



Redeemer Lutheran Church

3K / 4K Preschool

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December 2011 Newsletter



From Pastor DeArmond...

One of the more famous speeches given in American history was during World War II by General Douglas MacArthur in 1942. As MacArthur and his staff was forced to flee the Philippines he was quoted as saying "I shall return." This was a very big promise and one MacArthur wanted to keep as the Philippines were a crucial nation during the war. As many of you may know two years later MacArthur stepped off of a landing craft, trudged through the ocean waters, and once again stepped foot on the shores of the Philippines. The promise was kept.

As we begin a new calendar year we might begin to make some promises. Perhaps this will be the year that we get to the gym. This will be the year that I finally paint the house. This will be the year that I finally get serious about saving money. This will be the year I quit smoking. This will be the year _____. We have all done this. We want to change or improve something about ourselves and we make that promise to ourselves or maybe even to someone else. Sometimes we do fulfill that promise or work on those tasks and goals we have set for ourselves. Often times though we have broken that promise before the calendar even says February.

We as Christians are no different about promises. We actually make a lot of promises within a church before God, to ourselves, and to others. We make promises, or have them made for us, at our baptisms. We reiterate those promises in our Confirmation that this is our faith and we want to be part of the life of the Church. We even make promises in our marriage vows, as well, not only to our spouse, but to God as well. The problem is we can't all be like General MacArthur. We tend to break those promises when church, our spouse, or our family becomes something that we give our full attention to only when it is convenient for us.

The good news is that we have a compassionate God who never breaks his promises. Even when Israel rejected God and were taken into captivity God kept his promise to never abandon them and he restored his people. When Adam and Eve sinned in the garden God still showed compassion by promising them a Savior who would restore creation. That promise of course was seen in the person of Jesus Christ.

We all struggle with promises. In this New Year let us place our focus on our God and all of the many blessings he has given to each of us. When we falter though we can take comfort that we have a God who loves us, keeps his promises, and never turns his back on us!

Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise that he made to us--eternal life. I John 2:24-25

Blessing in the New Year,
Pastor DeArmond

Youth

Will it ever snow?!?!? The safe bet would be yes, but until then we have to wait. Be on the lookout in January for a tubing trip up to Kewaunee. When we finally start to see the white stuff on the ground we will get a date out ASAP.

Family Worship

Family Worship will take place on Sunday, January 8, 2012 at 9:00 A.M. in place of regular Sunday School. Make sure to be there to hear about a boat trip that didn't go as planned. You will be "swallowed up" in the excitement.

A sincere thank-you to those who were able to contribute donations to the Christmas giving tree. Redeemer was able to help with Christmas gifts for 2 area families in need and donate much needed baby supplies to The Crossing. The response was truly heart warming.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN 3K AND 4K PRESCHOOL

Good News: Redeemer Lutheran 3K&4K preschool is approaching 25 years of service in Manitowoc Country in 2012-13 school years. The good news is that we are thrilled that the congregation and the community value the preschool at Redeemer. God's Word has power to touch our hearts and families to create and sustain a faithful preschool.

We are accepting registration for our fall 2012-13 school years. If you know of a family or a parent that is interested in sending their child to a preschool, have them contact the office or Mary Orth. At preschool@redeermanty.com. What a gift that keeps giving.

Purpose Statement: Redeemer Lutheran Church, Manitowoc has always had strong commitment to equipping the saints in Christian living and to spread the Gospel throughout the community. The Christian preschool provides an excellent opportunity for extending both these opportunity for extending both these objective to a very select age group. By God's grace young children will have their faith in Jesus nourished through the activities offered by Redeemer Lutheran 3K&4K preschool.



WINTER FEST

Join us for Winter Fest on Sunday, January 8
From noon to 2:00.

We will have a hot dog lunch followed
by outdoor games and activities
(Providing we have snow).

Then come inside and warm up with some hot chocolate.

If you're not a big fan of winter weather,
stay inside where it's warm and play board games.



Men's Retreat

The Deadline for signing up for the Men's Retreat to be held at the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc on Feb. 3-5 is fast approaching. The hotel's cutoff date for rooms and food order is Jan. 17th. The theme for this year's retreat is, "Battle Ready." It is based on the book "Battle Ready" and follows the lives of Joshua and Caleb from their slavery in Egypt to overtaking the Promised Land for the children of Israel. Life was hard for both Joshua and Caleb. They faced the crossing of the Red Sea, 40 years of running around a circle, asked to cross a flooded Jordan River, and then conquer a fortified country. Both Joshua and Caleb have much to share with us about struggles we face in our everyday life and help you face the struggles ahead in 2012. This year we also have the honor of having with us Rich Cohrs from the Men's Network of the Lutheran Hour. Besides our regular sectionals Rich will help congregations start or expand a men's ministry. Any questions about the retreat call Jim at 414-462-5871

Young Women's Retreat-Hooray Hooray! The 24th Annual LWML Young women's Retreat is around the corner! Come and join us for a rewarding event on February 3&4, 2012! It is always a time of spiritual renewal for all who attend. 1 John 4:19 **"We love because He first loved us"** Look for the poster in the narthex. Please contact your LWML board for more information. **
Registration deadline is January 14, 2012**

LWML News

Our next meeting will be on January 10, 2012 from 10:00a.m. - 2:00p.m. South Wisconsin District Convention will be held on June 22 & 23 in Mequon see the bulletin board in the Narthex for more information. Annual Spring Rally will be held on April 24 at 6:15p.m. at Good Sheppard in Two Rivers. Stamps for missions have turned in 1367.25 this was sent to Lutheran Bible Translation. As always we welcome anyone who is interested in helping tie quilts for World Relief to join us.

The Paschal (Christ) Candle

There is a new addition to our sanctuary, the Paschal (Christ) Candle.

The Paschal (Christ) Candle signifies Jesus Christ as the light of the world, and his presence among us. This candle is lit from Christmas until Epiphany, and the 40 days following Easter. During these seasons, the candle is located close to the altar. After the Easter season, it is placed near the baptismal font.

The Paschal candle lit during services that include the sacrament of baptism to signify the Jesus Christ, the light of the world, entering our hearts at baptism. During the sacrament of baptism a small candle will be lit and presented to the newly-baptized with the words of Jesus, "Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." (Mt. 5:16)

The Paschal candle will also be used for funerals. It will be lit and placed near the casket or remains for worship services surrounding the death of a believer as a sign of the hope of the resurrection into which Christians are baptized.

The Greek letters Α Ω (Alpha & Omega) are imprinted on the candle reminding us of Jesus' words in Revelation 22:13 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

This candle and stand was purchased with the Ethel Glander Memorial Monies.

Hey, Ladies of Redeemer!!

Many of you may be resolving for the New Year to spend more time in study of God's word and prayer. Let us do so together!! Join us Sunday evenings at Jenn's Java for prayer, study of God's word, and fellowship. Come to encourage and be encouraged in your walk with Jesus! Starting up again January 8, 2012 from 6:30-8 p.m., the Women's Small Group at Jenn's Java will be meeting EVERY WEEK. Mark it on your calendars now. We will see you there!! Questions? call Jennifer (629-2335).

Who Am I? What Am I Doing Here?

Have you asked these questions? I know I have!

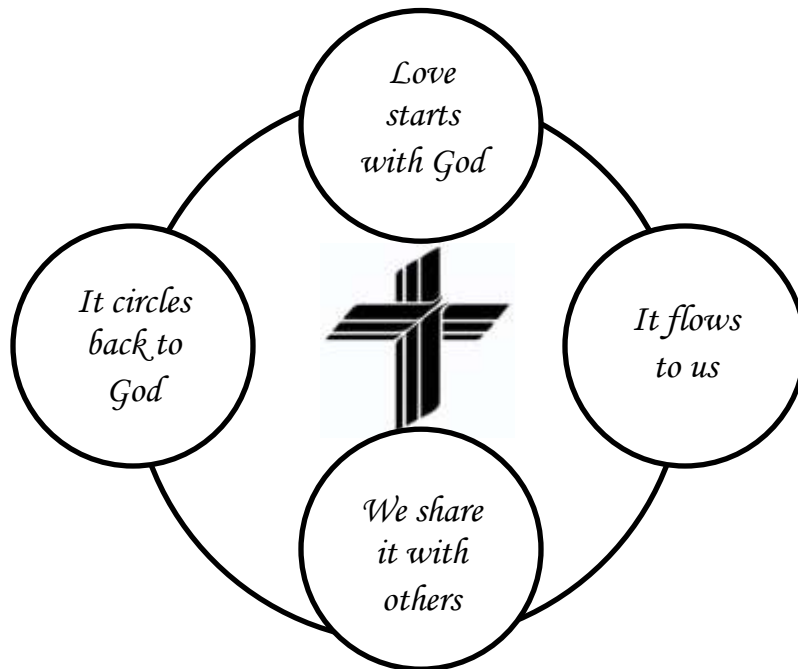
A new **Men's Small Group** is forming, and **I WANT YOU** to be part of it!

When: The First Saturday of every Month

First small group is:

Saturday, January 7, 2012 @ 9:00a

Mission Opportunities Right Here At Home!



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."

Do you have a passion for missions? Do you want to help, but can't go overseas? Do you think there are plenty of mission opportunities in our own backyard? Well, we do too!

A new group is being formed to look at community mission opportunities right here at home. An informational meeting has been planned for Tuesday, January 17th, at 7:00 p.m. at Redeemer. This first meeting will help lay the foundation for the group. We will look at possible mission opportunities, outline the dynamics of the group, etc. The only thing you need to bring is enthusiasm and a passion to do God's work.

Matthew 25:35-36

³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

Everyone can do something to help. God has given **every one of us** unique gifts and talents to serve him. Bring your gifts to the meeting and let's see what God can do when two or more are gathered together in His name.

1 Corinthians 12:21-23 - One Body, Many Parts

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!"

²² On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor.

Remember the mission field is all around us! Call Karen Beke (682-1785) or Jennifer Kolonich (629-2335) for more information.