

# REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, August 24, 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. FLOWERS BY THE CROSS

The flowers by the cross are in honor of Chuck and Ruth Kiecker's 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

## 5. 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 7<sup>th</sup>.

## 6. GIVEAWAY -- DISHES IN THE HALLWAY BY THE KITCHEN

## 7. SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND HELPERS NEEDED

**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. Being involved as a Sunday school 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. We will have an organizational meeting Monday night, Aug. 25, 6:30 p.m. at church.

## 8. 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!

## 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 or 3 Youth positions (2 year term). Please prayerfully consider involvement with one of these committees.

## 11. FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Fellowship groups will be starting again this fall and you are invited to sign up and join us. We hope to have participation from all segments of the congregation, from children to senior citizens, from new to longtime members. A sign-up sheet will be available in the fellowship hall this Sunday and all through September. Use this opportunity to get to know and share Christian fellowship with new and old members as we have been received into His church by God's grace.

**12. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATIONAL DRIVE**

The Stewardship committee is planning a stewardship informational drive during Septemeber and October to help members begin to think of how they can share their time, talents and treasures with each other and with God’s church. “Giving until it hurts” is the way the world looks at giving. “Giving until I am delighted” is how God looks at giving to us. Can we give back in that same way?

**13. BLEICK FUND GRANT APPLICATIONS**

It’s that time of year for members to apply for the Bleick fund grants. If anyone has an idea for a need in our congregation either for Missions or Capital improvements, you can present your idea to an exsisting Board and the application can be written and presented to the Stewardship Committee. If you have any questions, you can ask a member of the Stewardship Committee- Shirley Nelson, Gloria Effenberger or Kathy Luepke. The deadline for applications is the end of November.

**14. 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 there are 11 students who are members of Redeemer, this is roughly 20% of Immanuel’s student body. Busing is available. Check with the Church office for an application.

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**WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS & GROUPS:**



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

**Organist:** Lucy Dolly

**Lay Reader:** Ernest Schauland

**Acolyte:** Robin Kolstad

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

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

**Ushers:** Ron Dahltorp Group

**Greeters:** Harold and Ethel Roth

**Finance:** Mark Schneider, Dave and Laura Keene

**Next Week Fellowship:** Board of Youth

**THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE AT REDEEMER**

- **SUN. 9:00 Worship; 10:00 Fellowship**
- **MON. 6:30 Sunday School Teachers Meeting**
- **TUES.**
- **WED.**
- **THUR.**
- **FRI.**
- **SAT.**
- **SUN. 9:00 Worship (Communion); 10:00 Fellowship**