

# REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

700 South Broadway  
New Ulm, MN 56073

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## WORSHIP

Sunday 9:00 AM

Monday 6:30 PM

Following 1st & 3rd  
Sundays of the Month  
With Communion

## FELLOWSHIP TIME

10:00 AM

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:15 AM

## ADULT STUDY

10:30 AM

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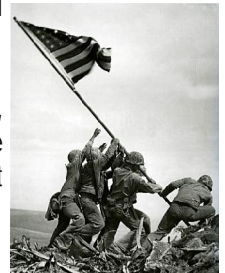


## REDEEMER VIEWS

JULY 2008

So if the Son sets you free,  
you will be free indeed.  
John 8:36

This past month I rented two movies directed by Clint Eastwood... *Flag of Our Fathers* and *Letters From Iwo Jima*. If you haven't seen them, they are WWII movies that deal with the forty day intense battle that took place over a little island off the mainland of Japan called Iwo Jima. Both movies tell the same story the difference being from opposing perspectives. One from the perspective of the Americans who fought and died (almost 7,000) there and raised that famous photo. The other tells the perspective of the Japanese who fought and died (almost 20,000) through the letters home of General Kuribayashi.



As Hollywood movies will do they make everything it seems glamorous, even war. War though is not glamorous at all. Tremendous costs are paid... usually in blood of soldiers and civilians. And we cannot help but think of our soldiers who serve right now in the Middle East.

We pray for their safety and accomplishment in mission.

I bring up this subject of war this month of July because it so often plays a role in our American history. We would not be a free nation without costs. As the slogan goes: freedom is never free!

As we should spend time in our daily lives (even if it is only a few minutes each day) studying the Bible we cannot help but realize the spiritual battle that wages. Paul would write For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms (Eph 6:12). And in another place Paul writes these words about Jesus... And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross (Col 2:15).

Jesus redeemed and ransomed us by his sacrifice.

1Co 15:55 "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

1Co 15:57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we this month give thanks to God for our nation's freedom, so too we remember the many who, and continue to, sacrifice for our nation's safety and freedom. But even more so we as Christians know to give thanks to God because of the more significant battle that was waged and won at Calvary and the Empty Garden Tomb. This is our true freedom and life.

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