

THE EVANGEL

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH—SEPTEMBER 25, 2008

Greetings Friends in Christ

By: Greg Ofsdahl Pastor

FROM THE



PASTOR

What we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us: We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power and the wonders he has done.

Instilling faith in our children, youth and families is a significant part of our church's mission.

Church is not only what we do together on Sunday mornings, but also our words, deeds, needs, and interactions throughout the week. If our contact with God and God's people happens on Sunday mornings only, we are missing out on so much! The church needs to be a living partnership between the ministry of the home and the ministry of the congregation. God wants to speak to us, his church, everyday! God wants to speak to us through those closest to us. Our family relationships should be the place

where faith begins, grows and is nurtured. The church family is here to support that. With that said, Redeemer will now have available, "Taking Faith Home," a resource for *all* who are growing in their faith. You will receive a copy of "Taking Faith Home" each week as you come to, or leave, worship. Simply use the ideas included on the weekly sheet with those closest to you and listen to what God might be saying to you and watch your relationship with God and your family grow. It is my hope and prayer that the "Taking Faith Home" handouts are used by everyone.

On another note within the same song, our Sunday School is alive and well!! Find a way to be involved, join the fun, no matter your age or background. There could be nothing greater than a grandma or a grandpa showing up and helping in some way and sharing their faith story either by words or deeds. Encourage the parents who faithfully bring their children here week after week, entrusted to us to help grow their faith. Thank them for bringing their children and invite them to worship with us. We are God's family together; entrusted with the one true faith. Let us all pass it on!

Please make note of Pastor's new home telephone number. It is 874-3269.

Financing Underway for 2008 Roof Project

Members of the congregation were recently sent pledge letters for the 2008 Roof Project. Thank you to those who have already returned your letter with a donation or financial pledge toward this project. Total project funds needed are not to exceed \$75,000. To date we have received \$16,095 in donations and pledges. The Roof Finance Committee is

scheduled to meet on Sept. 28 and needs everyone's pledge letter returned to help determine how to proceed. If you have not yet returned your pledge letter, please do so right away.

Thank you for helping to keep your church in a good state of repair and reduce Redeemer energy costs!

School Kits to be collected thru Sept. 28th

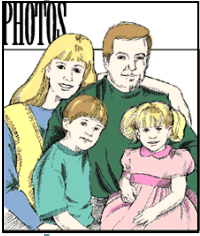
- 1 thick 8 x 10 tablet
- 1 blunt scissors
- 1 - 12" ruler
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 6 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- 1 - 2½" eraser
- 12 sheets of construction paper - assorted colors
- 1 box of 16-24 crayons
- 2 large rubber bands



Items may be dropped off at Redeemer thru September 28th.

Tubs labeled "Jamaican School Kits" have been provided in the lobby for your convenience.

Thank you for your generosity in this worthy project!



New Pictorial Directory for RLC

The photography dates for our pictorial directory (Oct. 1, 2, 3, & 4) are coming up. If you have not reserved a time to be photographed, be sure to do so today while there is still a good selection of appointments. Call Jill Mathiason today at 874-3232 for an appointment. Our goal is 100% participation. It just won't be complete without you.

Ministry & Fellowship at Busy Fingers "God's work, Our hands."

We are looking for quilters. No experience necessary. We meet in Luther Hall on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Join us for a fun, social time.



October 26th Mission Focus Freeborn County Homeless Shelter



The Homeless Shelter consists of three apartments adjoining SEMCAC's Freeborn County Contact Center in Albert Lea. Families that stay at the shelter are very low-income, have nowhere else to go, and may receive temporary housing for up to 90

days. Each household completes a budget and growth plan and works daily with the staff to se-

cure permanent housing and transition back into the community. Families with children have priority over single individuals.

The Freeborn County Homeless Shelter is the only shelter for homeless families or individuals in Freeborn County, and one of three in SEMCAC's seven county service area in S.E. Minnesota. We plan to have a speaker from the shelter at our services on Sunday, Oct. 26th. Please be generous as we collect for this worthwhile project.

Worship Window

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You will notice that at the end of our worship time together each Sunday, I have added the words, "Our time of worship has come to a close so that our week of service may begin." It is my prayer that these added words will help in understanding the purpose of the benediction and dismissal.

The benediction and dismissal serve to connect our time of congregational worship with the rest of our week. The benediction reminds us that God does not remain in the sanctuary until next Sunday when we return, but rather, goes with you out into the world. Indeed, God has already gone before us and will remain with us even unto death. Our hymnal contains two forms of benediction. The longer form, known as the Aaronic blessing, comes from scripture. In the book of Numbers, the LORD told Moses to tell Aaron to speak that blessing upon the Israelites, "so they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them." So the benediction names us once more as God's own people.

The dismissal reminds us that in response and thanks to the good news of the gospel; in response and thanks for being named God's own, we have work to do! God has called us to be spouses, parents, children, students, workers, friends and more. As we go about these relationships and the tasks of our week, we do so with the knowledge that loving God means caring for our neighbors and sharing what it is that we have been given.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God!

It is my hope that these past 9 months of "Worship Windows" have been insightful and helpful to you as we explore what it is that we do together as Lutherans when we worship.

-Pastor Greg.

Lift Your Voice In Song - Join the Choir



Redeemer's Adult Choir rehearses on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15 a.m. They sing at both services the third Sunday of each month. If you like singing in a

group and are a confirmed student or adult, please join our choir. We use a variety of musical styles to keep things fun and challenging. This is a wonderful way to add to our worship service and serve the ministry of Redeemer

Sept. - Feb. Youth & Family Events

Service to Church & Community

October 19: Work at Redeemer Harvest Dinner
Each H.S. class will be assigned a shift

October 31: Trick or Treat for the Alden Area Food Shelf 6:00-7:30
You pick your own group and turn in collected food at the parsonage any time between 6:00 and 7:45. Pastor Greg will be grilling hotdogs, hamburgers and cheeseburgers for you.

November 29: All youth and families are to help decorate our church building for the Christmas season. Meet at the church at 9:00 a.m.

December 17: All family Christmas caroling adventure!
Meet at the church at 6:00 p.m.

Family Events

October 5: Corn Maze and other fun at Prairie River
Camp

Meet at church at 12:15 and we will carpool. Lunch is available at the camp

October 12: Family movie & popcorn night

October 25: Hayride for everyone! Details coming...

January 11: Family Movie & Popcorn night

January 18: Family ski & tubing day at Mt. Kato

H. S. Events

September 21

Video Scavenger Hunt following the Walk -A- Thon

November 8 & 9

Church Youth Fest
Luther College

February 15 & 16

H.S. Overnight Ski Trip

Fundraisers

September 21: Walk-A-Thon meet at the church at 1:00 and we will be walking the bike trail in Albert Lea

November ??: We will be selling our cookbooks as they arrive

November 30: Cookie Bake

December 7: Cookie Sales

December 6: Teddy Bear Open House & Cookie Sales at Lois Hemmingsen's home

Grow in LOVE - Serve with JOY

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Remember the Sabbath - Worship

Sundays - 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. beginning September 7th

Announcements



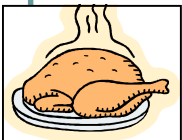
Redeemer's Evangelism/Outreach Committee invites you to attend *The Christmas Window* at 1:00pm on December 13th at North Heights Lutheran Church in Arden Hills. As with our previous trips, we will be taking a bus and then stopping for dinner following the show. Holiday music will surround you as you encounter ice skating, animation, dancing and aerialist. Rediscover the miracle of Christmas with a special family as imagination comes to life through their window.



Youth Fest at Luther College for Grades 9-12. Plan now to join us Nov. 8-9, 2008 for a great weekend for high school youth to get away and think, get a larger sense of the church by hanging out with other high schoolers and college students, and grow in their faith all at the same time!

The weekend will include great music, workshops on a wide range of topics, meaningful worship experience, and great fun! The cost will be \$45 per student. A \$25 non-refundable deposit is needed with your registration by Sept. 28th. Stop by the office and sign-up today. Contact Pastor Ofsdahl for more information.

RLC Annual Harvest Dinner Oct. 19th at A-C School



Plans are now under way for Redeemer's Annual Harvest Dinner. Due to space, we will again hold the dinner in the A-C school cafeteria.

This is a congregational fundraiser for our 2008 Roof Project. We would like all Redeemer members to participate. We will be passing the sign-up sheets around soon with many opportunities to participate. You may also volunteer by calling the office at 874-3343.

One way of making our Harvest Dinner a success is to have people at-

tend and that means we need people to sell tickets. Tickets will be available soon. Call either the church office at 874-3343, or Jill Mathiason at 874-3232, if you are willing to sell tickets.

If you are unable to work at the dinner, but would like to make a cash donation instead, please mail it to the church office. Cash donations do help to offset expenses of the dinner.

Let's make this event even more successful than last year. Please volunteer in any way you can. Your help does make a difference!



Sacred Music Concert Oct. 26th

Join us on Oct. 26 at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of beautiful music. A free will offering will be taken with the proceeds given to support a student going into ordained ministry. Everyone is invited to Luther Hall for refreshment and fellowship following the concert.

A NOTE OF



Thank You to everyone for their prayers, phone calls, visits and gifts, while I was recuperating from my fall. I am home now and doing much better.

Caroline Theobald

Office Hours: 9am - Noon Monday through Friday

For your convenience, the answering machine will take your non-emergency messages from noon through-out the night. Pastoral emergency phone calls may be made at any time. Pastor may be contacted on his cell, 402-3928, or at home, 874-3269.