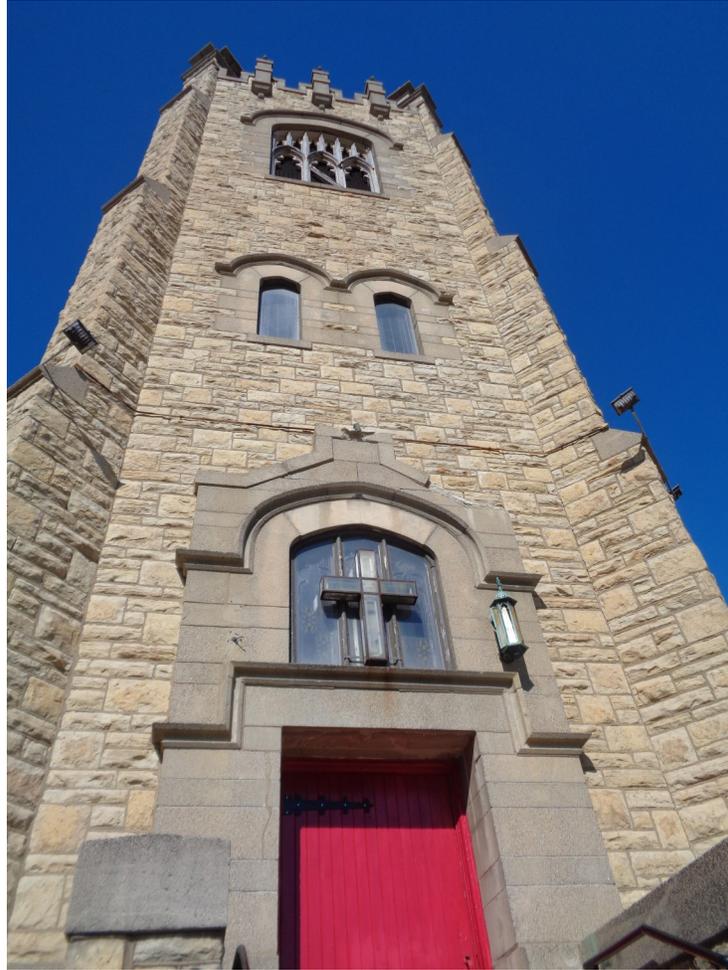


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A Letter From Pastor Erlandson

Dear Friends,

One year ago at this time, we were in the midst of celebrating our 125 year anniversary as a congregation. On Pentecost and on Reformation Sundays, as well as other Sundays throughout 2015, we remembered what God has done through this congregation. For 125 years faithful people have worshiped God, proclaimed the gospel, raised children in the faith, and reached out to others around us with love and hospitality, walking with our neighbors to build a stronger community.

Now our focus looks forward, to our present challenges and the future ministry which God calls us to live out. We have celebrated the Sundays of Easter and the new life which Jesus' resurrection offers to the world. We have also hosted Project Home for the past sixty days, offering our church undercroft and kitchen as a temporary home for families who are experiencing a need for emergency shelter. So, what's next for us as a congregation?

The season of Pentecost and the month of May give us a clear picture of the present and future, which God offers to us as an opportunity for witness. This month we celebrate three of the major festivals of the church year: the feasts of the Ascension of our Lord, Pentecost, and the Holy Trinity. On May 8 we will celebrate the story of our Lord Jesus's ascension into heaven, how it directs us to not just gaze into the heavens, but also to reach out to the world around us in the name of our risen and ascended Lord – as we wait for him to come again. On May 15 we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, which came upon the disciples long ago in Jerusalem, and was given to each of us in our baptism. We believe that the Spirit creates faith in us, and inspires us as a Church to reach out to others throughout the world with love. Finally, on May 22 we profess our faith in the Triune God, who is revealed to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit – as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

On Pentecost Sunday we will receive new members into the congregation, and four confirmation students will affirm their baptism. This reminds us of our continuing mission as the Church to nurture young people in the faith, and to invite and welcome people around us into this community of faith. To proclaim the gospel of Jesus, baptize, preach and teach the faith, and witness to the love of God in word and deed has always been our mission, and always will be.

We also invite the community to join us in a concert that afternoon, a Choral Festival with nine local church choirs singing, to celebrate the work of **Ujamaa Place**, a local organization which assists African American young men in our community to overcome barriers to housing, education, and employment. It is one more example of what this church does best: praise God in music and song, and bear witness to God's redeeming love for all people.

Though the content remains the same – the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord - the ways we bear witness are constantly changing. These days the use of technology and social media have brought us new opportunities to share our ministries and worship services on the church website, Facebook and Twitter. In the coming months and years we will continue to explore new ways to reach out with the continued message of God's great acts of love for the world, and how you and I are called to bear witness through acts of service and social justice.

Thanks be to God for the opportunities we have to participate in such a powerful witness!

Pastor Jim Erlandson

May Calendar

Recurring Weekly Events

Sun. 10:00 am ~ Worship
11:15 am ~ Coffee Fellowship
12:00 pm ~ Universal Life Church of God
12:00 pm ~ Praise Covenant Church
Wed. 7:00 pm ~ Senior Choir
8:00 pm ~ Courage to Change N.A.
Thur. 6:30 am ~ Prayer & Meditation A.A.
Fri. 8:00 pm ~ Words into Action N.A.
Sat. 8:00 am ~ Siloé Church

Other Events

2nd 6:30 pm SPAS Anti-Racism Working Group
3rd 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting
5th 11:00 am Womens Guild
7th 9:00 am ISAIAH Domestic Violence Taskforce
8th 10:00 am Ascension of Our Lord
Mother's Day - Blessing of the Women
10th 6:30 pm Elders Meeting
12th 10:00 am Happy Seniors
15th 10:00 am Pentecost
Confirmation
12:00 pm Confirmation Luncheon
3:00 pm Ujamaa Place Choral Fundraiser
21st Butterflies for Life Event
22nd 10:00 am Holy Trinity
30th OFFICE CLOSED: Memorial Day

Welcome Soul Winners Evangelistic Ministries International!

We are pleased to welcome Sister Rose and Soul Winners Evangelistic Ministries International to share our space. They will be holding Bible study on Tuesday evenings and worship services on Sunday in the old choir room.

May Altar Servers

If you are unable to serve, please contact an elder or the church office
no later than the Tuesday of the week you are signed up to serve so
that a replacement can be found.

May 1	Deacon	Subdeacon	Reader	Acolyte	Crucifer
<i>Easter 6</i>	Tammy Cownie	Bob Paddock	Myrna Nelson	Jared Geschwill	Ray Hayes
May 8	Deacon	Subdeacon	Reader	Acolyte	Crucifer
<i>Ascension</i>	DeAnne Hilgers	Michelle Geschwill		Jack Sprung	Benjamin Cretsinger
	Thurifer	Belltree	Bannerbearers	Torchbearers	
	David Tannen	David Dfuresne	Todd-Allen Hamilton	Lisa Erlandson	Jack Sprung?
May 15	Deacon	Subdeacon	Reader	Acolyte	Crucifer
<i>Pentecost</i>	Joel Michael	Leilani Drake	Confirmation Kids	Colleen Reynosa	Ali Michael
	Thurifer	Belltree	Bannerbearers	Torchbearers	
	Bob Paddock	Paul Toftness	Obang Agwa	Kymarrah Hughes	Keshon Hughes
May 22	Deacon	Subdeacon	Reader	Acolyte	Crucifer
<i>Trinity</i>	Tammy Cownie	DeAnne Hilgers	Jon Olson	Theodore Strommen Campbell	Ray Hayes
	Thurifer	Bannerbearers	Torchbearers		
	David Tannen	Hilary Ziols	Trudy Cretsinger	Catalina Cretsinger	
May 29	Deacon	Subdeacon	Reader	Acolyte	
<i>Pentecost 2</i>	Michelle Geschwill	Joann Conroy	Leilani Drake	Jared Geschwill	

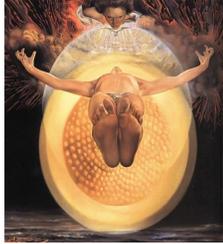
MAY SCRIPTURES

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We invite members and friends of Redeemer to read the appointed scriptures for each Sunday. This is a meaningful way to prepare for worship. It also binds us to our homebound sisters and brothers who we also encourage to read the same scriptures weekly.

	First Reading	Psalms	Second Reading	Gospel
May 1 <i>Easter 6</i>	Acts 16:9-15	Ps 67	Rev 21:10, 22—22:5	John 14:23-29 <i>or</i> John 5:1-9
May 8 <i>Ascension of Our Lord</i>	Acts 1:1-11	Ps 47 <i>or</i> Ps 93	Eph 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
May 15 <i>Day of Pentecost</i>	Acts 2:1-21 <i>or</i> Gen 11:1-9	Ps 104:24-34, 35b	Rom 8:14-17 <i>or</i> Acts 2:1-21	John 14:8-17 [25-27]
May 22 <i>The Holy Trinity</i>	Prov 8:1-4, 22-31	Ps 8	Rom 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
May 29 <i>Pentecost 2</i>	1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43	Ps 96:1-9	Gal 1:1-12	Luke 7:1-10

CELEBRATE MAY FESTIVALS



Sunday, May 8, the Feast of the Ascension, 10 am

We close the Easter season by celebrating Jesus' ascension into heaven on the 40th day after his resurrection from the dead (transferred to Sunday). As this day is observed culturally as "Mothers Day", we will also bless all women (of all ages) in worship.

Sunday, May 15, The Feast of Pentecost, 10 am

We celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the 50th day of Easter. (This is also called "the birthday of the Church".) On this day we celebrate the confirmation of four young people at Redeemer, and receive new members into the congregation. So we will also "affirm all our baptisms" on this day (so remember to look up your baptismal date).



Sunday, May 22, The Feast of the Holy Trinity, 10 am.

This is the only feast day on which we commemorate a "doctrine", or teaching of the Church – that we worship one God in three persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). This is the final Sunday for Redeemer's choir to sing this season.

At each of these three festivals, Redeemer's choir will sing (directed by Dr. Jon Strommen Campbell), hymns and liturgy played by Redeemer's organist, Katie Thompson. There will be a festival procession led by a thurifer, crucifer, torches and banners.

THANK YOU TO OUR MUSICIANS!

The final Sunday this spring for the choir to sing will be May 22. The Church thanks all of our musicians and choirs for their labor of love to sing and play music in worship this year. Thank you to our music director Dr. Jon Strommen Campbell, our organist Katie Thompson, to the Choir, to the newly-organized Bell Choir, to our many instrumentalists for the Celebration services, Good Friday and Easter orchestras – and those who sang or played special music throughout the year. You have brought energy and joy to our festival services!

We invite individual instrumentalists and singers to share their musical gifts this summer. If you would like to sing or play a solo, duet, trio or in a small ensemble, please see our music director Dr. Jon Strommen Campbell, or our organist, Katie Thompson. The church will provide an accompanist as needed.

ADULT FORUMS

May 1

No 9:00 A.M. class.

11:30 A. M. "Helping Caregivers Better Address the Needs of Elderly Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Populations." Presented by Jane Danner who is a corporate consultant with Volunteers of America.

May 8

No 9:00 A.M. class.

11:30 A.M. " Life in Minnesota" presented by Mohamed Abdinoor, friend of Reva Rasmussen. He will share with us his experiences as a young Somali- an coming to the United States from Kenya with the help of Lutheran Resettle- ment.

May 15

9:00 A. M. "Pentecost, the Church's Lifeblood, the Spirit of the Church." Presented by the Reverend Robert Hausman. Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church.

May 22

"The Hmong Garden Project." Presented by Dorothy Hawj, Kap Npauj Healing Garden Community Project. This will be an update on plans for this year's garden on the south lawn.

May 29, 2016

No class. Memorial Day Weekend

There will be an Adult Forum Planning Meeting Thurs. May 12, 2016 at 10:00 AM. You are invited to attend. For more information contact Joan Foreman at 651-699-0266.

WOMENS GUILD

Will meet Thursday, May 5th at 11:00 am. Bring a sandwich or salad. Hostess Elizabeth Currie will provide coffee and dessert.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Midweek Bible study continues every Thurs. at 2:00 p.m. with the study of Jeremiah. and is led by the Reverend Robert Hausman.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

On Pentecost Sunday, May 15, four of our young men will be confirmed in the Christian faith at Redeemer: Jared Geschwill, Phoenix Mason, Mike Sprung and Isaiah Tucker. We have watched them grow up, and explore their faith. On Pentecost they will read our Sunday lessons and make profession of their faith during morning worship. After worship the congregation is invited to join in a reception with cake and coffee in the church undercroft at 11:30 am. There also will be a lunch for those who can stay at 12:00 noon. We hope that you will celebrate with the whole church the affirmation of baptism, and congratulate these young men on this rite of passage.

Also on Pentecost we will receive new members into the congregation at morning worship. Anyone interested in church membership is encouraged to contact Pastor Erlandson before May 15.

KAB NPAUJ HEALING GARDEN

For a second year young people from our community will learn traditional Hmong farming methods in the *Kab Npauj Healing Garden* on the south lawn. We will kick-off the garden with a Blessing of the Garden on Sunday, May 22 after worship. We will gather around the garden at 11:30 am for blessings and prayers, followed by refreshments in the undercroft. Hmong elders and youth will be invited to participate. Dorothy Her is the staff person organizing the garden activities, as she did last year. We are hoping to schedule some opportunities for congregation members to meet the elders and youth, and assist in garden activities. Plans are also in the works for a fence and new sign to mark the garden this year.






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COURTYARD GARDEN & LABYRINTH

This summer we would like to do more development of the garden and labyrinth in the church courtyard and grounds. If someone would like to plant flowers along the east wall on Dale Street, please contact the church office. We would also like to do some landscaping to create the prayer labyrinth in the courtyard, designed by Joann Conroy. Please see Pastor Erlandson if you have interest in this.

ISAIAH CORE TEAM NEWS

WARD 2 INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON EARNED SICK & SAFE TIME ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL

Date: Monday, May 9th

Time: 7:00-8:30 pm

Place: Cherokee Park United Church of Christ
371 Baker St. W
Saint Paul, MN 55107

Learn about a new proposed city ordinance granting paid sick time for all St. Paul workers and help us make it a reality.

Then, join us for a show of support to our City Council members at the following In-Ward meetings:

Ward 5 -- Amy Brendmoen

Sunday, June 5 1 to 2:30 p.m.
New Hope Baptist Church
712 Burr Street



WARD 5: In north-central part of the city and includes parts of the Como, North End, Payne-Phalen and Railroad Island neighborhoods



Ward 2 – Rebecca Noecker

Monday, June 6 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Cherokee Park United Church
371 Baker Street W.

WARD 2: Includes neighborhoods of West 7th Street, the West Side, Summit Hill, Railroad Island, Lowertown, and the Downtown business district

Note: You need not live in the Ward to show your support.

Contact Aaron Sinner, Justice in Action, for more information:
aaron.j.sinner@gmail.com

For more information about what's been happening with Earned Sick & Safe Leave, including notes, minutes of past meetings, upcoming meetings, and more, please visit: <http://bit.ly/1qPQaC8>

Ujamaa Place

Choral Benefit Concert

featuring church choirs from Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Resurrection Lutheran, Unity Unitarian, St. Paul Reformation, Trinity Episcopal, Pilgrim Lutheran, St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Camphor United Methodist, and Morningstar Baptist

Sunday, May 15, 2016

3:00 - 4:00 pm

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

285 N. Dale St., St. Paul, MN 55103

This concert is free. 100% of proceeds from a free will offering will go to Ujamaa Place, an organization that assists young African American men primarily between the ages of 18 and 30, who are economically disadvantaged and have experienced repeated cycles of failure.

Please join us for a reception following the concert



Ujamaa Place is an African American culturally specific organization focused on young men who may suffer multiple barriers to becoming stable. Ujamaa Place engages these young men to foster their development within the Ujamaa Place community and assist them in becoming stronger, more responsible, employed, prosperous men and fathers who provide and contribute positively to their families and community.

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For more information about their mission, please visit: www.ujamaaplace.org/

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