



Redeemer News

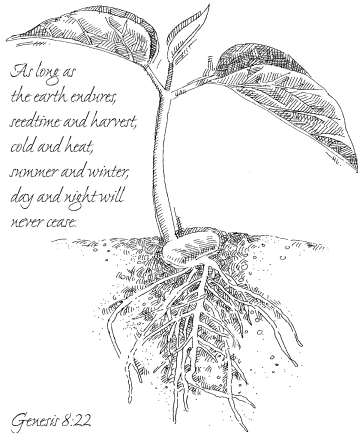
August 2009

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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there. God has in Christ declared us to be His people, and yet we repeatedly fall short of His expectations. God has in Christ declared us to be saints and yet we are chronic sinners. We live in a tension of becoming what God has already declared us to be. The Apostle John in the third chapter of his first letter writes these beautiful words: ***"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when He [Christ] appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."*** (1 John 3:1-2 NIV)



August—who needs it??? Who wants it???

Many people don't look forward to August and when it does come, they want it to pass quickly. August can be a long and boring month. Vacations for the most part are probably over. Farmers are in a waiting mode—not much work to do except watch the crops ripen. Baseball players refer to this month as the "dog days of August," a time when they just have to "gut it out" before getting into the decisive month of September. Even children get bored even to the point of wanting to get back to school (that one usually wears off after the first couple of weeks of September). Church leaders are anxiously waiting for the start up of a new ministry year when things begin to happen anew. For these and other reasons August may well be the least liked month of the year.

We are "August" people in a waiting mode. But that waiting is not a useless passing of time. It is a time when we exercise our faith as the children of God. With the power of His Holy Spirit we strive to be the best stewards we can be of our time, talents, treasure, relationships and all the other things that God has entrusted to us to manage for His purposes. It is an exciting time that provides us with many opportunities to say and do things that bring honor to the name of God and encouragement to those around us.

So the next time you have the opportunity to put your faith into action in your family, church, neighborhood or work place by giving some of your time, talents or money, whether it's in the month of August or some other time, do it with energy and joy because ***"God's redeemed stewards, in cooperation with and encouragement from fellow redeemed stewards, freely and joyfully manage all of life and life's resources for God's purposes."***

Life comes with many August moments. We are in-between people, people who are waiting. We are there and yet we are not

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Redeemer Lutheran Preschool is happy to announce that Chris Carattini will be joining our staff for the 2009-2010 school year. Please keep her in your prayers this summer as she will begin taking classes toward her Child Development Associate Certificate. We are truly blessed to have her as part of our preschool team.

There are still spots in our afternoon classes. If you are interested or know someone who is, contact the church office at 483-4463 or Nikki Tyrrell at 974-3959.

Thank you for your continued support and supplications on our behalf. Please continue to pray for the preschool's ministry that God will help us be intentional in sharing his love and salvation to the families in our community.

Blessings – Ms. Nikki, Ms. Kathy, & Ms. Chris

Acolyte Schedule

Aug 2 - Shayna Monson	483-7916
Aug 9 - Kacy Schaper	483-6715
Aug 16 - Tayler Johnson	483-8866
Aug 23 - Kelsie Tyrrell	974-3959
Aug 30 - Reed Johnson	483-8866
Sept 6 - Emily Tyrrell	974-3959
Sept 13 - Kacy Schaper	483-6715
Sept 20 - Tayler Johnson	483-8866
Sept 27 - Dynae Zubke	225-1835

Please make arrangements with someone else on the list if you are unable to serve for your assigned Sunday.



“...and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.” Exodus 20:6

Already August and we have witnessed so many of God's amazing powers over the last few months. Every day and night my family says our prayers thanking the Lord for all of his blessings and for keeping us safe. It was truly a faith rejuvenation to see how wonderfully well all of the citizens of Dickinson are working together through volunteerism, support groups, and the many donations to assist all of those families who are in need.

The summer meeting was a savory success. Many ladies from the congregation attended and we also had a guest. The variety of salads, breads, desserts, and hot dishes were all so evenly diverse; it was almost as if we all had planned it;) Thanks to everyone who attended and brought such mouthwatering dishes.

LWML's next meeting will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church on Monday September 14, 2009 at 7:00pm. All ladies of the congregation and others interested are encouraged to attend.

A few dates to keep in your prayers for upcoming LWML events include:
September 11-13, 2009 – Fall Retreat, Carrington, ND
June 18-20, 2010 – ND District LWML Convention, Bismarck, ND

Christ's blessings to you all always.

For more information or if you have questions about LWML please contact Marni Neubauer at 483-5847.



Redeemer Listserv

A listserv is a list of email addresses of individuals with similar interests. The listserv

address for Redeemer Lutheran Church is

redeemer@topica.com

Announcements and messages regarding our church can be sent to this one address and all the people on the listserv will receive the email.

To join the Redeemer Lutheran Church listserv send an email to Paula Martin at martinxx@ndsupernet.com. You will then receive an email from Paula Martin with directions on how to add your email address to the listserv.

The goal is to get all members of the congregation on the listerv to help us stay connected with each other.



Happy summer everyone!

The Board of Education is still looking for teachers for the new Sunday school session. The grades available are preschool, 5th/6th, and 7th/8th. We are open to team teaching or partial year teaching, so if you are high school age to age 99 please consider teaching the youth of our congregation! If you are interested, you can contact Chris Carattini, Lisa Wolters, or Marni Neubauer.

Our new Sunday school year will start on September 13th!

Enjoy the remaining days of summer!
God's blessings to you all.
Sunday school staff

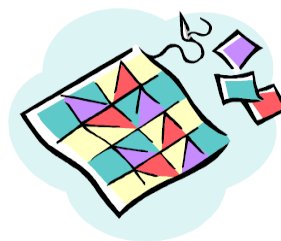
August



- 1 - Jon Neubaure
- 9 - Josh Huber
- 11 - Robert Raab
 - Milo Schuh
 - Tyson Twardoski
- 12 - Gerald Balliet
- 13 - Emily Tyrrell
- 14 - Hailey Hauck
- 16 - Elijah Waller
 - Alicia Waller
- 17 - Rick Hartfiel
- 18 - Michael Schaper
- 19 - Jason Balliet
 - Connie Monson
 - Kylie Zeller
- 20 - Laura Heide
- 21 - Shawn Heinle
- 23 - Ed Dvorak
- 27 - Dale Barth
- 31 - Carol Decker



- 5 - Maxine & Leo Braun
- 15 - Lyle & Joyce Scott
 - Troy & Janelle Bargmann
- 16 - Victor & Shirley Huber
- 21 - Jon & Marni Neubauer
- 23 - Karen & Myron Berg



**ALL WOMEN AND
GIRLS OF REDEEMER
ARE INVITED TO A
QUILTING PARTY!**

When: August 29th
Time: 9am
Where: Redeemer Fellowship Hall

We'll be tracing patterns and cutting material to sew quilts for the families of Redeemer who were victims of the July 8 tornado.

Supplies needed (bring what you have):

- *fabric
- *sewing scissors for cutting
- *pencils
- *pens
- *slivers of soap for marking fabric
- *rotary cutter
- *cutting mat
- *cash donations for fabric and material are also welcome

If you have any questions, call Lisa Wolters @ 483-8876.

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Holy Cross Lutheran Church

- A Mission Congregation of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -
+ July 22, 2009 +

Greetings in the Lord! I'm writing today to ask that you would join Holy Cross Lutheran Church, your mission congregation in Bismarck, in giving thanks to God for His blessing in providing us with a new location for ministry in North Bismarck. As you know, together as congregations and people of the North Dakota District, we are working toward the long-term goal of establishing a confessional Lutheran congregation in North Bismarck. Through outreach and mission to the unbaptized, non-Christians of North Bismarck, along with sharing the faith with the inactive Christians in this community, our hope is to establish and grow a confessional Lutheran congregation north of I-94.

A Needed Resource

In making progress toward this long-term goal, Holy Cross has engaged in over a year of planning, publicity, door-to-door canvassing, home bible studies, weekly worship, teaching the Gospel, ministry to those with developmental disabilities, community service work, etc...

This past Spring, under the leadership of President Baneck, Executive Director Bill Sharpe, and the NDD Board of Directors, we undertook an assessment of our progress and set about the development of a new mission plan. Our basic assessment was that we needed to find a dedicated space in North Bismarck to use as our mission location. Although we greatly appreciate and give thanks to Bethel Lutheran Church and Pastor Tim Jenks for providing us with a space for worship on Saturday nights, and for many other forms of help, we felt that Holy Cross needed a location and presence of its own in North Bismarck, the ability to worship on Sunday mornings, and available dedicated space for weekly programming. For this reason, the NDD Board of Directors approved at their May meeting the lease of a storefront space at 2941 North 11th Street. And having just tonight received approval by the Planning Commission of the City of Bismarck for the use of this location as a church, we can now move forward with our plan.

Not a Full-Time Coffee Shop

Holy Cross will be a unique gathering spot in North Bismarck. Although we will not be operating a full service coffee shop or bookstore, the facility will be designed to have that kind of atmosphere. A modernized fellowship hall, so to speak, with wireless internet, coffee bar, comfortable seating, a Resource Center of books from Concordia Publishing House, an audio system for streaming in [Issues, Etc...](#) and KFYO. Even a flat screen television for youth events and online video from Concordia Seminary through [iTuneU](#). Our hope is that Holy Cross will serve as a gathering place for the people of North Bismarck where the Gospel of Jesus Christ can be shared in a public setting. Programs and events will be offered which will serve to build relationships and share the Christian faith. These events will also serve as opportunities for invitation into our worshiping community, as those we share the faith with are invited and led into weekly worship and membership in our congregation.

Goals

Our goals for the first three years include:

- To design and create a unique, comfortable, public-yet-Lutheran gathering space in North Bismarck.
- To engage the North Bismarck community in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the message of salvation.
- To engage the North Bismarck community in the religious questions of our day and further the apologetic ministry of the church.
- To provide a unique forum for public discussion, book clubs, music & art, etc...
- To be an active contributor to the well-being of the North Bismarck community.

•To evangelize the community so that Holy Cross Lutheran Church would grow, according to the will of God, into a congregation of 150 members over 3 years.

How can you help?

First, we ask that you continue to pray for our mission and yours. Second, we ask that you continue to support the District financially. Third, please consider how you can help provide some of the physical needs that our mission now has.

A Creative Hymnal and Bible Idea

Holy Cross is currently in need of 55 Lutheran Service Books and 55 Burgundy Pew Edition ESV Bibles. The North Dakota District has over 80 congregations. What we're proposing is that each congregation, if they are able, send one copy of each from their own supply. Not every congregation will be able to do this, we understand, but if many do, then we'll have all that we need. Feel free to add a Small Catechism, or any other books, if you can, as well! We would greatly appreciate this!

Again, Thank-you!

I appreciate your time in reading this report on your mission in Bismarck. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call or write or email. You can also keep track of Holy Cross at our website:

<http://www.holycrossbismarck.org/>

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Matt Thompson

Holy Cross Lutheran Church



Last spring, we focused on the “mission field in our back yard”, referring to the international students attending Dickinson

State University. We will once again have this wonderful opportunity to reach out to the students who will arrive in August for the fall semester. In doing so, we may be indirectly reaching out to many in their countries of origin.

There is an “International Night at Redeemer” being planned again this year, scheduled for September 9 at 5:30 P.M. We will serve a meal of international dishes, have a short talk or program, and give Bibles to the students who would like one. Having this event in the fall will allow us to meet the students early in the school year and perhaps give us more opportunities to minister to them throughout their stay in Dickinson.

Another ministry in the planning stages is a ride ministry for international students. Last year, a few students were invited to our church through the

experience of asking our members for rides to the store. If you would be willing to help out with this service, please sign up at the back of the church.

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

Matthew 9:35-38

Suggested Prayer Focus for the Month: Please pray for:

- International students arriving in Dickinson in August
- Redeemer’s ministry to the international students
- Our own students and teachers returning to schools & universities this month
- Board of Ed. members as they prepare for a new year of Sunday School
- Redeemer Preschool staff as they prepare for a new school year
- Missionaries to Latin America: Walter Ries, serving in the Dominican Republic; Anthony DiLiberto, serving in Peru; The Puerto Rican Lutheran Mission in Puerto Rico

Remember to check out the LCMS World Mission website for information on our synod’s work throughout the world and for specific websites on our missionaries. mission.lcms.org