God’s Still Not Dead!

Two years ago, the movie “God’s Not Dead” featured a freshman university student who attends a philosophy class. The professor requires all students to submit a signed statement that “God is dead” and never existed. Instead, the student debates the professor, standing up for his faith.

This year the film’s sequel, “God’s Not Dead 2”, focuses on a Christian high school teacher who is taken to court for sharing her faith with a student. She stands up for Christ, in spite of the risk.

On Wednesday, September 7th, friends and members of Redeemer will gather in Redeemer’s auditorium to view this inspiring film. Supper is at 5:30 p.m. for those who’d like to come early and eat. The movie begins at 6:15 p.m. and is two hours long. Invite your friends, come, enjoy, and be inspired!

In the weeks before the movie is shown, I will be preaching a four-week sermon series based on the movie’s themes. Each sermon will include video clips from the movie. On August 7th, message #1 will be: “Finding Faith At Ground Zero – The Search For Answers In the Midst Of Life’s Pain.” On August 14th, message #2 will be: “Real Faith Isn’t Blind – Evidence For The History Of Jesus.” On August 21st, message #3 will be: “Standing Strong in Difficult Times – Having Convictions in an Age of Compromise.” On September 4th, message #4 will be “Who Do You Say I Am? – Spreading the Good News That Jesus is the Messiah.”

You’ll notice I skipped August 28th. On that Sunday we’ll take a break from the sermon series to welcome accomplished guitarist, vocalist, and pastor Dave Horn to Redeemer. Pastor Horn has toured the United States since 2000 sharing original music with finger-style guitar accompaniment. Dave’s sheer love of the music and his clear message have touched and encouraged folks around the country.

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming sermon series, Dave Horn’s guest playing and preaching, and the movie event on September 7th.

God’s peace!

Pastor Steve
We warmly invite you to help us share the unchanging love of Christ with all in our 39th school year at Redeemer! Our church and school theme for 2016-17 is “Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” (Hebrews 13:8)

With the help of God, we have had a rich legacy, are busy planning for today, and fully intend to be here for a long time to come!

We’re all about relationships here at Redeemer: relationship building with God, and relationship building with each other. To that end, there are many events planned for you to get to know us, and we to get to know you.

† **Aug. 15-19, 22-26** – Teacher workshops: come in and say hello to us as we prep our brains and our classrooms

† **Aug. 17, 7-8pm** – New Parent Dessert/Orientation - childcare provided by reservation – please let Linda Wiebold know by phone/email that you’ll need care and the children’s ages by Friday, Aug. 12

† **T, Aug. 23, 6:30 – 7:30pm** – PS3, PK4, K - Gr. 4 Playground Party on our playground

† **T, Aug. 23, 6:30 – 7:30pm** – Gr. 5-8 Pizza Party at school

† **Su, August 28, 4-6pm**- All School Back to School BBQ - BBQ pork/chicken sandwiches served. Come anytime during this timeframe, but you’ll want to come sooner than later so you can have time to meet and greet. Bring your child’s school supplies to your child’s classroom and get them set up.

† **M, August 29** – first day for K-8, parent coffee and chapel

♦ Doors open at 8:05
♦ Students are to be in their classroom ready to learn by 8:25
♦ 8:30-9:00am, PTL hosts parent reception in the cafeteria
♦ 9:00am opening chapel service - you are invited to attend

† **T, August 30, 9am-12noon** - Preschool Open House

† **Th, September 8 – 6:30 – 7:30pm** Parents in Partnership Night

† **Sa, Sept. 24, 11:30-3:00pm** – Plymouth on Parade – Wear your Redeemer blue and come walk with us and represent Redeemer!

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bring a stroller or wagon for the littles, and bring a bag of candy to hand out to spectators. The parade route runs down Plymouth Boulevard from 34th to 37th Avenues.

Want a Redeemer shirt to wear and other Redeemer ware? We’ll be offering many items online starting at our Back to School BBQ on Sunday, August 28. Order then and you should have items in time for the parade.

After the parade, stay for an afternoon of free ice skating and swimming from 1-3pm at the Hilde Performance Center and the Plymouth Ice Center. Outdoors you’ll find face painting, entertainment, food concession stands and inflatables.

ORDER REDEEMER WARE ONLINE BEGINNING AUGUST 28

We’re excited to announce that if children or adults want a Redeemer t-shirt, polo, jacket, hoodie, pajama pants, water bottle, coffee tumbler and other goodies, we’ll be offering many items online beginning Sunday, August 28.

More details to come. These items make great gifts.

REDEEMER SCHOOL 5K FUN RUN SEPTEMBER 17

SAVE THE DATE — SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH for the FIRST EVER REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL 5K FUN RUN!!!

The start line and finish line will be in the Redeemer parking lot (to intentionally draw attention to our church and school).

We are still in the planning process, but plan to have a 1K race on the Redeemer grounds for children and a 5K walk/run that utilizes the Luce Line Trail, as well as some roads in the neighborhood near the trail. There will also be an option for walkers to take a route that is just less than half of a 5K.

Please watch for details and PLAN ON running/walking this event or VOLUNTEERING your time to make this event a success!! Team work makes the dream work! We will need 20-30 volunteers the day of the event and some the day prior for race packet pick up.

For questions or to volunteer your time contact Annette Vetse at thevetses@yahoo.com or Cathy Schrader at cathy.schrader@wolterskluwer.com

Back to SCHOOL
August 29

Back-to-School BBQ
Sunday, August 28, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
**Music & Worship “Notes”**

**Summer Sing-Alongs Continue in August**

This summer the 8:15 a.m. Traditional Service has been enjoying “psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs” (Ephesians 5:19) submitted by members of the congregation. You still have time to write down a few of your favorite songs and submit them to Redeemer’s Music Director, Dan Oie, who will compile a summer list of sing-along songs for the opening 5 to 10 minutes of worship.

These songs may be heard during the instrumental prelude and then as a medley for the opening of worship each Sunday. Some songs may be a part of the service or communion time.

We will continue to share our favorite songs through Labor Day weekend, September 4.

**Fall Music Groups Starting Dates**

hecy Deo Gloria Choir** will meet on **Wednesday evenings** at 7:30 p.m. for the 2016-2017 year.

Due to the showing of the movie “God’s Not Dead, Part 2” on Wednesday, September 7, our first rehearsal will begin on **September 14**. Singers are needed in all voice parts. The Choir sings two Sundays per month, and for Festival services at Christmas and Easter. Plans include singing with a Chamber Orchestra for Christmas Lessons and Carols (December 18) and for Good Friday. Special rehearsals will be scheduled and additional singers are invited to participate.

**REDEEMER HANDBELLS** will meet on **Wednesday evenings at 6:20 p.m.** Our first rehearsal will be **September 14**. Skills required are reading of instrumental music (similar to high school band) and being able to count to four.

**JoySound Worship Band**—Contact Dan Oie to participate, and encourage good singers to share their musical gifts. We are looking for singers, guitar players, drummers, sound operators, and media assistants.

Vocal teams rehearse on **Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m.** during the year, and the entire band rehearses on **Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m.** Join us!

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**West Metro Summer Organ Concerts**

**Thursdays at 12:10 P.M.**

Listed below are the three remaining organ concerts all beginning at 12:10 p.m.:

- **August 4**
  Jack Swanson Hymn Sing, Normandale Lutheran, 6100 Normandale Road, Edina

- **August 11**
  James Hild, All Saints Lutheran, 15915 Excelsior Boulevard, Minnetonka

- **August 18**
  Various organists, Zion Lutheran, 241 5th Ave N, Hopkins — Dan Oie will perform on the Van Dalen Tracker organ at Zion
Dave grew up on a farm outside of Fulda, Minnesota, in that part of Minnesota that northern Minnesotans usually refer to as Iowa. He attended St. Paul’s Lutheran School, where he learned to say all the right things and began to learn what they meant, a process which continues to this day.

After a year studying photography at a tech school, Dave met Sabra Ortlieb, a freshman at Concordia College, which Dave also happened to be attending. Dave was enamored and fascinated with Sabra’s classical guitar and her charming foreign accent and mores. (She’s from Wisconsin.) Sabra convinced him that, if he had the slightest speck of intelligence or wisdom, he would make her his wife. Dave does indeed have the slightest speck of intelligence and they’ve been married as happily as can be for more than 25 years. The Lord then blessed Dave and Sabra with Alyssa and Travis, who have provided 20-plus years of love, joy and laughter to their home, with no end in sight, thank God.

Commandeered from Environmental Science into Theology, Dave served as a parish pastor from 1986 to 1999 (including three years as an active duty Navy Chaplain), when he was moved to embark on this full-time music ministry. Dave’s work now is to provide a high quality gospel-rich resource to pastors, congregations and schools for use in their ministries.

Dave’s motto, “Singing the Cross and the Empty Tomb,” flows from his realization that, for the Christian, all of life takes place on that little piece of real estate, where Jesus Christ won our freedom from sin and death itself, and from which flows every good thing.
**First Communion**

God’s blessings to these seven students who celebrated their First Communion at Redeemer on June 19: Tiara Boisselier, Cole Rabe, Sydney Schrader, Sydney Roepke, Abigail Vetse, Grant Lindberg, Kieffer Miskiw.

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

Matthew 26:26-28

**LifeLight Bible Study**  
resumes  
Thursday, September 15, 9:30—11:30 a.m.

**Way To Go!**

**Box Tops for Education**  
Total Earnings:  
$1,050.60!!

**Labels for Education**  
We received 15 new scooters for gym use!!

The Labels for Education program ends this month, but keep bringing in your box tops.

I wish to express my thanks for all who have supported and helped out with these programs!  
Coordinator,  
Sharon Kroll

**Redeemer Lutheran School**  
Enrolling Now
LUTHERAN NIGHT AT TARGET FIELD

Redeemer baseball fans enjoyed a beautiful night at Target Field as the Twins took on the Atlanta Braves. No win, but a fun time at the ballpark!
MITE GOSPEL OUTREACH: Mite, missions, mentoring and more..... Thank you to all who donated to the GO (Gospel Outreach) Pledge Walk for Mites. More than $2,400 was raised for the 2016-2018 mission grant goal of $265,000 adopted at the convention, which will fund the following mission grants:

- The Dwelling Place-General Operating Support $10,000
- Tuition Assistance for Students Seeking a Lutheran High School Education $60,000
- Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Food Bank $5,000
- Mission Central Current Missionary Need $10,000
- MN So District Student Aid Scholarships for Full-Time Professional Church Workers $40,000
- Concordia Theological Seminary Food Co-op, Fort Wayne, IN $10,000
- Trinity/JOE $5,000
- Camp Omega Rooted*Celebrating*Growing-Capital Campaign $20,000
- Lutheran Special Education Ministries $7,500
- Soldiers of the Cross $5,000
- Catechisms for Sudan and MN Sudanese Immigrants $8,000
- Lutheran Theological Seminary in Tshwane, South Africa $15,000
- Pastoral Training for Alaskan Native (Partial) $3,250
- National LWML Mite Goal $66,250

Total $265,000

MENTORING: A total of 342 registered delegates, guests, past district presidents and board members from the MN South District. Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) met in Convention at the Verizon Wireless Center in Mankato, June 24-26, 2016, under the theme “THE LIVING WORD.” The theme verse was 2 Timothy 3:16-17 “All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

GOAL STATEMENT: Women growing in faith, through the Word, are equipped to carry out the mission of our Lord in their families, congregations and communities.

SAVE THE DATE: The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) 37th Biennial Convention will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 22 through June 25, 2017. For more information, see the poster on the LWML bulletin board or contact Anna Gerber.

NEXT MEETING: Redeemer LWML will resume meeting the second Tuesday of the month in September.

FALL RALLY: The Lake Minnetonka Zone LWML Fall Rally will be October 8, 2016, at Our Savior Lutheran in Excelsior.
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Eight Redeemer members volunteered their time at a Thrivent Builds/Habitat for Humanity service project in Bloomington, July 18 and 19. Their efforts were focused on installing sheetrock. This new single family home is one of six Habitat projects in process in the Twin Cities area.

Thanks to Cheryl Oie for providing a delicious lunch on the 19th.
**Welcome RLS New Staff Members!**

We are pleased to announce the new staff members who will be joining our RLS team!

**Christine Grave** is excited to be back in the kindergarten room at Redeemer Lutheran School, having taught here five years in that position. Her husband Nathan actually proposed to her in the kindergarten room!

A graduate of Northwestern College, Christine taught at Hill School, then joined our Redeemer staff. She also has an extensive background in coaching volleyball. In the interim she has enjoyed being at home with their three boys, two of whom attend RLS: Caden (gr. 1), Andrew (PK4), and Elim (2½).

We will share opportunities to meet her and help her get the classroom ready.

**Sally Chinn** will also be joining the RLS team as our part-time Food Services Coordinator. Sally and her husband live in Plymouth. She has been most recently employed as a personal care assistant at St. David’s Center for Child and Family Development. She will be coordinating the hot lunch program. Her duties also include prepping food for our Wednesday evening Faith and Family Night program.

**Tammy Melton** will also be joining the RLS team as our part-time nurse paraprofessional M-F 8:30 – 11:30. Tammy and her husband Mike have 5 children: Tyler (25) working for American Family Insurance, Hannah (20) awaiting acceptance into nursing school, Emma (gr. 9) at Southwest Christian H.S., Matthew (gr. 8) at Redeemer, and Charlie (gr. 2) half-time at Redeemer. You’ll see her out at the front desk in the mornings.

Please join us in welcoming these ladies onto our Redeemer team!

**Summer Women’s Bible Study**

Join us **Wednesday, August 10, at 10 a.m.** in the Gathering Room as we spend some time looking at the life of Abigail. Are you unfamiliar with this particular lady? She is an ordinary woman who dared to trust God and in the process, influenced the future King David and affected the course of history. Not bad for an ordinary woman.

Join us as we find encouragement to imitate Abigail’s faith.

For more information, contact Mary Sund at 763-233-2417 or Linda Krantz at 763-476-0587.

**“Act Like Men”**

Society and the church so desperately need men who embrace all that God created them to be, who long to follow God without limits and meet the needs of those around them without hesitation. The **Men’s Bible Study** meets **Saturday mornings** at Lund’s Kitchen (across from the Muni in Wayzata) from 7 to 8 a.m. Bring your Bible, invite a friend and explore author James MacDonald’s study calling men to be watchful, firm in faith, strong, and loving.

Contact Gordy Engel at 612-709-4879 or email gordye@thefoursome.com with any questions.

**Adult Bible Study**

**Sundays Between Services with Pastor Steve**

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School BBQ
7:00pm AA - CR
9:00pm AA - CR
6:00pm Monday-Crew

SHINE Nursery—K and younger, will continue during summer months, second service over the summer months.

SHINE *N*ursey—K and *Y*oung*e*r, will continue during Sunday-LP Service Hour opportunity.

Teacher Professional Development and

*August 15-26*

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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

REDEEMER GARAGE SALE
August 3 & 4, 2016

AUCTION RECAP—ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EVENT!

The 2016 Auction held April 29, 2016, at the Medina Golf & Country Club raised $42,493!

A heartfelt thank you to Keri Rouen and Vetta Kreger along with their numerous volunteers, all of which worked many hours to ensure our auction’s success.

2016 Auction Results

- $22,471, 53%
- $7,008, 16%
- $7,008, 16%
- $2,002, 5%
- $2,002, 5%

Gifts for Growth to Day School Scholarship Fund
Proceeds to Church Non-Budget Income Account
Proceeds to School Auction Income Account
Gift to IOCP
Proceeds to Day School Scholarship Fund
Proceeds to School Facility Improvement Account