



Redeemer News

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Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace.

(Luke 2:29 KJV)

The passing of a year brings us face to face with the final truth about life and death. People try to drown out the voice of remembrance with shouts and revelry. But over the din can be heard the words: "Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee, our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance. ... So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Psalm 90:8, 12 KJV).

Simeon, holding the Christ Child, sang, "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace ... for mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation" (Luke 2:29-30 KJV). For Simeon the one thing needful in life was to see the Lord's Christ and be assured of forgiveness and salvation.

A little girl passing a cemetery one dark and starless night was asked by a passerby: "My child, aren't you afraid to walk by the graveyard at this time of the night?"

She answered, "No, sir. Can you see that light shining just beyond the cemetery?" "Yes, I see it," he replied. "That's where my home is," she said. "That's where I'm going."

If we know our Lord and Savior, then we too know where we are going. With Simeon, we are going home to God. For through Him our sins are forgiven. Through Him we have an abundant life here on earth, and through Him we have eternal life in heaven.

"Jesus, lead Thou on till our rest is won." Amen.

Author: Stratford Eynon/Dec. 31, 1966

Acolyte Schedule

Jan 11 - Shayna Monson	483-7916
Jan 18 - Reed Johnson	483-8866
Jan 25 - Kacy Schaper	483-6715
Feb 1 - Emily Tyrrell	974-3959
Feb 8 - David Brevik	575-4030
Feb 15 - Lindsay Tyrrell	974-3959
Feb 22 - Shayna Monson	483-7916
Mar 1 - Tayler Johnson	483-8866
Mar 8 - Kelsie Tyrrell	974-3959

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





LWML ladies gathered at Sanford's for their annual Christmas party on December 8th. After

a prayer and a good meal, the ladies revealed their secret sisters for 2008. They then passed out the white elephant gifts. There were some really interesting gifts this year, including some of the favorites who love to show up - Mr. Gorilla, and the Dog statue. I think a blue monkey candle may also join the crew. Amidst the fun, a little business was discussed as a vote was taken on the new service projects for 2009. A deeper discussion will be had in regards to the chosen projects during our next meeting, which will be held on **January 12th at 7:00 pm.** Ladies, be sure to bring some spare change for the Mite Box Buffet. Please pray for our LWML group as we begin another year of service to our Lord.

Votes were cast for new officers for the 2009 year. Serving as President of our unit will be Marni Neubauer, Vice-President will be Chantel Zeller, Secretary will be Kim Weisenberger, treasurer will be Chris Carattini, and Christian Life will be Karen Berg. Blessings to you all as you serve our Lord.

We encourage all women of Redeemer to join us as we gather for fellowship and service to our Lord. Again, visit the new LWML website at www.lwml.org!

Future Dates to Remember

Jan 12 – Meeting at 7pm
 June 25-28 National LWML Convention in Portland.



Blessings to all in the name of our Heavenly Father

Happy New Year!! Thank you to all who took part in making our children's Christmas program so wonderful. You are all appreciated! You are all blessings from the Lord!

We begin this New Year by continuing our *Growing in Christ* series with stories about Jesus as a young boy! We encourage your child to bring friends when ever possible.

Also, the Sunday school students will continue with our memory work. Committing God's word to memory is something that will last forever. Starting this month, students will be working to memorize the following:

- Pre-K Lord's Prayer
- 1st-2nd Lord's Prayer, Books of Bible
- 3rd-4th Lord's Prayer, Books of Bible, Commandments/Meanings
- 5th-6th Lord's Prayer, Books of Bible, Commandments/Meanings, Apostles Creed & Meaning
- Jr. High Memory Work from Conf Class

If you would like to help with any part of our Sunday school, we welcome the extra hands!

Praise God as we begin a new year filled with promise.

The Sunday school Staff



“Wait Until Next Year!”

Ernie Banks, a former Major League star shortstop, played his entire career (1953-1971) with the Chicago Cubs. During

his career he was selected to the All-Star game eleven times, named the League’s Most Valuable Player two times and .in 1977 elected into Baseball’s hall of fame on the first ballot. Two of his more famous nicknames included “Mr.Cub” and “Mr. Sunshine.” During his long career the Cubs never won a world championship, but at the end of each season of his great career he would say, “Wait until next year!” When that next year came around Ernie would play each game with excitement and enthusiasm. His catch phrase was, “It’s a beautiful day for a ballgame...let’s play two!” The world championship never came, but that did not dampen Ernie’s excitement and enthusiasm for life and for baseball. Ernie was playing the game for more than a championship; he enjoyed the game for the game’s sake.

Perhaps when we were reflecting on our many failures and shortcomings as we moved toward the end of 2008 we might also have been saying to ourselves, “Wait until next year.” Well, whether or not that was the case, it is now the “next year!” With God’s help we can look forward to 2009 with the same kind of excitement and enthusiasm that Ernie Banks displayed year after year. That’s possible because of the assurance of forgiveness we have as a result of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on our behalf. The past is gone, a new year has come and we can move forward with enthusiasm and excitement because God’s Holy Spirit is within us to help us to will and to do those things that are evidence of our being the children of God.

As God’s redeemed stewards we look forward to this new year of grace and the many opportunities to use all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes. It is helpful for us to remember that we live out our stewardship in cooperation with and encouragement from our fellow redeemed

stewards. We are never in this work alone. While it is true that our stewardship is a personal response to God, it is always to be lived out within our community of faith, specifically our congregation. Perhaps we can have the same spirit and enthusiasm that Ernie Banks had for baseball but instead of saying, “It’s a great day for a ballgame...let’s play two,” we can say “It’s a great year for being God’s stewards, let’s do twice as much!”

May God bless us as His redeemed stewards and help us throughout this year to freely and joyfully serve Him and His kingdom with all that we are and have.

HAPPY NEW YEAR with GOD’S BLESSINGS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

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We Are Having A Penguin Party At Preschool!

January 30th is the date set for our family fun night...watch for penguins and polar bears to appear on the walls of the fellowship hall.

We are learning new songs in Preschool, including “Jesus Loves Me” and the “Snokey Pokey!” This month in Jesus Time we are learning about Jesus’ childhood and baptism.

Welcome to Ms. Marni and her 8 new students...we are so blessed to have you at Redeemer!

A special thanks to all those that helped to move and set up our new center room...**come check it out!**

Blessings from the Preschool staff.

Bob & Janet Bauer and Olivia Tyrrell will be going on a mission trip to Mexico at the end of January. Nikki and the Preschool are organizing a book drive to send Spanish children's books along with them. If you are interested in donating to this great cause, you can put a check in the offering plate designated "books" or contact Nikki.

Jim and Elizabeth Becker have worked very hard to establish a website for Redeemer Lutheran Church. You can find us at www.redeemerdickinson.org - many of the areas are still under construction so if you have info that would help get it completed please email Jim at jbecker@ndsupernet.com. Our monthly newsletter will also be posted each month, which will save much on postage.

JANUARY



- 1 - Roger Gustafson
- 4 - Matthew Berger
 - Larry Turner
- 5 - Stewart Corneliusen
- 10 - Tricia Joren
- 11 - Janelle Bargmann
- 13 - Lina Splichal
 - Erika Neubauber
 - Renae Witt
- 17 - Lynn Shafer
 - Chuckie Heim
- 18 - Grandon Schneider
- 21 - Mardella Rohde
- 22 - James Anton
- 27 - Jason Gregory
- 28 - Brett Urbanec
 - Tayler Johnson
- 30 - Darcy Hauschild

Thank you to those of our youth group who helped with the Christmas decorating in December...you are all very important members of our congregation !!



We are planning to go ice-skating on Jan 25th at the Rec Center from 2-4pm. Bring your own skates if you have them or they can be rented. The group will pay for the entrance fee but bring \$5 for skate rental/snacks.



- 2 - Duane & Lina Splichal
- 22 - David & Belinda Urlacher

