



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

To be followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...

An adventure for *life!*

Reflections

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Office Team to be Established

OUR CONGREGATION

Ministers - All who gather here
in the name of Jesus

Pastor - F. Allan Debelak

Secretary - Donna Yarborough

Lay Ministry Coordinator -

Kelley Scott

Organist/Senior Choir Director

- Kathy Rapp

Chimes Choir Director - Karen

Kent

Youth REJOYSing - Julie

Larson

Youth Director -

CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS

President - Gage Gosnell

Vice Pres. - Steve Winner

Treasurer - Eileen Day

Financial Secretary - Bruce

Collins

Secretary - Kay Ernsthause

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPS.

Church in Society - Kathy

Denhard

Evangelism - Jon Disbro

Fellowship - Donna Schmidt

Finance - Brad Phillips

Member Care - Carol Heacock

Parish Ed - Heidi Stover

Property - Maureen Callahan

Stewardship - John Kennedy

Worship - Michelle Clemence

Youth - Jennifer Young

MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND

Chairman - Robin Stokes

Treasurer - David Reinhoel

Secretary - Ashley Bird

Member - Helen Brunston

Member - William McCulley

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent - Michele Disbro

MIC STUDENTS

2nd year - Joe Brosious

This is no simple announcement of a nice way to bring people into the church office to do a few 'extra' tasks - so please read on.

The church office secretary position is now open. That means I have been serving as pastor-secretary-al for the last two weeks. This proposal will be very specific. We are looking for a team of people who will be willing to step up and do focused and specific tasks - not the whole job. I would like people to be able to commit to be a part of this team at least through the rest of this calendar year. It may mean that some people will be willing to take on several of these tasks as they might logically fit together quite well. Eventually, this will give Redeemer a team of people who will know how the office works and what needs to be done to keep this vital point of the congregation working well.

Having an office team will mean different people will be instructed how to do a much needed task each week. For example, on Monday mornings Judy Bird arrives early each Monday and puts together most of Reflections - she has been doing this for years. This is a wonderful gift to all of us. Another example of a team 'task' that is needed 'on-demand' and not weekly is the updating of information to our membership data program - it is something that can really be done at any time.

Here is a list of the various "tasks" that are *must do* kinds of things. All of them need people who have some experience with computers and /or copiers since that is our primary form of creating the information documents used throughout the congregation. O

At a minimum, we need people who will consider mastering one of these tasks each week:

- Take responsibility for copying and sending out the 'hard-copies' of Reflections - a Monday task (1 - 2 hours)
- Take responsibility for setting up the bulletin(s) for each Sunday - working in tandem with Pastor Al - a Tuesday or Wednesday task (1-1 ½ hours)
- Take responsibility for putting together the 'large-print bulletins (2)'. - a Thursday or Friday task (1 hour)
- Printing, folding, and stuffing the Sunday bulletins - a Friday task (1 - 1 ½ hours)
- Take responsibility for setting up page 2 of Reflections. This is the page that 'gets us ready for Sunday' - a weekly task, whenever time allows (1 hour)
- Take responsibility for working on the monthly calendar and worship leaders in tandem with me - mostly in the second half of the month.
- Take responsibility to upgrade addresses and member information - a now and then task that is greatly needed.

As you might expect, there will be training for each of these tasks and when you are in the office and we come up with a schedule in order to have the office computer available to office team members. For people on the office team, there will be instructions for answering phone and taking messages while you are working in the office. Though we try to have the office open each weekday morning from 9am - noon, not all of these tasks need to be fit into that timeline. Some of them must be coordinated with the time I am in the office. **If you want more information - contact me**

Christ's Peace! Secretary - pastoral

GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY

15th Sunday after Pentecost

LESSONS

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1:1-21; Luke 14:25-33

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help., that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

ORDER OF WORSHIP – EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

10:00 AM Holy Communion

INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVINGS

+ For the people of Christ Lutheran Church, Bexley
+ For Redeemer members: Gary, Krista, Daniel, and Ty Pawlowski.
+ *Each week we remember in our prayers in worship those who cannot be with us and those with special needs and concerns:* Pearl Aggas, Doris Bell, Rose Varga, Doretha Holland, Georgia Wegmeyer, Norm Wegmeyer, Barb Atkinson, Paul Atkinson, Betty Hoops, Bebe McCoy, Ellen Kunce, Evelyn Fitch, Theresa Frazier, Vernon Schleppe, Kathie Ehrich, Robin Stokes, Estella Kuemmel, Faith Wick, Mel Wick and Redeemer visitors.

WORSHIP LEADERS

10:00 AM

Presiding Minister	F. Allan Debelak
Assisting Minister	Michelle Clemence
Acolyte	Daniel Pawlowski
Reader	Bob Eakin
Cantor	Heidi Sherer
Coordinator	Dick Kautz or Bruce Collins
Ushers	Earl Bradley Kurt Goshen
Welcoming Team	Merlin Hoops Barb Atkinson
Hospitality	Stewardship Committee
Nursery	Lynn Brosious
Communion Set-up	Tammy McFarland Becky Fisher

RESPONSE TO VISITORS

Baked Goods Baker	Kristen Yanchak
Baked Goods Deliverer	Mary Benis
Note-writer	Margie Frazier
Food Pantry Delivery	Barb Connors

SUNDAY SCHOOL

FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS RESUMES NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT. 12

Remember:

Deadline for *Reflections* articles is 7 a.m. Monday mornings.

Just email them to info@Redeemerluth.com
and put "For Reflections" in the subject line.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

AUGUST 31 – SEPTEMBER 6, 2010

Tuesday

10AM Cello Lessons #9

Wednesday

5-7PM Youth Expressions #4
7PM Beacon of Hope
8:30PM OCA

Thursday

7PM Bridge

Friday

Saturday

9AM Beacon of Hope
10AM Veggie Give-Away
TBA Shower

Sunday

10AM Worship

Monday

LABOR DAY – OFFICE CLOSED

PRAYERS & PERSONALS

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Theresa Frazier is in Riverside Hospital.

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It was good to see **Faith Wick** back with us in worship and back in the community.

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Don Husted suffered the loss of his bother, Gary, last week.

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Paul Atkinson is presently at Winchester Place care facility after being released from Mt. Carmel East.

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We welcomed **Larry Hartman** into our congregation in worship on Sunday. Look for his member profile in an upcoming Reflections.

Be Part of What Makes Sunday Roll Along

As September approaches, it is the best time to prayerfully consider how you can be a part of the conspiracy that keeps Redeemer's worship and fellowship alive and moving from Sunday to Sunday. If you look at the back of the monthly calendar of activities, you will see a page of individuals who step up and take responsibility for some part of what goes into a Sunday morning at Redeemer. Some of those roles take a bit of training – some of them just take a willingness to sign up and say "I can do that!"

On the kiosk this week we will post a list of the ways people can step up and help create a part of our life together. For example, we can always use and can train more: assisting ministers, acolytes, ushers, coordinators, greeters, healing team members, and vergers.

Now, you may not even know what some of these folks do – so how do you know if you would be willing to step up!?! Well, on the sign-up sheet there will be a brief explanation of what each of these roles entails. After reading those descriptions, if you have more questions, ask **Pastor Al and he will direct you to someone who is already serving in that role. Really folks – we need you and you are perfect for the part.**

Sunday School, 2 Services Resume Sept. 12

Sunday School for children and adults and Redeemer's two-service, Sunday schedule resumes on Sunday, September 12.

Sunday School runs from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. while Sunday services will be held at both 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

DO YOU NEED THE SENIOR CHOIR?

With the economy in such a downturn, and with many of our incomes frozen if not reduced, you may be wishing that there was more you could do to show your support for your church family.

Have you considered raising your voice in praise by singing in Redeemer's Senior Choir? An outer expression of our inner beliefs, singing with a group of like-minded souls is very rewarding in itself, not to mention the joy our choir brings to so many every Sunday.

Rehearsals only take one hour of your time each week – a small investment with a large return! So please give prayerful consideration to joining us on September 7 at 7:30 p.m. Making a joyful noise is what we do best! Questions? Call Kathy Rapp at 279-1237.

CHIME CHOIR

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 7, 6:15 P.M.

The first rehearsal for Chimes is fast approaching, and WE NEED NEW MEMBERS! If you can read music (even just a little!) and have flexible wrists, come give us a try for a week or two. We usually play the Prelude at both services on the 4th Sunday of each month (in addition to Christmas Eve, Good Friday, Palm Sunday and Easter). Questions? Call Karen Kent at 365-6442 or 478-3164.

Fall Bible Study

"What comes to mind when you think of the book of Revelation? Scary images? The four horsemen come to unleash destruction? Mysterious numbers like "666"? The end-time battle of Armageddon? In recent years, an enormous prophecy industry has marketed frightening images of Revelation, leaving many people intimidated by this amazing and often misunderstood book. Although brimming with mysterious symbolism, Revelation ultimately is a book of hope that throughout history has sustained people who are oppressed. It is a wonderfully Christ-centered book, full of worship and praise."

This fall there will be two opportunities each week to take a deeper look at this 'last book in the Christian scriptures.' It is the book that is too often left out of our Bible reading – or – it is taken up by Bible interpreters who try to turn it into a frightening adventure that is used to scare people into some kind of an expression of Christianity that is not like ours.

This study of Revelation will include a series of video tapes by biblical scholar, **Dr. Barbara Rossing**, and materials shaped by Rossing that have been put out by the Presbyterian Church. We will not only tackle the book with open hearts and open minds, we will also tackle all the ways the book, written in what is called an apocalyptic writing style, is misinterpreted by people who attempt to read it in a manner never intended by the author.

A correction: this bible study will only be offered on Tuesday afternoons, beginning on September 14. We meet from 1pm – 2:30pm with a break for tea, goodies, and conversation.

Hospitality Sponsors Needed

Sponsors for Sunday hospitality following the 10 a.m. service are needed for both Sunday, August 22 and Sunday, August 29. If this is something you can do, please call the church office to sign up.

Food Give-Away Ends this Saturday

It will be ten weeks of setting up 'give-away' tables at Redeemer. We have had a number of people drive by, come in, and enjoy the vegetables from our church garden, the garden of neighbors, and other donations. Many thanks to everyone offered a helping hand.

Way to Serve: Developing a Church Library

Over the past few months, the Member Care committee has made available to Redeemer members and visitors a table of books that offer support and guidance in difficult life situations such as death and serious illness. The committee would like to expand this collection of materials and make it easily accessible to anyone using the church.

At the current time, the Member Care committee is in the beginning stages of this project. The idea is to turn classroom #1 into a library that would feature books and videos owned by Redeemer. We would add to this collection over time and organize a system for sharing and borrowing. The room would be furnished in such a way to provide comfortable seating and an area for small groups to meet.

If planning and developing a church library is a project that interests you or that you have experience with, the committee would appreciate your help. Please contact the church office or **Carol Heacock** if you would like to serve in this ministry.

Sister Act Sets Dates to Meet

Sister Act will meet in September and October for a DVD study series on the Book of Ruth. We will meet at Redeemer on the following days:

- Wednesday, Sept. 8 - 7pm
- Wednesday, Sept. 22 - 7pm
- Wednesday, Oct. 13 - 7pm

Sister Act is a new kind of Women of the ELCA congregational unit, meeting monthly and rotating activities of study, service, and spiritual growth. Women of ALL ages are welcome to join us! If you have any questions, contact Kelley Scott at kelleynotez@yahoo.com or by home phone at (740) 756-4817.

Good Neighbors Picnic Set for Oct. 9

On October 9, the Good Neighbors Picnic will again be held at Goodale Park. Every year, over 1,200 men, women, and children are fed and clothed at this event.

Once again Redeemer has the opportunity to help by providing gently used or new blankets. In the past few years there has also been a need for extra large hooded sweatshirts. Large winter coats are not often available and hooded sweatshirts provide warmth and protection from the cold.

At this time of year, bedding and warmer clothing is often on sale so please consider picking up one of these items that will make a difference in the life of a homeless brother or sister. A box will be available in the Narthex for the donations.

Be a Personal Shopper

Last year at the Good Neighbors Picnic, many volunteers had the opportunity to be personal shoppers to hundreds of guests, brought together at Goodale Park for a day of celebration. During the time spent together, strangers became friends as names were shared and each volunteer guided their guest through the tables laden with blankets, coats, and other donated items. In most conversations, anxiety for the approaching cold weather could be heard in the guests' voices, expressing their need for warm coats for themselves, their children, or a friend. Looking through the blankets, guests often created a picture of how they planned to use the blanket, not only for warmth, but perhaps a pillow, or to create a little privacy. Many women were delighted to see the choices of coats and giggled with joy as they learned they could select their own, perhaps looking for a favorite color or laughing as they tried on different styles.

For a few brief moments, as a volunteer acting as a personal shopper, you become privileged to hear the stories of each homeless brothers or sisters. They shared their journeys that brought them to this moment, their plans for meeting immediate needs and dreams for better days. And always, they expressed words of thanks and gratitude. What a blessing to serve as a volunteer, what a blessing to have helped a friend.

In addition to donating a blanket or coat, consider serving as a volunteer at the Good Neighbors Picnic on Saturday, October 9 at Goodale Park. Talk to a member of the Church in Society committee, William McCulley, or Stan and Carol Heacock for more information.

Photography by Dave Lapham

For some time, photographs by Dave Lapham have been featured along the wall of the narthex. Mary Lapham will be removing those photos soon. Before she does that, she would like to offer any of them for sale to members. The photography has brought a sense of peacefulness to the room and gives a glimpse into the artistic eye of one of our former members. Dave's love of photography and nature come together to make for some endearing pieces of art. If you are interested in any of the works, contact Mary Lapham or the church office.

Use info@redeemerluth.com

To make contact with the church office easier for all of us, we make info@redeemerluth.com the preferred e-mail address for correspondence with the office. So if you have reports due into the office, if you have information for Reflections, if you have a question that needs to be addressed by someone in the church office, or other information you want to pass along or questions you may have, do not use e-mails with the personal name of secretaries as those addresses will cease within the next week.

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Food Pantry News

Dave Drumm, manager at the LSS food pantry, Champion and Frebis notes that over 7100 people were served last month – 3100 were children. This is on a budget of \$8000.00. Volunteers like member of Redeemer helps to make the Food Pantry serve within it budget and serve many people.

LWR needs to raise \$200,000

Your gift will deliver tents to the homeless, and food to families who saw their farms and livelihoods washed away. It will provide hygiene items like soap and washcloths—simple items that can help save lives after a flood.

Please keep the people of Pakistan in your prayers. And please help Lutheran World Relief respond quickly as this devastating crisis unfolds.

**Your gift will be used to respond to the "Pakistan Floods" crisis until needs there are met. After that, further gifts will be used to help LWR respond where the need is greatest. Thank you for your gift.