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A Letter From Pastor Erlandson

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Dear Friends,

I have been thinking a lot about this passage from scripture lately. We are coming to the end of the summer, and starting a new "season" in the church (though not a liturgical year season – as we are still only halfway through Pentecost). It has been a busy summer, even though the pace has been more relaxed at the church. We have watched our *Kab Npauj Healing Garden* grow literally before our eyes throughout the summer, and have seen the Hmong elders and children care for it and harvest abundant produce. We have seen our Redeemer youth travel to Detroit and return home after an exhilarating week of community service, learning, meeting new friends and joyful worship with 30,000 other Lutheran youth! We have worshiped this summer in the informal atmosphere of our Learning Center, with piano accompaniment and solo singers and instrumentalists. We enjoyed an evening outdoors with Songs of Hope, as an international choir of youth sang songs and dances from all over the world in late July. So it has been a fun change of pace.

With the Fall each September we say goodbye to hot summer days and hello to cooler days and nights. We are saying goodbye to several of our young people as they leave home to study in college (I have two daughters from my own household who are off to college over Labor Day weekend – others have sons or daughters who have already left). We say goodbye to some people, and hello to others. New programs begin, and new ones start up in education, music and worship. We say goodbye to worship in the Learning Center and return to the church sanctuary upstairs, to the sounds of the organ, choir, and other instruments on Sunday mornings.

This September we say hello to a new person on our worship staff, Dr. Jon Strommen Campbell, who will be our new adult choir director this year. (His biography is on another page in this issue of the *Redeemer Record*). We will be thanking Kay Sandeen, retiring after her many years of service as Director of Music, but thankfully, not also saying "goodbye". Kay will be with us this fall to continue playing piano and organ for several special occasions, and, we hope, will be with us regularly in the future to sing, play, and worship.

Finally, we will coming to the close of our 125th Anniversary Year – with some big events planned for the Fall. We will kick off the Fall season with our Jazz Eucharist and ELCA Day of Service on September 13th. The big celebration of our anniversary will take place on Reformation weekend, October 24/25, with an *Oktoberfest Celebration* on Saturday, and our 125th Anniversary Festival Eucharist on Reformation Sunday. We will look back at our rich heritage at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer over 125 years, celebrate the present work that God is doing among us, and look forward to many more years of ministry as God's witnesses of hope!

So let us say goodbye to the days of summer, and say hello to each other as we come back together with joy to worship, praise and serve God this Fall!

In Jesus's name,
Pastor Jim Erlandson

September Calendar

Recurring Weekly Events

Sun.	10:00 am ~ Worship
	11:15 am ~ Coffee Fellowship
	12:00 pm ~ Universal Life Church of God
Wed.	7:40 pm ~ Choir Rehearsal
	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

1st	7:00 pm	Vestry Meeting
5th	9:00 am	ISAIAH Saint Paul Caucus
8th	7:00 pm	Elders Meeting
9th	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal Begins
10th	10:00 am	Happy Seniors
	10:15 am	Adult Forum Meeting
	11:00 am	Women's Guild
13th	9:00 am	Set Up for ELCA Day of Work
	10:00 am	Jazz Eucharist ft. Mill City Hot Club & special preacher Rev. Mark Hanson
	11:30 am	Spaghetti Dinner & Dessert Potluck/Day of Service
14th	6:30 pm	ISAIAH Saint Paul Caucus Meeting
15th	7:00 pm	ISAIAH Core Team Meeting
24th	10:00 am	Synod Meeting

THANK YOU TO KAY SANDEEN

We have a lot to thank Kay Sandeen for, as our Director of Music and Organist over the past 23 years, who is retiring this year. She has done so much for the Redeemer congregation, not only in playing for worship and directing choirs (children, youth and adult), but also in teaching us new hymns and settings of holy communion, and introducing our new hymnal (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*). Kay will be playing piano for the Jazz Eucharist on September 13, and also play the organ on occasion as a substitute for our organist, Katie Thompson. Kay will also be preparing a Handbell Choir to play on Reformation Sunday, October 25, at our 125th Anniversary Festival Eucharist.

*We will all have an opportunity to officially thank Kay Sandeen for her years of service in the ministry of worship and music on **Sunday, October 18**, in a reception following worship. More details will be forthcoming about this in the October Redeemer Record.*

September 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.

Sept. 6	Deacon	Subdeacon	Reader	
	Arline Satrom	Colleen Danner	Kay Sandeen	
Sept. 13	Deacon	Subdeacon	Reader	Acolyte
	Tammy Cownie	Diane Jacobson	Mary Lou Knipe	Neal Caerwyn
Sept. 20	Deacon	Subdeacon	Reader	Crucifer
	Michelle Geschwill	Bob Paddock	Lana Spencer	Keshon Hughes
Sept. 27	Deacon	Subdeacon	Reader	Crucifer
	Joel Michael	Joann Conroy	Diane Jacobson	Ali Michael
				Jared Geschwill

SEPTEMBER SCRIPTURES

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
September 6 <i>Lectionary 23</i>	Isa 35:4-7a	Ps 146	James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17	Mark 7:24-37
September 13 <i>Lectionary 24</i>	Isa 50:4-9a	Ps 116:1-9	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
September 6 <i>Lectionary 25</i>	Jer 11:18-20	Ps 54	James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37
September 6 <i>Lectionary 26</i>	Num 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29	Ps 19:7-14	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50

WELCOME JON CAMPBELL!

We give a warm welcome to Dr. Jon Strommen Campbell, our new Adult Choir Director this fall. Dr. Campbell is also the director of the Cedar Singers (Men's Chorus) at Augsburg College in Minneapolis.



Dr. Jon Strommen Campbell received his BA from Luther College, Decorah, IA, in 1998. At Luther, Jon sang in the Nordic Choir for three years and studied conducting with Weston Noble. In 2002, Jon completed a Master of Sacred Music degree from Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN, where he studied choral conducting with Anton Armstrong and church music with Paul Westermeyer. Jon earned his D.M.A. in choral conducting in 2015 at North Dakota State University where he studied conducting with Jo Ann Miller. Jon is an award-winning composer with works published by four nationally distributed publishing houses. From 2004-2012 Jon conducted the Honors Choirs of Southeast Minnesota Chorale. Jon chose all the hymns and choral music for the ELCA worship resource "Sundays & Seasons" for the 2014-2015 program year and remains active in national church life. He served as cantor at the 2009 churchwide assembly in Minneapolis.

FIRST CHOIR REHEARSAL, SEPTEMBER 9

All singers are invited to come to the first Adult Choir rehearsal under Dr. Jon Campbell's direction on **Wednesday, September 9th at 7:00 pm**. We will sing through a lot of choral music that the choir will be singing in worship this fall, as well as the hymns for the upcoming Sunday. It will be a fun evening of singing and meeting new people (as well as renewing long-time friendships). Refreshments will be served. All singers are invited – whether you have sung in the choir for years, have sung occasionally in the past, or are interested in singing with the choir for the first time! Your voice is needed, and everyone is welcome!

MUSIC NOTES

On Sept. 29, 1992 I began my work here as your Music Director - the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels. Ever since then that day has been special to me as I felt that my guardian angels brought me to this place. It turned out to be the work of a lifetime for me - what I felt I was born to do - and I grieve the loss of it. Major change in one's life is always hard, especially when it happens abruptly as it so often does. The position of Music Director ends Aug. 31st. I still have some prior commitments at Redeemer this Fall. Then follows the busy season in my store. After that I have no idea where my life will be going, but music will always be the focus of it.

I have many wonderful memories - the various children's and youth choirs, hand-bells and the bell festivals we attended, Festival Sundays, of course. The Easter Orchestra was my own creation. There are no hymns published for orchestras that I know of. But I enjoyed the process of creating those arrangements. The challenge for me was to write parts for all levels from very beginners to professionals, everything from Sousaphone to Xylophone. A delightful project resulting in something very special and unique for Redeemer.

My work with the Senior Choir yielded many special projects also. Among the major works we sang were The Ceremony of Carols (twice), Requiems by Vittoria, Faure, Durufle and Rutter, The Gospel Mass, and most recently Elijah. Truly amazing things for a small choir to accomplish, but working together we were able to make them happen. I am extremely proud of the work God has given us to do here and of the many fine musicians who contributed to that end.

To my choirs and orchestra members - "my chicks" - you have given me great joy over the years and I will miss working with you. Now you will continue with a new director. I know that he will come to love you as I do, and I commend you to his care.

Many thanks to all of you for your prayers and support during my cancer treatment which began 5 years ago in July. So many of our fine musicians stepped forward to assist me when I needed help and to fill in as I recovered from the surgeries. Many others in the congregation brought me food or drove me to various medical appointments. God has given me a host of angels to hold me up. Blessedly I will be 5 years cancer free the end of September. I will be on Tamoxifen, a form of oral chemo, for 1 more year. The side effects of this medication are part of why I need to give up the work I love so much.

So the career ends but the calling will always be there. I know God has more work for me to do - I just don't know what that is yet. Once I complete my commitments here the end of October I will take some time away. I do not plan to leave Redeemer permanently and hope I will be called upon to use my talents here from time to time in the future. This is my church home. I have many good friendships here and hope they will continue. I leave you with great sadness but also with a strong feeling of fulfillment. Thank you for 23 wonderful years.

Pax Vobiscum,

Kay

Soli Deo Gloria

JAZZ EUCHARIST & DAY OF SERVICE

On **Sunday, September 13**, we will kick off the Fall season with a *Jazz Eucharist worship service, a Spaghetti Dinner for congregation and community, and an ELCA Day of Service!*

Here is the schedule for the Day:

9:00 am. – Set up canopy outside on the lawn (near the *Kab Npauj Healing Garden*) to welcome visitors, worshipers and guests

10:00 am – *Jazz Eucharist* – with music led by the *Mill City Hot Club* jazz ensemble, Katie Thompson and Kay Sandeen, and our own Redeemer Choir (Dr. Jon Campbell, director). Preaching at Holy Eucharist will be former **ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson**, and our own Pastor James Erlandson will preside at eucharist. We will also *Bless the Backpacks* for the coming school years, so we invite children to bring their school backpacks, and for everyone to bring a school backpack to worship for donation to Benjamin Mays Elementary School.



This is the annual *ELCA Day of Service* in thousands of ELCA congregations throughout the country, so we will have several activities, in which everyone can take part:

11:30 am *Spaghetti Dinner & Potluck Desserts* for the community and the congregation (provided by the congregation). We are inviting our neighbors from Dale Street Place as our guests. We need volunteers to help serve the meal in the church undercroft. The meal is FREE – so invited your friends and family. We ask congregation members to bring “Just Desserts” to share for the dinner (please bring to the kitchen before worship).

There will be many opportunities for service, starting at 11:30 am.:

**Help greet visitors and neighbors, and help serve the Spaghetti Dinner*

**Begin work in our courtyard, constructing our new Prayer Labyrinth*

**Donate school supplies and backpacks for Benjamin Mays Elementary School (cash and checks for the school accepted!)*

**Help with clean-up along old Rondo (Concordia) Avenue east and west side of Dale Street, to remove light trash and paper (get directions under the canopy) – our community service project!*

You can sign up to volunteer for any of these opportunities on Sunday morning, September 6, in the church undercroft.

ADULT FORUM

Sept. 13, 2015 11:30 A.M. "God's Work, Our Hands."

ELCA Day of Service Intergenerational Event. Work opportunities to be announced.

Sept. 20, 2015 9:00 A.M. "Update on Isaiah Issues from Town Hall Meeting."

There will be a presentation on ranked choice voting to be used the first time this fall in the upcoming city elections. The program will be presented by the Isaiah Core Team.

Sept. 27, 2015 11:30 A. M. "Domestic Violence."

Topic and speaker to be announced. The program will be presented by Mary Lou Knipe or a guest speaker.

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There will be an Adult Forum Planning meeting Thursday, Sept. 10, 2015 at 10:15 A. M. in the library. You are invited to attend. For more information contact Joan Foreman at 651-699-0266.

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**Midweek Bible Study**

will resume on Thursday afternoons beginning on Oct. 1 at 2:00 pm, with the Reverend Robert Hausman leading a series on Wisdom Literature covering Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastics.

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**CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Redeemer has a confirmation class for middle-school age youth (grades 6-8), with begins in October. We meet twice a month on Wednesday evenings, in addition to congregation service projects and special events. The first scheduled confirmation class session is Wednesday, October 7, at 7:00 pm. Please contact Pastor Erlandson with your questions.

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**HANDBELL CHOIR**

If you are interested in being part of a Handbell Choir, which would rehearse this fall and play on Reformation Sunday, October 25 on our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Festival Eucharist, please contact Kay Sandeen. She will be contacting handbell choir ringers, but new ringers are always welcome!

## VISITING OUR SENIOR MEMBERS/HOME COMMUNION VISITORS

Some of our senior members are no longer able to worship regularly at Redeemer due to health reasons or advanced age. They truly miss weekly worship and eucharist, as well as fellowship with their many friends in Christ. Would you be willing to serve on a team of lay persons who visit some of our homebound members once a month? You may also bring communion to their home. We offer training for this ministry. If you feel that this is a ministry you would like to be part of, please contact Pastor Erlandson. We will schedule a training date soon.

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## TRUDY CRETSINGER 10TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Pastor Trudy Cretsinger was ordained 10 years ago, in 2005, following her graduation from Luther Seminary. Trudy was an intern pastor at Redeemer during seminary. When she and her family returned to St. Paul several years ago, they made Redeemer their church home as she is on leave from call. So we will celebrate Pastor Trudy's 10th Anniversary of her ordination on **Sunday, September 20, at 10 am Holy Eucharist** (Pastor Trudy will preach), and with a reception during coffee hour following worship.

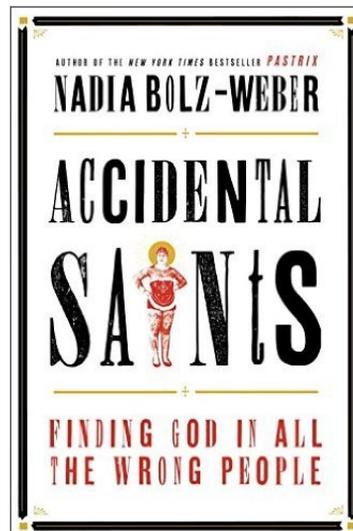
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## Nadia Bolz-Weber First Official Book Release Event in the Twin Cities **Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People**

*Accidental Saints* is a triumph in faithful storytelling. In just a few lines of description and dialog, Nadia Bolz-Weber manages to capture all that is beautiful and maddening and frightening about our shared humanity, including her own inconsistencies and struggles as a Jesus-loving sinner-saint. This is one of those rare books that will make you simultaneously wince with recognition and sigh with relief.

**Order advance copies of the book on the Gloria Dei Website** (recommended) for pick-up on the day of the event. Price is \$23.00. *Please bring your receipt.* A book purchase is not required to attend. However, \$3.50 of each book purchase will be used to support the outreach mission of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Pastor Bolz-Weber will be available to sign books after her talk.

*Event starts at 7:00pm but doors open at 5:00pm*



## ISAIAH CORE TEAM NEWS

On **September 20<sup>th</sup>**, the **ISAIAH Core Team** will host a very **special Adult Forum** looking toward the City Elections in Saint Paul this November. This election is for the entire City Council and for half of the Saint Paul Board of Education. For the first time, Saint Paul will be using the **Ranked Choice** voting system (sometimes called "instant primary" or "instant run-off"). In Wards with only one or two candidates, this system will not matter. However, for Wards in which there are multiple candidates for council, this system will be very important for voters as they cast their ballots. This system will be used by Saint Paul in future elections, including the next mayoral election. ***Plan on attending the forum to learn more about how Ranked Choice Voting works.***

**In addition to information about the balloting process, there will also be discussions about two critical concerns as we consider the upcoming election.** The first is **Earned Sick & Safe Time**. Many low-wage workers in our city do not have access to paid time off when they (or their children). As a result, they come to work when they are sick, or they send their children to school even when they are sick, because they quite literally cannot afford to take time off from work. If they don't work, they don't get paid. We are seeking a city ordinance requiring employers within the city limits to allow all workers to earn three days of paid time off a year to be used to cover illness or, if need be, for domestic violence victims to access shelter and legal services.

The other area of concern is **our public school system**. Recent reports have shown that outcomes for students of color are worse than those for white students regardless of socio-economic background. Outcomes for white children from families in poverty are better than those for children of color from middle class families. Although ethnicity among the student population in the Saint Paul schools is very diverse, the school faculty is over 90% white. Until the election of Chue Vue in the last school board election, the Saint Paul Board of Education has had only one member who was not white. We must do better for all the children in our schools and we're looking for school board candidates who share that concern.

**A very special event is being planned for October.** *(The exact date and location are being determined as this newsletter is printed.)* The event will feature the **candidates for City Council from Ward 1 and Ward 2**. If you live in either of those wards, you will want to attend. However, **candidates for the school board** will be present as well. Since school board members are elected city-wide, this is an opportunity for all voters to become familiar with these candidates. So even residents beyond Wards 1 and 2 have reasons to attend. ***Watch for more information on this event in the bulletin during the coming weeks and plan to be there.***

## **MARKING TIME AT REDEEMER – 1941-1945, by Diana Rankin**

This is the 8<sup>th</sup> in a series of articles about Redeemer's history gleaned from *The Redeemer Record* archives and placed in the context of what else was happening in the world, the nation, and Minnesota. By the end of 1941, the U.S. had entered World War II and *The Record* provides a few glimpses into how World War II affected the congregation and how Redeemer began working toward Lutheran unity.

### **1941**

- On January 6<sup>th</sup>, President Franklin D. Roosevelt gave his "Four Freedoms" speech. He declared that people "everywhere in the world" should have the Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Worship, Freedom from Want, and Freedom from Fear. On December 7<sup>th</sup>, the Japanese Navy attacked Pearl Harbor and on December 8<sup>th</sup> the U.S. officially declared war on Japan. Bob Dylan, aka Robert Allen Zimmerman, was born in Duluth on May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- ***Redeemer began publishing The Record weekly. Members were asked to subscribe for 50 cents per year.***
- ***David Dufresne's parents, Harold Dufresne and Marion Thomas, were married on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Betty Steglich and Sue Bielenberg's parents, Arthur Bielenberg and Lillian Braun, were married on August 9<sup>th</sup>.***
- ***It was decided that "Late-comers at the Sunday services will henceforth not be seated until after the Creed" because late seating caused too much disturbance.***
- ***In October the parish house was sold to Mr. & Mrs L. Young for \$6,000.***
- ***Sunday attendance averaged about 900. The average financial pledge for 1942 was \$24.***
- ***Mr. Fred C. Diesing of Springfield, IL was called as Director of Christian Education and Music on October 6, 1941.***

### **1942**

- The first American forces arrived in Europe on January 26<sup>th</sup> and on February 2<sup>nd</sup> President Roosevelt signed an executive order for the internment of Japanese Americans and seizure of their property.
- Harold Stassen was elected Governor of Minnesota. The Reception Center at Fort Snelling could process about 800 military recruits per day.
- ***Redeemer began to feel the effects of the U.S. entry into World War II. By February 15<sup>th</sup>, 29 members, including Art Bielenberg, had enlisted in the military. By December the number had increased to 98.***
- ***In April the congregation voted to add a 1-story addition to the west wall of the building. This 65'x20' space would include 3 rooms – one for the choir vestments, music, and piano and two classrooms.***

- ***Easter attendance was 1,697; total active membership in June was 1,327.***
- ***In September the practice of ushering people from the rear pews for Communion began. "The change is being made so that those who kneel for their thanksgiving after Communion will not be incommoded by the bodies of those in the pew in front of them."***
- ***Over a 6-month period, Redeemer's Red Cross unit contributed 263,150 volunteer hours and made 425 garments.***
- ***In October there was a question about whether women defense workers could come to church in their slacks. Pastor Herbert Lindemann concluded that "we must not permit the New Testament Sunday to be encrusted with fixed rules, as was the Old Testament Sabbath. We must remember that the day was made for man, not man for the day. ... We should far rather see women come to church in slacks than not to see them come at all. ... Only let this be regarded as exceptional, and not as an excuse for others to rob Sunday services of their ancient dignity."***
- ***By November many of the choir's male members were in the military and a plea was sent out for some male volunteers, otherwise "we shall have no Senior Choir."***
- ***In December the congregation voted to convert the vestry room which was being used as the church office into a small chapel. The altar was made by a local woodcarver (name not noted).***
- ***On December 20<sup>th</sup> Pastor Lindemann wrote: We rejoice in the evidence that the Lord of the Church seems to be opening a door to us here at Redeemer. During the last few months a colored person has been received into communicant membership, and several colored children have been enrolled into our weekday school." This new member was Lela Avery (Clifford Avery's mother).***

### **1943**

- World War II continues with the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, the first American air raids on Germany, the U.S. defeat of Japan at Guadalcanal, Norman Rockwell's "Rosie the Riveter" illustration, Italy's surrender to the Allies, and General Dwight D. Eisenhower's appointment as Supreme Allied Commander Europe.
- ***Redeemer established "Victory for Christ" program which divided the congregation into 62 geographic districts, each with a Captain and/ or Co-Captain or Assistant Captain. The responsibilities included collecting Lenten and annual pledge cards, keeping tabs on the status of members, and getting every member involved in the congregation. Harold Dufresne became overall director of the program in June 1943. "One of the objectives is that we become a closely knit family."***

- ***Attendance at Easter Sunday services was 1,595.***
- ***In September Redeemer began offering Vespers in the new chapel on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings. Wednesdays were reserved for choir rehearsals. These services, which began at 7:45 p.m., were intended for people coming to the church for 8 p.m. meetings. Saturday Vespers were offered as preparation for Holy Communion the next day and the pastor was available in the Sacristy before and after Vespers for private consultation and confession.***
- ***Almost 500 children, youth, and adults attended the Halloween party.***
- ***The War Service Committee mailed Christmas gifts to members in the military.***

#### **1944**

- World War II continued with D-Day on June 6th, the transport of Anne Frank first to Auschwitz and then to Bergen-Belsen, and the Warsaw Uprising.
- President Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected to an unprecedented 4<sup>th</sup> term, defeating Thomas E. Dewey.
- At least 15 prisoner of war camps were established in Minnesota to house German POWs who worked on farms and in lumber camps, meeting the state's critical need for laborers.
- ***Redeemer's voting members passed a resolution in May urging the Missouri Synod to join the National Lutheran Council and another resolution urging adoption of a platform for Lutheran union. These were rejected.***
- ***Mary Lou Knipe was baptized on July 29<sup>th</sup> and David Dufresne on November 5<sup>th</sup>.***
- ***On October 15<sup>th</sup> the congregation celebrated liquidation of all debt.***
- ***By December, 190 Redeemer men and women were enlisted in the military.***
- ***A map of the congregation's 1,183 active members (excluding those in the military) revealed that 370 members lived within ½ mile of the church and 351 more than 2 miles from the church, while 806 lived south of Carroll Avenue and 786 west of Dale Street.***

#### **1945**

- World War II finally ended. The Yalta Conference began on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Battle of Iwo Jima began on February 19<sup>th</sup>, on April 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. troops landed on Okinawa, the Allies accepted Germany's surrender on May 8<sup>th</sup>, the U.S. dropped atomic bomb on Hiroshima (August 6<sup>th</sup>) and on Nagasaki (August 9<sup>th</sup>), and Japan surrendered on August 14<sup>th</sup>. The war officially ended on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- President Roosevelt died suddenly on April 12<sup>th</sup> and Harry S. Truman became the 33<sup>rd</sup> president.

- The Starvation Experiment, conducted by Dr. Ancel Keys at the University of Minnesota and funded by the U.S. Army, led to greater understanding of nutrition and health and the importance of addressing emotional health as well as calorie intake in meeting the needs of starving people.
- The Minnesota State Fair was not held because of war-time fuel shortages.
- ***Redeemer members Edward May and Roger Matters were ordained on February 11<sup>th</sup>.***
- ***On May 7<sup>th</sup> the voters resolved to join the newly formed St. John's Hospital Association and approved the constitution of the Central Lutheran School Association. In September the voters resolved to become a member of the proposed St. Paul Lutheran Council composed of congregations from 4 different synods.***
- ***In September the Victory for Christ program was disbanded because it was too difficult to recruit captains for the 62 geographical districts. This was replaced with Kingdom Workers who focused on evangelism.***
- ***On October 21<sup>st</sup>, Edgar Braun wrote that "he spent five days with Arthur Bielenberg, his sister's husband, in France. Ed says he wondered on V-J day if people would go back to the selfish and unthinking tyhpe of living they practiced before the war. He has learned, he writes, to be grateful for everything, since in the time of war he has been deprived of so much. He does not expect to be discharged at once, but hopes to be with us by Easter. Ed encloses a money order."***
- ***By December Redeemer had 125 singers in 4 choirs: the Senior Choir, Junior Choir (formed in 1932), Intermediate Choir (1937), and Girls' Choir (1945).***
- ***The deacons visited all of the returning discharged military members and presented them with a leather case for their discharge papers and a certificate of honor from the Synod's Army and Navy Commission.***
- ***The congregation resolved to elect a 6<sup>th</sup> deacon from among the returned servicemen to represent veterans on the Vestry and provide them with counseling.***
- ***Buford and Ruth Hayes, Ray Hayes' parents, moved to Minnesota from Mississippi. Buford worked as a machinist for Minneapolis Moline. He told Arline Satrom that they joined Redeemer because of Central Lutheran School and because people like Claire and Betty Davis made them feel so welcome. Buford was an usher for many years, and Ruth was a member of the Women's Guild.***

In just 55 years Redeemer had a total membership of more than 1,400 souls, was debt-free, had challenged the Missouri Synod's position on Lutheran unity, and was no longer an all-white congregation.

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