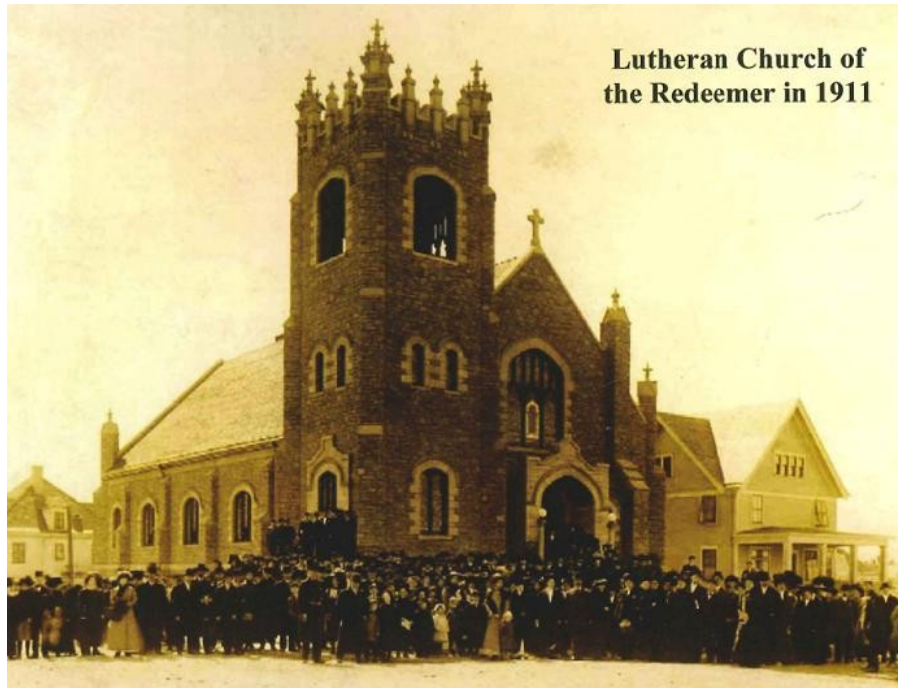


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A Letter From Pastor Erlandson

Dear Friends,

This month of March we observe the season of Lent, a time for reflection and prayer, introspection of ourselves, our faith, and the mission of discipleship to which Christ has called us – to love God and neighbor in word and deed. In this year that we are celebrating 125 years as a congregation, it is good to reflect on how we as individuals AND as a church are doing in the mission to which we have been called – to *“go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.”*

In the January issue of *Sojourners*, Evan Dolive wrote an essay called *15 Things the Church Needs to Do in 2015*. I won't share all 15, but there are several challenging questions that we should consider, as part of our Lenten reflection. Because our 125th anniversary isn't just a time to remember the past and celebrate who we *have been* – it is also a year to think and talk about who *we are today*, and *what God calls us to be and do in the future*. We have to ask some hard questions in order to do that. Questions like these:

What “worked”, and what “didn't work” in our ministry in 2014?

Why would anyone want to come to this church?

If we closed our doors tomorrow, who would miss us?

If no one would miss us, then what are we doing here?

Then there are some additional questions about our mission, assuming that our purpose as the Church goes beyond worship services and our congregation:

Who is in our community – and do we know them at all? What do they want?

Have we had honest conversations about race (after Ferguson)?

What is our mission, really? Have we been on the right track (Christ's)?

Is “failure” a bad word? Do we dare to fail as disciples?

Do we love the people (of this church, the community, our neighbors)?

If someone came to this church community for the first time, what would be their experience?

How do we evaluate our ministry beyond counting “bodies-in-the-pews?”

Are we giving enough? Are we complaining too much?

Do we pray for our church, and for our mission?

Here's a prayer from our *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* book that fits:
“O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Peace in Christ.

Pastor Jim

March 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 ~ 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

1st		PROJECT HOME BEGINS
3rd	7:00 pm	Vestry Meeting
4th	6:00 pm	Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Lenten Evening Prayer <i>God's promise of a child to Abraham & Sarah</i>
5th	11:00 am	Women's Guild
9th	7:00 pm	ISAIAH Core Team Meeting
10th	7:00 pm	Elders Meeting
11th	6:00 pm	Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Lenten Evening Prayer <i>Testing of the Covenant with Abraham: Sacrifice of Isaac</i>
12th	9:00 am	REDEEMER/ISAIAH Lenten Vigil at the Capitol
15th		Anniversary of 1911 Dedication of Redeemer
18th	6:00 pm	Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Lenten Evening Prayer <i>God gives the Law to the people (Ten Commandments)</i>
21st	9:00 am	Friendship and Flowers
25th	6:00 pm	Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Lenten Evening Prayer <i>God will write a new covenant on our hearts</i>
29th	10:00 am	PALM SUNDAY

March 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>
Mar. 1	Tammy Cownie	Robert Paddock	Lyle Nelson
	<u>Acolyte</u>		
Mar. 8	<u>Deacon</u>	<u>Subdeacon</u>	<u>Reader</u>
	Joel Michael	Joann Conroy	Mary Lou Knipe
	<u>Acolyte</u>		
	Layla Harris		
Mar. 15	<u>Deacon</u>	<u>Subdeacon</u>	<u>Reader</u>
	Arline Satrom	Stevie McMillian	Hilary Ziols
	<u>Acolyte</u>		
	Leah Harris		
Mar. 22	<u>Deacon</u>	<u>Subdeacon</u>	<u>Reader</u>
	Michelle Geschwill	DeAnne Hilgers	Sam Rankin
	<u>Acolyte</u>		
	Jared Geschwill		
Mar. 29	<u>Deacon</u>	<u>Subdeacon</u>	<u>Reader</u>
	Joel Michael	Robert Paddock	
	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Thurifer</u>	<u>Crucifer</u>
	Neal Caerwyn	David Tannen	Nathan Parsons
	<u>Torchbearer</u>	Lori Erlandson	Quinn Caerwyn
	<u>Bannerbearer</u>	Catalina Cretsinger	Keshon Hughes

MARCH 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	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
March 1 <i>2 Lent</i>	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	22:23-31	Romans 4:13-25	Mark 1:9-15
March 8 <i>3 Lent</i>	Exodus 20:1-17	19	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22
March 15 <i>4 Lent</i>	Numbers 21:4-9	107:1-3, 17-22	Ephesians 2:1-10	John 3:14-21
March 22 <i>5 Lent</i>	Jeremiah 31:31-34	51:1-12	Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33
March 29 <i>Passion/Palm Sunday</i>	Isaiah 50:4-9a	31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Mark 14:1-15:47

WORSHIP AT REDEEMER

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:

- **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:

- **March 4**, Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, *God's promise of a child to Abraham & Sarah*
- **March 11**, Genesis 22:1-18, *Testing of the Covenant with Abraham- Sacrifice of Isaac*
- **March 18**, Exodus 20:1-17, *God gives the Law to the people (Ten Commandments)*
- **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.

HOLY WEEK BEGINS MARCH 29

The season of Lent ends, and Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday (also observed as *Passion Sunday*), March 29. We will start with the Blessing & Procession with Palms in the Learning Center at 10 am, then process into the church sanctuary. Our custom is to hear the Reading of the Passion (According to Mark, this year) in place of the sermon. Volunteers are requested for the reading, which will be rehearsed the Sunday before (on March 22).

EASTER VIGIL

This year the *Great Vigil of Easter* will be held at St. Paul-Reformation Lutheran Church, 100 No. Oxford St., St. Paul, at 7:00 pm. (Every year we alternate locations between Redeemer and St. Paul-Reformation.) Those who wish to read a lesson or sing in the Easter Vigil Choir that evening, please see Pastor Jim – we will be sharing these worship leading roles with St. Paul-Reformation members. The worship service itself takes about two hours. A reception will follow the worship service. Everyone is cordially invited.

ADULT FORUMS

March 1

9:00 A.M. **"Anti-Semitism During Holy Week"** Presented by Professor Diane Jacobson. This discussion will look at perceptions about who was responsible for Jesus death or was this fulfillment of prophecy.

March 8

9:00 A.M. **"A Woman of Faith"** Presented by Arline Satrom. This presentation is based on Lori Sturdevant's book, "Her Honor:Supreme Court Justice Rosalie Wahl and the Minnesota Women's Movement." Rosalie Wahl is well known as one of the pioneers in the Woman's Movement.

March 15

9:00 A.M. **"Worship in 1911"** Presented by the Reverend Robert Hausman. The year 1911 marks the founding of this congregation. As we celebrate our 125 years of worship as a congregation, we look back at our liturgical style and worship practices.

11:30 A.M. **"Discussion About the Commemorative Display"** Presented by Diana Rankin and the Anniversary Committee

March 22

9:00 A.M. **"Table and Font-Who is Welcome at the Table?"** Presented by Pastor Jim Erlandson. This study will be introduced to Redeemer members with discussion and opportunity for our congregation to provide input to the ELCA regarding this issue.

March 29

9:00 A.M. **"History of Palm Sunday"** Presented by the Reverend Robert Hausman. This presentation will cover Old Testaments references as well as the Gospel accounts of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

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There will be an Adult Forum Planning meeting Thursday, March 26, 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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**CONFIRMATION**

Redeemer's confirmation class continues during Lent in the month of March. Our confirmation students are assisting as worship leaders on Sundays and for Wednesday Evening Prayer, lighting candles and reading lessons. On Wednesday, March 4 and 18 the class will meet for discussion following Lenten worship. Students and their families are also assisting as evening hosts with Project Home during March, as a service project.

## ISAIAH CORE TEAM NEWS

### *Members of Redeemer will be keeping vigil at the Capitol Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00am to Noon*

During the weeks of Lent, ISAIAH congregations are taking turns keeping a vigil at the Capitol on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. March 12<sup>th</sup> is our vigil day. While at the capitol, we will be meeting with our elected officials, possibly attending committee hearings, and praying for our leaders and the work they are doing. **If you would like to be part of the vigil at the Capitol and have not yet signed up, please contact our Vigil Coordinator, Gretchen Vanderlinden-Wang (Phone Number 651-216-1096 or [gretchen.vanderlinden@gmail.com](mailto:gretchen.vanderlinden@gmail.com)) by March 4<sup>th</sup>.** We are currently scheduling appointments with legislators and working out transportation arrangements. Knowing who is going and which legislative districts people live in will help us make arrangements.

In February, the Core Team presented two forums about the legislative issues we are working on this session. The issues include requirements for driver's licenses, funds for paid family leave time, earned sick and safe time, restoring voting rights to those who have served their sentences, juvenile justice policies, and transportation. Even if you can't attend the vigil with us, you can contact your State Senator and Representative in support of the following issues

**Driver's Licenses:** In 2003, identification requirements were changed so that foreign birth certificates and passports could no longer be used as forms of identification for obtaining a Minnesota Driver's License. We are seeking to restore the earlier policies so that immigrants in our state, who are driving on our roads, will be able to obtain licenses. Both **HF97** and **HF98** along with **SF134** seek these changes.

**Paid Family Leave with Earned Sick & Safe Time:** Although federal policies require family leave time, there are no requirements that employers pay employees while they use this important benefit. **HF1093** and **SF1085** seek to establish a statewide pool to provide paid family leave in a way similar to unemployment. This bill also includes requirements that all employees be able to earn paid sick time to cover absences for illness or to arrange personal safety for domestic violence and other assault victims.

**Restoring the Right to Vote:** Many former felons remain unable to vote for years after they have finished serving the sentences for their crimes. **HF0342** and **SF355** are seeking changes so that those who have been incarcerated will have their voting rights restored upon release.



**Juvenile Justice Reforms:** A number of routine practices in the juvenile justice system are making it harder for youth who commit crimes to move beyond these events into functional adulthood. A number of bills (**HF1069, HF0396, HF0714, HF0715, SF994**) are seeking to end the routine use of shackles, to close court hearings involving youth, to provide funding and programs for diversion rather than incarceration, and to allow people to obtain professional licensing even when they have records of juvenile offenses.

**Transportation:** A large transportation spending bill will be passed during this legislative session. Various details will be worked out through a number of bills into a final package. Many times the subject of transportation is used to divide our state: "roads and bridges" means funding for the suburbs and rural areas, "transit" means funding for the urban areas. We need all forms of transportation to be addressed and funded because many Minnesotans use a variety of transportation options. Keep in touch with your senator and representative and encourage them to work for unity on this rather than division.

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### **MARCH 15 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

On Sunday, March 15, we will celebrate the dedication of our church building (dedicated March 19, 1911), the first of several anniversary events this year! We will celebrate the re-dedication of our church sanctuary at 10 am in worship, and say "thank you" to those who have worked hard the past several months to clean, repair, and paint the sanctuary for this anniversary year. Following worship there will be a reception in the church undercroft, where there will be historical displays, photographs and plans of our original church building, prepared by our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Steering Committee (Diana Rankin, Irene Markley, David Dufresne, Ruth Belmonte, Dorothea Burns). Please join us for worship and the celebration on this special day!

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### **THANK YOU!**

*Thank you* to the volunteers who have worked hard, faithfully and lovingly, to clean, repair, paint and restore the walls and hallways of our church sanctuary and undercroft these past several months. Many have worked on this project over the years, but particularly, we wish to thank a few who have given a lot of their time and energy to spruce up and beautify our church building and sanctuary this year:

*Dave Peterson*                      *Lyle Nelson*  
*Emmanuel Hughes*              *David Dufresne*

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### **WOMEN'S GUILD**

will meet Thursday, March 5th at 11:00 AM. A light lunch will be provided, served by hostesses Myrna Nelson and Kathy Moffat.

## **Project Home guests are here!**

**Mon., March 2 – Wed., April 1, 2015.**

As we have for several years, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer will be hosting guests from *Project Home* throughout the month of March. *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. *Project Home* also partners with *The Family Place*, in St. Paul, which provides meals, showers, and laundry facilities, and helps families access social services and locate housing.

This is truly a community effort for Lutheran Church of the Redeemer and there are still plenty of volunteer opportunities available to fit everyone's time and talents, including:

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

You can learn more about Project Home from the Project Home team – Ray Hayes, Ruth Belmonte, Jon Vaughan-Fier, Gretchen Vanderlinden-Wang, and Ginny Yingling. You can also check out the Project Home website at **[www.spacc.org/projecthome](http://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](mailto:ginny.yingling@gmail.com)**).

Thank you very, very much!!!

Ginny

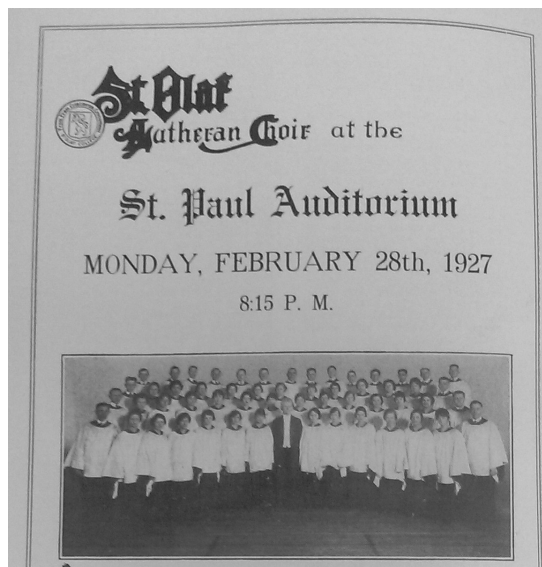
Coordinator, Project Home at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

## MARKING TIME AT REDEEMER – 1926-1930, by Diana Rankin

This is the fifth 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, Minnesota, and the City of St. Paul. Each of the first 3 articles covered a decade, the 4<sup>th</sup> article 6 years, and this one only 5 years, taking us through 1930. This is the year Redeemer celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the same sanctuary space we worship in today and the world was beginning its long descent into the Great Depression.

### 1926

- Chiang Kai-shek became leader of China's revolutionary party. U.S. Route 66 was established. A first-class stamp cost 2 cents.
- Allen Greenspan, Harper Lee, Miles Davis, Andy Griffith, Allen Ginsberg, Tony Bennett, and Robert Bly were born.
- The first Automatic Pop-up toaster was marketed in June 1926 by McGraw Electric Co. in Minneapolis under the name Toastmaster.
- The Ku Klux Klan burned a cross in St. Paul's Mounds Park, reportedly in response to an alleged assault of a white 17-year-old girl by a black male.
  - ⇒ ***Redeemer started the year with a total membership of 1,022.***
  - ⇒ ***In March the congregation began a debt reduction campaign, seeking to reduce the \$56,000 debt by \$25,000 – an astounding \$330,323.70 in 2015 dollars.***
  - ⇒ ***The St. Olaf Choir sang in the downtown St. Paul Auditorium on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Redeemer's choir provided supper in the Assembly Room and a choir committee was in charge of publicity for the concert.***



Poster from St. Olaf Lutheran Choir

## 1927

- Captain Charles A. Lindbergh, who was born in Minnesota, flew the *Spirit of St. Louis* on the first New York to Paris nonstop flight.
  - The musical *Show Boat* opened in New York City.
  - Work began on Mount Rushmore.
- ⇒ ***At Redeemer, Edna Snyder, Michelle Geschwill's grandmother, and Arthur Bielenberg, Bette Steglich's father, were confirmed.***

## 1928

- Madame Tussaud's waxwork exhibition opened in London.
  - Herbert Hoover defeated Alfred E. Smith for U.S. President.
  - Walter Mondale, Maya Angelou, Shirley Temple, Frank Borman, and Stanley Kubrick were born.
  - Cadwallader Washburn's flour mills on the Mississippi River became General Mills and the company was listed on the New York Stock Exchange.
  - President Coolidge became the first chief executive to visit Minnesota's Iron Range.
  - Evelyn Fairbanks (*nee* Edwards), who wrote *Days of Rondo*, was born. She grew up at 532 St. Anthony Avenue (about 2 blocks east of Redeemer) in the Rondo district, "one of St. Paul's 'colored neighborhoods' where white people also lived. (page 1)
- ⇒ ***Redeemer had an active membership of 1,043 and 500 children and youth were enrolled in Sunday School.***
- ⇒ ***Pastor Lindemann estimated that 5,600 people attended the 7 services held from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday.***
- ⇒ ***Mr. Paul Hennig, Irene Markley's grandfather, was elected to the Vestry. Alice Langevin, who first came to Redeemer through the Sunday School, was confirmed.***

## 1929

- The German airship Graf Zeppelin completed a round-the-world flight.
  - Mother Teresa arrived in Calcutta to begin her work.
  - The Stock Market crashed on Black Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, beginning the Great Depression.
  - The Foshay Tower opened in Minneapolis, but Wilbur Foshay lost his fortune in the Stock Market crash.
  - The Hallie Q. Brown Community Center opened its doors.
- ⇒ ***At Redeemer, the Easter Sunday attendance at 2 services was about 2,000. Latecomers were turned away at the Palm Sunday service. The church seating capacity was 988.***
- ⇒ ***The Ladies Aid Society made the final payment on their pledge of \$15,000 which purchased the new organ and carpets for the rebuilt sanctuary.***

## 1930

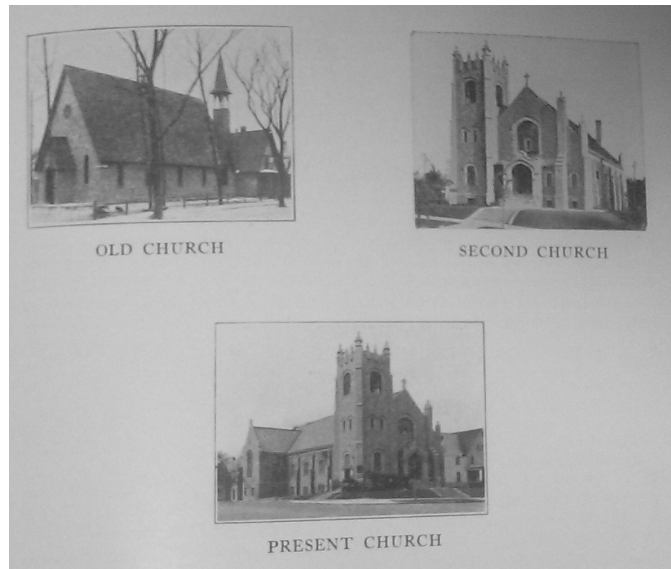
- Radio broadcasts of "The Lone Ranger" began.
- The planet Pluto was discovered.
- The U.S. Veterans Administration was created.

- The period July 1930 to June 1931 was the driest such period on record and resulted in the Dust Bowl.
  - 3M introduced Scotch Tape.
  - Sinclair Lewis won the Nobel Prize for Literature, the first American writer to be awarded the prize.
  - One-half of Minnesota's population was foreign-born, with Germans and Scandinavians as the largest groups.
  - Floyd B. Olson was elected governor.
  - St. Paul's Rondo area was nearly 50% African American. The section west of Dale Street was known as upper Rondo or "Oatmeal Hill" while the section east of Dale was lower Rondo or "Cornmeal Valley." As African Americans achieved higher social status they moved west of Dale toward Lexington Avenue.
- ⇒ ***Redeemer's total membership in January was 1,186. That month the congregation published a special edition of The Redeemer Record, celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Depending on the season, 1,500-2,500 copies of The Record were printed each month and the cost for mailing it to 700 families and 300 prospects was \$1,200 annually.***
- ⇒ ***On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, the congregation celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with festival services.***
- ⇒ ***Noting that the 6:15 a.m. service on Christmas Day "has been dangerously overcrowded," a second service was held at 10:45 am***
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**A personal note:** It can be disheartening for us to read how Redeemer had more than 1,000 members in the 1920s with 2,000 or more worshipping on Easter Sunday. In 1911, when Redeemer built on the corner of Dale and Carroll, it selected a site "said to be one of the highest spots in the Mississippi valley." (*St. Paul Dispatch*, March 18, 1911) Congregational leaders were wise in choosing this location. There were plans for a streetcar line along Dale Street and the neighborhood was growing rapidly with working-class families, many of whom wanted to belong to an English-speaking Lutheran congregation or to send their children to a nearby Sunday School. Growth was inevitable and serving the surrounding neighborhood was Redeemer's mission in 1911 and through the next 50 years.

But the world changed. Urban renewal (to which Redeemer contributed), construction of Interstate 94 which ripped through the African-American community, racial turmoil, and white flight to "safer" neighborhoods and the suburbs changed both demographics and neighborhood dynamics. As a result, fewer than 100 worship today in a sanctuary built to seat 988 people. Redeemer's mission today is not that of 1911, 1922, or 1930. It is unlikely that we will ever again even half-fill the sanctuary on Sunday morning.

None of this means, however, that we shouldn't remember and celebrate Redeemer's heritage. Instead this is an opportunity to learn from the past, admire the courage and vision of those who founded and built the congregation, and then go on to envision a future constructed from today's reality.



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### MUSIC NOTES

Handbells - Due to my illness the Beginner's Handbell Class has been postponed to Sun., Mar. 1st. Regular rehearsals will then begin on Sun., Mar. 8th. Mar. 15th is a bit up in the air. We will discuss it on the 8th. We will rehearse again on Mar. 22nd but then pause for Palm Sun. & Easter. All rehearsals will immediately follow worship/service of healing in the back of the Sanctuary. WE STILL COULD USE 1 MORE RINGER. If anyone is interested, please let me know right away.

Easter Orchestra - I will be sending out an email to those who have played in past years. If you have not previously played and would like to this year, please let me know as soon as possible. I will be preparing the parts in the next few weeks with the hope of distributing them on either Mar. 15th or 22nd. The only rehearsal is Good Fri., Apr. 3rd at 1PM following worship.

Celebration Band - The next Celebration service will be Mar. 22nd. Please let me know as soon as you can if you plan to play so parts can be prepared for you. Do we want to do another instrumental prelude? We could rehearse it on the 15th after worship since there will probably not be a bell rehearsal that day.

Senior Choir will rehearse upstairs in the choir transept during March out of courtesy to our Project Home guests. Please bring your music up with you for Evening Prayer and then assemble in the transept right after worship so we can get started as early as possible. We need to take advantage of all the time we can get in.

Thanks to Pr. Jim and Katie for filling in for me while I was out sick on Feb. 22nd.

In Christ,  
*Kay*

## How to Talk With Children About Race



**Saturday, March 21, 2015**

**8:30 a.m. till 12:00 noon**

Immanuel Lutheran

104 Snelling Ave S, Saint Paul, 55104

Whether it's your own kids, your classroom, or a group of kids you care about, it can be tough to know when and what to say to them about race. As people of faith, how do we teach kids about history without saddling them with pain, shame, guilt, or hopelessness? How do we create young people who will grow into adults, ready to take action and advocate for racial justice?

Growing a generation of people committed to equity will be an incredible step toward transforming organizations and systems. Led by Alicia Sojourner, Racial Justice & Public Policy Program Coordinator at the YWCA of Minneapolis, the workshop will:

- Explore what holds us back as adult allies and how to handle initiating as well as responding to questions about race
- Look at age-appropriate ways to approach the subject
- Outline techniques for talking with children about racial justice values

Who should attend? Anyone in your congregation who influences children to live out their faith in the world, starting from a young age – parents, grandparents, teachers, pastors, youth leaders – ideally teams of three or more.

What is the cost? A fee of \$15 per person, payable at the door, will be charged to cover the cost of the workshop leader. Make checks payable to the Saint Paul Area Synod.

Registration in advance is requested at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/how-to-talk-with-children-about-race-tickets-15825906713>

Registration will be open until March 16th. For last minute registration, please call Lynnette Zika at 612-845-8886 or email [lynnettezika@gmail.com](mailto:lynnettezika@gmail.com).

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