

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, August 31, 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. AUGUST KINDER HAUS DISPLAY AND VIDEO

See the August display and hear the children sing and tell the story of Moses on the video in the Fellowship Hall.

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 7th.

6. 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.

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 9th.
- **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 9th.
- **Adult Choir:** Senior high youth and adults are needed for our Adult Choir. Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m.
- **Adult Bells:** Senior high youth and adults are needed for our Adult Bell group. Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 10th 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. KWIK TRIP YOUTH FUND RAISER

We have been offered a great fund raiser through Kwik Trip. For a limited time, we can purchase gift cards for 20 percent off of their face value. For instance, a \$20 gift card costs us only \$16, so you can buy the card for \$20 to purchase \$20 worth of gas or any items in the store, and the youth get to keep the \$4. This is a great way for the youth to make money to help fund upcoming youth activities and also a mission trip next summer. If you don't buy gas or groceries from Kwik Trip, perhaps you would consider buying a card to give as a gift. The youth will begin selling the cards on Sunday, Sept. 21st following the worship service and on the following communion Sundays. You can buy cards in the amount of \$5, \$10, \$20 or \$50. Thank you for helping out the youth!

9. ICE CREAM SOCIAL ~ THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 FROM 4:30-7:30PM

We will need donations of pies, baked beans, chips, pickles, buns and milk. There will be a sign up sheet for donations on the bulletin board. Also anyone willing to help, please sign up! Proceeds will go for bathroom construction. We will receive supplemental funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

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. COOKBOOKS

The cookbooks have arrived. We have to get some final things done and then they will go on sale. Watch for more information! The cost of the cookbook will be \$12.00. All proceeds from the cookbook sales will go to the Kitchen Remodeling Fund.

12. 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.

13. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATIONAL DRIVE

The Stewardship committee is planning a stewardship informational drive during September 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?

14. 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 existing 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.

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

See announcement in the September newsletter if you are interested in applying.

16. APPLES

Are you looking for apples? Lonnie Bode (a frequent visitor to our church) called and said that he has an apple tree that has many apples waiting to be picked. If you would like to pick some you can go to his home at 47799 478th St Nicollet (take Cty Rd 25 out of Courtland and go 6.5 miles it is on the south side of the road).



WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS & GROUPS:

August Elders: Howard Blume and Richard Poulson

Organist: Lucy Dolly

Lay Reader: Connie Moll

Acolyte: Kathryn Schroeder

Fellowship: Board of Youth

Altar Group: Gloria Effenberger, Lynn Rowley and Julie Holm

Ushers: Gary Moll Group

Greeters: Chuck and Ruth Kiecker

Finance: Kevin Kolstad, Lauren and Ardith Longworth

Next Week Fellowship: Steinberg and Vogl Families

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE AT REDEEMER

- **SUN. 9:00 Worship;** 10:00 Fellowship
- **MON.** Church office closed for Holiday
- **TUES.**
- **WED.** 6:00 Midweek Confirmation Parent and Student Meeting
- **THUR.** Jim and Jan on Vacation (Sept. 4-7); 1:30 Faith, Hope and Charity
- **FRI.**
- **SAT.**
- **SUN. RALLY SUNDAY;** 8:00 Grief Observed; **9:00 Worship** with installation of Education Staff (**Communion**); 10:00 Fellowship; 10:15 Sunday School; 10:30 Adult Bible Study

17. 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.