

## **May Connection 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.: Will our liturgy and music pattern change in the pastoral vacancy?

MC: It is very important that dramatic changes be avoided in a pastoral vacancy, as it is best to maintain the current practices until a new pastor is in place to help guide the congregation. This does not mean that we should become

complacent and do nothing during this time, as there is much work that can be done. However, in regard to worship practice, things will pretty much remain the same as has been experienced in the recent past.

What does this mean? (a good Lutheran question!)

Redeemer will continue to have two traditionally oriented services and two contemporary focused services every month. The traditional service



liturgy will change seasonally, as was seen this past Lent, where Divine Service, Setting Three was utilized. During the Easter season, Divine Service, Setting One will be used, and other familiar liturgies will follow in rotation. During this time of waiting, "let us not neglect meeting together..., but encourage one another." (Hebrews 10:25)

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.

#### Sunday April 14, 2019 Discussion Scripture, Members, and Small Groups

Pastor Fred Morck lead a discussion with Redeemer members about "building up the Body of Christ" using the scripture of Ephesians 4:11-16, John 1:35-51, Acts 2:37-47, 1 Corinthians 12:12-27.

We discussed the definition of members:

Baptized members are baptized with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The trend for some churches is baptizing with the Creator rather than the Triune.

Communicant members are young adults usually 8<sup>th</sup> grade who have taken religious instruction and then are confirmed. The trend is to instruct longer and confirm later. There has also been early confirmation-5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Voting members are communicant members that have turned 18 and can vote on Church business.

Former members are those members that move or not coming

Prospective members are future members. These may be members that we invite or restore with a heart to heart or face to face encounter.

We build a body of Christ with its members not building Redeemer Church. We are the Body of Christ in action through networking with family and friends bringing others to know Jesus. We do this through the Word by hearing it, praying, and reading the scriptures. Small groups are important.

Pastor Fred Morck talked about a church that has started using covenant membership where people recommit themselves to Body of Christ annually.

It is the work of the Pastor to equip us to grow in in our Faith and to share it. Pastor Fred Morck has several resources to use and can be checked out and he is available on Sundays to meet. It is the members of the Congregation that build the Body of Christ.

Notes by Sandy Bauer

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#### Creation Museum and Ark Encounter, August 5-9, 2019

Bus trip departing on Monday, August 5 and returning on Friday, August 9. The trip includes two days at the Creation Museum with a show ticket to the Planetarium in greater Cincinnati and one day at Ark Encounter in Williamstown, KY. Details on the information table in the narthex or speak with Sandy Bauer.

#### **Church Council News**

We welcome Pastor Fred Morck as vacancy pastor and we have appreciated his pastoral guidance. We phoned him in on the Church Council meeting and he gave a report and started the meeting with a devotion. Again, the Lord has provided what we need.

Land Sale Complete. Redeemer sold a 15' x 195' strip on the north end of the property. Our lawyer, Steve Pederson reviewed the sales agreement. During the process, he discovered that Redeemer has used several names through the years and it changed at the State in 1993 when we went from a 315 corporation to a 317A corporation. He created an affidavit indicating all the names used to be part of the records. Presently, our official name is Redeemer Lutheran Church of Winona. Purchase price was \$13,455 and the net check was \$12,438.50 after fees and expenses. We thank Mr. Pederson for donating half of his time. The funds are in a higher interest bearing account.

With the changeover in bookkeeping, we updated bank records with authorized signers. We did some training with Tasha for paying bills and keeping Quicken records and have done the first payroll using Paychex.

The call committee met with Pastor Moore who serves as Circuit Visitor. He will be the communication liaison between Redeemer and the District and will be a resource during the meetings. When it comes time to present candidates to the congregation, he will present them along with the call committee's recommendations. Keep the process in your prayers.

The new copier leased from Coordinated Business Systems. They are known for their excellent customer service and the machines are rock solid. Metro's 5 yr lease was up. The lease price is the same, but based on the number of pages we typically print, the cost is \$100/month less. We pay lease plus printing. We will be selling the old printer for at least \$500 to add to the savings.

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### **Redeemer Outreach**

# The Wonky Donkey Book Walk

Live donkeys, games, fun activities, and singing by Amanda Grace filled the morning for the preschool community event.

## **Preschool News**

Hello, from the preschool room!



We aren't sure if you can call this spring quite yet, but we'll take it! It's been so nice to get back outside to ride bikes and play in the sand box! We are having fun learning about all the signs of spring trying to pop up around us.

We are looking forward to hosting Moms and Muffins school day on May  $2^{nd}$  and  $3^{rd}$ .

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We have started practicing our songs that we will sing for our spring concert on Sunday, May 19, during the church service. Our last day of preschool will be Friday, May 24.

Thank you for keeping us in your prayers this school year. We appreciate all your support!

# A SECOND HELPING-THE CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES SEQUEL Mantorville Theatre Company

A great afternoon in Mantorville attending the play and dining at the Hubbell House.

The play stereo typified Lutherans from 1969-70. We laughed at ourselves.



"Better to save it and not need it then to need it and not have it".



"We're Lutheran-happy has nothing to do with it".





Church Basement Ladies



Redeemer members rolled up their sleeves and did some major cleaning on April 13. Fellowship provided a lunch. **Thanks** to all for a job well done.









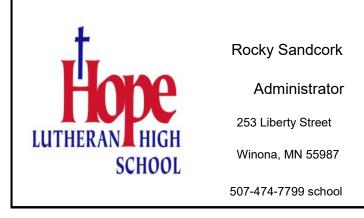
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Redeemer has experienced many changes recently and I am humbled and grateful for its members and the use of their talents, support, and let's make it work attitude that have made the transitions successful. Sandy Bauer



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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

