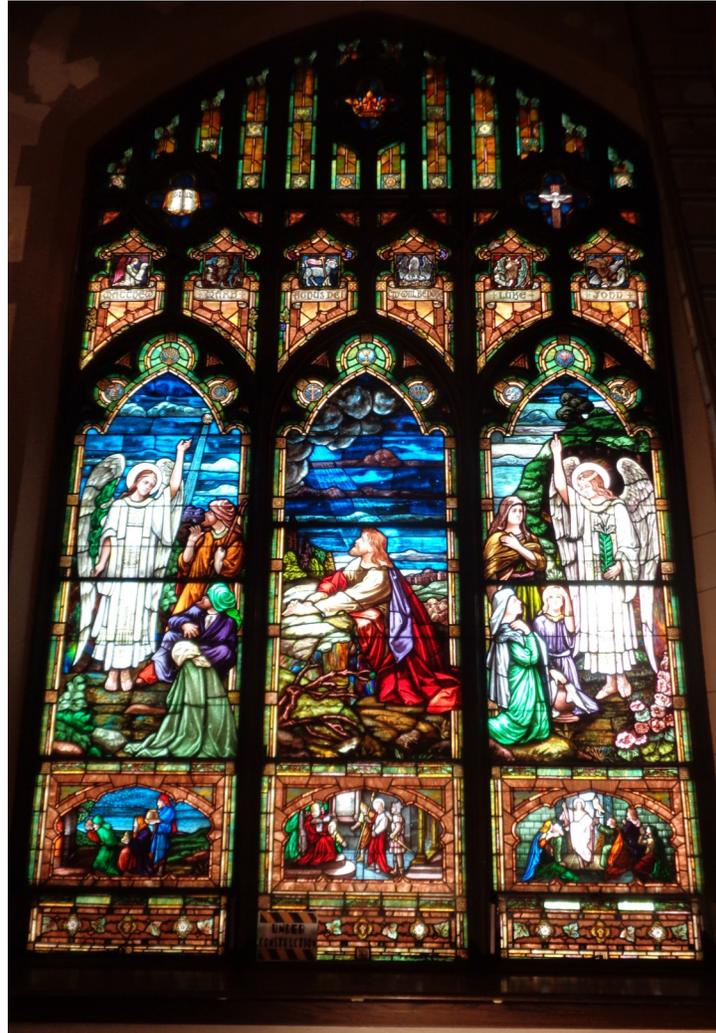


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## **A Letter From Pastor Erlandson**

Dear Friends in Christ,

*"Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it bears much fruit." (John 12:24)*

This verse from last Sunday's gospel lesson, gives a foretaste of what Holy Week is all about. For we are about to embark on a week following in Jesus' footsteps, from his triumphant procession into Jerusalem, to his Last Supper with his disciples, his betrayal, arrest, and trial before the religious authorities and Pontius Pilate, his crucifixion and death on a cross.

To most people, this was a colossal failure in human terms. Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey, while people from the countryside (not soldiers) praised him as their king. Within a few days Jesus was in hiding from the authorities who wanted him arrested. He met with his disciples for a farewell meal, and washed their feet, like a common servant, as a lesson to them about a new kind of leadership that he was modeling. Then one of his own disciples snuck out from the meal to go to his enemies, to turn him in later that night. He was arrested, beaten, and brought to trial in shackles. The authorities sent him to Pilate, the Roman governor and the symbol of Roman oppression, to be tried and convicted of treason. A common thief, Barabbas, was offered in place of Jesus, and the crowd chose to free Barabbas, not Jesus. So Jesus was crucified like a slave, or one convicted of treason against Rome, a humiliating and painful death.

But the power of the gospel is in how the story continues, with the most surprising ending of all. After dying and being buried in the ground, on the third day Mary Magdalene, Peter and John found the tomb empty. Jesus was not there! In John's gospel, Jesus appears to Mary and calls her name. That night he appears to the disciples in the upper room, and a week later, to Thomas. Jesus had risen! (In Mark's gospel, the women find the tomb empty, and run away in terror and fear. This is the ending; no risen Jesus appears. The ending is left to us!)

Jesus had told his disciples, in that image of a seed dying, that unless he died, his ministry would not spread and grow. But once he died, he rose again like a seed sprouting to life in the spring, and then his word of life spread to the whole world.

We can often feel like failures in our lives, falling short of our hopes and expectations for ourselves. We don't get the job we want. Our relationships fall short, our friends let us down, our families and even our spouse may betray us. Even the Church can let us down, and forget us when we are sick or dying, Some people even die alone, and forgotten. Our congregations can fall short also, as we slowly decline from the promise of earlier days. We wonder what our future is, whether we will grow or just die, like a seed on dry, barren ground.

But the story of Easter is of God's powerful, miraculous work. Jesus was dead in the ground, and God raised him to life. His rising inspired his disciples to go to the ends of the earth with the good news that Jesus was alive, and to share his words of compassion, forgiveness, and new life to all who believe. This is our hope today, that God's power will make miracles in our lives as well. We believe that God will not forsake us, and that Jesus is always present with us. With this faith we continue to live hopefully, knowing that God is with us, and God's promise of life is good. So we enter this Holy Week with the knowledge that Easter is coming, and the new life that Christ promises is ours, through faith. And that makes all the difference.

*For Christ is risen!*

*Pastor Jim*

## April Calendar

<u>Recurring Weekly Events</u>		
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
<u>Other Events</u>		
2nd	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Service</b>
	11:00 am	Women's Guild Brunch
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Service</b>
3rd	<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Good Friday Service</b>
	1:00 pm	Easter Orchestra Rehearsal
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Good Friday Service</b>
5th	8:30 am	Easter Breakfast
	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Easter Service</b>
6th		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
7th	7:00 pm	Vestry Meeting
8th	7:00 pm	60-Somethings Band Rehearsal NO SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL
9th	10:00 am	Happy Seniors
11th	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Pastor Jim's 61st Birthday/Youth Fundraiser</b>
12th	9:00 am	Senior Choir
14th	7:00 pm	Elders Meeting
15th	7:00 pm	Confirmation
19th	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Jazz Eucharist</b>
29th	7:00 pm	Confirmation

### TABLE & FONT: WHO IS WELCOME?

A conversation around "who is welcome" to the table of the Lord's Supper is happening in ELCA congregations this year. We have scheduled two conversations at Redeemer for Thursday, April 16th, from 10:00 to 11:30 am OR 6:30 to 8:00 pm, in the church Undercroft. Please come join the conversation!

*Pastor Jim and the Board of Elders*

### April 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.**

<b>April 2</b>	<b><u>Deacon-AM</u></b>	<b><u>Subdeacon-AM</u></b>	<b><u>Reader-AM</u></b>
Maundy Thursday	Tammy Cownie	Colleen Danner	Joan Foreman
	<b><u>Deacon-PM</u></b>	<b><u>Subdeacon-PM</u></b>	<b><u>Reader-PM</u></b>
	Tammy Cownie	Joann Conroy	Diane Jacobson
	<b><u>Acolyte—PM</u></b>	Lori Erlandson	
<b>April 5</b>	<b><u>Deacon</u></b>	<b><u>Subdeacon</u></b>	<b><u>Reader</u></b>
Easter	Michelle Geschwill	Tammy Cownie	Robert Hausman
	<b><u>Acolyte</u></b>	<b><u>Thurifer</u></b>	<b><u>Crucifer</u></b>
	Layla Harris	David Erlandson	Ray Hayes
	<b><u>Torchbearer</u></b>	Ali Michael	Laura Michael
	<b><u>Bannerbearer</u></b>	Hilary Ziols	Keshon Hughes
<b>April 12</b>	<b><u>Deacon</u></b>	<b><u>Subdeacon</u></b>	<b><u>Reader</u></b>
	Joel Michael	DeAnne Hilgers	Hilary Ziols
	<b><u>Crucifer</u></b>	<b><u>Acolyte</u></b>	
	Nathan Parsons	Jack Sprung	
	<b><u>Torchbearer</u></b>	Ali Michael	Laura Michael

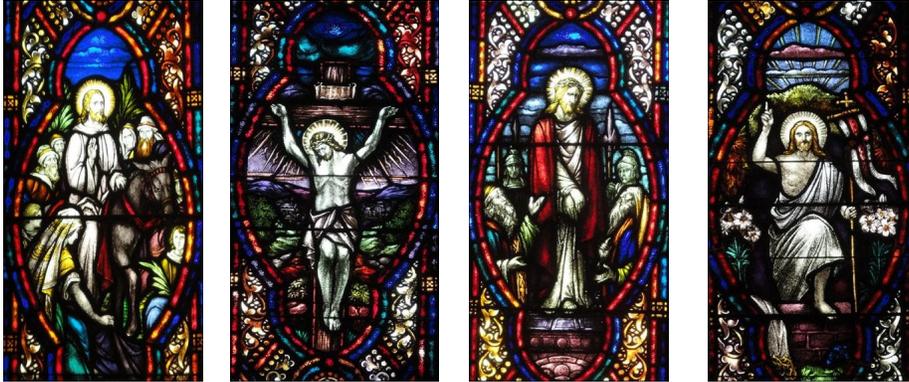
	<b><u>Deacon</u></b>	<b><u>Subdeacon</u></b>	<b><u>Reader</u></b>
<b>April 19</b>	Arline Satrom	Michelle Geschwill	Myrna Nelson
	<b><u>Acolyte</u></b>	<b><u>Crucifer</u></b>	
	Jared Geschwill	Shanita Eaves	
	<b><u>Torchbearer</u></b>	Catalina Cretsinger	Kymarra Hughes
<b>April 26</b>	<b><u>Deacon</u></b>	<b><u>Subdeacon</u></b>	<b><u>Reader</u></b>
	Tammy Cownie	Bob Paddock	Ray Hayes
	<b><u>Acolyte</u></b>	<b><u>Crucifer</u></b>	
	Layla Harris	Nathan Parsons	
	<b><u>Torchbearer</u></b>	Lori Erlandson	Laura Michael

### **APRIL 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>April 2</b> <i>Mundy Thursday</i>	Exodus 12:1-4 [5-1] 11-14	116:1-2, 12-19	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
<b>April 3</b> <i>Good Friday</i>	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	22	Hebrews 10:16-25	John 18:1-19:42
<b>April 5</b> <i>Easter Day</i>	Acts 10:34-43	118:1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Mark 16:1-8
<b>April 12</b> <i>2 Easter</i>	Acts 4:32-35	133	1 John 1:1-2:2	John 20:19-31
<b>April 19</b> <i>3 Easter</i>	Acts 3:12-19	4	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36b-48
<b>April 26</b> <i>4 Easter</i>	Acts 4:5-12	23	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18

## WORSHIP AT REDEEMER



### 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.

### Maundy Thursday, 10 am & 7 pm

The Women's Guild will serve a delicious brunch after the service on Maundy Thursday. Come for egg bake, fresh fruit, juices, various breads and fellowship. Free will offering.

### Good Friday, 12 pm & 7 pm

### Easter Vigil, 7:00 pm

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.) We will be sharing worship leading roles with St. Paul-Reformation members. Pastor Trudy Cretsinger will be preaching. The worship service itself takes about two hours. A reception will follow the worship service. Everyone is cordially invited.

### Easter Sunday, 10 am

Easter Breakfast at 8:30 am



## **Lyngblomsten Foundation Benefit: A Toast to Lyngblomsten**

**When:** Friday, April 17, 2015 - 6:00 PM

**Location:** American Swedish Institute, 2600 Park Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55407

**Join us for a fundraising celebration full of life, laughter and inspiration as we raise money to support older adults!**

Proceeds will support the services and programs that make Lyngblomsten a leader in the care of aging adults—care that promotes passions, spunk, and a large life. Your gift will help provide for care that encompasses arts, wellness and lifelong learning to create a climate where each older adult, caregiver and staff can flourish.

**RSVP by April, 13th, 2015** online at [www.lyngblomsten.org/benefit2015](http://www.lyngblomsten.org/benefit2015)

Questions? Contact Mary Lou Knipe

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## **2015 COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT**



An agreement has been reached with [Kab Npauj Healing Garden](#) to have a community garden this year on Redeemer's south lawn. This is a project sponsored by the Minnesota Food Association for Hmong Elders to teach traditional gardening methods to Hmong youth.

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## **PROJECT HOME**

THANK YOU to all those who volunteered with Project Home in March as evening hosts, overnight hosts, set up and clean up. Especially Ginny Yingling, who has made this emergency family shelter ministry possible.



## **ADULT FORUMS**

April 5 **No class.** Happy Easter!

April 12, 9:00 A.M. **"Immigrant Law."** Presented by Attorney DeAnne Hilgers. DeAnne is a partner practicing immigration law with Lindquist and Vennum Law Firm and is highly experienced in helping immigrants with their immigration problems when coming to the US including help for Redeemer members. She is past chair of the MN. and Dakota Chapters of the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

April 19, 9:00 A.M. **"Community Gardens--Sustainable Food in a Changing Climate"** Presented by Dorothy Her from, Kab Npauj Healing Garden Community Project. Dorothy will talk about our new partnership that will include creating a community garden for Hmong elders to teach traditional gardening methods to the Hmong youth.

April 26, 9:00 A. M. **" A Lawyer's Journey-the Morris Dees Story"** a book review presented by Mary Lou Knipe. This book chronicles the events that led Morris Dee to the front lines of the civil rights struggle and his ongoing crusade against hate groups. He was a man willing to risk his life to fight for minorities and the powerless, a man who has made a difference.

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### **THANK YOU FROM THE LANDT'S**

Bob and I would like to thank everyone at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer for all of their love, support, visits to see Bob. A special thanks to Pastor Jim and Kim and their family for their visits. Thanks to Pastor Jim for being with me at the hospital the night that Bob went into cardiac arrest. Also to Bob Paddock for coming that night also. Bob is making good progress. We will be celebrating our 20th year of membership at Redeemer this year. You are all family to us and we appreciate all that you do. Thanks again, Rhynda and Bob Landt.

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### **THANK YOU FROM ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Dear Friends at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer.

Thank you for the donation to Saint Mark. Your kindness and generosity are deeply appreciated. The arson was devastating, however with grace and support, we remain committed to our mission - In the City of God, In the City for Good! It meant a lot for Pastor Jim to show up in support and encouragement. Like you we are a neighborhood church. Thank you.

With Blessings, Pastor Walt and the Congregation of St. Mark



Confirmation class will meet on Wednesday April 15th and 29th at 7:00 pm. (we will NOT meet on April 8th due to Easter Week.) Confirmation students are expected to attend one Holy Week service (Maundy Thursday or Good Friday) as well as Easter Sunday, unless they are out of town with their families.

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### **A NOTE FROM THE RITTMAN'S**

21 Mar 2015

Greetings from Maseru in Lesotho

Happy Easter (soon). Pastor Jim asked if I would share my notes from Lesotho with you. Since the newsletter comes out once a month, I am hoping this will fit in the April one.

We worshipped at St John's Anglican Church on our street here right in the middle of Maseru. It is a left over from the British days, given its stone construction. It was packed with about 70 worshippers (probably 1/4 kids, 2/3 women), with the liturgy chanted and hymns in English, all sung a capella, and with songs and hymns in Sesotho as well. Interesting to me to see all of the school age kids, about a dozen of them, sit in the front without their parents. Even one of them led the reading of the Psalm. They walked out before the sermon and came back in for a blessing after the Eucharist along with most of the worshippers who went before the pastor/priest for the laying on of hands, probably ministry of healing, which was followed by a prayer for healing and a rite of exorcism, as best as I can tell, on a plate of salt and water in a clear plastic bottle. Before the recession, the president and treasurer of the congregation, both women, gave a financial report. So while girls are involved in worship, there were no women readers or worship leaders. When they asked for visitors, we stood up and said we worshipped at Redeemer and were thankful for the worship here.

They didn't have one of Redeemer's great coffee hours, so we didn't get a chance to meet anyone. We got coffee at the next door "Ooh La La" café which is located in the only open door café downtown set under trees.

You can read on line more about the Anglican Diocese <http://lesotho.tacosa.org/> It says there are 30 congregations and the Anglicans are the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest Christian group. There are 2 million people in Lesotho, so 30 congregations times 70 in church on Sunday does not add to a lot of the population. A friend suggested that Bishop Desmond Tutu is from Lesotho.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and congregants were requested to bring their own palm branches. Mart and I are looking forward to worshipping there again, though probably without our own palm branches.

Best Wishes, Joe

### **MUSIC NOTES**

EASTER ORCHESTRA will rehearse on Good Fri. at 1 PM following noon worship. Rehearsal will run 60-90 minutes. Warm-up on Easter morning is at 8:56 AM, SHARP. Any orchestra members who wish to partake in the Easter breakfast need to arrive at 8:30 so there is time to eat and then get set up for rehearsal. If you have not yet received your scores, please check with me on Wednesday night after Evening Prayer or after church on Palm Sunday.

HANDBELLS will be taking a break until Sun., Apr. 12th when we will resume rehearsals after worship. However, DeAnne has kindly offered to lead another new ringers class on Palm Sun. after worship. Any other ringers who would like to help out are welcome. It is always easier to learn in a group. Thanks, DeAnne.

SENIOR CHOIR will return to regular rehearsal time on Weds., Apr. 1st at 7 PM. Any "extra singers" who can attend that rehearsal, please do so. Or if you are unable to attend that one but can attend on Mar. 25th that would be OK too. We will run through all the Easter music first and then you can go while the main choir continues with the music for Holy Week. There is no rehearsal on Weds., Apr. 8th, but we do sing on Sun., Apr. 12th and will meet at 9 AM to prepare the music for that day. Regular rehearsals then resume on Weds., Apr. 15th at 7 PM.

JAZZ EUCHARIST on Sun., Apr. 19th will again feature the Mill City Hot Club Jazz Ensemble. This is always a very enjoyable and different worship experience. Be sure to attend - and bring your friends and family. They will be offering CD's for sale during Coffee Fellowship.

In Christ,

*Kay*

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### **YOUTH GATHERING FUNDRAISER**



The 60-Something Band (aka "The James Garg") returns to celebrate Pastor Jim's 61st birthday and perform music from the 1960's and 70's on Saturday, April 11th, from 6:00 to 10:00 pm. There will be food, music and dancing on this night of celebration. In lieu of gifts, we will gratefully accept donations to the Redeemer youth for their trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit, July 12th-19th.

## **ISAIAH CORE TEAM NEWS**

### ***From the Capitol to the City***

On March 12<sup>th</sup>, a group of Redeemerites made the journey from Church of the Redeemer to the State Capitol Building. Trudy Cretsinger, Irene Markley, Myrna & Lyle Nelson, their friend Emmanuel, Sharon Scott, and Gretchen Vanderlinden-Wang traveled from LCR via the Green Line. Pastor Jim met us at Christ on Capitol Hill. Our vigil day coincided with action focused on reforms to the juvenile justice system. First, we attended a briefing on the issue. Then we headed across the street to meetings with our senators and representatives. Those who did not have a scheduled meeting attended the press conference about justice reforms that morning. After the conference, we finished up our visits. During our meetings with our representatives and senators, we were able to tell them directly about our concerns for earned sick and safe time, paid family leave, drivers' licenses for immigrants, restoring voting rights to felons who have served their sentences, reforms to the juvenile justice system, and a comprehensive transportation plan to serve all residents of the state.



Then on March 17<sup>th</sup>, a number of us returned to Christ Lutheran Church for an action in support of Paid Family Leave as well as Earned Sick and Safe Time. After a quick briefing, we headed across the street to deliver information for a number of representatives. That information included several pages of report that was being released by the Minnesota Department of Health; this report explored how the lack of these policies is undermining the health of all

Minnesotans. More details were discussed at the press conference that morning and an article about the report was in the Star-Tribune on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

In a sense the report from the Department of Health confirmed what we already know by faith. We know that God intends a world where all can flourish. When people can't afford to go without pay in order to stay home and rest and recover, they aren't flourishing ... and when they go to work while ill, they spread that illness to others ... which is exactly the opposite of God's intention. We know that we are given to one another in relationships to care for and support and love one another. When family members cannot take time away from work to care for and support their most vulnerable members, whether those are babies or seriously ill adults, then our families are not functioning as God intended. The Department of Health report just illustrates the wisdom of God's ways.

That's why we continue to engage in this work. Going forward beyond the legislative session, we will be deepening relationships within our congregation, particularly with our youngest members. We will also be working with other ISAIAH congregations around Saint Paul to explore ways to advocate for our concerns in the upcoming elections this fall.

## **MARKING TIME AT REDEEMER – 1931-1935, by Diana Rankin**

This is the sixth 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. The original intent had been to cover one decade each month, but as Redeemer grew from only 5 members to over 1,100 in 40 years, monthly issues of the Record included more and more information about what was happening in the congregation. So for a few months I'll be covering only 5 years. As we get into the decades contained in our collective memory, we'll speed things up a bit.

During the years 1931 through 1935, the *Redeemer Record* frequently refers to "hard times." The Great Depression had a decided impact on everything – except the continued growth in membership and Sunday School enrollment.

### **1931**

- *The Star-Spangled Banner* was adopted as the national anthem. Construction of the Empire State Building was completed. There were food riots in U.S. cities, including the Twin Cities.
- The hottest day ever recorded at the Minnesota State Fair was 104 degrees on September 10, 1931. General Mills introduced Bisquick.
- ***In January, Redeemer's membership – after "pruning of our lists" – numbered 1,150.***
- ***"Despite the 'hard times' the church managed to cover all its budgeted expenses [in 1930], including the full synodical apportionment and \$450 to the Twin City Mission treasury, with a little to spare. Our total budget was \$26,677.40." The congregation also paid off \$7,500 on the church debt.***
- ***In January Pastor Paul Lindemann adopted new clerical vestments – a cassock, surplice, and stole. "Besides being historically justifiable, it adds life and color to the service and eliminates the unsuitable drab black." By September he had one stole in each of the liturgical colors.***
- ***The deacons and a representative from each church organization formed a central committee to coordinate charities and prevent duplication.***
- ***In October the Ladies Aid Society celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.***
- ***It was decided that, instead of buying a book and candy for each of the Sunday School children at Christmas, the money would provide "relief work among the poor." In addition, the congregation provided holiday dinners and enough food for 1 week, toys, and winter clothing for 66 families.***

## 1932

- Adolf Hitler, an immigrant from Austria, received German citizenship.
- The U.S. Health Service initiated what became known as the Tuskegee Syphilis Study. Franklin D. Roosevelt defeated Herbert Hoover in the 1932 presidential campaign. For the first time in its history, a Democrat carried Minnesota.
- ***In March it was decided to close Redeemer Church Home because of "a very decided and persistent drop in patronage due to economic conditions. The prevailing depression has so pronouncedly cut the influx of out-of-town girls into the city that our hospice was operating at a steady loss." The congregation then used it for meeting and office space and Sunday School.***
- ***The June and July and the August and September issues of the Record were combined "for the sake of economy during these times of financial stress."***
- ***In October, new lights were "suspended from the cross-beams of the church." These were a gift from the Ladies' Aid. The November Record notes that now it was possible to "hold our evening services in more than the equivalent of moonlight."***
  - ***On November 16<sup>th</sup>, the Men's Club gave a "Hard-Time Party." Tickets were 25 cents each or 2 for 49 cents. The menu was a "sauerkraut spread" with the appropriate trimmings. People were encouraged to wear old clothes.***
  - ***Pastor Lindemann returned 10% of his salary to the congregation to assist with finances.***

## 1933

- German President Von Hindenburg named Adolf Hitler as Chancellor.
- The Great Depression reached its lowest point; 13-15 million Americans were unemployed and nearly half of the banks had failed. President Roosevelt created the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Civilian Conservation Corps was established and Prohibition (the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment) was repealed.
- The first sit-down strike in U.S. history took place at the Hormel Packing plant in Austin, Minnesota.
- ***In January the Record was redesigned to be less expensive to print. Total membership at the beginning of the year was 1,202.***
- ***Again, despite financial distress, the congregation was able to meet its 1932 synodical apportionment for missions and benevolences in 1932 and reduce the debt to \$39,000.***
- ***It was necessary to hold 2 services on Palm Sunday because of the crowds. A regular service was held at 8 a.m. and the confirmation service at 10:45 a.m.***

- ***Redeemer was paying 6% on its church debt. The leadership urged members to invest their savings (such as they were) of \$50 and up at 4% with the church. These investments would then be used to pay off the 6% and 5% notes.***
- ***Members who had the means were urged to hire jobless members for home improvement and other projects.***
- ***The congregation called Rev. Herbert Lindemann, Pastor Paul Lindemann's son, as assistant pastor.***
- ***Church attendance continued to grow; in September a Matins service at 8:15 a.m. was added. Sunday School was at 9:30, the regular service at 10:45, and an evening service at 7:45 p.m.***
- ***The church office was officially moved from "the vestry room" and parsonage to the parish house at 307 Dale Street.***
- ***The Cotta Guild presented a communion rail and kneeling cushions.***
- ***In October, Arthur Kunz – Leilani Drake's father – was received into membership.***

#### **1934**

- Hitler became commander-in-chief of the German armed forces and declared himself *Führer*.
- In 1933 and '34 drought and dust storms created devastation throughout the U.S. According to the U.S. Weather Bureau, the storm on May 9-10, 1934 in Minnesota "was probably the most severe of its kind ever experienced. Much seed was uncovered or blown out ... as much as 90 percent was reported lost." Teamsters Local 574 gained national attention when it organized 3 major strikes against trucking firms in Minneapolis.
- ***In February, Redeemer took changed the congregation's name from "The English Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer of St. Paul, Minnesota" to "The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer of St. Paul, Minnesota." The reason for the change? As Pastor Lindemann put it in the Record, "English" is superfluous and "a Lutheran church is, of course, 'evangelical.'"***
- ***In November a children's choir of 40 singers was organized and the Ladies Aid provided vestments.***
- ***In December, the Cotta Guild disbanded. There was no longer a need for a separate organization for young girls as the Walther League expanded its programs.***
- ***The congregation succeeded in reducing the original 1922 debt of \$72,000 to \$38,000.***

## 1935

- Hitler created a new German air force – the Luftwaffe – under Hermann Goering. FDR ordered the establishment of a national gold vault at Fort Knox, Kentucky and signed legislation creating the Works Progress Administration and the Social Security Act.
- ***The January Record commemorated Redeemer's 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A festival service on January 13<sup>th</sup> occurred during a heavy snowstorm, yet attendance was still 1,600.***
- ***In February, the congregation consisted of 1,325 members with more than 600 enrolled in Sunday School and 57 teachers. More than 300 confirmed youth and adults were enrolled in the Bible Class.***
- ***Maxine Peterson, who became Maxine Pierre, our church secretary for many years, was confirmed.***
- ***The June/July Record reported that the congregation voted to use a processional cross.***
- ***The Christmas Service, traditionally held Christmas Day at dawn, was moved to 11 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Another service was held on Christmas Day at 10:45 a.m. and the Children's Christmas Service at 4 p.m. A Christmas Carol service was held on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:45 p.m.***

Something to think about: What from Redeemer's first 45 years do we still practice 80 years later? Is it time for some changes? If yes, what would you change if you could?

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### **World Malaria Sunday is April 26**

Every year, millions of people around the globe observe World Malaria Day on April 25. The ELCA Malaria Campaign is turning this day into a special week, our congregation will observe World Malaria Day on Sunday, April 26.

Five years ago the ELCA Malaria Campaign dreamed big with our Lutheran companion churches and partners, and set out to raise \$15 million by 2015. The ELCA Malaria Campaign has already raised over 90 percent of this goal - with the Saint Paul Area Synod contributing more than \$182,000 to date!

More than 2 million people have been empowered by Lutheran malaria programs to change their lives for the better. The work of the ELCA Malaria Campaign stretches throughout 13 countries in Africa.

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