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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DAY CAMP

AUGUST 13-17, 2018

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
1664 KRAEMER DRIVE
WINONA, MN 55987



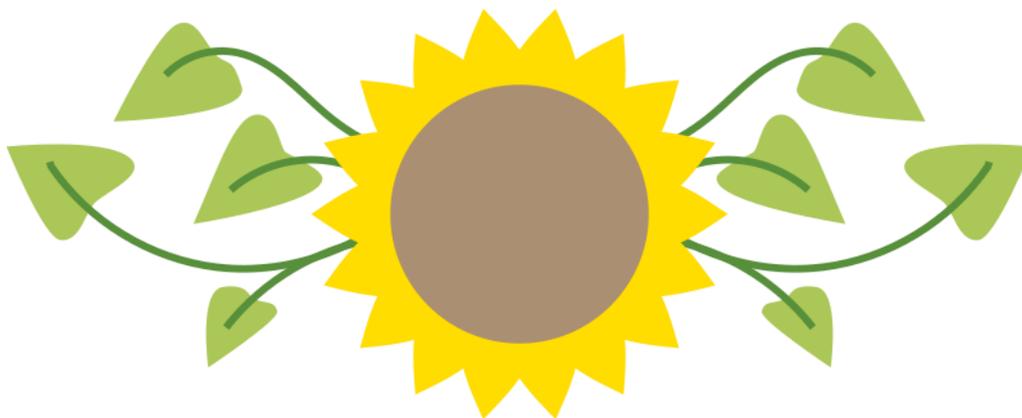


**The next
Church Council
Meeting is 6:30 pm
Monday, Sept 10, 2018**

NO AUGUST COUNCIL



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



Dean and Susie Nadasdy cordially invite you to attend a Service of Farewell and Thanksgiving as Dean retires from fulltime pastoral ministry. The service will be held on Sunday, August 19, 4:00P, at Woodbury Lutheran Church, Valley Creek Campus, 7380 Afton Road, Woodbury, MN 55125. Light refreshments will follow the service. Please send letters and cards to Debra Connolly at debra.connolly@mnsdistrict.org or at Debra Connolly, Minnesota South District, 14301 Grand Avenue South, Burnsville, MN 55306.

Evangelism

Since we have started the Revitalization process here at Redeemer, I have been asking other Winona pastors many questions about what is going on at their churches especially concerning evangelism. Evangelism is reaching out to the community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Here is what I have learned – nothing scientific about my conclusions.

1. The very few churches in Winona that are growing are doing so because of transfers* and not conversions. Two growing church pastors in Winona told me they had very, very few conversions. One indicated it had been three years since the last conversion. Most pastors of declining churches indicated that people were just dropping out and were not going to any church.
2. Another question I asked the pastors was, “Who does evangelism in your church?” I got two responses, “I’m it” and “No one.” That probably explains why most churches are not growing.

Here is what recent studies have found:

93-94% of churches are not effectively evangelistic.

Churches have lost their intentionality in evangelism.

Evangelism is falling off the radar for many churches.

A growing church is not necessarily an evangelistic church.

I believe that Redeemer is at the crossroads. Now is the time for us to decide whether we will (1) close or (2) move forward in a mighty way. Which will it be? I have heard members predict that we will be closing in two years, five years or ten years. If we continue to do nothing in terms of outreach, I believe those predictions. Redeemer will close. However, I believe the Re:Vitality** process can move us forward in a mighty way. We will need to make some adjustments to move forward and we will need to focus our time and resources into being a “outreach” church instead of an “inreach” church. Be on the lookout for my report “A Vision for Redeemer” in the month of August.

Pastor Kevin

* Definition: Transfer means people joining Church A when they were formerly a member at Church B. Conversion is when a person goes from non-Christian to Christian.

** Definition: Revitality is not bringing life to a dead church, but amplifying the life of a living church.

Redeemer Lutheran Church
1664 Kramer Dr
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Church Council, Regular Meeting June 18, 2018

President Jason Passow absent, and Recording Secretary Sandy Bauer present
Pastor Kevin, Phil Klemp, Susie Sonnefeld, Dave Hohenstein, Tony Gilman, Jean Neeck

Opening devotion-Pastor Kevin

Tony Gilman moved to approve the May 14, 2018. Motion carried.

Board Reports

Preschool-Jean Neeck

End of year sing along-165 in church.

Farm camp week June 18. 10 in morning and 5 in the afternoon. Katy Smith scheduled for August and will talk about the outdoor program. Receiving \$10,000 if both grants are received.

Enrollment is highest.

Teacher contract not renewed. New structure will be co-teachers leading program.

Applicant accepted offer.

Jessie will do parent aware program.

Elders-none

Board of Stewardship- none.

Christian Growth-Mandy Flesch is helping Pastor with organizing VBS.

Board of Properties-Tony Gilman see written report.

Board of Fellowship-Susie Sonnefeld-none

Treasurer and Financial Secretary report

Pastor Kevin see written report

Ministry

4.1 Survey being developed to see what steps congregation would like in Active Shooter protection. Preschool talked to deputy about ideas. Will look at getting survey

completed to hand out at congregational meeting.

4.2 Change next Council meeting to July 23 and cancel August meeting which interferes with VBS.

4.3 Congregational meeting- Active Shooter survey, meetings twice a year

4.4 Stewardship of Time-

Talked about- Council meetings -Jan, March, May, July, Sept, November

Congregation meetings-April and October-2nd Sunday

The Ark Encounter and Creation Museum



My husband and I recently visited the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum in Kentucky. One of the most popular photo stops during a visit to the Ark Encounter is the Door. When God told Noah to build the Ark to survive the Flood he would send upon an exceedingly wicked world, he instructed Noah to put one door in the side of the Ark. Noah and his family entered the Ark through

that one door to be saved from the watery judgment. The Ark's door reminds us that we need to go through a door to be saved. Jesus Christ is our one door to salvation (John 10:9), the "Ark" that saves us from God's judgment for eternity.

The Ark encounter is 3 exhibits in one-the massive Ark itself, the incredible craftsmanship, and the beautifully fabricated teaching exhibits. The combination will amaze and inspire.

The Creation Museum located 40 miles from the Ark is where Bible history comes to life. This family-friendly attraction explores creation science with stunning exhibits, dinosaur bones, fossils, botanical gardens, a planetarium, zoo, zip line course, and more.

The motto the attractions use is Prepare to Believe. It is a great place to visit. Well worth the trip.

DRIVEN TO GIVE
SATURDAY *Hope* **WINONA**
AUG 25TH **MALL**

8:30-11 Pancake Breakfast
11-2 Burger Baskets
Breakfast/Lunch \$8
Meal tickets are available at
Midtown Foods and Hyvee.

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Must be 21 to test drive.

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household goods to help raise
funds for Hope Harbor!

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Thursday, August 16, we will hold a potluck supper along with the Camp Omega/VBS staff starting at 5:30 pm. This is a fun summer event for the whole congregation. Plan now to attend.

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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

