



# Redeemer News

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Redeemer Lutheran Church

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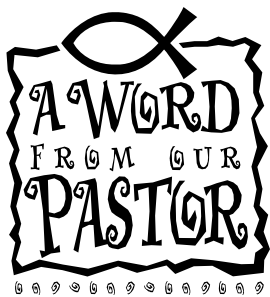
*souls are laboring under Adam's wretched legacy and waver continually to and fro between two allegiances. By these three great themes the liturgy covers the whole range of Christian life. In Baptism the precious treasure of the Spirit was conferred. Through it we are God's children and may call God Father. Through it we have become temples of the Holy Spirit, heirs and brothers of Jesus Christ. Nevertheless, Baptism has not translated us to a paradise without toil or trouble. Rather, we are sent out into a troubled world to work and struggle. We must guard the holy land of our souls against hostile attack. We must learn to know and conquer the enemy, and such is the task that will continue until we have taken our final breaths.*

*The Church serves as both the heroine, who teaches us the art of warfare, and our strong fortress and shield in the conflict. Through Holy Communion, she bestows aid that repeatedly frees the soul from the entanglements of temptation. How does she do this? Courage and strength and perseverance flow from the Word of God in the Service of the Word, and they flow in even fuller measure from Holy Communion. Of ourselves we are helpless creatures, wholly unable to withstand the attack, but in Holy Communion another battles for us. The Mightier, Christ, vanquishes the mighty. By means of Holy Communion, we are enrolled in our Captain's forces. And thus Christ's battle becomes our battle and His triumph our triumph, and His wondrous strength renders us invincible.*

What incredible and comforting thoughts these are concerning our gathering together as God's people! Those of you who do gather regularly: may the Holy Spirit continue to lead you to do so, that you may share in Christ's victory through Word and Sacrament. Those of you who do not gather regularly: may the Holy Spirit lead you to repent of trying to battle sin, the devil, and the world on your own, and lead you to seek refuge in God's house where His gifts of Word and Sacrament await you.

In Christ,

**Pastor Wolters**



The summer season brings a sort of quiet time to the Church. Some activities are suspended for a few months and others slow down a little. But one thing that never stops is our gathering for the Divine Service. We are now in what is often called the

Pentecost Season. The words of Pius Parsch (reprinted below) tell us what this season of the church-year means to us Christians:

*The Sundays during the Pentecost cycle develop three great themes. The first is Baptism and its graces. We are baptized and grounded in the graces of Baptism. Every Sunday is a reminder of Baptism and a small Easter. The second theme is preparation for the second advent of the Lord. It is treated in detail on the final Sundays of the season. The remaining theme, the burden of the Sundays midway after Pentecost, may be summarized as the conflict between the two camps. Although we are placed in the kingdom of God, we remain surrounded by the kingdom of the world. Our*

On July Fourth we pause as a nation to reflect on the meaning of "Independence Day." The Declaration of Independence was written to begin the process of gaining freedom from being a colony of England and chart our own course as a nation. But freedom is not something that you simply declare and it happens. Our freedom is something that was purchased at a high price. From the time of the Revolutionary War after July 4, 1776 to our war today in the Middle East many brave men and women have laid their lives on the line to fight for and defend our freedom as citizens of the United States of America. Thousands upon thousands of those brave soldiers shed their blood and gave up their tomorrows so that we can be freed to live our todays and tomorrows in the greatest country in the world and enjoy freedoms that millions of people in the world can only dream about.



As that old saying goes, **"freedom is not free."** It is fitting and proper for us to remember and honor those who have given their all not just on July Fourth but throughout the year. They made the ultimate sacrifice so that we can be free! We also do well to remember and honor our brave men and women who continue to put their lives on the line so that we may be free to live.

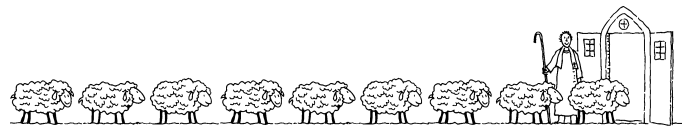
It is also fitting and proper for us to remember and appreciate our spiritual freedom from sin, death and eternal condemnation. That freedom is not something that the strongest army in the world could obtain. That freedom is not something that we can earn or even deserve. It is the free gift of God who loved the world so much that He gave up His one and only Son who shed His holy precious blood so that we might have a peace that passes all human understanding and freedom that will last for eternity.

Our fitting and proper response for all that God has done for us in Christ is to live our lives in ways that honor Him and bless others. We call that proper response to God's love **Christian stewardship**. As redeemed stewards we, in cooperation with and encouragement from

fellow redeemed stewards, freely and joyfully manage all of life and life's resources for God's purposes. God delights in loving and giving and sends us His Holy Spirit to empower us to also grow in our loving of God and others and our giving of time, talent, treasure and any of the other blessings God has entrusted to us.

***"Lord of glory, You have bought us with Your life blood as the price, Never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice. Give us faith to trust You boldly, hope to stay our souls on You; But, oh best of all Your graces, with Your love our love renew."* (LSB 851)**

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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

**UPDATE FROM MISSIONS & OUTREACH....** The gospel message continues to go out in India, even though we no

longer have missionaries working in the country. There are 82 Lutheran schools, founded by LCMS missionaries 50-70 years ago. The India Evangelical Lutheran Church provides teachers for these schools, which are a strong Christian witness in the country. These buildings are in disrepair and are being repaired and upgraded with the help of LCMS mission grants. This work will prevent the closing of the schools by India's government. Our VBS children learned about and supported a mission called Teaching Tools for India Schools. This project provides technology for hearing impaired students, computers to aid in the learning of English, and other necessary technology. Keeping these schools running will help to keep the witness alive in India. Let's keep these mission projects in our prayers.

*I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men—the testimony given in its proper time. 1 Timothy 2:1-6*

**Suggested Prayer Focus for the Month: Please pray for:**

- VBS follow-up
- Indian Christians who teach in the Lutheran schools
- Indian students who attend Lutheran schools and their families
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world
- Missionaries to Africa: Jacob & Michelle Gillard and Schauen & Krista Trump, serving in Uganda
- Guidance for our president, governor, and all government leaders
- Thanksgiving for the freedoms we have in our country

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**Acolyte Schedule**

July 5 - Shayna Monson

483-7916

July 12 - Emily Tyrrell	974-3959
July 19 - Reed Johnson	483-8866
July 26 - Lindsay Tyrrell	974-3959
Aug 2 - Shayna Monson	483-7916
Aug 9 - Kacy Schaper	483-6715
Aug 16 - Tayler Johnson	483-8866
Aug 23 - Kelsie Tyrrell	974-3959

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



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 listserv to help us stay connected with each other.



Blessings to you from the Board of Education!

We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.  
Ephesians 2:10

Vacation Bible School has now ended. We averaged 37 students a night! Praise the Lord! It was a wonderful week filled with stories of Jesus our Savior, who makes everything new! In the storytelling room, children were able to dress in character for the Bible stories and act out the lessons. The craft corner was a big hit, with lots of themed items to create using sand, paint, and markers. Music time turned into a contest on who could sing the loudest with honors going to each of the grades, so bubblegum was received by all. A total of roughly \$380.00 was collected throughout the week for our mission project. This year's mission was providing technology for Lutheran Schools in India, where missionaries are not allowed, but teachers in the Lutheran Schools are spreading the message of Jesus and his love. The week ended with a program for the parents to share all that was learned, followed by an ice-cream social courtesy of Dairy Barn. Thank you to everyone who made this year's Vacation Bible School such a fun and successful project through prayer or donations of time, talents, and treasures.

Students had a great time as we ended our Sunday school year with fun and fellowship. After the Bible lesson, students played games and had snack together - Smiling because Jesus loves them!

The Board of Education is currently looking for volunteers to help with Sunday school this fall. Tentatively, we are hoping to begin September 13th and we are in need of at least 4 teachers for grades 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, and 7-8. All options are open including team teaching, semester teaching, or all year depending on the volunteer's availability. We also would like to open these teaching opportunities to high school students. So, if you are a member of our church in high school or beyond and would be interested in

teaching, please contact Marni Neubauer, Lisa Wolters, or Chris Carattini. We look forward to hearing from you!

Blessings on a safe and happy summer!

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**Our church received a wonderful donation of a digital camera. It was borrowed and has not been returned to the church office. Please return it to the church office if you have used it or might know where it's located. THANK YOU!**



Nikki and Kelsie Tyrrell attended the 34<sup>th</sup> Biennial LWML convention in Portland on June 25-28<sup>th</sup>. The theme of the convention was, "Look to the Hills... God Reigns." They were blessed to hear many mission speakers, attend Bible study and go to three worship services at the convention. The LWML adopted a record \$1.825 million mite goal with nineteen new mission projects. The Rev. Dr. Warren Schumacher, of the Northwest District LCMS reminded all that, "God does rain on us abundantly... turn your umbrella upside down and catch the blessings... open your hands to catch the blessings that flow down from the Gracious Creator!"

**July**



- 3 - Dennis Mann
- Channing Decker
- 7 - Dayna Zubke
- Mark Erdman
- 9 - Marcus Krein
- 13 - Richard Soyk
- 16 - Florence Ledoux
- 17 - Archie Ziegler
- 20 - Leah Hoenke
- Belinda Urlacher
- 22 - Nicole Rodacker
- 23 - Kodi Bilquist
- 26 - Les Buckman
- 27 - Raelene Schneider
- 28 - Ernest Hellickson
- 30 - Nikki Tyrrell



- 8 - Rod & Paula Schaper
- 15 - Zelwyn & Laura Heide
- 27 - James & Betty Anton
- 29 - John & Kathy Krenz
- 30 - Paul & Lynn Shafer
- Dan & Leah Hoenke

and earth.”  
Psalms 121: 1-2

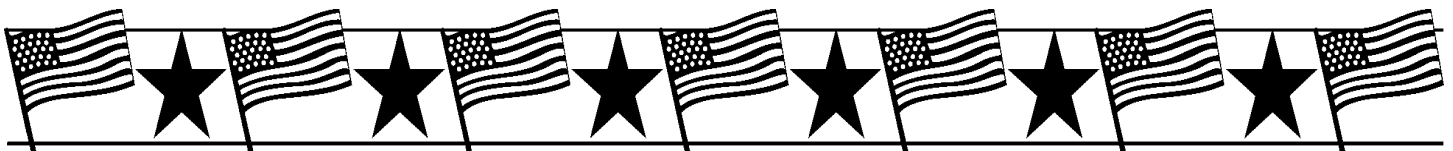
Happy July to all the families of Redeemer;) Please keep our ladies who are traveling to the National Convention in Portland, OR in your prayers. They will have the opportunity to meet and enjoy fellowship with other Christian women from various cultures and states. We pray for their safe journeys and returns so they can share all of their knowledge and joy with the other ladies here at Redeemer.

The summer meeting will be at Marni Neubauer’s home on MONDAY July 13 at 6:00pm. All women of the congregation (and other ladies interested) are welcome and encouraged to join the LWML ladies in fellowship and a small business meeting. Marni’s home address is: 364 Ruby Street. Please bring your favorite salad and dessert.

A few dates to keep in your prayers for upcoming LWML events include:  
June 25-29, 2009 – National Convention, Portland, OR  
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.



“I lift my eyes to the hills...where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of Heaven

