

# THE REDEEMER RECORD

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## LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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## **A Letter From Pastor Erlandson**

*Jesus said to the twelve: "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me,  
and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.  
Whoever welcome a prophet in the name of a prophet  
will receive a prophet's reward:  
and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person  
will receive the reward of the righteous;  
and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones  
in the name of a disciple -  
truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward." (Matthew 10:40-42)*

Dear Friends in Christ,

In this lesson read on the first Sunday in July, we hear the mission of hospitality given a deeper meaning by Jesus. We have all been taught to offer hospitality in our homes, a value passed on from generation to generation. In these present days of home security systems, gated and segregated communities, sometimes the value of hospitality and welcome may seem to becoming lost. The days of a neighbor, relative or friend "just stopping by" for a cup of coffee or conversation on the front porch seem almost gone. Replaced by creating networks of "Facebook Friends" or Twitter followers whom we never see face to face.

When Jesus sent out his disciples to go out into the towns and villages to share the good news of God's love, heal diseases and cast out demons, he didn't leave out the role of welcome for those who received them (or didn't). He said "whoever welcomes you welcomes me and the one who sent me" - meaning Jesus, and God the Creator. He didn't mean just those ancient peoples in ancient towns, welcoming Jesus' twelve disciples. Jesus also means us, today - and how we welcome those who come to us, in Jesus' name.

The scriptures in the Old Testament also call for God's people to "welcome the stranger". We do a lot these days to extend a welcome to visitors and guests - and to the community. Many church signs say *ALL ARE WELCOME*. In our own statement of welcome, which appears in every Sunday service sheet, we say:

*Each and every person is a child of God. [We] strive to be genuinely welcoming to all people....We welcome you without regard to culture, ethnicity, skin color, physical or mental ability, age, family situation, refugee or immigrant status, economic or social standing. As a Reconciling in Christ congregation we welcome you without regard to sexual orientation or gender identity.*

So let's always remember that when we welcome any child of God among us, we do so as if we are welcoming Jesus himself. It's a matter of faith.

Peace in Christ, *Shalom, As-Salaam-Alaikum,*  
Pastor Jim Erlandson

## Summer Calendar

### Recurring Weekly Events

Sun. 10:00 am ~ Worship  
 11:15 am ~ Coffee Fellowship  
 12:00 pm ~ Universal Life Church of God  
 12:00 pm ~ Praise Covenant Church  
 Wed. 8:00 pm ~ Courage to Change N.A.  
 Fri. 8:00 pm ~ Words into Action N.A.  
 Sat. 8:00 am ~ Siloé Church

### Other Events

#### JULY

**4th**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

11th 9:00 am ReConnecting Rondo Training  
 15th 9:00 am Rondo Days Parade/Celebration  
 19th 7:00 pm Unfailing Light Musicians Rehearsal  
 23rd 7:00 pm Unfailing Light Eucharist  
 26th 6:00 pm Music on the Blacktop ft. Songs of Hope  
 30th 7:00 pm Unfailing Light Eucharist


#### AUGUST

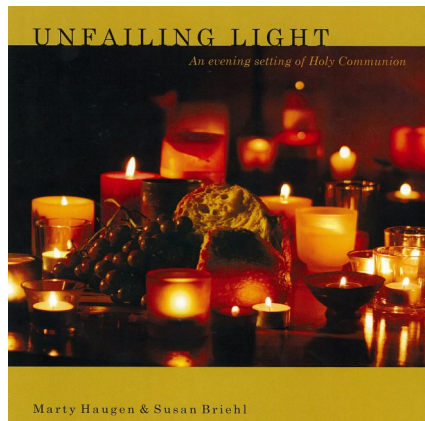
3rd 6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal  
 5th 4:00 pm Dave Erlandson/Alyssa Rogers Wedding  
 6th 7:00 pm Unfailing Light Eucharist  
 12th 6:00 pm AA Ice Cream Social  
 13th 7:00 pm Unfailing Light Eucharist



### Summer 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. **THIS LIST IS FOR 10 AM SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES.**

<b>July 2</b>	<b><u>Deacon</u></b>	<b><u>Subdeacon</u></b>	<b><u>Reader</u></b>
	Tammy Cownie	Bob Paddock	Lyle Nelson
<b>July 9</b>	<b><u>Deacon</u></b>	<b><u>Subdeacon</u></b>	<b><u>Reader</u></b>
	Joel Michael	Sybil Harris	Gretchen Vanderlinden Wang
<b>July 16</b>	<b><u>Deacon</u></b>	<b><u>Subdeacon</u></b>	<b><u>Reader</u></b>
	Michelle Geschwill	Diana Rankin	Stephanie Stoessel
<b>July 23</b>	<b><u>Deacon</u></b>	<b>SEE NEXT PAGE FOR SUNDAY EVENING COURTYARD SERVICE SERVERS</b> 	
	Leilani Drake		
<b>July 30</b>	<b><u>Deacon</u></b>		
	Bob Paddock		
<b>Aug 6</b>	<b><u>Deacon</u></b>		
	Joel Michael		
<b>Aug 13</b>	<b><u>Deacon</u></b>		
	Michelle Geschwill		
<b>Aug 20</b>	<b><u>Deacon</u></b>	<b><u>Subdeacon</u></b>	<b><u>Reader</u></b>
	Diana Rankin	Leilani Drake	Mary Lou Knipe
<b>Aug 27</b>	<b><u>Deacon</u></b>	<b><u>Subdeacon</u></b>	<b><u>Reader</u></b>
	Sybil Harris	Bob Paddock	Arlene Satrom



## ADVENTURES IN SUMMER EVENING WORSHIP JULY 23<sup>RD</sup> & 30<sup>TH</sup> ~ AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup> & 13<sup>TH</sup>

On these four dates, we will hold the **primary Sunday worship at 7:00pm in the Courtyard Garden** (*weather permitting, of course*). We will be using a service of **Evening Prayer with Communion** called ***Unfailing Light***, written by Susan Briehl and Marty Haugen. The service will be a little different and we will also be exploring some different ways of engaging with the scriptures during the service.

**Bring Your Lawn Chairs** -- We are encour-

aging people to bring their own lawn chairs for Evening Worship in the Courtyard later this month. However, as we hope to have people come who may not have received that message, loans of extra lawn chairs would be appreciated. You can bring extra lawn chairs to the church on any Sunday. Please have your name clearly written on the chairs some where. The chairs will be on hand on Sunday evenings for those who didn't bring their own (or forgot -- it happens). Chairs will be returned to their proper owners after the August 13th service. We will be practicing the music for the service in the coming weeks.

**Sunday Morning Worship WILL Continue during these weeks!** The regular Sunday order for worship will be followed at the morning services and Holy Communion will be offered. However, there may be less music during these services (less singing, fewer hymns). While it is hoped that many in the congregation will opt to participate in the evening service to help support visitors, guests, and the curious passers-by who may come, the evening time and the courtyard environment do present obstacles to a number of our members. The goal is that no one be deprived of weekly worship opportunities.

***Either way, see you in worship on Sunday!***

## SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE ALTAR SERVERS

July 23	<u>Deacon</u>	<u>Subdeacon</u>	<u>Reader</u>
	Tammy Cownie	Diane Jacobson	David Dufresne
July 30	<u>Deacon</u>	<u>Subdeacon</u>	<u>Reader</u>
	Bob Paddock	Leilani Drake	Amy Erlandson
Aug 6	<u>Deacon</u>	<u>Subdeacon</u>	<u>Reader</u>
	Joel Michael	Sybil Harris	Ray Hayes
Aug 13	<u>Deacon</u>	<u>Subdeacon</u>	<u>Reader</u>
	Michelle Geschwill	Tammy Cownie	Jared Geschwill

### **SUMMER 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.

	<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<b>July 2</b> <i>Lectionary 13</i>	Jeremiah 28:5-9	Ps 89:1-4, 15-18	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42
<b>July 9</b> <i>Lectionary 14</i>	Zacchaeus 9:9-12	Ps 145:8-14	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
<b>July 16</b> <i>Lectionary 15</i>	Isaiah 55:10-13	Ps 65:[1-8] 9-13	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
<b>July 23</b> <i>Lectionary 16</i>	Isaiah 44:6-8	Ps 86:11-17	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
<b>July 30</b> <i>Lectionary 17</i>	1 Kings 3:5-12	Ps 119:129-136	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
<b>August 6</b> <i>Lectionary 18</i>	Isaiah 55:1-5	Ps 145:8-9, 14-21	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21
<b>August 13</b> <i>Lectionary 19</i>	1 Kings 19:9-18	Ps 85:8-13	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
<b>August 20</b> <i>Lectionary 20</i>	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	Ps 67	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28
<b>August 27</b> <i>Lectionary 21</i>	Isaiah 51:1-6	Ps 138	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20

## SONGS OF HOPE JULY 28

This years Music on the Blacktop will be on Wednesday, July 26th. Food and fellowship begins at 6:00 pm with a concert by Songs of Hope beginning at 7:00 pm. This event is free and open to the community. Invite friends and neighbors to join us!

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We need volunteers!

Check the church Undercroft for a sign up sheet.

# Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Wednesday, July 26 7:00 pm 285 N. Dale

Sounds of Hope, Ltd. proudly presents

[www.soundssofhope.org](http://www.soundssofhope.org)  
651-225-4179

 Award-Winning Songs of Hope

## One World Concert

Food at 6:00 pm  
All Welcome!

Free thanks to  
our sponsors!



This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

*Singing, dancing, and music by talented youth from countries around the globe!*



**Rondo Days Parking** ~ After the great success of last year, we have again decided to do parking for Rondo Days. This year's celebration will be held on **Saturday, July 15th**. We are currently looking to fill 5 shifts with 16 people. Shifts last between 1 and 3 hours. Duties include set up, clean up, greeting, taking money, selling water, passing out parking vouchers and information about Redeemer. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please contact Tahnea in the church office or there is a sign up sheet available in the church Undercroft.





## CORE TEAM NEWS



***Congregational conversation events are coming in August!*** One will be held on **Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> after the morning service.** *(This will also be the day we resume morning-only worship after the four-week experiment with evening worship.)* A second event is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm.** Details of the events are still being planned; however, the same structure will be used for both events. You are encouraged to attend one or the other. Both will feature the talking-circles model to allow all participants to share their stories of struggles and hopes as well as what faith tells us about God, our world, and our work in in.

***Save the date: Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> OR Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> and plan to attend!***

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*A Celebration of Arts & Lifelong Learning*

2-8 PM-Friday-July 21-2017

Invite your family, friends and neighbors! Admission is FREE, and creative activities, food, and games are priced for affordable fun.

Come experience a vast array of:

- Make-and-take visual arts activities
- Music, dance, and Theatre acts
- Games and recreational activities
- Artwork in the arts showcase
- Food and Ice cream

On the Lyngblomsten Campus at: 1415 Almond Avenue, St. Paul

Redeemer is a partner congregation and YOU are needed as a volunteer. See "opportunities" list in the Undercroft and sign up by June 12th. See Mary Lou or [www.celebratemsf.com](http://www.celebratemsf.com)



## YouthWorks Summer at Redeemer

Redeemer has been a busy, lively place this summer since YouthWorks moved in, at the beginning of June. The Undercroft and Learning Center have become a youth ministry "urban immersion camp" occupied 24/7 by Youthworks staff. From Sunday evening through Friday morning, middle-school and high-school aged youth from churches in the Upper Midwest have slept on our floors in sleeping bags and air mattresses. During the days they have been our "mission ambassadors", doing work projects feeding people at Dorothy Day and other spots along University Avenue, leading Kids Club at Bethlehem Lutheran on the Midway, learning hip-hop ministry, and touring the Minnesota History Center and other locations. They have gotten to know people who are homeless and people

who live and work in this community, opening their eyes to many things. A highlight of each week is the meal we share with them at Redeemer on Thursday evenings at 5:30 pm. After dinner we often lead various crafts, have a fire going in the courtyard garden for roasting marshmallows and making s'mores, sing camp songs and hear stories from the youth about their experiences that week.

YouthWorks this summer has been a great shot in the arm for our ministry at Redeemer, and a good partnership. We offer our facilities, and the youth do the work of ministry in our community! On the Fourth of July the Youth (supervised by Sam and Diana Rankin) did some landscaping on Redeemer's front lawn and



courtyard garden! A big thank you to the YouthWorks staff: Betsy Reiff, Alexis Beed, Matt Hoffman, and Brenda Whitten.

They do a great job preparing and leading all the youth activities. Any Redeemer member or friend is welcome on Thursday evenings for dinner at 5:30 pm, through the month of July, and ending Thursday, August 3rd. Come meet some great kids and adults, and enjoy the fun!

# celebrate **LutheranArts** **Reformation Hymns**

The newly commissioned  
**Martin Luther Reformation Hymns & Anthems**  
premiere Summer 2017 at the

## **LutheranArts Reformation Hymn Festival**

Sunday, July 9, 4:00 p.m.

Central Lutheran Church  
333 South 12th Street, Minneapolis

and online at  
**LutheranArts.org**

Hymn Prize award recipients are

**The Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana ELCA Synod Prize**  
Celebrating the Visionary~Missional Leadership of  
Bishop Kevin S. Kanouse 2000-2016

*"Proclaim the Love That Breaks Down Walls"*

**Christine Kallman**, Text Writer  
**Dan Kallman**, Composer

**The Diane and Paul Jacobson Prize**

*"Christ of our Past, Our Present, Our Future"*

**Jayne Southwick Cool**, Text Writer  
**Deanna Witkowski**, Composer

**The Baker Family Prize**

*"Wherever Christ is Present"*

**Reverend Don Holmstrom**, Text Writer  
**David Evan Thomas**, Composer

 **LutheranArts**  
connecting artists, audiences, and the arts  
join us online at **[lutheranarts.org](http://lutheranarts.org)**

Our own Katie Thompson is the main organist for the event. Diane Jacobson will be one of the liturgist. Heart of the Beast is participating and many others.

The choir is in need of singers if anyone is interested.

The service is July 9th, at 4pm. We will have a full company rehearsal at 2pm that day.

Additional rehearsal for the choir alone will be Saturday, July 8, late morning, venue TBD (likely Central Lutheran). This rehearsal is recommended but optional.

# Sacred Sites Tour



Pastor Shebeck from St. Paul-Reformation Lutheran Church has invited us to join them in a Sacred Sites Tour on Saturday, August 19, from 10 am to 2 pm. I have been interested in taking this tour of Native American sacred sites in our area for a long time. So, here is our chance to go! It's an opportunity to hear the perspective of Native Americans on the land around Fort Snelling. Please sign up or contact me if you are interested in going. There will be a free-will donation received on the tour. Join us! - Pastor Jim

## **Sacred Sites**

We will visit sites located around confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers, what the Dakota refer to as Bdote, or "meeting place of rivers," including:

- Fort Snelling State Park
  - Dakota Internment Camp following the The Dakota-U.S. War
- Pilot Knob Hill, a traditional burial ground

## **The Tour**

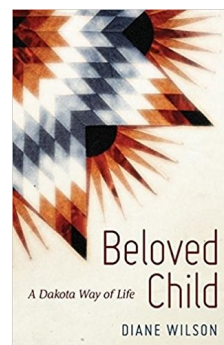
Tours are led by Jim Bear Jacobs (Mohican) and Bob Klanderud (Dakota). The tours offer an opportunity to learn about Minnesota history from a Native perspective through story-telling and experiencing the sites in silence/meditation/reflection. Over the past two years, more than 500 participants have taken the tour.

## **Register Now**

Please contact Pastor Jim or the Church office if you are interesting in going on this tour.

## **Suggested Reading Prior to the Tour**

Diane Wilson, *Beloved Child: A Dakota Way of Life*



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