

# THE REDEEMER REPORTER

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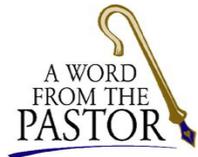
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Dear Fellow Redeemed,

As we get ready to start up our Education Hour and other Bible classes here at Redeemer this fall, I've come up with the top ten reasons, in no particular order, to be involved in regular Bible study.

1. Sometimes a generous person brings treats to munch on during class.
  2. You get to know your fellow class members by name, not just by face.
  3. You find out how much you DON'T know about the Bible.
  4. You find out how much you DO know about the Bible.
  5. You learn how to find passages in the Bible much more quickly, even verses in the really short books of the Bible like Obadiah.
  6. You get more familiar with the special words that are often used in church like "propitiation", "atonement", "justification" and "sanctification."
  7. You'll find out even more clearly how we don't change the Bible but the Bible changes us.
  8. You'll get a better understanding of why there are all the different denominations in the Christian church.
  9. People will be impressed by how well-used your Bible is.
  10. And finally, There are no tests!
- See below for a list of Redeemer's Christian education offerings that are starting up in September.
- Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Pastor Griebel

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE CLASSES**

**Education Hour** will resume at Redeemer on Sunday, September 10 at 10:15 a.m. with classes for all ages from 3 to 103. Sunday School classes will be held in Room 113 and will start the year with stories about God working through the kings and prophets of the Old Testament. Please call the church office to register students for Sunday School.

Our adult class meets in Room 115 and will start the year with a video-based study of the life of Martin Luther.

**Wednesday Morning** – from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. This class will resume on September 13<sup>th</sup> and meets in Room 109. They will be continuing a study called "Jobelation" a side by side look of the books of Job and Revelation.

**Saturday Morning** On the third Saturday of each month the Men's Club meets at the Wistle 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 Sat., September 16.

**POLKA SERVICE** This year's polka service will be held on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Local entertainer, Luverne Wanous will be here to accompany our singing. The songs we sing will have Christian words and polka-style music. So gather all your polka-loving friends together and join us for this special service. Light refreshments will be served in the social hall after the service.

## **WHY AM I A LUTHERAN?** By Irma Grabau

I would like to tell you about my life as a Missouri Synod Lutheran.

My dad, being a pastor in a Missouri Synod Lutheran church in Detroit, Michigan, meant I was born and raised in a parsonage. It was so convenient to attend Bethel Lutheran School right next door for all eight grades of my elementary education, having catechism and Bible History time every day. I was confirmed in the true teachings of the Lutheran church at the age of 12.

I attended Detroit Lutheran High School on the west side of Detroit for my freshman year of high school. Living on the east side of Detroit, I had to take two buses and one street car back and forth every day. This was not too enjoyable because it often meant traveling when it was almost dark in the wintertime.

I would miss the religion classes we had every day but decided to go to the commercial high school which was much closer, for shorthand, bookkeeping, and typing. The day after graduation I went to work for Blue Cross Blue Shield, Veteran's Department.

Through the years of high school and employment I remained firm in my faith and teachings of our Lutheran church. I attended the young people's group called Walther League twice a month. I also taught Sunday School, and was a member of the junior and senior choirs.

After being employed for three years, I married a Lutheran parochial teacher, Mert Grabau, moving from the city of Detroit, Michigan to Hampton, Nebraska, a town with 310 people. Needless to say, that was different.

While living in Hampton for eight years, I taught Sunday School, sang in the choir and was a member of three ladies' organizations, Ladies Aid, Circles, and Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Always at these meetings hearing the pastor lead us in devotions and different topics.

After living in Greeley, Colorado for eight years and moving to Owatonna in 1967, I feel my faith is as strong as it was at confirmation, having memorized almost the entire Small Catechism, with few Bible passages omitted. We continue now to have our family and private devotions daily. My email messages always end with my confirmation verse: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and

His righteousness; all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33. I pray the good Lord may someday say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant – enter into the joy of the Lord." (Matthew 25:21)

**ADULT CHOIR REHEARSALS** will resume on Tuesday, September 12 at 5:30 p.m. Our choir is planning a number of special events this year including leading the polka service at Redeemer in September, singing with a mass choir for the Reformation Event in St. Paul in October and Christmas caroling for our shut-ins again in December. New choir members are always welcome.

**ALTAR GUILD ANNUAL MEETING** The annual planning meeting of the Altar Guild will be held on Tuesday, September 12, at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome.

**SAVE THE DATES** Concordia University, St. Paul is hosting a full slate of Reformation events the weekend of October 27-29 to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. The weekend will culminate in *Reformation 500* a worship celebration featuring massed choirs and Rev. Matthew Harrison, president of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, as the preacher.

Redeemer will host its own Reformation celebration on Sunday, October 22. After the 9:00 a.m. worship service there will be a program and dinner in the Social Hall. Keep watching the bulletin and newsletter for more info.

**MISSIONARY UPDATE** At our July voters meeting we voted to use some of the proceeds from Redeemer's Endowment Fund to support the mission work of our Synod in Spain. Here is an update from Pastor Adam Lehman, one of two LCMS missionaries in Spain. Greetings in the Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! We have some very exciting news to share regarding the building that we have been preparing for use in Sevilla! All renovations to the building have been completed, and all requirements necessary for licensing and public gathering have been met! The Congregation of San Pablo has begun the process of furnishing and preparing the inside of the building for worship. Rejoice with us! We will be gathering in our own church home for Services very soon!

**LWML (LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION)** – sharing Christ's Love, Faithful Service, Prayerful Giving 75 years and counting. Latest Mites collection sent to LWML Minnesota South District with a percentage going to National projects.

The recent coins gathered were from your individual Mite Box collection, purchase of all occasion cards found in the Social Hall cabinet, and monies from the purchase of the Easter "Lucky Chickens."

Your coins can do marvelous things. Please continue to fill your boxes. If you don't have a Mite box there are some ready in the Narthex waiting to be taken home and filled. The next send in will be early October. We continue to promote the mission of the LWML through our Mites.

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

**Office Hours:**  
**Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon & 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

**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.

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

**LAY MINISTER:** Vaughn Kispert

**READER:** Steve Strusz

**ORGANIST:** Janda Pitan

**ALTAR GUILD:**  
Sept. 3 & 10 – Wilma Halbe & Vickie Vannatta

**USHERS:** Steve Schmidt, Tom Brage, Richard Grunklee, Jeff Dauffenbach

#### **FINANCIAL STATISTICS**

**As of August 20, 2017**

Actual Receipts: \$102,938.74

Budget: \$114,744.22

Over (under) amount: (\$11,805.38)

#### **DEATH:**

Angela J Reynolds 10-9-1965 to 7-8-2017

#### **SEPTEMBER BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS**

Evelyn Bernet	Randy Marik
Jayce Bogen	Renee Moravec
Kyle Burns	Lynnette Prange
Mason Coleman	Sandra Rieser
Cameron Cook	Violet Roemhildt
Ashley Coulombe	Michael Rollins
Sharon Felstead	Bradley Schiltz
Sylvan Jacobson	Jason Sittig
Jaxon Litke	Cohen Stursa
Scarlett Litke	James Ulrich
Laura Marik	

**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 – CARROT BARS**

2 cups flour	2 cups sugar
1 ½ tsp cinnamon	2 tsp. soda
2 tsp. vanilla	2 jars (7 1.5 oz) carrot baby food
4 eggs	1 ¼ c Mazola oil

Spread on large cookie sheet – greased  
Bake 30 minutes at 350 degree

#### **ICING**

2 cups powder sugar	¼ cup soft butter
6 oz. Philadelphia Cream Cheese – soft	
1 tsp. vanilla	

Beat until creamy! Enjoy!

*Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves for they shall never cease to be amused.*



