

THE REDEEMER REPORTER

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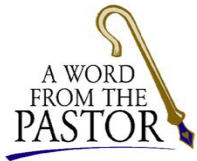
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Dear Fellow Redeemed,

Redeemer's next movie event will take place on Sunday, January 28, starting at 2:30 p.m. The movie that will be shown is "I Am Not Ashamed."

The movie is based on the true story of Columbine High School student Rachel Joy Scott who grew up knowing the love of God but wasn't always ready to receive it. At times her faith is strong, but at other times, she finds that it's at odds with her daily life. After a difficult breakup with her non-believing boyfriend, Rachel finds inspiration from a formerly homeless teen and her renewed commitment to Christ plays out powerfully at her high school and around the world.

The title of the movie comes from Romans 1:16 where the Apostle Paul writes, "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jews first and also to the Greek."

The decisions we make may not be as dramatic as the decision that Rachel Scott had to make when she faced the Columbine killers, yet, when it comes down to it, they are the same basic decisions. Will we choose to honor Christ or take the easy way of the world?

To watch a preview of the movie go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bdDHhZCH-E8>.

Be sure to join us for our next movie event on January 28 at 2:30 p.m. and bring a friend.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Pastor Griebel

UNDECORATE THE CHURCH The Christmas decorations will be taken down and stored away on Saturday, January 6, 2018, starting at 9:00 a.m. Hope you can help!

HELP WANTED One or more people are needed to help with counting, recording and depositing of the weekly offerings. If you would like to help, please see Steve Frodl or Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

Education Hour from 10:15 to 11:15 with classes for all ages from 3 to 103. Sunday School are classes held in Room 113 and our adult class meets in Room 115.

Wednesday Morning from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. This class meets in Room 109.

AUTOMATIC DOORS DOOR OFFERING A special door offering will be held on Sunday, January 21, to help pay for the new automatic doors that have been installed at the southwest entrance of the building Thank you for helping with this important project.

REDEEMER ON THE INTERNET AND AIRWAVES Our services can be seen anytime on the internet. Simply go to <http://www.owatonnalive.com/Church-services.html> and click on the picture of Redeemer.

Both Spectrum and Jaguar broadcast our services each Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. & Friday at 3:30 p.m. Spectrum is channel 181 and Jaguar is channel 900.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES - are available to be picked up at the table in the narthex. Thank you for your generous support of the Lord's work at Redeemer. God bless you in the New Year!

PORTALS OF PRAYER for the months of January to March are available on the register stand in the narthex. Pick one up for yourself and one to share.

TUESDAY STUDY called, "The Many Wonders of Heaven" meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in Room 115.

FOOD SHELF DRIVE- The Altar Guild would like to thank everyone who supported our Food Shelf Drive. We collected 250 pounds and \$201.00 in cash. Also, this year Thrivent again helped with \$263.12 donation which turned into 88 milk coupons. Thanks again to all and to Thrivent for their generous support.

CPR/AED CLASS VOUCHER We still have 2 vouchers for certified CPR/AED training. If interested, please contact the church office.

FROM THE GLOSSARY Have you ever looked at a portion of the liturgy and wondered why is that in there? On pages xxiv-xxv of our hymnal there is a glossary of unfamiliar terms that are used in the hymnal. This month we start a series focusing on some of these terms.

Absolution –Announcement of the forgiveness of ours sins following the confession of sins (See I John 1:8-9 & John 20 22-23)

Ordinary – The parts of the service that remain the same from week to week.

DARTBALL Plain and simple, our dartball team needs help. We have lost some valuable players and we have not claimed the traveling trophy in far too long. The next darball match will be on Thursday, January 11 in Faribault. Meet in the Social Hall at 6:30 pm to warm up and share rides to the match.

THE LCMS NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING - will be held in Minneapolis July 11-15, 2019. One way to volunteer for this event is to become a Community Life Volunteer a.k.a. Yellow Shirts. They are committed to working long hours and start July 8-15. The application process to be a Yellow Shirt is open now until February 28. Go to www.lcmsgathering.com for more information. There are other opportunities to volunteer as well.

Office Hours:

Mon. – Thurs., 9:00 a.m. to Noon & 1:00–3:00 p.m.

PROVIDING THEIR TIME & TALENTS JANUARY:

LAY MINISTER & READER: Ralph Bos

ORGANISTS: Luke Arndt, Mert Grabau, & Elda Krause

ACOLTYE:

Jan. 14 – Isabelle Schwartz-Woosley

Jan. 28 – Claire Schwartz-Woosley

USHERS: Marvin Worrell, Steve Strusz, Ralland Lurken, Dave Fjordbak, Tanner Strusz

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

As of December 17, 2017

Actual Receipts: \$151,634.80

Budget: \$172,116.33

Over (under) amount: (\$20,481.53)

JANUARY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Iva Dell Armstrong Eugne Blaker

Ralph Bos Blair Berry

Roberta Nelson Ethan Hollingsworth

Eric Bemmels Ruth Koehler

James Bergeman Jennifer Anderson

Lorraine Dostal

NOTE: If you baptismal birthday is not on this list and it should be call the church office and it will be added.

JANUARY VOTERS MEETING – is scheduled for January 28th after the 9:00 a.m. worship service in the Social Hall. On the agenda will be the budget for 2018. Here is a summary of the October meeting.

Attendance - 35

New Voting member: Paul Kujath.

Minutes of the July, 2017 Voter's meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Maynard Maas reported all bills are paid and up to date but he had to take \$3500.00 from the DCE account to get everything paid. Expenses are tracking very well. The utilities bill is a lot lower than recent years. We have taken about \$5000 from the DCE account to cover expenses so far this year.

Executive Director's Report: Steve Schmidt reported that 2016, we got permission to use the DCE money for special needs around the church. Thanks to everyone who helped with the Reformation Event. We had a great turnout. We have been getting some suggestions in the new suggestion box. The suggestions are being given to the appropriate board or group for follow-up.

Steve also talked about, we need more money coming in and he realizes we are an older group, on a fixed income. Money is hard to find.

Board Reports

Lay Ministry: Steve Frodl reported and the voters approved the transfer of John, Therese, and Jason Sittig to Good Shepherd, the release of Burton & Vicki Bemmels to Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Apple Valley and the transfer in of Lloyd and Alice Wobbrock from Peace in Claremont. The Christmas gifts for the shut-ins are ready and we have volunteers to deliver them.

On November 19, we will recognize our volunteers at Redeemer. This year we will recognize the money counters, video tapers and the Altar Guild.

The AED machine broke and DeeAnn Frodl got the problem solved. If anyone wants a list of the church directory of members, please contact the church office.

Christian Education: Steve Schmidt reported that the youth sold 500 boxes of peaches. After the bills were paid the youth put \$3120.00 in the bank. The Youth are having an activity each month.

Evangelism/Fellowship: Ralland Lurken reported that the hayride was a success with 20 plus people at the Frodl's home. On October 22nd, we served the Reformation meal. Everything was great. On November 19th we will serve the volunteer recognition.

Church Properties: Roger Johnson reported that painting the overhangs at church will wait till spring. Motion to install power door openers at the southwest entryway was approved. Some money has already been donated for this, the rest will come from the DCE account. Some of the concrete in front of the church will need to be repaired.

Staff Report: Pastor Brent Klein was re-elected has our Circuit Visitor at the Circuit Forum on Oct. 1. A lay delegate is needed for the District convention in June, 2018. We have Reformation 500 cups for sale, \$5.00 donations. We could also give them to visitors. Our worship services will now be offered on both the Spectrum and Jaguar public access channels.

Committee Reports

Endowment Fund: Steve Frodl reported Endowment fund balance is \$228,202.19. The money is in a variety of deposit and stock accounts through Thrivent and LCEF. Steve explained about how the Endowment Fund works.

Scholarship Committee: Steve Schmidt reported that in the scholarship fund we have \$431.17. Also have \$110.00 through offerings which needs to go to scholarship fund, which be a total of \$541.17.

Revitalization Committee: Jane Dauffenbach reported that the Revitalization team the main focus will be on outreach. The polka service was great. 9 members from Redeemer helped with the "Feed My Starving Children" mobile pack in October which was a great experience. In an hour and half we helped put together 30,000 meals. Would like to do a Movie Night on the last Sunday in Jan.

Old Business If anyone wants to serve on a District board, please let Pastor know.

New Business Motion approved to install 2 crosses, made by Roger Bogen on either side of the altar at the front of the church. Motion approved to take money as a loan from the DCE account to pay off one of our LCEF loans to save on interest costs.

Other Announcements:

Steve Schmidt presented Pastor with Chamber dollars for pastor appreciation month.

