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A Letter From Pastor Erlandson

Dear Friends,

We begin the month of February, which is one of those months which is "in-between" seasons. Winter can still be bitter cold, but sometimes there is an early thaw, and we are starting to look forward to spring. Last month's celebrations of Christmas and Epiphany seem like such a long time ago! We still have some celebrations to observe – Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day, President's Day holidays and the Transfiguration of Our Lord, but we also begin a new season of Lent, which is more somber, penitent and reflective. The days are starting to get longer, but it is still dark for half of the day. The ice and snow may be melting, but it can still snow quite a lot. It's time for those who fish to get their ice houses off the lakes, but many try to hold the season over, and their ice houses become frozen into the lake till spring.

It can sometimes seem like we are "in-between" times in our spiritual lives, as well. We have been baptized, and called to follow Jesus, but sometimes we don't know where we are going. Sometimes we stumble and fall, and are waiting for someone to help pick us up. We may look back as a Church on what may seem like more glorious days in our past, but wonder what the future will hold. It may not be at all clear what comes next. We are "in-between".

In the scriptures we read many stories of people caught "in-between". Abraham and Sarah were wandering and childless, until they heard God's promise of a child and descendants. The people of Israel were set free from slavery in Egypt, only to wander for 40 years in the wilderness. They came to the Promised Land, but found themselves defeated and exiled when they forgot about God. The prophets shared God's promise of a Messiah, and they waited. Jesus came, and his disciples and many others followed him in faith and hope, and then Jesus was crucified. Jesus rose from the dead, then ascended into heaven and said he would return. So his followers shared the good news, and waited for him to come again.

We are in that in-between time today. We have heard the story of Jesus's birth, and his teaching and healings, signs of God's power in him. We have also heard the story of his death and his resurrection. So we wait for him to come, as we also celebrate his coming into our hearts in baptism, and in the Lord's Supper. We share with one another the signs of his presence among us, through faith, through God's Word, and through the sacraments, even as we wait.

So we continue to wait, while we seek to live faithfully in Christ's presence. The season of Lent is a period of time in which our worship and scriptures lead us to remember how God has given us a promise of life, even when so much seems like death around us. We are reminded of our sins, how often we fall short of living according to God's commandments, that "we are dust, and to dust we shall return". But in this season we also see the promise in the life of Jesus, in his words, his faith, and his willingness to die for us. The scriptures point us to Easter, to the resurrection, and the promise of life forever that we are given. The following Lenten hymn expresses this hope, and the faith that sustains us in this "in-between" time!

*As the sun with longer journey melts the winter's snow and ice,
With its slowly growing radiance warms the seed beneath the earth,
May the sun of Christ's uprising gently bring our hearts to life.
Through the days of waiting, watching, in the dessert of our sin,
Searching on the far horizon for a sign of cloud or wind,
We await the healing waters of our Savior's victory.*

Peace in Christ.

Pastor Jim

February Calendar

Recurring Weekly Events

- Sun. 10:00 am ~ Worship
11:15 am ~ Coffee Fellowship
12:00 pm ~ Universal Life Church of God
- 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
- Sun. 11:15 am ~ Handbells Rehearsal

Other Events

- 3rd 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting
- 5th 11:00 am Women's Guild
- 9th 7:00 pm ISAIAH Core Team Meeting
- 10th 7:00 pm Elders Meeting
- 14th 1:00 pm N.A. Valentine's Dance
- 15th **10:00 am** **Transfiguration of Our Lord**
11:30 am Mardi Gras Talent Show
- 18th **10:00 am** **Ash Wednesday Service/Holy Communion**
7:00 pm **Ash Wednesday Service/Holy Communion**
- 25th 6:00 pm Soup Supper
7:00 pm **Lenten Evening Prayer**
Noah & the Flood – God's promise in the rainbow

WOMEN'S GUILD

Will hold their annual Valentine's Day party on Thursday February 5th at 11:00 AM. Hostesses will be Bette Steglich and Jean Tretsvén. Lunch will be provided.



February 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.

Some weeks we may get overly busy and may not get the service sheet e-mailed out, so PLEASE refer to this schedule so we won't have to scramble on Sunday mornings for replacements due to no shows. Feel free to hang this schedule on your refrigerator or even in your car as a reminder of when you will be serving.

	<u>Deacon</u>	<u>Subdeacon</u>	<u>Reader</u>
Feb. 1	Joel Michael	DeAnne Hilgers	David Tannen
	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	
	Lori Erlandson	Jack Sprung	
Feb. 8	<u>Deacon</u>	<u>Subdeacon</u>	<u>Reader</u>
	Arline Satrom	Joann Conroy	Ray Hayes
	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	
	Shanita Eaves	Leah Harris	
Feb. 15	<u>Deacon</u>	<u>Subdeacon</u>	<u>Reader</u>
	Tammy Cownie	Robert Paddock	Robert Hausman
	<u>Thurifer</u>	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
	David Tannen	Ray Hayes	Jack Sprung
	<u>Torchbearers</u>	Catalina Cretsinger	Lori Erlandson
	<u>Bannerbearers</u>	Hilary Ziols	Lisa Erlandson
Feb. 22	<u>Deacon</u>	<u>Subdeacon</u>	<u>Reader</u>
	Michelle Geschwill	Stevie McMillian	
	<u>Acolyte</u>		
	Jared Geschwill		

FEBRUARY 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
February 1 <i>4 Epiphany</i>	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	111	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28
February 8 <i>5 Epiphany</i>	Isaiah 40:21-31	147:1-11, 20c	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	Mark 1:29-39
February 15 <i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i>	2 Kings 2:1-12	50:1-6	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9
February 18 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12	51:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
February 22 <i>1 Lent</i>	Genesis 9:8-17	25:1-10	1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:9-15

WORSHIP AT REDEEMER

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

We close out the Epiphany season on Transfiguration Sunday, March 1st, at 10 am, the day when Jesus ascended the mountain and was revealed as God's Son. We will say "farewell to Alleluia" as the alleluia banner is carried around the nave during our final hymn.

After worship join us in the undercroft for our annual *Mardi Gras Potluck and Talent Show* at 11:30 am. Please bring food (main dish, salad, side dish or dessert) to share, and enjoy the talents displayed by the people of our faith community. Be ready to have some fun as we anticipate a more solemn season of Lent.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Receiving ashes on our foreheads is a sign of our human frailty and mortality.

We offer morning and evening worship services on Ash Wednesday, February 18th, to begin the Lenten season. At 10 am we offer a simpler service of confession, prayer, scripture, and the imposition of ashes. At 7 pm we hold a service of Holy Communion, with confession, the imposition of ashes, scripture readings, sermon, hymns, prayer and holy Eucharist.

SUNDAYS IN LENT

We celebrate the resurrection on the first day of the week, even during Lent. So join us for worship each Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist and hear God's Word. The gospel themes for each of the five Sundays in Lent this year are:

- **February 22**, Mark 1:9-15, *Jesus faces temptation in the wilderness*
- **March 1**, Mark 8:31-38, *Peter's confession of Jesus as the Messiah (Christ)*
- **March 8**, John 2:13-22, *Jesus drives the merchants out of the Temple*
- **March 15**, John 3:14-21, *Jesus has a conversation with Nicodemus*
- **March 22**, John 12:20-33, *Jesus speaks about his death ("the hour has come")*

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Each Wednesday evening during Lent we gather on Wednesday evenings for soup at 6:00 pm and midweek evening prayer worship at 7:00 pm. This year our theme is *"From Death to Life"*.

We will explore five Old Testament lessons (that were read on Sunday mornings), which tell of episodes when disaster has struck or suffering has occurred, but God brings the promise of new life. Each Wednesday one of our "resident clergy" will bring the homily. The themes are as follows:

- **February 25**, Genesis 9:8-17, *Noah & the Flood – God's promise in the rainbow*
- **March 4**, Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, *God's promise of a child to Abraham & Sarah*
- **March 11**, Exodus 20:1-17, *God gives the Law to the people (Ten Commandments)*
- **March 18**, Numbers 21:4-9, *A complaining people are saved by a bronze serpent*
- **March 25**, Jeremiah 31:31-34, *God will write a new covenant on our hearts*

Volunteer readers, cantors, and candle-bearers are invited to assist as worship leaders each Wednesday evening. We also seek volunteers to make and serve soup to those attending (and in March, for our Project Home family guests). A sign-up sheet is in the kitchen.

ADULT FORUMS

Feb. 1, 2015 9:00 A.M. **"Safe Passage for Children in MN "**
presented by Rich Gehrman, Executive Director. This non-profit organization is working to increase public awareness of child welfare issues. It's mission is to rebuild the MN Child Welfare system so children are safe and reach their full potential. One issue is to help keep the child protection system accountable--not letting the Courts remove access to child abuse records.

Feb. 8, 2015 9:00 A.M. **"The Line: Poverty in America, It's Not What You Think"**
DVD presented by Joan Foreman. Nearly 47 million people in the U.S. live below the line of poverty (\$23, 850.00 for a family of four.) One in four American children live in poverty. The video will introduce you to four people from diverse backgrounds who represent the face of poverty in America--and how faith based organizations are making a difference in their lives.

Feb. 15, 2015 9:00 A.M. **"Isaiah's Legislative Update"**
presented by Trudy Cretsinger and the Isaiah core team. With the legislature actively in session hear an update on current initiatives.

Feb. 22, 2015 11:30 A.M. **"Isaiah's Legislative Update"**
Presented by the Isaiah core team. This is a continuation of action currently in progress.

There will be an Adult Forum Planning meeting Thurs. Feb. 12, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. at the church. You are invited to attend. For more information contact Joan Foreman at 651-699-0266.



Confirmation class will be held on Wednesday, February 4th in the church elevator lounge. Attendance is expected of all confirmation students on Ash Wednesday Service on February 18th at 7:00 pm and at Lenten Worship Services on Wednesdays, Feb. 25-Mar. 25 at 7:00 pm

WE NEED YOUR BOOKS!

Our stash of Little Library books is running low! If you have any books laying around, we would LOVE to take them off your hands. All types of books are great. Feel free to drop them off in the church office during the week or Sunday.



NEW MINISTRIES TO CONSIDER

There is a proposal from Loaves and Fishes for Redeemer to possibly host a Loaves and Fishes Site starting 2015. This is a free daily meal served on Monday through Friday to the community (there are several such meal sites throughout the Twin Cities). Executive Director Cathy Maes made a presentation in January to describe Loaves and Fishes ministry, and their proposal to renovate our church kitchen (with funds from several grant proposals). We are presently in discussion and doing research on the feasibility of this proposal.



YOUTH GOING TO DETROIT

The youth will be having a spaghetti fundraiser on February 8th at 11:30 am to raise funds for their trip to the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit, MI. Please join us for good food and fellowship after service. Your donations are welcome and appreciated!



What: Join Art & Dorothy Gaard for a Home Blessing and celebration of their 126th Anniversary (63 years for Art and 63 Years for Dorothy)

When: Sunday, February 8th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Where: 502 Lynnhurst Ave E., #407
St. Paul, MN 55104
(Use the Fairview station on University in riding the Green Line)

RSVP: (651) 457-5736

ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

Two new At-Large members of the Vestry were elected: Reva Rasmussen and Eric Chinquist.

David Tannen and Ruth Belmonte were affirmed as voting members to the Saint Paul Area Synod Assembly on April 24th-25th at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Burnsville.

ISAIAH CORE TEAM NEWS

We're doing two things at once in our efforts toward a community where all are welcome and all have a chance to thrive. As always, these efforts are rooted in the vision that our worship brings to us: God's promised future. In the coming months, we'll be working at both the state level with the legislature and at the local level with the City of Saint Paul.

ISAIAH has identified four areas for focus in the 2015 Legislative Session: transportation, driver's licenses for immigrants, restoring the right to vote to former felons, and expanding family leave, sick and safe time. Something will be done on transportation this session; we want to see transit along with roads and bridges funded in a sustainable way so all of us in the state can get where we need to go. After 10 years of conversations, a bill to return the required documents for obtaining a Minnesota Driver's License to the pre-2003 list (which did allow immigrants to use foreign birth certificates or passports) may finally make its way through the legislature this year. Restoring the vote to ex-felons who have served their time is one way to strengthen their connections to the community and to undo the disproportionate impacts the current policy has on populations of color and culture. Although expanding requirements for employers to provide sick, safe, and family leave time to employees isn't likely to happen this year, it is important to start having conversations about this.

This last item is the connection to the Saint Paul City Council. The City of Saint Paul recently instituted a policy for paid family leave at the birth or adoption of a child for all city employees. It's a good start and we're working to expand the policy in scope for the city. We are also working toward an ordinance that would require all employers within the city limits to institute earned sick and safe time for employees. (Extending paid family leave to all employees does require state-wide action since it would be funded in a way similar to unemployment.) This work at the city level involves connecting with current council members as well as candidates who will be seeking election this fall.

These policy goals and the reasons for them will be discussed at **two forums this month:**

- **February 15th at 9:00am** – *The issues this session and our visit to the capitol*
- **February 22nd at 11:30am** – *A deeper look into family leave, sick & safe time*

These events are part of the preparation for our part in the **40-Day Lenten Vigil at the Capitol**. ISAIAH Congregations will be spending **Tuesday and Thursday mornings** at the capitol **during Lent**, meeting with legislators and praying. **Our Vigil Day is coming next month on March 12th. Watch for more information in the weeks ahead.**

**Project Home returns to Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
Mon., March 2 – Wed., April 1, 2015.**

For most of us, the economy is improving and life is getting back to normal. But far too many Minnesotans have been left behind by the economic recovery and the on-going shortage of affordable housing mean many working families can't find a place to live.

Project Home is a ministry of hospitality, providing a safe, clean, and comfortable place for families to spend the night when the Ramsey County Family Service Center is full. Last year, working with 24 congregations, Project Home provided shelter for 617 families, including 1,166 children - most less than 6 years old. Project Home also partners with *The Family Place*, in St. Paul, which provides meals, showers, and laundry facilities, helps families access social services, and helps them locate housing. This is truly a community effort for Lutheran Church of the Redeemer and there's a volunteer opportunity to fit everyone's time and talents.

Critical needs for volunteers are the Evening and Overnight Host positions:

Evening hosts (2 adults minimum) – 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Spend 3 hours in the evening hosting our guests – setting out snacks, playing with the kids, and visiting with the parents.

Overnight hosts (2 adults minimum) – 8:00 p.m. – 7 a.m. Sun. – Thurs. and 8 p.m. – 9 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Stay overnight in one of the host sleeping rooms, set out a light breakfast, and do a quick cleanup in the morning.

In addition, to make our shelter really feel like home, there are other volunteer opportunities and we're open to any ideas about how to make our guests feel welcome.

Please call or email to discuss your ideas or sign up for the following:

Weekend breakfast – bring in the fixings and make a hot breakfast for our guests to share on Saturday or Sunday morning. (You can sign-up online or at the Project Home volunteer table; for more information, contact Ruth Belmonte, 651-647-1804 or rbelmonte@q.com)

Moving Day helpers – 9:00 a.m. to noon. Help Project Home staff as they move in on Mon., March 2nd or move out on Wed., April 1st.

Activities leader – share a craft, play a game or sport, or lead another fun project for the kids and/or families.

Donate a snack – prepare a healthy snack or special treat to share with our guests which can be dropped off at the church anytime.

We hope to have Project Home Director, Sara Liegl provide training at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in February (date and time yet to be determined). Watch the bulletin and website for more details.

You can learn more about Project Home from the Project Home team – Ray Hayes, Ruth Belmonte, Jon Vaughan-Fier, Gretchen Vanderlingen-Wang, and Ginny Yingling. You can also check out the Project Home website at www.spacc.org/projecthome, including a host training video (select "Volunteer Training" in the right-hand column). There are several ways to sign-up as a Project Home volunteer:

- Sign up on the calendar at the Project Home volunteer table in the Undercroft.
- Online at Sign-Up Genius using this shortened web address:
<http://bit.ly/171bF9y>
- Contact Ginny Yingling (**651-731-4420; ginny.yingling@gmail.com**).

Thank you very, very much!!!
Ginny

MUSIC NOTES

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE will play the prelude on Sun., Feb. 15th for the Transfiguration service. Rehearsal will be Sun., Feb. 8th following worship and the brief Service of Healing in the choir transept. Please assemble promptly (and quietly if the service is still going on) and we will get started as soon as we can. Rehearsal should not take very long. IF YOU HAVE NOT YET GOTTEN BACK TO ME AS TO YOUR AVAILABILITY, please do so as quickly as you can so I know whether to prepare a part for you. Rehearsal time on the 15th will be decided later. Thanks for playing. It's always nice to have something a little different and we haven't been able to have an ensemble like this for a long time

CELEBRATION BAND - The next Celebration service will be Feb. 22nd. I would like to give out parts on the 8th if possible, which means I need to prepare them this next week (Feb. 4th). I will be emailing each of you individually, but please let me know as soon as you can if you are planning to play. If I don't hear from you I would assume you are NOT playing and will not prepare music for you. The band will warm up on the morning of the 22nd at 9AM in the Sanctuary as usual.

HANDBELLS - Do we want to continue with a handbell choir? It would be a short-term commitment and we would rehearse on Sun. mornings right after worship. I would like to start rehearsing on Sun., March 1st. We would need to break for Palm Sun. & Easter, but would then resume rehearsals Apr. 12th. We would ring the prelude on either Apr. 26th or May 3rd depending on which date works best for the group. Yes, you do need to attend as many rehearsals as you can. We have 3 octaves of bells, so can accommodate up to 10 ringers. This time we would be able to welcome new people who have not rung before, as there would be time to teach you the basic techniques. We will have a New Ringers Class after worship on Sun., Feb. 22nd upstairs in the back of the Sanctuary to get new people started. If you are interested in learning or continuing to ring, please let me know in the next few weeks so I can select an appropriate piece for the size of group we will have.

SENIOR CHOIR will be making some adjustments in our schedule at the beginning of Lent. Rehearsals will continue to be at 7 PM on Feb. 4th & 11th. On Ash Weds., Feb. 18th, we will warm up our anthem at 6:40 PM and sing for the service, however there will be no further rehearsal following worship. Sun., Feb. 22nd will be a Celebration service, so we will meet at 9AM upstairs in the choir transept to rehearse with the band. Our own warm-up time that morning will be brief. Rehearsals on the Wednesdays of Lent will follow Evening Prayer. Please assemble as quickly as possible. Rehearsals during Lent are always shortened since we still need to finish up by 9PM regardless of what time we start. We have more music to learn in less time, so we need to use our time wisely.

INSTRUMENTALISTS - If you have not already done so, please contact me as soon as possible if you are planning to play either with the ensemble on the 15th or the Celebration band on the 22nd. My home phone is 651-776-6048 and my email is kay@sandeenscand.com. Thanks.

In Christ,
Kay

MARKING TIME AT REDEEMER – 1920-1925, by Diana Rankin

As the City of Saint Paul prospered and grew in size, so did Redeemer. Within the space of only 35 years, the congregation had increased by almost 100-fold, out-grown 3 different church buildings, and started 3 "daughter" congregations.

1920

- The League of Nations was formed and the League of Women Voters and the American Civil Liberties Union were founded. The 18th Amendment prohibiting the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages and the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote were ratified.
- Three African American men were beaten and lynched by a mob in Duluth and another 13 were held in the St. Louis County Jail.

- Pastor Paul Lindemann was installed as pastor.
- Paul Hennig, Irene Markley's grandfather, was accepted as a voting member.
- With a \$2,000 contribution from Redeemer, the English District purchased property at Prior Avenue and St. Clair Street for a new mission. A new mission chapel, which later became Pilgrim Lutheran Church, was dedicated on August 29th.
- Redeemer and St. Stephens began canvassing the area between Prior, University, and Lexington "to where the world stops in the north."
- By the end of the year, Redeemer's membership consisted of 1,250 souls, including 742 communicants and 168 voters.

1921

- President Warren G. Harding signed a congressional resolution declaring peace with Germany, Austria, and Hungary.
- Montgomery Ward built their retail store and house at 1400 University Avenue.



Expanded Sanctuary - 1922

- Redeemer celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the new church building at Dale & Carroll. Pastor Lindemann wrote in the April *Record*: "Congregational anniversaries never celebrate human accomplishments, but always the unmerited goodness of the Lord. ... And while we survey with grateful hearts the blessings of the past, we will pray for strength and cheerfulness to meet the obligations and opportunities of the present and the future."
- The congregation considered moving because of the need for a larger building. Half of the Sunday School was meeting in the church nave and the other half in the basement and a third service was added. The voters decided, however, to stay at Dale & Carroll and add onto the building. They managed to get the alley to the south vacated and purchased property along Dale & Iglehart. The architects, Slifer & Abrahamson, drew up plans for seating 972 at an estimated cost of \$77,000 with \$42,000 of that to be raised from members. The congregation also formed an organ committee and it was remarked in the *Record* "What a relief it will be when our present organ will be permitted to issue its last expiring groan!"
- On October 23rd, there was a special service to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Ladies Aid Society.

1922

- The British Empire covered one-fourth of the world and ruled 1 in 4 people on earth. The Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. was dedicated. The first issue of the *Reader's Digest* was published.
- Judy Garland was born in Grand Rapids, MN and Charles Schulz, creator of *Peanuts*, was born in Minneapolis.

- Redeemer's Sunday School had its largest attendance ever – 401 students – on February 5th.
- The organ committee recommended an organ built by Wangerin-Weickhardt Co. of Milwaukee.
- Pastor Lindemann moved to 623 Iglehart and the original parsonage built in 1911 was sold.
- Attendance at 3 services on Easter Sunday was over 1,400.
- In July the *Record* reported that "The colored drawings of the memorial window, which will be presented to the church by the Pearson girls, is [*sic*] now ready." The window in the east transept consisted of 3 panels depicting the birth of Jesus, the Garden of Gethsemane, and the Resurrection.
- The new addition to the church building was dedicated on December 10th, the first social event in the new basement was held on December 11th, and the new organ was dedicated by Prof. C. Rupprecht of Chicago on December 14th. The choir had new vestments and, for the convenience of congregants and visitors, there were now 5 entrances to the church – 2 on Dale, 1 on Carroll, and 2 on the west side of the building.

1923

- The first issue of *Time* magazine was published. Calvin Coolidge became President of the United States following the death of Warren G. Harding. The Walt Disney Company was founded.
- Frank C. Mars, born in Hancock, MN, introduced the Milky Way candy bar. The actor James Arness was born in Minneapolis.

- Redeemer members continued to collect clothing and funds for Europeans who were suffering from the aftermath of World War I.
- The Ladies Aid Society raised \$15,000 to pay for the new organ, carpets, and other furnishings for the expanded church building.
- Harold Dufresne and Marion Thomas – David Dufresne’s parents – were confirmed on May 20th.
- It was decided to start a church library.
- In December, 483 were enrolled in Sunday School and the average attendance was 290.
- At the end of the year, Redeemer had a membership of 933 with 199 voting members.

1924

- Russian leader Vladimir Lenin died and Josef Stalin assumed control of the Soviet Union. All Native Americans were given U.S. citizenship. The first Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade was held.
- The worst mining disaster in Minnesota happened when 41 miners drowned in the Cuyuna Range Milford mine. In the smallpox epidemic of 1924-25, more than 4,000 people were stricken and 504 died. Ground was broken for Memorial Stadium at the University of Minnesota.

- Redeemer held Lenten services for the first time on Wednesday evenings.
- The *Record* notes dire conditions in Germany, especially starvation; more than one-third of the population was out of work. Members contributed funds which were sent to a pastor in Germany.

1925

- F. Scott Fitzgerald published *The Great Gatsby*. John T. Scopes was indicted for teaching Darwin's theory of evolution. An estimated 5 million Americans belonged to the Ku Klux Klan. Mount Rushmore National Memorial was dedicated and the Chrysler Corporation was founded.
- Richard G. Drew, a young 3-M lab assistant, invented masking tape. Production began at the Ford Motor Company's Twin Cities Assembly Plant.

• Redeemer began the year with a total of 1,006 people on the membership roles; this was reduced to 938 active members.

• The Sunday School used the second pocket of the offering envelope for missionary purposes, specifically the "negro missions" in the South. The November 1924 Record asked readers to "Come with me to the pretty city of Selma, Alabama. Do you see that little shack over there? It measures only 20x30 feet. That is the Lutheran church and school in Selma. In the one little room two Lutheran teachers are instructing over one hundred pupils."

• Redeemer established the Redeemer Church Home for Lutheran girls from "out of town." The large house was located at 307 North Dale and was dedicated on April 5th (Palm Sunday). Rent and 2 meals was \$6.50 to \$9 per week or \$1 per night for "transients." A matron was in charge of the home.

• Several of the English Lutheran churches were outgrowing their buildings. These included Mt. Olive (Redeemer's first "daughter") and Christ Church in Minneapolis and Our Savior's and Pilgrim (Redeemer's 2nd and 3rd daughters), Mt. Olive, and Jehovah in St. Paul.

On November 29th, Redeemer celebrated its 35th Anniversary.



**Redeemer Church Home
for Lutheran Girls**

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