



Redeemer Lutheran Church & School

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GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR-

“Redeeming the Time”

At Redeemer Lutheran Church and School, we are interested in various aspects of the word ‘redeem’. God’s Son’s death on the cross, our Lenten emphasis this month, was suffered so that Jesus Christ could ‘redeem’ this world of sinners and reconcile earth to Heaven – fallen man back to a holy God - by the forgiveness of sin He purchased with His redeeming blood. As the agent of our redemption, our Lord is our Redeemer.

But as the ‘redeemed of the Lord’, can we ‘redeem the time’ as St. Paul tells us to do in Ephesians 5:15-17? In the 400-year-old ‘King James’ translation, the text says, *‘See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is’.*

It is unwise to waste anything during our earthly lives, but particularly foolish to waste time. That doesn’t mean that we can’t have leisure time – which is important for health of body and mind. However, viewed as a gift of God, time becomes more precious by the divine expectation that we should use it responsibly and wisely.

A recent translation of St. Paul’s words goes like this: *‘Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is’.*

The most well-known description of the will of the Lord concerning time is actually His commandment that His people stop their work and rest for a day each week. God is not a harsh task-master when it comes to time. He knows we need to take time to re-charge our spiritual ‘batteries’ frequently through prayer and devotional reading of His word and regularly through meeting with other believers to support one another in the advancement of His Kingdom.

Why ‘make the best use of our time’? ‘Because the days are evil’; that is the biblical reasoning. In an evil world there are lots of things that would rob us of our time. And, unlike other things that may be stolen from us, time is something that we can never get back!

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe once said, ‘Things which matter most must never be at the mercy of things which matter least’. If a secularist philosopher could reason that way, much more should Christians who view their time as a sacred trust from God do what they can to prioritize whatever might make claims upon our time.

Unlike unbelievers, we do not spend our time chasing that which is temporal, but give the highest priority to ‘the Kingdom of God and His righteousness’ (Matthew 6.33). With God’s help, we can accomplish much. We can be good stewards of all that God has given, including our time during this earthly life. We grasp the truth of the saying, ‘only one life ‘twill soon be past. Only what’s done for Christ will last’.

As those who have been redeemed by God, we are free to ‘redeem the time’ and, when His Church calls for

participation and support in terms of 'time, talent and treasure', we can 'Give it all we've got'!

Your servant of our Redeemer,

Naumann Bridal Shower

*All Ladies of Redeemer Lutheran Church
are cordially invited to a "General"
Bridal Shower*

for Dorothy Naumann

Saturday April 7, 2012

11:00 a.m.

Redeemer Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

A Light Lunch will be served.

If you plan to attend please RSVP

to Betty Harvat by May 30

412 793 5804 or byh31@comcast.net

Leave this blank so you can put the whole page invitation as requested by Mrs. Naumann.

OFFICIAL ACTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....


ATTENDANCE AT WORSHIP:

January	church	SS	communed
22 nd	127	43	96
29 th	126	unavailable	91

February	church	SS	communed
5 th	131	unavailable	96
12 th	109	unavailable	73
19 th	120	unavailable	95

Total communed: 451

Avg. Sun. Attend: 123



PRAYER CORNER

Please continue to remember them in your prayers as we pray for their continued healing and strength.

The following are those members, family and friends of Redeemer who have been in our prayers recently.

For better health and strength:

- Jeanne Capozzi – bursitis in shoulder*
- Ruth Anthony – knee replacement surgery*
- Larry Rubel – recent surgery*
- William Trozzi – friend of Linda Wood*

In the Military:

- Matthew Gurtner – U.S. Army*
- David & Laura Naumann – British Army Medical Corps*
- David Whitmer – U.S. Navy*
- All our Lutheran Chaplains*



SPRING AHEAD:

Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sunday, March 11, 2011

Don't forget – replace the batteries in your smoke-detector also!!

GREETER SCHEDULE

Sun., Mar. 4th	Narthex: Pat Ruppel Vestibule: Linda Sprouse Alternate: Ruth Anthony
Wed., Mar. 7th	Narthex: Dave & Jann Bernhardt Vestibule: Fred & June Bodnar Alternate: John & Sarah Driscoll
Sun., Mar. 11th	Narthex: Betty Harvat Vestibule: Imogene King Alternate: Karen Ostrosky
Wed., Mar. 14th	Narthex: Bob & Paulette Reddinger Vestibule: Pat Ruppel Alternate: Linda Sprouse
Sun., Mar. 18th	Narthex: Ruth Anthony Vestibule: Dave & Jann Bernhardt Alternate: Fred & June Bodnar
Wed., Mar. 21st	Narthex: John & Sarah Driscoll Vestibule: Betty Harvat Alternate: Imogene King
Sun., Mar. 25th	Narthex: Karen Ostrosky Vestibule: Bob & Paulette Reddinger Alternate: Pat Ruppel
Wed., Mar. 28th	Narthex: Linda Sprouse Vestibule: Ruth Anthony Alternate: Dave & Jann Bernhardt

CANTOR SCHEDULE

Sun., Mar. 4th	-	Connor Hagey
Sun., Mar. 11th	-	Pastor Naumann
Sun., Mar. 18th	-	Larry Rubel
Sun., Mar. 25th	-	John Zern

VOTER'S

Motion: To have the proceeds from the special Lenten offering envelopes to go towards the Campus Ministry, First Trinity

Motion: To receive Lori Vrolijk into membership by adult confirmation

Motion: To receive Henry Lemon as a baptized member

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Sarah Driscoll

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Sr. Choir Rehearsals

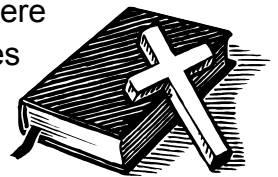
Wednesday, March 7 - 6:30
 Sunday, March 11 - 10:30
 Wednesday, March 14 - 6:30
 Sunday, March 18 - 10:30
 Wednesday, March 21 - 6:30
 Wednesday, March 28 - 6:30

POT LUCK / BIBLE STUDY



Please mark your calendars for our next Bible study and pot luck dinner which will be held on **Sunday, March 18th** in the

Redeemer Fellowship Hall. The pot luck dinner will start at **5:00PM** (please bring a dish to share) followed by a Bible study and discussion. We will continue the study called "We the People – Citizens of Two Kingdoms" with Dr. Dale Meyer (Concordia Seminary President). We'll discuss the character of the United States as a nation, and the Christian's role as a citizen of any country. We will start the study with a review of the prior studies on this topic and then move into new discussions and study. So even if you haven't been able to make the January or February studies please consider attending on March 18th for a great night of food and fellowship and Bible study. There will be age appropriate activities for kids so please plan to **bring the whole family.**



MARCH CELEBRATIONS...

Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating their **birthdays** in March and **congratulations** to you who are observing **wedding anniversaries** in March. Please inform the office of any omissions or mistakes of birthdays or anniversaries. New members, please inform the office of your birthday, anniversary, etc. Thank you!

MARCH BIRTHDAY

- 1st Adam Smoulder
- 5th Thomas Parayil
- 9th Nathan DeFazio, Susan Pugliese
Gabriella Weismantle
- 10th Julian Parayil
- 12th Rob Wilshire
- 16th Dylan Bajack
- 18th Brian Bouchat, Bob Beitle, Lisa Steele
- 19th Pastor Naumann, Jaclyn Shibata
- 21st Adam Dougal
- 23rd Amy Parayil, Rachel Dalbo, BJ Miller
- 24th Todd Killmeyer
- 25th Charles Buttgerreit, Jr.
- 26th Joshua Humphrey, Gabriel Cakmur
- 27th William Humphrey
- 28th Joaquin Killmeyer
- 29th Jonah Cakmur



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 1st Louis & Brigette Bouchat (1986)
- 2nd Jeff & Gail Smoulder (1991)
- 10th Thomas & Amy Parayil (1995)
- 21st Mark & Susan Carlberg (1986)

*Denotes our Day School personnel who are non-members.

Add Luke Cakmur

CHURCH OFFICE

The Church Secretary will be in the office on Tuesdays 10-12; Thursdays and Fridays 10-3.

Newsletter Deadline for April 2012 Issue

Sunday, March 11

You may email information to

info@redeemer-oakmont.org

or leave the information in the office.

LWML NEWS

Dates to remember:

Wednesday, March 7th, LWML will provide the Lenten Dinner at 6:00 PM.

Saturday, March 10, LWML Spring Rally at Peace Lutheran at 9:30.

Sunday, March 18, LWML will sponsor a "Grab N Go" Lunch to benefit "Light the Way"

Saturday, March 24, LWML Breakfast Meeting at 10:00 AM.

Please turn in your Mite Box at the beginning of March so the monies can be reported at the Spring Rally.

The Ingathering for the Rally will be layette items to benefit Family First Pregnancy Care Center, and Family Diaper Bank in Oracle, AZ and yarn suitable for hats, scarves and prayer shawls to benefit Prison Outreach. Receiving blankets - Onesies, Footed sleepers- Lightweight Night Gowns - Knit hats, Booties, Sweaters, Socks, Undershirts, Burp Cloths, Bibs, Hooded towels, Pacifiers. These items will be taken to the convention in Tucson, Arizona on April 20th.

There are 2 projects that still need to be funded before the English District Convention in April in Tucson, Arizona.

*\$2,400 - for Uniforms for the Nakuru School in Kenya. At the 2010 English District Convention, the Pittsburgh Zone proposed this project. Pastor Hardy, from Peace Lutheran, has gone to Kenya with the Concordia Angel Tear Ministry to build homes through Habitat for Humanity, and these homes are given to church members who in turn house orphans. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kenya has built a rural village school where students are provided a Christian education

that gives them the spiritual and academic tools necessary to escape poverty. Children, most of whom are orphans, must wear uniforms to be allowed to attend. Many cannot afford to purchase a uniform at the cost of \$60. The uniforms are handed down from student to student to allow a greater number of students to have access to the school and the Word of God. This grant will purchase 40 uniforms for one class of students at the Nakura Orphanage and school.

* Let the Children Come- Let the Children Sing - Detroit Michigan \$600 is the second project.

Metro Detroit area is said to contain more than 2.5 million persons who do not know Christ as their Savior. There is a tremendous opportunity to build pathways to the un-churched with outreach to the children and youth. Lutheran City Ministries Inc. has a proven track record of beginning and maintaining ministries. This grant will assist them in reaching out to city youth with a Music Education Program.

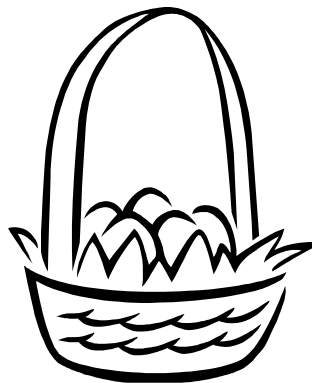
Our Redeemer LWML also has set a \$750 budget for Missions Projects for 2012. So you can see there is much work to be done! Thank you for your support and I know we can work together in doing the Lord's work. Serve The Lord With Gladness!

Youth Group

Thank you to everyone who came out on a snowy Saturday to support our youth group's Pancake Breakfast. We raised \$175 of which a portion is going to the Thailand Daycare Mission. We appreciate your support!

Plan ahead: The youth group will be sponsoring Easter Breakfast this year between the early

and late services. Come down to the fellowship hall for some eggs, pancakes and sausage. We will serve from 8:45 am - 9:30 am.



The youth group will sponsor an egg hunt **Saturday, March 31st at 10:00 am for ages 1 - 8.** Be sure to bring your baskets!

God's Gift of Forgiveness

A Lenten Worship Series

Wednesday, Mar. 7 7:30 pm

“Make Haste to Help Me”

Wednesday, Mar. 14 7:30 pm

“Against You and For Me”

Wednesday, Mar. 21 7:30 pm

“But You, O Lord, Are Enthroned Forever”

Wednesday, Mar. 28 7:30 pm

“Teach Me Your Will, For You Are My God”

Maundy Thursday, Apr. 5 7:30 pm

“Delivered”

Good Friday, Apr. 6 7:30 pm

“Divine Forgetfulness”

Easter Sunrise, Apr. 8 7:30 am

“Destroying the Enemy”

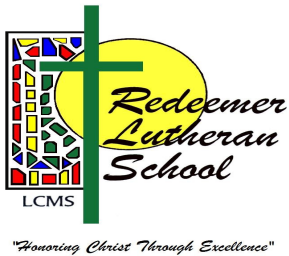
Easter Sunday, Apr. 8 10:45 am

“The Path of Life” ”

The Lenten Dinners are held each Wednesday at
6:00 pm. Each dinner will be hosted as follows:

March 7 - LWML, (Linda Sprouse);
March 14 - Deacons, (Charlie Buttgerit);
March 21 - Youth, (John Driscoll);
March 28 - Sr. Choir (Pat Ruppel).





"Honoring Christ Through Excellence"

**Saved by Grace
Sent to Serve**

Redeemer Lutheran School is buzzing with excitement as we enroll new students. Our open houses every Thursday in February have been a success and we look forward to the chance to reach more families with the Gospel. We praise God every day for His many wonderful blessings and the opportunities He has given us to teach children about what He has done for us through the life, death and resurrection of our Savior.

The student council hosted our first dance-a-thon on Friday, Feb. 3, to raise money to provide medical treatment to third world countries through Global Links. The 70's theme was a hit and all had a wonderful time in Christian fellowship. Jeanna Lucianna, Abigail Hanley and Carmella Williams led us in doing the Electric Slide and the Hustle while student council president, Josh Hanley, was the D.J.

Everyone dressed for this 'blast from the past' including Pastor and Deaconess Naumann.

Our 4 year old preschool students were given the opportunity to experience "big school" at "K for a Day." Parents and students rode a school bus from the Oakmont campus to the Penn Hills campus where students participated in Bible time, math, reading, gym, music and art, then enjoyed a snack before heading back to the Oakmont campus. Parents were given the opportunity to talk to the principal and ask questions about curriculum and enrollment.

Lutheran Schools week is fast approaching. Along with celebrating the great benefits and opportunities our school offers, our most important mission is to share the Gospel. We will join Lutheran schools all over the country on a virtual mission trip to Paraguay via the Internet and Lutheran Hour Ministries. Our school took part in a pilot program in the fall, and the students became instantly engaged in the project. Through real-time interactions, our

students will meet the people of Paraguay and learn of their culture. Offerings will be collected throughout the month of March to support the Lutheran Hour's work in that country. RLS is now accepting applications for PreK - 10th grade for the 2012-13 school year. If you or someone you know is interested in visiting our school, please contact Darlene Reeves via email at dreeves@redeemer-oakmont.org or by phone at 412-793-5884.

RLS is hosting an OPEN HOUSE at the Penn Hills Campus on Tuesday, March 20 from 6:30 – 8:00pm. Everyone is welcome!

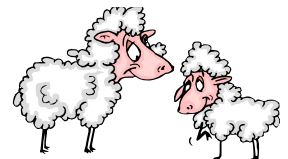
LUTHERAN SCHOOL SUNDAY

*Everyone is invited and encouraged to come and share in the celebration of **Lutheran School Sunday on March 11, 2011**. We especially ask that all Pen-pals be present to greet your "Little Lambs" and their parents. Lambs and pen-pals will have their picture taken together and there will be a luncheon following the service, provided by the school. **It is encouraged that you try to sit with your Lamb during the luncheon, or at least close by if you have more than one Lamb. If you are unable to attend, please contact Eunice Meier, so that we may have a substitute present on your behalf. Please mark your calendar and watch for more details to follow in the church bulletins.***

Woman to Woman

The dates and topics for *Woman to Woman* in March are as follows:

Wednesdays, 9–10:15 a.m.



Held in Conference room, Redeemer School, Penn Hills campus

March 7, 14, 21, 28 - Old Testament readings

Thursdays, 7–8:30 p.m.

Held at Naumann residence (782 15th St., Oakmont)

March 1 – No WtW session

March 8 – Social consciousness and the world

March 15 – No WtW session

March 22 – Balancing vocations as Christian women

March 29 – Holy Communion: a challenge to human reason

Fridays, 9–10:30 a.m. AND 12:45-2:15 p.m.

Held in Conference room, Redeemer School, Penn Hills campus

March 2 – No WtW sessions

March 9 – Social consciousness and the world

March 16 – No WtW sessions

March 23 – Balancing vocations as Christian women

March 30 – Holy Communion: a challenge to human reason

Schambers regarding the waiting list if interested); however, there is room for YOU at the April 20-22 at Park Inn by Radisson-Sharon in West Middlesex, PA. This popular facility boasts a tropical atrium with king beds and in-room hot tubs in all the rooms and is located just an hour north of Pittsburgh. What better way for you and your spouse to spend a weekend than escaping all the daily pressures and responsibilities to search out and discover an even warmer, closer, more joyful marital relationship! **Weekends are for ALL married couples and** run from Friday at 8 PM to Sunday at 5 PM. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included. If the spring weekends don't fit into your schedule, you may also register for one of the fall Weekends which are: **September 14-16 at Olmsted Mansion and Retreat Center, Ludlow, PA -- 20 miles southeast of Warren, PA; or October 19-21 at The Mountain Laurel Resort, White Haven, PA -- just off Interstate 80, two hours north of Philadelphia.** There is a \$45 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend, you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of the program. Register now to avoid being disappointed--simply go to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and sign up. For questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact PA Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166.

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:



Time is running out to sign up for your spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. The March Weekend in State College has filled (contact