

## REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

# The Ringer

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Satis est, Es ist genug,  
es suficiente, Det er nok, είναι αρκετό,



From the  
Pastor

יְהוָה

I must say I have always had enough and more in my blessed life. But often, even in my abundance, I have complained about this or that in my life. Over the years I have thought a great deal about the concept of enough. It really is a relative term that each of us has our own conception of. My parents, children of the thirties, had a very different understanding of enough than I did and do. My children have a different concept of enough based on probably my teaching them about another word “more”.

What is enough though when it comes to who we are in the world with a God who loves us? In April during the week of Passover we came together to remember the Jewish Holiday. At the end of the evening we sang a song called Dayenu, it would have been enough, a wonderful song that is found in all Seders. Had we sung all fifteen stanzas we would have sung through an understanding of leaving slavery, miracles, and God being with us and for us. At the end of each stanza the refrain is “It would have been enough” or “Dayenu”. Just one of those things in the ever growing list would have been enough, but our God is a God of overflowing love and mercy. The length of the song seems to go on forever and it should give you that feeling, because God is everlasting, not in a tedious boring way, but in a vibrant exciting way. For us as Christians “enough” culminates in Jesus Christ and his death and resurrection. Jesus even from the cross in a way utters the phrase when he says “It is Finished”, it is enough what God saw fit to do for us.

I really think if we as beloved children of God would consider what God has done and continues to do, the tiny things and the big things, the “unimportant” things and the “world renowned” things, we will come to understand life not so much in the “more” mindset, but truly in the greatness of God’s “enough”.

In Christ,

Pastor David

# Church Council Highlights

## Regular Council Meeting - April , 2016

It was decided at the April council meeting that information would not be printed in the newsletter until the minutes were approved by the council.

**NOT AVAILABLE  
AT THIS TIME**

*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 pm.*



# Budget Information

Budgeted Offering \$299,310  
Actual Offering \$112,657  
Budgeted Expenses \$299,310  
Actual Expenses \$74,758

# A Letter From the Bishop

## *A Letter from the Bishop*



### **"What are we supposed to do? How are we supposed to respond?"**

The questions came from a young woman, a member of the Muslim Student Association at UMKC, toward the end of its recent interfaith symposium. A rabbi, an instructor of Islamic studies, and I had been invited to speak with the group about anti-Muslim, anti-immigrant rhetoric that is welling up in the campaign for president. The news throughout that day had been dominated by the ISIS bombings in Belgium that killed 31 people. The topic was timely.

In our comments the three of us had reflected on our individual faith traditions and how they viewed outsiders. I noted that one of the refrains running through the Hebrew scriptures is God's admonition to God's people to care for the stranger, "for you were aliens in the land of Egypt." Just a few generations removed from my ancestors' exodus from Sweden and Scotland to build a better life in America, I remember family stories about how our relatives stuck together when they got to these shores simply because making your way in a new land is hard. We have that in common.

As I looked out on the crowd at UMKC I realized that what we of European descent do not have in common with these young Muslims is the baggage of discrimination they carry because of violence and intolerance committed by extremists who don't represent them. These students didn't commit the crimes but they're paying for them in the courtroom of public opinion. When someone mentioned that a candidate said police should "patrol and secure Muslim neighborhoods," I could almost feel the rabbi to my right flinch. He knows his history.

So how would you answer the young woman's questions, "What are we supposed to do? How are we supposed to respond?" They're quick to disavow terrorism but don't have a national stage on which to speak. So maybe speaking out isn't the most effective form of response. I suggested that since the only antidote to a lie is the truth, maybe one answer is to live with integrity as people of faith and create relationships with allies and advocates in the interfaith community who can help shape public opinion.

And that, brothers and sisters in Christ, includes us. Let's not wait for them to take the first step. Let's help our fellow God-believers and initiate contact; seek out an opportunity for a conversation with someone of the Muslim faith. It won't be easy – some of us Lutherans have a tough time sharing the peace with each other in church – but I can testify to the benefits of reaching out in good faith and friendship. And if you're in an area where you don't have the opportunity to relate to a Muslim, create the opening with someone of another faith tradition or ethnic background.

Try it, and let me know how it goes.

Roger Gustafson, Bishop  
[rgustafson@css-elca.org](mailto:rgustafson@css-elca.org)



# Our Church



To the members of  
 Redeemer Lutheran Church, Salina, KS  
 from the  
 Central States Synod  
 Of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

In grateful appreciation for giving

**\$13,100.00**

For Mission Support beyond the congregation for synodical and  
 Churchwide ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

*Roger Gustafson*  
 Synod Bishop  
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

*Elizabeth A. Eaton*  
 Presiding Bishop  
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



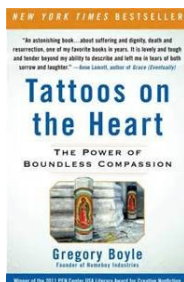
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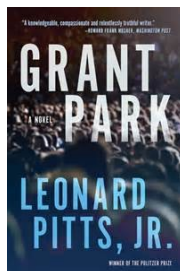
## At Redeemer

# Page Turners Redeemer Book Club

MAY



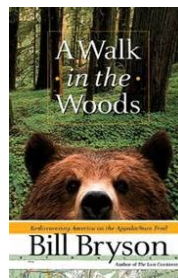
JUNE



JULY



AUGUST



*Page Turners  
meets at the  
church on the  
2nd Tuesday of  
each month,  
10:00 am*

## Sharing the Story

One class for all ages Sunday morning, 9:15



**May 1 - I Am!**  
**(The Ten Commandments part 2)**

**May 8 - You Shall Be Holy**  
**(The Golden Calf Part 1)**

**May 15- You Shall Be Holy**  
**(The Golden Calf Part 2)**

### May Mowers

**6/7 Kyle Tonniges**  
**13/14 Loren Harris**  
**20/21 Mike Ramage**  
**27/28 Ray Beckman**

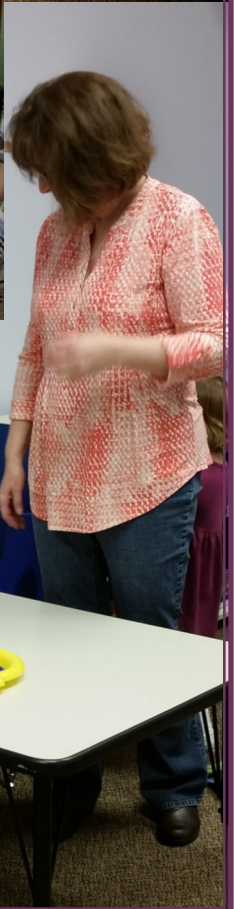
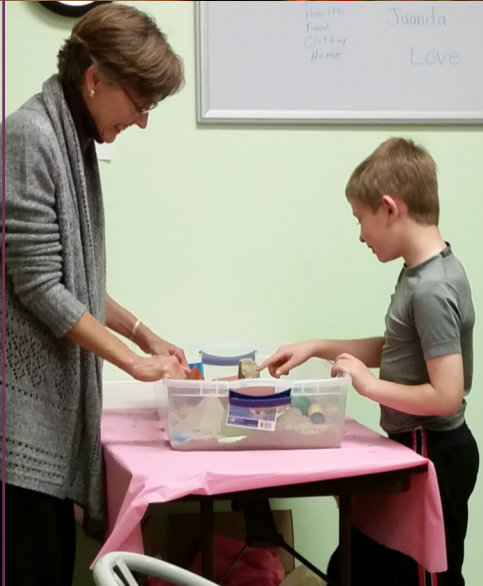
### May Trimmer

**6/7 Joe Plumer**  
**20/21 Mike Ramage**





# Godly Play





# 2016 Graduates

# 2016

*Class of*

*Congratulations!*

**Brock  
Alstatt  
Salina High  
School  
Central**

**Sierrah  
Baffa  
Belleville East  
High School  
Swansea, IL**

**Aaron  
Chapman  
Salina High  
School  
South**

**Cody  
Pennington  
Salina High  
School  
South**

**Benjamin  
Strommen  
Salina High  
School  
Central**

**SCHOOL'S  
OUT FOR  
SUMMER!**

Heavenly Father

Surround those who are graduating with your grace.

Bless them with hope so that they move into the future with eager and open hearts.

Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and insights gained through their education to use for the good of all humankind.

Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life even when faced with challenges and difficulties.

As they commence with their lives, may they grow ever more grateful and wise.

All of this we ask in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son. Amen.

# Outreach



## DELIVERY TIME!

The baby bottle “CHANGE FOR LIFE” campaign contest to raise funds for the Pregnancy Service Center will begin on Mother’s day. Devise your plan to help your gender win! Last year, the men raised the most money- but the women came very close to their total.

From Mother’s day to Father’s day, surrounding area churches, businesses and groups participate in filling baby bottles with extra change for the Pregnancy Center.

Starting Mother’s day pick up a provided baby bottle at church and add change, bills or checks to it each day. When it is full, there will be a pink and blue LARGE container available to dump your donations in. The challenge is to fill it each week. On Father’s day, all monies will be counted and it will be announced which gender raised more.

PSC is a Christ Centered non-profit pregnancy resource center that encourages life, healing and purity. They are committed to upholding the sanctity of human life and sharing the light and unconditional love of Jesus. The center seeks to inspire personal growth, develop Godly character and promote life-honoring choices for lasting differences in the lives of individuals and their families.

**Donations fund the incentives for classes and life coaching that seal the commitments mentioned above.** (Talk to Kendra Albin for more info on this.) Incentives include diapers, baby clothing and accessories needed up to 2 years old. They provide abstinence programs to schools in USD305 and helps keep the new mobile unit traveling to small towns near Salina.





# In Our Community



THE 17TH ANNUAL  
SALINA RESCUE MISSION —  
EMERGENCY AID/FOOD BANK  
**MULLIGAN STEW  
GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 27**

SALINA MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE  
2500 East Crawford, Salina, KS 67401

**DEADLINE TO SIGN UP MAY 18, 2016**

**WALK UPS ARE WELCOME!**

**CONTACTS: STEVE KMETZ OR SANDY  
BRANDENBURG AT 785 823-2610.**

See Poster in gathering space for more info.



## Wish List

The needs of the Salina Rescue Mission for **May** include:

Large Bath Towels	Shaving Cream-
Cold & Allergy Medicines	Shampoo
Toothpaste /toothbrushes	Sandwich Meat-
Peanut Butter & Jelly	Shoes Boots
Canned vegetables	Pillow Cases
Slacks/Jeans, size 34w & smaller	

A tremendous THANK YOU to the community for already helping us with many items of great need!

This helps to feed and care for the hungry and homeless, it also stretches our general fund dollars farther. Please help; donations can be dropped off anytime at the Salina Rescue Mission at 1716 Summers Road in Salina, or call us at 785-823-2610.

## Discover Salina NATURALLY

### Our Mission:

**“To build community, and promote sustainability through cultural appreciation, historical and environmental education, and artistic enrichment.”**



**May 1st 2016**

**Lakewood Park - Salina, Kansas**

- Free Family Event
- First Sunday in May
- 11am - 4pm
- 60+ Fascinating exhibitors
- Live entertainment
- Food and drink
- Lots of items for sale
- No charge to participate
- Follow us on Facebook

For more information visit  
[www.discoverosalina.com](http://www.discoverosalina.com)  
Email: [contat@discoverosalina.com](mailto:contat@discoverosalina.com)



# Take Note

Content of the Ringer depends on you, the members of this church, every month for articles, photos, important dates, etc. **The May Newsletter deadline is May 17th at 12:00pm.** The newsletter is available by email, mail or by picking up at the church.



- 3 Brian Chapman
- 4 Stephen Albin
- 4 Marty Holmquist
- 5 Janet Gill
- 6 Sheila Alstatt
- 8 Paige Alstatt
- 14 Larry Strahan
- 15 Earl Hansen
- 17 Luke English
- 20 Jean Sedo
- 20 Easton Pickering
- 20 Lyla Potter
- 21 Gail Weinhold
- 22 Tim Mertz
- 23 Madison Garrison
- 24 Josie Hartley
- 26 Scott Itschner
- 28 Bryce Daily
- 29 Melissa McKee
- 30 Brian Dusin



- 3 Grant and Kris Johanson
- 8 Jason and April Augustine
- 20 Kyle and Brenda Tonniges
- 25 John and Keela Meiers
- 26 Phil and Jean Sedo
- 26 Steve and Shellee Callahan
- 29 Scott and Cheryl Itschner

Reid Adeline Tonniges was born April 9th to Kyle and Brenda Tonniges. She weighed 7lbs 12.5 oz and was 20 inches long. Big sister Kayden loves to hold her.

**To my Redeemer Family,**

**Words cannot express my appreciation for the love that was shown to me at my retirement reception. Thank you for being a part of it and also for the cards and monetary gifts. Also, thank you to the organizers Karen Lucas, Janis Plummer, and Lee Smith.**

**Barbara Oltmann**



Mason David Schoenfeld was born March 22 to Scott and Alycia Schoenfeld. He weighed 7lbs 13 oz and was 21 inches long. Mason has two big brothers, Nolan and Kanton.

*God Bless  
Mason & Ried*



# Lectionary for Sundays in May

## Sunday, May 1 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

### Readings

Acts 16:9-15

Psalms 67

Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

John 14:23-29



<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup>"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

## Sunday, May 8 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

### Readings

Acts 16:16-34

Psalms 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26



[Jesus prayed:] <sup>20</sup>"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

<sup>25</sup>"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

## Sunday, May 15 – Day of Pentecost

### Readings

Acts 2:1-21

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17 [25-27]

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup>"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. [

<sup>25</sup>"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."]





# Lectionary for Sundays in May

## Sunday, May 22 – The Holy Trinity

### Readings

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalms 8

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15



[Jesus said,] <sup>12</sup>"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

## Sunday, May 29 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Readings

1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43

Psalms 96:1-9

Galatians 1:1-12

Luke 7:1-10

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. <sup>2</sup>A centurion

there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. <sup>3</sup>When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. <sup>4</sup>When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy of having you do this for him, <sup>5</sup>for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us." <sup>6</sup>And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; <sup>7</sup>therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. <sup>8</sup>For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." <sup>9</sup>When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." <sup>10</sup>When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.



## Partners in Ministry 8:00 Service Altar Guild: Kathy and Joe Heinrich

	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
<b>Usher/Greeter</b>	Mary Shaffer Kathy Lowman	Ted & Barbara Wire	Carol Lehman Cheryl Itschner	Diane Conover	Virg Augustine & Noni Larson
<b>Com-munion</b>	Carol Lehman & Cheryl Itschner	Charlotte Herrman & Mary Shaffer	Randy & Jan Jackson	Kathy Lowman & Mary Ellen Rudick	Mary Shaffer & Carol Lehman
<b>Lector</b>	Jan Jackson	Kathy Lowman	Mary Ellen Rudick	Ted Wire	Noni Strand

## Partners in Ministry 10:30 Service

<b>Greeter</b>	Alan English Sam Neff	Harold & Becky Klaege	Gary & Lana Jordan	Carol & Larry Manz	Larry & Pam Strahan
<b>Usher</b>	Rick & Betty Hen- derson	Betty Baxter	Joe & Kathy Heinrich	Mike Ramage & Shellee Callahan	Carol & Dennis Kuhlman
<b>Com-munion</b>	Mary Mertz Kris Neff	Mary Mertz Larry Strahan	Mary Mertz Ray Beckman	Mary & Tom Mertz	Mary Mertz Joe Heinrich
<b>Lector</b>	Jeanette Kpissay	Larry Strahan	Mary Mertz	Ann Metcalfe	Joe Heinrich
<b>Cantor</b>	Ann Metcalfe	Sam Neff	Kris Johansen	Britney English	Ann English

# ~ May 2016 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8a-9a Worship 9:15a-10a Sharing the Story-Sunday School for all Ages 10:30a-11:30a Worship Service 11a-4p Discover Salina Naturally	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 4:30p-5:30p Executive Meeting 5:30p-7p committee meetings	<b>4</b> 9a-10a Bible Study at Pres. Manor 6:15p-6:45p Worship 7:30p-8:30p Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Mother's Day WORLD HUNGER OFFERING 8a-9a Worship 9:15a-10a Sharing the Story-Sunday School for all Ages 10:30a-11:30a Worship Service 5:30p-6:30p THIRST at English's home	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10a-11:30a Page Turners (gathering space) 6:30p-8:30p G.U.Y.S. (Fellowship Hall) 6:30p-8:30p Ladies' night Out	<b>11</b> 9a-10a Bible Study 6:15p-6:45p Worship	<b>12</b> 6p-7:30p Council Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8a-9a Worship 9:15a-10a Sharing the Story-Sunday School for all Ages 10:30a-11:30a Worship Service	<b>16</b> 6p-9:30p Silver Needles Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	<b>17</b> Newsletter Deadline	<b>18</b> Golf Tourn. Deadline 9a-10a Bible Study 6:15p-6:45p Worship	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7p-8p wedding rehearsal	<b>21</b> 4p-7p Derrick Levin Wedding time unknown
<b>22</b> 8a-9a Worship 9:15a-10a Sharing the Story-Sunday School for all Ages 10:30a-11:30a Worship Service 4p-6:30p Teresa Hernandez Music Recital (fellowship hall and sanctuary)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9a-10a Bible Study 6:15p-6:45p Worship	<b>26</b> 8:30a-10a Breakfast @Bayard's Cafe (BAYARDS CAFE) 9a-3:30p Silver Needles Sew Day	<b>27</b> Rescue Mission Golf Tournament	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8a-9a Worship 9:15a-10a Sharing the Story-Sunday School for all Ages 10:30a-11:30a Worship Service	<b>30</b> Memorial Day	<b>31</b>	<b>Notes:</b>			





**May your  
Days be as bright  
As  
The flowers  
Of May!  
Happy May Day to you!**

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*"Chosen by God...to love one another."*



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on the Redeemer Website.



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### Weekly Church Events

#### Sunday Communion Worship

8:00 am and 10:30 am

9:15 Sunday School for all ages

Sharing the Story

#### Wednesday Night Activities

5:30 Light dinner

6:00 - Godly Play for young children

6:15 - 6:45 - Worship followed by  
Youth and Adult Education

**Organist:** Ruth Mirtz

**Choir Director:** Ann Metcalfe

**Bell Director and  
Worship Accompanist:**  
Britney English

### 2016 Council

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