### REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

# The Ringer

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# Special Points Of Interest

- September worship
- Wednesday Activities

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## Multi-year emphasis and logo introduced

TAKEN IN PART FROM BISHOP GUSTAFSON'S VERBAL REPORT AT THE 2015 SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The theme of the 2015 Synod Assembly was *Leading With Hope*. This theme evolved in part out of the 2014 assembly theme

Fear and Hope: Living at God's Table. We saw then that both of those realities are present in our churches and our communities – both fear for the future and hope for the future, but that our most dominant characteristic as people of God is hope – hope that comes to us as a gift, hope that allows us to face the future with confidence because while we may not know what the future holds, we do know who holds the future.

NEW LOGO FOR CENTRAL STATES SYNOD

The theme of **HOPE** will be a multi-year emphasis here in the Central States Synod. We're going to explore hope in four dimensions: Leadership (Leading with Hope), Stewardship (Giving in Hope), Discipleship (Growing in Hope), and Evangelism (Sharing Hope). The key words are **Lead**, **Give**, **Grow**, and **Share**. To read more about the new logo, please go to <a href="https://www.css-elca.org/about">www.css-elca.org/about</a>. You will see the new logo migrated into most all of the synod communications — CSS congregations and agencies have permission to download and use the logo.

# WAYNE & CAROL KEELER CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE



You are invited

To a celebration honoring

### Wayne & Carol Keeler

September 13

2:00-4:00 p.m.

At Redeemer

Hosted by their children & grandchildren



They request no gifts.

## Message from Pastor David

"Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified everywhere, just as it is among you," 2 Thessalonians 3:1

Grace and peace be to you in our Lord Jesus Christ!

This fall begins something new at Redeemer. We are coming together between services to teach one another about the word. Young and old working together to make sure the generations are equipped beyond our walls with something so life giving. We have done wonderfully on Wednesday with Godly Play. It is a wonder to see the young ones pick up on the stories presented then make them their own. With our intergenerational curriculum we hope to have a similar affect on all of us as we present Scripture and work together to better understand it and pass it along so that the word has Free Course.

As an ELCA congregation we are more than just a little enclave sitting in the south part of Salina. We readily know that we connect with the other two congregations in town...we can see how we connect with churches in and around Lindsborg and further within area Three ministry. But we also connect with the other 176 congregations that make up Central States Synod. As many of you know denominational offices have struggled for several years. Money is tight...economy is sluggish...and keeping an individual congregation going can be daunting enough. But in our connecting to the larger body we have entrusted our synod staff with various tasks really too many to name here, but one among them is working to ensure pastoral leadership and call process be done in a healthy way in the synod. As of June, there are 30 congregations in process of call. As we look at a great number of pastors nearing retirement

age in our synod this number will either stay steady or grow in the next few years. They also work to form new worshipping communities in Central States. As money has become tight over the last several years we have seen the synod cut staff, cut programs, and restrict travel. This was considered necessary and has been offset with new ideas in how to get things done, but as many of you know you can only cut and restrict so much. Early this summer a letter was received from our

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Bishop Roger Gustafson telling us of the deficit our synod treasurer foresees. With that the council decided to give an extra \$500 to help them with this issue.

Going beyond the synod level we also belong to about 10,000 congregations that make of the ELCA. We have different histories; different contexts but we are one in Christ. In June after the Supreme Court laid down its ruling that same-sex couples could be married we received a letter from our Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton. In this letter it recounted our 2009 decision regarding same-gender marriage that it would not be forced on any congregation, but those that decided to allow them would not be precluded from so doing. The letter went on to say: "According to this church's social statement on human sexuality, all decisions about recognizing, supporting and holding publicly accountable same -gender relationships are entrusted to congregations. Recognizing that the church is not of one mind on this subject, our 2009 actions provide that congregations and clergy should discern together whether to recognize such relationships and to what degree."

And further says:

"Pastors are to engage in conversation, discernment and partnership with the congregations who have called them prior to solemnizing or presiding over a same-gender marriage. On the other hand, no pastor is obligated to solemnize the marriage of any couple, same-gender or different-gender, whom the pastor cannot in good conscience marry.

As Lutheran Christians, we continue to be a church that engages in conversation and discernment in all aspects of our faith and life. Creating space for respectful conversation and dialogue continues to be an important part of our life together. A helpful resource for engaging in difficult conversations is "Talking Together as Christians about Tough Social Issues." (quotes from Presiding Bishop Eaton's letter on Supreme Court Marriage Ruling. http:// www.elca.org/News-and-Events/7759) With this directive I feel it important as your pastor to engage in study, reflection, and conversation about this issue along with many other issues that seem to be front and center in our tumultuous world. So in the coming months I will be inviting you to sit down with one another and me. We all know it is not easy to follow Christ and at times we seem at odds with ourselves and one another, but in Christ we are one in our faith that he alone through grace saves us. We pray for the free course of the Lord's word and understand and believe that that Word has set us free to be God's people.

In Christ Pastor David.

## Message from the pews

#### REDEEMER SOUND SYSTEM

The Congregation approved the replacement of the speakers in the sanctuary at July's congregational meeting. The Redeemer Endowment Committee and Council approved in August to use Endowment funds for part of the cost. The total cost of the speakers is \$9,000 of which 2/3 or \$6,000 from the endowment fund and the other 1/3 or \$3,000 from donations from the congregation.

### WORLD HUNGER

ELCA world hunger report for August is \$673.08 and part of this is from the peach lovers of Redeemer.

Thank you Wally for bringing the peaches to the church.

Second Sunday of the month is noisy offering for World Hunger.

#### **PROPERTY TEAM**

Thank you for keeping our church property looking so beautiful. A recent addition was the repainting of the lines in the parking lot. Thank you Mike Ramage for hiring this done by a local company.

#### REDEEMER CONCERT SERIES

For the past five years Redeemer has hosted a concert series showcasing a variety of instrumental, vocal and other entertaining performances for the community. The congregation has been quite supportive of this outreach activity. This year we have not been able to find someone (within and beyond Redeemer) to administer the series. Therefore, we are taking this year to assess the situation. Thanks to all who responded to the evaluation about the series earlier this year.

### CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### **Nominating Committee**

Mike Ramage will Chair; Larry Strahan and Joe Plumer will serve. They are seeking a fourth member from the 8:00 service.

Completing their term
Jody Biegert 3 yr.
Rick Henderson 3 yr.
Anna Prockish 1 yr.
Mike Ramage (cannot be reelected)

### DOOR IMPROVEMENT

The Council has approved the purchase of an automatic door opener system on the north doors near the office. This project will cost approximately \$2200 and they will be asking the Memorial Committee for the funds. However, if you would like to contribute to this project you can put your donation in a yellow envelope and mark it with "door".

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

date and time changed to Thursday, September 3 at 6:30 p.m.

GUYS will be serving the South High Football team here at RLC on Thursday, September 10.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### Treasurers Report July 2015

Year-to-Date Budgeted Offering \$ 159,682 Year-to-Date Actual Offering \$ 145,210 Year-to-Date Budgeted Expenses \$ 169,024 Year-to Date-Actual Expenses \$ 180,080 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

### SoftWare for the Soul

5:30 Supper

6:00 Worship

6:15 Godly Play

6:30 Adult Education

7:30 Choir or Bell Rehearsal

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

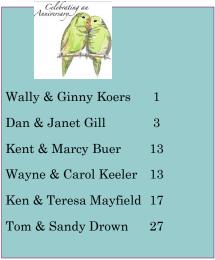
### Music 🎜

Choir and bells starting Wednesday night rehearsals on the 9th. For the 9th choir will rehearse first from 7:30-8 and bells will rehearse from 8:00-8:30. Both groups will kick off the season with their first performance during church on the 13th. Wednesday the 16th will be choir from 7:30-8:30 and then will start alternating with bells the next Wednesday. A schedule has been emailed to past members. Any and all are welcome to drop by any Wednesday to see what we are all about!



#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY! **Phyllis Harris** Rita Charlson 3 Noni Strand 6 7 Mary Mertz Jasmyne Baffa 10 Jon Plumer 12 Karen Chapman 13 John Meiers 14 Keela Meiers 16 Sam Shaffer 17 Jordan Alstatt 19

Heather Wagoner	20
Beth Curchy	21
Harold Klaege	21
Larry Manz	21
Corey Pennington	22
Kelley Koers	23
Ann Garrison	27
Jan Jackson	27
Lexus Charlson	28
Kayla Nuss	29



### WELCOME TO THE REDEEMER FAMILY





Lyla Danielle Potter born on May 20, 2015, was baptized on August 30th at the 10:30 service. Lyla's parents are Trey & KC Potter and she has a big sister, Marlie.

Sponsors were Amanda & Grant Dixon

Pastor David Strommen baptized her into the Redeemer Christian Family.



GHOST, GOBBLINS, and TREATS.....OH MY !!!!!!!

That's right!!! Trunk or Treat is just around the corner!!

Time to be thinking about the décor for your trunk!!

All the candy you can donate!!!!

Time and how you can help that evening!!!

Save the date

SATURDAY OCTOBER 31, 2015

### RISE UP FOR SUNSET

Where has the summer gone? School has started already and The Outreach Team has decided to help

Sunset Elementary School this year.

Sunset has expressed a need for emergency clothing.

The shopping list is:

Boys and girls underwear; all sizes

Socks; all sizes

Boys and girls sport shorts; sizes XS, S, M, L, XL

Boys and girls sweatpants sizes; XS, S, M, L, XL

T-shirts (outer wear) XS, S, M, L, XL

Shoes Needed for younger children grades K-3rd

If shopping isn't your thing, we will gladly take your donation. Your cash or check donation can be placed in a **YELLOW** envelope and mark it **SUNSET**. This project is all of September. Thank you

# Preaching the Gospel of Luke

Thursday, September 17, 2015

Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Click here for additional information and registration form.

Note from Dick Monson:

"This should be a wonderful workshop for both laity and clergy alike."

Call the Redeemer office for more information.

#### SPECIAL MUSIC THIS SUMMER

A special *thank you* to all the talented people who shared their musical gifts at worship.

- ♪ Britney English
- ♪ Owen Freiburger
- Ann Metcalfe & Sisters
- Sam Neff & Friends
- ♪ Barbara Oltmann

### The Job Jar

## IT'S FALL, TIME FOR THOSE EXTRA JOBS

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.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS FALL

New Intergenerational Sunday School! September - December 2015 **Sunday mornings 9:15 – 10:00 a.m.** 

The Book of Moses - Old Testament Stories beginning at Creation

### Beginning Sunday, September 13

9:00 – One Worship Service (Choirs and Bells will participate)

10:00 - Lunch followed by Congregational Service Project for ELCA "GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS"

Join us as we serve our community. Projects will be for all ages and abilities. More information to come!

September 20 – Bread For The World presentation by Ms. Kesi Marcano

**September 27** – The Creation Story – Part 1

All ages will be able to participate in learning more about the story from Genesis through reader's theatre, activities, songs, and sign language.

Would you be willing to plan and lead two Sundays? Training will be soon! See Pastor David or Anna Prockish for information.

### Worship Notes for September 2015

On September 20 we will begin using the first setting of the liturgy in the cranberry hymnal (ELW Setting One). The plan for our fall season is to use ELW Setting One for every Sunday except the second Sunday of the month. We'll sing along with just the melody line the first Sunday. We've been singing the Lamb of God during August, so one piece will already be familiar. If you want to listen to the ELW

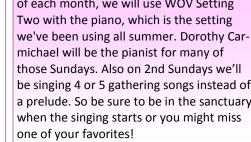
Setting One Kyrie and Glory to God on the Internet here are the links: http://www.augsburgfortress.org/ worship/evangelicallutheranworship/ downloads/Kyrie 01.mp3

Glory to God:

http://www.augsburgfortress.org/ worship/evangelicallutheranworship/ downloads/GlorytoGod 2.mp3

Special for 2nd Sundays: On 2nd Sundays of each month, we will use WOV Setting be singing 4 or 5 gathering songs instead of a prelude. So be sure to be in the sanctuary

One Class





### BIBLE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sept. 6

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Like streams in the desert, God comes with James 3:1-12 healina

Psalm 146

I will praise the LORD as long as I

live. (Ps. 146:2)

James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

Faith without works is dead

Mark 7:24-37

Christ healing a little girl and a deaf man

Sept. 13

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The servant is vindicated by God

Psalm 116:1-9

I will walk in the presence of the LORD. (Ps. 116:9)

Dangers of the unbridled tongue

Mark 8:27-38

Peter's confession of faith

Sept. 20

Jeremiah 11:18-20

The prophet led like a lamb to slaughter

Psalm 54

God is my helper; it is the LORD who sustains my

life. (Ps. 54:4)

James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom from above

Mark 9:30-37

Prediction of the passion

SEPT. 27

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The LORD's spirit comes upon seventy elders

Psalm 19:7-14

The commandment of the LORD gives light to

the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)

James 5:13-20

Prayer and anointing in the community

Mark 9:38-50

Warnings to those who obstruct faith

## Software for the Soul - WEDNESDAYS

### Starting Wednesday, September 9

5:30 PM – Supper – freewill donation suggested

6:00 PM – Worship/Communion in sanctuary

6:15-7:15 PM – Godly Play – 3 yrs to  $3^{rd}$  grade

6:30 PM - Education

4-6<sup>th</sup> Grade

7-8 - Middle School

9-12 – High School

Adults

### **Adult September Schedule:**

Sept. 9 – "Learn the Liturgy" and Hymn Sing

Practice the new liturgy and sing favorite songs

Sept. 16 - TBA

Sept. 23 - Hymn Sing

An opportunity to sing again!

Sept. 30 – Pastor David's Interesting Instruments

Find out the stories behind some of his favorite finds and hear his musical talent



MUSIC AT SERVICE ON THE 13TH

Both Choirs Practice on September 9th Singing 7:30 & Bells 8:00



Music Rehearsal

Sept. 16 Choir

Sept. 23 Bells

Sept. 30 Choir

# A representative of Bread for the World, Ms. Kesi Marcano, with be with us during the Intergenerational Sunday School hour on September 20.

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decisions makers to end hunger at home and abroad. Moved by God's grace in Jesus Christ, we advocate for a world without hunger.

In the 1970s, Rev. Art Simon, the pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church on New York City's Lower East Side, often found himself responding to emergency situations caused by hunger and poverty in his neighborhood. Simon, along with a dozen other church leader in the area — Roman Catholics, Pres-

byterians, and Lutherans — began meeting to explore how they might address the local and global root causes of hunger. They saw a place for Christians to try to prevent hunger from happening in the first place rather than just reacting to it. In 1974, this group founded Bread for the World with the mission of ending hunger in the world by speaking out to their elected officials in Washington, D.C.

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us during the Intergenerational Sunday School hour on September 20. We will watch a 7 minute video and then discuss hunger in the US and the world. There will be kid-friendly activities as



## **Central States Synod Lutherans Restoring Creation**

Noni Strand joined 13 other members of the Central States Synod Lutherans Restoring Creation Mission Table for a planning retreat at Camp Tomah Shinga on Saturday, August 22. In June, the Central States Synod voted to become a Lutherans Restoring Creation synod

and empowered the LRC Mission Table to begin working on ways to help congregations care for creation through worship, education, buildings and grounds, discipleship and stewardship, and education. LRC is a grassroots movement among pastors, laypeople, synods, congregations, and camps promoting care for creation in the ELCA. If you are interested in helping Redeemer care for creation, please contact Noni Strand at

nonistrand@gmail.com.

### SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Circles of the Heartland



### FRIDAY, SEPT.11 3PM-7PM

### **SATURDAY, SEPT. 12** 8AM-2:00 PM

#### Trinity United Methodist Church 901 E. Neal

Community wide Garage and Bake Sale that has something for everyone! Clothing, home furnishings, toys and all kinds of treasures. Five dollars for a paper bag of clothes, three dollars for a grocery bag of clothes/etc.

Donations accepted starting Sept.8. at Trinity United Methodist.

Circles of the Heartland, 1201 W. Walnut 785-827-6731

**Garage Sale:** Lots of items to choose from

Bake Sale: homemade baked

from 11-1 by free will donation All proceeds to Circles of the

Sale location: **Trinity United Methodist Church** 901 E. Neal







#### Saturday, September 12

University United Methodist Church 1509 S Santa Fe Avenue

> Breakfast & Kickoff at 8:00 RSVP by September 4

For More Info or a registration form,

call 785-823-3128

or email

Saturday, October 3

Kenwood Park Shelter #1 821 Kenwood Park Drive

Breakfast & Kickoff at 8:00 RSVP by September 25

Install Smoke Detectors Repair Damaged Brick Sidewalks Clean up the Smoky Hill River Channel Neighborhood Landscaping and more! volcor@nckvc.org The Volunteer Connection

Information & the registration form also available at volunteerncks.org



At Kansas Wesleyan University on Monday, January 18, 2016 our community of Salina will be working to feed starving children through a Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) MobilePack. We will make 100,000 meals for God's children around the world. FMSC is a Christian nonprofit hunger relief organization working with volunteers to produce MannaPack Rice, a scientifically formulated food formula that is culturally acceptable worldwide, and that is then donated to fee children in 70 countries around the world.

We invite you to join us in producing these meals. We need to recruit 500 volunteers and raise 22¢ for each meal - \$22,000 total-for this MobilePack. We need funds to make this Mobile Pack a reality by individual or group donations.

We hope to partner with you in this important service for God's hungry children. If you would like to learn more, please contact coo-leaders: Linda Ourada at 785-452-9638, ljourada@cox.net or Cameron Jackson cameroni@kwu.edu

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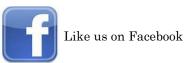
Office Hours: 9:00 - 4:00 Monday-Friday Barbara Oltmann, Administrative Assistant ext. 200



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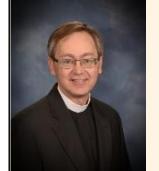




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### Weekly Church Events

Sunday Communion Worship Service

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 SEPTEMBER, 2015  Please find a substitute if you cannot attend on your Sunday							
Partners in Ministry 8:00 Service							
	September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27			
Ushers Greeters	Diane Conover	Jan & Randy Jackson	Denise Dusin	Cheryl Itschner			
Communion	Charlotte Herrman	Mary Ellen & Doug Rudick	Kathy Lowman	Jim & Emily Komarek			
Lector	Charlotte Herrman	Mary Ellen	Kathy Lowman	Emily Komarek			
Partners in Ministry 10:30 Service							
Greeters	Joe & Janis Plumer	Sandi & Tom Drown	Phil & Jean Sedo	J. Kpissay Karen Lucas			
Ushers	Larry & Carolyn Manz	John & Keela Meirs	Rick & Betty Henderson	Ray & Debbie Beckman			
Communion	Mary & Tom Mertz	Sam Neff Kris Neff	Mary Mertz Debbie Beckman	Mary Mertz Kendra Albin			
Lector	Tom Mertz	Sam Neff	Debbie Beckman	Kendra Albin			
Acolyte	Annalyse Chambers	Drew Alstatt	Nathan Callahan	Jordan Alstatt			
ALTAR GUILD FOR SEPTEMBER: Teresa Nelson and Mary Shaffer							

### **SEPTEMBER ALTAR FLOWERS**

September 6 Marty Holmquist

September 13 Wayne & Carol Keeler

September 20 Chuck & Karen Levin

September 27 open