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From the Vicar's Desk
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**But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
– Ephesians 2:13**

For as long as I can remember, May and June have been a time of ending and beginning. I have been in some variety of schooling for the greater part of my life. And as to be expected, May and June typically brought with them a sense of excited anxiousness for the school year to finally come to a close and the summer to begin. But as I have grown older, May and June now bring with them a sad anxiousness. The acknowledgement that I may no longer see certain school or college friends regularly, the realization that what has become comfortable and routine will have to change, and the very adult recognition that life is one of a great many endings and beginnings.

As this June and July approach, that familiar anxiousness has set in once again. Soon I will have to say goodbye to Redeemer and all that I have come to treasure from my time here; the many things I have learned, the many kindness shown to me, the warmth and friendship keenly felt. I will of course value and cherish my time spent with you all this last year for many years yet to come. And for that I am indeed thankful.

Although we recognize as Christians that we are but pilgrims on this earth, it is still difficult or confusing to experience endings and beginnings. Many of you, I imagine, feel likewise. Perhaps you are sending a daughter or son off to college this summer, perhaps a relationship has ended this year, or a loved one has departed. Or, perhaps new beginnings are coming your way: the birth of your first child, a new job, a new friendship, etc.

Whatever may be the case for you, seek the Lord out in these moments of beginning and ending. Turn to Him in prayer, whether that prayer is one of searching for wisdom or consolation, or one of thanksgiving and joy. Turn to Him and then see in Him that you are never truly far off or far away. That neither sin, nor death, nor any unsettling endings and unknown beginnings separate you from Your heavenly Father.

And that just as you are never separated nor far off from your Father, neither are you separated from those who are gathered into Him through the Body of Christ. For we all are brought near by the Blood of Christ. And although we are pilgrims scattered throughout this world, although we are perhaps far from each other in both time and distance, we who are brought near through the Blood of Christ are as close to one another in this world and the next as we could ever be.

In the midst of the many endings and beginnings in my own life, it has been the Blood of Christ that has drawn me back to Him and to others. I will certainly miss you all and the time spent with you in learning and conversation, in friendship and fellowship. Yet, I look forward on Sundays to kneeling at the same Altar of the Lord that you all kneel at and receiving the same Body and Blood that you all are given, even though time and distance will now separate. I look forward to it, trusting that it is as always the Blood of Christ bringing us all near wherever we find ourselves in this world and in our lives. That Blood which brings us near and creates a new life and new beginning in all of us. As a pastor I knew once, and now long departed, would say: I will see you at the altar rail.

May the Lord bless you all, even in your many endings and beginnings.

Yours in Christ,
Vicar Wade



Please remember in your prayers members of our Redeemer family and extended family who are currently serving in the U.S. Military.

- ★ Staff Sergeant Krysta Bell, granddaughter of Dorothy Hutson, is in the Marines currently teaching at the Marine Corps Detachment Newport, Marine Corps Intelligence Schools located at the Naval Station in Newport, Rhode Island.
- ★ Seaman Rebekah (Bladow) Harris, granddaughter of Al & Kathy Bladow, is in the Navy stationed at Whidbey Island Naval Air Station in Washington.
- ★ Petty Officer First Class Kevin Harris, grandson of Al & Kathy Bladow, is in the Navy currently serving aboard the Aircraft Carrier George H.W. Bush whose current location is classified while the crew protect the interests of the U.S. Government and its citizens.
- ★ Master Sergeant Nicholas Rohling, son of Bill and Sue Rohling, is stationed at Hurlburt Air Force Base in Fort Walton Beach, Florida.
- ★ Master Sergeant Rebecca Schlegelmilch, niece of Peggy Glennie, serves in the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division. Sgt. Rebecca Schlegelmilch will be returning to Afghanistan in June for a nine-month deployment. This will be her third tour of duty in Afghanistan.



Please take a moment this weekend and always to remember those who serve now and those who have served before them to protect our freedoms as well as those of others. May God bless them, keep them safe and keep them strong in their faith. Also, may God be with their families to give them peace and strength.



Congratulations to the Class of 2017! They include:

From High School:

Amanda Bishop will graduate from Highland High School on June 4th and will be attending University of Tennessee - Knoxville in the fall to study Forensic Anthropology.

Grant Faulkner, grandson of Kathy Gaskey, graduated from Wisconsin Valley High School.

Nicole Russell will graduate from Highland High School on June 4th and will be attending Ball State University in the fall to study Elementary Education.

From College:

Christian R. McCluskey, grandson of Don & Marilyn Kaegebein, graduated April 28, 2017 from Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and plans to enter the workforce in the automotive industry.

God's blessings to all of the Class of 2017 graduates as they continue their educations or begin their new careers.

BIG REDEEMER THANKS TO...

- Dorothy Hutson, Gary & Linda Owens, Deanna Ryskamp, Marge Steinke and Donna Wanicki for helping collate and label the April/May newsletter.
- Deanna Ryskamp for collating the bulletins.
- Donna Wanicki for sending out Cradle Roll.
- Linda & Gary Owens for sending out Redeemer birthday postcards.
- Sharon & Adam Knuth for taking care of the weekly coffee hour.
- Mary & Dennis Russell for changing the lettering on the church sign.
- Kathy Gaskey for keeping the Children's Activity Bags clean, neat and seasonal.
- Renee Reimer for managing the website.
- Big thanks to everyone who generously donated coffee and goodies for coffee hour and church gatherings. A need is mentioned and this congregation continues to rise to any challenge. Thanks for your donations to be enjoyed by all!
- The Mowing Crew for volunteering to take turns maintaining the church lawns: Susan Cashman, Desiree Ladewig, Greg McBroom, Roy Nagel and his A-Line Movers Crew, Fred Schutte, and Bradley Spellings. A HUGE thank you to Greg & Judy McBroom for getting the mowing equipment ready & maintained and for scheduling the crew...taking over this project is an enormous help! Thank you, thank you!
- Renee Reimer, Sharon Degard, Gail Gholson, Jason Hildenbrand, Sue Rohling, and Pat Secrest for all of their hard work maintaining the beautiful gardens all season long.
- Our faithful financial helpers: the weekly counters...Paul Schwan, Rich Kowal, Ken Smith & Richard Schepler; the Financial Secretary Barb Boughamer; and the Redeemer Treasurer Laura Toberman.
- The Ladies Society and Congregation members who set up, served and cleaned up for the Ash Wednesday & Mid-Week Lenten Services fellowship after service.
- The Altar Guild, Choirs, Bell Choir, the Elders and the Sunday School Staff & Children for all their extra efforts during the Lent & Easter to make Redeemer's celebration extra special.
- Our music directors: Beth Wanicki (handbells), Colette Martin & Meghan Kleinschmidt (adult choir), Leah Bishop (youth Choir); all the bell ringers, singers & musical soloists; and our organist Marion Burkman for all the beautiful music during worship services.
- Sue Douthett & Jane Kuva for the Confirmation Photo Frame gifts. Julie Evans for adding the Confirmands' names to the Confirmation banner. Everyone who helped put together the Confirmation breakfast.
- *And thanks to everyone – including elders, altar guild, acolytes, teachers, and committee members - who give their time and energy to fill the church's needs...every "little" thing comes together to keep our church vibrant!*



THANK YOU

from the Redeemer Youth Group:

- a HUGE thank you to Mrs. (Sue) Noojin for donating and making all the food for the Youth Easter Breakfast.
- ***Also thank you to everyone that came and donated a free will offering!***
- to Mrs. (Sue) Rohling for continuing to take in the aluminum can recycling for the youth and to set-up & run the Zandstra vouch program.
- ***Also thanks to everyone who has purchased Zandstra vouchers!***
- to Mrs. (Beth) Wanicki for making all the arrangements for the Youth Dining Out Fundraisers. It's a lot of work and it's appreciated.
- ***Also thanks to everyone who participates in the dining fundraisers! We appreciate your support!***

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
REDEEMER LADIES SOCIETY
RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE!**

Redeemer Shop Night
WEDNESDAY, May 31 (5pm-7pm)

THURSDAY, June 1 (8am – 3 pm)
&
FRIDAY, June 2 (9am – 12pm)

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, CLOTHING, CHILDREN'S ITEMS, BOOKS,
DECORATIONS, FURNITURE, JEWELRY & MORE NEEDED TO SELL!
(Please no TV's)

*BAKED GOODS NEEDED!!
PIES, CAKES, COOKIES, BROWNIES & BREADS!
Please bring Wednesday, May 31st !*

MANY HANDS NEEDED TO HELP!
No experience necessary.

Volunteers needed for setup, pricing, helping with the sale, baking and cleanup, as well as shopping!

*Setup begins Sunday, May 28th after late service and continues all week.
Help from **men** is needed to set up tables & racks and move heavy items,
as well as **women**!*

**Items can be brought to church beginning Wednesday, May 24th through
Wednesday, May 31st and placed in **Little Lambs Classroom ONLY.**
*Items CANNOT be brought to church earlier and stored!***

Questions, contact Sarah Hildenbrand or Cyndy Bishop

JUNE - JULY HAPPENINGS

CALL NIGHT at Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne was held this past week.

Redeemer was blessed with an assignment of her 28th Vicar **Steven Braun** (hometown Flower Mound, Texas; he is single and currently studying in England.)

Former vicar **David Weirauch** was blessed with a Call to be Pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Sidney, Ohio.

Also, **Rev. David Faulkner** accepted a Call and has recently been installed as the Senior Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Marshfield, Wisconsin.



Please remember the church office when changing addresses, phone numbers or email addresses. Many people are switching to cell phones and dropping their landlines. Please let the church office know your new number(s) and let us know whether they can be published in the directory, given to members when needed, or strictly for church office contact only. **To inform the church office please:** ♦ Leave a note on the secretary's desk; ♦ Send a address change postcard to 9009 Kennedy Ave, Highland, IN 46322; ♦ Call 838-4898 **OR** ♦ Email info@redeemerhighland.org.

Thanks! We don't want to lose touch.

A NEW MEMBER DIRECTORY

will be printed and available in the church foyer the first week of June.

Please carefully review your contact information and let the church office know about corrections. With many people giving up their landlines and using only cell phones it has left many more members with "unlisted" phone numbers. Many members also forget to let the office know that they have disconnected their landline. **PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF FELLOW MEMBERS AND NEVER SHARE THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY WITH PEOPLE TO USE FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES!** The Directory is a way for members of Redeemer to contact their fellow members.

The Ladies' Society Annual Rummage and Bake Sale will be held

THURSDAY, JUNE 1 (8AM - 3PM) & FRIDAY, JUNE 2 (9AM - 12PM), 2017!

Set-up and collection for the rummage sale ***begins on Sunday, May 28th at 12noon.*** Help is needed!

We will be having a "**Redeemer Night**" on **Wednesday, May 31st from 5pm to 7pm.** This is an opportunity for Redeemer members only to shop the rummage sale early.

★ Please bring donated **baked goods** for the Ladies Society Bake Sale on **Wednesday May 31st.** ★

Clean up will be Friday, June 2nd at 12noon.

A CONFIRMATION BREAKFAST will be held **Sunday, June 4th at 9 AM** to honor this year's Confirmation class: Haley Anderson, Nicholas Camarillo, Gabrielle Fink, Alexander Hanna, Benjamin Hecimovich, Carly Kuva, Madison Langdon, and Dane Richardson. It is a chance for the congregation to welcome the new confirmands. **The Rite of Confirmation follows at the 10:45 service.**

★★WHERE CAN YOU SERVE?★★

New members are needed to help on all committees!

SPECIAL NEEDS: The ***Fellowship Committee*** is in need of a CHAIRPERSON and TWO members willing to represent the committee at the Church Council Meetings. Church Council meets the 2nd Monday each month at 7:30 p.m. Please contact the church office, Paul Boughamer, or Bill Namovice if you are willing to come aboard!

The Evangelism Committee will NOT meet on June 5th as previously scheduled.

FOR THE SUMMER GARDEN GROWING SEASON the garden committee plans to meet the second Saturday of the month for regular weed and feed work days: **June 10, July 8th, Aug 12th and Sept 9th.** The time will be **9 am -noonish** and always weather permitting. **All volunteers welcome,** bring gardening tools and gloves. Come when you can.

LADIES SUMMER BIBLE STUDY is a study of What's So Amazing About Grace by Philip Yancey led by member Dorothy Hutson beginning Tuesday, May 23rd and continuing on **Tuesdays** all summer from **9:30 AM to 11:00 AM**. It's not too late to join, call Dorothy (595-0341). [No class May 30 & July 4th.]

MORE CHURCH TRUSTEES NEEDED! The Trustee Committee is in charge of the upkeep of the church building and grounds, either by volunteers doing basic repairs and maintenance or by getting bids from contractors, getting approval from the church council (for large repairs or capital improvements), and then overseeing the repairs/improvements made. People willing and able to help with maintenance and repairs around church (such as lawn mowing, changing light bulbs, painting, minor electrical/plumbing repairs, etc) or willing and able to meet with contractors, PLEASE contact Stacy at the church office or come to **the next Trustees Meeting at 12 p.m.** (after Late Service) on **June 11th** (2nd weekend due to Confirmation) – **NO JULY MEETING**.

Read What Luther Risked His Life For:

Summer Confessions Class begins Wednesday, June 14 at 6:30 PM.

Join us as we begin the Epitome of Lutheranism: The Formula of Concord.

Always room for new members! It's never too late to start! ALWAYS SNACKS AFTERWARDS! Talk to Pastor Kleinschmidt for more info. *Books can be ordered through the church office for \$35.*

SWADDLING CLOTHES CENTER at Grace Lutheran Church, a ministry to help mothers and babies in need. Watch for work days to help prepare the Center for Spring shopping days or come help families on shopping days. **The next Shopping Days will be Saturday, June 17th and Saturday, July 15th, 9am -12pm. All volunteers welcome!** Visit www.facebook.com/swaddlingclothesdyer.

ZANDSTRA VOUCHERS: Zandstra's Greenhouse IS OPEN! Vouchers are \$15 each and help support the Redeemer Youth Group. Please make checks payable to L.A.W. **Vouchers are valid until June 24, 2017.** See Vicar Wade or Stacy (in the office) to purchase your vouchers. *Zandstra's does not give change for purchase amounts less than vouchers.*

HELPERS NEEDED: VBS 2017 will be held the week of, **June 26th -30th**. If you can help full or part time, we have many ways to be involved to suit your schedule and interests. We are really in need of snack helpers this year. Join us to see how in Jesus, the victory is won! Please see Cyndy Bishop if you would like to help

PLEASE NOTE: THE CHURCH SECRETARY WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE

JULY 3 - 21, returning to the office on *Monday, July 24.*

As you are planning your June and July activities, please look ahead at your calendars for: any bills that will need paying, copies to be made, reservations for the Multipurpose room, as well as bulletin blurbs for the July 1/2; July 8/9; July 15/16 & July 22/23 bulletins. Please give that information to the church secretary (Stacy Broviak) ***no later than Monday, June 26.***

Please note: the Church Office will be CLOSED:

Tuesday, July 4th; Friday, July 7th; Friday, July 14th; and Friday, July 21st.

Please note that in the secretary's absence, Pastor Eric and Vicar Wade will be available for **Pastoral Care** (prayers, hospital visits, etc.), however no administrative care will be available.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO COME ENJOY THE PLAY "THE TIN WOMAN" on **Thursday, July 27, 2017 at 2:00 PM (Matinee)** together at the Theatre at the Center in Munster. "The Tin Woman" is a beautiful blend of family, humor and hope. Inspired by a true story, Joy has had a heart transplant and is questioning her second chance in life. When she connects with the family of her donor, together they learn what it means to truly give one's heart. Tickets are \$32.00 each and **must be paid for by Sunday, July 2nd**. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the Young-at-Heart tri-fold board. Donna Wanicki will be collecting ticket money or you may place your ticket payment in the Young-at-Heart mailbox in the church office. Questions, call Deanna Ryskamp 513-6021 or Donna Wanicki 838-5474.

A PRE-PARADE 4TH OF JULY PICNIC will be held at church on **Monday, July 3rd at 5:30 p.m.** Please bring a picnic side dish. **NO CLEAN-UP!** Please remember to pick up your dish after the parade. Hot Dogs, Lemonade, Chips and Paper Products will be provided. It is a fun time for everyone. Bring your lawn chairs or a blanket for the best seat to watch the parade (& a bag to collect candy) as it proceeds down Kennedy Avenue.

A DOOR OFFERING WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, JULY 15 & SUNDAY, JULY 16 AFTER ALL THREE SERVICES TO BE DIVIDED AMONG REDEEMER'S THREE SUPPORTED MISSIONS: Jacob Gaugert, Missionary to Togo, Africa; the Compass Education Program (Tim & Jessica Burkman) a program of the Northwest Indiana Hispanic Mission Society, Valparaiso, Indiana; and Deaconess Dehlia DeLeon, St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Whiting – Hispanic Ministry.

Please join together in saying Farewell to Vicar Wade Bellesbach

On Sunday, July 23rd at Noon (after late service)

Ladies Society would like to invite everyone

To a sendoff Pot-Blessing for Vicar Wade!

Bring your favorite dish to share.

Chicken and beverages will be provided.

A food and attendance sign-up sheet will be displayed in the church foyer after July 4th.

**AUGUST/SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE will be
MONDAY, JULY 24TH AT 10AM!**

REDEEMER NEWSLETTERS are now being sent **bi-monthly**, *every other month*. If you know someone who cannot make it regularly to church and would like weekly bulletins sent to them, please have them contact Stacy at the church office.

SHOWER THE NEW VICAR

STEVEN BRAUN

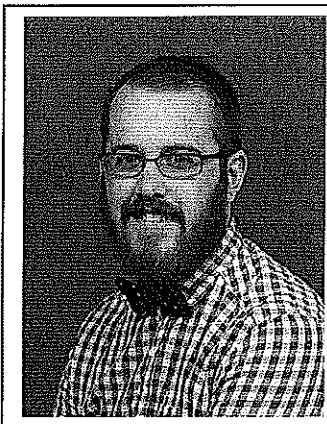
WITH PANTRY STAPLES *or grocery store gift cards*

PANTRY SHOWER ITEMS WILL BE GIVEN AS A WELCOME TO REDEEMER!

SPECIAL NEED: Vicar Steven is in need a mattress/bed for his time here at Redeemer. If you have a guest room bed or such that you can spare for a year, please contact the church office.

MEET REDEEMER'S 28TH VICAR!

Steven Braun



Steven was born in Texas in 1991; spending much of his childhood in the Lone Star State, but also many happy years in Wisconsin as well. He was originally born in Texarkana, and grew up in North Dallas for the majority of his childhood. His parents are Pastor Wayne Braun, who currently serves as a missionary in Frankfurt, Germany, and Linda Braun, who has spent many years teaching in Lutheran schools. He has two older brothers, one older sister, two nieces and four nephews. Steven's home congregation is Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Flower Mound, Texas.

He graduated From Flower Mound High School in 2010, and attended Concordia University Wisconsin from 2010-2015, majoring in Lay Ministry and Theology with a specialization in Missions. While at Concordia Wisconsin Steven was involved in Youth Ministry, the Beautiful Feet

Conference, a mission trip to Peru, and an internship with our German partner church in Weidershausen, Germany. After graduating he enrolled at seminary, spending his first year in Fort Wayne, and studying abroad in Cambridge, England for his second year.

Steven enjoys music, cooking, reading, and soccer. Although trained as a classical musician Steven enjoys a variety of music styles.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC – TBD - WATCH FOR MORE INFO in weekly bulletins. A great opportunity for fellowship! A special time to welcome Redeemer's 28th Vicar Steven Braun as well as the many new members of Redeemer who have joined this past year. Watch for the table in mid-July with sign-up sheets and ticket sales.

THE GREEN & YELLOW DUMPSTER IN THE PARKING LOT IS FOR PAPER RECYCLING! From Sept. 2015 – April 2016 Redeemer's Paper Retriever (which once again is making money to support the Redeemer Youth) collected **6.09 tons** of paper. This (according to the EPA) amount of paper recycled saved: **24,969 kWh Electricity; 103.5 Trees; 512 gallons of Oil; 42,630 gallons of Water!**

PAPER DRIVE: if you have extra paper lying about your house, consider bringing it in and dropping it in the Midwest paper bin. We have a 13-week (**NOW until the end of June**) paper recycling program with Midwest paper that with our first two tons we get a rebate of \$5 **and each ton after that is \$20 per ton!** If you'd like to have the youth collect the paper from your home, do let the Vicar know, and we'll arrange a time. ☰

THANKS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION! CAN YOU HELP US DO EVEN BETTER?



WHERE WILL YOU GO THIS SUMMER?

We'd love for you to join us at Camp Lutherhaven! Come dig deep into God's Word as we explore our summer theme "GO" based on Mark 16:15, Christ's call to all Christians to spread the Good News of Salvation to the whole world. There are a wide variety of summer programs including 6 day, 3 day, and 1 day camps. Some of the specialty programs offered are: KinderCamp, Discovery, Adventure Unlimited, Servant Events and many more. Register online today at www.lutherhaven.org, or call for more information at 260.636.7101.

SAVE THE DATE: LWML TREATSHOP on **Saturday, August 19, 2017** will be held at Cornerstone Lutheran Church, Carmel, Indiana. Registration begins at **9:00 AM (EST)**. Opening begins at 9:30 AM. A \$10.00 registration fee covers: a snack, bottle of water, sack lunch and materials. More info and registration forms are posted on the tri-fold board in the Redeemer foyer and at www.lwmlindiana.org



**Thank you for all of your support during
our 2016-2017 school year!!**

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year:

Open enrollment for 2017-2018 school year, is NOW OPEN!! Class starts Sept. 5th!! Spaces are limited for PRE-K due to a large preschool class moving up. To save a spot you MUST fill out registration forms and pay reg fee.

For more detailed information please contact Cyndy Bishop at (219) 838-4898 or e-mails at redemerslittl lambs@gmail.com.

Registration forms are available to download at www.redeemerhighland.org.

Little Lambs has a new email address: redemerslittl lambs@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting the children of Little Lambs Learning Center!!
Gratefully, Cyndy Bishop



Sunday School News - June/July 2017

Save the date: VBS is June 26-30



As the school year ends and the children begin their Summer vacation, Redeemer Sunday School continues, just at a more relaxed pace. Our regular class schedule ended on May 21st. From this point until summer ends, the children will continue to meet each Sunday during the education hour in a large group setting for grades 1 - 6. It will be a more relaxed atmosphere of fellowship, learning and fun. The Nursery/Kindergarten class will continue to meet separately in their classroom. While we know this is the time for vacations and family activities, please plan on making it a habit to continue to be in attendance whenever possible. We would love to see you there! Have a safe and blessed Summer.

Would like to take this opportunity to extend a thank you to all the Sunday School staff for their dedication during the last school year. Teachers: Cyndy Bishop, Roger Rodeck, Elizabeth Hecimovich, Sue Douthett, Peggy Glennie and Lisa Doughman. Our Substitutes and helpers when needed: Jill Kreis, Jane Kuva, Sharon Knuth and Serena Schmitt. To Laurie Schuetzenhofer for taking charge of the special card making sessions throughout the year, and to John and Laure Schuetzenhofer for once again shopping and stuffing all those plastic eggs for the annual egg hunt. It takes many hands and talents to keep things running and everyone is greatly appreciated!

Do you have a special talent or interest, such as a music background, theatre, a "crafty" person and would like to share your talents with the Sunday School? We could always use more help with things like The Children's Christmas program, Palm Sunday singing, and help during Summer Sunday School with a fun project to make. Talk to Sue Douthett if you would like to get involved in a short term commitment and benefit the Children of Redeemer! Thank you.

Our Sunday School/Bible Class Offerings beginning on May 14 will be going to Lutherans in Africa. LIA is headed by Rev. James May and includes the Lutheran School of Theology based in Kenya. LIA's mission is to train and equip pastors; translate and supply materials in African languages; and create a sustainable response to the ongoing need for Biblical education in Africa. Currently working in 23 countries, LIA addresses this issue by not only teaching confessional Lutheran doctrine, but also training African pastors to be the teachers in their own communities. Visit: lutheransinafrica.com and on Facebook.



VBS 2017 is a victory celebration! VBS will be held the week of, **June 26th -30th**. In *Mighty Fortress* VBS, your children learn that in Jesus, the victory is won! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts about God, our Mighty Fortress, and the victory Jesus has won for us.

Be part of *Mighty Fortress* VBS! God's children of all ages will learn that in Jesus, the victory is won at *Mighty Fortress* VBS. AND, every child will hear the Good News that Jesus, their Savior, has won the victory over sin, death, and the devil and that God gives us that victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! Please go to Redeemer's Web page: www.redeemerhighland.org and click on the VBS banner to register your child and friends!!

At *Mighty Fortress* VBS, as VBS staff you can live out the theme "In Jesus, the victory is won" as you share the message and the fun with kids! If you can help full or part time, we have many ways to be involved to suit your schedule and interests. We are really in need of snack helpers this year. Join us to see how in Jesus, the victory is won! Please see Cyndy Bishop if you would like to help.



THIS IS THE LETTER OF THE L.A.W.

June/July 2017

There is indeed much happening in the Youth Group these days. Do have a look at what all is going on, and consider joining us for one or more of the Youth Group events coming up in these next two months!

Ongoing and Previous Events

Sunday Bible Study: We continue studying various topics selected by the youth. These past few weeks we have been looking at life in the early church. If there is a topic you would like to study, leave a note in the youth group box or talk to Vicar Wade.

April 16th Easter and Youth Breakfasts: April 16th was the traditional Easter Youth Breakfast. The Youth Committee would like to thank Sue Noojin for organizing, planning, and preparing the Easter Breakfast with the Youth. And many thanks to all who donated to the breakfast. The funds raised will go toward future Youth Group events.

The Dining-out Fundraiser at Which-Wich was well attended and well received. We do hope you enjoyed a sandwich on a rather rainy day! The funds raised will go towards future youth events and causes. We raised over \$100 from this fundraiser and are certainly thankful for your participation!

Upcoming Events

A Youth Car Wash will be held on May 27th from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Have your car washed and given a new and clean spring look!

June 18th Youth Breakfast: The June 18th Breakfast will be at church with a youth bible study. Hope to see you there!

An Out-to-Eat will be held at Beggar's Pizza in Lansing from 10 a.m. – 11 p.m. on June 21st. Do note that this will be all day on a Wednesday, not on a Sunday, which is when our usual out-to-eat dining fundraisers are. Please make sure to bring your flyer with you (if you need one, contact the church office). Hope to see you there!

Zandstra's vouchers are now on sale – stop by the Vicar's office to purchase one or more. Each voucher is \$15 and functions directly as cash when you go to pay at Zandstra's. The youth receive \$3 back on each voucher. Vouchers will be on sale (and valid) now through June 24th.

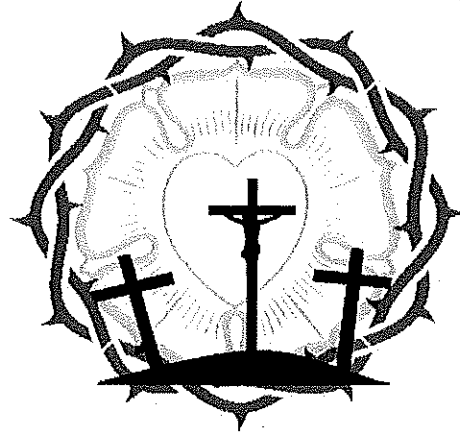
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June 26th Youth Committee Meeting: All parents are invited to the monthly youth committee meetings. There will be no Youth Committee meeting in July due to the Higher Things Conference. At the June meeting we will discuss our upcoming projects, fundraisers, and activities, as well as a recap of the past year. Special attention will be given to Higher Things and our upcoming summer activities. All are welcome! We will meet in Vicar Wade's office at 6:30 p.m.

July 16th Higher Things Youth/Parent Meeting: All youth attending the Higher Things Conference July 25-28 along with a parent are asked to come for a final meeting to discuss planning and expectations for the conference attendance during the regular Youth Group time between services.

Lutherans at Work- Redeemer's Youth Group

Eat & Earn Fundraiser Day at Beggars Pizza



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
HIGHLAND INDIANA
A CONGREGATION OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD

Support **Lutherans at Work Redeemer's Youth Group** with Beggars Pizza at the location listed below on **Wednesday, June 21st, 2017**. You can dine in; get a delivery or carryout to help **Lutherans at Work Redeemer's Youth Group** raise funds. All you have to do is turn in this voucher when you pay and Beggars Pizza will donate 20% of your bill (before taxes, gratuity, promotions, discounts, delivery fees and coupons) to **Lutherans at Work-Redeemer's Youth Group**.

3524 Ridge Road

Lansing

708-418-3500

Anytime Between 11:00am to 10:00pm

There are a few simple guidelines for the Eat & Earn Fundraiser Day:

- This voucher can only be used above on **Wednesday, June 21st, 2017** at the location listed above.
- You **must present and turn in the voucher** when ordering/paying to have the percentage donated to your organization.
- Make sure to make plenty of copies for your family, friends, co-workers and supporters of your organization!
- Coupons, discounts, gratuities, delivery fees, promotional discounts and taxes will not be included in the bill total.
- Vouchers valid for all order types including- Carry out, Dine In and Deliveries.
- Please refrain from soliciting our customers, for the purpose of your event, outside out stores' premises.

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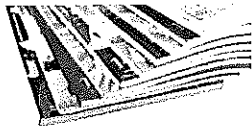


Acceptable & Unacceptable

Acceptable Items



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& File Folders



Magazines
and Catalogs



Books



Junk Mail

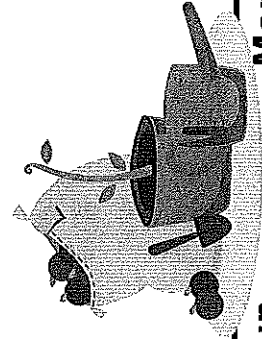


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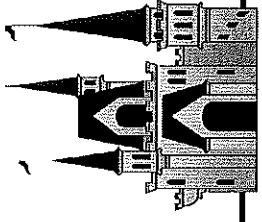
UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- NO Garbage
- NO Glass
- NO Styrofoam
- NO Light Bulbs
- NO Food Waste
- NO Yard Waste
- NO E-Waste

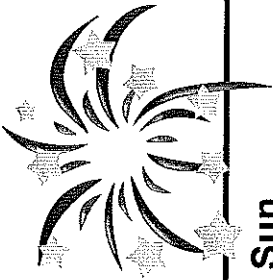
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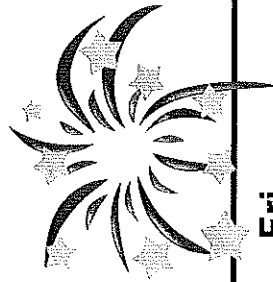
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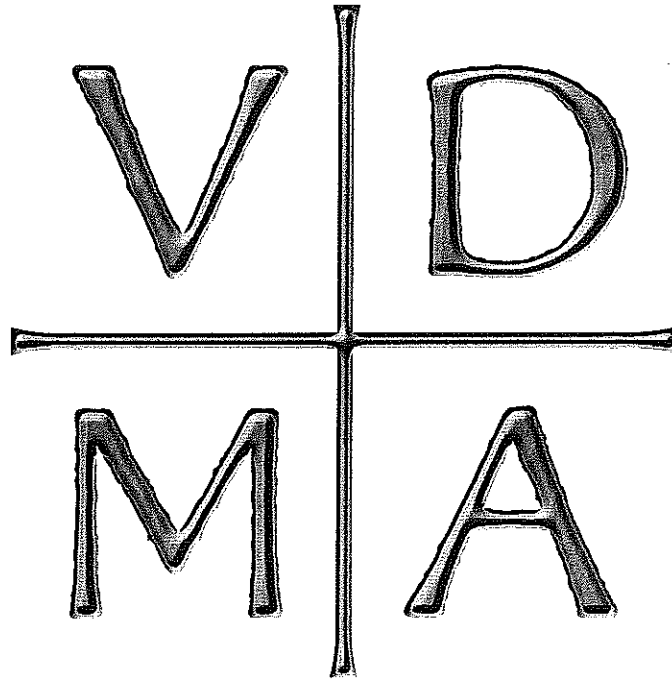
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>May 28</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Matins 9:15 a.m. SS/YG/BC 10:45 a.m. H. C. 12pm Ladies Society Rummage Set-up Begins</p>	<p>May 29</p> <p>Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>May 30</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Confirmand Review</p>	<p>May 31</p> <p>5 p.m.—7 p.m. Redeemer Night (Pre-Sale Shopping) 7:00 p.m. LifeLight (in the Sanctuary)</p>	<p>1</p> <p>8 a.m.—3 p.m. Rummage & Bake Sale Rummage & Bake Sale</p>	<p>2 Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off 9 a.m.—12 p.m. Rummage & Bake Sale 12p.m. Clean-up!</p> <p>Rummage & Bake Sale</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Vespers</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Pentecost 8:00 a.m. H. C. 9 a.m. Confirmand Breakfast 9:15 a.m. SS/YG/BC 10:15 a.m. Confirmand Photo 10:45 a.m. H. C. with Rite of Confirmation</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Pastor Eric Off 7:00 p.m. Elders</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30—11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9 a.m.—12 p.m. Garden Weed & Feed 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion</p>
<p>11</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Matins 9:15 a.m. SS/YG/BC 10:45 a.m. H. C. 12 p.m. MPR Rented 12 p.m. Trustees Mtg. 1 p.m. Leathercrafters</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Church Council</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30—11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Pastors' Circuit Mtg. at Peace, Schererville</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Confessions Class</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9 a.m.—12 p.m. Swaddling Clothes Shopping Day (at Grace) 1—6 p.m. MPR Rented 6:30 p.m. Vespers</p>
<p>18 Father's Day 8:00 a.m. H. C. 9:15 a.m. SS/YG/BC Youth Breakfast at Redeemer 10:45 a.m. H. C.</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30—11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10 a.m.—11 p.m. Youth Dining Out Beggar's Pizza in Lansing 6:30 p.m. Confessions Class</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Last Day to use Zandstra Vouchers 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion</p>
<p>25</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Matins 9:15 a.m. SS/YG/BC 10:45 a.m. H. C.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Youth Committee Mtg.</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Confessions Class</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off 11:30 a.m. VBS Closing Program & Lunch</p>	<p>Biennial Convention—Albuquerque, NM</p>
<p>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—9:00 A.M.—11:30 A.M.</p>						



July 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2</p> <p>8:00 a.m. H. C. 9:15 a.m. SS/YG/BC 10:45 a.m. H. C. <i>No Trustees Meeting</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Pre-4th of July Parade Picnic</p>	<p>4</p> <p><i>Fourth of July</i> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Confessions Class</p>	<p>6</p> <p><i>Vicar Wade Off</i> 7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p><i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Vespers</p>
<p>9</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Matins 9:15 a.m. SS/YG/BC 10:45 a.m. H. C.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Church Council</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30—11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Confessions Class</p>	<p>13</p> <p>STACY ON VACATION</p>	<p>14</p> <p><i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>15</p> <p><i>Mission Door Offering</i> 9 a.m.—12 p.m. Swaddling Clothes Shopping Day (at Grace) Drysch-Pope Wedding 6:30 p.m. Vespers</p>
<p>16</p> <p><i>Mission Door Offering</i> 8:00 a.m. H. C. 9:15 a.m. SS/BC Higher Things Youth/Parent 10:45 a.m. H. C.</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30—11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Confessions Class</p>	<p>20</p> <p>STACY ON VACATION</p>	<p>21</p> <p><i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Holy Communion</p>
<p>23</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Matins 9:15 a.m. SS/YG/BC 10:45 a.m. H. C. 12 p.m. Vicar Wade Farewell Pot Blessing</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10 AM August/September Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:30—11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Confessions Class</p>	<p>27</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Young-at-Heart Play "Tim Woman"</p>	<p>28</p> <p><i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Vespers</p>
<p>30</p> <p>8:00 a.m. H. C. 9:15 a.m. SS/YG/BC 10:45 a.m. H. C.</p>	<p>31</p>	VICAR WADE AND REDEEMER YOUTH AT HIGHER THINGS				



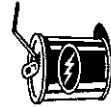
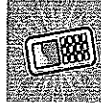
The Motto of the Reformation:

VDMA Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum (The Word of the Lord Endures Forever) is the motto of the Lutheran Reformation, a confident expression of the enduring power and authority of God's Word. The motto is based on 1 Peter 1:24–25. It first appeared in the court of Frederick the Wise in 1522. He had it sewn onto the right sleeve of the court's official clothing, which was worn by prince and servant alike. It was used by Frederick's successors, his brother John the Steadfast, and his nephew John Frederick the Magnanimous. It became the official motto of the Smalcaldic League and was used on flags, banners, swords, and uniforms as a symbol of the unity of the Lutheran laity who struggled to defend their beliefs, communities, families, and lives against those who were intent on destroying them. It was found inscribed inside churches, over doorways, on foundation stones, even on horse's helmets! The VDMA logo and statement has appeared throughout Lutheran churches worldwide and remains an enduring motto of the Reformation to this day. Several examples of its use during the Reformation era appear below, on a coin, over a doorway in Braunschweig, Germany, and on a clock, and finally, a particularly interesting artifact, a helmet from 1553 that would have been placed on a warhorse, contains the motto.

From: Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions (St. Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing House, 2005), 2. - See more at: <http://lutheranreformation.org/history/the-motto-of-the-reformation/#sthash.LhdvHzlR.dpuf>

Collections at Redeemer:

- Campbell Soup Labels
(*box in church KITCHEN – for Bethesda Homes*)
- Aluminum Pop Tabs
(*basket in church foyer – for Ronald McDonald House*)
- Ink Jet Cartridges (Small cartridges only – *cannot have been previously refilled*)
(*basket in church foyer – for Redeemer Youth Group*)
- Aluminum Cans [RINSED & crushed]
(*porch behind church foyer – for Redeemer Youth*)
- Newspapers, Magazines, Catalogs, Junk Mail, Copy Paper, Shredded Paper (**shredded paper ONLY put in plastic bags**) – **NO** PHONE BOOKS, CARDBOARD, OR PLASTIC
(*Green & Yellow Dumpster in church parking lot – for Youth*)
- Old Cell Phones – **only the phone & battery (no chargers)**
(*basket in church foyer – for Redeemer Youth Group*)



REMINDER: CAN'T FIND SOMETHING? CHECK OUT THE LOST & FOUND BASKET IN THE CHURCH FOYER!

Also located in the church foyer are posted event flyers; newsletters from service organizations, LCMS colleges, & local government agencies; as well as helpful information tracts that you are welcome to take with you!



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Services:

Saturday:.....6:30 p.m.
 Sunday:.....8:00 a.m.
10:45 a.m.

Sunday School, Youth Group & Adult Bible Study:

Sunday:.....9:15 a.m.

Staff:

Pastor: Eric Allan Kleinschmidt
 Vicar: Wade Bellebach
 Admin. Asst.: Stacy Broviak

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Pastor & Vicar are OFF on Fridays.

Church Secretary on Vacation July 1-21, 2017

Office will be CLOSED May 31st and July 4th, 7th, 14th, and 21st.

It is the mission of Redeemer Lutheran Church through worship, fellowship, witness, service and education to proclaim Jesus Christ as God's Son and the world's Savior, crucified and risen from death to give us NEW LIFE

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