



Redeemer Connection May 2017

Every Sunday is Special in May

May 7 is not only Good Shepherd Sunday, one of my favorites, but also our Confirmation Sunday. Being confirmed in their baptismal faith are: Orian Hornberg, Sean McQuiston, Reed Schwanke, Chloe Swanson, and Grace Swanson. We wish these five young people all of God's blessings and they begin a new chapter in their walk of faith. Debbie Berhow will be here to sing as well.

May 14 is Mother's Day. The message is "Ancient Proverbs for Today's Woman."

May 21 is a real busy Sunday. The preschool children will sing in the service. After the service we will have our annual ice cream social. It is the last day of Sunday School until September. In the afternoon is the "Day at the Farm."

May 28 will be an Ascension Sunday celebration. Special music that day will be string quartet.

More details will be announced and will be included in the weekly bulletin as well.

Have a great May!

Pastor Kevin



Wednesday Morning Bible Study
meets on the first and third Wednesday
of each month in the conference room
at Saint Anne Extended Healthcare.

Attendance Record

April 2--59
April 5--40
April 9--66
April 13--46
April 14--37
April 16--85
April 23--55



The next
Church Council
Meeting is 6:30 pm
Monday, May 8, 2017



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

HAPPY
Mother's
DAY

May Preschool Chatter
Heidi Braun, Director/Teacher
Jessie Erdmann, Teacher
Jenifer Clemons, Paraprofessional
Carly Lass, Paraprofessional

The last month of preschool is upon us. May is such a wonderful month full of flowers, warm days and baby birds and animals. It's also a month in which we commemorate mothers.

Moms will be honored at Moms and Muffins the first week of May. This is such a fun day when moms can spend a morning at preschool and do special activities with their children and, of course, enjoy a muffin.

We'll be learning about caterpillars and butterflies the first part of the month and finish with a western/farm theme. This will fit right in with Family Day at the Farm on May 22nd. During our Praise Time we will finish reading through the New Testament. The children have learned the word "miracle" and correctly identify events as miracles in the stories we read.

The children have been practicing for the Spring Sing. This is our way of thanking the Redeemer Church members for supporting the preschool. We will also recognize the 12 preschool graduates. We hope you will be at the service on May 22 to hear their cheerful little voices.

Also on May 22 from 2:00-4:00 is Family Day at the Farm. All preschool and church families are invited to a fun afternoon with a hay ride, animals, and other activities out at LaVern's farm. LaVern will take you on the best hayride you've ever had!

Thank you for helping us with our candy bar fundraiser. Most of the money has come in, but there still are a few more boxes of candy bars left. Please let us know if you can help by selling a box. We are using the profits to purchase new coat and mailbox cubbies. We hope you will like the new look in the hallway.

New registrations for next fall have started coming in. If you know any families who are looking for preschool for their children, please tell them to check us out. Grab a brochure for them, direct them to our website, or encourage them to schedule a visit.

Our last day of preschool will be Thursday, May 25. As you probably know, I will be resigning at the end of the month. I'd like to thank you all for entrusting me with the important roles assigned to me as director and teacher. I have learned and grown immensely through my seven years at Redeemer. It has been an honor to be a part of the Redeemer family.

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 2)

MC: Although much of the musical happenings of the past will not see dramatic changes, since the musical planning previously done by pastor and the special music planned by me will continue as before, there are some subtle enhancements that are being introduced as time allows.

For one, a goal of increasing the musicianship of congregation members is an important emphasis. And why would this be valuable? To grow the music ministry at Redeemer, more musicians are needed, and a musical congregation attracts other musicians! Providing music notation for the hymns and songs by handing out hymnals or printing the music in the worship folder are a great way to raise the musical abilities of worshippers.



Another great reason for the above initiative can be illustrated by imagining how you would feel if asked to walk down a hallway with your eyes closed. A musician feels the same way when required to sing with no notes. So music notation will be offered for as many hymns and songs as possible so as to not discourage any musician that visits our worship from returning!

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.





It is not difficult to see that gardening is great light exercise, right? Hauling mulch bags, turning the compost, digging holes, and raking leaves all use your entire body, stretching and building muscle. But what if you knew that gardening is actually good for your emotional health as well? In fact, gardening is known to be beneficial for every single part of you – body, mind, and spirit.

Why people garden:

- Addressing Physical and Mental Stress
- Community Building
- Satisfying Curiosity and Building Skills
- Enhanced Meals and Diet
- Environmental Concerns Related to Food
- Involvement of Children
- Saving Money on Food
- Preserving Traditions and Culture

Happy Gardening



Martin Luther: Hymn Writer

Before Luther's time, congregations rarely spoke let alone sang during a church service. Martin Luther wrote 41 hymns. A Mighty Fortress is Our God is one of the most popular ones he wrote. Based on Psalm 46, this hymn is a celebration of the sovereign power of God over all earthly and spiritual forces, and of the sure hope we have in him because of Christ. After its publication, it gained immense popularity throughout Reformed Europe.

The hymn became closely associated with Luther himself, as it embodied in its words and melody so much of the character of its author — bold, confident, defiant in the face of opposition. This association is symbolized in the monument to Luther at Wittenberg where the first line of the lyrics were engraved on the base.

Historically, the hymn is most likely a story written in October 1527 as the plague was approaching. The evidence for this date is the printing history surrounding it (no copies beforehand, and a growing number of copies afterwards). Scholars are inclined to believe that Luther also wrote the music himself.

1. A mighty Fortress is our God,
A trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from every need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil Foe
Now means deadly woe
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On Earth is not his equal.
2. With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is.
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever
3. Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us.
We tremble not, we fear no ill,
They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none,
He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.
4. The Word they still shall let remain
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child and wife,
Let these all be gone,
They yet have nothing won;
The Kingdom our remaineth.



Dad's and Donut Day
Redeemer Pre-school

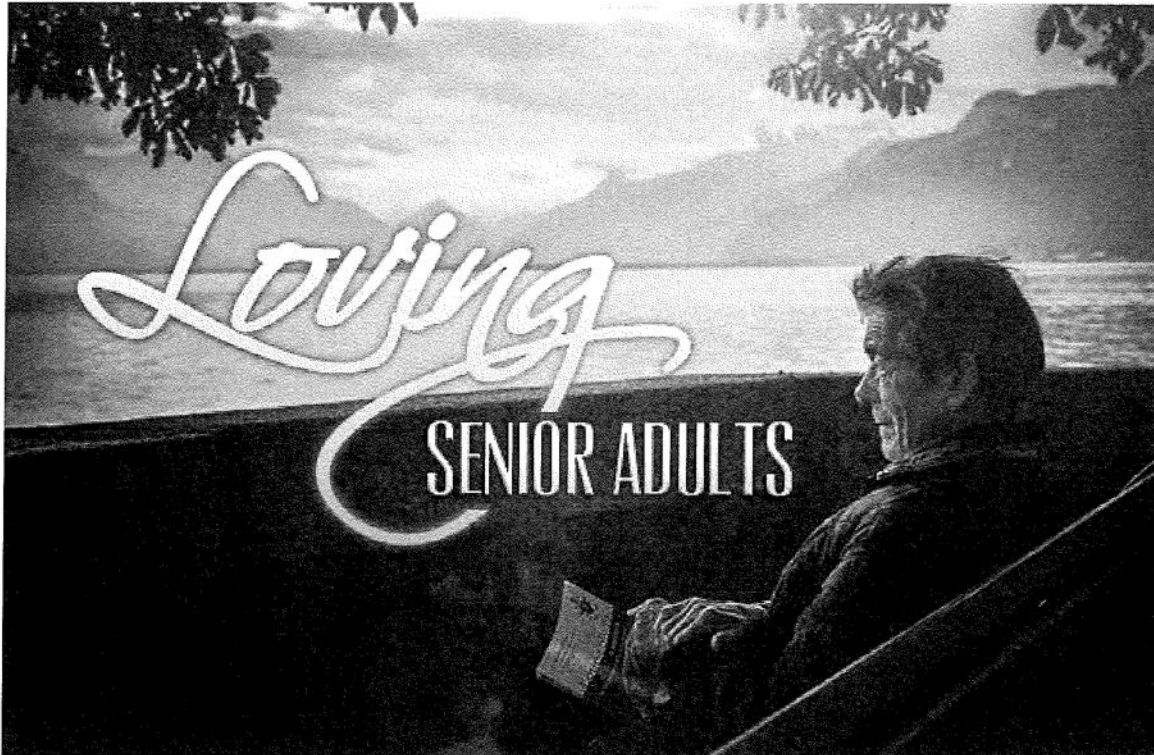
Thank you for the support for the Easter breakfast.

A donation of \$300 from profit and donations was made to the piano humidifier fund.

11 Reasons to Love the Senior Adults in Your Church

By
Chuck Lawless

December 16, 2016



Occasionally, I speak in a church that is predominantly senior adults. Each time I do, I think about how a church like that is going to survive—but I also remember why senior adults matter. Remembering these things reminds me to love them even as we make changes to grow the church.

1. **They know the church's history.** In some cases, they *are* the church's history. Their knowledge of the past can be invaluable as we plan for the future.
2. **They've often kept the doors open.** Their faithfulness in giving and attending has often been the reason the church still exists. Even if the church is struggling, some of the senior adults have stood in the gap over the years.
3. **They've paid the bills.** Many senior adults have given faithfully to the church for years. They give just because it's their church, and they often give sacrificially.
4. **They love the Lord.** They really do, even if their occasional unwillingness to change might frustrate us. To the best of their ability, they love the Lord.
5. **They have life experience to offer others.** No matter how old we get, we always need the wisdom from others. Senior adults have life experience from which we can learn.

6. **They need discipling.** In many cases, they've never been disciplined themselves, despite their years of faithful service. Some would actually welcome a brother or sister to walk beside them.
7. **They're often facing the difficulties of aging.** The church is uniquely situated to minister to people who are facing health issues, retirement questions, and recurring deaths of family and friends. They need others to walk with them.
8. **They're connections to the next generations.** If we want to reach young adults, students and children, honoring their grandparents is a good start.
9. **They are stories of God's grace and provision.** Think about it—how many stories of the senior adults in your church do you know? They're living testimonies to God's care if we give them opportunities to tell those stories.
10. **Sometimes, their wisdom protects us from harm.** Sure, they often don't like change. At the same time, though, their reticence to change sometimes reflects wise thinking.
11. **They pray.** If you want someone to pray for you passionately and regularly, ask a senior adult to be your intercessor.

Thank you, senior adults, for loving the church!

Sent by
James J. Vehling
Maplewood, Minnesota

Upcoming Music & Arts Events

Sunday, May 21-3:00 pm 5th Annual Organ Concert

Enjoy an afternoon of exciting music on the King of Instruments. Performers include Central's Erik Floan as well as community organists.

Saturday, June 10--7:00 pm North Star Boy's Choir

Kicking off their summer Big River Concert Tour; the North Star boy's Choir is devoted to the traditional boy choir repertoire including sacred music of all periods, dating back to the 5th century, classical works, spirituals, and folk music from around the world.

Both events held at Central Lutheran Church, 259 W Wabasha, Winona.

**Save the
Date**

November 5, 2017



Redeemer Lutheran Church, established in **1957**, is celebrating 60 years of God's blessings on November 5, 2017.

Members of the congregation are working on a history of Redeemer. If you have any pictures or articles from years gone by or would like to work on this project, please let the office know or contact Sandy Bauer 450-8668

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Redeemer Church ...

Welcomes you to come praise His Love for Us!

Sunday at 9 am.

The 1st and 3rd Sundays are Communion Sundays.

Office hours are:

Mon-Thurs 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Fri 9 am— noon

