Summer is for Serving!

Redeemer’s “Shipwrecked” Vacation Bible School in June was a big success! Children learned that Jesus rescues them from their sins, gives them eternal life, and helps them every day. Thank you to Dan Oie, Laura Brinkman, all the teachers of Redeemer Christian Academy, and many other volunteers for making this happen in such a great way.

Part of the VBS activity was a service project benefiting “In Love, Word and Deed,” a street ministry for the homeless in the Twin Cities. Moms On A Mission (Redeemer’s mom’s group) organized the project that helped deliver 150 snack bags to homeless men on Saturday, June 16th (pictured upper right). The children who participated in VBS donated money, stuffed toys and food items and bagged the food at Redeemer (pictured on the left). Thank you to Amanda Dehmer and Lindsay Kuphal, leaders of Moms On A Mission, for overseeing this whole process!

Yes, summer is for fun, vacation, and rest, but the extra time many children and adults have can be used to serve the Lord by helping people in need. Redeemer’s children and adults demonstrated Christian love in a great way!

There is another opportunity for us to show that Summer is for Serving: On Tuesday, July 10th,

40 spots have been reserved for youth and adults from Redeemer to work at Feed My Starving Children headquarters in the Twin Cities. They will work with many others to pack food for hungry children around the world. The Theme is Turn Hunger into Hope with Your Own Two Hands. What a great way to show our love for Christ by helping starving children! The service project will be held from 6-8 p.m. FMSC’s address is 18732 Lake Drive East, Chanhassen, MN 55317. Please see the article inside this newsletter for further details, including sign-up.

God’s peace to you as you serve the Living Lord!
At Redeemer Christian Academy the teachers spend time after school ends in professional development workshops, planning for the coming year. We also work on these plans over the summer (on our own time because we can’t help ourselves) and spend two weeks prior to the start of the new school year fine-tuning those plans before the students ever step foot on our campus. That enables us to have plenty of time to work as a team in seeking out and implementing the best way to meet the needs of students and parents. Here’s the outcome:

Our strengths continue to be:

- God’s grace and truth are taught in all situations, as found in the Bible
- Christian morals and values are taught as well as academics
- We hold high standards and expectations for our students
- We intentionally seek to nurture each child’s gifts and talents
- Organization and study skills are intentionally taught
- Kudos often received from high schools as they acknowledge the high caliber of our graduates

Top opportunities for growth and the plan to meet the need:

- Help community families realize what Redeemer Christian Academy is all about.
- Students will continue to sing once a quarter during the worship services. Teachers will teach in the Vacation Bible School program. Promote family and teacher involvement in quarterly service projects, as well as Wednesday night classes.
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**PLAN:**
- Our school logo will be on t-shirts and handouts as we help sponsor a local 5K run. Offer our 2nd annual community-wide 5K run with our logo on the t-shirts and handouts in October. Continue to take our K-3 Kingdom Kids on the road to area LCMS churches (3 this past year), Meridian Manor, and Wayzata Community Church to sing and present our mission and marketing materials.
- Give back to the congregation for making Redeemer Christian Academy its top mission priority.

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**PLAN:**
- Offer intentional relationship building opportunities such as the brand new Moms on a Mission (see article elsewhere in this publication regarding this mom’s group for Bible study, accountability and service projects with the family) as well as parenting classes on Wednesday nights, and Breakfast Buddies for students and parents.
their favorite male.

Ensuring our student assessment system supports teachers by providing timely, relevant information. Plan:

Switch standardized testing materials to MAP personalized assessments which dynamically adjust to each student’s responses to pinpoint the instructional areas students are ready to tackle—whether they’re on, above, or below grade level.

Meet the needs of our diverse learning community, especially in the area of math.

**PLAN:** Allocate our limited resources to best serve diverse student needs as identified by MAP testing through teacher training and materials.

Assist staff in managing student data and collections effectively.

**PLAN:** After successfully learning to use a comprehensive online enrollment, communication, grading, and billing system this year, we’ll implement more of its functions in our second year.

Update our curriculum. **PLAN:** Per our Curriculum Cycle mandate, we will seek the best science curriculum for all ages, beginning with the upper grades. (We finished our two-year process of updating our math curriculum this past year.)

We chose the theme for next fiscal year as “Real. Present. God.” based on Psalm 46:1 & 10: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Be still and know that I am God.

It is only because we can be strong through Him that we can persevere. It’s a reminder to have our quiet times with God to set the tone for our day. We know we can handle whatever comes our way because we are a strong team, and God is our leader!

**ENROLLMENT UPDATE**

As of this writing, we have 115 students enrolled (24 preschool and 91 K-8). Last year at this time we had 110 students enrolled, and two years ago we had 94 students enrolled at this time.

We rejoice that enrollment is up again! Praise God! It’s only because you are sharing with your circle of influence, and we thank you! Tours and information are available any day by calling 952/473-5356 or emailing lwiebold@redeemerwayzata.org.

**RADICAL BIBLE STUDY**

*(Redeemer Athletes Developing In Character and Leadership)*

Redeemer’s 4th – 8th-grade student athletes meet twice a month throughout the school year for a bright and early Bible study, before school with Mr. Gesch.

The students’ offerings went to **Folds of Honor, Wounded Warriors,** and **K9s for Warriors**; each organization received a check for $450 thanks to the generosity of our Redeemer students.

*A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.*

Proverbs 11:25

Submitted by David Gesch

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

**MICHAEL KAMINSKI!**

Michael Kaminski, Redeemer alumni class of 2010 and member of Redeemer church, graduated Summa Cum Laude, on May 27, 2018, with a 4.0 GPA from St Olof college and a major in Chemistry and concentration in Biomolecular science. Michael will perform cancer research for two years at the University of Minnesota, and afterward, attend medical school. Michael, Your Redeemer, family, congratulates you and offers you blessings on your future endeavors!
“I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.” (Psalm 104:33)

“Speak out to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, offering praise with voices [and instruments] and making melody with all your heart to the Lord.” (Ephesians 5:19)

“Is anyone among you suffering? Then he must pray. Is anyone cheerful? He is to sing praises.” (James 5:13)

God has blessed all of us with the gift to sing and worship together with our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We often become self-conscious of our disabilities, who worship God with all their heart, and soul, and mind, and strength.

It doesn’t take much to worship the Lord. Please join us each Sunday.

If you have a list of ten songs that speak to you in your journey of faith ... be it one year, ten years, or ninety years of living for the Lord ... share them with us. You can also tell us why and how these hymns and songs speak to you. Dan Oie would love to hear and share your song and hymn stories.

Summer Sing-Alongs will continue through Labor Day weekend.

Dan Oie
“Not Your Average Joe” Fascinates Kids and Adults

Nineteen young singers completing Grades 1-6 spent 15 hours learning the Old Testament story of Joseph in depth and telling it in a new setting of Joe’s family business (Shakes and Fries) and in modern Egypt (The Beach run by the Big Kahuna).

During the week of June 11 – 15, we had an exciting time learning about Joseph’s family, his dreams that developed leadership, and what God’s plans might be for our lives. If you missed it this summer, you’ll need to plan for the summer music camp in June 2019.
Vacation Bible School

June 11 - 15, 2018
**GIVING FROM SMART PHONE OR COMPUTER**

**WHAT IS VENMO?**
Venmo is a secure service that can be connected to your bank account and used to pay other Venmo users. The service is **FREE** to both the giver and recipient. However, if you choose to give via credit card, they will charge a 3% **service fee**.

**HOW TO GIVE WITH VENMO?**
- Set up an account by downloading the Venmo app or visiting this link to sign up: [https://venmo.com/signup](https://venmo.com/signup).
- It will give you the option of signing up with either your email address or your Facebook account.
- It will also ask for your cell phone number. It is important to give Venmo a number with text messaging capabilities because they will send you a code via text message to activate your account. For extra security, you will receive a confirmation text of all transactions.

**AUTOMATED GIVING**
We are researching capabilities with our new website. Currently, if you wish to give automatically, please provide a voided check along with the monthly amount you wish to give to Steve Swanlund.

Alternatively, most banks have free Bill Pay service. You can set up “Redeemer Lutheran Church” as a “person.” Info needed typically includes our address, pay frequency, and amount. This way, you can adjust all the options anytime. For your reference, our address is:

115 W. Wayzata Blvd.,
Wayzata, MN  55391.

Our phone number is 952-473-1281.

Questions, please reach out to **Steve Swanlund:** sswanlund@redeemerwayzata.org or **Guang Zhang:** guangtianzhang@hotmail.com.

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**LUTHERAN NIGHT AT TARGET FIELD**

Join your fellow baseball fans at Target Field to watch the Twins take on the Cleveland Indians on Tuesday, July 31. Game time is 7:10pm. We’ll be sitting in right field, main concourse level.

Tickets are $27 each. Sign up in the church lobby or call Hank Radintz, 612-865-2130. Ordering deadline is July 9.

Transportation to Target Field is on your own.
Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10
Donations for The 115, the cry room, and a table for the conference room were procured by the Radintz family.

Thank you!
**Lutheran Women in Mission (Lutheran Women’s Missionary League)**

**Dry-July Service Project**

During July we will be doing our annual drive for the Robbinsdale Women’s Center in Robbinsdale, MN, a pro-life organization providing services to women faced with unplanned pregnancies and nowhere else to turn.

**Items Needed (New Only—Please!):** Diapers, bottles, bottle brushes, health kit with thermometer, hooded bath towels, burp cloths, baby laundry detergent (such as Dreft) baby toys & teethers, grooming kits (nail clippers, brush & comb) baby wash, baby powder, Desitin, footed sleepers (NB-3 Mo.) and Onesies (NB-3 Mo.) A basket for collection will be on the display table in the lower hallway across from the nursery.

**Mission Grant of the Month**

$10,000 for the **Dwelling Place**

The Dwelling Place is a Christian ministry providing healing and hope to victims of domestic abuse with supportive services and a **SAFE** place to call home. Long-term transitional housing is provided with comprehensive programming for 12 months (or longer if needed). Women take part in school, work, volunteering, support groups, Bible studies, life skills classes, and job training with parental support for their children and housing assistance.

The children’s program seeks to eliminate the generational cycle of abuse through education and by showing children that they are loved and have value.

The Dwelling Place will be celebrating its 20th Anniversary Gala at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center, MN on **October 6, 2018**. More information at: www.thedwellingplaceshelter.org/gala2018.

A third home, “Esther’s Place,’ opened this May with the capacity to serve 14 women and children. A fourth home is being renovated by volunteers this summer and will have a capacity of 12 more women and children. By the fall of 2018, God will have provided an increase to serve 54 women and children at one time.

**Glory to God for the new life that comes through the powerful love and grace of Jesus Christ.**

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**“Happy Anniversary” to Braille Work Center #12!**

July 9, 2018, we celebrate the one year anniversary of the dedication of Braille Work Center #12. **To God be the Glory!!!**

He called, we answered, He supplied! And so we rejoice and celebrate His goodness. Come and visit us on Monday afternoon, July 9th, and help us celebrate God’s “sweet” goodness.

I’d like to thank our faithful volunteers, Gaylen and Wanyce Thostenson, Jim and Kris Anderson, Terry Blount, Eva McAtee, Carol Ross, and Sallie Koenig. And last, but by no means least, my husband Phil Gerber for helping this dream come true. I also want to thank our faithful prayer warriors and all who have brought in their used-but-in-good-shape plastic bags from their Sunday papers (handy for wrapping books to be shipped overseas), Pastor Steve and Donna for packing materials from their move, and Herb McAtee and custodians Jim & Dave for keeping us supplied with cardboard used for shipping. Thank you Stacy, Linda, Dan and the rest of the staff for putting up with us on Monday and Friday afternoons, when you are trying to get to the copier and have to wade through the crowd. Also, thank you to Matt Melton for his giving it a try (you are welcome to come back, Matt, if you find the time) and to Emma Melton for designing our display and posting the countries we have shipped to, to date. We sincerely appreciate your service.
Redeemer Annual Garage Sale

2018 Sale Dates

Wednesday, August 1st
Doors open at 8 AM and close at 6 PM.

Thursday, August 2nd
Doors open at 9 AM and close at 5 PM.

Friday, August 3rd
Sale clean-up, 8 AM to noon
Come one, come all! Bring your truck and trailer to help in moving all remaining items to Goodwill, Salvation Army or your favorite donation location.

Garage Sale Collection
June 18th through July 23rd
Drop off is at church door #1, located on the east side of the church. Enter parking lot from Ferndale Road. Go to door #1 and ring bell for access. Drop-off is available, Monday through Friday; 8:30 am to 5 pm.

Last Day to Drop Off Donations: Monday, July 23rd
All items donated need to be in good, clean, working condition. See the detailed listing of what WE CANNOT ACCEPT. A good rule to follow is: if the Salvation Army or Goodwill doesn’t take it, neither do we.

Large Items and/or Furniture
Redeemer no longer takes upholstered furniture, office furniture, sinks, pianos, or organs. Pick-up is not available. If you are unable to carry your items into the church on your own, call to schedule a time for assistance. 952-473-1281

Volunteers: We Need YOU!
Monday, July 2 the tarp gets put down on the gym floor, we need 6-8 volunteers for this job at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, August 2, clean-up from 5 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, August 3, come with your trucks and trailers to help bring all remaining items to donation sites. Sorting began in June, and there are many other jobs beyond setting up the sale, from cashiering to traffic control. See our volunteer sign-up board located in the church lobby for details and times. The Garage Sale is a Service Hour opportunity!

All are invited (men, women, and children 12 and up) to be a part of this community ministry through work, fun, and fellowship! You do not need to be a member or student of Redeemer to participate. All volunteers can earn pre-sale shopping privileges, and parents of students can earn service hours, too.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED
- Appliances (freezers, refrigerators, microwaves, stoves, washers, dryers, etc.)
- Artificial plants
- Baby car seats, cribs, or bassinets
- Books—(encyclopedia or self-help)
- Carpet or carpet padding
- Christmas décor, Christmas trees
- Computers and their components
- Console stereos
- Dehumidifiers, humidifiers
- Doors, sinks, tubs
- Drapery/curtain rods and blinds
- Exercise equipment of any kind, home gym
- Furniture, upholstered, or needing repair
- Hardwire electrical fixtures (ceiling fans, chandeliers, light fixtures, etc.)
- Hazardous waste of any kind (paint, oil, chemicals, gasoline, etc.)
- Hide-a-beds, mattresses/box springs/coil springs
- Large entertainment centers
- Magazines, National Geographic magazines
- Newspaper
- Office furniture (desks, chairs, file cabinets, office partitions)
- Organs/Pianos
- Shoes, boots or slippers
- Skis/ski boots
- Televisions
- Tires of any kind/wheels
- VHS tapes
- Waterbeds or their parts

Please donate only items in good, clean, working condition. Keep in mind there is a cost associated with disposing of all remaining items, and that money could be going to our church, school and outreach programs. Thank you for your consideration!
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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”

Redeemer Garage Sale
August 1 & 2, 2018