SAYING “YES” TO JESUS!

On Sunday, May 6th, eight young people publicly confessed their faith in Jesus in the Rite of Confirmation at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Pictured (L-R) are

Confirmation is a two-year course of instruction at Redeemer that includes the study of Luther’s Small Catechism. The Catechism contains 374 questions answered by 1,141 Bible verses. We see that the Catechism is more than just a study of Lutheranism; it is an adventure into the Word of God, with the focus squarely on Jesus Christ, our Savior from sin.

Although I had the privilege of leading these young people into God’s Word, the teachers of Redeemer Christian Academy are to be commended for their constant focus on Christ in the classroom. Along with its high academic standards, Redeemer Christian Academy’s teachers are all committed to sharing Christ in a bold, loving way with their students.

But as important as teachers and pastors are to the spiritual growth of the students, by far the greatest impact comes from parents. All the studies of dynamic faith in young people show the same thing: mom and dad are the number one influence in their child’s faith formation.

What does that mean?

(Reflections continued on page 3)
CLOSING OUT THE 40TH SCHOOL YEAR AT REDEEMER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

I am grateful to be able to be a part of this school of excellence. As we close the doors on our 40th year, I am so thankful for how God has blessed us through...

† 40th Anniversary Celebration: Seeing the many people who came for the service of celebration, the ribbon cutting with the mayor of Wayzata, and the great food was astounding. It was a day made even more memorable through seeing some of the very first school alumni and reliving memories with them.

† Staff: We welcomed Mrs. Penn as the gr. 2 homeroom teacher, to our loving, nurturing staff.

† 33 new students were welcomed to Redeemer Christian Academy this year!

(15 in preschool and 18 in gr. K-8)

† First ever Redeemer Christian Academy 5K: What a successful, well-attended event with proceeds going to the Scholarship Fund!

† Pumpkins: Redeemer member and “Pumpkin Man” Jack Walfors, brought in enough pumpkins for each student and teacher to take home. Thanks Jack!

† Plymouth on Parade: More people than I can remember seeing in a long time walked in the parade and represented our school. Go Redeemer blue!

† Veteran’s Day celebration: Over 150 adults and children attended our service and meal. It’s an honor each year to celebrate the service these people have given to our country.

† Sports: We offer flag football, cross country, boys’ and girls’ basketball, volleyball and archery right after school, through parent and teacher coaches.

† Taking our show “on the road”: We took the K-3 choir and parents “on the road” to 3 area LCMS churches: Zion Lutheran in Hopkins, Shepherd of the Grove Lutheran in Maple Grove, and Mt. Olive in Mound. We’ve also sang at Wayzata Community Church’s senior luncheon, and for the seniors at Meridian Manor. We share songs as well as what our school offers.

† Parents: showed their love for the teachers and staff by cooking and serving lunch for us six times during the year. They also provided recess duty relief for us. We love our school parents! Parents also serve 25 volunteer hours during the year, working on projects, helping in the classroom, hosting our FunFest carnival and other school events, just to name a few activities. Thanks parents, for your willingness to become involved.

† School Spelling Bee: Students competed in our

(RCA continued on page 3)
Biblically, churches are not called to be the primary teachers of children; parents are. Parents have the main responsibility of teaching their children about Christ, as God’s Word clearly teaches. Moms and dads, how do you do that? First, have an authentic faith in Christ yourself. Let your kids see you praying, studying the word, apologizing, trusting God and loving as Jesus loves. Then teach them the Word of God at home. There are many wonderful story Bibles for young children and devotional Bibles for older kids. Pray with your children. Carve out time, perhaps around breakfast or the dinner table, to have devotions. With a good resource, it can be painless, and fun! Help your kids say yes to Jesus their whole lives!

In Christ,
Pastor Steve

† Moms and Muffins program was started for moms to be able to gather and form stronger relationships with God and each other.

† Auction: The auction committee provided a fabulous online event in record time. Thanks ladies and gentlemen!

These are just a few of the things I’m thankful that have happened this past school year. We’re planning for another stellar year next year…sharing Teachings for a LIFEtime: Learning, Integrity, Faith, and Excellence in all we do! Come and see what we’re all about!
RCA IS GROWING!

We’ve already got 20 new students signed up for next year (6 in K-8 and 14 in preschool).

Our kindergarten is full with six students on the waiting list. We’re tracking seven additional students whose families have either just toured or are scheduled to tour soon.

Who do you know that should be at our Christian school of excellence?

How is Redeemer Christian Academy different?

† We live out Christ each day through teacher example and students are held to treating each other in a Christian manner.

† We teach the Lord’s Conflict Resolution Plan found in Matthew 18.

“Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.” We train students to tell your neighbor to stop doing what’s offending you, and if they don’t stop, to then tell the teacher.

† We follow through on assignments and learning by holding our students accountable and responsible for their assignments and actions. We partner with you as parents in teaching your children to be people of integrity. We expect students to turn in assignments when due. Many area schools don’t expect this anymore.

† We teach intensive phonics as a separate class from reading in grades K-1 to establish a firm reading foundation. It is a highly rated, solid phonics, grammar, English and spelling program. Those children who have been through it know how to spell and write.

† We teach the SMART program, which readies children for learning and enhances the brain in learning through movement. It’s especially helpful for boys to be able to have fun and learn at the same time. The SMART program also helps with sports in that it hones balance, proprioceptiveness and patterning.

† We are high-touch in that we nurture the whole child. We get to know your children, their needs and the gifts God has given them. We help children to be able to identify their gifts and use them. We celebrate each child being different and hold that up as a strength. We can give hugs and high fives as well as loving guidance in areas they need to improve upon.

Setting Summer Goals

Linda Wiebold

One of best things to do for your children before summer vacation begins is to sit down and set some goals with them. Here’s a tried and true way to do it. Just choose an activity in each of the areas represented by this acronym listed below. Some examples are shared for you to get you thinking.

SHIPS

S=Spiritual (Share a devotion each day and pray with your family.)

H= Household (Teach your child how to do age-appropriate household jobs: making their bed, unloading the dishwasher, clearing the table, etc. Allowance could be given only for those jobs that are above and beyond household duties as part of the family.)

I = Intellectual (Have your child do 2 pages a weekday in a summer bridge between grades workbook available at your favorite bookstore and also read part of a book each day. Sign them up for a library program or Book Adventure online.)

P = Physical (Get outside each day and also participate in one team sport.)

S = Social (Schedule a play date with cousins, neighbors or church/school friends.)

Choose your own activities in each area and your child will be well-rounded. I listed some possible activities—you choose your own. Be sure to include God in your planning!
SUMMER HYMN SINGS BEGIN JUNE 3 AT TRADITIONAL SERVICES

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

Worship attendees can submit a list of requests for Dan 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)

SUMMER MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES AT REDEEMER

During the summer Redeemer is looking for vocal solos, duets, and ensembles to include. Dan will give brief historical comments and add spiritual reflections on the meaning of the hymns. Requests will also be received for a favorite organ piece, or a piano solo.

OLD TIME GOSPEL CHOIR, LULEÅ, SWEDEN, JUNE 21 AT REDEEMER

The Old Town Gospel Choir from Luleå, Sweden, will perform in concert Thursday, June 21, at 7 p.m. in the Redeemer Lutheran Church Sanctuary. The concert is free.

A free-will offering will be received.

The Concert is under the direction of Lennart Johansson, a leading church musician in Luleå, Sweden. Luleå is located near the Arctic Circle in northern Sweden.

Johansson performed an evening of Swedish hymns at Redeemer in August 2017.

The 17 touring members of the Old Town Gospel Choir perform a mixture of gospel music (both new music composed by either Lennart Johansson or his son Samuel and American gospel music) along with traditional Swedish songs. The young adult choir sings with great spirit and energy and is an inspiration and delight to audiences everywhere they perform.
**Coming this Month!**

**June 11 - 15, 2018**

**Redeemer VBS (Vacation Bible School)**

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

*Shipwrecked (Student Music Leaders needed to assist Dan Oie)*

Cost: $25

**Music Camp: Not Your Average Joe**

12:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Students learn and prepare a musical of 8 songs, drama, acting, and choreography in 15 hours – concluding with performance at 4:00 p.m., Friday, June 15.

Dan & Cheryl Oie, directors

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**VBS Launches “Shipwrecked”**

Come and join our crew of Castaways stranded on a tropical adventure on a lonely sea island.

Each day we will learn that “Jesus Rescues” us in unique way. When we’re lonely, when we worry, when we struggle, when we do wrong, or when we’re powerless, “Jesus Rescues!”

Listen to our story time and join our 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 to sign up. Adult and Youth volunteers are needed. Student cost is $25.

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**“Not Your Average Joe”**

A sunny new version of Joseph

*(See attached Registration sheet)*

Students completing Grades 1-6 are invited to visit Joe at the Big Kahuna (Egypt) while trying to save the family back at Papa Jake’s Steak and Fries in Canaan.

Join us for an exciting week of fantasy and adventure as we discover God’s providence and care for all His children.
The question arises now and then: “what is Braille all about?” Braille is a combination of dots forming letters, making it possible for blind people to use their fingers to “read.” Braille Ministry is about producing Braille Bibles and Devotions, placing God’s Saving Word into the hands of the blind. Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) Spring newsletter contained a letter of gratitude from a man in Nigeria, West Africa, Akindele Akinyemi, who, thirty years ago, benefited from receiving a free Bible in Braille. He writes, “it not only strengthened my faith, but gave me unrestrained and independent access to the Bible, which I could only have dreamt of at the time.” We often take for granted our access to God’s Word, even to the point of neglecting it.

Our Work Center is one of many across the U.S. manned by volunteers who freely give of their time and energy to produce, bind and ship these materials as orders come in.

Thank you to the Redeemer Braille Ministry Volunteers for your dedication. You are definitely making an ETERNAL difference in people’s live. Some of our brothers and sisters across the nation have been volunteering for 10, 20, 30 years or more...we are just getting started.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. (Gal 6:9 NIV)

The best way to learn about Braille Ministry is to stop in the copy room between 1:30-3:30pm any Monday or Friday. Our volunteers will be happy to walk you through the process and answer questions. Comments from past visitors: “WOW” “COOL,” and “AMAZING.” Please stop by and see for yourself the “Sweetness of God’s people working together to help the truly needy.”

We will be working through the summer (heat and humidity permitting).

“We walk by faith, not by sight.” 2 Corinthians 5:7
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).

- Student’s 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/redeemerwayzatavbs/sessions/24017/participants/new
WEST SUBURBAN GRIEF COALITION

Redeemer Lutheran is one of the member churches of the West Suburban Grief Coalition, a joint effort of 15 area churches that provides grief support in the west suburban area. The Coalition is an all-volunteer organization where grief professionals, former participants, and others knowledgeable about the grief process provide education and encouragement to those experiencing the loss of a loved one. Participants learn about the process of grief and share their experiences in a safe, caring and confidential setting that offers the hope of personal growth and healing. The sessions are intended to complement, not replace, professional care.

The Coalition’s more centrally located Member Churches rotate the hosting of meetings. The Summer Session for the period June 7 through August 30, 2018, will be hosted by Church of St. Therese of Deephaven in Deephaven, MN, 18323 Minnetonka Blvd, Deephaven, MN (phone 952-473-4422). There is no cost to attend and church affiliation is not necessary. Attendees are welcome to join the group at any time.

West Suburban Grief Coalition
Summer Speaker Schedule

June 7 - August 30, 2018
Hosted by Church of St. Therese of Deephaven

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Excitement is in the air as members of the Minnesota South District Lutheran Women’s Missionary League – Women in Mission (LWML) prepare for the 27th Biennial Convention on Friday, June 29, 2018 and Saturday June 30, 2018 at the Verizon Center in Mankato, Minnesota.

Representing Redeemer as Delegates are Adrienne Zhang and Kristal Anderson. They will be casting votes on behalf of our LWML Society for the next Biennium’s Mission Mite goal, Mission Grants to be funded, and electing new district officers and two new Pastoral Counselors.

It will be two days jam-packed with Bible Study, Mission Speakers (from the field) servant events and special luncheons for our guests, such as the Young Women Representatives (YWR’s) first time attendees and Pastors. Christian Life Committee and Zone Presidents will each host special luncheons on Friday, June 29 for the general audience.

There will be a “Mission Pledge Walk” and a “Silent Auction” to raise money for Mites. Thank you, Wanyce Thostenson for preparing a basket containing a prayer shawl, yarn and knitting needles and directions for making the shawl. The theme of her basket is “Knitted together in Christ” based on verses from Ephesians. Well done! Thank you to those who have contributed to the baby kits as “Gifts from the Heart” that will be distributed to three crisis pregnancy centers in southern Minnesota. Thank you all for your “servant hearts.”

Friday evening we come together for a communion worship service which is open to the public. As you can see it is much more than a “convention and business”. It is also a time of spiritual renewal and growth.

Please be in touch with our Delegates when they return home and ask them about the convention.

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**Calendar dates are subject to change.**

Please check your weekly bulletin.
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”

A description of the Redeemer program will be provided in the July Newsletter.