



The Parish Beacon

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

So have you made up your mind?

Are you going to set a New Year's resolution?

Have you spent time sitting and pondering?

Excellent ideas can come to people as they sit, think, and dream – what kind of house to buy or build, what kind of car, where to go for vacation, what improvements to make on our house, what improvements to make to our careers, what improvements to make to our lives, to our church – but these remain idle daydreams unless they are acted upon.

We need to think, to meditate, to plan, to learn, to listen in order to raise our sights and deeds above the routines of daily living.

Often when we stop long enough to reflect, we realize much that we have insisted on or pursued has been our own selfish desires or will. However, when our goal is for the good of others, great and wonderful things occur.

The book of James encourages action:

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (James 1:22)

Jesus, too, spoke often of doing the will of God:

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father Who is in heaven” (Matthew 7:21).

Jesus performed many deeds of love as He went about doing good, healing, and teaching. What is more, He fulfilled the Father's will by offering Himself on the cross for the salvation of all.

May we continue to model our lives after Jesus Who not only spoke the words of life but did the works of life.

Believe, and be busy. Get to work!

Happy New Year!

Pastor Hartwig



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JANUARY ACTIVITIES

- 1 *New Year's Day—Office Closed*
- 2 GGG - I. C. Hy-Vee 1st Avenue 7:30am
- 3 Sunday School 9:15am/Bible Class 9:30am
- 4 Education Committee 7:00pm
- 5 Human Care 6:30pm
Youth Committee Meeting 7:00pm
- 6 Midweek Meal 6:00pm
Midweek Classes 6:45pm
Properties Committee 7:00pm
- 7 UIHC Cardiac Pillow Project 9:30am
- 9 Men's Bible Study 8:00am
Board of Elders 9:30am
- 10 Sunday School 9:15am/Bible Class 9:30am
Confirmation Kings Party 11:30am
Young Adult Bible Study 4:00pm
- 11 Preschool Board 7:00pm
Mission Committee 7:00pm
- 12 Women's Beth Moore 10:00am
Stephen Ministry Training 6:45pm
- 13 Bible Study 11:00am
Lunch Bunch 12:00pm
Midweek Classes 6:45pm
- 14 UIHC Cardiac Pillow Project 9:30am (if needed)
Women's Beth Moore 7:00pm
Board of Directors 7:00pm
- 17 Sunday School 9:15am/Bible Class 9:30am
- 18 *Martin Luther King Day—Office Closed*
Swaziland Info Meeting 7:00pm
- 19 Stephen Ministry Training 6:45pm
- 20 Midweek Classes 6:45pm
- 22 College Care Package Packing 6:00pm
- 23 Men's Bible Study 8:00am
- 24 Sunday School 9:15am/Bible Class 9:30am
- 26 Women's Beth Moore 10:00am
Stephen Ministry Training 6:45pm
LLL Meeting 7:30pm

- 27 Bible Study 11:00am
Lunch Bunch 12:00pm
Midweek Classes 6:45pm
- 28 Theology 101 7:00pm
Women's Beth Moore 7:00pm
- 29-30 Confirmation IDE Winter Retreat
- 30 Walkathon Celebration 8:30am
- 31 Sunday School 9:15am/Bible Class 9:30am

BAPTISM THIS WEEK

Isabella Grace Schwartz
10:30 am, December 27



**ONE LORD
ONE FAITH
ONE BAPTISM**

Parents

Justin Schwartz
Jamie Marie Schlomann Schwartz

Sponsors

Brett Schlomann
Jana Schwartz

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30pm Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am

Comfort-Tiers meet Thursdays at 9:00am
Need more tiers anytime between 9:00 am to noon
No expertise or materials required -Coffee provided

Choir rehearsal December Wednesdays at 6:00pm
No practice December 30

Praise Team Practice schedule varies—
Contact Myrl Holida myrl-holida@uiowa.edu or
Louise Klopp choirdirector@ourredeemer.org

Watch *Reflections* for information on:



Genesis to Revelation:
A Two Year Recap
January 3
9:30 am
Fellowship Hall



January 25-29
Walking at Coral Ridge
9:00 am
Walk, Pray, Pledge
January 30 Celebration



LLL Meeting
January 26
7:30 pm
Fellowship Hall



Confirmation Retreat
January 29-30
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



Training Class
Starts January 12
Tuesdays 6:45-9:15pm



January 28
7:00pm
Board Room



January 22
Packing 6:00-8:00pm
Collecting Donations Soon



Friday, January 1
Registrations in the
office



January 7
(January 14 snow date or
additional work day)
9:30am
Fellowship Hall



January 10
11:30 am



Swaziland Info Meeting
January 18
7:00pm
19 Galway Circle, Iowa City



Bible Study
January 10
4:00pm
Vicar Adelsen's - 519 S. Scott Blvd



December 18



Photos courtesy of Karyl Bohnsack, Marilyn Kempnich & Kara Hartwig





Praise Team



Marilyn Paetz, Organist



Choir

Christmas & Carols Musicians



Bell Choir

Musician photos courtesy of:

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 Country Oaks Photography



MISSION	DECEMBER PAYMENT
Consultation of Religious	\$625.00
Concordia Seminary	\$250.00
Food for the Poor	\$250.00
Iowa District/Synod	\$4,166.66
UIHC Chaplain Fund	\$416.66
Lutheran Hour	\$625.00
TOTAL	\$6,333.32



Stephen Ministry

We care, Christ cures.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A STEPHEN MINISTER?

Okay, admit it. Stephen Ministry has crossed your mind a few times. You're wondering: Is this right for me? Following are some guidelines that might help your decision making.

Gifts

A Stephen Minister is a person with the gift of mercy, who shows compassion and gives encouragement to and intercedes for those he or she cares for. Many Stephen Ministers say that they receive much more from the caring relationship than they give.

Commitment

A Stephen Minister devotes time, energy, and resources to this ministry. In return, a Stephen Minister has the chance to participate in meaningful ministry, make a major difference in another person's life, and grow as a joyous child of God.

Training

A Stephen Minister completes 50 hours of training before ever meeting with a care receiver. He or she learns about listening, assertiveness, confidentiality, and many other aspects of caregiving. After completing the initial training, he or she engages in continuing education. Stephen Ministers find their relationships become richer and deeper at home, church, and work and with friends.

Dedicated Service

A Stephen Minister serves whole-heartedly. This isn't a casual ministry. It involves prayer, thought, consideration, study, and commitment. In return, the Stephen Minister receives grateful thanks from his or her care receiver, our Stephen Leaders, the congregation, and our Lord.

Accountability

A Stephen Minister is accountable to God, the congregation, the Stephen Leaders, the other Stephen Ministers, and the care receiver. In return, he or she receives support, encouragement, and guidance in Small Group Peer Supervision.

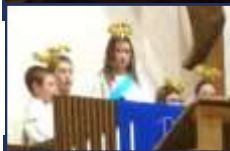
Continuous Learning

A Stephen Minister is open to adjusting and adapting his or her caregiving to fit the needs of the care receiver. He or she learns more about caregiving at each meeting with a care receiver and at each supervision session. Stephen Ministry is an experience of continuous learning, growth, and joy.

A new training class for Stephen Ministry is starting in January, meeting Tuesday nights from 6:45-9:15pm. Is this a ministry opportunity for you? For more information contact Pastor Hartwig at 338-5626 or bhartwig@ourredeemer.org today. Applications are available in the church office.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

December 13, 2015



Photos courtesy of the Haacks & Denise Schwarting



Thanks to Director, Allison Haack





Happy New Year! This is a time of making New Years' resolutions and goal setting. Goals are great because they cause us to stretch and grow in ways that we never have before. Consider your health as you set goals.

Use the following tips for goal setting related to your health:

- 1. Evaluate and reflect** - The only way we can reasonably decide what we want in the future and how we'll get there is to know where we are right now and what our current level of satisfaction is. Take time to think through and write down your current situation. Evaluate your health and where you are now so you can determine where you need to go. Take a couple of hours this week to evaluate and reflect.
- 2. Define your dreams and goal** - What are your dreams and goals? What would you love to accomplish? Is your health on the right track to reach those dreams and goals? Write down your dreams. Prioritize those dreams and put them in the order in which you will actually try to attain them. Be sure to include health goals to make those dreams a reality.
- 3. Make your goals S.M.A.R.T.** - The acronym S.M.A.R.T. means Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Time-sensitive. Use these guidelines in creating goals related to your health and dreams.
 - **Specific:** Ambiguous goals produce ambiguous results. Incomplete goals produce incomplete futures. Be specific on what your goals are.
 - **Measurable:** Always set goals that are measurable.
 - **Attainable:** One of the detrimental things that many people do—with good intentions—is setting goals that are so high that they are unattainable. Make sure your goals are attainable.
 - **Realistic/Relevant:** A goal has to be something that we can reasonably make “real” or a “reality” in our lives. There are some goals that are simply not realistic. You have to be able to say, even if it is a tremendously stretching goal, that yes, indeed, it is entirely realistic—that you could make it. You may even have to say that it will take x, y and z to do it, but if those happen, then it can be done. This is in no way to say it shouldn't be a big goal, but it must be realistic.
 - **Time-based:** Every goal should have a timeframe attached to it. One of the powerful aspects of a great goal is that it has an end—a time in which you are shooting to accomplish it. As time goes by, you work on it because you don't want to get behind, and you work diligently because you want to meet the deadline for the goal. You may even have to break down a big goal into different parts of measurement and timeframes. Set smaller goals and work them out in their own time. A S.M.A.R.T. goal has a timeline.
- 4. Have accountability** - When someone knows what your goals are, they hold you accountable by asking you to “give an account” of where you are in the process of achieving that goal. If a goal is set and only one person knows it, does it really have any power? A goal isn't as powerful if you don't have one or more people who can hold you accountable to it. Share your goals so you can be held accountable.

Evaluate and reflect on the past goals and dream big for the New Year. Your health is essential for reaching your dreams. Set new goals and strive for success.

Information obtained from:

<http://www.success.com/article/rohn-4-tips-for-setting-powerful-goals>



Decorating Party

November 29



Pictures courtesy of Vicar Adelsen



*Missionary Jeff Boone, guest speaker
December 14 - Rita Johnson, hostess*



Photos by
Ruth
Langehough



Membership Changes & Official Acts

<u>Removed</u>	
Patricia Morrow	12-2-2015
<u>Baptism</u>	
Ethan Jonathan McClure	11-28-2015
<u>Transfer In</u>	
John (Jack) & Lynne Thomas	11-3-2015
Amy O'Shea	11-5-2015
Terry (TJ) & Kate Ramsey, Hannah, Luke, Natalie	12-16-2015
<u>Death</u>	
Scott Jones	12-3-2015

LIVE NATIVITY

December 13, 2015



Photos courtesy of Vicar Adelsen



KUDOS



Our Redeemer's

Board of Directors recognizes

JONATHAN JACKSON

For invaluable assistance in updating the sanctuary sound system

KELSEY BENSON

MARY BENSON

SARAH BENSON

CYNTHIA FRUENDT

PAULA ROBINSON

EUNICE SCHEER

For providing lunches and snacks for workers on the new maintenance building

MIKE APPLGARTH

ROB BOWMAN

HENRY DIGGELMANN

DAVID FRUENDT

RICHARD GIENAPP

DARIS HONEMANN

DAVE JOHNSON

ERIC KOOKER

HAROLD SCHEER

JACOB SEXTON

ROB WEST

For summer lawn mowing

Thank you all!

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Treasurer's Report:

- Total income \$69,199.58 with \$61,189.32 expenses
- YTD \$581,097.97 with expenses of \$592,476.77
- Negative cash flow \$11,378.80 compared to 2014 \$17,342.37
- Accounts exceeding annual budgets:
 1. Vicar Housing (148%)
 2. Preschool Assistant (118%)
 3. Preschool Substitute (\$251)
 4. Maintenance and Repairs (146%)
 5. Elevator Maintenance (141%)
 6. Human Care Committee (120%)

Elders Report:

The board will review the Our Redeemer Security policy next month, familiarizing members with it. Its guidelines fall largely within usher duties.

At-Large Report:

Health Ministries is revising the job description for the vacant parish nurse position.

Church Properties:

The new maintenance building needs only electricity and a parking lot ramp for completion.

Staff Report:

The parsonage is nearing completion. Carpeting will be installed after the Sunday, December 20 open house.

Discussion Item:

The Gretchen Johnson Fund (currently a \$25,000 Church Extension Fund Certificate of Deposit) will be used for a humidifying system for the sanctuary.



December 20 there was a blessing and open house at 512 1st Avenue S. for the congregation.

"I had priceless fellowship with my co-workers and really got to know other people in the congregation."

~Quote from Volunteer



KUDOS



Our Redeemer's

Board of Directors recognizes

- Anderson Construction
- Ben Anderson
- Mike Applegarth
- Bower Drywall
- Rob Bowman
- Craig Davis
- Henry Diggelmann
- Rob Gabel
- Jeff Kucera
- John Robinson
- Steve Rudin
- Harold Scheer

For all their labor and expertise
in the refurbishing of
512 1st Avenue S

Moving time!

Thank you all!

**The Grooming
of 512 1st Avenue S**



Photos courtesy of
Brenda Johnson



Donations:

- ⇒ Anderson Construction
- ⇒ Bower Drywall
- ⇒ Schwarting Construction
- ⇒ Supplies for reconstruction
- ⇒ Thrivent Funding
- ⇒ Use of personal tools and trailers
- ⇒ Verne Folkman, Realtor

Contracted Vendors:

- ⇒ Brick House Ops
- ⇒ Corridor Kitchens
- ⇒ Critter Control
- ⇒ Homewood Electric
- ⇒ Randy's Carpet
- ⇒ TruHome Insulation

Brought to You By:

- ⇒ 35 volunteers ages 6 to 72
- ⇒ 30 gallons of paint
- ⇒ Chili, pizza, cookies, brownies, donuts, and submarine sandwiches
- ⇒ 120 hours of demolition
- ⇒ Over 500 hours of reconstruction
- ⇒ 1 chicken coop donated to a flock of hens
- ⇒ 3 trips to the Iowa City Landfill – over 17,000 pounds
- ⇒ 4 trips to Restore for Habitat for Humanity
- ⇒ 20 trips to Menards
- ⇒ 10 trips to Nagel Lumber
- ⇒ 10 trips to Ace Hardware
- ⇒ 80 hours of landscaping
- ⇒ 850 feet of wiring
- ⇒ 200 feet of TV cable
- ⇒ And more...

Dear members of Our Redeemer,

Greetings from south central Texas! Virginia, Simeon, and I are happy and thankful to be in New Braunfels, Texas for vicarage. The pastor and members of Cross Lutheran Church have shown us kindness, and provided an excellent environment for learning and practicing pastoral skills. We continue to rejoice as we experience the love of Christ through our fellow Christians. I'd like to share a piece of a message I wrote for Cross' website that speaks to the connection we have in Christ:



Before we had met any of you, or even knew to what region of the country we were moving, we had everything in common in Christ: "There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call--one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all" (Eph 4:4-6). Many things can bring people together--common goals, interests, or ideas--but we share a unity that only Christ can pull off. When we eat Jesus' body and drink his blood in the Lord's Supper, we are physically united to Christ, and to all believers across time and space, as His body.

We thank God for the unity that we share with you, members of Our Redeemer, and for the love you have shown us with your prayers and financial support.

Summer was a rollercoaster, and we just got off the ride. A few days after the spring quarter ended, I flew with fellow students, pastors, and professors, to Israel for a two week intensive course on the geography of the Holy Land and its significance for preaching and teaching. Before the trip, we spent 30 hours studying maps. Then, during the trip, we visited many of the Biblical sites, read the applicable Biblical passages, discussed the geographical significance, and applied it to teaching and preaching. This was more helpful than I can express in words. I used to skip over names of places. Now they hold meaning and provide context for the Biblical events, and they reinforce the fact that God revealed himself to us in real historical events. I am excited to use my pictures and experiences to bring the text to life for my future parishioners.



While I was in Israel, Virginia and Simeon spent time with her parents in San Francisco. When I arrived back on U.S. soil I drove to Denver, where they joined me, and spent time with my family. From there we drove to San Francisco for more time with her family, then down to L.A. to visit my grandparents, and finally through Arizona and New Mexico to Texas! It was wonderful to see so much family.

After 4,000+ miles, Simeon was ready to get out of the car. He is almost eight months old now and crawling everywhere! Virginia enjoys staying home with him and participating in church activities such as hand bells, Bible studies, and LWML.

So far I've enjoyed the change from attending seminary classes to practicing pastoral activities. I preach once a month, lead liturgy when I'm not preaching, teach 7th Grade Confirmation and a Bible study that meets twice a month, and write for Cross' monthly newsletter. If you'd like to hear me preach, you can find my sermons from August 23rd, September 20th, and October 18th at crosslcms.org in the sermon archive.

Thank you again for your continued prayers and support. We thank God for you and keep you in our prayers. Blessings on your ministry.

Peace in Christ,

Joshua, Virginia, and Simeon Vandenberg

Visited Our Redeemer
as a guest preacher



2016-2017 Preschool Enrollment Information

In February, we will open enrollment for all church members and current preschool families. There are discounts for being a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, for having multiple children in our preschool, or for referring a new family who enrolls.

Contact information: <http://ourredeemer.org/preschool/> or 319-338-3949



Pin Baby Jesus on the Nativity



Searching for the Wise Men with Pastor



BIBLE ANAGRAMS

An **anagram** is a type of **word play**, the result of rearranging the letters of a word or phrase to produce a new word or phrase, using all the original letters exactly once; for example, the word anagram can be rearranged into nag-a-ram.

1. **NOTES** _____ HINT: The most common form of punishment described in the Bible.
2. **INURE** _____ HINT: The Bible frequently refers to people who consume this.
3. **REPENTS** _____ HINT: A type of animal God frequently uses to kill those who irritate Him.
4. **WORDS** _____ HINT: Jesus admits He did not come in peace, but with this.
5. **ITEMS** _____ HINT: Children who do this to their parents are to be killed.
6. **KNEAD** _____ HINT: An unfortunate condition in which Noah found himself that led him to strangely curse his own son's descendants
7. **SINEW** _____ HINT: What led Noah to wind up in this condition.
8. **THRONE** _____ HINT: Another tool God uses to inflict pain and death on sinners.
9. **SEASIDE** _____ HINT: Leprosy is an example of this.
10. **SLUT** _____ HINT: This is the same as committing adultery.
11. **INSECT** _____ HINT: Punishable by death.
12. **HEART** _____ HINT: In Genesis, God promised never to destroy this again.
13. **SPRAY** _____ HINT: What a true Christian does most of the day.



WordPlay



Mission News of Pastor Michael Parris

December 2015

CONTACT INFO

Pastor Michael Parris, Macau

To support my mission work financially, you may send a tax deductible gift

LCMS International
Missionary Support
PO Box 790089
St. Louis, MO 63179-0089

Make checks payable to *LCMS International* and write *Parris* on the memo line.

OR

Mission Central
47018 Highway E16
Mapleton, Iowa 51034
712-882-1029

Family, friends and contributors will be on the newsletter list. If you would like to be on the mailing list contact Michael.

My email is
Michael.parris84@yahoo.com

Thank you for prayers and donations. You are certainly welcome to share this newsletter with others.

Concordia Special School
The Concordia Special School has been in Macau for a number of years. It is a project of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

Initially, it was designed for deaf students. However, over the years the school has evolved into a facility for special needs students.

Every Friday morning there is a chapel service officiated by Pastor Michael Wu of the Concordia Lutheran Preaching Station.



Sign language class at the Macau Concordia Special School.

For the past year I have been on the General Assembly of the School Board. Recently, I have started taking sign language classes for the deaf on Tuesday afternoons.

Many of the children who starting attending the Concordia Special School are not Christian. Nor are their parents. However, over the years the students and parents will hear the Gospel of Jesus. The good news is many become Christian.

Prayers

- Pray for Concordia Special School that God would continue to provide the Gospel proclamation and parents/students would come to know Jesus as Savior
- Pray that God would provide patience as some of the staff continue to work on fundraising and obtaining work permits
- Pray for students! Ask God to bring to English Center people that need to hear about God's grace in Jesus!

Retirement

My end of service is soon to arrive. I will be 65 in January. So I have decided to retire. This December is my last month to be in the field.

Soon I will be transitioning back to the states.

However, pastors never really retire. If it be God's will I hope to help in Asia as I am able.

There is tremendous opportunity in Asia for teaching the Gospel. Consequently, I would like to encourage you to continue supporting the work in Asia and the missionaries God sends to this part of the world.

Thank you to all who have prayed and supported me. Thanks to Mission Central for all your help. I am certain that I would not be here if not for your prayers and generosity.

I do plan on visiting congregations and ladies groups after I return. If you are interested email me. God Bless!

Pastor Michael Parris, Missionary



Missionary who received part of the Karen Redus Memorial



LIVE NATIVITY

Sharing the birth of Jesus!

"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them." Luke 2:20

Thanks be to God for all that was heard and seen at the Live Nativity this year! There are so many members of Our Redeemer who helped share the birth of Jesus with our community during the Live Nativity.



We give thanks for the volunteers who came to welcome guests, serve refreshments, set up tent canopies, help with costumes, serve food to the youth, sing Christmas carols, and donate their time and effort in countless other ways as they served! We also appreciate everyone who donated money towards the cost of the animals for the Live Nativity! Despite the rain, we had over 100 people come to visit the Live Nativity.



One visitor remarked "The animals are just so cute! I know it's not about the animals, but they really add something to it!"

May all who came glorify and praise God for all the things that they heard and saw!

Confirmation Curriculum

*What do they study in Confirmation?
A Mid-Year Reminder*

- 6th Grade:** Bible lessons from the Old and New Testament
- 7th Grade:** The Ten Commandments, The Lord's Prayer and Baptism
- 8th Grade:** Office of the Keys (Forgiveness of Sins, Confession & Absolution); The Apostles' Creed; and The Lord's Supper

Looking Ahead...

January

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

6	Midweek Meal <i>All</i>	6 pm — 6:45 pm <i>Meal followed by Confirmation class</i>
6	Confirmation Verse Due <i>8th Grade Confirmation</i>	6:45 pm
10	Confirmation Kings Party <i>Confirmation</i>	11:30 am— 1:30 pm
22	College Care Packages <i>High School</i>	6 pm—8 pm
29— 30	Confirmation IDE Winter Retreat <i>Confirmation</i>	



The High School Youth will be collecting items for Care Packages for Our Redeemer college students.

If you want us to send a college student you know a Care Package, please email

Kara at youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org or put a note in Kara's office mailbox with the following info:

Student's Name	
College	
Street Address, including apt or dorm #	
City, State, Zip	

Please return to Kara by Sunday, January 10, 2016.

OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

Office: 338-5626 Fax: 338-9171 Website: <http://www.ourredeemer.org> Preschool: 338-3949
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Skip Kempnich	351-5297
Val Penney	354-1453
Denny Schrader	530-1562
Arlan Thompson	338-2938
Marty Wenck	330-2761

Each family of the Our Redeemer flock is assigned alphabetically by last name to an elder to insure each family is prayed for and feels they "have an elder". It is the sincere feeling of the Board of Elders that we are to love and be of service equally to the entire body of believers. We encourage any one of you to contact any one of us so we can share your spiritual journey, ideas or concerns.

DEADLINES

Reflections (printed weekly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) each Wednesday by 5:00 p.m.

Beacon Newsletter & Church Activities Calendar (printed monthly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) by noon on the 20th of each month.

TELEVISION ~ RADIO

Our Redeemer Worship Service on Public Access TV Channel 18 every Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

The Lutheran Hour Television Ministries talk show "On Main Street" is shown on **Public Access Television Channel 18** on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. and Sundays at 10:00 p.m.

Lutheran Hour Ministries on Radio—WMT 600 AM Radio on Sunday mornings at 6:30 a.m., and **KXEL 1540 AM Radio** on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND SCREENING

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church has been in ministry with children and youth for over 55 years. Our insurance carrier, Church Mutual, strongly encourages us to promote the safest and most secure environment possible by screening all employees and volunteers, both new and existing, especially those who interact with children. Performing background checks will provide safeguards and peace of mind to our staff, volunteers, parents, youth and children. Additional details will be forthcoming as we put this screening process in motion.

Time Marches On

Matthew 25: 1-13

But,

we still have time
to praise the Lord
to pray for guidance
to grow daily in Christ
to change our ways
to hug a friend



There still is time

to study His Word
to share His love
to love a brother
to care for the poor

Soon,

it shall cease: Time
to work for Him
to attend church
to plant a seed
to feel pain
to live here as strangers



Even so,

come, Lord Jesus!
come quickly!

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