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November 2017 Connections Redeemer Lutheran Church

Thanksgiving

The observance of Thanksgiving Day is a distinctively American tradition. Its practice began 390 years ago, in 1621, on American shores, as grateful Pilgrims gave thanks for a modest harvest on a twenty-acre plot that promised to carry them through another hard winter. For over a century our nation has observed this festive day by presidential decree.

Thanksgiving Day was a distinctively religious observance. It was set aside as a day of prayer and praise. In 1863 President Lincoln set aside the last Thursday in November "as a day of Thanksgiving and praise for our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens." Some have expressed concern that our Thanksgiving Day emphasis had departed from this religious purpose. They said that the Thanksgiving proclamations of the American presidents for the last two decades have increasingly departed from the original religious spirit of Thanksgiving, and they have increasingly become congratulations to God for having such wonderful country as the USA.

Benjamin Franklin recalled a childhood experience that brought a sharp rebuke from his father. An old pork barrel was situated near the table from which the father would daily draw meat for the day's need. Then his father would always pray the prayer, "We thank thee, Father, for the meat thou hast set before us." One day young Ben suggested: "Father, why not say one prayer over the whole barrel and get it done with? Then we won't have to thank the Lord every meal for every piece of meat we eat." Isn't this often what we do?

In the book *Wind, Sand, and Stars*, written by a pilot of the French Sahara line during World War II, we read of three Moors from the desert who had never seen a tree, a rose, or a flowing river in their native land. After the War they were guests in Europe. They were shown a waterfall in the French Alps. Now, to them, water was worth its weight in gold. This extravagance was overwhelming. The guide was ready to move on, but they insisted on waiting. "Why?" he asked. Their amazing reply was, "We are waiting for the falls to come to an end." It was simply beyond their comprehension that God should so madly supply water. This water had been running ceaselessly for thousands of years. When they returned to their homeland, they said very little about the waterfalls. No one would believe them anyway.

The psalmist, in a time when his heart sang in praise in an awareness of God's gracious gifts, asked himself, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" (Ps. 116:12). He answered with three suggested responses: 1) "I will lift up the cup of salvation and praise the LORD's name for saving me. 2) I will keep my promises to the LORD in the presence of all his people. The LORD cares deeply when his loved ones die. 3) O LORD, I am your servant; yes, I am your servant, born into your household; you have freed me from my chains."

Happy Thanksgiving!
Pastor Kevin



**The next
Church Council
Meeting is November 13, 2017**



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

Evening Bible Study

Meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday
of the month.



Attendance Record

Sept 24--47

Oct 1-1-56

Oct 8--60

Oct 15--58

Oct 22--49



Feed my Starving Children Mobilepack event in Rochester

Sandy Bauer is planning on attending the Rochester event to pack food bags on Friday November 10 from 2-4 PM. There is room for 5 more people to ride to Rochester. Let Sandy know if you want to go 507 450-8668 and she will register you.

SAVE THE DATE

**November 5,
2017**

60th



Great is thy Faithfulness

1957

2017

Schedule on Sunday November 5th

9:00 AM-Service

Dr. Dean Nadasdy, Minnesota South District/The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod President, preaching.
Because He Lives Bible Study Group singing: Amazing Grace,
Because He Lives, and Great is Thy Faithfulness.

10:15-Hot Dish and Jell-O Cook-off-Fundraiser for Hurricane Disaster Relief

11:45-Luncheon 50s style. Celebrating the beginning--1957.

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., Would it be possible to organize a choir at Redeemer?

MC: Absolutely! However, in recent months, my time and energies have been devoted to scoring out much of the music that appears in the contemporary service folder from week to week. This is a labor intensive effort that includes developing the score, inserting lyrics, and creating the transferrable images within music notation software. Once this process is complete for most standard worship repertoire songs, the workload will diminish.



Currently, I am hoping to start a Festival Choir during the Lenten season. Weekly rehearsals (potentially after mid-week worship services), would allow for our Easter celebration to include a singing ensemble. Continue to watch the newsletter and bulletin in the coming months for more details.

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.



Pastor Kevin and children's message.

Fall Salad Luncheon

Our Redeemer Thrivent advocates sponsored the fall luncheon. They would like to thank everyone who helped make that Saturday a success. Sixty nine tickets were sold. Six hundred fifty nine dollars was collected with tickets sales and people buying salads and bars after the luncheon. As of now, we have \$895.00 from previous money collected totaling \$1,554.00 to go towards the cross outside the church.

Submitted by Joyce Beard



Campaign Update

Camp Omega has reached \$1,920,000 towards its goal of \$3.3 million to build an Adult/Family/Retreat Center.

Because Camp Omega is still in need of a little over one million dollars to reach the goal, they are asking if donors would consider continuing their pledges one or two more years.

Please notify **Camp Omega (507-685-4266)** of your intent to continue your pledge over the next year, maybe two (be sure it is earmarked for the campaign). Camp Omega is so grateful for ALL the support so generously given.

Camp Omega is waiting to close on the 10 acres of property that they have been in negotiation for over the last several years. The property is located behind the dining hall. Because Camp Omega has been able to attain this property and because it is level ground, they have been working with a new architect firm and general contractor to readdress the existing design and location. Once a final design is in place, they hope to can start moving forward to make this a reality.



Hot Dish and Jell-O Cook-off



Join the fun with this tasty event in conjunction with our 60th anniversary celebration Nov 5. We are looking for contestants in a hot dish category and a Jell-O category. After sampling, people celebrating our 60th anniversary vote with their \$'s; the most \$'s is the Grand Prize winner in each category. Together these winners will receive a grand prize of a Dinner and a Boat Cruise on the "Home Equity" Bill Flesch's boat.

- ♦ \$5 entry fee
- ♦ Deadline for submitting entry form is October 22th.
- ♦ Money raised for cook-off will support Disaster Relief for Hurricane Irma.
- ♦ Cook-off begins after the service.
Please keep in mind how to keep dish hot or cold for 1 to 1 1/2 hr. You are responsible for serving sample cups of item.
- ♦ \$5 charge for People sampling and voting. You are given 5 voting tickets for that charge but you are encouraged to buy more tickets to vote often.



I am entering in the Hot Dish and Jell-O Cook-off.

Name:

Please check type of dish:

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

Hot Dish
Jell-O

Turn in entry form to office. Do it early; limited entries accepted.



Martin Luther: The Luther Rose

Thanks goes to Redeemer's accomplished seamstress, Margaret Hohenstein. She created a beautiful banner of Martin Luther's Seal celebrating Reformation 500.

Martin Luther designed his famous "Luther Seal" or "Luther Rose" at a time when heraldry was the custom. Shields painted with flashy color and symbols were a common sight. The royal dynasty, mighty city, proud merchant guild, worthy family and bold knight all made use of a "coat of arms."

Black Cross	Symbolizes faith in Christ crucified saves us.
Red Heart	Symbolizes faith in the Savior. Even though the cross is black, brings death, and cause pain, yet it does not change the color of the heart.
White rose	Symbolizes faith causing joy, comfort and peace,
Blue sky	Denotes that such joy of faith in the spirit and is the beginning of heavenly joy to come,
Gold Circle	Signifies that such bliss in heaven is endless.



Thanks Margaret for sharing your talents with Redeemer and serving the Lord by beautifying His church!

THE REDEEMER PRESCHOOL PRESS

November 2017



It's been a busy fall in Redeemer's preschool classroom! We are just finishing up our fall student assessments and setting individual goals for each of our students based on the results of those assessments. We've had fun with weekly themes focusing on nursery rhymes, jobs, fire safety, harvest, and pumpkins during the month of October. On Friday, October 13, we took our first field trip to Ferguson's Orchard in Galesville to pick apples and pumpkins. Many of the children were excited to be taking their first school bus ride! The children had a fabulous time and behaved very well. While the Lord didn't bless us with much sun for our trip, He graciously withheld the rain until we returned to school, for which we were very grateful! This month, we look forward to learning about transportation, bears, and of course, turkeys!

The students have been enjoying getting to know Pastor Kevin, as they've started having a weekly Praise Time session with him. He's given them a tour of the sanctuary and has given them a chance to get an up-close look at some of the items therein. During our classroom Praise Time, we've been learning about God's promises to Noah and to Abraham. We've learned that God is faithful and ALWAYS keeps his promises. We've also learned about Abraham's son Isaac and Isaac's sons Jacob and Esau. As Thanksgiving approaches, we will focus on giving THANKS to God for his blessings and study what "thankful" means.

The preschool will be participating in Operation Christmas Child again this year. During the first two weeks in November, we will be collecting items which fit inside a shoebox (small toys, school supplies, hygiene items and accessories) to send to children around the world. You may participate in this vital ministry by donating items for the shoeboxes, packing your own shoeboxes, or donating money for postage. There will be a basket down at the preschool end set out to collect donated items. You can visit www.samaritanspurse.org/occ if you'd like more information.

Finally, in this month of Thanksgiving, we are thankful to you for your continued help, support, and encouragement. Thank you to those who have donated supplies for the preschool. We go through a lot of cups, napkins, paper towels, etc. and it really cuts down on our costs when we get those items donated. We also thank those who have saved their Milk Moola caps for our school (and continue to do so). Kwik Trip gives us a financial contribution for those, and every little bit helps!

Happy Thanksgiving to you from Redeemer Lutheran Preschool's students and staff!



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God's beauty and bounty



November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			All Saints Day	2	Pastor's day off	4
Daylight Savings5 Worship 9 am Followed by dinner No Communion, SS or BC	6	Election Day 7	8	9 Circuit Pastors Silo 9 am Thursday Evening Bible Study, 7 pm	10 Pastor's day off	11 Veterans Day
12 Worship, 9 am SS & BS 10:15 am	13	14	15	16 Worship @ Callista Court 1 pm St Anne 1:45 pm	17 Pastor's day off	18
19 Worship with com- munion 9 am SS & BS 10:15 am	20	21 Pre-School Board 5:15 pm	22 Thanksgiving Eve Worship 6:30 pm	23 	24 Office closed	25
26 Worship with com- munion 9 am SS & BS 10:15 am	27	28	29	30		



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Sunday Worship at 9 am.

The 1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays are Communion
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Fri 9 am— noon

