINS APRIL 7**

The Saturday morning Men’s Group meeting at Folkestone Wayzata will begin a new study titled “Bigger Than Me.” This brotherhood of men meets every Saturday morning 7 to 8 a.m. in the Folkestone Auditorium, 100 Promenade Avenue. Some of the 27 chapter titles include “Losing My Religion,” “Who Are You Calling Greedy,” “Alienation,” “Go and Do Likewise,” “Far from Boring.” Come and join us.

**Ward Brehm** is a Twin Cities entrepreneur, leader in African humanitarian efforts, and nationally-known public speaker and commentator on relief and development in Africa. He was awarded the Presidential Citizens Medal for his work in Africa by President George W. Bush in 2008. Recently retired, Ward is now a full-time humanitarian. He and his wife, Kris, live in Wayzata, Minnesota.
REDEEMER MAKES 1000 SANDWICHES FOR THE HOMELESS

Faith and Family Night on February 28th at Redeemer Lutheran Church was THE place to be.

Over 120 volunteers (all ages) gathered together for a quick soup and sandwich dinner. Then it was on to the assembly lines for making sandwiches for Project 363.

Allan Law, founder of this program, gave a brief insight into the program. We made almost 1000 sandwiches in 25 minutes. Sandwiches were bagged, placed into bins, and loaded into Allan Law’s car. Allan drives around Minneapolis from 9 PM to 11:00 AM handing sandwiches out to people living on the streets. All our sandwiches were handed out that night.

It was truly a great experience to share our time and talent with the community. Next year we would like to double our volunteers and number of sandwiches. There will be a space for all!
**Lutheran Women’s Missionary League News**

You are invited to the LWML Spring Rally Celebration on Saturday, April 21 from 9:00-11:00am. The Rally will be held at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 5218 Bartlett Blvd in Mound. Randy Ash, Camp Omega’s Campaign Director, will share what is new at Camp Omega (a recipient of a Minnesota South District LWML Mission Grant).

There is a suggested registration fee of $5. A free will offering will be collected for District Mission Grants. Gifts from the heart being collected for Camp Omega include para-cord, tin foil, tea light candles, colored duct tape, pool noodles, a megaphone, large scissors, plain white t-shirts, white sheets (for making flags).

Parents are invited to attend to hear more about Camp Omega and what they have to offer!

Camp Omega received a $20,000 grant from the Mn So District from mites this biennium.

Thank you to all who returned their Mite boxes from LWML Sunday. The collection of Mites is an ongoing program of LWML.

Our Mission Grant goal for 2016-2018 was $265,000.

Please pick up a copy of the Spring WOM (Women on a Mission) newsletter from the rack in the lobby for more information.

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**LWML Spring Rally Celebration**

**Saturday, April 21**

**9:00-11:00am**

Mount Olive Lutheran Church  
5218 Bartlett Blvd, Mound  
952-472-2756

Join us as we hear from Randy Ash, Camp Omega’s Campaign Director, who will share what is new at Camp Omega, a recipient of a Minnesota South District LWML Mission Grant.

**Suggested Registration Fee:** $5

**Free Will Offering:** for District Mission Grants

**Gifts from the Heart:** Para-cord, tin foil, tea light candles, colored duct tape, pool noodles, a megaphone, large scissors, plain white t-shirts, white sheets (for making flags)

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**Annual Spring Workday**

Please consider helping to keep Redeemer’s facility in tip-top shape. Our annual Spring Workday is scheduled for **Saturday, May 5, 8:30 am to noon**.

Watch for a task list in the church lobby as we get closer to that date.

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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 second Thursday of the month. Submit articles, news, and event items to Stacy Klone at sklone@redeemerwayzata.org. Comments and suggestions are welcome.*
### Newsletter Calendar Items
- **Newsletter Articles**
  - Good News
  - Bulletin Information
  - Happenings
  - Study
  - Festival
- **1 John 3:18 (ESV)**
  - Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.
- **AGS LESSING PALKING PEEED AND LOVE LORD**
- **Redeemer Good News**
  - 10:45am Worship-HC
  - 9:30am Youth Group Bible
  - 8:15am Worship-HC
  - 9:30am Fellowship & Bible
- **Study—All Ages**
  - 9:00am Monday Morning Crew
  - 1:30pm Braille Ministry
  - 6:30pm Al-Anon Meeting-GR
- **8:30am AA Meeting-GR**
  - 10:00am Women’s Bible Study
  - 3:00pm Confirmation Banner
- **5:30pm JoySound Practice**
  - 6:00pm Elder Meeting
- **10:30am LifeLight**
  - 3:00pm Study Hall
  - 5:30pm JoySound Practice
- **5:00pm Parent Night Out**
  - 7:00pm MMLG Project
  - 8:45am Chapel
  - 10:00am Women’s Bible Study
  - 4:15pm Midweek Confirmation
  - 4:40pm Guitar
  - 5:30pm Youth Group
  - 5:30pm Faith & Family
  - 6:30pm Handbell Rehearsal
  - 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal
- **8:00am Men’s Basketball**
  - 9:00am-4:00pm Safety Training, St John’s Corcoran
  - 2:00pm Bible Study, Folkestone

### Bulletin Information
- **Easter Sunday**
  - 8:15am Worship-HC
  - 9:30am Fellowship & Bible
  - 8:30am AA Meeting-GR
  - 10:30am LifeLight
  - 3:00pm Study Hall
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  - 6:00pm Al-Anon Meeting-GR
- **Easter Friday**
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  - 9:00am Monday Morning Crew
  - 1:30pm Braille Ministry
  - 6:00pm Al-Anon Meeting-GR

### Calendar Dates
- April 2: Second Friday of the Month
- April 9: Easter Sunday
- April 16: 2nd Saturday of Easter
- April 23: Good Friday
- April 27: Easter Monday

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**Please check your weekly bulletin.**

**Calendar dates are subject to change.**
The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay” (Matthew 28:5-6)

We invite you to worship with us!

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

Easter Festival Worship
Sunday, April 1
9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

"When the Son Comes Up" (Who's the Fool Now?)