

The Redeemer Register

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL - TUCSON, AZ

ARIZONA TIME CHANGE?!?

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A sure fire way to evoke a spirited conversation is to question why Arizonans don't change the clocks in November and March. Arizona is the only state in the continental United States that does not spring forward or fall back. Depending on whom you ask, you get very different responses. Whether Arizonans are lazy, slow to "get with the program," or countercultural trailblazers is for you to decide.

You will be very interested to note, however, that there will be an Arizona time change beginning in August. Technically, it'll be a Redeemer time change, but we all live in Arizona. In a June meeting of the voters, the congregation unanimously agreed to push the late service back by 15 minutes. ***That means beginning August 14, 2016, late service will begin at 10:45 a.m. instead of 10:30 a.m.***

The time change is a happy example of the value of congregational ministry planning. In fall of 2015, representatives from youth education, outreach, adult discipleship, and worship were discussing various challenges

they faced in their respective areas of ministry. Sunday school children were being underserved. Outreach was finding it difficult to choose a night for Bible information class that was suitable for a wide range of schedules. Catechism instruction faced similar challenges. Adult discipleship was looking for ways to encourage more regular spiritual growth. Worship wanted to bill Sunday morning as a "three hour experience," not just a "one hour punch card."

From those mutual discussions, an idea was born. Suppose we offered adequate time on Sunday morning to teach the Bible information class to prospective members? Suppose we offered a full hour for catechism to be taught? Within that same hour, Sunday school teachers could use 15 minutes of that hour for music education, still leaving 45 minutes for the regular lesson. Newer members who are already in the habit of attending a Bible information class on Sunday morning now find it easier to transition to the regular Sunday morning session in the Ministry Center. Pastors and staff could offer and teach a wider array of Bible study. Parents and children be-

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Chairman's Report

With the summer winding down, planning for the new school year is upon us.

We welcome Ms. Leah Clark as our new called teacher. Please help make her feel welcome as she gets settled into her new position here at Redeemer.

The annual Voters' meeting will be held in September. During the month of August, the new budget will be formulated and candidates for positions will be identified to fill expiring terms. Those terms include the Chairman, Education Elder, and Property Elder. Continued discussions on the church organization structure are being addressed based upon the inputs from the recent congregation forum. If you have comments or recommendations, please speak with one of the elders.

Redeemer continues to be blessed with many visitors worshiping with us. Please take the opportunity to introduce yourself and make our visitors feel welcome.

Please feel free to approach any of the elders with questions or comments.

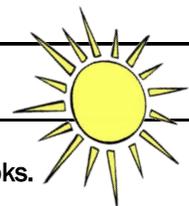
James Caldwell, Christian Care Elder	Tim Dunn, Property Elder
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In Christ,
Mark Lange
Chairman



**Saturday, August 6,
7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
in the
Ministry Center**

C H U R C H R E S O U R C E C E N T E R N E W S



We have many new books for children and adults. Please come in and browse our new books.

For Children:

1) We have the **Arch Books Treasury: Vintage Collection 1964-1965**. The original 12 Arch Books are combined in one big book. The bright, vivid drawings enhance the story. Included in the text is the Note to Parents section that guides the parent as they use the stories in devotions. The reading level is grade 3 interest level ages 5-9.

2) Also from Arch Books are the Best-Loved Arch Book Stories. We have **Best-Loved Christmas Stories, Best-Loved Miracles of Jesus, Best Loved Parables of Jesus, and Best-Loved Easter Stories**. Each of these books contains six complete Arch Books Stories. The reading level Grade 3, Interest level ages 5-9. Parents can trust Arch Books to provide quality content.

For Adults:

Broken 7 Christian Rules that Every Christian Ought to break as Often as Possible by Jonathan Fisk. "Fisk shows how, under the cross of Jesus, you will find that your mind, heart, and hands, your reason, emotions, and sense of mercy, are the very things that our Lord has redeemed. In the Resurrection of Jesus, in His fulfillment of the Law, in the essence of His Gospel, in the pure Word of God, you will find the truth." (from the back cover) Fisk addresses such issues as mysticism, rationalism, consumerism, and moralism to name a few. He shows how easy it is to let these things enter into our Lutheran doctrine. In some evangelical churches, following the rules becomes a substitute for Christian living. Fisk shows how these errors of thinking are false. He says, "The dark secret of Christianity in America is that we are losing. We hide it with light shows, Christian dance and music, and video games, but it's true and it's not new."

If you would like to finish the summer with a good fiction novel, try Kate Schuermann's, **House of Living Stones**. In this novel she tells a whimsical and touching story about life in a small Illinois town where things are comfortable and predictable until Pastor Fletcher hires Emily Duke as the new choir director at Zion Lutheran Church. You will be charmed by the people at Zion Lutheran. There is Mrs. Scheinberg, the curmudgeonly church secretary, Evan Ebner, the pompous church organist, and Pastor Fletcher who must deal with the congregation's reaction to the choir singing an anthem in Latin. How will every one react to Emily Duke, the new choir director?

~Marsha Turner

A W A R M W E L C O M E T O L E A H C L A R K



Leah Clark was born in Austin, Texas, in 1988. She moved with her family, Pastor David and Bonnie Clark, to Glendale, Arizona in 1991. She attended Grace Lutheran School in Glendale and was confirmed in 2003 at Grace Lutheran Church, where her father serves as pastor.

Leah is a 2007 graduate of Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, Wisconsin. She continued her studies at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota and graduated in 2011 with a degree in elementary education with a social studies emphasis. She was assigned to Our Savior Lutheran School in San Antonio, Texas, teaching grades K-3 with organ duties. In 2013, the congregation closed the school. Leah accepted a call as preschool teacher and director at Grace Little Lambs Preschool in Lowell, Arkansas, where she has served prior to accepting the call to Redeemer.

Outside of the classroom, Leah enjoys reading, playing the piano, Zumba, movies and attending sporting events. She is an avid fan of the Detroit Red Wings, the Arizona Cardinals and the Arizona Diamondbacks. After living away for 13 years, she is thrilled to be back in the state she calls home.

The new school year is just about here. What an exciting time. There is a lot of anticipation for students, teachers, and parents about the great things that are sure to come in the year ahead. The greatest joy for me is the daily opportunity that we have to connect hearts to the enduring word of God. I pray that God will use our school as his instrument to help students and their families grow in their faith through the diligent work of our teachers. We have 73 students enrolled in pre-school and 88 enrolled in K-8. That gives us lots of opportunities to teach the next generation the truths of God's Word. I invite you to keep this new school year in your prayers. We thank you for all of the love and support that you continue to show to our school.

Welcome our newest faculty member, Miss Leah Clark. Miss Clark will be serving in our preschool (3 year old) classroom and she will be working with Miss Seiltz in the 3rd and 4th grade classroom. This work will allow Miss Seiltz some time out of the classroom in order to step into other duties with church and school music.

At the beginning of each school year there is a lot of information to share between the school and school families. One of the ways that we do this is through several in-school orientation meetings. K-8 families will have orientation meetings on August 3rd at 10:30 a.m. and on August 4th at 6:00 p.m. Pre-school families will have orientation meetings those same days starting at 5:30 p.m. each night.

School Registration will be held on August 1st from 8:00 -



11:00 a.m. and 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Paperwork for this will all be available on the website redeemertucson.com/registration. This year, we are going to try having a Back to School Night and Opening Service the day before school starts on August 9th. We will have the classrooms open from 5:30 pm - 6:15 p.m. All are welcome to come take a peek at the classrooms, and students can drop off their supplies. Then at 6:15 p.m. we will head over to church for our opening service. This also means that there will not be a chapel service on the morning of the first day of school. Our first day of school will be on August 10th.

We have two curriculum updates for the 2016-2017 school year. The first is the updated version of the Christ-Light material that Northwestern Publishing House released. This new version gives new resources for teaching the changeless message that God gives to us in his word. The second curriculum is a new reading program called Superkids. The Superkids Reading program is a core literacy curriculum for

prekindergarten through second grade that teaches all aspects of reading seamlessly integrated with the language arts.

We have quite a few students in our 1st-2nd and 3rd-4th grade classrooms this year. We are adding an aide in each of these rooms to assist the teachers in providing a top notch Christian education and learning environment for all of our students. This is a part-time position that adheres to Redeemer's school calendar (August - May). If interested, please contact me in the school office.

Our first year with ACSTO went well, and I once again thank you for all of your work participating in this program to make scholarships possible for our students. Your tax-credit donations not only provide these scholarships, but they also ease the financial burden on the church of providing an education for our students. This means that there are more budgetary funds that can be used in other areas of ministry. After taking a closer look at the final numbers, we were a little short of the goals that we set for the school year. I am hopeful that with continual education on this tax-credit program we can increase the scholarships for the 2016-2017 school year. One area where you can help is telling your neighbors and co-workers about this program. If you need promotional materials or help explaining this program, please contact Leigh Webster. She will continue to work as our Admissions Coordinator, and she will reach out to you throughout the school year to give you any assistance you need.

~Principal Michael Peek



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Bible Class meets between worship services (9:30-10:30 a.m.).

Evening Bible Study meets Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m. in room 301. Please join us for this informal weekly class.

Women's Friday Morning Bible Class meets from 9-10:30 a.m. each Friday in room 301. The first hour is spent in Bible Study and the last 30 minutes is devoted to prayer time. Join us anytime!! All materials are provided.

Men's Bible Class The Men's Bible Class meets on the second and fourth Saturday of the month. Men, come join us Saturday, August 13 and Saturday, August 27 for fellowship with coffee and eats starting at 7:30 a.m. and Bible Class starting at 8:00 a.m. We are studying First Peter. It's

never too late to join us. For more information, contact Pastor Mueller or Mark Hixson.

Online Bible Studies Choose from many archived online Bible studies in the WELS Adult Discipleship section of the WELS website, at <http://cad.welsrc.net/downloads-cad/interactive-faith/>

Sunday School for children PreK through 8th grade is offered between worship services, (9:15 —10:15).

All grades begin in room 301 at 9:15.

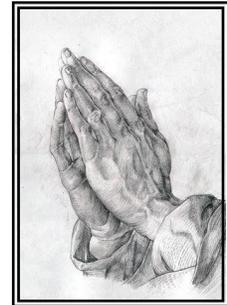
PreK-1st grade - Amy Montiel - in 303

2nd - 3rd grade - Ruth Plymesser - in 306

4th - 8th grade - Amy Mueller - in 301

Study God's Word with Us. All are welcome!

IN OUR PRAYERS



Barbara Buchholz, mourning the death of her brother.

Aaron and Joy Kiracofe's son, that he gets the help he needs.

Carol Stam, mourning the death of her sister.

Carolyn Warskow, health.

Andrea Dunn, heart.

Danny Kirkpatrick's mother, hospice.

Ted Feuling's son, brother, and sister-in-law, health.

Leni Korfe, health.

The family of Irene Norby, who was recently called home to heaven.

Those struggling with cancer:

Margaret Schwartz' brother, Tom

Juanita Lange's father

Lori Seiltz, Jessica's mom

Brendan Gibbons

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1st Sunday - August 7, (clean on April 5 or 6)

Cathy Muscoreil, Charlie Weinstein and family

2nd Sunday - August 14, (clean on August 12 or 13)

Kathy & Ted Feuling, Clyde Brumfield, Mary Stellbrink, Craig & Mark Schwartz

3rd Sunday - August 21, (clean on August 19 or 20)

Carol Rockwell, Faye Wiesenfarth

4th Sunday - August 28, (clean on August 26 or 27)

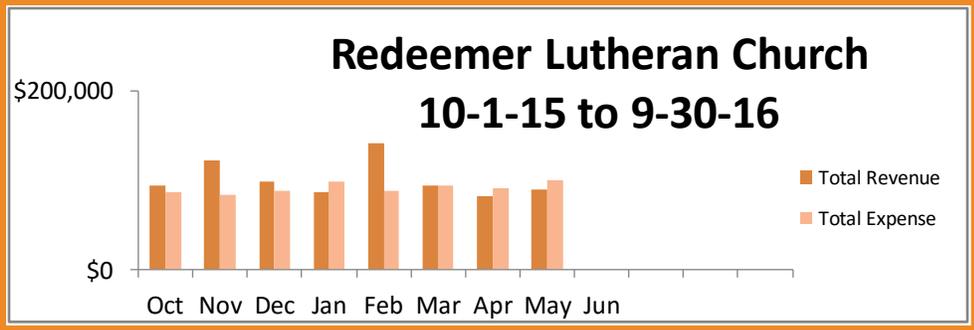
Ted & Kathy Feuling, Scott & Jana Etzenhouser

A big Thank You to all our members that help with all the cleaning at Redeemer both inside and outside.

Would you like to help with church cleaning? Please contact me,

Bill Weinstein, Sanctuary Care Coordinator

CHURCH FINANCES & ATTENDANCE



M a y O f f e r i n g s	
	2016 - \$ 35,299
	2015 - \$ 32,529
	2014 - \$ 25,797
	2013 - \$ 26,746

10/1/15 to 5/31/16	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Total Revenue	\$94,253	\$122,078	\$98,001	\$86,402	\$141,507	\$93,165
Total Expense	\$85,667	\$82,767	\$87,291	\$97,588	\$88,283	\$93,003
Excess/<Deficit>	\$ 8,585	\$ 39,310	\$ 10,710	(\$ 11,186)	\$ 53,223	\$ 161

10/1/15 to 5/31/16	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Yr To Date
Total Revenue	\$81,412	\$89,340					\$806,157
Total Expense	\$90,305	\$99,100					\$724,005
Excess/<Deficit>	(\$ 8,893)	(\$ 9,760)					\$82,152



For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
~ Matthew 6:21

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

An online version of the Redeemer Register is available every month at:
redeemertucson.com/redeemer-register

June 2016	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	Total	Total 2015
5th	85	103	188	195
12th	83	99	182	202
19th	84	96	180	201
26th	63	95	158	165
Average	79	98	177	191

COMMUNION & BIBLE CLASS ATTENDANCE

Communion	First Service	Second Service	Total	Bible Classes	Average Attendance
Sunday, 6-5-16	63	62	125	Sunday Morning	64
Sunday, 6-19-16	56	58	114	Sunday School	17
				Women's	8
June 2016 Total			239	Men's	12
June 2015 Total			289	101 Bible Class	18

THE CHURCH MOUSE



Kans for Kids is being handled by the Youth Group. Please remember to donate your aluminum cans in the bin marked “Kans for Kids”, located next to the dumpster.

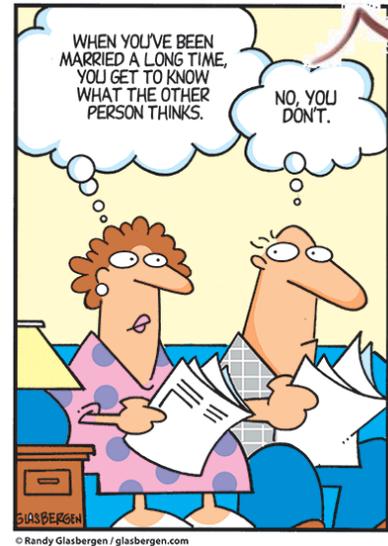
Daily Devotions Did you know that you can access a devotion every day on the Internet from our WELS website? Start the day with Jesus and his Word. Go to wels.net/serving-you/devotions . If you subscribe using the button at the bottom of the page, the daily devotions will be sent directly to your email.

Stay up to date! Please “like” and follow Redeemer’s pages on Facebook!

Church: Facebook.com/RedeemerLutheranChurchTucson

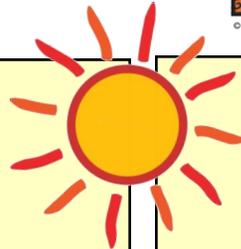
School: Facebook.com/RedeemerLutheranTucson

Preschool: Facebook.com/Redeemer-Lutheran-Preschool-229522523909265



August Birthdays

8/1	Duane Kilbourn	8/15	Bella Muscorell
8/2	Remington Stagg	8/16	Colin Etzenhouser
8/3	Charlie Weinstein	8/20	Faith Miller
8/3	Gerry McNeely	8/20	Bella Colombo
8/3	Cathy Muscorell	8/21	Cami Nau
8/6	Valerie Hanin	8/21	Skyla Tackett
8/7	Cameron Becker	8/22	Shelley Leek
8/7	Matthew Langebartels	8/23	Fritzi Bingenheimer
8/8	Haily Kalota	8/23	Barbara Mueller
8/9	Zach Caldwell	8/25	Sandi Gibson
8/10	Calyn Morris	8/26	Jane Peterson
8/10	Riley Parks	8/29	Leni Korfe
8/12	Nestor Chavez	8/30	Connie Daugherty
8/12	Chrystel Pierce	8/30	Dennis Langbecker
8/14	Ted Feuling	8/31	Cindy Denomy
8/14	Kyle Dunn	8/31	Everett Bowser



August Anniversaries

August 7, 1954
Ron & Shirley Murrey

August 7, 1999
Dan & Sandy Kotarba

August 8, 1991
Romeo & Barb Martinez
Happy 25th Anniversary!

August 10, 2013
Skylor & Nicole Spiguzza

August 13, 2000
Bruce & Mary Krueger

August 15, 1970
Maynard & Louie Kruse

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come more accustomed to threefold Christian habit of “worship, fellowship, discipleship” on Sunday. Sunday morning at Redeemer becomes a destination rather than a drive-through.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the leaders who worked together to evaluate and coordinate our ministry. Yet, we all know there is an important difference between concept and concrete, between idea and reality. Pray that God use this new schedule to assist the spiritual growth of our church and community!



8am - Worship in the chapel
 9am - Fellowship in the ministry center
 9:30am - Discipleship for all ages
 10:45am - Worship in the chapel (beginning August 14)

~Pastor Adam Mueller

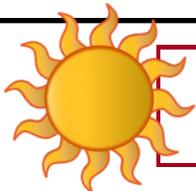


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**10:45 a.m.
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change beginning
August 14**

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AUGUST 2016 AT-A-GLANCE

- August 1 - School Registration, 8:00-11:00 a.m. & 4:00-7:00 p.m.
- August 3 - 4 - School Orientation Meetings
- August 6 - Redeemer Blood Drive, 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- August 6 - Back-to-School Campus Clean-up, 7:00 a.m.
- August 9 - School Opening Service, 6:15 p.m.
- August 10 - First Day of School
- August 14 - Sunday morning service time change (from 10:30 to 10:45) begins today.