



Redeemer Connection June 2017

The concept of the Holy Spirit is always fascinating. There are many attempts to define it and describe it, but they all fall short. June 4 is our annual celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The presence of the Holy Spirit became evident in an overwhelming way. The report of the appearance of the Holy Spirit in the book of Acts says “suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting” (2:2). Air turbulence easily knocks around a jet airplane. One can only marvel at the power of wind in those instances. In its initial appearance, the Holy Spirit manifested its tremendous power in the movement of the wind.

The presence of the Holy Spirit touched everyone present in the upper room during that Pentecost Day. People of faith from all backgrounds, various languages, and different nationalities experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit in a personal, powerful, life-transforming moment.

Perhaps the most interesting (or perplexing) work of the Holy Spirit is its third action on Pentecost Day. By enabling the people present to speak different languages so that everyone could understand the Gospel in their own language. The the Holy Spirit breaks all kinds of barriers, indeed frees the Gospel from a particular group of people to a universal message of hope and salvation for all people.

Jesus’ closing words before his ascension are that his followers are to go to all the nations of the world to baptize and preach in his name. The Holy Spirit gives Jesus’ followers the power to carry out the commandment Jesus gave them to baptize and preach in his name to all people.

We all can have our Pentecost. We can experience the Holy Spirit’s presence and power in worship, in the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. God also sends us the Holy Spirit through the Word.



The next
Church Council
Meeting is 6:30 pm
Monday, June 12, 2017

Attendance Record

April 30- 56
May 7--129
May 14--51
May 21--123



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

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Confirmation Class: Pastor Kevin Froelich
Sean McQuiston, Reed Schwanke, Chloe Swanson, Orian Hornberg, Grace Swanson



Farewell and Thank You, Heidi Braun, Pre-School Director



Cake and Ice Cream



Pre-School sings during worship service, May 21



Pre-School Mystery Readers Left: Pamela Wolfmeyer Right: Bill Flesch

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., What changes can we expect in the music ministry now that you are Music Coordinator? (Part 3)

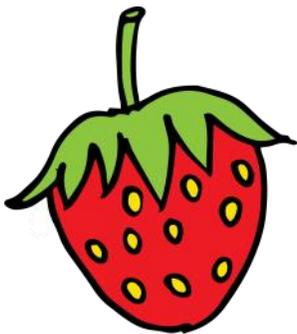
MC: Redeemer congregation has hosted many very talented local musicians to enhance our worship, and has provided funding for such. Many people enjoy hearing from gifted members of our community, and so this scheduling will continue for the foreseeable future.



Although outside musicians can bring a specialness to our services and are often necessary for accompanying worship, God intends for the people of His gathered body to provide for the needs of the congregation, and this includes musical needs whenever possible. Recognizing that God has blessed us with different gifts and varying levels of ability in these gifts, if one has some musical talent, He expects that it will be utilized to enhance His kingdom, no matter how meager the ability. (See the Parable of the Talents—Luke 25:14-30)

That being said, if you have some musical talent, please consider using it to the Lord's glory by sharing some music with your fellow members at Redeemer. More on this next month!

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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Be Healthy



VBS Day Camp

Redeemer's Vacation Bible School Day Camp will be August 7-11. The VBS Day Camp will be held on Monday through Thursday from 9:00 to 3:00 and on Friday from 9:00 to Noon. A morning snack and a noon lunch will be provided each day. The VBS is open to children who will be age 33 months (and potty trained) by August 8th through grade 6 in the fall. Children over grade 6 are welcome to come and assist the adult leaders. We are working with Camp Omega again this year. Our goal is to enable all campers to experience God's grace, love, and guidance through hands-on Bible activities, devotions, skits, games and other traditional camp-related activities. Please pre-register by calling (507) 452-3828 or stop by the church office 9- Noon.



Martin Luther: Educator

The need for educational reform was urgent at the beginning of the sixteenth century. At that time there existed no school system as such, and teaching was often limited to the boys of wealthy merchants and city rulers. Luther believed the standard of education for a society in which every individual becomes a Christian was through the gospel of Christ and did not allow for any differentiation based on gender.

He was convinced that knowledge of the liberal arts - history, languages and the like - provided the best context for the study of Scripture. Not only ministers, theologians, teachers and scholars educated in this manner would best serve the Church, but all believers as members of Christ's body would better know God and His work in this world by means of such learning.

Luther focuses more on the education of boys and young men who would receive a vocational training for ministry or civic government. The education of girls would be orientated toward life in a household and its immediate neighborhood--toward domestic management and marriage and the raising of children. As far as school education is concerned, Luther does introduce a differentiation on the grounds of gender. Higher education is reserved for male students. Yet when Luther calls for qualified women to become teachers, he takes a step toward a more comprehensive education of women. Women would need to be given special training to enable them to work as teachers. And, as we have seen, Luther forcefully advocates the institution of schools for girls.

The educational impetus extends to the family as much as to the school and the church. The first instruction for a child is instruction at home. Thus a child is first introduced to religious faith within the family. Luther's catechism of 1529 emerges as enormously popular reading. In it he assigns the master of a household the educational task to instruct children in the three most important constituents of Christian faith: the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, and the Lord's Prayer.



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1950's Church Models vs. Today's Culture by Jeff Harris

Old Church Model

Core Values 1950-1960 Era

1. Faith
2. Fellowship
3. Family

Old Cultural Setting

External Culture

1. External culture (society) supported Christian principles.
2. "Build it and they will come."
3. Church affiliation was socially acceptable.
4. Denominationally driven; hierarchical. Centralized forms of governance.

Ministry Goals

1. Increase membership
2. Increase Sunday school classes.

Approach/Model

1. Sunday-School is model for education. Congregations establish programs.

New Church Model

Core Values 2010-2020 Era

4. Biblical Instruction (*Faith*)
5. Prayer (*Faith*)
6. Relational (*Fellowship/Family*)
7. Caring Ministry (*Family*)
8. Transformation (*evangelism, spiritual formation*)

New Cultural Setting

External Culture

1. External culture (society) is anti-Christian and apostate; apathetic, desires censure of Christians and persecution.
2. "Why should I go?" It's not necessary to go.
3. It is socially acceptable NOT to be affiliated with a church. Generally, people are frustrated by religion or "religious" semantics.
4. No longer relevant to individual / communal needs.
5. Post-denominational era. A call for decentralized forms of governance.

Ministry Goals

1. Must be relational to approach and entry point.
2. Primary focus must be placed on discipleship. Must be decentralized & address a increasing level of biblical and spiritual immaturity; a generation unfamiliar and/or inexperienced with worship or biblical standards.
3. Must serve in an environment of persecution and government intervention/oppression to Christian faith.

Approach/Model

1. Missional
2. Cell groups (*a home-church mindset*) Each cell group will focus on all 5-core values.

What Sundays Were Like In the 1950's



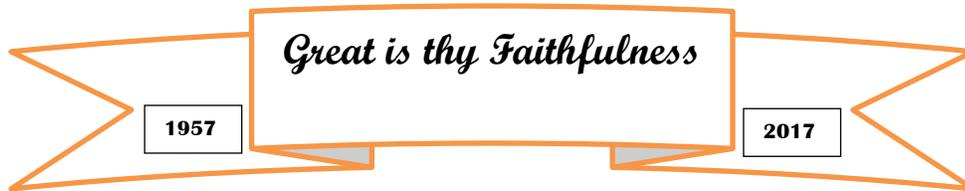
Life was different in the 50's. Blue Laws that required stores and most places of work and business to be closed. This made it possible for most people to be in church. This social expectation even crossed into the classroom. Teachers may have asked on Monday mornings who went to church and they had to raise their hands. Saturdays were spent preparing for Sunday's day of rest; Sunday meal (usually a roast and sheet cake) was prepared. After attending church on Sundays, the prepared food was warmed and served. The afternoon spent driving around the countryside or skip rocks in a lake.

Sunday dress was very different. Men would not even consider going to church without a suit jacket and tie. Even the little boys (as pictured above) wore suit coats. And on 90+ degree days, in churches with no air-conditioning, the men just sat there sweating. The women also wore their best dresses and shoes and hats too.

What could we learn from Sundays in the 1950's?

1. **Worship must be a number one priority.**
2. **Prepare ourselves for the day of worship.**
3. **Make Sundays a family day.**
4. **Dress your best.**

SAVE THE DATE
November 5, 2017



Members of the congregation are working on a history of Redeemer. Any pictures or articles are welcomed.
Contact Sandy Bauer
507 450-8668 or leave in office.

EARLY YEARS-1957

First Service-February 17, 1957

Service Held at Seventh Day Adventist Church
Pastor Harold C Braun from Silo Immanuel/Grace Lutheran Stockton officiating
60 attendees

Sunday School and Bible Class Starts April 21, 1957
One bulletin for Silo, Stockton, and Winona

Rev Harold Rinnert Installed July 7, 1957

Redeemer has own bulletin
Avg attendance 50

First marriage-Robert Butt & JoAnn Walton 11/28/1957
First members through the rite of confirmation Robert Butt and Marlan Seha, 12/22/1957

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Redeemer Church ...

Welcomes you to come praise His Love for Us!

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The 1st and 3rd Sundays are Communion Sundays.

Office hours are:

Mon-Thurs 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Fri 9 am— noon



Mirjam Meijer