



Redeemer News

March 2010

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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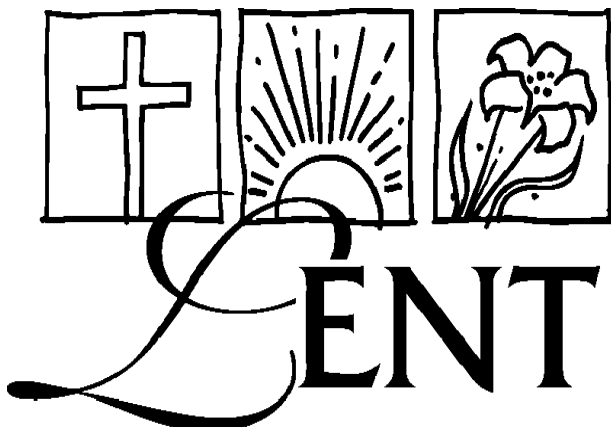
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OUR THEME FOR 2010

LENTEN VESPERS IS...Lent: A

Time For Renewal. We observe Lent not merely to "get ready" for Holy Week and Easter, but to be renewed in repentance and faith through the saving work of Jesus. Each week we will consider a different type of renewal that the Lord works in us (Lenten Vesper services are at 6:30 p.m.):

- March 3 *Renewal of Witness*
- March 10 *Renewal of True Religion*
- March 17 *Renewal of Priorities*
- March 24 *Renewal of Godly Fear*
- April 1 *Renewal of Christian Unity*
(Maundy Thursday)
- April 2 *Renewal of Faith* (Good Friday)
- April 4 *Renewal of Hope*
(Resurrection of Our Lord)



Acolyte Schedule



Mar 7 - Reed Johnson	483-8366
Mar 14 - Shayna Monson	483-7916
Mar 21 - Dynae Zubke	225-1835
Mar 28 - Eric Schaper	483-6715
Apr 4 - Kelsie Tyrrell	974-3959
Apr 11 - Reed Johnson	483-8366
Apr 18 - Dynae Zubke	225-1835
Apr 25 - Eric Schaper	483-6715

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

Lutheran Women in Mission

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

Happy March and I pray for more sunshine and warmer temps to bless our state of ND. Just a quick LWML note to share a big "THANK YOU" to all of the ladies who volunteered their time and talents to assist with the St. Lukes Birthday and Valentine party. It was a wonderful time to visit with all of the residents and enjoy some fun music.

A quick reminder of the LWML meeting on Saturday March 13th beginning at 10:30am at Redeemer. All ladies are encouraged and invited to come and join us!

Dates to keep in mind:
June 18-20, 2010 – ND District LWML Convention, Bismarck, ND

Christ's blessings to you all always.

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ON JANUARY 17 WE CELEBRATED... Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. We have begun to devote our Bible Study hour to looking more in-depth at some life-related issues. We have received permission to reproduce studies from *God's Word for Life*, a joint publication of **God's Word To The Nations** and **Lutherans For Life**. Below is a listing of the topics we will study:

March 7 Cloning: Understanding The Basics and Stem Cell Research

March 14 The Pain of Infertility
Hope for The Infertile Couple
In Vitro Fertilization: Moral or Immoral

March 21 The Abundant Life
Theology of The Cross: Making Sense Out of Suffering

March 28 Have Hope! God Is In Control!
Making Life and Death Decisions In Hope

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"When we view abortion through the lens of our Christian faith, we do not see a moral issue that needs correcting or a political issue that needs strategizing. We see a spiritual issue that takes priority. The child in the womb belongs to God, formed by His hands and purchased by His blood. Abortion not only assaults human life, it assaults the Creator and Redeemer of human life." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life*

This "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.

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MARCH

- 1 - Shannon Heinle
- 6 - Paula Martin
- 7 - Bonnie Olson
 - Ed Wojahn
 - Marni Neubaumer
- 10 - Cord Wolters
- 11 - Jesse Urlacher
 - Donna Seborg
- 17 - Eric Schaper
- 18 - Don Neumann
- 19 - Tate Senger
- 20 - Chris Carattini
- 27 - Phyllis Christianson
 - Darcy Urban-Dahmus
- 28 - Keyauna Ridel Gregory

- 29 - Jennifer Schuh
 - Kathy Krenz
- 31 - Mary Guenther

- 12 - Dale & Tracy Barth
- 20 - David & Donna Seborg





Jeff Foxworthy says that if you know all four seasons—almost winter, winter, still winter and road construction—you might live in Wyoming.

A lot of other people in wintry states might say the same thing. But in March we observe the beginning of spring. As the trees and bushes bud, the grass starts to turn green, and the soil takes on a smell of new life, we look forward to the beginning of a new cycle with warmer weather and a new start for seedtime and harvest.

Sometimes as God's stewards we may feel that stewardship is more of the same old, same old. But, just as spring starts a new cycle of life, so also Easter with its joy and celebration starts a new cycle of life for us as God's stewards. During the reflective season of Lent we look forward to the joy and celebration of Easter. This is a great reminder that we are "Easter people," that is, people of hope. Hope is stronger than memory. Memory mostly makes us think about past failures, unfulfilled promises, frustration and disappointment, but hope refreshes us with a new start, not just at spring time, but for every new day.

During Lent we reflect on the extravagant love of Jesus as He went all the way to the cross and death as the perfect sacrifice for our sins and failures. Philippians chapter two reminds us: ***"Jesus humbled Himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him a name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*** (vv8-11 NIV)

One day every knee will bow before Christ, even the knees of those who did not believe in Him, and confess Him as Lord of lords and King of kings. Those who do not believe will be forced to bow their knees when they see Jesus

coming in glory and then they will go away to everlasting sorrow. By contrast, our knees will bow in humble adoration and our voices will proclaim ***"How great Thou art!"***

Just as the earth comes back to life in spring time, so also we are renewed day by day to live as God's redeemed stewards who freely and joyfully manage all of life and life's resources for God's purposes. This new life is not boring! It is exciting as we experience God's power in our lives and look for opportunities in which we can manage our time, talents, relationships and financial resources in a way that honors Him and provides so many blessings to others and ourselves.

Let's "spring" to new life as God's redeemed stewards who, in cooperation with and encouragement from fellow redeemed stewards, manage all that we are and have to God's glory!

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STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

In last month's newsletter we of Redeemer Lutheran posed the question "Are we good managers of the great resources God has given us?" We answered YES ! When asked if we could do even better, again we answered YES ! Well, guess what , we have done better.....

As everyone knows, for some years now, Redeemer Lutheran (along with many folks in Dickinson) has been blessed with revenues from oil deposits beneath our city.

Through the sound management & good judgment of this congregation, a savings account of these oil revenues has built to a point where it is only right to give a portion of it back. To accomplish this, at the Voters meeting this past Sunday, Feb. 21, a proposal was discussed and approved to distribute mission gifts in the following manner:

- Redeemer Preschool mission – \$1000.00 to support grant funding for a project of physical updates to classrooms and church bathrooms. Also \$1000.00 to support

purchase a new computer for preschool & office use.

- Redeemer Mission/Outreach mission - \$1000.00 to support the works of our own congregation's Mission/Outreach board.
- Shepherd's Hill Retreat mission – \$1000.00 to support their efforts to help LCMS members, young & old, to grow stronger in faith & love to each other.
- North Dakota mission - \$2000.00 to support the two LCMS mission churches in our ND District (Bismarck & Fargo)
- LCMS Seminaries mission - \$2000.00 to support evenly our two national seminaries in their efforts to train our future leaders.
- Haiti Relief mission - \$2000.00 to support the ongoing relief for earthquake victims through the Orphan Grain Train.

As members of Redeemer Lutheran, we should thank each other as God's redeemed stewards in the managing of our gift of oil money reserves. Thank You.

“Christian Stewardship” is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the Church, in the managing of all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.

Serving together as God's stewards –
Dick Silkey, Roger Grau, Troy Bargmann
Redeemer Stewardship Board

COULD YOUR MARRIAGE USE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR?

Our marriage fellowship group will meet for just that purpose on March 7th @ 7pm at the home of Pastor & Lisa. Jesus said in John 10: *“I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.”* Jesus came not only to give us eternal life, but to breath some life into our marriages as we live them out under the power of Christ's cross. **Join us as we focus on how using God's Word together makes a difference in our relationships.**



Our Open House will be held on March 28th for the upcoming 2010-11 school year. We welcome any child who is age 3-5 and potty trained.

The children will be learning about the death and glorious resurrection of Lord Jesus Christ during the month of March.

Please continue to pray for the wonderful outreach that we are so fortunate to have at Redeemer.

Blessings,
Ms. Nikki, Ms. Chris and Ms. Kathy

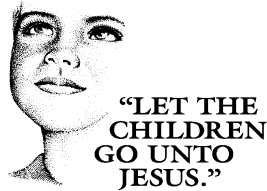
Who is Lutheran Hour Ministries?

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is a Christian organization dedicated to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. LHM's mission is *Bringing Christ to the Nations—and the Nations to the Church.*

LHM's name comes from **The Lutheran Hour**[®], a radio program that was first broadcast in 1930 and is still on the air today. The radio program began as a ministry of the Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL), which is an auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; the diverse ministries of LHM today continue to receive support from members of this all-volunteer organization of Lutheran laypersons (now known as the International Lutheran Laymen's League, or Int'l LLL). Lutheran Hour Ministries is governed by a board composed of members of the Int'l LLL.



Blessings to all on behalf of the Board of Education.



The month of March is here, and we will be doing a couple of important things this month in our Sunday school time. First, the children will be singing for the congregation on **Sunday, March 7th**. Please have your child come to church a little early (**8:45 a.m.**) so we can have one last practice before we sing. We are so thankful for the children who are able to sing for the Lord.

Also, this month we invite parents into our Sunday school classroom to learn of Jesus with their children. All parents/grandparents are welcome to share in the lessons on **Sunday, March 14th**. We look forward to seeing and sharing with you!

Life is very busy, but we know that building our children's faith is SO important. We encourage you to bring your children, and their friends to Sunday school. Don't miss this opportunity to provide them with a strong foundation in Christ Jesus. Our Sunday school meets every Sunday from 10:20-11:30, and we would love to see more children during this time. Even if your child/children haven't been to Sunday school in a while, please come - we really do miss them!!

Here are some scriptures that you can pray for your child/children. Just insert their names in the blanks.

1. 1. May _____ never be ashamed of the gospel, but let them recognize that it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes. Romans 1:16
2. 2. Give _____ a wise and discerning heart, so that they can

distinguish between right and wrong. 1 Kings 3:9,12

3. 3. Give _____ a sense of destiny, and show them that You set them apart and appointed them with gifts and talents even before they were born. Jer. 1:5
4. 4. I pray that _____ would continue to live in Christ, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as he/she was taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Col. 2:6-7

If you would like to help with any part of our Sunday school, we welcome the extra hands! The Board of Education is looking for someone to take on the director role for Vacation Bible School this year. The date has tentatively been set for June 13-19, but is open to change. This year's theme is Planet Zoom - Where bold Bee-lievers zip, zap, and zoom for Jesus. The theme verse is Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us. Ephesians 5:1-2 If you are interested, please contact Marni Neubauer at 483-5847 or email mnuabar@ndsupernet.com.

WE BELIEVE, TEACH, AND

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 -- C.F.W. Walther, our Synod's first President, once said that every Lutheran layperson should have and know the Book of Concord. When you joined Redeemer Lutheran, you testified that the teachings of the Book of Concord are the teachings of Scripture. Every Saturday morning at 9 A.M., everyone is invited to attend the ongoing study of the Book of Concord.

Currently, we are going through the Augsburg Confession.

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