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A Letter From Pastor Erlandson

As we begin a new year, we usually look back at the past year and then look forward to the coming year (sometimes with new year resolutions). But this year at Redeemer we are looking back **125 years** as we celebrate ***125 years of ministry in 2015!*** During the course of the year we will be looking back to our beginnings as a congregation, starting with a small group of German Lutherans who met in a church in St. Paul and made plans to create a Lutheran congregation which would worship, preach, and teach *in English!* This was pretty revolutionary for immigrant Lutheran congregations in the late 19th century – as most Swedish congregations worshiped in Swedish, Norwegians in Norwegian, etc. But from the beginning, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer has always intended to worship and share the gospel of Jesus Christ in the language of the people in the community of St. Paul (not just Germans, and not just Lutherans).

So throughout the year in 2015 we will be taking a look back in time as we worship and celebrate the church year (as always) – with an eye toward our ministry to the community around us. Each month in the *Redeemer Record* you can read an article by Diana Rankin about a different decade in our history. She has already written about the decades of the 1890s and 1900s, and our beginnings as a mission start in the English District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. This month Diana writes about the decade of the 1910s, when our “new church building” was built – and how Redeemer members founded new congregation mission starts, such as Pilgrim Lutheran and Our Saviour’s Lutheran in St. Paul.

Celebrating the festivals of the church calendar year is natural for us as a congregation – it is a vital part of our worship life. We begin 2015 on January 4th with the Feast of the Epiphany, and bless our church building for the coming year (just as individuals and families can bless their homes during Epiphany). Each month in 2015 we will emphasize different benchmarks in our history – such as the groundbreaking for our present church building in April, 1910, the dedication of the Learning Center in May, 1975, and our first worship service as a congregation on Reformation Sunday in 1890. On these festival days we will remember these events from our past, at the same time as we praise God in worship in 2015. So there won’t be just one big celebration on one day. We will hold several celebrations throughout the year.

Plans are being made by several planning teams to commemorate these events throughout 2015, coordinated by a Anniversary Steering Committee. If you would like to participate on one of these teams, you can! We invite all our members and friends to be part of our 2015 Anniversary Year celebration – just watch for details on how you can be involved!

But 2015 will not just be a year of looking back and remembering our roots in mission. We will continue to worship God, preach God’s Word, and share the good news of Jesus Christ to children, youth and adults, both in the congregation and in the community. We will be exploring new ways to reach out with the good news of God’s love in ministries of service, social justice, and racial reconciliation in our community. And in everything we do, we will point to Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the one who gives us life!

Serving Christ since 1890
Pastor Jim Erlandson

January Calendar

<u>Recurring Weekly Events</u>		
Sun.	10:00 am ~	Worship
	11:15 am ~	Coffee Fellowship
	12:00 pm ~	Universal Life Church of God
Mon.	3:00 pm ~	Shakespearean Youth Theatre
Tues.	4:00 pm ~	Shakespearean Youth Theatre
Wed.	7:00 pm ~	Senior Choir
	8:00 pm ~	Courage to Change N.A.
Thur.	6:30 am ~	Prayer & Meditation A.A.
	3:00 pm ~	Shakespearean Youth Theatre
Fri.	3:00 pm ~	Shakespearean Youth Theatre
	8:00 pm ~	Words into Action N.A.
Sat.	8:00 am ~	Siloé Church
	1:00 pm ~	Shakespearean Youth Theatre
Sun.	11:15 am ~	Handbells Rehearsal
<u>Other Events</u>		
6th	7:00 pm	Vestry Meeting
13th	7:00 pm	Elders Meeting
24th	4:00 pm	Reconciling in Christ Worship

THANK YOU'S!

Thank you to Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Roseville, MN, one of our "daughter" congregations for their gift of \$1,000 to Redeemer at the "Bowling to Holy" worship conference in November.

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Oh behalf of the staff and families of Project Home, we would like to thank you for your generous donations of: pajamas, books, magazines and earrings. We are grateful for your support of our families in their time of need and as they transition into housing.

Sarah Liegl, Director of Project Home Family Shelters

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To Dave Peterson, Lyle Nelson and Emmanuel Hughes for repairing and painting the inside walls of Redeemer's bell tower from the Undercroft to the roof (from the bottom to the top)!

January 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.

	<u>Deacon</u>	<u>Subdeacon</u>	<u>Reader</u>
Jan. 4	Joel Michael	Colleen Danner	Myrna Nelson
	<u>Thurifer</u>	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
	David Tannen	Ray Hayes	Keshon Hughes
	<u>Torchbearers</u>	Catalina Cretsinger	Benjamin Cretsinger
	<u>Bannerbearers</u>	Bob Paddock	Hilary Ziols
Jan. 11	<u>Deacon</u>	<u>Subdeacon</u>	<u>Reader</u>
	Arline Satrom	Stevie McMillian	Elizabeth Currie
	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	
	Nathan Parsons	Jack Sprung	
Jan. 18	<u>Deacon</u>	<u>Subdeacon</u>	<u>Reader</u>
	Tammy Cownie	Robert Paddock	Mary Lou Knipe
	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	
	Quinn Caerwyn	Neal Caerwyn	
Jan. 25	<u>Deacon</u>	<u>Subdeacon</u>	<u>Reader</u>
	Michelle Geschwill	DeAnne Hilgers	Hilary Ziols
	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	
	Laura Michael	Layla Harris	

JANUARY 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
January 4 <i>Epiphany of Our Lord</i>	Isaiah 60:1-6	72:1-7, 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
January 11 <i>Baptism of Our Lord</i>	Genesis 1:1-5	29	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11
January 18 <i>2 Epiphany</i>	1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]	139:1-6, 13-18	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	John 1:43-51
January 25 <i>3 Epiphany</i>	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	62:5-12	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20

ADULT FORUMS

Jan. 4, 2015 9:00 A.M. "What Do We Want From Adult Forums" Conducted by Mary Lou Knipe and Joan Foreman. This is your opportunity for input as to the topics you would like to see presented including discussion on the format. Time permitting we will review the past year's schedule of categories we have included (such as theological, Bible study, social gospel, etc.)

Jan. 11, 2015 9:00 A.M. "Bridges Out of Poverty." This will be a book review presented by Reva Rasmussen and is written by Ruby K Payne, Philip E. DeVol, and Terie Dreuss Smith; it focuses on strategies for professionals and communities to use a framework for understanding poverty including ideas how to better serve people and create opportunities for success.

Jan. 18, 2015 9:00 A.M. "Understanding Redeemer's Budget." Presented by vestry members. This is your chance to ask questions prior to the annual meeting on Jan. 25 and therefore better understand the process.

Jan. 25, 2015 9:00 A.M. "The Line--Poverty in America, It's Not What You Think." This DVD will be presented by Joan Foreman. Nearly 47 million people in America live below the poverty line-one in four children in America live in poverty. The video will introduce you to four people from diverse backgrounds who represent the faces of poverty in America and how faith based organizations are making a difference in their lives.

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

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## YOUTH GOING TO DETROIT

The ELCA Youth Gathering will be held July 12-19, 2015 in Detroit. So far we have five Redeemer young people registering to attend the Gathering and the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event: Catalina Cretsinger, Shanita Eaves, Lori Erlandson, Keshon and Kymarra Hughes. They will travel by bus with other youth from the Saint Paul and Minneapolis Area Synods. We will have several opportunities to assist them on this mission trip through fundraising events and prayer.

**Women's Guild** ~ will meet Thursday, January 8th at 11:00 AM. Bring a sandwich or salad. Coffee and dessert will be served by hostesses Ruth Belmonte and Mary Lou Knipe.

## 2015 RECONCILING IN CHRIST SERVICE



Join the ELCA Lutheran communities of the Twin Cities for the annual Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Service and Community Gathering on January 24, 2015 at 4:00 PM to celebrate, reflect and become re-energized for the work of welcome, education, advocacy and outreach. Reconciling in Christ congregations witness God's love for persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities. It's a time to highlight what it means to live a theology of reconciliation.

Pastor Bradley Schmeling will preach. Schmeling is the first openly gay senior pastor in the ELCA. Schmeling says he was drawn to Gloria Dei Lutheran, a Reconciling in Christ congregation: "because of its deep commitment to God's unconditional welcome as it takes shape on Sunday morning and in the congregation's witness to the wider world. I believe the church is called to respond to the Spirit's gentle and challenging call to widen the circle and to erase barriers. God's grace and love are for everyone."

Schmeling's spouse, Darin, is also an ELCA pastor and serves in hospital chaplaincy. Schmeling says: "We love to spend time at home, cooking, savoring the outdoors, and taking care of our new house."

Service participants will include The Rev. James Erlandson, Pastor of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, and Aurbrey Thonvold, Interim Executive Director of ReconcilingWorks: Lutherans for Full Participation.

The Twin Cities Chapter of ReconcilingWorks (founded 1974) hosts an annual celebration of the witness of the 44 Reconciling in Christ congregations in Minnesota, communities that publicly welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

The community gathering and meal provide opportunities to get to know each other, share ideas and upcoming events, and brainstorm about new ways to educate and advocate for LGBT equality and inclusion. Election of officers of the Twin Cities Chapter of ReconcilingWorks will be held.

Working at the intersection of oppressions, ReconcilingWorks: Lutherans for Full Participation embodies, inspires, advocates, and organizes for the acceptance and full participation of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities within the Lutheran communion and its ecumenical and global partners.

Twin Cities Chapter of ReconcilingWorks

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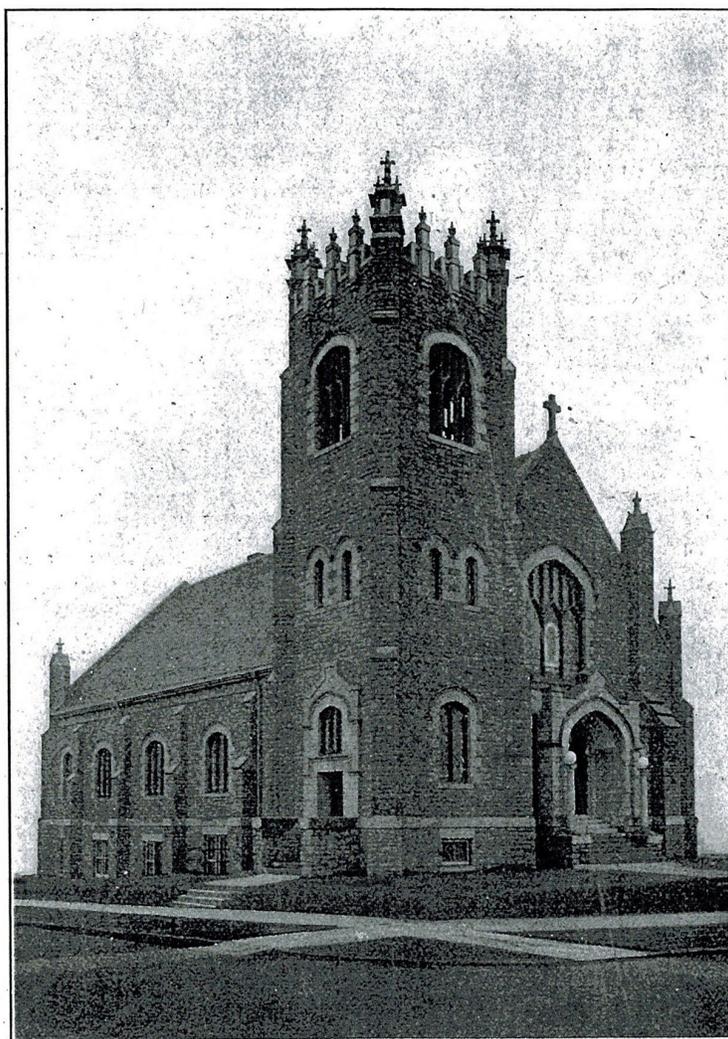
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OUR NEW CHURCH.

## **MARKING TIME AT REDEEMER – THE THIRD DECADE 1910-1919, by Diana Rankin**

Redeemer's third decade – 1910-1919 – was marked with building a new church at Dale Street and Carroll Avenue and astounding growth in membership. Here are some of the highlights of that decade in Redeemer's history and in that of the surrounding community and the larger world.

### **1910**

Boy Scouts of America was founded. Henry Ford sold 10,000 automobiles. Mother Teresa was born and Mark Twain died.

Minnesota had 2,075,700 residents; about 30% of Minneapolis and St. Paul residents were immigrants – the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest immigrant population among all the states.

*Redeemer broke ground for its new building on the southwest corner of Dale Street and Carroll Avenue on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and laid the cornerstone (St. Cloud polished granite) on July 10<sup>th</sup>. In the fall, the congregation built a parsonage facing Carroll and 30 feet from the church. This is roughly the location of today's courtyard and entrance to the Learning Center.*

*The congregation continued to worship in the old church at Lafayette and Woodward while the new church was being built. "By resolution of the congregation, and to satisfy a rather general demand, especially on the part of the young people, the Christmas service will be held at six o'clock on Christmas morning." (Redeemer Record, December 1910)*

### **1911**

George V became King of the United Kingdom. The Triangle Shirtwaist Co. factory in New York City caught fire, killing 146 people, mostly immigrant women and girls working there. The U.S. Supreme Court ordered the Standard Oil Company to be dissolved under the Sherman Antitrust Act. Ronald Reagan was born.

Saint Mark Lutheran Church on West 7<sup>th</sup> Street in St. Paul switched from the German language to English. A canal connected Minneapolis' Lake of the Isles to Lake Calhoun.

*The new church building was dedicated on March 19<sup>th</sup> with 3 services (10:45 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7:45 p.m.). The regular worship service schedule was 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. on Sunday with Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:30 a.m. and Communion on the first Sunday of the month.*

*In March, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bielenberg, grandparents of Bette Steglich and Susan Bielenberg, were accepted as members.*

## 1912

The African National Congress was founded to improve rights for black South Africans. The *RMS Titanic* sank. American Girl Guides was founded; the name was changed to Girl Scouts a year later. New Mexico became the 47<sup>th</sup> state and Arizona the 48<sup>th</sup> state; Alaska became a U.S. territory.

St. Paul Curling Club was founded. Walter Deubner, a grocer in St. Paul, invented and patented a shopping bag that could carry up to 75 pounds; he sold them to customers for 5 cents each.

*Redeemer held its first Summer School. In July and August, children came to the church 4 days a week, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Average attendance was 60 and the children studied the Catechism and Bible history and learned hymns. Forty children were enrolled in Confirmation classes.*

## 1913

Woodrow Wilson was inaugurated as President of the United States. The 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution authorizing the federal income tax and the 17<sup>th</sup> Amendment providing for direct popular election of U.S. senators were both ratified. The Federal Reserve System was authorized, reforming U.S. banking and finance.

The first Lutheran Kindergarten and daycare was established in Minneapolis. The Great Lakes Storm of 1913 which began on November 7<sup>th</sup> was a frozen hurricane; it began on Lake Superior, created 60 mph winds in Duluth, and eventually killed at least 248 sailors, destroyed 19 ships, and stranded 19 other ships.

*Former members of Redeemer who had moved to California were establishing congregations. Redeemer encouraged its members to assist financially with the organization of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in San Diego.*

*Redeemer helped establish a mission at 835 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street on Dayton's Bluff. The English District of the Missouri Synod granted a subsidy of \$50 a month so that a pastor could be called. Pastor Kreinheder encouraged Redeemer members living on Dayton's Bluff or Arlington Hills to join the mission.*

## 1914

The assassination of Austrian Archduke Franz Ferdinand on June 28 triggered World War I. The Ford Motor Company raised the basic wage from \$2.40 for a 9-hour day to \$5 for an 8-hour day. President Woodrow Wilson declared neutrality in the European war.

The Toro Motor Company was founded in Bloomington, MN and the Greyhound bus line in Hibbing.

*Redeemer's worship attendance in March averaged 81 at the morning service and 59 in the afternoon. As of May 10<sup>th</sup>, there were 220 children enrolled in Sunday School.*

*The Dayton's Bluff Mission was officially organized as the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Savior with 10 voting and 56 communicant members.*

*The Lutheran Church of the Missouri Synod had a Board for Negro Mission. On October 11<sup>th</sup>, the Rev. N. J. Bakke, director of the "mission among the Negroes of the south, preached a very eloquent and interesting sermon on this work in our church."*

*On October 30<sup>th</sup>, the Redeemer League had what may have been Redeemer's first annual Halloween party. It was held for the 39 confirmation students.*

*According to the Pastor's annual report, Redeemer had 102 voting members, 446 communicant members, and a total of 600 souls. The Pastor baptized 30, confirmed 26, married 25 couples, and held 13 burials. The Sunday School had an enrollment of 325 and 21 teachers.*

## **1915**

Alexander Graham Bell and Thomas A. Watson made the first transcontinental telephone call. A German submarine sank the British ship *Lusitania*, killing 1,198 passengers. Haiti became a U.S. protectorate.

All brothels in Minneapolis were finally shut down because of the persistent efforts of temperance organizations, churches, neighborhood associations and government reformers. The first Mass was held in the Cathedral of St. Paul on Easter Sunday. Both the Minneapolis Institute of Art and the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory at Como Park were founded.

*Redeemer's newest mission, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Savior, dedicated its new building on the corner of Earl and Minnehaha on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

*In November Redeemer finally sold the property at Lafayette and Woodward. This allowed the congregation to pay off its \$20,000 debt to the Aid Association of Lutherans.*

*800 attended the 6:15 a.m. Christmas Day service; a Sunday School Christmas service was held at 4:30 p.m.*

## **1916**

General John J. Pershing entered Mexico in pursuit of Francisco (Pancho) Villa. The U.S. bought the Virgin Islands from Denmark and established a military government in the Dominican Republic.

Eugene McCarthy, U.S. Senator from Minnesota 1959-1971, was born. Five brothers who immigrated from Russia founded the Shinders bookstores. The Iron Range Miners Strike of 1916 on the Mesabi Range was violent; Industrial Workers of the World assisted in organizing the miners.

*More than 300 people were attending evening services and 405 children were enrolled in Sunday School. A majority of the children (54%) were from families who were not members of the congregation.*

## **1917**

The Russian Revolution abolished the monarchy and the Bolsheviks under Lenin took control of the country. The U.S. entered World War I on April 6<sup>th</sup> after Germany declared unrestricted submarine warfare against neutrals. Puerto Rico became a U.S. territory and its people U.S. citizens.

The highest maximum temperature ever recorded in Minnesota was 115 degrees F. on July 29<sup>th</sup> at Beardsley in Big Stone County. The newly created Commission on Public Safety suspended constitutional freedoms, largely out of fear of the state's immigrant population (largely German) and labor unrest.

*Redeemer purchased and placed "Lutheran Books" in the St. Paul Public Library.*

*By October, 9 members were serving their country in the U.S. Army or Navy.*

## **1918**

World War I ended with the signing of an armistice on November 11<sup>th</sup>. More than 10 million soldiers died in the war. An influenza epidemic killed an estimated 20 million people worldwide and 548,000 in the U.S.

The Cloquet-Moose Lake Fire burned at least 1,500 square miles, killed 453 people, and destroyed 38 towns. In October the Minneapolis Department of Health closed all schools and other public places to close because of the "Spanish Flu" epidemic. More than 75,000 Minnesotans became ill and more than 7,500 died in October alone.

*Redeemer became fully involved in the war effort. In January, the "ladies of our church" organized a Red Cross unit. By February, 12 members were in the military. The congregation agreed to sell Thrift and War Savings Stamps through the Sunday School. To conserve fuel, all unnecessary meetings were eliminated, some groups reduced the number of meetings, and others met in members' homes. The voting members decided to hang a Service Flag in the church on Sundays. Between May and July, Pastor Kreinheder served as a chaplain at Camp Stuart in Virginia on behalf of the Synod's Army and Navy Board. By the end of the year, 35 men from Redeemer were in the military.*

*In March, the congregation established a building fund for an addition to meet the Sunday School's need for more space. Later in the year, railings were installed at the main entrance to the church and the Dale Street entrance.*

*Pastor Kreinheder was elected president of the English District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.*

## 1919

The 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or transportation of alcoholic beverages was ratified.

The Minnesota Legislature granted women the right to vote for presidential electors. The second deadliest tornado in Minnesota history hit Fergus Falls on June 22, killing 57 and injuring 200. F. Scott Fitzgerald wrote *This Side of Paradise* while living at 593 Summit Avenue in St. Paul.

*Redeemer conducted a canvass in August for a new mission between Snelling and the river south of Grand Avenue. In September a resolution was passed to assist the Mission Board in buying or constructing a building for a mission congregation in the Macalester Park District. This was to become Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Redeemer's third daughter congregation.*

*In September, the Building Committee was instructed to secure sketches for an addition to the church.*

*With the end of World War I, the Men's Club held a Welcome Home banquet on November 26<sup>th</sup>. The congregation also resolved to solicit clothing and money for the relief of Lutherans in Europe.*

*At the end of the year, the Pastor reported the following: 162 voting members, 713 communicant members, and 448 enrolled in Sunday School. Financially, the congregation was barely in the black:*

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|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Cash on hand, January 1<sup>st</sup></i>       | <i>\$961.21</i>    |
| <i>Total receipts</i>                             | <i>\$12,182.36</i> |
| <i>Total disbursements</i>                        | <i>\$12,684.51</i> |
| <i>Ending balance on December 31<sup>st</sup></i> | <i>\$459.06.</i>   |

As Redeemer's third decade ended, the congregation reluctantly resolved on December 19, 1919 to allow Pastor Kreinheder to accept a call to Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Detroit.



Confirmation class will be held on  
**Wednesday, January 7 and 21 at 7:00 pm**  
in the church elevator lounge.

## MUSIC NOTES

The music of Advent and Christmas appeals to us as no other. Advent hymns reflect the quiet anticipation of the prophecies in soft contemplation. Others trumpet the proclamations of John - Prepare Ye the Way! He is coming; our savior is coming. Wait for it, as we say. It will arrive soon. On the last Sunday of Advent we listen to the lessons and sing the carols that accompany them. It is a time of transition as Christmas draws near. Wasn't it fun to hear the bell choir again? I have missed that unique sound - have you? I'm hoping this is something we can continue - not necessarily as a weekly rehearsal all year, but have a group to play again in the spring. This could include new people who have never rung before. We have enough bells for a choir of 10, so we can easily expand to accommodate others. And wasn't it lovely having the instruments adding color and texture to the carols. I've thought for years how nice it would be to have a Christmas orchestra like we do at Easter. With so many people travelling at Christmas that probably is not possible. But maybe an Advent orchestra for Lessons & Carols. Something to think about. If we plan it enough ahead of time it wouldn't be difficult. All we need is players.

Then finally we get to Christmas Eve. Softly, in candlelight we sing lullabies to the new-born King and remember why he was born. We end by quietly singing Silent Night and then to home to sleep in peaceful joy. Christmas Day is the joyous culmination of all that has gone before. The savior is here; our joy is complete. Our favorite carols carry us through these 2 services and the following Sundays, and fill our hearts as no other music can. Many thanks to all the dedicated musicians who give of themselves to bring us joy - the Bell Choir, the Senior Choir and supplemental singers, and the instrumentalists, as well as our staff. Our services have much more meaning and beauty because of their gifts. Be sure to let them know if they have given you joy!

Senior Choir will be taking a break for a couple of weeks, as will I. Katie will be there to play each week. We could use a soloist for our Epiphany service on Jan. 4th. If you would be willing to sing or play an instrument, please contact Pr. Jim or Katie. (I will be out of town).

Senior Choir will meet at 9AM on Sun., Jan. 11th to prepare music for the day. Supplemental singers are also welcome. Regular rehearsals will resume on Weds. Jan. 14th at 7 PM. And we always need additional singers, should you feel so inclined.

The choir will be attending the National Lutheran Choir's Tune-Up on Sat. Jan. 17th. The clinician this year will be Anton Armstrong from St. Olaf College, so this promises to be a terrific workshop. We will meet at church at 8:30 AM to carpool. Any singer from the congregation is welcome to go with us. We can bring up to 50 people and usually have about 10. I just need to give the NLC a final count the week before. You can contact me when I get back on Jan. 7th (or later) if you would like to join us. It is a really fun event and we always learn a lot.

Finally, thanks to everyone who left me gifts of goodies. I don't get time to bake for myself very often, so they are greatly appreciated. And thanks to the choir for their generous gift which will go with me on my visit to my sister at her new home in Virginia (state).

In Christ,

*Kay*

### **NEW MINISTRIES TO CONSIDER**

The new year gives us new opportunities to reach out to our neighbors with God's love. There are proposals before us to create a new *Community Garden* on our south lawn, through a partnership with elders and youth from the Hmong community, and to hold a *Farmers' Market* on our church parking lot during the summer and fall months. These will be pilot projects for 2015 which you will hear more about in future months.

There is also 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 will make a presentation one Sunday in January to describe Loaves and Fishes ministry, and their proposal to renovate our church kitchen (with funds from several grant proposals). We will then as a congregation have opportunity to discuss and consider the proposal. More details will be coming with specific dates.

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### **ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is set for **Sunday, January 25th at 11:30 am** in the church undercroft, immediately following the worship service. We will receive copies of the church annual report, approve the church budget for 2015, and elect a Vestry at-large representative. Any confirmed member of Redeemer is eligible to serve. If you would be willing to serve on the Vestry this year, please contact Ray Hayes (President), Bob Paddock (Vice President), Pastor Erlandson or any other Vestry member.

**Please submit annual report articles NO LATER than Thursday January 15th.**

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### **ST. MARK'S FIRE FUND**

Many of you are aware that there was a fire (set by a mentally disturbed person) which partially burned St. Mark's Lutheran Church on West Seventh Street in St. Paul. St. Mark's congregation and their pastor, Walt Wietzke, are our neighbors and part of our Saint Paul Area Synod. Several Redeemer members have asked how we can help support St. Mark's. The Saint Paul Area Synod has created a fund for donations to help St. Mark's Lutheran Church continue in ministry and to rebuild. You can donate to this fund by writing a check (either to Redeemer or to the Saint Paul Area Synod) and write "**St. Mark's Fire Fund**" in the memo line. If you bring or send it to Redeemer, we will forward your check to the Synod after the first of the year. All gifts will go to help St. Mark's. So please consider a new years gift to help St. Mark's rebuild their ministry.



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