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REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH DIDSBURY, ALBERTA NEWSLETTER



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One Sunday morning at a small southern church, the new pastor called on one of his older deacons to lead in the opening prayer. The deacon stood up, bowed his head and said, "Lord, I hate buttermilk."

The pastor opened one eye and wondered where this was going. The deacon continued, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was totally perplexed. The deacon continued, "Lord, I ain't too crazy about plain flour. But after you mix 'em all together and bake 'em in a hot oven, I just love biscuits."

"Lord help us to realize when life gets hard, when things come up that we don't like, whenever we don't understand what You are doing, that we need to wait and see what You are making. After you get through mixing and baking, it'll probably be something even better than biscuits. Amen.

Romans 8:28

FROM THE VICAR

Well, dear brothers and sisters of Redeemer Lutheran Church, all good things must come to an end. With more than a small amount of sadness and to be honest several occasions of tears already, I prepare to end my vicarage here and to move back to Edmonton. The year went by so fast that it's actually hard for me to account for all these months. Believe me when I say, "But I don't want to go!" However it is necessary for me to continue my formation, just as it was for Vicar Scott and all the other vicars you have fostered and cared for over the years. And fostering is exactly how I would describe what this church does with its vicars. You have given me love, care, a home, food, instruction, and respect. What more could any person ask for? I feel truly honoured to have been able to serve you for this past year, and I look forward to how Vicar Josh will continue to serve you as you in turn serve him.

When I look back at this past year, I'm very happy with what has gone on in the church, in what we were able to accomplish with the help of God. From bible studies to divine worship to confirmation to chapel services to the Live Nativity to the Passion Drama, we've accomplished an amazing amount of work for God's Kingdom.

As I write this I am thinking and beginning to plan my final event here at RLC, the Vacation Bible School. After that, we will have to say our goodbyes (at least for now, who knows where God will place me next year). It means saying goodbye to so many wonderful people whom I have come to know and love. It means not getting those wonderful, enriching visits with some of our shut-ins. It means not getting to do visits with Pastor Dressler or attending his reading group. It means not getting sage advice from Pastor Lentz as he lends me the wisdom of years and a life well lived. It means not getting to see people smile at the seniors centre as Gloria plays the lovely old hymns — my favourites are the songs where people don't even use the song book and just sing from memory! There is indeed a lot we will miss here.

It's astonishing to think that by the end of August I will be back in school, and while I don't relish moving back to Edmonton at all (we have come to love living in Didsbury), I do look forward to learning with my brothers for one final year before being sent into the mission field. I also know that you are in very good hands with Josh, and while you will find that he is different from myself, just as I was different from Pastor Scott, you will find so very much to treasure in Josh and his wife, and I can't wait to see how well they fit in with the congregation!

As we prepare to move, know that we are praying for the brothers and sisters of Redeemer Lutheran Church, and we hope that you will pray for us, and your new vicar. Being a vicar is a wonderful, yet terrifying experience that helps shape us to be pastors. I hope that in my time with you, that you have seen some changes with me. I certainly feel that you have helped shape me to be a better servant. I trust that after we have to return to Edmonton this church will continue to thrive and be a beacon of Christian light in a dark world, and that I can continue to read about all the wonderful goings on at RLC while I am away. I will also be praying for you during the next convocation, that you receive a candidate should you choose to call one.

So thank you. All of you. For what you have given to Erin, myself and my children. We shall miss you, and look forward to our eternal reunion, where all of us can bow down before the throne of God, wearing robes washed white in the blood of the lamb. Until then, be at peace, for you have God's gracious blessings upon you!

With love,
Vicar Michael



ELDERS REPORT

The Elders along with Pastor Darren reviewed the service schedule for the summer. This is a transition period for all of us at Redeemer. The leaving of Vicar Michael and the arrival of Vicar Josh. Pastor Darren is also on holidays during the last two weeks in August so this puts a little pressure on the services as well. Vicar Michael's last service will be Sunday July 22. Based on all of this information the following will be the schedule for the summer as well as communion Sundays.

July 1 & 8 - will be led by Vicar Michael, no communion

July 15 - will be led by Pastor Darren and this will be a Communion Service

July 22 - will be Vicar Michael's last service followed by a BBQ

July 29 - we will be having a Lay Service as this will allow Vicar Josh a chance to join us for service with no pressure to have to lead on this Sunday, this will allow us to have time to visit with him and Jazmin as well.

August 5 - will be Vicar Josh's first service with us and this will not be a communion service.
Potluck lunch to follow.

August 12 - will be led by Pastor Darren and this will be a Communion Service.
Potluck to follow.

August 19 & 26 - will both be led by Vicar Josh and both will not be a Communion Service

August 15 - we will be meeting again to proceed with the Service schedule for the remainder of the year.

As you can see we will only be having one Communion Service in both July and August due to holidays.

Thank you for your continued support as we transition in the coming months.

Yours in Christ,
Board of Elders

MOVING, MOVING, MOVING

The time has come, as another year with a Vicar comes to an end. On July 22 we say good bye to Vicar Michael and Family. We will require some bodies to help us move Michael and in return bring Vicar Josh and Jazmin down to Didsbury.

This will take place starting on July 24 as we would like to load up the two trailers with all of their belongings so that we can have an early start on Wednesday July 25 to head to Edmonton. On July 25 we will leave for Edmonton, once we have unloaded Vicar Michael's belongings, we will then proceed to Vicar Josh's residence and load him up and head back to Didsbury.

If you are able to set aside some time on the Tuesday or the Wednesday we would really appreciate any and all help. Please keep an eye on the screen at service for updates of times for the two days.

Another exciting time for all of us at Redeemer as we say thanks to Vicar Michael and hello to Vicar Josh.

Vicar Michael



Vicar Josh





FAREWELL BARBECUE
For
Vicar Michael & Family
July 22
Following Worship Service

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided.
 Please bring "something" to add to the rest of the meal.

TRUSTEES

Well, here we are into Summer. Thanks to all those who helped get the yard raked, weeds sprayed, hedges and trees cut, grass mowed and flower beds looking great. We have a great looking Church.



After about four years of faithful custodian care, the Ward family asked if we could find a replacement for them and we have. As of June 15th, the Hoffmans will be taking over the cleaning duties. Please help us keep the building clean in any way you can - a styrofoam cup here, a bulletin there. Many hands make work light.

Thank you Cindy, Dilan, Lorne, Emma, and Mike. May the Lord continue to bless your family. We have had some fun phone calls over the years, like leaking roofs, no power, vacuum broken, bad toilets, and many others. Cindy was always, always easy to talk to.



Again, Thank You for everything and your wonderful family.

God's Peace,
 Wes Thomas

Greetings,

I hope everyone knows by now that Redeemer is receiving a new vicar for the 2018/2019 year. We are planning to move Vicar Josh and his wife down to Didsbury on July 25th and his first service is scheduled for August 5th. As part of his first service, we would like to have a potluck lunch to welcome him to the family of Redeemer Lutheran Church, and we would also like to present them with a hamper to help them settle into their new home. Please watch for a hamper box in the foyer that we can hopefully not only fill but over flow with various food and household items to help them get settled in as they begin this one year adventure with us.



Dave Reinhardt



VOTERS MEETING

JULY 29, 2018

Following the Worship Service
In the Fireside Room

FINANCIAL REPORT

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| Revenue for the month of May | \$9,183.54 |
| Expenses for the month | <u>10,284.72</u> |
| Loss for the month | \$ 1,210.18 |

YOUTH

June 15th we had our last event for the year with nine kids. A slide show, "A Year of Youth Events" with 150 photos in PowerPoint put together by Pam with help from Vicar Michael. It ran all evening - eating pizza and sharing stories. Later, an Orville Wright competition (build and fly a styrofoam plane in the gym) which Parker won by rolling it into a small ball and throwing it to the far wall. Note to self: need to clarify the rules. This was also the evening to organize for next year, and what was liked and what other events we might look at.

Thank you for sharing your kids with us; what a blast! More to come in September as round two is just a short summer away.

Remember, like tooth paste squeezed out of a tube, harsh words and gossip are hard to take back once out. Just say, "Tooth Paste", if you hear any harsh words, and think "Tooth Paste" if we, ourselves, utter words that may hurt someone else.

Pam, Wes, and God's help

Our youth camp was absolutely great. Great weather, great food, great fun, and a great God. Let me explain. The weather could not have been better, no fire ban, lots of sun and no wind. This is great for boating, three of us fished Saturday morning (3 hours, 4 fish) Then breakfast and all of us, four more hours touring the lake via pontoon boat. Hiking up the Buffalo jump, hunting for bones, bird watching, more fishing, taking turns as Captain, hey Lutherans eat alot. FYI. Back to the beach and paddle boarding, paddle boating, swimming, and then tubing and the big boat. Wow, that was a big day! Supper at seven, another camp fire and devotion.

Friday night was set up, rules, (outhouse use) and campfire devotion: Tooth paste cannot be put back in the tube the same as harsh words, gossip, bullying can't be taken back once out. We all shared experiences.

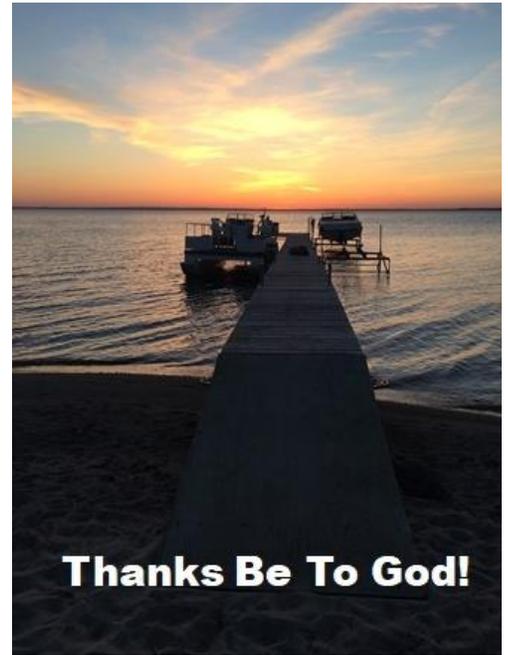
Saturday's campfire devotion: You were made by God for a reason, a purpose, like a piece of art you are one of a kind. What makes you different? Again we all shared. Then flaming marshmallows, s'mores, smokies, and all into bed at 11 pm. I don't remember if I had a pillow and didn't care.

Sunday breakfast, out with everyone to fish, then tubing and another three hours on the water with a half hour service on the water.

Sunday devotion: Like a city on a hill, you are a light. Let all men see your good deeds and do not put your light under a bowl where it cannot shine. What are good deeds?

Another great day of water fun, lunch, and pack up. Back to Didsbury a little after five pm. WOW! What a GREAT group of kids (7).





A youth goodbye gift and picture for Ava.





LWMLC Report



On June 18, 14 ladies were at Boston Pizza in Olds for a lunch for the end of the year for LWMLC. We had a great time.

Until the first Sunday in October, we are going to ask you to help us donate money to the Central Alberta Pregnancy Care Centre. It is a Christian based service in Olds that helps women and families make decisions about pregnancies and support them. There is a tin marked with the title in the hallway on the table under the LWML bulletin board.

We meet again on Monday, September 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Pray about joining us this fall. We enjoy Bible study and fellowship.

Serve the Lord with Gladness!



Sunday School has wrapped up for the summer. Thank you to all the kids who attended; it was a really great group! We will be sad to lose the four Mayer children from our class. I want to give an especially big thank you to Mrs. Mayer for helping teach this year! I really couldn't have done it without someone to trade off with.

Over the summer I would ask that others consider helping to teach in the coming fall. Even if it is only once or twice, any help is appreciated! The material is fairly easy to follow; you don't have to be an expert. I cannot stress enough the importance of giving these little minds and hearts the opportunity to hear God's Word in a child centered setting. These are the years that they are open and willing to learn. Giving them the tools they need now, will be the foundation for carrying their faith into the years ahead. Teaching Sunday school also provides opportunity for personal growth, I can promise you, your time won't be wasted.

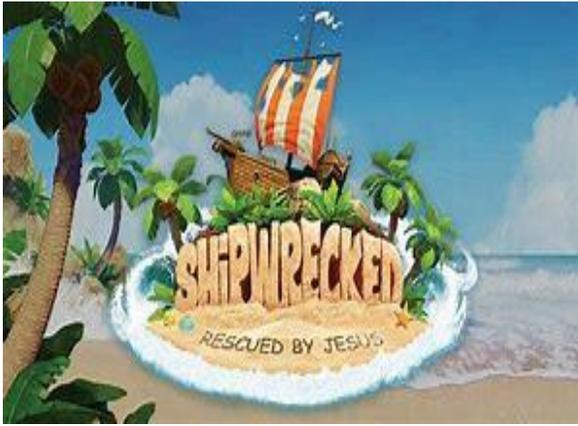


Watch for a Sunday School start-up meeting in late summer. Anyone who has even the smallest interest or curiosity, please come!

Sunday School children, we will be looking forward to seeing you in the coming fall!

Lisa Reinhardt





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 10 – 13

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

V.B.S. begins July 10th to 13th. Please get all your children or grandchildren or neighbors registered as soon as possible.

Also, please check the bulletin board at church for a list of supplies we are looking for help to supply for the week. Please keep the V.B.S. in your prayers that we might have a super week learning more about Jesus.

Thanks,
Bev Regner

REGISTRATION FORM

(One per Child)

Mail to: Redeemer Lutheran Church, Box 487, Didsbury, AB. TOM OWO

Child's Name: _____ Child's Gender: _____

Child's Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Last School Grade Completed: _____

Name of Parent(s): _____

Street Address _____

City: _____ Province _____ Postal Code: _____

Home Telephone: (_____) _____

Parent/Caregiver Cellphone _____

Home Email Address: _____

Home Church: _____

Allergies or Other Medical Conditions: _____

In Case of Emergency:

Contact _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to Child: _____



Redeemer Lutheran Church

Didsbury, Alberta

July 2018

| Sun. | Mon. | Tue. | Wed. | Thu. | Fri. | Sat. |
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| 1 Worship 10:30 A.M. | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Worship 10:30 A.M. | 9 | Vacation Bible School 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. each day | | | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Holy Communion 10:30 A.M. Pot Luck Lunch | 16 | 17 Devotion at Unit 1 - 11 A.M. | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 Worship 10:30 A.M. Vicar Michael Farewell and Barbeque after Church | 23 | 24 Newsletter Articles Due PACK-UP VICAR | 25 MOVE VICAR OUT AND IN | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Worship 10:30 A.M. VOTERS MEETING | 30 | 31 | | | | |
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