



The Newsletter of

Redeemer Lutheran Church

May 2012

Summer Worship Schedule Begins May 27

Worship at 8:00 am and 10:00 am (not 10:30)

Oatmeal Bar between the services!!!

Rotary Food Distribution

Friday May 18 @ 12:00 pm

Women's Leadership Conference

Sunday May 19 @ 10:00 am

Redeemer is hosting this special Synod WELCA event!!!

Congregational Forums

Sunday May 20 and June 10 @ 9:15 am

Meet to discuss Redeemer's opportunity to become a PADS site.

Coming in June...

Goals and Grub

Sunday June 3 @ 11:15 am

We will enjoy a potluck meal and discuss our vision for the future.

Fun in the Sun Craft Fair & Bake Sale

Saturday June 9 @ 8:00 am

Worship and Music

We will change to our summer worship schedule on **May 27** - Memorial Day weekend.. The first service will still begin at 8:00 am, but the second service will be at **10:00 am, not 10:30.**

Between the services there will be a new **Oatmeal Bar!** Join us each week for fellowship and a healthy breakfast treat!

Congregational Forums

On **May 20 @ 9:15 am** there will be a Congregational Forum to discuss various topics, including becoming a PADS site and worship options. Please be sure to attend this important meeting. If you can't make it there will be another meeting with the same agenda on **Sunday June 10** at the same time.

On **Sunday June 3 @ 11:15 am** all are invited to attend our **Goals and Grub** visioning session. We will have a potluck brunch, so sign up in the office to bring a dish to share.

Christian Education

Adult Bible Study

The Adult Bible study is finishing up the book of Daniel and will be looking at Mary Magdalene and her role in the Gospel. We will be continuing through the summer so **please join us at 9:15 am in the library.** Our next topic is a study on the book of Esther.

Stewardship

LifeBalance

Starting in April group of 14 Redeemer members of all ages began LifeBalance, an 8-week wellness program developed by LSSI to promote physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. The program continues through the end of May. It has been so successful that we plan to offer it again, perhaps at a different time. Special thanks to **Mic and Kecia Griffin** for leading our closing exercises. For more information on LifeBalance see Pastor Tom.

Financial Report

Through May 6, 2012 we have received \$53,361 for Redeemer's ministry. This is 93.18% of our projected income for the general fund. It DOES NOT include total gifts of \$7,441 given toward debt reduction this year! *Thank you for your continued generosity!*

Time and Talent

The Altar Guild is in need of volunteers to set up the altar for communion as of May 20. No experience necessary! Will train. Please see the sign up sheet in the office or contact Anne Johnson 815-482-8915.

Women's Ministry

WELCA Women's Retreat Saturday May 19

Women of Redeemer!! We are hosting a Synod Leadership Luncheon Meeting and Christian Yoga Program for the WELCA Northeast Conference on Saturday May 19 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. **Redeemer must provide coffee and healthy breakfast items.** Lunch will be a salad luncheon so please bring a salad to pass. Dessert will be provided. Please contact **Pat Peterson** at 815-338-1256 if you have any questions.

The Christian Yoga will be for all ages so if you are not so nimble, you can do it while seated on a chair. All women are invited. Bring a friend!

Chomp & Chat Book Club

Redeemer's Chomp and Chat Book Club met on May 6 to discuss the works of author Nicholas Sparks.

The group will take a break for the summer and meet again on September 9 after the second service. They will discuss books written by Beverly Lewis. *For more information please see Pat Peterson or Anne Johnson.*

Outreach Team

Fun in the Sun Craft Fair Saturday June 9

Our **June 9 2012 Craft Fair "Fun in the Sun"** is coming along great. We have a full house inside and so far have 16 vendors set up outside it is looking to be our biggest Fair ever. We have a wide range of vendors, jewelry, candles, pampered chef, clothing, therapeutic drums, Chiropractic Care, photography



and many other items & new vendors.

Our own Phyllis Ule will be handling the kitchen so be sure to get with her for baked items and more. We will also be having a lunch (menu to be determined). Please join us for the fun & food.

At the same time we are preparing for our annual **Snow Angels Fair on December 1 2012** and things are starting off strong and we expect to have a full house very quickly.

Please keep these two dates on your calendar and plan on attending. We need many volunteers for many simple task in order for Redeemer to make this event a big success. The large number of people that will be coming through our doors is a great opportunities we have to tell and show our community about our mission here at Redeemer Lutheran Church, it can all start with a smile or a Welcome.



Gloria and her sister Brenda provided beautiful music.



Joe holds a computer that enabled the video connection to Thailand.



Phyllis and Ginger organized the flowers.



The baptism of Jade Mikalauski.



Pastor Tom provided an inspiring message - "You are good enough..."



It was a fantastic day for an egg hunt!

Pastor's Message

An interesting occurrence has been taking place here at church. It was first noticed by Glenn, then Susan and now by me and several others. What has been happening is that someone is putting paper money between the front entry doors. Sometimes, it is on the floor, while other times, it remains stuck between the doors. It is usually a couple of dollars, sometimes a five dollar bill.

One time last week, I saw a plastic bag that I thought was garbage in front of the door. As I leaned over to pick it up, it turned out that the plastic was wrapped up and held 4 quarters. So we have received this money all sorts of ways.

Although people are hear at the church quite a bit, someone is able to figure out when no one is here and make this drop-off, what I would consider someone's offering. I don't know why or how this is happening. I certainly don't want it to stop either, because it is kind of fun wondering what we will receive, when it might come and how much in whatever form.

What I have been doing with this money in the past is putting it in general offering as a loose offering. I think sometimes Phyllis has received it and put it in the coffee envelope. Over the last couple weeks, I have found a five dollar bill, a couple of singles, and those four quarters wrapped up in

plastic. I have had this sitting on my desk, accumulating but also to remind me of what was going on.

So this past Friday, I came back to church from my lunchtime Rotary meeting and parked underneath the large shade tree. It is the one on the south end of the parking lot on the west side. There was already another car there, parked sideways. I parked so that I would not block him in.

When I got out, he asked if I could help him with gas to get to a job. I told him that we give all our assistance through WACM's Direct Assistance. But I said, he could continue to enjoy the great shade given by the tree. He was resigned to do just that.

As I came into the office though, I realized I had some money to give -- the money that came through the doors. So I gathered all that up - eight dollars - and went out to give it to the man. He was very appreciative. He said thank you, because it is hard to live on \$80/week, which is all his part-time job pays. He is homeless and living in his car now that the PADS sites are closed. I said you are welcome, blessed him and sent him on his way.

In the next few days, we will celebrate Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit. As we live our lives, look for ways that the Holy Spirit might be working or calling you. Use what you have and consider how you might serve and give.

Social Justice

Rotary Food Distribution

The third Noon Rotary Club of Woodstock mobile food pantry of the year was hosted by Redeemer Lutheran Church on Friday, April 20th. This truck was paid for by the St. Vincent De Paul Society of Woodstock. The weather was quite cold for April with the temperature in the low forties and a chilly north wind blowing. There were 223 tickets given out with all but 8 being redeemed, leaving a total of 215 families served.

Things went smooth with no incidents to report. We started out short of help so several of the clients volunteered to help. Before we were finished several more volunteers arrived and we were able to complete the distribution without client volunteer help.

There was a great deal of gratitude with one gentleman making a point of taking a few moments to talk to me. He soberly



explained that without the generosity of this operation his children may not eat. When things like this happen it further reminds us as to why we do this.

Special thanks to **Nicky Franke** and **Dave Byers** for braving the cold, to **Phyllis Ule** for going out of her way to pick up a couple of people that are homeless so that they might assist me in parking. I need these people, and they actually do a great job - I was thankful for her help.

Respectfully,
R. Glenn Allen

Rummage Sale

Redeemer will be having a Rummage Sale - Book Sale to benefit the church and the Haiti Team so save your books and other items for the rummage sale. The date is still to be determined.

Haiti Team News

The team will be leaving for Haiti on **June 15**. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this important mission.

Parish Fellowship

Special thanks to **Dave & Laura Byers, Al Henniges, Edith Jablonski, Anne Johnson, Rich & Ginger Johnson, Arne Olsen, Marie Nikitovich, Don Range, Kelly Van Fleet, and Pastor Tom** for participating in the Spring Spruce on Saturday May 5. Thanks to their hard work our landscaping looks fabulous!!

RINGS

(Redeemer Intertwined with Nativity, Grace, and St. John's -- our HS youth group)

Dinner Theater Was a HUGE Success!

Thank you to the many, many people who made the RINGS Fourth Annual Dinner Theater a great success this year. The kids worked really hard on their play, *The Mysterious Benefactor*, and the parents worked really hard to make sure the food - especially the lasagna - was super delicious! We made about \$1700 toward our trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans on July 18-21. Thanks to everyone for your support!!

Pizza Sale!

RINGS will be selling delicious Champion pizzas on May 13 at the church. You can also phone in orders. Pizzas will cost \$7 each or 3 for \$20. It will all be delivered on Sunday, May 20, so you can pick it up after worship. See Pastor Tom for more information. Thank you for your support!



The Dinner Theater cast (back l to r) Neena Dechant, Joe Cubert, ??????????????????, Rachel Rosio, Marissah Knoll, Brook Winkelman, Joy Bryan, ????? (front l to r) Matt Podgorski, Chase Woods, Miranda Rosio, , Sierra Trojan, Aimee Podgorski and Sabina Schmid.

Thank You

Easter Blessings

Thanks to everyone who helped make Easter special this year - to **Gloria Peetz** and her sister **Brenda** for providing such beautiful music; to **Phyllis Ule & Ginger Johnson** for organizing our Flower Garden; to **Laura Byers** and Parish Fellowship for the Easter Egg Hunt; to **Arne Olsen** for organizing the interactive baptism of Jade Mikalauski on Skype; to **RINGS** for providing breakfast; to *everyone who served in any way* during the Holy Week and Easter services. *Thank you so very much!!*

Jade Jettana Mikalauski Baptism

From father Scott Mikalauski in response to the Skype link and online video of the baptism: *This is great! Thanks you guys! It was very special to be able to attend this via Skype; a real 21st century baptism.*

Trinity Rose Pace Baptism

From Kelly Sweeting: *Thank you for the warm welcome and joy shared...Trinity's banner made with love. Thank you. The cake was so nice. Thank you all in helping celebrate such a joyful day.*

Our Leadership Team

<u>Team</u>	<u>Team Leader</u>	<u>Council Liaison</u>	<u>Team Members</u> <i>(at least 2 members needed in addition to chair and liaison)</i>
Parish Education	Rich Johnson	Rich Johnson	Ginger Johnson
Parish Fellowship	Laura Byers	Anne Johnson	Ginger Johnson, Liz Henniges
Social Justice	R. Glenn Allen		Carol Knudsen <i>(Food Pantry rep.)</i>
Outreach/Evangelism	Dave Byers Arne Olsen	Joe Scholpp	<i>The entire congregation!</i>
Worship and Music	Carolyn Jurisch	Bruce Friedman	Gloria Peetz
Stewardship	Pastor Tom	Dick Peterson	
Finance	Bill Lapp	Deb Story	Bruce Friedman, Deb Story
Property			!

May 2012 Sunday Servants

8:00 AM

Bruce Friedman
Al Henniges
Joe & Tracy Cubert
Pastor Tom
Zoe Friedman

May 6

Communion
Reader
Usher
Greeter
Acolyte

10:30 AM

Kathie Schultz
Mary Hirtle
Bill & Carol Schultz
Carolyn Jurisch & LaVerne Watts
Gina Francke

Altar Care: Carol Knudsen

8:00 AM

n/a
Gloria Peetz
Andy & Kimberly Zinke
Pastor Tom
n/a

May 13

Communion
Reader
Usher
Greeter
Acolyte

10:30 AM

Dave Byers
Bill Schultz
Nicky Francke & Glenn Allen
Nick & Jamielynn Wedoff
Christi Schultz

Altar Care: Carol Knudsen

8:00 AM

Irene Berger
Phyllis Ule
LeRoy & Carol Knudsen
Pastor Tom
Danny Cubert

May 20

Communion
Reader
Usher
Greeter
Acolyte

10:30 AM

Deb Story
Ginger Johnson
Robert Jablonski Sr. & Jr.
Edith Jablonski & Anne Johnson
Sean Trainor

Altar Care:

8:00 AM

n/a
Liz Henniges
Ray & Amy Lucich
Pastor Tom
n/a

May 27

Communion
Reader
Usher
Greeter
Acolyte

10:00 AM

Pat Peterson
Dick Peterson
Joe & Charlotte Scholpp
Dave & Laura Byers
Molly Griffin

Altar Care:

May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30p Cub Scouts	2 4:00p Bulletin Deadline 7:00p Life Balance	3 8:45a TOPS 6:00p Harp & Bowl Prayer 7:00p Outreach Team 7:30p 4-H	4	5 8:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Three Brothers 8:30a Spring Spruce
6 8:00a Communion Worship 9:15a Christian Education 10:30a Communion Worship 10:00 Chomp & Chat Book Club 2:00p ALLOW Worship	7 10:00a Quilters 7:00p WACM Meeting	8 7:00p Church Council 7:00p Boy Scouts	9 4:00p Bulletin Deadline 7:00p Life Balance	10 8:45a TOPS 6:00p Harp & Bowl Prayer 6:00p Brownies	11	12
13 8:00a Word & Prayer Worship 9:15a Christian Education 10:30a Communion Worship 2:00p ALLOW Worship	14 10:00a Quilters	15 5:00p Witness Deadline 6:30p Cub Scouts	16 7:00a Head Start 4:00p Bulletin Deadline 7:00p Life Balance	17 8:45a TOPS 6:00p Harp & Bowl Prayer 6:30p Girl Scout Leaders 7:00 p WACM/DAP	18 12:00p Rotary Food Distribution	19 10:00a Synod Women's Leadership conference
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