

# THE EVANGEL

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH - MARCH 17, 2011

## Greetings Friends in Christ

By: Greg Ofsdahl Pastor



FROM THE  
A group of kids set up a Kool-Aid stand hoping to make some money that they could spend on a video game. The kids advertised the typical hand-written sign saying: "Kool-Aid, 25 cents." A man passing by saw the sign, had a little time and so pulled over. One of the stand proprietors went over to the man and asked, "Would you like strawberry or grape?" The man placed his order and handed the boy a dollar. After much discussion, the kids determined that the customer needed some change. The boy brought back the drink and the coins, and then stood by the car. After a few moments, the boy asked the man if he was finished with his drink. The man said, "Just about. Why do you ask?" The boy said, "Well, that's the only cup we have, and we need it to stay in business." It's hard to operate a Kool-Aid stand if you only have one cup. When Jesus

rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, he had only one cup. But the people, those cheering him on so loudly, thought that it was the cup that they wanted. But they were wrong. The cup from which Jesus drank was the cup of suffering and sacrifice; not the cup of political power or earthly success. We often feel like we have only one cup from which to drink; the cup of suffering. But the example of Jesus, and the teaching of the New Testament, remind us that when we drink the cup, resurrection and glory follow! God will always strengthen us for any task laid out before us. God's grace and glory are made perfect in our weaknesses. So the apostle Paul would write in 2 Corinthians 12: 9, "Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me." Keep in mind that there cannot be any Easter without Good Friday! Please pay attention to our Lenten, Holy Week and Easter schedule so that you might fully participate in the entire story accomplished by Jesus Christ our Lord for YOU!

### 6th Grade Pre-Confirmation Program

The 6th Grade pre-confirmation program will begin in April and involve three sessions including an overview of the entire confirmation program. Topics will include: Baptism, Bible (Old & New Testaments), the Ten Commandments, Worship, the Lord's Prayer, and the Apostle's Creed. We will meet Wednesday evenings, April 6th, 13th, and 20th from 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

### 5th Grade First Communion Class & Acolyte Training

Pastor Ofsdahl will be holding First Communion class on Thursday, April 14th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. and it will include a light meal for 5th graders and parents. Acolyte training will also be done at this time. Acolyte duties for this class will begin in June.

### Holy Week Schedule



#### Palm Sunday Worship

April 17th at 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

#### Maundy Thursday

April 21st at 7:00 p.m.

#### Good Friday at Redeemer

April 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

#### Easter Worship

April 24th at 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.  
With Holy Communion

### Lenten Suppers

Wednesdays, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

#### Youth Serving

#### Soup & Sandwich with Bars & Drink

March 23: Chicken Wild Rice & Broccoli Cheese Soups

March 30: California Medley & Cheeseburger Chowder Soups

April 6: Chicken Noodle & Lasagna Soups

April 13: California Medley & Potato w/Cheese & Ham Soup

#### Free Will Offering

Supports Redeemer Youth



Grow in LOVE - Serve with JOY

Non-profit Organization  
Standard Mail  
U.S. Postage PAID  
Alden, MN  
Permit No. 1

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Alden, MN 56009

Change Service Requested

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## JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERVICE OF WORD, PRAYER AND PRAISE

Sundays - 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

### Announcements

No Sunday School March 27th due to Spring Break. There will be Sunday School April 3rd.

**Albert Lea American Legion Donates Funds to our Youth** - \$1 is donated back to our youth for every Redeemer member who eats breakfast at the Albert Lea American Legion on the 4th Sunday of the month. Breakfast is served from 8:00am-12:30pm. The cost is \$7.00 for all you can eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, potatoes, fruit, juice, milk and coffee. All you need to do is tell them you are a member of Redeemer (Alden) when you pay for your meal and they send us a check. Mark your calendar for the 4th Sunday each month and make plans to attend today.

## Stewardship Notes

### Month End Finances February

Income: \$10,122  
Expenses: \$12,469

#### Liabilities

Operating Loan: \$ 13,000  
'04 Endowment Note: \$ 6,000  
'08 Roof Notes: \$ 18,900

## Minnesota Food Share - March Mission Focus

**M**innesota Food Share - During the month of March our congregation is joining people of goodwill from across the state to help alleviate hunger. We are again participating in Minnesota Food Share, and canned and boxed goods and monies collected during the month will go to the Alden Area Food Shelf. **A list of items needed can be found on the lobby kiosk and also in the northeast entryway.** During the March campaign, donations really do go further. Our local Food Shelf can stretch a cash donation by shopping at the Channel One Food Bank in Rochester where a dollar stretches much further than at the grocery store. The more the food

shelf raises on its own during the month of March, the larger their share of the MN Food Share Incentive Allocation. The more collected the more received. Please be generous in this worthwhile cause. Because this is our mission focus, we ask that checks be made payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church. We will then write one check to the Food Shelf.



## Concert of Benevolence March 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Redeemer

*"Benevolence: an inclination to do good; kindness; a kindly charitable act."*

Join us for an evening of beautiful vocal music as the Redeemer Lutheran Church Adult Choir, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Senior Choir (Wells), and the Alden-Conger High School Choir join together to perform for your listening pleasure while raising money for a local charity.

There is no admission charge for the evening, but a free will offering will be taken with the proceeds to be shared between the Alden Area Food Shelf and the Wells Area Food Shelf.