DINNER & A MOVIE: “OVERCOMER”

On Wednesday, February 12th, come and enjoy Dinner & A Movie at Redeemer. “Overcomer,” rated PG, is 115 minutes long. The movie will begin at 5:30pm. Eat as you watch!

High school basketball coach John Harrison and his team face an uncertain future when their town’s largest manufacturing plant shuts down unexpectedly. As hundreds of people move away, John reluctantly agrees to coach cross-country, a sport he doesn’t even like. His outlook soon changes when he meets Hannah Scott, an unlikely runner who pushes herself to the limit. Inspired by the words and prayers of a new friend, John starts to train Hannah for the biggest race of her young life. See how God’s power helps her, and us, overcome our challenges, all to His glory!

40-DAY PRAYER CHALLENGE

Redeemer’s 40-Day Prayer Challenge is drawing closer. On Sunday, March 1st, we will have one service, at 10:00am, to kick off 40 continuous days of prayer. Until then, during the month of February come to Gordy Engel’s prayer Bible study at 9:30am Sunday mornings, and listen to Pastor Steve’s five-part prayer sermons.

These activities are designed to prepare Redeemer to pray in a big way and expect big things from our big, merciful God. Let’s draw the circle together, and pray with all our hearts.

(Reverend Reflections continued on page 7)
How Much is an Education at Redeemer Christian Academy Worth?

Redeemer Christian Academy provides the platform for powerful Godly mentoring relationships with your children. Children have the opportunity to interact daily with Christian caring, mature adults and to learn lessons that address their spiritual, emotional and physical maturity, as well as their academic maturity. The truth of God’s Word permeates every aspect of Redeemer Christian Academy life and your children will see the adults around them demonstrate the personal application of that truth every minute of every school day. Can you put a price tag on the close relationships your children will develop with adults who consciously promote and model authentic Christianity? We don’t think so.

**Teachers showing God to their students every school day = Priceless**

We pride ourselves on the "family feel" you’ll notice when you walk the halls of our school. We pair older and younger students all year long as chapel buddies, service project helpers and reading mentors. Dads (or a significant male) have an opportunity to have breakfast with their child(ren) each month at Breakfast Buddies. Classroom parents work side-by-side in service projects. These are just a few examples. Come and see our family-oriented ministry for yourself.

**Teachers who love their students for who they are = Priceless**

We teach the SMART program in K-3 every day. The SMART Program is a multi-sensory approach to learning based on brain research and emphasizes stimulating the brain and body to promote richer connections among the neurons. We pair movement with an educational component such as identifying alphabet letters or sight words at the kindergarten level. It helps children practice and retain what they’ve learned. In a nutshell, movement anchors learning. We’re proud that we teach this program and have seen much success through it, as have the Hopkins, Minneapolis, Bloomington and Minnetonka school districts.

**Teachers who lose sleep over other people’s children = Priceless**

We offer teachings for a lifetime: learning, integrity, faith and excellence in all we do. We teach handwriting, mastery of math facts, and memorization skills.

**Teachers who teach not only academics but Godly character development = Priceless**

Tours available afternoons by appointment by contacting Linda Wiebold at lwiebold@redeemerwayzata.org, calling 952/473-5356, or signing up on our website at www.redeemerchristianacademy.org.

**SCHOOL WEBSITE:** www.redeemerchristianacademy.org.
**COMING UP AT RCA**

**Calendar At-a-Glance**

**Wednesday, February 5**
Q2 Grades Posted for Gr. 1-8

**Thursday, February 6**
1:00pm Early Dismissal
1:00-7:00pm Parent/Teacher Conferences
No Bus-Parent Drive Day
No Study Hall

**Friday, February 7**
No School
8:00am-12noon Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Thursday, February 13**
PS Valentine’s Day Party
(Room Parent & Volunteer Event)

**Friday, February 14**
PK, Gr. K-8 Valentine’s Day Parties
(Room Parent & Volunteer Event)

**Monday, February 17**
No School—Presidents’ Day

**Friday, February 21**
Midterm 3rd Quarter
7:30am Breakfast Buddies

**Wednesday, February 26**
Quarter 3 Midterm Grades Posted on TADS for Gr. 1-8

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**SUMMER MUSIC CAMP IS COMING**

**“SOLID ROCK CAFE”**

**MONDAY, JUNE 8–FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 12:00noon-3:30PM**

Open to students completing Grades 1–6; student and parent helpers

(Registration forms coming soon)

Dan and Cheryl Oie, Directors

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**REDEEMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

June 8-12, 9:00am-12noon
Music & Worship “Notes”

2020 Music and Worship Service Opportunities

What happens when you participate in a music ministry?

♫ You grow in your faith through song lyrics and devotion
♫ You worship God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength
♫ You share life together with other Christians
♫ You serve in the Kingdom of God
♫ You reach out and invite others into God’s Kingdom
♫ You serve the Lord with gladness

Join one of Redeemer’s music groups at any time. Rehearsal times may vary.

♫ Deo Gloria Choir – Wednesday nights at 7:15 pm. Sings for worship once a month.

♫ Redeemer Handbells – Wednesday nights, at 6:15 pm. Plays monthly for worship.

♫ JoySound Worship Band – a rotation of singers, guitar players, drummers, technical assistants, and instrumentalists.

Contact Dan Oie to participate at email doie@Redeemerwayzata.org or phone 952-473-1281 #209.

Night of Praise “In the Sanctuary” Saturday, February 22

Come and lift your voices in praise and prayer on Saturday evening, February 22, at 7:00 pm in the Redeemer Sanctuary. Dan Oie will lead us in an evening of worship, prayer, and testimony as we celebrate what God is doing. The JoySound Band will lead us in singing new and old songs of praise. We will also share what God is doing through several Redeemer ministries with stories from our members.

If you want to sing in the worship choir, contact Dan Oie.

Schedule:
Sunday, February 16
6:00-7:30 pm
Praise and Worship Singers Rehearsal
Saturday, February 22
4:30 pm
Singers and Band Rehearse
6:00 pm
Supper for Musicians
7:00 pm
“In the Sanctuary” Concert
Kimberly Brown, Gospel Singer, February 16

In February our nation recognizes Black History Month as a cultural part of our American society, and even in the American church, where we are the recipients of spirituals and gospel music. Kimberly Brown, a local singer, songwriter, music director, and church musician, will come and share her music ministry with us at both the 8:00am Traditional Service and the 10:30am JoySound Worship Service on February 16.

Our Gospel Titles include “When I Think about the Lord” (a gospel song from Phoenix AZ, 1998) and “We’ve Come This Far by Faith” (a gospel song from Chicago, 1956).

See Dan Oie about singing with the choir on February 16.

Midweek Lenten Worships Begin February 26

“Once Again – Thank You for the Cross”

Each Wednesday in Lent you will experience the cross through different eye witnesses.

Six characters who followed Jesus as he journeyed from Nazareth to Jerusalem will share their personal stories. This year’s witnesses include Caiaphas, the High Priest (February 26), John, the beloved disciple (March 4), Lazarus, friend of Jesus (March 11), Martha, friend of Jesus (March 18), The Roman Centurion (March 25), and Judas, the Betrayer (April 4).

Lenten worship is an opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors, and your extended family to a special time of worship.

Suppers will be served at 5:30pm.

Coming March 1:
40-day Prayer Challenge

A Comm “UNITY” in Prayer

Special worship service on Sunday, March 1st, at 10:00am.
“Red Letters” Good Friday Choral Project

Singers (from Redeemer and the community) are invited to participate in the music of Good Friday melded together as a service of Tenebrae (Service of Darkness).

Singers are invited to attend five rehearsals in March and April to learn these special songs, along with songs for the Easter services. (A rehearsal CD will also be available.)

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in his shall not perish but have eternal life.”
John 3:16

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Schedule

Sunday, March 22
6:00–7:30pm
Rehearsal

Sunday, March 29
6:00–7:30pm
Rehearsal

Sunday, April 5
6:00–7:30pm
Rehearsal

Thursday, April 9
7:30–9:00pm
Rehearsal/Orchestra

Friday, April 10
7:00pm
Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 12
9:00am and 10:30am
Easter Worship

Lent and Easter Worship Services

February 26—Ash Wednesday
9:00am—Chapel Worship with Ashes, Communion
7:00 p.m.—Worship with Holy Communion, “Caiaphas”

Wednesdays in Lent
5:30 p.m.—Supper
6:00 p.m.—Faith and Family Activities
7:00 p.m.—Lenten Worship with Portrayals

April 5—Palm Sunday
8:00 and 10:30 a.m.—Children and Palms

April 9, Maundy Thursday
6:00 p.m.—Seder Meal (First Communion)

Good Friday, April 10—Good Friday
7:00 p.m.—Good Friday Worship – Choir and Orchestra

April 12—Easter Sunday
9:00 and 10:30 a.m.—Easter Festival Worship
– Choir and Brass
Traditional and Contemporary Music
7,627!!

On Wednesday, January 8th, Redeemer’s auditorium was buzzing with activity and excitement. After a delicious pizza and salad supper, 60 kids and adults welcomed Jenna Holst, Coordinator of Church Relations for New Life Family Services, who explained the evening’s flow of events.

Then we got to work, bundling the 7,627 diapers that had been donated to New Life over the past few weeks. These diapers will be given to new moms who have chosen life for their babies, but who face challenges providing resources for their children. Many of Redeemer’s children also wrote notes of encouragement to the moms who will be receiving diapers for their babies (see picture), as well as marking Bibles with the message of salvation.

Thank you, people of God, for working together to help the needy in the name of Jesus!

In Christ,
Pastor Jeff

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

“Couples of the Old Testament” is the book the Wednesday Morning Bible Study is going through, and we invite you to join us!

The Old Testament tells the stories of fascinating men and women in relationship: couples who live with chronic disappointment, couples who overcome all obstacles to be together, in-laws who can’t stand each other, a wife who risks death if she walks in on her husband unannounced, and a husband who takes back his wife when she becomes a prostitute.

There are arranged marriages, fiercely loving marriages, enduring marriages, an instant marriage, a coerced marriage, and a perfect marriage—until the couple blew it! Together, we are going to dig deeper into these relationships highlighted in the Bible to learn important lessons about marriage, God and ourselves.

We meet on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 in the Gathering Room for Bible Study, prayer, and fellowship. We hope you will join us. Bring your Bible and a friend!

For more information, please contact Mary Sund at 763-233-2417, or Linda Krantz at 763-476-0587.

Lifelight

Lifelight Bible study invites you to an in-depth study, and discussion of the New Testament book of John on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30am in the Conference room beneath the Sanctuary.

The author of the Gospel of John, known as Jesus’ best friend, is described in the Gospel as “the disciple whom Jesus loved.” John, his brother James, and Simon "Peter" were three of the 12 Apostles. They were the only disciples Jesus asked to "keep watch" while he prayed on Maundy-Thursday in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Come for 9 weeks (the first half of John,) or 18 weeks.

For more information, ask Eva McAtee (763-476-1827) or Judymae Bowers (763-76-0913.)
2019 Angel Tree Recap

’Tis the season to recap another wonderful year of the Angel Tree program! This year we purchased, wrapped, and delivered gifts and Bibles to 40 local children from 19 families on behalf of their parent who was imprisoned and separated from them this Christmas. We provided handwritten notes of encouragement and supporting Prison Fellowship materials to the children’s caregivers, as well.

This was the year of hugs! Most of the drivers told me that they were met with hugs and thankfulness from the children and caregivers, some sharing testimonials of their situation. None of that is expected, of course. The main goals of this program are to foster a connection between the children and their absent parent, and ultimately initiating or strengthening the connection with their heavenly Father, too. But in talking with these families, it is evident that they are, well... special.

Here is one example.

Meet 4-month old De’Marcus. I believe he is our youngest ‘Angel’ this year. He nearly spent Christmas in the hospital, due to some health complications. But he was released just in time to be home with his mother and three big sisters. His mother has her work cut out for her, taking care of them all on her own. But she’s a strong lady. Please keep this and the other Angel Tree families in your prayers.

Thank you so much to all who volunteer for this program. I’m so amazed that you care enough to put care and time into this right during the busiest part of your own holiday preparations! Veena Waller has been a driver for three years, now! Andrea Kurilla, Angie Kuch, Rie and Dewey Schibilla, and Doreen and Harmony Sullivan all jumped in as drivers this year. Kris Hanson was of constant help, managing gifts and contributions as they came in. Many thanks!

And of course thank you to Gretchen Blount, who initiates contact with the families along with myself. We do this to continue the project that meant a lot to Terry Blount, on his behalf.

Blessings to you all!
Erin Kelly
School Parent Volunteer

Redeemer Golden Seniors Club (RGSC)

The Redeemer Golden Seniors Club (RGSC) meets on Tuesday, February 18, at 10:00am in the Gathering Room.

God’s Holy Word is true from Genesis to Revelation. We will explore the Truth given to us in the Holy Bible and compare it with some of today’s secular teachings. Not only non-Christians but some Christians compromise or ignore God’s True Word when a conflict occurs, particularly in the natural sciences.

We will share information, questions, and answers together in this meeting.

Questions: Call Rolly or Al Heitkamp at 952-540-6471.
**LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE NEWS**

**PREMIE BABY CAPS MISSION PROJECT**

LWML’s January-February-March 2020 ongoing mission project, Premie Baby Caps, is off to a running start. Visit our display table located in the hall across from the church nursery. See ideas for caps and directions for knitting and crocheting. You may also use your own favorite pattern for small preemie size or large preemie-sized caps. Ask any Redeemer LWML member for more information.

**MITES COLLECTION**

A special thank-you to Redeemer children and adults who have collected mites for missions. You may learn about mites/grants on-line at www.mnslwml.org/ministries/gospel-outreach. Mite boxes are available through the church office.

**NEXT MONTHLY MEETING**

Our next LWML meeting will be Tuesday, February 11, at 10:00am at Redeemer in the Conference Room. All women are invited to join us for Bible Study, fellowship, and organization of mission work.

**ARE YOU EXPERIENCING LOSS OR GRIEF?**

If so, you are encouraged and welcomed to join Redeemer’s next friend gathering on Friday, February 7th at 12:30 in the Gathering Room. We come together as God’s beloved people to listen and share our journey with one another in an informal setting.

For more information, please contact Pam Swanlund at 612-859-3102.

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**Monday Evening Prayer Time**

Mondays at 8:00pm
Dial 1-605-472-5440
Access Code 972429#
Greetings from the Redeemer Youth Group!

As I sit down to write these words, I can still feel the fatigue of a weekend at Camp Lebanon with the Redeemer Youth Group! Before you go feeling bad for me, it is a good kind of fatigue, the kind you get from a weekend full of fun activities, God’s Word and bunk time with some awesome youth!

Three adult leaders, and two of our high school youth who spent the weekend as Jr. Leaders chaperoned seven of our middle school youth at the Artic Blast Winter retreat. We had fun with worship music, sharing meals, broomball, SWAT, snow tubing, carpet ball, etc. as well as spent four chapel sessions in the gospel with our guest speaker Mark Alan. Mark opened the weekend with a remark about how SO many people (kids and adults) feel God’s presence is greater when they are at camp, but in reality, God is with us all the time, but at camp we are more present, thus more likely to notice God’s presence. This seemed to hit home for most of the 230 youth and leaders in attendance.

Mark then put three chairs on the stage; one labeled with 35%, one with 49%, and a third one with 9%. He used these chairs to show where the current teenage generation is with their faith.

- Chair 1 – 35% of teens are atheist, agnostic or similar
- Chair 2 – 49% of teens are churched or unchurched Christians but are apathetic
- Chair 3 – 9% of teens are engaged Christians

(The kids were quick to notice that 7% was missing, that would be teens of other religions.)

Each of the students in our group thought about what chair they were in, some boldly said they were part of the 9%, and
one youth even inked “9%” on to his hand to declare his position. Others were unsure if they were in the 49%, the 9% or somewhere between. After some discussion, they realized that if they were on the retreat, attend youth group and participate in Christian activities, they are likely in the 9%! Which is think is true for this group of kids.

Mark talked about how move from chair 2 to chair 3 and how to remain in chair 3 and but become even more engaged. The quick answer was to serve in your church and BE THERE ALL THE TIME! He also stated that God sent us into this world, we were not flung in to the world in a haphazard way. If we are SENT in to the world, we have a mission – We were challenged to identify what that mission is and to remember that it looks different for each of us.

To be more engaged, our full focus is needed to follow God. We need to walk away from sin and surrender our whole selves to Jesus, not just the bits and pieces that are easy. There is a cost to this and we have to be willing to pay the price. We don’t need to strive to impress others who don’t really care, we need to strive to impress Jesus in all we do. Our relationship with Jesus is more important than our relationships with anyone else, but we need to remember that God wants us to follow him in community with others. You need to be able to lean in to your church, your youth group, your family and your Christian friends to be able to grow.

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The weekend was a great experience for all and I think the youth all went home with something to think about.

REMINDER:
Wednesday evenings – Dinner at 5:30 followed by youth group from 6:00 to 7:30 in the house.

Sunday mornings – Youth bible study between services (9:15 to 10:20) in the house.

All youth in 6th to 12th grade are welcome to join us!

Be the 9%!

Annette Vetse
Youth Director
612-245-1409
youth@redeemerwayzata.org
VALENTINE’S DAY SLEDDING PARTY and BABYSITTING FUNDRAISER

Friday, February 14th
5:00 to 10:00 PM

Drop your little sweethearts off at Redeemer and take you big sweetheart out for Valentine’s Day!

Enjoy a night out (or a night in) while all your kiddos have fun with us!

Bring a sled with your name on it or use one of ours! We will also serve dinner and have time in the gym.

Event details are as follows:

Time:
5:00 to 10:00 PM - Parents can drop off and pick up anytime by the gym doors.

Cost:
Free will offering, but this is a fundraiser for our summer mission trip to ASP, so we do hope you will be generous. 😊

Food:
Dinner is provided! And will be served at approximately 6:00
{Hot Dogs, Mandarin Oranges, Chips and Cookies}
If your child has food restrictions, please send a well-marked meal for them and indicate that on your registration.

Location:
Redeemer Lutheran, 115 W. Wayzata Blvd., Wayzata, MN 55391
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B49ABAC2CA46-valentine

Thank you from Redeemer’s 2020 ASP Mission Team!

Annette Vetse, Laura Brinkman, Addie Isenberg and Ben Oie

Questions – Contact Annette at youth@redeemerwayzata.org
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*Calendar dates are subject to change.*
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A leap year poem to remember it by

Thirty days hath September,
April, June and November;
All the rest have thirty-one
Save February, she alone
Hath eight days and a score
Til leap year gives her one day more.

A leap year is any year with 366 days instead of the usual 365 days. Therefore, leap day in 2020 will fall on Saturday, February 29th.

So...why the extra day? It was the ancient Egyptians who first figured out that the solar year and the calendar year didn't always match up. That's because it actually takes the Earth a little longer than a year to travel around the Sun — 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 46 seconds, to be exact.

Therefore, as hours accumulated over the centuries, an extra day was occasionally added to the calendar, and over time the practice became more or less official.

The Romans first designated February 29 as leap day, but a more precise formula (still in use today) was adopted in the 16th century when the Gregorian calendar fine-tuned the calculations to include a leap day in years only divisible by four - 2012, 2016, 2020, 2024, etc.

Thankfully, all this intricate plotting will continue to keep us in tune with the seasons over the next several thousand years.

Source: http://www.chiff.com/a/leap-year.htm
Redeemer’s season of prayer has begun!

Pastor Steve and Gordy Engel are preparing our congregation for our 40-day prayer campaign (which begins Sunday, March 1st) with a five-week sermon series and Sunday morning Bible study.

**Week One’s Takeaway:**
*Prayer is the difference between you fighting for God and God fighting for you.*

How on earth are we ever going to overcome the challenges we face in our church and school? Perhaps you’re thinking that right now. The answer: we are not going to. The essence of our faith is the Great News that *God fights for us.* God fought for us by defeating our sins through the cross of Christ. We celebrate that truth every week. We need to remind ourselves that *God continues* to fight for us in our everyday challenges — at home, at work, at church, and at school. Redeemer, do not become discouraged!

“My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

*(Philippians 4:19).*

When we pray, we acknowledge God’s Almighty power and we plead with God to fight for us. And God does. And God will.

Come to Gordy’s Bible Study. Listen to Pastor Steve’s sermons. Put your hands together and pray that God’s will be done through Redeemer.

As we pray, God will hear, God will fight for us. Be at peace. God’s got this.

Amen.