



Redeemer Lutheran Church
and 3K/4K Preschool

March 2012

A word from Pastor DeArmond

Why do we shake hands at the beginning of worship? Is it to just wish the person sitting close to us a good morning or asking them if they enjoyed their vacation? Believe it or not this shaking of hands or the “sharing of the peace” as we call it is a very Biblical thing and something the Church has done from almost the very beginning. The “sharing of the peace” is a modern application of the ancient custom known as the “kiss of peace” (Rom. 16:16). Although some perhaps see this as a mere token of friendship and friendliness, its historic meaning could be understood, taught, and received for great blessing in the church. As practiced in the ancient church, the “kiss of peace” was a “mutual greeting of the faithful during worship, as a sign of their love and union. It is first mentioned by St. Justin Martyr in the 2nd century and is probably a usage of the later New Testament period (Rom. 16:16, 1 Pet. 5:14, etc.). Those who were to commune together first showed a sign of their mutual faith, love, forgiveness, and unity. The teaching value of this ancient custom, given our current setting where Christians often see themselves as “free-standing individuals,” is evident. When individual communicants approach the Lord’s Supper, it is not only a matter between themselves and their Lord. Rather, the relationship of love and unity with the fellow communicant is equally in view and must also be preserved with equal dedication. Understood properly, the unity that is expressed is not mere friendship or even love, but a spiritual unity based on a common faith and confession. We are a family. The “sharing of the peace” is another way of showing our caring for one another and our mutual love and devotion for our Savior who died for the sins of the entire world.

Activities at Redeemer

Easter Egg Hunt

Come get ready for the Resurrection of Jesus as we will have an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31st at 10:00 A.M. here at church. Along with the hunt we will have some crafts, a snack, and other fun things. Let's have some fun as we get ready to celebrate the greatest thing that Jesus did for each one of us!



Family Worship

The last time we met we heard about Jonah, a man who didn't listen to God and fell off a boat. This time, we will hear about a man who did listen to God and stayed on the boat! Please join us at 9:00 A.M. on Sunday, March 11th, during the Sunday School time, for Family Worship. This a more casual worship time geared for families. Everyone is invited, so parents please come with your children to have some fun and hear God's Word!

VBS

It may seem hard to believe, but summer will be here before we know it and it is time to think about Vacation Bible School. This year VBS will be a little different. VBS will be the last week in June beginning on **Sunday**, June 24th and ending on **Thursday**, June 28th. Also, VBS will begin at 4:00 in the afternoon and go until 6:30 in the evening. We are making some of these changes so that the Youth visiting us from Hong Kong this summer can participate and help with our VBS. This will be a great and unique opportunity for everyone involved and most importantly we will have a lot of fun as we learn more about God! Please prayerfully consider how you may want to be involved and help with Redeemer's VBS this year. There will be many more details in the weeks and months to come.

INTERESTED GOLFERS

Fun and fellowship for those that would like to go golfing! This could be a single event, weekly event, or a monthly event depending on if there is enough interest.

Your feedback is needed!

E-mail Dick Orth at orty60@yahoo.com -
or call (920)682-9153





LWML

-Next Meeting will be March 13 10-2pm
-April 24th at 6:15pm Spring Rally at Good Shepard in Two Rivers.
-June 22&23 South Wisconsin District Convention at Concordia College in Mequon, WI.
We are still collecting stamps for missions. If you have postage stamps you may put them in the stamp basket at church.

Watch for information on an evening LWML Meeting.
This will be starting sometime in March.

Women in ministry at Redeemer.

It's time to join our women together, young and old, as we pray together, celebrate together, and reach out with the Word of God to the needy and those that do not know Christ. All women of the LCMS are considered members of the LWML, Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Together, through their mite boxes, these ladies have set a goal of raising over \$1.8 million during the 2010-2012 biennium. All of the funds go to aid mission projects within our state, nationally and around the world. Additionally, on the local and state level, many other activities help them build their faith and help them reach out to the needy.

We are planning on an evening meeting on Tuesday, March 13 at 7 pm. We already have a small group of LWML ladies that meet on Tuesdays during the day to make quilts and have Bible studies. They are always open to anyone that wants to join them. The evening meeting time is to start a different circle within our congregation that will include those that are only able to come in the evenings. Some of the projects women can be involved in include Bible studies, crafts, raising funds for missions, sewing projects, women's retreats and many more.

At this first meeting we will discuss things such as if we want to meet monthly, what types of service projects we would like to do, and learn about some of the many resources the LWML has available.

LWML Retreat



Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Matthew 6:33-34

Thailand Mission Update

Thanks to our partnership with the Thailand Concordia Lutheran Church for the first time the students will have the opportunity to be part of a youth conference in Chiang Mai. LWML generously gave the money needed for the students to attend this first annual youth conference which is being held this month. Being connected with other Christian youth is a big step forward especially in a country that is less than 1% Christian.

March is also the end of the school year for the students. Two students, **Ntxoo Thao and Hli Lee** are graduating this year. They will have a year-end graduation party.

We will again be raising support for the students for next year. The Thailand Mission committee limited the number of students that we will support to twelve this next year. However, food costs have increased in Thailand by about 50 cents per day. While visiting Nan, Thailand last November I found that the student's parents also supply much of the rice and other staples that they raise on their farms in the mountains. The students also help keep expenses reasonable by preparing most of their own meals in the boarding house. Redeemer's support costs for the students this year is \$65 per month averaged over 12 months. This amount includes tuition, books, rent and utilities of the boarding house, and food. A display board with a goal of at least \$9360 should be set up at church by the time you read this. Individuals and church groups are encouraged to support our Thailand Mission outreach in Nan. As in past years donations may be made monthly or in a way that is convenient for you. We thank you for your support of this project.



Join Us

Saturday April 28 from 9-2pm

Evangelism Training event called: Equipping to Share: Everyday Evangelism

Learn to overcome fear and to effectively share your faith through
three relationship models.

Lunch will be served. Cost : \$5.00

Contact: Bill Hilgendorf at 629-1520 or Nicole Densow:at 684-3989

Preschool News:

What is faith in the vision and thoughts of a child?

I believe it is like a tree outside; they are always reaching for the sky. It is like a story from the Bible: It teaches me the stories, and then I teach others when I go home. My faith is like a plant, it grows! It is like my house, the wind can't blow it over, and it stands strong. My faith knows that Jesus is my friend and that he is always with me. Through the eyes of children we do see God's blessings. "Blessed are the people who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, O Lord" The children will tell friends and families about their Savior and share their faith in a wonderful way.

National Lutheran School Week will be held March 4-10th. The theme is "Securing each Child's Future- Equipped. Redeemer Lutheran Church is blessed with the mission work of our school. We have educated over 1,580 children since 1987. Please stop in and see our preschool room this week and talk to the teachers, Mrs. Schneider, Jerri Rathjen and Mary Orth.

Easter egg Hunt: The children Ministry Team and Preschool are inviting families to come to the Easter Egg Hunt.

Spring Plant Sale: Watch for more information on our annual Spring Flower Sale. The plant sale will offer an assortment of plants available. The plant sale help offset some of the preschool expenses. We appreciate your support.

Events that are happening in March:

Parent Conferences are Feb. 27-March 2 educating parents the development of their child socially, emotionally, physically, intellectually, and spiritually.

We will have a Green Day, for St. Patricks, and of course spring is around the corner so we will be watching for new beginning of life. We will be waiting to hear about our Savior who died on the cross for our sins as lent begin.

Did you know that our Preschool is on the billboard near Wal-Mart? Stop and take a look. If you would like to donate money to offset the cost mark an envelope "Preschool Billboard" and place in the offer plate.

Thank you to Barbara Eckelberg for donating money to get our billboard started.



Hmong Ministry News

Our local Hmong are trying to be involved in the joint worship services and other activities at Redeemer. However, language is still a problem for the older Hmong generation. The children understand English but it is still hard for them to be involved because the parents do not understand.

Pastor Her is helping to communicate to the elders Hmong to understand activities in the church but it is still hard for the elders to comprehend of the communication with the Anglo. Announcement was done every Sunday to let the Hmong people know what is going on at Redeemer. After pastor Dan McMiller came to talk to the Hmong people and Redeemer congregation. The Hmong were concerned of what to do to help the Hmong ministry in join the Anglo service and activities.

The Multicultural symposium I attended at the end of January was very helpful for me as I learned more about ethnic minority in LCMS ministries. A special thanks to Redeemer for helping me go to the symposium. I hope that in the future more people from Redeemer go to future ethnic symposiums. There was a report done on minority groups in LCMS stating that minorities only make up 5% of the church. This means we have a long way to go as we seek to do God's mission in this country to all ethnic groups.

Matthew 28:18-20 ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Acts 1:8 8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

The Thailand Hmong people are very happy that Redeemer congregation to help and support the Hmong ministry and Thailand mission project. The Thailand project reported to me that the student's last day will be March 10. There are 2 students that will be graduate from school and leaving our project next year. One-hundred and fifty dollars will be sent to Xiong to provide a graduation party and good bye party at school's end. Preecha is planning to visit the project before the students leave for summer vacation. He will pray for them and continue to get to know the students' families for future ministry. If anyone wants to know more about Redeemer's Thailand Mission Project you are welcome to stop by talk to me at Redeemer.

Please continue to pray for Redeemer's local Hmong ministry and Redeemer's Thailand Mission Project. Thank you.

Her

Rev. Faivneng

New Member Workshop

Is scheduled for March 10th from 9-12p.m.

This workshop is open to everyone!

If you are interested please contact Nicole Densow

Breakfast at Applebee's???



*Come join us at Applebee's,
and be served by Redeemer's Executive Board.
Breakfast consists of pancakes and sausages.
Proceeds to benefit Hope House.*

When: Saturday March 24th, 2012

Where: Applebee's – Manitowoc

Time: 8:00 to 10:00 am

Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available following church services or in the church office.

Hope House serves homeless families, couples without children, and single women who are willing to follow program guidelines to lead them back to self-sufficiency.



Hope to see you there!



The Circle of Love Community Missions group is going well. We have been collecting items for Peter's Pantry since February 4th and the collection date ends February 22. Our work day at Peter's Pantry is planned for February 25th. We have 12 people signed up to help paint and stock the shelves. Items can be dropped off at church as late as February 22nd.

Thank you to all of you who participated in this servant event!

The group has been busy with this event and also planning several others later this year. Just a **reminder:** for you sale shoppers... our August service event will involve collecting coats, hats, scarves, gloves and mittens, in addition to working the distribution event. We are reminding you now to give you the opportunity to take advantage of the winter clearance sales. Or if you enjoy knitting or crocheting hats, scarves, gloves and mittens that is appreciated as well.

How to find out what the group is up to: You can find out what the group is doing by checking the new bulletin board by the church entrance, the web page or watch the bulletin for announcements.

The group will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. Anyone is welcome to drop in at a meeting to help plan or just see what is going on.

Didn't have an opportunity to serve on this event, or attend a meeting? You say you only have a few hours to help and you don't think that can make a difference? Well you can make a difference! We have several servant activities in the works at the time of this newsletter for more information read on...

Upcoming events

The Salvation Army Coats for Kids and the Kan Cool for School program are in need of winter items for the August clothing drive. These items will be distributed to needy families in Manitowoc County in August. Handmade items or store bought are greatly appreciated.

In the spring – Gardeners needed

We are looking for volunteers to help start a community garden.

Option one a garden behind church – vegetables go to local food pantries

Option two help tend the garden at **Painting Pathways** – vegetables benefit the clients

In April – Volunteers needed

Volunteers to help clean at **Hope House** April 14th 9-12

Volunteers to prepare and serve a meal at **Hope House** April 13th

In June – Volunteers needed

Volunteers to serve an evening meal at the **Salvation Army** Community Meal 5:15 to 7:30

Volunteers to serve meals from **Salvation Army's** Canteen for school children 10AM-2PM

In August– Volunteers needed

Kan Cool for School Program needs many volunteers (200)

Help sorting and counting supplies and clothes Friday August 3rd

Help setting up event Friday August 17th

Personal shoppers for the Kan Cool for School program Saturday August 18th

Don't see anything that interests you, bring your suggestions to the next meeting or give us a call.

Keep watching for news on upcoming events. The next meeting is scheduled for **February 28th, at 7 pm**, looking forward to seeing you there. The regular meeting times will be the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7 P.M.

Call Karen Beke (682-1785) or Jennifer Kolonich (629-2335) for more information.

Read Through the Bible in One Year!

<i>Day</i>	<i>Old</i>	<i>Wisdom New</i>	<i>Family</i>
<i>March 1</i>	<i>Lev 18-19</i>	<i>Psalm 46-48</i>	<i>Psalm 46</i>
<i>March 2</i>	<i>Lev 20-21</i>	<i>Psalm 49-50</i>	<i>Psalm 50</i>
<i>March 3</i>	<i>Lev 22-23</i>	<i>Psalm 51-54</i>	<i>Psalm 51</i>
<i>March 5</i>	<i>Lev 24-25</i>	<i>Psalm 55-58</i>	<i>Psalm 56</i>
<i>March 6</i>	<i>Lev 26</i>	<i>Psalm 59-60</i>	<i>Psalm 26</i>
<i>March 7</i>	<i>Lev 27-Num. 1</i>	<i>Psalm 61-63</i>	<i>Psalm 63</i>
<i>March 8</i>	<i>Num. 2-3</i>	<i>Psalm 64-65</i>	<i>Psalm 65</i>
<i>March 9</i>	<i>Num. 4</i>	<i>Psalm 66-67</i>	<i>Psalm 66</i>
<i>March 10</i>	<i>Num. 5-6</i>	<i>Psalm 68</i>	<i>Num. 6</i>
<i>March 12</i>	<i>Num. 7</i>	<i>Psalm 69-70</i>	<i>Psalm 69</i>
<i>March 13</i>	<i>Num. 8-10</i>	<i>Psalm 71</i>	<i>Psalm 71</i>
<i>March 14</i>	<i>Num. 11-12</i>	<i>Psalm 72-73</i>	<i>Num 11</i>
<i>March 15</i>	<i>Num. 13-14</i>	<i>Psalm 74-75</i>	<i>Num 13</i>
<i>March 16</i>	<i>Num. 15-16</i>	<i>Psalm 76-77</i>	<i>Psalm 77</i>
<i>March 17</i>	<i>Num.17-18</i>	<i>Psalm 78</i>	<i>Num.17</i>
<i>March 19</i>	<i>Num.19-20</i>	<i>Psalm 79-80</i>	<i>Num.20</i>
<i>March 20</i>	<i>Num.21-22</i>	<i>Psalm 81-83</i>	<i>Num. 22</i>
<i>March 21</i>	<i>Num.23-24</i>	<i>Psalm 84-86</i>	<i>Psalm 86</i>
<i>March 22</i>	<i>Num.25-26</i>	<i>Psalm 87-88</i>	<i>Psalm 88</i>
<i>March 23</i>	<i>Num.27-29</i>	<i>Psalm 89</i>	<i>Num. 28</i>
<i>March 24</i>	<i>Num. 30-31</i>	<i>Psalm 90</i>	<i>Num. 31</i>
<i>March 26</i>	<i>Num. 32-33</i>	<i>Psalm 91-93</i>	<i>Psalm 91</i>
<i>March 27</i>	<i>Num. 34-35</i>	<i>Psalm 94-97</i>	<i>Psalm 96</i>
<i>March 28</i>	<i>Num. 36 Deu.1</i>	<i>Psalm 98-101</i>	<i>Deu. 1</i>
<i>March 29</i>	<i>Deu. 2-3</i>	<i>Psalm 102-103</i>	<i>Deu. 2</i>
<i>March 30</i>	<i>Deu. 4</i>	<i>Psalm 104</i>	<i>Psalm 104</i>
<i>March 31</i>	<i>Deu.5-7</i>	<i>Psalm 105</i>	<i>Deu. 6</i>

