

The Ringer

Special points of interest:

- VBS
- 60 years for Rod & CeCeila
- Special Congregational Meeting July 12

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 20-24

VBS will be held the week of July 20 from 8:30 a.m. to Noon. You are able to register your child with the registration form in this newsletter or in the kiosk at church. Send completed forms to the office.

This year we are having Camp Tomah Shinga Staff provide the leadership for vacation bible school. We will need 2 host families for them to stay with. Please contact the office if you are willing to partici-

pate and Debbie Beckman will then fill you in on the details.

Please tell your neighbors and family that this is open to the everyone. More children makes for more fun.

Ways Redeemer members can help:

- Need 5-6 helpers ages 7th grade and up
- Mid-morning snacks

BIBLE STORIES **Vacation Bible School** **CRAFTS**

July 20 - 24th 8:30 - 12:00 (if you have to be to work by 8:00 let us know and we will make arrangements to have someone there earlier).

Children 3yrs - completing 5th grade welcome

Redeemer Lutheran Church 743 E Magnolia Rd
Call 827-8195 to register your [child\(ren\)](#)

SONGS **FUN** **GAMES**

ROD & CECEILA ANDERSON Celebrating 60 years of

CeCelia and Rod Anderson's anniversary will be July 17. On Sunday July 19 please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments after the 10:30 service. They were married in Bethany Church in Lindsborg, KS July 17, 1955.

They have three sons: Darcy of Westlake, Texas, Darren of Baltimore, MD and David of St. Paul, MN. They have five grandchildren.



Message from Pastor David

“For he is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace!” Ephesians 2: 14-15

Christ is our peace! Well, yes, he is, pastor, so what???? So often the amazing impact of phrases and words and concepts from the Bible lose their impact on us. Peace for many is a treaty signed by governments. Imperfect, fragile...easily broken when perhaps a new weapon comes on the market or perhaps the other side slights us in some way. Peace for some is sitting on a dock in a cool summer evening's breeze just chilling. Peace for others is a spiritual thing, private, and individual having little to do with the real world. But in the context of the Bible "Peace" is God given and powerful, permeating everything. Paul writes that "He (Christ) is our Peace!" Paul was speaking to a mainly Greek (Gentile) Christian community but perhaps with some interaction with Jewish Christians as well. For centuries the Jew would have thought of himself/herself as set apart and separate from the Gentile world and there were laws prohibiting their interaction with

the defiled Greeks. Over the years a great wall then had arisen to make sure the two did not interact but for perfunctory needs like business. Separate was good in the eyes of the Jew (and many Jewish Christians as well) and probably was seen as good or at least ok in the eyes of the Greeks too. It was just how it was!

But again: Christ is our Peace! God does not want a divided world. God longs for all his creation to come and worship him. So through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ the wall that our sin created is torn down. We are one! This peace, this amazing peace, you see, is not simply a laying down of arms, or sitting quietly by a tranquil lake, or some spiritual calm that comes over us as an individual. This peace is dynamic for our lives as community.

We have seen much division this year within the fabric of the United States community! Division that not only just keeps us separate but harms, deeply harms our neighbor. You can probably tick off the things that come to your mind just in the last six months, but the latest one affected our Lutheran Community in that nine Americans gathered in a church (four pastors/two of whom had received their higher degrees from our ELCA Seminary in Columbia) were gunned down by a young man (a member of one of our ELCA congregations). He was a regular church attendee. He sat

that evening in the church in Charleston and listened to the Word...heard the prayers...But still the wall of hostility took precedence. He shot and killed nine fellow Christians. That is why the phrase "So What?", that may come at a declaration by a pastor of a solid, deep and essential tenet like "Christ is our Peace!", so disturbing. Christ died not just for me, nor you, nor Jew, nor Greek, nor white, nor black, but for all of us. He died so that our new humanity would not be based on race, ethnicity, gender, ability or disability, but solely on him that gave his life for our sake. We as brothers and sisters of the one who shot, but also brothers and sisters of those who were killed must acknowledge the deep pain that this act caused, but also acknowledge the divisions that perhaps still reside in our heart. When we face up to our shortcomings even in our latent ideas about our neighbor and ask for God's healing-Christ's Peace, we will come a long way in being instruments of peace in this country that seems still so divided.

In Christ, Pastor David.



GOSPEL READINGS FOR JULY

6 Pentecost Sunday, July 5, 2015

MARK 6:1-13

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

7 Pentecost Sunday, July 12, 2015

Mark 6:14-29

As Jesus and his disciples begin to at-

tract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

8 Pentecost July 19, 2015

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

When Jesus sent his disciples out to teach and heal, they ministered among large

numbers of people. Their work was motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.

9 Pentecost July 26, 2015

John 6: 1-21

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God

Message from the pews

TREASURER NEEDED BY END OF THIS YEAR

Harold Klaege has resigned from his position as treasurer effective 12-31-2015. The Council Committee headed by Rick Henderson is starting a search for his replacement. If you or someone you know are interested please contact Rick.

Fluff up your feathers men, and stick out your chest! You are the winners of the baby bottle campaign for the PREGNANCY SERVICE CENTER! You collected \$798.

The women collected \$603. The women all bow to you, but next year, we will give it another try.

Just a reminder that Kendra offers another way for you to help out the center with the SHOWER SOMEONE WITH FLOWERS donation. She will place metal garden flowers in a yard for birthdays, anniversaries, or any occasion. Your donation is tax deductible. Give her a few days notice at 452-0498.

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Sound System recommendations were presented by Harold Klaege

Update on background checks

Anna Prockish to fill Randy Jacksons position until January 2016.

-If there is severe weather alerts out for Salina be sure to check your e-mail to see if a meeting scheduled will be held.

-The bathrooms can be used as shelters however they are limited on the number of people that they can hold.

Plans for fall forum on nursery

WHERE TO GO IN CASE OF SEVERE WEATHER WHILE AT REDEEMER

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurers Report May 2015

Year-to-Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 110,520
Year-to-Date Actual Offering	\$ 106,501
Year-to-Date Budgeted Expenses	\$ 122,144
Year-to Date-Actual Expenses	\$ 126,598

Council Meeting Minutes are available to read on the Council Bulletin Board and in the office.

Council Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

UPDATE YOUR CALENDAR

Every Wednesday

9:00 Bible Study

6:00 Worship Service

July 7

4:30: Executive Meeting

July 9

6:00 Council Meeting

July 12

5:30 T.H.I.R.S.T @

The Callahan Home

July 12

9:15 a.m.
Between
services in the
Fellowship Hall



All voting members received a letter dated June 15 explaining in detail what this meeting will be about. You may ask questions about this proposal and then we **will vote** on a possible change and how to fund said change to our sound system.

If you did not receive this letter please contact the office.

Summer Off

Many of the monthly activities have been cancelled until September. Be sure to check with your lead person if you think that a meeting has been scheduled.

Page Turners Book for September is C.J. Box "Endangered". We have 2 copies in-house.

Music

Do you like to sing or play an instrument? Contact Ruth to schedule a Sunday this summer.



Thank you Marj Hansen, Becky Klaege and Mary Shaffer for staffing the office while I was on vacation in Iowa.

Also thank you to Mike Ramage and Harold Klaege for helping me with yard work. The Job Jar is such a great idea.

Barbara Oltmann

Dear Pastor David, Council Persons, and esteemed members of Redeemer,

Thank you for your hospitality and warm response to my membership. The corsage and reception were wonderful ways to demonstrate your love of others in ministry to Christ!

Owen Freiburger

Thank you Redeemer friends for helping us celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary with your cards and presence. Lee, Karen and Carolyn we appreciated your kitchen help! Carol the table decorations were lovely. We feel blessed that we can call Redeemer our church home!

Loren and Phyllis Harris

A THANK YOU!!

Thanks to all who helped us move those special things to Presbyterian Manor.

We appreciate it and a thanks to the younger generation too. God Bless You!

CeCelia and Rod Anderson

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Owen Freiburger



Kris Johanson

Bailie & Brittnee Steinle

Grant Johanson

Joined on June 14, 2 015

Dinners for Eight/Youth Convention/Women's Region

Larry Strahan of the Evangelism Committee has organized the summer event of "Dinners for Eight". If you have any questions or have not been contacted about participating call Larry at 785-820-0953.



July 15-19

ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit Michigan

Tatijana Krebsbach and Ben Strommen will be the Redeemer youth attending.

Pastor David and Pastor Amy True are the adult advisors.

July 24 - 26, 2015

Central States Synod Women of the ELCA Convention

Ramada Convention Center Downtown Topeka

<http://www.css-elca.org/ministries/css-women->



Yard work, painting, changing light bulbs you can't reach, hangs curtains, put in screens; we'll try to help you out. Time to put your name and job in "The Job Jar" to get that extra hand you need. Here's how it works, put your name, phone number, and brief job description on a piece of

paper and then put it in the "JOB JAR", in the fellowship hall. Someone from the OUT REACH TEAM will then call you and make arrangement to get your job done. Any questions call Becky Klaege at 827-0704.





Happy Birthday

7/1 Andrea Pickering

7/1 KC Potter

7/1 Andrew Schneider

7/3 Dan Gill

7/4 Ashley Beatty

7/4 Erin Plumer

7/6 Doug Rudick

7/8 Jennifer Beckman

7/11 Johanna Chamberlin

7/12 Susan Ramage

7/16 Kathy Heinrich

7/16 Jordan Itschner

7/17 Tim Prockish

7/18 Rylee Koers

7/18 Harper Nuss

7/21 Dustin Dusin

7/21 Derrick Dusin

7/22 Ryne Callahan

7/22 Emily Petrosky

7/23 Barbara Oltmann

7/25 Nick Shaffer

7/28 Annalyse Chamberlain



7/7 Jon & Kathy Plumer

7/8 Dennis & Carol Kuhlman

7/17 Rod & CeCelia Anderson

7/17 Brian & Karen Chapman

7/17 Jim & Emily Komarek

AREA HAPPENINGS

Assaria LC Annual Ice Cream Social and Band Concert

Sunday, July 26

6:00 p.m. Ice Cream Served

6:15 p.m. Salina Municipal Band

\$4 donation used for Bethany College Scholarships

Join the "Celebration!" **Bring your friends to the Area Agency on Aging's Sunflower Fair.** Tues. Sept. 22 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Salina's Bicentennial Center, 800 The Midway. The Fair is a fun, one-stop place for trusted information especially for seniors and caregivers. There will

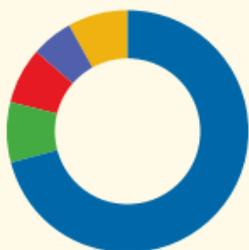
be health screenings, 70 exhibits, a banquet lunch, workshops on Medicare, heart health, fall prevention, healthful eating and much more! Cost is \$20 if you register by Friday, Sept. 11 or pay \$25 at the door. Call 800.432.2703 or 785.776.9294.

YOUR GIFTS. YOUR CHURCH. TRANSFORMING THE WORLD.

From microloans to health clinics, water wells to animal husbandry, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support innovative solutions that get at the root causes of hunger. And they don't stop there. We engage Lutherans

in advocacy and hunger education to act and speak in ways that can make a difference. Through this comprehensive approach, we address hunger from all angles, both locally and around the world.

HOW YOUR GIFTS ARE USED



based on 2015 budget

international relief and development
70%

domestic relief and development
9%

advocacy
7.5%

hunger education
5.5%

administration and fundraising
8%

HOW TO GIVE

MAIL YOUR GIFTS
to ELCA World Hunger
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

DONATE ONLINE AT
www.ELCA.org/hunger/donate

GIVE THROUGH YOUR CONGREGATION'S SUNDAY OFFERING
by making your check payable to your congregation and writing "ELCA World Hunger" in the memo line.

For more ways to give, visit www.ELCA.org/hunger

In 2015, our goal is to raise over \$20 million to support projects and programs identified by our partners in the United States and around the world. We rely on your gifts. ELCA World Hunger is funded solely by gifts from ELCA members and congregations like yours. Over 90 cents of each dollar you give to ELCA World Hunger directly supports programmatic work; less than a dime is used for hunger program administration and fundraising.



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Hunger is not only a problem in Salina but all over the world. Starting in July we will be collecting a noisy offering for ELCA WORLD HUNGER. The world will be in your hands the second Sunday of each month for the next year.

People in Africa, Ethiopia, India, Japan, China, and the USA will benefit from your help with this program.

This offering not only helps to feed people around the world, teaches them how to grow food for themselves. They can also sell their extra seeds to their neighbors. By making this income they are improving the quality of life for themselves and their family. This helps break the cycle of hunger and poverty.

Your donations to ELCA WORLD HUNGER program will help to change lives in a big way, around the world and in the USA.

One in five people in our world today live in extreme poverty, living on less than \$1.25 per day. As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we are called to respond. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger help our church creatively and courageously work toward a world of justice in which all are fed

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SEVERE WEATHER ALERT

When an alert is issued by the National Weather Service be sure to check your e-mail or on Facebook to see if a meeting or worship service has been cancelled.

We will also try to get it on KWCH channel 12 or KJIL radio.



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Weekly Church Events

Sunday Communion Worship

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Communion Worship

6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Organist:

Ruth Mirtz

Dorothy Carmichael

Choir Director: Ann Metcalfe

Bell Director and Worship Accompanist:

Britney English

2015 Council

Jody Biegert	827-3429
Rita Charlson	556-1826
Rick Henderson, V.P.	452-9668
Lana Jordan	643-5253
Mary Mertz, Sec.	820-5585
Anna Prockish	212-0685
Mike Ramage	452-0769
Mary Shaffer, Pres.	823-8019
Larry Strahan	820-0953

Officers:

Treasurer: Harold Klaege

Financial Secretaries:

Mike Ramage

Joe Plumer

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY FOR JULY, 2015

Please find a substitute if you cannot attend on your Sunday

Partners in Ministry 8:00 Service

	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26	
Ushers Greeters	Diane Conover	Jan & Randy Jackson	Virg & Noni	Cheryl Itschner	
Communion	Mary Shaffer	Mary Ellen & Doug Rudick	Jim & Emily Komarek	Ted & Barbara Wire	
Lector	Mary Shaffer	Mary Ellen Rudick	Emily Komarek	Ted Wire	

Partners in Ministry 10:30 Service

Greeters	Loren & Phyllis Harris	Karen Lucas Betty Baxter	Phil & Jean Sedo	Kris & Sam Neff	
Ushers	Joe & Janis Plumer	John & Keela Meirs	Larry & Pam Strahan	Ray & Debbie Beckman	
Communion	Joe Plumer Ray Beckman	Gary Jordan Rick Henderson	Rick & Betty Henderson	Joe Heinrich Rick Henderson	
Lector	Ray Beckman	Gary Jordan	Larry Strahan	Joe Heinrich	
Acolyte	Annalyse Chambers	Drew Alstatt	Nathan Callahan	Jordan Alstatt	

ALTAR GUILD FOR JULY: Anna Prockish and Janis Plumer

Church-wide

Jul 2015 (Central Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 8 am - Worship 10:30am - Worship	29	30 6:30pm - Venture	1 9 am - Bible Study 6 pm - Worship	2	3	4
5 8 am - Worship 10:30am - Worship	6 4:30pm - Executive 5:30pm - Worship & 6:30pm - Venture	7	8 9 am - Bible Study	9 6 pm - Council	10	11
12 8 am - Worship 10:30am - Worship 5:30pm - THIRST	13 6:30pm - G.U.Y.S. @ 6:30pm - Venture	14	15 9 am - Bible Study	16	17	18
19 8 am - Worship 10:30am - Worship 1 pm - Silver Needles	20 8:30am - VBS 6 pm - Silver Needles	21 Newsletter Deadline 8:30am - VBS 6:30pm - Outreach 6:30pm - Venture 7 pm - MS Meeting -	22 8:30am - VBS 9 am - Bible Study	23 8:30am - Breakfast 8:30am - VBS 9 am - Silver Needles	24	25
26 8 am - Worship 10:30am - Worship	27 6:30pm - Venture	28	29 9 am - Bible Study	30	31	1