

# Redeemer **CONNECTION**

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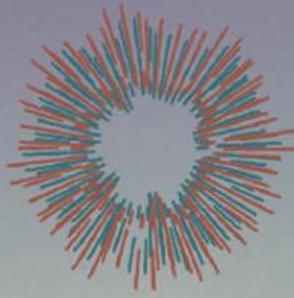
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*Senior Pastor*

Monday, August 12, will mark one year since my installation at Redeemer. As Jami and I have gone through all the “firsts” in this place (first Octoberfest with 60+, first Advent/Christmas, first Lent/Easter, etc.) and learned new faces and names, you have made us feel warmly welcomed. Thank you very much.

As we move into this second year together, we will focus more intently on the vision template completed during the intentional interim. We will do so along the two broad themes of Discipleship and Belonging. A sermon series in late August, early September will begin to lay this out under the heading “Because I Belong...” Belonging to Christ our Lord naturally leads to growth in variety of ways in Discipleship.

We will also be rooting this in Redeemer’s history. Redeemer has used the mission statement of “Celebrating Christ by Growing Up, Out, and Together” for twenty-five years now. Discipleship is certainly made manifest in Growing Up and Out, e.g. spiritual formation and maturity, which naturally leads to calling others into the same discipleship of learning from and following Christ Jesus. And Belonging encompasses Growing Out and Together as others are brought into the family of the Redeemed and we continue to care for one another in this life we share in Christ.

Even now the boards and the church council are working on ways to put these ideas into practice. Continue to keep them in your prayers, and feel free to share suggestions as they dawn on you!



# JUST AS I AM

## HYMNS TOUR



### African Children's Choir

Come join the African Children's Choir as they perform in our community during their US Tour! The Choir will be performing at Redeemer on Sunday, September 15, at 9:25 a.m. Come and experience a performance that shows the beauty, dignity, and potential of each African child! Admission will be free for all ages; a free-will offering will follow the Choir's concert.

The free-will offering will help support the Music for Life Institute. The African Children's Choir has been Music for Life's major international program during its 34-year history. Music for Life (MFL) has relief and development programs in seven African countries. MFL has currently educated over 52,000 children and hundreds of thousands of lives have been impacted by their international relief and development programs.

Don't miss out on this uniquely immersive worship experience through song, dance and video story-telling!



Lutheran Hour Ministries is an auxiliary organization of the The Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. It is sponsored by the Lutheran Layman's League much like the LWML supports the Mites Ministry. The motto of Lutheran Hour Ministries is: "Bringing Christ to the Nations, and the Nations to the Church." Lutheran Hour Ministries produces Christian radio and TV programming for broadcast, as well as Internet and print communications, dramas, music, and outreach materials to reach the unchurched in more than 30 countries. More than 125 million people hear or read the Gospel each week through Lutheran Hour Ministry's programs, services, or materials.

LHM's flagship program, *The Lutheran Hour* is the world's longest-running Christian outreach radio program and can be heard on 1800 radio stations and the Armed Forces Network. In Peoria *The Lutheran Hour* airs on Syrus-XM Family Talk 131, Sundays at 10:00 a.m. An easier way to hear *The Lutheran Hour* any day or time, is on your smart phone or computer. Visit [lhm.org](http://lhm.org). for access to this week's sermon or click on *sermon archives* to listen to any of the sermons that have been aired since *The Lutheran Hour* began in 1930! Thankfully, Redeemer's sermons can also be heard on your technology so you have an endless supply of sermons to use as personal or family devotions, at home or in your car, or when unable to attend church. For more information visit [lhm.org](http://lhm.org) or call 1-800-876-9880.

## Women's Bible Study

You are invited to study the Word on Friday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 with Jen Roettjer. This Fall we will be covering the Last Week of Jesus' life from Palm Sunday to Easter Morning. No homework required! Feel free to join us when you are able to come. We start up on August 23rd. Hope to see you there!

## Sunday School Teachers

We are looking for a few good people, like you, to teach our children about God's love. We need those who can teach, lead service projects, and sub. With our three week rotational schedule we have flexible options to work with your schedule. What a privilege and joy it is to pass on the Good News to the next generation! If you are interested, please speak with Donna Schlatter or Jen Roettjer.

## Safe Church Policy

Redeemer's Safe Church Policy states that all adults must go through a background check and training process every four years. Since this policy was enacted four years ago, we need to begin the renewal process for many of our members. Fill out the "Volunteer Application" on Redeemer's website at [redeemerlutheran.com/safe-church-policy](http://redeemerlutheran.com/safe-church-policy). You will receive a link to a training video about 35 minutes in length. You must watch the video training and complete the quiz in order to be approved to work with children! If you have any questions, please contact Jen Roettjer.

## East of the River Picnic

Join us on August 25 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at the Miller home. Redeemer will provide gondolas, table service and drinks. Bring a side dish to share, and a utensil to serve it with. Address is 314A Townhall Rd, Metamora, IL (long blacktop driveway). Your Redeemer neighbors look forward to seeing you there! RSVP to [jeff.shoumaker@redeemerlutheran.com](mailto:jeff.shoumaker@redeemerlutheran.com).

## Redeemer Concordia Family Meeting

Sunday, August 25, at 12:15 p.m. in the Life Center. Attendance will be taken. We want you and all our Concordia families to be there! Children are welcome. Nursery care for toddlers and preschoolers is available. Please RSVP to [tarasgsmail@att.net](mailto:tarasgsmail@att.net) by August 16, with ages and numbers so we may be staffed and prepared.

## Hostesses Needed

Hostesses are needed for Women of Redeemer's Annual Kick Off Event on Tuesday, October 1, from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Hostesses provide a dessert or appetizer for the eight ladies at your table. No decorating. Coffee, water, and utensils will be provided. Potential hostesses contact Lisa Mack at 309-360-2669.





## Elevate

Join us for Redeemer's Night at Elevate on Sunday, August 18, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. We've rented the place out just for Redeemer! This is a great opportunity to connect with other families that attend Redeemer's activities. If you did not get an admission coupon at VBS, you may pick up one at the Sunday School table or print off of the church website. Cost for is \$5 per person, with a max of \$20 per family. Everyone MUST fill out a paper waiver, regardless if Elevate has a waiver on file for you. You can download the wavier on the church website.

## Confirmation Beginning-of-the-Year Meeting

Parents and students in 6th-8th grade are invited to attend the confirmation meeting on Wednesday, August 28, at 6:00 p.m. in the Life Center. If you are new, we will introduce you to our confirmation program. For current students, we will go over the highlights for this year and important changes. Confirmation begins on September 4, from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. All confirmation and junior high students need to fill out the 2019-20 registration form online.

## Children's Sunday School

We will start a new year of children's Sunday school on September 1. Children in kindergarten through 5th grade begin with the opening in the Green Room. Check out the map at the Sunday school table for your child's new classroom. If you haven't been to Sunday school for a while, this is a great time to start again and make a new habit for the year.

## Children's Ministry Registration

In order to make sure we have everyone's information up to date, we need to have any children who attend Sunday school or children's ministry activites fill out the 2019-20 registration form online. Please fill out the form by September 1 for each child.

## Redemption Store

Sunday, August 18, is the last Redemption store for the 2018-19 year. ALL points must be used this week. Points will start over again in September. Spend them well!

## Volunteers Needed - Redeemer Financial Review

We are looking for volunteers to serve on the Financial Review Committee. A financial review is called for in the By-Laws on an annual basis but has not been conducted in many years, although a financial audit was conducted in 2012 and 2015 by Koch Consultants out of Tremont, IL. Functions of committee members would be to conduct a financial review using the recommendations found in the LCMS Treasurer's Manual. The Financial Review Committee would identify opportunities to strengthen controls and improve efficiencies. Ideal candidates would have an audit/accounting background. Please contact David Schricker at (309) 397-7810 or schridr@gmail.com if you are interested in serving on this committee.

## LWML Fall Zone Rally

The LWML Fall Zone Rally will be held at Redeemer on September 25 in Miller Hall. The theme is *An Unchanging God. In a Changing World. Malachi 3:6.* Registration information details will be coming soon. Plan now to attend!



## Mite Mission Update

To God be the Glory! Mite donations in the amount of \$834.52 have been received since April. Thank you and blessings to Redeemer's cheerful givers. Student Aid to Church Workers will receive \$30,000 from MITES and Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya is receiving \$80,000 from MITES. Pick up Mite boxes at the Information Center and return filled boxes to the church office. Mite donations will be collected during the month of October. Serve the Lord with gladness! Psalm 100:1





## Food Pantry Mid-Year Update

The first six months of 2019 have been busy and exciting for Redeemer's food pantry. Several changes have been made to improve the quality of food we offer as well as improve our guest's experience. The pantry now has fresh produce one Friday per month and also has personal care items available for guests. As always, our volunteers work to demonstrate God's love for us by offering our guests a warm, friendly, and dignified experience.

As a result, the pantry has experienced tremendous growth this year. So far in 2019, we have distributed 2,033 bags of groceries. This is a 49% increase from the same time frame last year.

Although the amount of food each guest receives has increased, our cost per bag remains low. Because most of our food comes from no cost or low cost sources, our average cost per guest so far this year is \$1.62. This picture shows the foods that have been included in a typical bag. As we trust in God to provide what our guests need, we are continually blessed with new food sources or a donation of food that arrives just at the right time.

Of course, none of this could happen without the volunteers, those who donate, and most of all - God's Provision. Thank you for supporting the Care Ministry and the food pantry.



## Creation Museum

In July, we took nine junior high kids to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter. We were able to learn about the scientific evidence and reasoning of the world from a creation viewpoint as we toured the museum, walked through the ark, and heard speakers. On the way home, we spent the day swimming at Holiday World and Splashin' Safari Water Park.

Tithes & Offerings YTD as of June

Actual \$917,548

98.4%

Budget \$932,304

555

June Average Attendance

742

Fans on Facebook

## Important Dates

August 4: Meet and Greet Bowling  
August 18: Redeemer Night at Elevate  
August 25: Concordia Family Meeting  
August 25: East of the River Picnic  
September 4: Confirmation Begins  
September 15: African Children's Choir  
September 25: LWML Rally  
September 29: Church Picnic  
October 1: Women of Redeemer Kick Off  
November 10: Redeemer Night at Industry

Submissions for *Redeemer Connection* are due on the 20th of each month. Articles may be submitted by emailing [katie.lunzman@redeemerlutheran.com](mailto:katie.lunzman@redeemerlutheran.com) or by using the Communication Request link at [redeemerlutheran.com](http://redeemerlutheran.com).



# The Gideons International

**\$3107 was collected for the Gideons on July 14 (an increase of \$775 from last year).**

**Thank you for your generous donations!**



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Sunday worship is at 8:15 a.m. (traditional) and 10:45 a.m. (contemporary) with Bible study hour and Sunday school at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday evening worship is at 5:30 p.m.

The church office is open 8:30 - 4:30 M-F

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