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Being chosen by God and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, Redeemer Lutheran Church gathers together to worship, serve, and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people, for the purpose of providing meaning and purpose for daily living.

MAY 2012

REDEEMER/BLACK RIVER NEWSLETTER



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MISSION STATEMENT

God's Work Our Hands

The worship times for this summer is as follows:

The last Saturday worship will be May 19th.

Sunday Worship starting May 27 8:45 am BR
10:00 am R

Wednesday Worship starting May 30 7:00 pm R

Communion will be served the first Sunday at Black River and the first and third Sundays at Redeemer. Communion will also be served every Wednesday at Redeemer. This schedule will run through Labor Day.

Sunday School

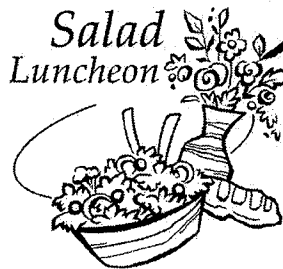
Parents-The last day of Sunday school is August 6.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL
WELCA SALAD LUNCHEON**

MAY 1, 11:00 -1:00 PM

COST \$6

ALL ARE WELCOME, BRING A FRIEND



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*From the
Pastor*



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PASTOR MARK'S MISSIVE

Easter

Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote in "Life Together" about the dangers of the Wish Dream. This is the temptation we have to expect all kinds of perfection of others. We know in our mind how people should behave, we know how churches should act. And, of course, we must be right! Yet, when the community, the church and those around us fail to live up to the Wish Dream (and they will) the disillusionment often leads to conflict. Bonhoeffer reminds us that we are all sinners with darkness dwelling somewhere within. Pretending we have no sin—either individually or communally—is deceptive and untruthful. Instead, Christ is the center of every worshipping community. Christ brings light to the darkness of our secrets and sins.

Therefore, the more honest and open we are, the more healing can abound. True fellowship begins with honesty, confession and forgiveness. The goal of every Christian should be to avoid the inevitable sins that come, even though we know they will come. But the biggest sin is to pretend we have no sin at all.

That is why Christ died on the cross and rose again, to forgive sin. In the gospel of John 20: 24-29 we see Jesus offer Thomas his wounds to touch and see. It should not be lost on us that Jesus was resurrected with his crucifixion marks. The Risen One remains also the Crucified One. His death was not an accident, his resurrection was not a fluke. Rather, Jesus' death is part of who he is and part of our story of healing.

Julian of Norwich, around 1350 AD, experienced sixteen visions. Among the first were visions of Jesus on the cross and his extreme suffering. But later, she saw the Risen Christ filled with such joy and love that she was overwhelmed with peace. Through her conversations with Jesus she was assured that "all will be well."

Healing and transformation always comes from some kind of death. Something fundamental has to give way for us to incorporate a new kind of thing. Jesus' death and resurrection is still a mystery, but we know that to God it is key. Jesus offers to us his wounds to ponder and move toward belief, forgiveness of sin and then peace.

Confirmation

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Summer Worship

At the April joint meeting of the Parish Church Councils, the summer worship was set:
Black River Lutheran will worship at 8:45 am
Redeemer will worship at 10:00 am.
Redeemer will also worship at Wednesday at 7:00 pm. This schedule will be from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend. Thanks be to God, and let us remember:
"To God alone be the glory."

Pastor Mark

PASTOR BEN'S MESSAGE

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Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull. Betrayed by the apostle, Judas, Jesus was crucified by the Romans, by order of the Ruler Pontius Pilate.

The causes of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture and loss of blood.

Jesus Christ, a descendent of Abraham, was a member of the house of David. He was the Son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth, and Mary, His devoted Mother. Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem, Judea. He is survived by His mother, Mary, His faithful Apostles, numerous disciples and many other followers.

Jesus was self-educated and spent most of His adult life working as a teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a medical doctor, and it is reported that He healed many patients. Up until the time of His death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry and helping the poor.

Jesus was most noted for telling parables about His Father's Kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish, and healing a man who was born blind. On the day before His death, He held a Last Supper celebrating the Passover Feast, at which He foretold His death.

The body was quickly buried in a stone grave, which was donated by Joseph of Arimathea, a loyal friend of the family. By order of Pontius Pilate, a boulder was rolled in front of the tomb. Roman soldiers were put on guard.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that everyone try to live as Jesus did. Donations may be sent to anyone in need.

Important Update: Correction - Since the time of the publishing of this obituary, we have had it confirmed by many persons that Jesus has risen from the dead! He is alive and well. He has asked that we continue to help others and to share with them the Good News that Jesus saves from sin!

Pastor Ben

Youth Dinners

Don't feel like cooking? The youth will be serving dinner every other Wednesday before the 7:00 pm service, starting on Wednesday, May 30th. Bring your family for a delicious home cooked meal and stay for worship.

FROM THE PARISH NURSE

This information was taken from the Alzheimer's Association. They can be contacted at 1-877-474-8259 or visit alz.org/10signs.

Your memory often changes as you grow older. But memory loss that disrupts daily life is not a typical part of aging. It may be a symptom of dementia. Dementia is a slow decline in memory, thinking and reasoning skills. The most common form of dementia is Alzheimer's disease, a fatal disorder that results in the loss of brain cells and function. This list can help you recognize the warning signs of Alzheimer's:



1. Memory changes that disrupt daily life
2. Challenges in planning or solving problems
3. Difficulty completing familiar tasks
4. Confusion with time or place
5. Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships
6. New problems with words in speaking or writing
7. Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps
8. Decreased or poor judgment
9. Withdrawal from work or social activities
10. Changes in mood and personality

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It may be hard to know the difference between age-related changes and the first signs of Alzheimer's disease. Ask yourself: Is this something new? For example, if the person was never good at balancing a checkbook, struggling with this task is probably not a warning sign. But if their ability to balance a checkbook has changed a lot, it is something to share with a doctor.

God's Peace, Jane Aandal

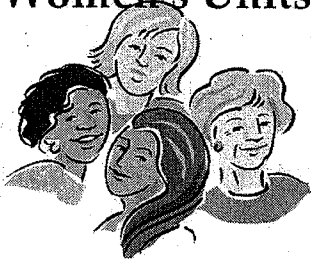
INNKEEPERS

Sign-up sheets for May-June Innkeepers are on the table or kiosk in the narthex. Remember, we still need your help for summer services. Please prayerfully review your schedules, sign-up, call or e-mail me to serve.

With a thankful heart,
Sue Dupree
Redeemer Volunteer Coordinator
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Women's Units

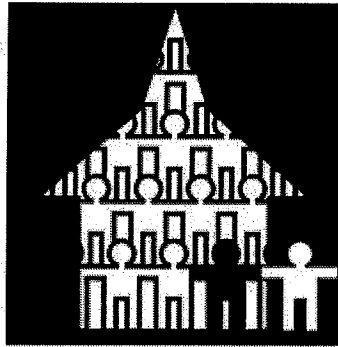


Units

Martha Unit will meet Redeemer on Tuesday, May 8 at 9:30 am.

Linda Ulrich is hosting the **Ruth Unit** at her home (15187 140th Ave SW) on Tuesday, May 8 at 7:00 pm.

Pat Kruta is hosting the **Hannah Unit** at her home (103 Idlewood Ct.) on Wednesday, May 9 at 7:30 pm.



Become Part of *Our* Church Family

Welcome New Members

The following people joined **Redeemer** on April 29th:

Bert & Gladys Amundson, Mike & Megan Eickman, Barb Gehrls and son, Brandon, Jeff Kertz, Brittany Nelson, Adam & Abbey Landgren and Makson, Trista Rice, Joe Ryba and Austin & Presleigh, Kacey Miller, Ryan Stromland, Joel & Tiffany Zielgler and daughter Maizey.

Black River welcomed new members, Linda Scott and Barb Weiss.

Please take a moment to introduce yourself and welcome them to your church!

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Patient phoned her doctor's office. 'Is it true,' she wanted to know, 'that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?' 'Yes, I'm afraid so,' the doctor told her. There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS'....'

You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft....today, it's called golf.

Lord, please keep Your arm around my shoulder, and, Your hand over my mouth!



Redeemer Youth
May, 2012 Newsletter

In case you haven't heard.... There is going to be a carnival at Redeemer Sunday, May 6th from 11:30-2:00. There will be tons of games, prizes, food and fun. There is also a silent auction with lots of great stuff! There is something for everyone, so please come and enjoy! I would also like to take the time now to THANK everyone for their donations. I wish I had space to thank everyone individually, but I never could have pulled this off on my own. It takes donations of time, money and product to make something like this a success! So THANK YOU! Look for signs after the carnival telling of how much we made and for when we will start making our patio a "dream come true".

There is a lot going on in May - here are a few important dates to remember:

- ❖ Sunday, **May 6th** is the last day of Sunday School.
- ❖ Sunday, **May 6th** the Sunday School kids sing in church as well as the youth choir.
- ❖ Sunday, **May 6th** is the CARNIVAL!!!!
- ❖ 9th graders get confirmed at the 10:30 service – **May 13th**
- ❖ Saturday, **May 19th** is our last Saturday service until Fall
- ❖ Sunday, **May 20th** it days Senior recognition Sunday for our High School Seniors as well as Bachelorette.

Early bird registration may be past, but there is still time to sign up for summer camp. Dates for summer camp at Camp Emmaus are as follows: Youth entering 6th and 7th grade will be going **June 10th – June 15th** and youth entering 8th and 9th grade will be going **June 24th – 29th**. It is a confirmation requirement for youth entering 9th grade to attend camp. The church will pay 100% for the registration for them. All other youth, the church will pay ½ of the registration fee 1 time. Let me know if your youth is interested.

Also, look on the youth bulletin board for any other dates or events as I post them there as I get them.

Angie

Black River Lutheran Church

Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 7:48 pm by Eileen Hoefer

Attendance: Pastor Ben, Rob LaCoursiere, Mo Opsahl, Marilyn Swanson, Dave Yonke, Cheryl Scott, Sharon Naplin.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Cheryl Scott to accept amended agenda (added VP Election, Spring Clean-up, Baptism, New Member Sunday, Senior Recognition Sunday). 2nd by Sharon Naplin. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report : Mo read Secretary's report. Addition regarding Motion of Lenten offerings – the motion was 2nd by Eileen and motion passed. Motion to accept the amended secretary's report made by Marilyn Swanson, second by Rob L. and motion passed.

Treasure's Report: Rob read Treasurer's report. Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Sharon, second by Cheryl, motion passed.

Committee Reports:

- Caregiver books will be distributed to snowbirds as they return – Welcome back!
- Youth: Easter breakfast: Thank you to all who participate in making this a great event. GREAT JOB!

Unfinished business:

1. **Synod Delegates:** we have one person signed up to attend – please let the Pastors know if you are interested in attending. May 11th and 12th.
2. **Completion of election of officers for BR council.** Sharon Naplin made a motion to elect Eileen Hoefer as VP, Rob second the motion. Motion passed.

New Business

1. **Spring Clean-up:** May 6th with Potluck to follow.
2. **Baptism:** Levi Holte (son of Josh and Amanda Holte) April 22.
3. **New Member Sunday:** April 29th Josh and Amanda Holte and Levi.
4. **Senior Recognition Sunday:** May 20th.
5. **Maintenance:** need a ladder for decorating, cleaning, and general maintenance at the church. Motion was made by Rob for Dave Yonke to purchase a small step ladder for the basement and two taller ladders for other areas of the church or grounds. Mo second the motion. Motion passed.

Next meeting date: Sunday, May 20th 10:15 AM following Worship service.

Motion to adjourn by Dave, 2nd by Marilyn.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer 8:20 PM

Submitted by: Mo Opsahl.

MEMORIALS

In Memory Of: From:

STAINED GLASS FUND

Mae Breiland	Enid Sande
Mae Breiland	Ellen & Alan Anton
Mae Breiland	Wally & Muriel Vagle
Mae Breiland	LaVay Hickerson
Mae Breiland	Scott & Michelle Hickerson
Mae Breiland	Robyn & Bob Martineau
Mae Breiland	Pat & Dick Kruta
Mae Breiland	Dale & Jan Dillon
Mae Breiland	Fred & Lorraine Dallmann
James Erickson	Fred & Lorraine Dallmann
Izzy Melin	Dick & Pat Kruta
Izzy Melin	Esther Mattson
Mae Breiland	Esther Mattson
Izzy Melin	Al & Phyliss Johnson
Mae Breiland	Al & Phyliss Johnson
Izzy Melin	Don & Paula Adamson
Betty Olson	Wally & Muriel Vagle
Izzy Melin	Fred & Lorraine Dallmann
James Johnson	Fred & Lorraine Dallmann
Izzy Melin	Paul & Carol Ihle
Izzy Melin	Harold & Sue Dupree
Izzy Melin	Irwin & Pearl Johnson
James Erickson	Irwin & Pearl Johnson
Mae Breiland	Chuck & Sharon Odegaard
Myles Olson	Chuck & Sharon Odegaard
Doris Stoltman	Chuck & Sharon Odegaard
Myles Olson	Dale & Jan Dillon
Izzy Melin	Dale & Jan Dillon

BIBLE FUND

Mae Breiland Shirley Booth

In Memory Of: From:

BUILDING FUND

Mae Breiland Mike & Sandy Parker

QUILTERS FUND

Mae Breiland	Karen Hammel
Mae Breiland	Doris Finstad
Izzy Melin	Shirley Booth

YOUTH FUND

Mae Breiland	Ken & Marlys Kain
Izzy Melin	Ken & Marlys Kain

Note: All gifts given before the fifteenth of the month will be printed in this month's newsletter. All gifts received after the fifteenth will be recognized in the next month's newsletter. When you send in a memorial, please identify which account you want it credited to.

Some of the accounts are as follows:
Altar Guild, Audio/Visual, Building, Campership, Capital Improvement, Choir, Library, Organ, Parish Nurse Fund, Stained Glass Window, Women of the ELCA Bible Fund, Sunday School, Undesignated, Women of the ELCA, Flower Garden, Quilters and Youth.

memorials & gifts

MAY BIRTHDAYS

MAY 1

Yolanda Blechinger
Greg Hallstrom
James Hiemstra
Morgan Little
Kenneth Niemela

MAY 2

Robby Brateng
Mildred Rondorf

MAY 3

Julie Borchardt
Brian Halbasch
Shelley Steva

MAY 4

Mark Helgeland
Robert Horien
Elizabeth Schoon

MAY 5

Shirley Booth
David Bruggeman
Gregg Ornquist
Rebecca Rogalla

MAY 6

Kinley Beito
Steven Breiland
Robert Chute
Cole Holthusen
Valerie Lindgren
Jordan Michaels
Dustin Mosbeck
Brianna Ortloff
Jacquelyn Philipp

MAY 7

Clyde Anderson
Marilyn Mosbeck
Veral Mosbeck

MAY 8

Michael Gilbertson
Morgan Stokke

MAY 9

Pam Aaland
Brianna Berg
Shawna Erickson
Destany Haphey
Eileen Hofer
Patsy Lindquist
Sandra Stavenes

MAY 10

Megan Aaland
Ann Goethe

MAY 11

Robert Anderson
Neil Peterson

MAY 12

Cindy Erickson
Hayden Goethe
Mackenzie Harstad
Irwin Johnson

MAY 13

Ellen Brateng
Marley Nelson
Jeffrey Sele

MAY 14

Channing Dally
Jackie Forsberg
Connor Johnson
Zachery Praska

MAY 15

Ginger Bendickson
Brenda Eckstein
Shannon Jesme
Gene Lunsetter

MAY 16

Courtney Amiriyan
Chaz Cullen
Jason Jr. Nelson
Wyatt Nelson

MAY 17

Denise Anderson
Joel Johnson
Bennett Sauve

MAY 18

Carter Anderson
Ean Olson
Jodi Wolfe

MAY 20

Esther Collins
Erick Huseh
Geneva Peterson
Bailee Walker

MAY 21

Dale Nelson
Eldor Ornquist
Jim Ortloff

MAY 22

Evelyn Berg
Roger Hible
Sandra Holmstrom
Levi Johnson
Joel Olson

MAY 23

Michael Bauer
Mike Burkel
Benjamin Haugen
Marilyn Swanson

MAY 24

Morgan Hickerson
Wynn Klamm
Patricia Smidt

MAY 25

Leah Loeffler
Scott Pream

MAY 26

Hunter Balmer
Kaden Mostrom
Tommy Panopoulos
John Rausch
Terry Wang

MAY 27

Michele Audette
Evelyn Peterson
Jordan Olson

MAY 28

Katie Schiltz

MAY 29

Ruth Gilbert
Ruth Limanen

May 30

Lucas Eckstein

MAY 31

Hailey Johnson
Cal Michaels
Jordan Swanson



Wish These Friends
"Happy Birthday!"

The Newsletter[®]

ACTIVITIES PAGE

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Resurrection COUNTDOWN

Make this interactive craft to use as Easter approaches.

What you need:

- An empty egg carton
- Scissors
- Tissue paper (a dark color)
- Pencil
- Bible
- 12 slips of white paper
- Glue
- Marker



What you do:

1. Cut the lid and side flaps off the egg carton.
2. Lay the carton open-side down on tissue paper. Trace and cut out the rectangular shape.
3. On the paper slips, write 12 verses from John 12 about Holy Week (including one about Easter).
4. Place each slip in an egg cup, in order, starting at the top left and ending (with the Easter verse) at the bottom right.
5. Put glue around cups and carton edges. Lay the tissue paper on top.
6. Gently mark numbers 1-6 on the tissue paper along the top row and 7-12 along the bottom.
7. Before Easter, punch through one cup each day and read the verse.



The purpose of the gospel

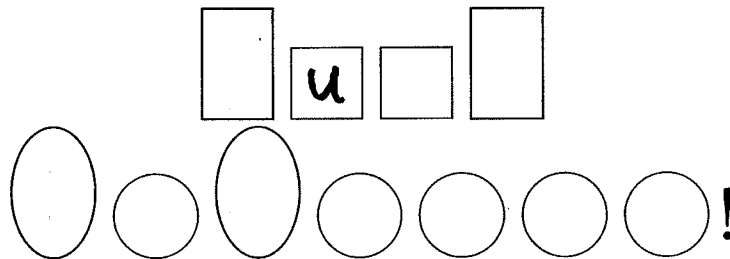
The gospel of John records many signs and miracles that Jesus performed in front of his disciples. Discover why these were written.



Directions: Use a Bible to fill in the missing letters of John 20:31. Then write the shape-enclosed letters in the corresponding boxes and circles below, in order of appearance, to discover John's message.

"... e ie e hat es u s
 is th es iah, the S n
 of od, nd tha by
 be ing ou m y
 ha e lif i hi na e."

JOHN 20:31, NIV



Answers: "... believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."
 Just Believe!

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