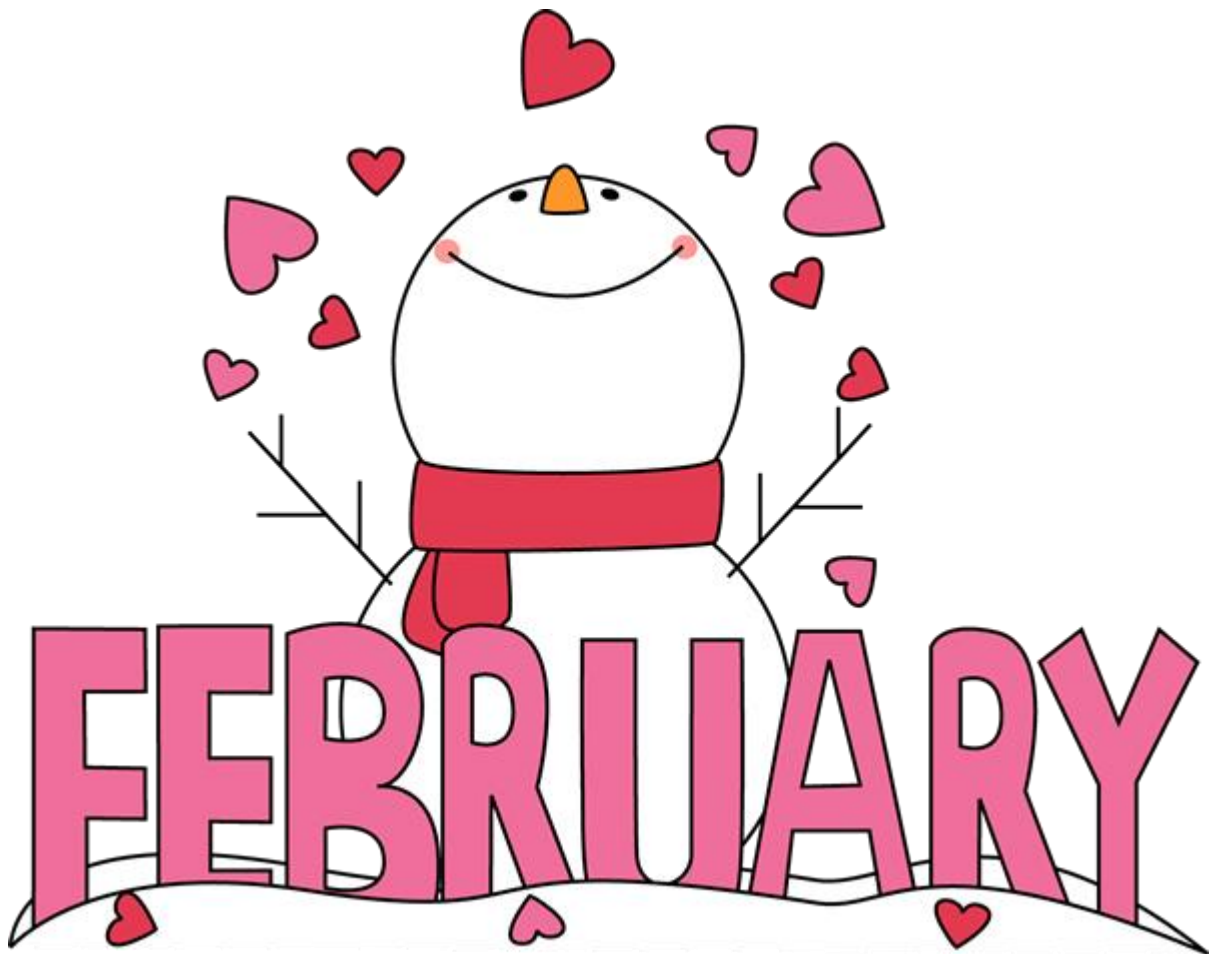




Connection 2019





CHRISTMAS: A TIME OF CELEBRATION

Several at Redeemer during the Christmas season enhanced the worship services. Hope Lutheran High School performed a skit during the worship service. They also beautifully sang during a Sunday worship.



Redeemer's Preschool sang for the last Advent service. The church was full to capacity so seating overflowed into the lobby.



Church Council Notes

The Council did not have a meeting in December but continue to work on current issues.

- Land purchase offer from developers constructing an apartment complex on the “old church site”
- Member Removal Policy
- Transition when Pastor Kevin retires Feb 28. Celebration planned for Feb 24, 2019

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., Is there a choir at Redeemer that I could join?

MC: This is the same question answered in a previous newsletter, but although the last response pointed to a more regular participation in our contemporary worship team, this month our Festival Choir is the focus.

To help lift our Easter celebration, the Festival Choir will make a return on April 21st at 9am. Rehearsals will be held after each mid-week Lenten service, beginning Ash Wednesday (March 8) and in being respectful of everyone's time, will finish by 8pm.

No singing experience necessary and all ages are welcome, so please come 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.

Preschool News



Happy 2019! The Preschool hopes you all had a wonderful Christmas.

We certainly enjoyed having the children sing in church during one of the Advent Services. They did such a good job. We had approximately one hundred guests in attendance to support our 37 kids that evening.

The warmer weather has given us ample time to play outside which is not always the case for mid-January. The kids do miss the snow though.



We took a field trip to the YMCA family fun center to run off some extra energy earlier this month and we look forward to visiting the Minnesota Marine Art Museum at the end of the month.



As always we continue to thank you for all the support you give the Preschool.

Stay safe with all the ice patches!



Sincerely,
Redeemer Lutheran Preschool Staff

PRAY EVERY DAY

Acts 4:31, “And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.” (ESV)

Come March 3 there will be a different pastor in the pulpit of Redeemer. The change of pastors is always a difficult time for congregations. What should you do? The answer is: pray!

As you see in Acts 4:31, great things happened when the church prayed. Prayer was a huge part of the early church. When Peter and John were arrested after the healing of the lame man in the temple, the church prayed. When they prayed, God demonstrated that their prayer had been heard.

When Peter and John were released from jail, they joined other Christian friends in Jerusalem. While Acts doesn't record it, those friends were probably praying for the release of Peter and John. What did Peter and John do when they were released? They prayed.

The presence and the power of God the Holy Spirit were with them. What dramatic results! With prayer something will happen. God may deny your request but grant you what is better for you. Like the story of the theologian, Augustine. He wanted to go to Italy but his mother was worried and prayed that he would not go. He did go to Italy and there he was converted to Christianity. Technically, his mother's prayer was not answered but ultimately it was – just not the way she expected.

When a church prays, something happens. It is for God and it is for good. So pray every day!

My last Sunday will be February 24. I will be in office until the end of February getting things ready for the vacancy pastor and to ensure a smooth transition. In addition, I will be moving my personal items out.

Thank you all for your support and prayers over these past 6 years. I wish you God's blessings as we wrap up our ministry together!

Pastor Kevin



Parents Night Out



Redeemer will be hosting a Parents Night Out for parents of the Preschool and parents of Redeemer on Saturday, February 9 from 4 pm and 7 pm. Volunteers are needed for various tasks that evening. A light meal will be served along with several activities that the Pre School teachers are planning. The sign up sheet is located in the lobby at church.

Farewell! **for**
Pastor Kevin

A time to celebrate Pastor Kevin's service to Redeemer and retirement is being planned for after his last worship service on February 24th. Please join us as we say "Goodbye".

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