

MEMORIALS

Given in memory of:

- * Dorothy Madden to Missions from Adeline Davis
- * Robert Wendt to Choir Fund from Gene and Mary Sievert
- * Elaine Gunderson to Kinder Haus from Gene and Mary Sievert
- * Robert Wendt to Raebel Undesignated from Phyllis Raebel
- * Alphonse Mages to Raebel Undesignated from Phyllis Raebel
- * Velda Dryden to Raebel Undesignated from Phyllis Raebel
- * Rev. Roger Raebel to Raebel Undesignated from Phyllis Raebel
- * Claire Mecklenberg to Debt Retirement from Galen and Sharon Bode
- * Gilbert Hoffmann to Balcony Railing from Wayne and Kathy Luepke
- * Mary Timm to Roof Fund from Barb Voth
- * For all the families who have lost loved ones this year and for Redeemer members who have passed this year to
Capital Improvements from Dick and Elaine Poulson
- * Gilbert Hoffmann to Debt Retirement from Duane and Marie Ristau
- * Lois Gersch to Kinder Haus from Myron and Audrey Kassen
- * Rev. Roger Raebel to Raebel Undesignated from Phyllis Raebel
- * Ralph Rosenau to Roofing Fund from Dan and Diane Abraham
- * Glenn Abraham to Roofing Fund from Dan and Diane Abraham

THANK YOU FROM THE LWML

The LWML wishes to sincerely thank the members of Redeemer for their response in supplying and helping in the Christmas Cookie, Bake, Craft Sale and Luncheon. It was a success because of the donations of cookies, baked goods, crafts and food for the kitchen. We want to thank everyone who helped that day in any way! It was very much appreciated! The LWML could not do this without your help and support. We took in \$2,478.05. These figures are close to the amount, but not complete, as funds are still coming in.

Kitchen- \$951.30

Baked Goods- \$450.25

Cookie Room- \$825.50

Craft Room- \$213.00

FOOD FOR FRIENDS DONATIONS NEEDED

We will be serving the noon meal at the Salvation Army through the Food for Friends program on Saturday, January 9, 2010. We are asking for these food donations from members of the congregation: 30 pounds of hamburger, 10 large salads (4 macaroni and 6 jello), 6 bags of potato chips, 7 pans of bars, and 5 gallons of milk (2 chocolate and 3 white). Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the offices. Also, we will need help serving the meal. We will leave Redeemer at 9:30am and finish with clean up in Mankato around 1:30pm. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet. This is an excellent opportunity for parents and youth to work together on a service project!

* Small Gift Items can be taken for the guests who eat at the Salvation Army. These include: hotel size lotions and soaps, hats, scarves, mittens, warm socks, and magazines. If you have any items you can donate, please see Tammy.

ANNUAL VOTER'S MEETING

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Agenda Items:

- * Devotion
- * Reading of the Sign-In sheet
- * Reading of the Minutes
- * Reports of Boards/Committees
- * Old Business
- * Accept the 2010 Budget
- * New Business
- * Adjournment
- * Closing Prayer

All members age 18 and older are encouraged to attend!

BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2010

2010 Officers

President– Andy Kehren
 Vice President– Chuck Kiecker
 Secretary– Jaime Kirtz
 Treasurer– Harold Belin

Board of Elders

Sven Eelma
 Jim Krapf
 Gene Stolt
 Leonard Kurth
 Duane Laffrenzen
 Gary Moll
 Howard Blume
 Lee Kastman
 Paul Martens

Board of Trustees

Ron Dahltorp
 Wayne Luepke
 Jim Scheman
 Randy Sperling

Board of Stewardship

Gloria Effenberger
 Shirley Nelson
 Kathy Luepke

Board of Education

Mary Sievert
 Deb Thomas
 Mary Kay Mages
 Gwen Mielke

Board of Evangelism

Connie Moll
 Sarah Schwarz
 Nancy Hanson
 Toni Laffrenzen

Board of Finance

Carol Hoffmann
 Kevin Kolstad
 Marie Ristau
 Jean Eelma

Board of Youth

Mindy and Bryan Berkner
 Laura and Dave Keene
 Lauri Ludwig
 Vicki and Les Versch
 Cindy and Larry Wiederhoeft

Head Usher

Brian Nelson


THANK YOU'S

- * Thank you to all the officers and board members who served in 2009 and to all who will be serving in 2010. Your time and service are greatly appreciated by Redeemer!
- * Thank you to Pastor Bode and all our Redeemer family for the prayers, kind thoughts, words, and cards in the loss of my brother and Al's father. ~ Al and Carol Hoffmann
- * Thank you to the Christmas Carolers (both adult and children) for stopping and singing for Vi and me. We really appreciated it! ~ Lerone Geisthardt
- * Thank you from the youth! We would like to thank all of the members who attended our Chili Supper on Dec. 16th. Special thanks to Gene and Mary Sievert for donating all of the cheese for the grilled cheese sandwiches. Also thank you to the parents of youth who donated bars and worked at the event.
- * A sincere thank you to the members of Redeemer who so generously donated bags of candy, 2 cases of peanuts, fruit snacks, Handi-snacks, candy bars, gum and cash donations. Your donations helped make the treat bags special for the children who participated in the Children's Christmas Service and also those children who came to worship with us that evening. Also, thank you to Emery and Betty Haus for helping put together the treat bags.
- * Thank you to all that worked at the Food Shelf in the month of November and to all that donated food and funds throughout 2009. The usage of the Food Shelf has increased over the past years so food and funds are greatly needed and appreciated!

**LENTEN MEAL COORDINATOR
NEEDED**

We are looking for someone to coordinate Lenten meals again this year. If you are interested in coordinating these meals, please talk to Jaime or Tammy. There will be 6 meals and the first meal will be served on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17th.

WEATHER RELATED CANCELATIONS

Any cancellations of Church services will be announced on KNUJ radio.  For Midweek classes and all other programs we will follow the public schools. When ISD 88 dismisses early choir, bells, other meetings and confirmation will not meet.

IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

We still have many continued needs for our church and sanctuary to improve and repair. We need to install tempered glass inserts in the balcony railing and in the front and back banisters for safety. The balcony railing is not tall enough for safety and the stair railings are too far apart for safety. The down stairs bathroom needs to be upgraded with larger stalls and new sinks. Insulated windows for the front, side and back stairway windows need to be installed for an energy cost savings. We have seen a drop in our utility bills due to the new doors and the greater insulation that they provide. The secretary's office needs to be improved also to provide a better working space and also a window to the hallway to provide a visual for any visitor to the Church. We need your continued financial support for these projects. We encourage any memorials or contributions for these projects and you may designate which project you wish to support. As members of the body of Christ, we need to continue to improve our Church and provide a safe and warm place for all to worship. Thank you all for all you have provided to improve our church. ~The Stewardship Committee

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE!!!!
BECOME TRANSFORMED FOR HIS MISSION:
PASSING ON VIBRANT FAITH—Romans 12:2
Saturday, January 23 – 8:30am to 3:30pm
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Mankato

This conference is intended for ALL who serve as encouragers in faith development:

- * **Parents**
- * **Grandparents**
- * **Godparents**
- * **Church leaders**

It is an intentional effort to assist the people of God in The Minnesota South District (LCMS) to better comprehend, articulate, enunciate and reach out to others with the saving faith with which they have been blessed.

"How can I pass on my faith to the next generation—to my children and grandchildren?"

The goal is to assist those who attend to engage their family members and others in their congregation to be about the mission of our Lord.

See more information on the brochure posted on the bulletin board outside the offices.

Registration: Let Tammy know by January 18th if you can attend.

* * * * *

KINDER HAUS HAPPENINGS

Joy to the World!, to members of Redeemer, to families at Kinder Haus and Kinder Haus II and to you!!

December Themes: Advent Adventure, Our Jesus Tree, The Nativity and Jesus Is Born

December found on an Advent Adventure with Benjamin Bear. Benjamin was waiting for Christmas. Advent is for waiting and getting our hearts ready for Jesus coming— as a baby and for His second coming. We went on a journey with Benjamin everyday as he was on his way to Bethlehem to see Jesus. We sang a new song about the advent candles and lit our (pretend) candles on our wreath. We said our advent chant about getting ready. We talked about how we can get ready for Jesus' birthday and for His coming again to take us to live with Him in heaven. It was an exciting time of preparation!

We made decorations for our tree— Our Jesus Tree. All the decorations we made tell us about Jesus. We put lights on— Jesus is the Light of the World. We made angels— angels talked to Mary, to Joseph and the shepherds. What wonderful news they told— Jesus, the Savior would be born! The candy canes remind us of the shepherds staff and "J" is for Jesus. Bells ring for joy that Jesus is born. Stars remind us to follow Jesus, as the Wise Men followed the star. (Our star of sandpaper helped us use our senses. We rubbed it with a cinnamon stick. We could smell and some tasted. We could feel the scratchy paper. It was a fun project to use all of our 5 senses.) I made a coloring book to remind us the meaning of Our Jesus Tree decorations. We used the book [The Jesus Tree](#). We finally put our gifts under the tree and talked about why we give gifts. (Look at our display at Church to see our Jesus Tree.)

The children know the real meaning of Christmas— Jesus! We are very excited that it is Christmas now. We are celebrating Jesus' birth. Baby Jesus has come to the manger of our nativities we have been playing with. It is fun to see and hear the children set up the pieces and tell the story. We have a wooden nativity, a flannel nativity, a soft nativity and a book nativity. It is wonderful to sing "Christmas Time is Here" and "Joy to the World". We will celebrate the 12 days of Christmas!

Rejoice Jesus is born! It is an exciting time for children of all ages! Merry Christmas! Jesus the Savior is born!

(Tune "Jesus Loves Me") Sing glory, glory! Sing glory, glory! Sing glory, glory! God's Son has come to us!

Rejoicing! In the Newborn King,
Jeanne Holten— Director of Kinder Haus