

# THE REDEEMER REPORTER

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*A Congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*

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Dear Fellow Redeemed,

Sunday, June 4, is the day set aside to observe Pentecost, the last major festival of the church year. On this day, the Lord poured out the Holy Spirit on his people and they began speaking in many different languages. Recently, I read a fascinating story about how the Word of God came to be in the Armenian language. Armenia, a former Soviet republic located between Europe and Asia, embraced Christianity enthusiastically about 1600 years ago. It became the first country in the world to adopt Christianity as its official religion.

There was just one problem. The Armenian language was only a spoken language; it had no written form. So a man by the name of Mesrop Mashtots, who was a devout Christian, took upon himself the job of making up an alphabet for the Armenian language so that the Bible could be translated into the Armenian language.

He made the first letter A, which was the first letter in the word Astvats, or God, and the last letter K', which began the word K'ristos, Christ. Then he added 34 more letters to complete his alphabet, which is still in use today.

In 2005 the Armenian people decided to build a memorial to honor Mashtots' work. Large stone carvings of every letter in the Armenian alphabet were made and placed in a park near where Mashtots was buried.

This year we have been talking a lot about the 500-year history of Lutheranism. It's pretty inspiring to be reminded by this story about the Armenian Christians that Christianity itself has been around a lot longer than just 500 years and has devoted followers around the world.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Griebel

**WEAR RED FOR PENTECOST** on Sunday, June 4.

**REVITALIZATION PRAYER VERSE FOR JUNE:**

**Acts 13:38 (NIV)** Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.

**2017 GRADUATE RECOGNITION** On Sunday, June 4, Redeemer will honor Tanner Strusz, Cole Bergeman, Thomas Mensing, Katie Mensing, and Sarah Mensing this year's High School graduates from Redeemer. Tanner is the son of Steve and Kim Strusz, Cole is the son of James & Pamela Bergeman, and Thomas, Sarah, & Katie Mensing are the children of Melissa Meyer and Larry Mensing.



**MIGHTY FORTRESS** is the theme of our Vacation Bible School this year. If you would like to help with teaching, crafts, snacks, games or music please

contact Pastor Griebel or Steve Strusz. The dates for VBS this year are July 17-21 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**RIDE SHARE VOLUNTEERS:** Redeemer is compiling a list driver volunteers. If you would be willing to provide a ride occasionally to and from church for a member or nonmember, please speak with Pastor, Jane Dauffenbach, Steve Schmidt, Marv Worrell or Steve Vannatta. If you know of a member that occasionally needs a ride to church, let us know. We simply ask that you contact the church office by Thursday's noon to allow time to arrange your ride.

**OUTREACH EVENT** Redeemer's Revitalization team is planning a Picnic outreach event for Tuesday evening, June 20 at 6:00 PM. This event will be held at Courtyard Apartments at 422 North Cedar. We are looking for volunteers to assist with grocery shopping, setup, warming hot dogs, serving and cleanup. There will be a signup sheet posted in the Narthex for the next several weeks. Thank you for supporting this event and may God bless Redeemer and this event.

**MITES** We will be sending the next Mites collection into Minnesota South District LWML at the end of June. Save your coins and let the work of God's Kingdom continue growing. If you do not have a "Mites" box please take one from the table in the narthex, fill it with coins and then pour the coins into the big mite box on the table in the narthex. Also, the card cabinet in the Social Hall has a variety of new cards for every occasion. Just added are more Graduation cards. The money from the card sales goes along with our "Mites" collection. Thanks for your support.

**COFFEE CHAT** Once a month during the summer months refreshments will be offered in the narthex following Sunday service. Please take the time to chat with your fellow Redeemer family and guests. The dates for our "Coffee Chats" are June 18<sup>th</sup>, July 30<sup>th</sup>, & August 20<sup>th</sup>.

**COLORADO PEACHES** Prepaid orders for delicious, juicy, tree-ripened Colorado peaches will be received until July 9. Order forms are available on the table in the narthex and the peaches are expected to arrive in early August. Redeemer's Youth having been using the funds raised by the peach sale to enjoy spiritually-uplifting

camping experiences at Camp Omega. A box of approximately 40 peaches costs \$30.00.

**WHY AM I A LUTHERAN?** Why am I a Lutheran is a good question to be asked. Tradition is a strong reason. Having been raised by Lutheran parents, I was baptized in the Lutheran faith, attended Lutheran parochial school for all eight elementary years, and was confirmed Lutheran at the end of those years.

My Lutheran elementary teachers were influential in my decision after high school to attend Concordia Teacher College at Seward, Nebraska. Following graduation from that institution, I taught and was principal for sixteen years in Lutheran Schools. I had married a girl from the Lutheran Church. My father-in-law was a Lutheran pastor for over 60 years.

Stress prompted a change which placed me in the public school systems. There, not to desert my Lutheran Associations, I was able over the next 60 years to serve in the music areas of the Lutheran Church as organist and choir director employing Lutheran-type music in the Lutheran Church.

I believe the Lutheran Church, particularly the Missouri Synod, has the closest interpretation to all of scripture. Is it any wonder why I am a Lutheran? Mert Grabau

#### **ADULT BIBLE CLASSES AT REDEEMER**

**Wednesday Morning** from 9:30 to 10:30. meets in Room 109 and is studying "Jobelation" a side by side study of Job and Revelation.

**Saturday Morning** On the third Saturday of each month the Men's Club meets at 8:00 a.m. at the Whistle Stop Restaurant at Medford Senior Care for breakfast. After breakfast Gene Kispert leads us in a study of the life of Martin Luther. The next Men's Club meeting will be on Saturday, June 20.

**REDEEMER ON THE INTERNET** 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.

**REDEEMER ON THE AIRWAVES** – Charter Cable TV broadcasts our services on Channel 181 each Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. & Friday at 3:30 p.m.

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

#### **Office Hours:**

**Tuesday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon**

#### **PROVIDING THEIR TIME & TALENTS JUNE:**

**LAY MINISTER:** Ralph Bos

**READER:** Steve Schmidt

**ORGANIST:** Janda Pitan

#### **ALTAR GUILD:**

June 4 – 18 – Doreen Bogen & Judy Boe

June 25 – Angie Reynolds & Jane Dauffenbach

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

#### **FINANCIAL STATISTICS**

##### **As of May 14, 2017**

Actual Receipts: \$63,203.25

Budget: \$67,496.60

Over (under) amount: (\$4,293.35)

#### **NEW ADDRESS**

Fred Luedtke - 39 Heritage Dr., Owatonna

#### **JUNE BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS**

Kurt Berndt Ralland Lurken

Arlene Gerlach Bruce Moravec

Merton Grabau Creed Popler

Richard Grunklee Donald Proulx

Robert Grunklee Janice Putnam

Larry Ihrke Dennis Roemhildt

Dwight Kallembach Jonathan Rollins

Kenneth Keiper MaKenzie Schmidt

Jeanette Kispert Darin Stewart

Bonnie Lurken Lacey Wendel

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

#### **THE COOK'S CORNER – BROCCOLI-GRAPE SALAD**

1 Bunch Broccoli, cut up small

1 cup celery, chopped

1 Bunch green onions, chopped

½ lb. bacon, fried & crumbled

1/3 cup toasted, slivered almonds, optional

2 cups green grapes, cut in half

2 cups red grapes, cut in half

#### **DRESSING**

1/3 cup sugar

1 cup mayonnaise (not salad dressing)

1 T. vinegar

Add bacon, dressing mixture & almonds with the other ingredients about 1 to 2 hours before serving.

#### **DAD**

God took the strength of a mountain,

The majesty of a tree,

The warmth of a summer sun,

The calm of a quiet sea,

The generous soul of nature,

The comforting arm of night,

The wisdom of the ages,

The power of the eagle's flight,

The joy of a morning in spring,

The faith of a mustard seed,

The patience of eternity,

The depth of a family need,

Then God combined these qualities, When there was nothing more to add,

He knew his masterpiece was complete,

And so, he called it Dad! --Anonymous

*Happy Father's Day!*

