



**Redeemer
Connection**

March 2018



Redeemer hosts Missionary from Africa February 28

Rev. Ryan and Emily McDermott serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as career missionaries in West and Central Africa, based in Togo, working in deaf ministry. In this role, Ryan works with partner churches throughout the region to recognize and develop opportunities to reach the deaf with the Gospel. He also identifies and trains leaders, both pastors and laypeople, for working in deaf ministry. As needed, Ryan teaches courses in deaf ministry and theology at The Centre Luthérien d'Etudes Théologiques (CLET), or Lutheran Center for Theological Studies, in Dapaong, Togo.

Rev. Ryan McDermott will show a presentation on his missionary work during the Feb 28 Lenten Wednesday Supper at 5:15 and then he will deliver the Lenten sermon on one of the *Places of Passion* during the Lenten Wednesday service starting at 6:30 pm.



**Evening Bible Study
meets on the second and fourth
Thursday of each month**

**The next
Church Council
Meeting is 6:30 pm
Monday, March 12, 2018**

Attendance Record

Jan 28--46

Feb 4--53

Feb 11-52

Ash Wed--45

Feb 18--53



**Communion is held
on 1st , 3rd & 4th Sunday
of each month**



There will be a meal served at 5:15 pm before the Wednesday Lenten services

Wednesday, Mar 7, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, Mar 14, 6:30 pm

Wednesday Mar 21, 6:30 pm

Palm Sunday, Mar 25, 9:00 am

Maundy Thursday, Mar 29, 6:30 pm with potluck

Good Friday, Mar 31, 6:30 pm

Easter Sunday, Apr 1, 9:00 am with breakfast

Is Our Church Healthy?

Last month my article dealt with people who visit the church. The biggest group were the Relationals. The research found that 8 out of 10 people would go to church if they were “invited and accompanied” by someone who belongs to the church. So if you invite and bring a friend or neighbor to church they will come! This group has the highest percentage of second visits because they already have a connection to the church through the person who brought them to church. These are the people who are most likely to join a church.

Here is what research has found to be indicators of a healthy church.

- 1) *Church members are inviting.* Churches where members are inviting their friends and neighbors to church tend to be healthier churches. An invitation is most effective when it's one-to-one. In person are the most effective, but phone and digital are good as well. The most effective churches are striving to have annual invitations equal to the 10 times the average worship attendance
- 2) *Members see their church in a positive light.* Inviting unchurched friends to church is done intentionality by the members. Of course, members need to have portrayed their church in a positive light.
- 3) *Members are energized about their church.* Members who are energized to do positive things, have less time and energy to do negative things.
- 4) *Members are focused on reaching out.* When church members are focused on reaching out and inviting, they're less focused on having things their way.

Many churches today are hiring multiple staff. They have a minister for children and youth, for education, worship, evangelism and more. It is the old adage, “A jack-of-all-trades is a master of none.” But whether it is a one or dozen staff, the fact is, the paid help can't do it all. Almost all of the positions in a church are to take care of the current members or those joining the church. The paid staff is less likely to have contacts with the average people in the community so it is necessary for the members to help by bringing their family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to a worship service, Bible study or some other event.

Are you excited about Redeemer? Who can you invite to share that enthusiasm?

Pastor Kevin

THE REDEEMER PRESCHOOL PRESS

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Wow, where did February go? During the last week of January, we took a field trip to the Minnesota Marine Art Museum. This was many of the children's first experience at an art museum. They enjoyed looking at the many different paintings and sculptures. We were blessed to benefit from the museum's "The Bus Is On Us" program, and the museum paid the cost of our First Student bus trip!

We welcomed two new friends to preschool during February, bringing our total enrollment to 35 students. We've also welcomed 2 students from Minnesota State College Southeast Technical College into our classroom to complete some of their required practicum class hours here at RLP. They will each spend 3 hours per week with us, and will be with us until late April or early May. One of those students, Ms. Maria, has also been hired as our new Wednesday afternoon para. We are so happy to once again have all our para positions filled.

We've been busy learning about the Zoo, Valentines, and the Ocean in our classroom. We've also taken a week to "Celebrate Seuss" in honor of the late famous author, Dr. Seuss' birthday. During Praise Time, we've been learning about some of the many miracles Jesus performed.

We had a very successful 7th annual Parents' Night Out event on Saturday, February 10. There were 20 children in attendance. With 2 preschool staff and about a dozen church volunteers helping out, the evening flowed smoothly. The parents were very appreciative of this opportunity. I had several of them mention how rare it is for them to have a chance to go out without their children.

The candy bar fundraiser is in full swing. Cases of candy bars are quickly being sold. Thank you to all who are helping with this fundraiser! Profits from this sale will go toward the purchase of a Listening Center + additional headsets for our classroom, as well as toward the preschool's general fund.

March 5 – March 9 is RLP's Spring Break, along with the schools in the Winona public school district. When we return from Spring Break, we will be busy with our spring parent/teacher conferences. We will also be learning about Lions & Lambs (March weather), and of course, EASTER!!!

The students and staff of Redeemer Lutheran Preschool wish you a very blessed and joyful Easter!



PARENTS NIGHT OUT 2018

Active Shooter Training

There will be an “active shooter training” at Redeemer Lutheran Church, on Thursday, April 5, 2018, at 6:30 PM. The presentation will last for one hour followed by a question and answer period. It will be presented by a local law enforcement officer. Seating is somewhat limited so please call Redeemer at 452-3828 to reserve a seat. In the event we get an overwhelming response, a second training will be scheduled. Thank you.

Dear M.C.

In this article, congregation members pose questions to M.C. (our Music Coordinator) who thus responds with whatever words of wisdom the Lord chooses to give him.

Dear M.C., Can you tell me more about the Festival Choir?

MC: The Festival Choir is a new intergenerational choir of Redeemer that will sing at church festivals. The choir is open to moms and their babies, grandpas, young adults, and anyone else!

We will meet in the sanctuary after every Lenten service. To be mindful of everyone's time, rehearsals will end at 8pm. The choir will sing on Easter Sunday, April 1st, and potentially other dates as determined by members and based on what can be rehearsed in the time allowed.

No need to audition! Just show up by the piano at the back of church after Lenten services and bring your friends and family!



If you have a question you would like addressed, please feel free to ask our Music Coordinator personally, send an email to paklemp@hotmail.com, or call him at 507-312-4784.

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Redeemer Church ...

Welcomes you to come praise His Love for Us!

Sunday at 9 am.

The 1st , 3rd & 4th Sundays
are Communion Sundays.

Office hours are:

Mon-Thurs 9 am—1 pm

Fri 9 am— noon

