“THE GREATEST MIRACLE”

Vikings fans will never forget the “Minneapolis Miracle” of January 14th, when Vikings wide receiver Stefon Diggs caught a pass from quarterback Case Keenum and made a stunning dash to the end zone. The Vikings victory set them up to play the Philadelphia Eagles in the NFC Championship game.

Of course, we know the sad ending. We needed another miracle; we didn’t get it. Such is life, or as my wife Donna has to constantly remind me: “Honey, it’s only a game!” Yeah, right!

As highly as we value sports in our culture and winning teams in our wonderful state, as the body of Christ we understand that there is a miracle far greater than anything in all of sports: It is the miracle of salvation through faith in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. This is the greatest miracle, because it produces the greatest blessing, eternal life. “And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life” (1 John 5:11,12).

You and I have the opportunity to be part of the greatest Minneapolis Miracle when evangelist Nick Hall comes to U.S. Bank Stadium on Friday, May 18th, at 7 p.m. Hall will preach the Gospel, hopefully to a packed stadium of 66,000 people. How will it get packed? As you and I prayerfully invite our friends, coworkers, classmates, and family members, and bring them to this amazing event featuring two-time Grammy Award winning hip-hop artist Lecrae. Following the event, Redeemer Lutheran Church will host a 7-session discipleship seminar called Alpha on seven consecutive Sundays, 5-7 p.m., starting May 20th. All Redeemer friends and members are invited to this valuable seminar.

In Christ,

Pastor Steve
I’d love to share a little about our school that you won’t find on the website. I have been blessed to be a part of the school since 1980, and have taught grades 1-8 through the years, taking some time off to be a mom and substitute teacher. I am now the School Administrator.

We offer teachings for a LIFETIME: Learning, Integrity, Faith and Excellence. We teachers have the same educational training public school teachers have, plus we have training in teaching the Christian faith. We teach what the Bible teaches; it is our manual for instructing children how to live a Godly life. For more information please see the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod website: https://www.lcms.org/about/beliefs.

We currently have 124 children in our school, from 3 year old preschoolers to 8th graders. In addition to our excellent curriculum, we offer instruction in STEM (gr. 5-8), music, band, violin, 30 world languages through Rosetta Stone, computer class and gym class. We have 10 classrooms, a full-sized gym with bleachers and an electronic scoreboard, locker rooms, a music room, computer room, cafeteria that serves hot lunches and all the fruit and veggies you can eat each day, and a World Language lab.

We offer an extended care program before school at 7:00a and after school until 5:30 each school night.

How do we get our students? Our enrollment is up over last year, and we are thankful to God for that. Most parents find us through word of mouth of happy parents or the website. Local high school coaches have sent parents our way, stating that there’s just something about those Redeemer kids that you want in your child - they have integrity and discipline. Many of our alumni send their children here, and many alumni stop in to visit!

How can parents be involved? Our parents and teachers volunteer many hours helping us to offer after school programs such as archery, boy’s and girl’s basketball, flag football, cross country and volleyball. We have two large trophy cases which are overflowing with trophies. Our basketball teams have won many state and even national tournaments as evidenced by the postings on the gym walls. Parents provide staff meals.

We have an academic fair each year, rotating between science, social studies, math and the Bible. We have a Spelling Bee each year for gr. 1-8. Winners move on to the local Lutheran high school, where they accrue team points toward personal ribbons and a school trophy. We’re proud of the many Spelling Bee trophies in our trophy case. We also have Christmas and spring musical offerings.

Our children are taught to treat each other like a family - the family of God. We pair up older children as mentors to younger children for chapel each week. We say the pledge of allegiance, as well as the pledge to the cross. We give hugs and high fives - we treat the children as if they’re our own.

(RCA continued on page 3)
PULSE Twin Cities Event to be Followed up by Alpha Course at Redeemer

PULSE Twin Cities is an opportunity to fill all 66,200 seats in U.S. Bank Stadium with people who need to hear the message that Jesus changes everything. Two years ago, a few Twin Cities pastors started dreaming with PULSE about an outreach event in U.S. Bank Stadium. Now the culmination of a season of outreach in the Twin Cities has resulted in a PULSE Twin Cities event that will feature popular music artists Lacrae and Hillsong Young & Free. Nick Hall will speak at the event, which will be free to the public. The event takes place on Friday night, May 18th at U.S. Bank Stadium starting at 7 PM.

The Redeemer community has been preparing for this event by encouraging members to think about FIVE people who they might invite to this free event. Keep5 cards have been passed out to the congregation (and are still available in the church lobby) on which you can list five people you know who need to know Jesus. The hope is that these cards will be a reminder to not only pray for these people but to actually invite them to the event yourselves.

Alpha at Redeemer

As an immediate follow-up to the PULSE event, Redeemer will be hosting an Alpha course in the Gathering Room beginning Sunday, May 20th. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring different questions around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run around the world, and everyone is welcome. Alpha sessions at Redeemer will begin at 5:00 PM with dinner in the Gathering Room. Alpha starts with food because it’s a great way to way to encourage community and get to know each other. After dinner a short talk (30 minutes or less) will be given. The talks unpack the big questions of faith such as “Who is Jesus?” and “How can we have faith?”

Probably the most important part of any Alpha is the chance to share thoughts and ideas on the topic, and simply discuss it in a small group. There’s no obligation to say anything. And there’s nothing you can’t say. It’s an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment.

The Alpha course at Redeemer is hoping to inspire those who attend the PULSE event to learn more about Christianity in a non-threatening, friendly environment. Members of Redeemer are encouraged to invite those on their PULSE Take5 list to the Alpha course. Even existing believers, who feel a need to re-ignite their faith, may also want to consider taking the Alpha course.

Alpha at Redeemer will be held in the Gathering Room on Sundays beginning May 20th at 5:00 PM with dinner and run through July 1.

Questions on Redeemer’s Alpha course should be directed to Andy Start at 763 370 9689 (email: andystart@yahoo.com).
Music & Worship “Notes”

West Metro
National Day of Prayer
Breakfast
May 3, 2018, 7:00-9:00am

Millions of Americans will gather in prayer on May 3 at more than 45,000 locations and prayer events from coast to coast. The West Metro Prayer breakfast will meet at the Medina Entertainment Center, 7 – 9am on Thursday, May 3. Tickets are available by contacting cskjegstad@calvary.org.

Tickets will also be available at the door. Table groups of 8 – 14 may be reserved. Tickets are $25.

The theme this year is “UNITY,” emphasizing the need for individuals, corporately and individually, to use prayer as a tool for uniting our divided country. The Scripture for this year is Ephesians 4:3 -- “Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the Bond of Peace.”

The featured speaker for the West Metro National Day of Prayer Breakfast will be David Wheaton, former professional tennis player, author, and radio host of The Christian Worldview, a nationally-syndicated radio program that airs on 150 stations. Twin Cities singer and worship leader, Tonia Hughes, will be sharing her unique vocal style of Gospel and Jazz.

Dan Oie, Director of Music and Worship

Summer Hymn Sings begin June 3 at Traditional Services

Worship and Music Director, Dan Oie will lead a series of "Hymn-Sings" at the 8:15am Traditional Worship Services June 3 through August 26.

Worship attendees can submit a list of requests for Dan to include in his planning. Dan will give brief historical comments and add spiritual reflections on the meaning of the hymns.

Summer Music Opportunities at Redeemer

During the summer Redeemer is looking for vocal solos, duets, and ensembles to help lead our summer worship services.

This is an excellent opportunity for anyone, including students (elementary to college age) or relatives (here for only one weekend) to share their talents in a worship service. Instrumentalists and vocalists are welcome to participate.

Contact Dan Oie at doie@redeemerwayzata.org or 952-473-1281 (Ext #209).
**Music in Redeemer Worship**

**May 6**
- 8:15am—Deo Gloria Choir
- 10:45am—JoySound Band—Confirmation Worship

**May 13**
- 8:15am—Redeemer Handbells
- 10:45am—JoySound Band

**May 20**
- 8:15 and 10:45am—Music Sunday—Choir and Brass

**May 27 (one service only)**
- 10:00am—Celebration Worship

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**Music in Our Community Events**

**Tuesday, May 8, 6:30pm**—“All God’s Children Sing” Redeemer Christian Academy Concert

**Tuesday, May 22, 2:00pm**—Kingdom Kids at Meridian Manor

**Wednesday, May 23, 7:00pm**—Piano Recital: Students of Dan and Cheryl Oie at Redeemer Sanctuary

**Tuesday, June 5, 7:00pm**—“Peace Love and Joy” - Christ for People with Disabilities at Wayzata Evangelical Free Church

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**Vacation Bible School 2018**

**“Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus”**

Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life’s storms.

**June 11-15, 9:00am -11:30am**

Preschool Session: Open to students who have completed one year formal preschool
Elementary Session: Open to students completing K through Grade 5

Cost: $25 per student (includes T-Shirt and materials) - Deliver Cash or Check to Church Office

To Register: [https://vbspro.events/p/events/redeemerwayzatavbs](https://vbspro.events/p/events/redeemerwayzatavbs)

**Student Music Leaders needed to assist Dan Oie**

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**Music Camp 2018**

**“Not Your Average Joe: The Story of Joseph with a 50’s Twist”**

Students learn and prepare a musical of eight songs, drama, acting, and choreography in 15 hours – concluding with performance at 4:00 pm, Friday, June 15

**June 11-15, 12:00pm – 3:30pm**

Open to students completing Grade 1 through Grade 6
Older students grade 7 – 12 assist as stage directors, group leaders, tech helpers

Cost: $25 per student (includes T-Shirt and materials) - Deliver Cash or Check to Church Office.

To Register: See Registration Form Page 8

Dan & Cheryl Oie, Directors
Blessing Bags Service Project

April 11, 2018

Goal:

Fill 100 blessing bags with toiletries, personal items, and non-perishable foods
REDEEMER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
SPRING AUCTION FUNDRAISER!
MAY 1—MAY 4, 2018

The auction will be held online again this year; beginning May 1st and ending May 4th. Exclusive teacher experiences, one-of-a-kind artwork from students, themed classroom gift baskets, gift cards, tickets to sporting events, and much more will be auctioned off to the highest bidder, with all the funds raised supporting the 2018-19 school year!

Shop and bid on items at www.32auctions.com/RCA2018. Bidding opens on 5/1 at 1pm and closes on 5/4 at 4pm.

BREWWORKS KICK-OFF EVENT
MAY 1ST!

We are kicking off the silent auction at Wayzata BrewWorks on Tuesday, May 1st, 5-8pm.

Socialize and connect with other Redeemer families, start bidding, and enjoy an evening on beautiful Lake Minnetonka. Snacks will be provided and craft beer is available for purchase on site. Childcare will be available at Redeemer.

Please contact us with any questions:
Christina Ridgeway,
Pcridgeway@gmail.com, RCA mom
Keri Rouen,
Kerirouen@gmail.com, RCA mom
Learn and share the clever story of Joseph and his band of brothers, in the unusual setting of a 50’s diner and partying beach community. Papa Jake’s is the 1959 diner and the Papa Jake family is all of Joseph’s siblings. The Big Kahuna is the leader of the Beach Community (modern Egypt). We need lots of kids for lots of roles. For more information: Contact Dan Oie at 952-473-1281 Ext 209 or email doie@redeemerwayzata.org.

**Registration Costs:** $25 (Checks to Redeemer Lutheran Church)

*Student receives musical book and CD, performance t-shirt, and snacks*

**Auditions** (character roles, solos, speaking):

- **Saturday, June 2** 10:00am – 12:00noon
- **Sunday, June 3** 9:30 – 10:30 am; after 12:00noon

*Roles for 19 actors 4 solos; some roles may be divided;*

*Some interesting characters are Spinner (DJ), Joe the Dreamer, Coco (advisor), J.D. (older brother), Kahuna (Pharaoh), and Papa Jake (the dad).*

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**Students Name** __________________________________________ Grade completed (2018) __________

**Address** (street, city, zip code) ________________________________________________

**Parent(s)/Guardian Name** ____________________________________________________

**Email contact:** ________________________________________________________________

**Phone** ________________________________________________________________

**Emergency contact and Phone #** ____________________________________________

**Allergies or special needs:** __________________________________________________

**Shirt size:**
- ☐ Youth Small
- ☐ Youth Medium
- ☐ Youth Large
- ☐ Adult Small
- ☐ Adult Large

**Parent assistance:**
- ☐ building sets and props
- ☐ helping with snacks
- ☐ bringing snacks
- ☐ helping with costumes, accessories
- ☐ leading a small group (help with Bible verses; question of the day)

**Or register online at** [https://vbspro.events/p/events/redeemerwayzatabvs](https://vbspro.events/p/events/redeemerwayzatabvs)
Come and join our crew of Castaways as we share a tropical adventure on a lonely sea island. Each day we will learn that “Jesus Rescues” us in a new different way. When we’re lonely, when we worry, when we struggle, when we do wrong, or when we’re powerless, “Jesus Rescues!”

Come and join us for story time, activity time, games, and exciting praise and worship songs that you will sing all year long. Learn these great worship songs: “My Lighthouse,” “I Am,” and “Eye of the Storm.” Find those paradise island clothes and wear them to VBS.

Dan Oie will lead our time of worship along with our Redeemer Youth. Laura Brinkman will help with administration and volunteers. Our Redeemer Academy Teachers will be telling stories and helping with crafts and activities. Use the registration link at [https://vbspro.events/p/events/redeemerwayzatavbs](https://vbspro.events/p/events/redeemerwayzatavbs) to sign up.
Gift cards are available between church services in the auditorium and the church office during the week. We keep local grocery stores, gas stations, and restaurant on hand and you can order from over 700 retailers that participate in the SCRIP program. We sell $1500 to $2500 of cards each month and receive 4% - 6% back on average. Redeemer also uses these cards for those in need.

Please consider the SCRIP program for your everyday purchases.
BE INVOLVED! Submitted by Deb Wagner

† CONNECT with friends who walk through the joys and challenges of life together.
† GROW in faith through bible study, prayer and shared life experiences.
† SERVE in our family of faith and throughout the community.

Involvement in a small group is a great way to connect, grow and serve! Whether you’re interested in a group that has been meeting for years or one of the new groups that have started this spring, there is a place to find connection and community in a faith-based circle of friends!

Meeting times and locations vary. Contact Deb at our new email address smallgroups@redeemerwayzata.org for more information or to get connected.

A TIME TO WEEP Submitted by Leslee Stewart

The Good Friday service was held on March 30th. With the moving music, singing, and readings, it was a time to really feel closer to our Lord during the crucifixion.

Here are some of the comments on the service:
† Wow
† I cried
† I felt goose bumps all night
† He really suffered, for me.
† A new understanding of Christ’s suffering
† Brought alive how Christ died for ME!
† I wish I had brought neighbors to witness this service
† Moving historical reconstruction - amazing.
† Pierced the conscience
† I wept openly

STARTING SMALL GROUP FOR MOMS

As mothers, we can personally attest to the challenges of juggling a job, school activities, and everything else that goes along with parenthood. In times of chaos and mental/physical exhaustion, a network of support (family and friends) goes a long way.

In that spirit, we want to start a group for Redeemer moms that focuses on God, fellowship, friendship and community outreach. We will be meeting Saturdays April 21 and 28 and May 12 and 19 at Redeemer in the gathering room at 10:30am, with more dates to be determined.

The gym has been reserved for supervised play time, so bring your children!

We are excited to start this group!

Please email Amanda Dehmer at adehmer@redeemerwayzata.org or Lindsay Kuphal at linzmignone@hotmail.com for more information.

ANNUAL SPRING WORK DAY - SATURDAY, MAY 5

Please consider helping to keep Redeemer’s facility in tip-top shape. Our annual Spring Workday is scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 8:30am to noon. See the task list in the church lobby.
Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Update

LWML Prayer Shawl Ministry
“Make Me a Servant”
“Heavenly Father, open my eyes to the needs of others so that I may serve them in your name. Through my small efforts, help me to demonstrate your love. I ask also that you grant divine healing to the sick, comfort to the bereaved, friendship to the lonely, and abundance to those in need. I thank you for your blessings and for the mercies you show to all of us.

Amen”

What is a Prayer Shawl Ministry?
Before a prayer shawl is begun, a prayer is said by the creator of the shawl, dedicating their work and for the person who will eventually be the recipient of the shawl. It is a gift freely given with no strings attached. The shawl is a reminder of the Love that God wraps around us in joy and in sorrow.

When is a Prayer Shawl Given?
Redeemer LWML’s first prayer shawl was dedicated on October 1, 2006. Since that time, 74 prayer shawls have been presented to those who were ill, facing surgery, or mourning. But there are other times that prayer shawls are given. Since April 2007, eighty (80) baby shawls have been presented to infants baptized at Redeemer.

Prayer shawls are available for anyone who attends Redeemer to present to others. There is NO single person who is designated to make or deliver prayer shawls. It is an open ministry and all members of Redeemer are invited to participate with making of the shawls or presenting the shawls. We will be collecting prayer shawls to be dedicated on LWML Sunday sometime later this fall.

Upcoming LWML Events

June 29-30, 2018
MN South District LWML Convention at Verizon Event Center, Mankato.

Registration is open to everyone wishing to attend. It will be two days of Bible Study/ fellowship mixed in with some necessary business. Also, new this year will be a “SILENT AUCTION” to raise money for mites.

More information in the WOM newsletter which can be found in the rack across from the nursery.

Submitted by Anna Gerber
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Please check your weekly bulletin. Calendar dates are subject to change.
We invite you to worship with us!

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

FROM THE LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORK CENTER...

CELEBRATE!! CELEBRATE!! CELEBRATE!!

For over 75 years Lutheran Braille Workers has been reaching out with God’s saving Word to people who are visually impaired. WOW! What a milestone to celebrate!

The Work Center at Redeemer has been up and running for less than a year with a handful of dedicated volunteers, who spend Monday and Friday afternoons punching pages, backs and covers, numbering pages and assembling sets, then printing and binding books to be shipped to China, South Africa, Malawi (Central Africa) Nigeria, Cameroon, Ghana, Columbia, Canada, Guatemala, Tanzania, and Italy. We ship 37 copies each month which in 9 months of operation totals 254 copies of the book of Revelation and 99 copies of the Devotional “With This Ring.” Well done, Volunteers!

In the words of St. Paul: “I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 1:3-6)

We pray: “Heavenly Father, We thank you for the gift of sight which allows us to enjoy your beautiful creation and to read and study your Word. We often take for granted that gift and lack appreciation for your creation (like the snow falling this afternoon as this is being written) and the ability to study your Word. By remembering now, those who live their lives in darkness, help us to be more mindful of the needs of those who cannot see. Though we cannot restore their sight, we can bring the gospel message and your love to them through this outreach ministry. Bless the volunteers who have given of their time and talents and those who may be thinking of joining them in the months to come.”

In Jesus Name, Amen!

Submitted by Anna Gerber