

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Redeemer Lutheran Church
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 28, 2018 – 5:30 pm
Sunday, April 29, 2018 – 8:00 and 10:40 am

Family of Believers
IN THE WORD JOHN 11-18

Our Mission Statement: *“As Christians based on the solid foundation of God’s Word, empowered by the Holy Spirit we strive to live out, lift up, and share our faith in Jesus Christ – welcoming all into our Family of Believers.”*

Values:
Truth, Community Engagement, Family of Believers, Teaching, Healing/Caring, Joy, Prayer

WELCOME VISITORS We have printed out our worship service to make it easier for all of us to follow. Hymns are found in the hymn section of the Lutheran Service Book or in Worship & Praise, the purple supplement. The service is also projected on the screen. Please visit our “Welcome Center” in the Narthex for additional information about Redeemer.

SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR HEALING will be in all services this weekend. If you would like to have the pastor and elder lay hands upon you and offer a special prayer (for yourself or a loved one), please fill out the blue insert in your bulletin and bring it forward with you as you come to commune. There is also opportunity to make use of the ancient practice of anointing with oil (James 5:14) for those who so desire.

OUR THEME FOR TODAY: “I am the vine and you are the _____?” We can all fill in the blank with this popular saying of Jesus. Today we will look at what Jesus is really saying here in John 15 and what this means for our Christian life. This is part one of a message and image that will continue to next week’s service and sermon.

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+ We Come Into God's Presence +

() Those who are able are asked to stand during these parts of the Service.*

(Saturday) **CALL TO WORSHIP** "Dereva Ni Mungu" – MN Boy Choir: Allegro

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(We welcome our fellow worshippers.)*

(*) OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN "When Morning Gilds The Skies" LSB 807

(*) GREETING AND SALUTATION *(Please stand.)*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: We gather to hear the Word of God, receive his body and blood, pray for those in need, and ask God's blessing on those who seek healing and wholeness through Christ our Lord. Let us pray.

(*) PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Great God our healer, by your power the Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave hope to the hopeless. As we gather in his name,

C: **look upon us with mercy and bless us with your healing Spirit.**

P: Bring us comfort in the midst of pain, strength to transform our weakness,

C: **and light to illuminate our darkness.**

P: We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,

C: **our crucified and risen Lord,**

P: who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.** *(Please be seated.)*

(10:40 am) **ANTHEM** "I Am The Vine" – Men's Choir

+ God Speaks to Us +

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

L: The First Reading for the Fifth Sunday of Easter is from the eighth chapter of Acts.

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." ²⁷ So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

³¹ "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth."

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶ As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" ³⁸ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.

³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea. *Acts 8:26-40 NIV*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

L: The Second Reading is from the first chapter of 1 John.

¹ My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

³ We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. ⁴ Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. ⁵ But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know

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we are in him:⁶ Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

⁷ Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. ⁸ Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

⁹ Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. ¹⁰ Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. ¹¹ But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them. *1 John 2:1-11 NIV*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.** *(Please stand to sing.)*

(*) RESPONSE

(LSB 540, st. 3)

Christ, the shoot that spring triumphant from the stump of Jesse's tree;

Christ, true vine, You nurture branches to bear fruit abundantly.

Graft us into You, O Savior; Prune our hearts so we remain

Fruitful braches in Your vineyard till eternal life we gain.

(*) GOSPEL READING

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

⁹ "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's

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business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit —fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

¹⁸ "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. *John 15:1-18 NIV*

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.** *(Please be seated.)*

(Saturday) **ANTHEM** "Will The Circle Be Unbroken" – MN Boy Choir: Cantabile

(Sunday) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

(Parent's, please feel free to come forward with smaller children.)

HYMN "Fruitful Trees, The Spirit's Sowing" LSB 691

SERMON "Vines, Branches, Fruit, and Jesus" (Part 1) – John 15:1-8

+ We Respond To God's Word +

GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

(The pastor will collect any special prayer request cards at this time.)

MUSICAL OFFERING *(Saturday)* "Grace" – MN Boy Choir: Allegro

(8:00 am) "I Am The Vine" – Men's Choir

(10:40 am) "You Are Mine" – Men's Choir

FRIENDSHIP REGISTRATION

(Please pass the booklets in your row, if you have not already done so.)

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(As the offerings are brought forward, please stand to sing. . .)

(*) OFFERTORY

(LSB 955)

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with Your presence, and give us
A foretaste of the feast to come.**

(*) PRAYERS

- P: Great God our healer, by your power, the Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave hope to the hopeless. In his name and for his sake,
C: look upon us with mercy and bless us with your healing Spirit.
P: Bring us comfort in the midst of pain, strength to transform our weakness,
C: and light to illuminate our darkness.
P: Grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, . . ., that they may be made whole; Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.
P: Grant to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, the awareness of your presence; Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.
P: Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit; Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.
P: Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering; grant them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

(special intercessions.)

- P: Bless all who seek your healing presence in their lives. In their suffering draw them more deeply into the mystery of your love, that following Christ in the way of the cross

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they may know the power of his resurrection; who lives and reigns forever and ever.

C: Amen.

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

+ God Serves Us His Holy Meal +

(*) WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord . . . in remembrance of me. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(*) RESPONSE

(tune LSB 702, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee")

**O Lamb of God, we pray: take all our sins away, our faith increase.
Have mercy on us all, strengthen us when we fall,
Answer our fervent call and grant us peace. (Please be seated.)**

*(Distribution is continuous. When directed by the usher, proceed to the rail.
When you have communed and had time for prayer, return by the far left side.)*

*(Special prayers may be requested by clearly holding the blue prayer request form
in front of you as you come to the rail.)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

(Saturday) **ANTHEM** "Little Innocent Lamb" – MN Boy Choir: Allegro

(8:00 am) **ANTHEM** "You Are Mine" – Men's Choir

HYMN "This Is The Feast" LSB 155

HYMN "Jesus Comes Today With Healing" LSB 620

HYMN "We Believe"

**In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe we believe
In this broken generation
When all is dark You help us see
There is only one salvation**

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We believe we believe

Chorus: **We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again
(We believe)**

**So let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
In our weakness and temptations
We believe we believe.**

Chorus

**Let the lost be found and the dead be raised
In the here and now let love invade
Let the church live loud our God will save
We believe we believe
And the gates of hell will not prevail
For the pow'r of God has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail
We believe we believe**

Chorus

**He's coming back again
He's coming back again
We believe we believe**

HYMN "Come, Let Us Eat" LSB 626

HYMN "Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing" LSB 686

+ God Sends Us Forth to Serve and Proclaim +

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(When all have communed, please stand for the common dismissal, and then sing. . .)

(*) RESPONSE

(LSB 922, st. 3)

**Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

(*) PRAYER

P: Open our eyes, O gracious God, to all the good that you provide us. Let us look back upon past blessings. . .and then forward to blessings we anticipate. And in between past and future, show each of us how many kindnesses you are providing right now, beginning with your ever-present love in Jesus Christ, our Savior, who shared our pain and shares it still.

C: **Amen.** *(Please be seated.)*

(Saturday) **CHORAL BENEDICTION** "Blessing" – MN Boy Choir: Cantabile and Allegro

(*) BENEDICTION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **Amen.**

(*) CLOSING HYMN "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" LSB 477

POSTLUDE "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" – John Behnke

Redeemer Lutheran Church Weekly Announcements and Highlights *Week of April 29, 2018*



Special Prayer Opportunities:

Health Concerns:

- ✠ Bob Sonnabend, Cindy Kettner, Darrel Lande, Mike Hanley, Ted Saxman, Gloria Moore, Harlan Petersen, Ev Mueller, Wil Mennecke, the Theis family
- ✠ Receiving Hospice care: Cindy Fister, Marty Cordes, Bob Salley, Rita Priebe, Ruth Wheeler

Grieving:

- ✠ David Dubbels and his family upon the recent death of his sister, Lois.

Thanksgiving:

- ✠ With Bob Hoenk who is celebrating his 88th birthday on May 2.

PRAYER CHAINS – If you have a prayer request, call Gail Sim (289-2087), the church office (289-5147), or send an email to Lori Hameister at littlebitmoo@gmail.com.

PRAYER CARDS - Take a look in your pew rack and you'll see our prayer request cards! These cards will be collected by one of the pastors during the offering time.

THURSDAY WORSHIP - MAY 3

Our Thursday evening worship services will resume beginning May 3, at 6:00 pm, in the Chapel. Please join us!

ATTN: SARAH CIRCLE

Next Sarah Circle meeting is May 10 at 9 a.m. in South Fellowship Hall. Bible Study is from page 18 of the **Lutheran Woman's Quarterly**.

MINISTRY ACTIVITIES QUESTIONNAIRE:

The Ministry Activity Questionnaire (MAQ) is a rather short pamphlet that you fill out like a survey. This **IMPORTANT** document helps this Family of Believers at Redeemer connect you to ways you can serve the Lord that you would enjoy! It is also a great way to see the different things that are happening at Redeemer. These have been emailed or mailed or both to your home. Please fill it out and return it, or follow the link and submit it. This is not about roping people into anything. Serving is a powerful giver of joy and accomplishment. You may just surprise yourself. **There are additional copies at the Welcome Center. Please turn it in by April 29!**

MAY VOTERS' MEETING Sunday, May 20 12:30 pm



We will elect officers, be updated by our various boards and ministry teams, and hear an update from the Audit.

A pizza lunch will be served by the Church Council. Please join us!

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES Sundays at 9:20 am

James: Faith That Works!

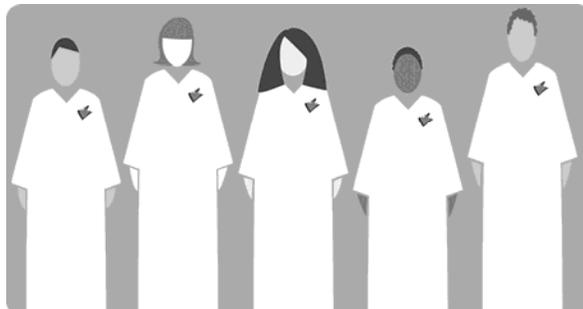
God, through James, will help us understand the relationship between faith in Christ and the good works that God has prepared for us to do. Come and let our eternity, our todays, and our tomorrows be shaped by this wisdom that comes from God. Pastor Loos leads this class in the Choir Room.

Joining Jesus on His Mission

Based off of the book by the same title, you will be empowered and your eyes will be opened to the millions of ways God is on the move all around you, and how serving God is less about what we should do and more about enjoying what God is already working on. This is an exciting class! Michael Harvey, DCE, facilitates this class in the North Fellowship Hall.

"Here I Stand"

Luther's "Here I Stand" is a call to us today to continue to take our stand on God's Word. This class will look at the history of Seminex from someone who was there and use it to remind us of the importance of taking our stand on God's Word as a Synod, as a Family of Believers, and as an individual. This class is co-facilitated by Pastors Adam Koglin and Jim Heining in the South Fellowship Hall.



Kudos to Our Confirmands

This Sunday at 1:00 pm, 10 Redeemer youth publicly confess our shared faith in Jesus Christ. It is a joy and privilege we have as a congregation to be a part of the faith lives of these children of God. Please join me in praying for them as they take this big step forward in faith.

Josh Berthaiume

Alia Diercks

Carter Kmett

Jesina Reimers

Nick Sonnabend

Ethan Daniels

Lily Harvey

Abi Manthei

Jagger Schoppers

Chantel Van Guilder

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR FAMILY OF BELIEVERS?

**Our next Welcome To The Family Weekend will be
May 19/20, 2018.**

Our pastors would enjoy meeting you! Please introduce yourself to Pastor Koglin or Pastor Loos.

For more information contact:

Pastor Adam Koglin

akoglin@redeemer-rochester.com

Youth Highlights!

- **IGNITE/PYROS**: No IGNITE or PYROS on Sunday, April 29th due to Confirmation Day. Come and support our confirmands at the 1pm service!
- **LOCK-IN PLANNING!** New date! Same time! 4:45pm on May 6th, we are meeting to plan the Lock-In. We need youth input here. Without your input, this event will not happen.
- **IGNITE**: On May 6th at 6pm we are having IGNITE! Come to the youth room grades 6-12 for games, food, music and to interact with Martha Farag and see how we can partner and learn from her ministry to Arab women. Pick-up is 8pm.
- **IGNITE/PYROS**: No PYROS or IGNITE on May 13th due to Mothers day. Help out and pamper your mommas!
- **SAVE THE DATE**: Youth Lock- In (assuming youth are planning it...) is May 18th-19th.
- **PSALM 37:4 SCHOLARSHIP**: This scholarship, formed in memory of Josh Evers, is available to all youth! Its purpose is to allow youth to attend youth events that they are otherwise unable to afford. If you would like more information, please talk to Josh Heirigs. This is completely confidential.

If you have questions about any of these events, contact: **Josh Heirigs, DCE**
(923-6288) OR
joshheirigs@redeemer-rochester.com



Grief and Loss Support/ Discussion Group for Redeemer Members

Redeemer will again be offering a Grief and Loss Support Group. If you have suffered the loss of a loved one and would like to join together within a supportive, Christian group to remember, talk, and share in a confidential environment; this is for you. We would like to know your interest for a group during late May – July, running for 8 weeks, on Wednesdays, from 1-2:30.

Please respond, if you are interested, by Sunday, May 13, as each group to be held will need a minimum of 3 and maximum of 10 individuals. Additionally, we ask that you plan to attend all 8 sessions, to provide consistency and cohesiveness for all members of the group. To sign-up or If you have any questions, please call Kathy Zarling, RN, Parish Nurse, at 507-398-7036, Jan Ludwig, RN, at 287-1067, or the Redeemer church office, at 289-5147.

WHAT IS STEPHEN MINISTRY?

Bear One Another's Burdens...

In Galatians 6, Paul tells us to “carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” At Redeemer our Stephen Ministers have been trained and organized to do just that. They provide one-to-one care, prayer, and support to those who are going through a difficult time. If you would like more information on our Stephen Ministry, please contact either Pastor Koglin or Pastor Loos. You can send an e-mail or call the office at Redeemer, 289-5147.



MESSAGE FROM THE RSE SUPPORT TEAM

Does your ministry team or organization need some helping hands? The Support Team for the Rochester Servant Event (RSE) welcomes any ideas, suggestions, or projects for their consideration to work on during this year's event. We are currently looking for ideas for the wonderful support team members who come and share in fellowship and service. Last year, besides supporting RSE, we tied fleece blankets and made greeting cards. Please contact Sue Tollers (288-2317), Judy Lee (951-0221), or Gail Sim (289-2087) with ideas. Thank you!

ROCHESTER SERVANT EVENT NEEDS SOME GOOD HOMES

Rochester Servant Event (RSE June 10-13) will be hosting youth and adults from outside of Rochester! We are looking for people willing to host some awesome servants! One group that is coming will have 26 people. If you can host them together, or know of a place that they could stay together, please let us know. Otherwise, we will break them into smaller groups. A change for this year! Nancy Carlson (206-4956) has stepped into the Housing Coordinator position for RSE! Thank you Nancy! Let her know if you can host!

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

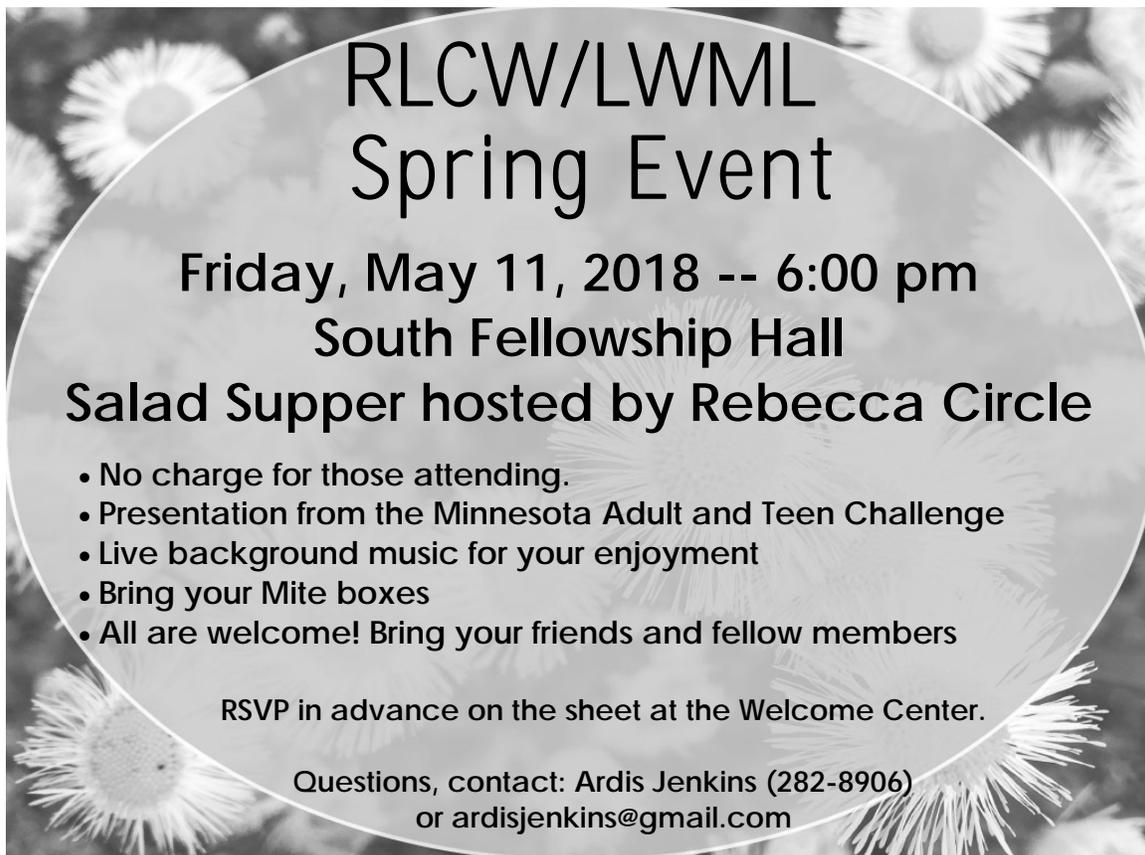
Contribution Statement for the first quarter of 2018, have been emailed to members who have made contributions during January, February, or March. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your statement, please contact the church office at 507-289-5147.

YOU ARE INVITED!

Dear Redeemer Family!
Lily Harvey is being confirmed on April 29th and you are all invited for a brief time of celebration in the South Fellowship Hall. Cookies and lemonade will be served and gifts are not needed. You have been a huge blessing to Lily. The celebration will begin after the 1:00 confirmation service and end around 3:30. Thank you all!

DO YOU NEED SOME HELP?

Feeling overwhelmed by a home project, either inside or out? Know of someone who is and may need assistance? If so, we are looking for projects to work on during the Rochester Servant Event. Please contact Jan Czaplewski at 507-319-4695.



**RLCW/LWML
Spring Event**

Friday, May 11, 2018 -- 6:00 pm
South Fellowship Hall
Salad Supper hosted by Rebecca Circle

- No charge for those attending.
- Presentation from the Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge
- Live background music for your enjoyment
- Bring your Mite boxes
- All are welcome! Bring your friends and fellow members

RSVP in advance on the sheet at the Welcome Center.

Questions, contact: Ardis Jenkins (282-8906)
or ardisjenkins@gmail.com

LWML MITE UPDATE

The MN South District LWML is close to the end of the 2016-2018 biennium – one mission grant is yet to be completely funded. The mite box on the counter in the Narthex would gladly receive your Mite donation this weekend to be included before this biennium's close. (Any form of donation is going to support this last mission grant, Lutheran School Education - checks (made out to RLCW), coins, bills (especially those purple \$5 bills). Prayers for the work of the mission grants are also solicited and appreciated.

Best Practices in Ministry (BPM):

February 21-23, 2019

Mark your calendars for the next Best Practices for Ministry conference in sunny Phoenix! Redeemer members who have gone have come back changed and blessed. Ideas and concepts from this conference have added depth to our family and those that attend come back rested and refreshed and excited to do the Lord's work! If you have interest in attending this event, please add your name to the interest sheet on the Welcome Center. Scholarships of some sort will be offered as we see interest.

Health Notes

WHAT IS A LOOP?

A loop is basically a wire that emits magnetic sound energy that is used by a person wearing hearing aids with a telecoil function. The loop helps to eliminate background noise and echo. Many people say using a “loop” helps the sound be clearer and richer in quality. The loop was installed in Redeemer Lutheran Church this past week.

For a loop to function well, it needs the following:

1. Microphone worn
2. Loud speaker system or amplifier device
3. Special wire that is placed strategically around the listening area
- 4. Hearing aid with a telecoil. You must have a Telecoil in your hearing aid!!** If you don't know if you have a telecoil—your audiologist will tell you.

How do I use a Loop?

1. Turn your hearing aid to the “TELECOIL/LOOP” program. (See below)
2. If needed, turn up/down your hearing aid volume
3. When done, switch your hearing aid back to the “regular” program

What if I hear a buzzing or humming? The humming sound might indicate any of the following:

1. You need to move a little closer to the middle of the room
2. The microphone/loop system is not turned on properly
3. Your audiologist needs to adjust your hearing aid loop program

How do I know if my hearing aid has a loop program?

1. Ask your audiologist
2. If you do not currently have a loop program:
 - a. Ask if you have a telecoil inside the aid (not all aids do)
 - b. Ask to add a loop program (push button or app on cell)
 - c. Ask the audiologist to teach you how to use it + practice

Where else do I find “loops” in public?

Loops are common in some areas (*like parts of Wisconsin, Michigan, down South, New York City, or Europe*). In Minnesota, loops are just starting to get more popular. Check out the LOOP MINNESOTA website for updated lists. Look for the big blue ear with a “L” in the corner showing the area has a loop.



- Dr. Mary Mier, Audiologist, Olmsted Medical Center

Blessed to Serve Today

- Message**
Pastor Ben Loos
- Message (Confirmation)**..... Pastor Adam Koglin
- Liturgist**
Pastor Adam Koglin
- Children's Message (Sunday)**..... Kylee Hartson
- Organist**
April Beckman, DPM
- Acolytes**
8:00 am Zach Woolman / Andrew Woolman
10:40 amRebecca Applen / Kylee Hartson
1:00 pm MJ Harvey / Andrew Sonnabend
- Altar Guild** Chair: Marilyn Olson
Members: Shelly Potter and Susan Blood
- Blood Pressure** Jan Dicke
- Elders**
5:30 pm Darin Grewe
8:00 am Frank Kmett
10:40 am Jeff Ihrke
1:00 pm Joel Pralle
- Greeters**
5:30 pm Kurt and Clare West
8:00 am Donna Walters / Linda Malnar/
Dorothy Beasley
10:40 am Aaron and Sara Lassila
- Lectors**
5:30 pm Jim Bronk
8:00 am Molly Gommels
10:40 am Jennifer Pralle
1:00 pm Ethan Daniels / Alia Diercks /
Chantel Van Guilder
- Nursery**
9:20 am Kate and Eric Brown
10:40 am Carole Sorenson / **Volunteer**
Needed
- Technology Helper**
5:30 pm Randall Peck
8:00 am Dan Zeccardi
10:40 am Ethan Daniels
1:00 pm Dan Zeccardi
- Usher Coordinator** .Roger Toomey
- Ushers**
5:30 pm Ken Blazing / Scott Okuno / Terry
Severson
8:00 am Jerry Haack, Bruce Ludwig, Mike
Sonnabend, Sam Sonnabend, Damian
Chaloner, Ric Thieke, Nick Sonnabend
10:40 am Nate Heining, Glenn Prehn, Claryn
VanMeekeren, Josh Zemke, Ethan Daniels
1:00 pm Dale Hass / Roger Toomey
- Welcome Center**
5:30 pm Larry and Diana Stoen
8:00 am Bernie and Ellie Nesler
10:40 am Mike and Joan McCormick
- Worship Recording** Greg Utesch



Sending out an SOS!!! Redeemer VBS has been shipwrecked!

Join us for a week of learning how
Jesus rescues us!
July 16-20 9am-12pm
Kickoff: July 15 5:30-7
Celebration Service: July 22 9:30am
**Registration is open on the
Redeemer homepage.**

VBS NEEDS DONATIONS!

The VBS team is in need of empty toilet paper roll and empty paper towel rolls for VBS decorations. Please look for the collection box in the Narthex.

"LIFE QUOTES"

"When we see the unborn ... vulnerable, helpless, destined for destruction—we are compelled to speak and defend and help. And not because it is the right thing to do or the moral thing to do, but because it is the *Christ* thing to do. His hands that were pierced and His body that died and rose again were formed in a womb, giving value to all who have resided there." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life*
www.lutheransforlife.org



The Week at a Glance

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Spring Clean-up Day - 8 am
 HOLY COMMUNION - 5:30 pm
 MN Boy Choir Concert - 7:30 pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

HOLY COMMUNION—8 & 10:40 am
 Blood Pressures—Nurses' Office—9 am
 Sunday School/Adult Bible Classes—9:20 am
 Confirmation - 1 pm
IHN at Redeemer - 5 pm

MONDAY, APRIL 30

IHN at Redeemer
 Quilters - NFH - 8 am
Adjustment to Blindness - Rm 102 - 9:30 am
 Story Time - Narthex - 10:15 am

TUESDAY, MAY 1

IHN at Redeemer
 Ladies' Bible Study—NFH—9 am
 Men's Bible Study—Rm 102—9 am
 FFF Exercise Group—Rm L-3—10:15 am
Accordion Band - Rm L-3 - 1 pm
 Stewardship - Rm 102 - 5:30 pm
 Elders - Rm 102 - 7 pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

IHN at Redeemer
POBLO Sewing—NFH—10 am
 Family Ministry Team - Rm 102 - 1 pm
 Youth Chimes (7-12)—Sanctuary—5:45 pm
 Alleluia Singers (2-6)—Rm L-2—6 pm
 Men's Bible Study—Upper Rm—6 pm
 Cherub Choir—Rm 101—6:05 pm
 Confirmation—6:10 pm
 Angelic Chimes (2-6)—Sanctuary—6:30 pm
 Sounds of Praise—7:00 pm

THURSDAY, MAY 3

IHN at Redeemer
 Faithfully Fit Exercise—Rm L-3—10:15 am
 Faithful Followers CC - Rm 102 - 1 pm
 Eagles Wings CC - NFH - 3 pm
 HOLY COMMUNION - Chapel - 6 pm
 ChristCare Training - Upper Rm - 6:30 pm
 Stephen Ministry - Rm 102 - 6:30 pm

FRIDAY, MAY 4

IHN at Redeemer

SATURDAY, MAY 5

IHN at Redeemer
 HOLY COMMUNION - 5:30 pm
 RSE Meeting - 6:30 pm

SUNDAY, MAY 6

IHN at Redeemer
 HOLY COMMUNION—8 & 10:40 am
 Blood Pressures—Nurses' Office—9 am
 Sunday School/Adult Bible Classes—9:20 am
 Youth Board - 11:45 am
 Lock-In Planning - Rm 102 - 4:45 pm
 IGNITE - Youth Rm - 6 pm

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD LAST WEEK:

WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

541 (118+235+188) Guests: 38

SUNDAY SCHOOL / ADULT BIBLE CLASSES:

217 (103+114)

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

Acts 10:34-48; 1 John 5:1-8; John 15:9-17

THEME: "Vine, Branches, Fruit, and Jesus - Part 2"

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WELCOME VISITORS	Whether looking for a church home or just here for the day, we are glad to have you as our guests. Please sign the red Friendship Registration pad in your pew and pick up a visitor packet in the Narthex. Remember that you are our guests; the offering is for our members who support the work of the church through their voluntary gifts.
WORSHIP SCHEDULE	Saturday 5:30 pm Sunday 8 and 10:40 am
HOLY COMMUNION	is celebrated in each service the weekends of the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month. We invite those who acknowledge their sinfulness, recognize that Christ's body and blood are truly present for our forgiveness, and are willing to give witness to the unity of their faith with this community, to join with us in receiving the sacrament. For those who for health or conscience reasons are not able to receive wine, please note that there is a cup of white grape juice in the middle of each tray. Gluten-free wafers are available in the middle of the bread tray for those with that allergy.
CHILDREN	are always welcome at Redeemer. Parents should note that according to your needs and preferences, 1) children's bulletins and "color bags" are available in the narthex; 2) our nursery is staffed each Sunday morning during the 9:20 am Education Hour and the 10:40 am service. The Nursery is located just off the Narthex -- look for our sign!
WORSHIP CDs	are available in the rack by the elevator.
TRANSPORTATION	is available each Sunday morning. Please call the church office (289-5147) by Noon on Thursday.
SPECIAL NEEDS	Large print bulletins and personal hearing devices are available in the Narthex from an Usher or at the Welcome Center.
OFFICE HOURS	Monday through Friday 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

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