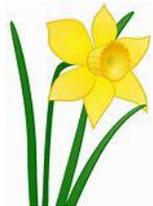


Redeemer Lutheran Church Didsbury, Alberta



2018



A Mother's Love

There are times when only a mother's love
Can understand our tears
Can soothe our disappointments
And calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a mother's love
Can share the joy we feel
When something we've dreamed about
Quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a mother's faith
Can help us on life's way
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day.

For a mother's heart and a mother's faith
And a mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by the angels
And sent from God above.

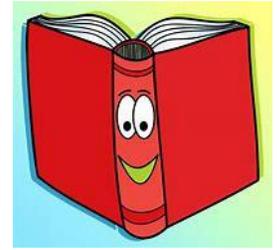
--Author Unknown



*Happy
Mother's Day!*



FROM THE VICAR



Sometimes, usually in the evening, my children will come to me with a request: "Tell us a good story!" But what exactly is a good story? If a good story is a story that reaches over generations and thus becomes, what we might call "a classic," then it is most often a story like this. We start with a poor, helpless human being hit by something evil, and then, when everything looks most hopeless, this helpless, innocent person is rescued by courage and by love, and of course they all live happily ever after... This basic way of story-telling runs through all good stories from the comics, to magazines, novels and films.

We seem never to get tired of hearing about ordinary people who get into trouble, only to be discovered, selected and saved. And it's almost always love which is the power that leads to this happy ending. The reason why we seem never to get tired of this narrative pattern might be because we unconsciously recognize a truth about ourselves and our relationship to God in it!

And what is that truth? It was what Jesus actually doing for us when He died on the cross? Well, that is the fantastic tale of Easter, which in importance for us humans by far outshines the already quite "tinsel-coated" tale of Christmas.

In the first chapters of the Bible we read about how God longs for man. So he creates him in his own image and let him live in a fantastic world without evil and selfishness. Just like the King and Queen who are longing for a child of their own in the story of "Sleeping Beauty", and just as their happiness would have no end when Sleeping Beauty is born, so the Bible too describes how God is thrilled for each individual he creates.

In the Bible, the narrative continues with how evil, in the shape of a snake, creeps into the Garden of Eden and how the desire for possessions grabs Adam and Eve, so they have to leave the Garden of Eden and go out into the world where everything is final and where they one day will die! In the story of Sleeping Beauty it is the evil fairy who crushes the happiness at the castle by saying that Sleeping Beauty will die when she is eighteen! A good fairy was only able to mitigate the prophecy, so "Sleeping Beauty" and the entire castle with her will instead of dying will have to sleep. And so they do — for 100 years, until a prince breaks the curse with a kiss on the lips of Sleeping Beauty.

Although the vast majority of us live longer than eighteen years, we know that someday death will put a limit to our life — a limit that can destroy the joy of life even in the midst of life. This evil, which destroys our joy and our life, God has joined battle with. Into this world which is afflicted by the curse of death, he sends Jesus, His son, the son of the Creator of the universe Himself.

His Son is truly a prince. In this world Jesus meets a hedge of selfishness and greed, which in the church, is called sin. This hedge has gradually grown so high inside of us humans, that we think that it is completely natural and normal for us to think of ourselves and of those we know first. We use the hedge to protect ourselves from the uncomfortable world, and we shut out those people who we find offensive or bothersome. But into this hedge Jesus hacks a hole in order to get into the sleeping castle. In the recounting of Easter, we hear how Jesus gets a branch of the hedge

pressed down as a crown of thorns round his head, and how He died, nailed to a cross. But by dying a seemingly meaningless death, he took our sins upon himself and thereby lifted the curse that hung like a death sentence over each one of us . So Jesus, so to speak, died our death and when three days later, by the power of God, He triumphed over the evil of death, giving each of us a share in His life, which is the prize of the victory!

Easter is therefore, the story of how we humans like "Sleeping Beauty" have been torn out of the curse of death and put into a new and eternal life of love; thanks to Jesus' love for us. That's the fundamentally good and true story about us humans, of God and of the necessity of a liberator, as Paul briefly summarizes it in his letter to the Romans, "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us!" We just went through Easter together where we were able to celebrate the beginning of our own "happily ever after". Amen!

Vicar Michael



SACRED CONVOCATION

May 24

7:00 p.m.

Bethel Lutheran Church
Sherwood Park



Alberta-British Columbia District Convention

Theme: "Called to Proclaim His Righteousness...To a People Not Yet Born"
(Psalm 22:31)

Date: October 19 - 21, 2018

Location: Bethel Lutheran Church, Sherwood Park, AB

Bible Study Leader: President Timothy Teuscher

The ABC District Convention will start at 4:00 pm on Friday and
conclude by 3:00 pm Sunday

NEEDED:

A delegate from Redeemer is needed for this Convention. If you are interested and able, please contact David Reinhardt.

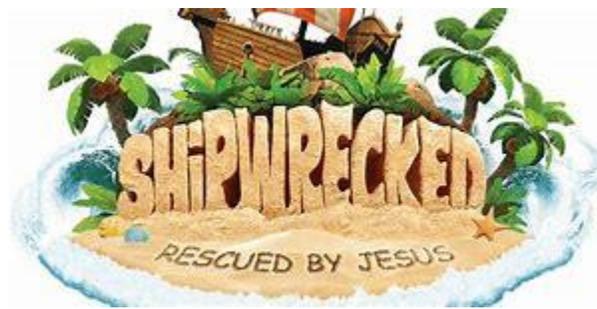
WELCOME to new members: Sidney and Lisa Schielke, and their children, Danny and Hannah. We are glad to have you as members of Redeemer.



A big thank you to Pam and Wes and the youth group for doing the Easter egg hunt for the Sunday School children! Everyone left with more than enough treats and really enjoyed finding all the pieces...even that very tricky last one...to the puzzle.

Our April lesson about Peter and Cornelius taught us that the Gospel message is for all people. As our lessons continue to take us through Acts, we will be hearing more about Paul and his first missionary journey.

All children are welcome to join us for Sunday School, May 6 and 20, during Worship Service.



V.B.S. 2018
July 10 – 13
(Tuesday – Friday inclusive)
10 a.m to 3 p.m.

We are going to be **SHIPWRECKED but Rescued By Jesus.**

Please put these dates (July 10 – 13) on your calendar and plan to attend or volunteer to help!!! It is always an awesome time!!!!

If anyone wants to donate to this cause, we will have some donation & volunteer lists on the bulletin board beside the large classroom in the next couple of weeks! In the meantime, if anyone has cardboard tubes from foil wrap or wrapping paper or any other item, please save them, as we will need lots of them for decorating.

Thanks for considering this project.

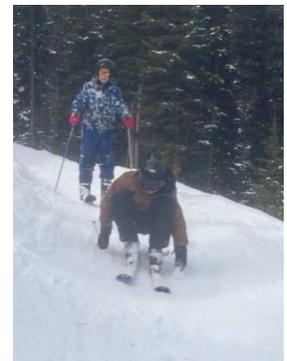
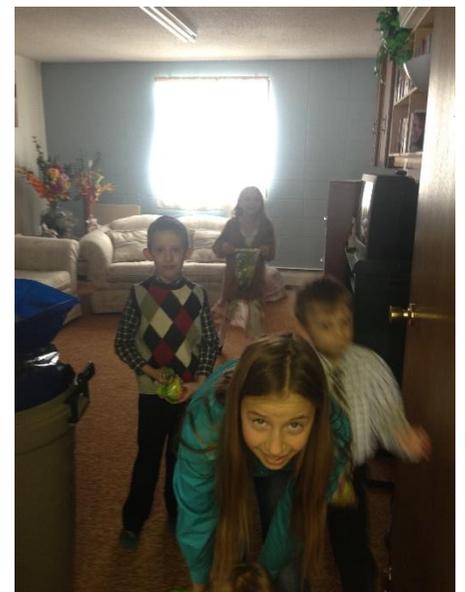
Vicar Michael
Bev Regner

Youth activities

April was a busy month for the Youth. From participating in the Passion Drama to helping the children hunt for Easter eggs on Easter Morning. The Youth had their hands full (of Easter Eggs 😊) helping the children reach the eggs in high places. Once all the eggs were found, the chocolate eggs were shared evenly. Not all the eggs contained chocolate, a number of them (31) contained puzzle pieces, and the puzzle needed to be completed prior to receiving their treats. A second hunt began when two puzzle pieces were missing. It was also an Easter Egg Hunt for Wes and Pam. The eggs were hidden the day prior, and neither of us could remember all the hiding places, although the puzzle was finally completed.

Next, the ski trip to Nakiska. Lots of good snow, no snow snakes (rocks) and the sun came out. Four youth and one and a half adults hit the hill. Lots of fun, falls, and personal challenges. That was just getting to the chair lifts. We had lunch on a sunny deck and then back to the slopes. A quiet ride home says it all.

The "Big Air" challenge, well let's just say it was not awarded this year and will be double or nothing next year.



PASSION DRAMA He is risen!



With some planning and prayer, the Passion Play went ahead. Last minute adjustments in some characters, and it was play on, or should I say practice on. Three practices on Saturday morning and we were as good as gold (some may have said copper).

The first performance had over 50 people in the pews. Some small changes meant the play is now about one hour long, which I think surprised all of us. On Sunday we had close to 150 people in attendance and all were treated with a first rate dialogue of the events which happened 2000 years ago.

Thanks to everyone who made this happen and supported the team. The effort this takes along with commitment from most of the congregation is nothing short of amazing. What a privilege it is to be a part of this wonderful group.

Lots of help to set up, run the show, then put things away and return the Sanctuary back to its normal state. This was indeed appreciated.



REJOICE!
Christ is risen.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Well, are we done with snow? I want to thank all those who blew, plowed, piled and shoveled snow this winter. That's it, I hope; now the spring mess. Over the last 24 hours we have pumped over 3000 gallons out of the back yard of the manse. The town asked us to help with runoff issues from our huge snow pile out back.



We already did some spring cleaning in the Sanctuary, in particular the globes - 45 to be exact. It's been two years since they were last cleaned. Thanks to a donated lift and helpers, we had it done in two hours.

In other news the Nativity / Easter costumes will be stored at the Church. Three coat racks, six feet long and on wheels were made just for this purpose. Many hours have gone into the making of these costumes and props so it was decided to lock the store room to have some control over this inventory. A sign out sheet may be set up if the need arises.

We are looking for a "Costume Overlord", meaning someone to be in charge of loaning Redeemer's impressive costume collection to others in the community who want to put them to use. The job duties include gathering the information from those who are signing items out, and following through to ensure they return them. If you think you can help, please contact Wes for details (and to pick your crown as overlord of the costumes!)



LWMLC Report

The next meeting is May 14 at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room. We have Bible study, a bit of a meeting and prayer time. Please join us for some fellowship.

Our quilters have finished 2 beautiful quilts for the refugees.

On Thursday May 10 we are going to Chinook Winds Lodge for a birthday tea. Marguerite Krebs is the member from our church residing there now. You can come along and say hi to all the people there.

Serve the Lord with Gladness!



Mountain View Christian Women's Breakfast



Tuesday, May 8 at 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Redeemer Lutheran Church Gym

"Plant Your Flowers in Unique Containers!"

Feature: Karen Vine (Container Gardening)

Music: Elaine McCombe

Speaker: Lorraine Dykstra

\$7 per person (free childcare)

Reservations: Ann at 403-335-8444 or 403-559-8818



Church Yard
Sale

YARD SALE

May 24, 25, 26

Thursday, Friday, Saturday

9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Redeemer Lutheran Gym

Anyone wanting to help us set up, would be welcomed and appreciated.

Times for set up will be determined closer to the event.

Please ask Bev Regner or Diana Levagood if you have any questions.





Redeemer Lutheran Church

Didsbury, Alberta

May 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1 Exercise & Bible Study 1:30	2	3	4	5
6 Bible Class 9:30 Worship & Sunday School -10:30 A.M.	7 Confirmation Class 3:30	8 Christian Women's Breakfast 9:30 Exercise & Bible Study 1:30	9	10 <u>ASCENSION DAY</u> L.W.M.L. at Chinook Winds Tea	11	12
13 <u>MOTHERS DAY</u> Bible Class 9:30 Holy Communion 10:30	14 L.W.M.L. 9:30 A.M. Confirmation Class 3:30	15 Exercise & Bible Study 1:30	16	17 P.P.C. Meeting 7:00 P.M.	18	19
20 <u>PENTECOST</u> Bible Class 9:30 Worship & Sunday School -10:30 A.M.	21 <u>VICTORIA DAY</u>	22 Exercise & Bible Study 1:30 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	23	24 Convocation 7:00 P.M.	25	26
27 Holy Communion 10:30 Potluck after worship	28 Confirmation Class 3:30	29 Exercise & Bible Study 1:30	30	31		

Yard Sale at the Church Gym
9:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

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