

# REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, August 17, 2008



## 1. ARE YOU A VISITOR? WELCOME!

We want you to feel and know you are welcome at this congregation, just as we welcome fellow members. We pray the worship service is Christ-centered and meaningful in its application to your life. You are invited to join the congregation for a fellowship time immediately after worship in the fellowship hall for coffee/donuts. If you are interested in learning more about Redeemer as a Church home for yourself and family, speak to Pastor Bode to arrange a time to visit.

## 2. NURSERY/CRY ROOM -- RESTROOMS

There is a nursery/cry room available for families during church as needed. The room is located upstairs towards the NW corner of the Sanctuary. If you cannot find it (it can be hard to locate for a visitor) please ask an usher to assist you. The restrooms are located in the Fellowship Hall (right of the Kitchen area) and on the second level in the same general area. Remember the back three pews are intended for families with little children, and there are children's worship tote bags in the entryway filled with books, crayons and coloring pages. You can also pick up a worship activity bulletin from an usher.

## 3. SERMON COPIES

Pastor Bode has available copies of his sermons on the table in the entryway. They may be helpful for those with hearing difficulties or for sharing with someone that might appreciate its lesson for the day.

## 4. A GRIEF OBSERVED

Grief can and will enter all of our lives at some point. In the classic, "A Grief Observed" by C.S. Lewis we can in honesty and without embarrassment begin to struggle to understand the purpose of love and loss. The book is only four chapters long (76 pages) and by reading it together (one chapter a week) it will serve as the discussion and source of our conversation. You will need to purchase the book (any bookstore has it) or rent it from a library. This class is for those who are acutely aware of grief in their life. We will plan to meet Sundays at 8:00 AM --- before worship starting September 7th.

## 5. GIVEAWAY

Do you need dishes for your cabin or dishes for students going away to college? During the kitchen cleaning the ladies found dishes, etc that they would like to get rid of for space purposes. The dishes are in the hallway by the kitchen.

## 6. EDUCATION STAFF NEEDED FOR THIS FALL

- **Rotation Sunday School:** Teachers are needed for 3-week rotations. This could be helping out at the video site, mission site, craft site, etc. Shepherds (helpers) are also needed for sites.
- **Midweek confirmation:** A teacher is needed for the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade class. Classes meet on Wednesdays (5:30-6:30pm).

Being involved as a Sunday school or Midweek teacher is one of the most rewarding areas in which you can serve. Please prayerfully consider how God can use you in this ministry and talk to Tammy for more information or to volunteer.

## 7. MUSIC GROUPS NEED NEW MEMBERS!

We are looking forward to our music groups resuming their rehearsals this fall. The following groups need members:

- **Youth Choir:** Youth in Grades 1-6 are invited to join Youth Choir. Rehearsals are Tuesdays from 3:15-3:55 beginning Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- **Jr. Bells:** Youth in Grades 3-8 are needed for our Jr. Bell group. Rehearsals are Tuesdays from 4:00-4:55 beginning Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- **Adult Choir:** Senior high youth and adults are needed for our Adult Choir. Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- **Adult Bells:** Senior high youth and adults are needed for our Adult Bell group. Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.



Participating in our music groups is a great way to get to know other members and to sing and ring praises to our Lord in our worship services. Join us!

## 8. HOME FROM JAPAN- CAROL BECKER (Sponsored by Lutheran World Mission)

Carol Becker will be home in Mankato for 2 weeks after a year's ministry in Japan. She will then return to Japan for one more year and then will graduate with a Director of Christian Education degree. She was here with us and spoke last August before she left for Japan. She will make a presentation of her activities in Japan here at Redeemer on Thursday, August 21 at 7:30pm. Everyone women as well as men are invited to attend. Immanuel Courtland has also been invited to attend. The LWML group is hosting this event and a free will offering will be taken for Carol's mission with Lutheran World Missions. Please join us!

## 9. COOKBOOKS

The cookbooks have arrived. We have to get some final things done and then they will go on sale. Watch for more information! All proceeds from the cookbook sales will go to the Kitchen Remodeling Fund.

## 10. OFFICER AND BOARD REPLACEMENTS

We are currently in the process of looking for candidates for some board and officer positions for the 2009 church year. The officer positions open for election are: President (1 year term), Vice-President (1 year term), Secretary (1 year term) and Treasurer (1 year term). The board positions open for election are: 3 Elder positions (3 year term), 2 Trustee positions (3 year term), 1 Stewardship position (3 year term), 1 Education position (3 year term), 1 Finance position (3 year term) and 2 Youth positions (2 year term). Please prayerfully consider involvement with one of these committees.

#### 11. HANDICAP BATHROOM REMODELING PROJECT

A handicap bathroom remodel fund has been started. You can donate to this fund through your offerings or through memorials. Please always note the fund that you are donating to on your offering envelope. The Trustees/Church Council hope to start this project by year's end. The Stewardship Board will be working on a future stewardship campaign to fund this project along with Bleick funds as approved by Council and Voters.

#### 12. BLEICK TUITION FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR 2008-2009 ACADEMIC YEAR FOR IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL (K-8)

The intent of this tuition fund of Redeemer Lutheran Church is to encourage Christian schooling of our membership's children (K-8<sup>th</sup> grade) at Immanuel Lutheran School, Courtland, and to not allow finances alone to be a determining factor for not sending one's children to this parochial LCMS school. We do not want any child of our congregation to miss out on the opportunity for Christian schooling where we as a congregation can help provide financial assistance. Therefore, an amount of \$5,000.00 has been designated for this purpose from the Bleick Fund-Mission Outreach. Each year this Bleick Tuition Fund would be reassessed by the Church Council, and the ability to continue this Bleick Tuition Fund would depend on money being available each year for said purpose. The number of applicants would determine amount of funding available for each student with the potential of up to a 50% tuition match. We pray this can be of help to member families who may want LCMS parochial schooling for their children, but finances in the past would have hindered it. Currently we have 11 students at Immanuel who are members of Redeemer. This is roughly 20% of Immanuel's student body. District busing is available. Check with Tammy or Jaime for an application.

#### 13. RECYCLING PROGRAM

The LYF is conducting a recycling fundraiser. There's nothing to buy. We are simply asking you to protect the environment by donating your used cell phones, inkjets, laptop / notebook computers, iPods, digital cameras, & digital video cameras. Your used item(s) will be recycled in accordance with EPA regulations or refurbished and sold. 100% of the proceeds will go to the LYF. There is a box in the downstairs double classroom for your donation. This will be an ongoing fundraiser for the LYF.

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#### WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS & GROUPS:



**August Elders:** Howard Blume and Richard Poulson

**Altar Group:** Gloria Effenberger, Lynn Rowley and Julie Holm

**Organist:** Lucy Dolly

**Ushers:** Scott Krueger Group

**Lay Reader:** Wayne Luepke

**Greeters:** Wayne and Kathy Luepke

**Acolyte:** Adam Evers

**Finance:** Ed Bode, Rita Schugel and Tom Wheeler

**Fellowship:** Board of Education

**Next Week Fellowship:** Rita Schugel, Marsha Reinhart and Shirley Purrier

#### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE AT REDEEMER

- **SUN. 9:00 Worship (Communion);** 10:00 Fellowship
- **MON. 6:30 Worship (Communion)**
- **TUES.** 6:15 Elders; 6:15 Board of Youth; 7:30 Church Council
- **WED.**
- **THUR.** 7:00 LWML; 7:30 Carol Becker- Home from Japan presentation
- **FRI.** Newsletter Articles Due; 5:00 Rehearsal
- **SAT.** 3:00 Thomas/Wieland Wedding
- **SUN. 9:00 Worship;** 10:00 Fellowship