



May 2012

Redeemer Lutheran News

Sundays of Easter and Pentecost Sunday

2015.

LWR and the LCMS are in a great strategic place to make this partnership a great success. Because both organizations have great networks in place on the African continent on which to build, as the initiative looks to teach people to recognize the symptoms of malaria, promote prevention and provide treatment and prevention resources.

Malaria is a life-threatening disease caused by a parasite, transmitted through the bites of malaria carrying mosquitoes. There are more than 200 million cases of malaria each year, and of those infected, nearly a million people die, usually young children and pregnant women.

Every 60 seconds a child dies from malaria, a disease that is both preventable and treatable. There is global momentum to fight malaria. The will is present. The knowledge of how to prevent and treat malaria is present. It is now our time to be present and make a difference in the lives of millions of people.

Christ's example of unconditional care and mercy form our Lutheran response to malaria. We are called to serve the vulnerable and to respond with love, care and help to those suffering among us.

For this reason, the Rocky Mountain District Board of Directors, has designated that all of the offerings at the upcoming District Convention (June 6-9) worship services will be given to the Lutheran Malaria Initiative.

So if you would like to help in this grand effort, you can make your checks out to Redeemer Lutheran Church and mark them as Lutheran Malaria Initiative. All your individual offerings will then be combined into one check from our congregation and taken to the District Convention as our offering, and then turned over to the Lutheran Malaria Initiative.

For more information about the Lutheran Malaria Initiative check out their website Lutheranmalaria.org, [facebook.com/lutheranmalaria](https://www.facebook.com/lutheranmalaria), or twitter @LutheranMalaria.

May God continue to bless us as we Care Through Christ,

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Widger



Caring Through Christ, that is our theme, our slogan, our guiding principle here at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

That mission statement captures something wonderful about who we are and why we exist. First it reminds us that we care because Christ first cared. He cared for the broken, the weak, the last, and the lost. He cared enough to give His life on the cross to save you and the whole world from the power of sin, death, and the devil.

As people who have experience the care and compassion, the very mercy of Jesus, we now reach out with His care into our world.

A couple of years ago, we joined with the other congregations of the Rocky Mountain District-LCMS in Project South Africa, raising over \$500,000 for cattle dipping, health clinics, and the Lutheran Church of Southern Africa's seminary. That project ended at the last District Convention in 2009.

This year the congregations of the District are encouraged to take part in a new initiative, to show care and mercy through Christ. This initiative is known as the Lutheran Malaria Initiative. It is an unprecedented and historic partnership of Lutheran World Relief and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. The goal is to mobilize U.S. Lutherans to raise awareness of malaria and its daily impact on the lives of people in Africa and to raise \$45 million in the global effort to help end malaria deaths in Africa by

Council Concerns

**Redeemer Lutheran Church
Church Council
April 10, 2012**

Caring Through Christ

Diane Rau called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Pastor opened with prayer.

Our Blessings:

- GOD's miracle with Ron Bryant (church's electrician), surviving from severe head injury
- Pastor and the beautiful funeral service for James Dean Arbogast, the father of Josh Arbogast
- Pastor and the uplifting Easter Service
- The Choir, Bells and organist for their performance during the Easter Service
- The Attendance during the Easter Service
- The Youth for the Easter Breakfast
- The Soup Suppers during the Lent Season
- Bill Zobel and Glenn Tanner for their assistance with projects around the church

The minutes of the Church Council meeting on March 13, 2012, were approved as presented.

Appointments/Resignation:

Diane Rau reported:

- Don Schnell and Karen Porsch have been appointed to do the audit for the 2011 Church Books.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Widger reported:

- Soul of Accounting Report was distributed showing 374 Baptized and 314 Communicant members.
- Midweek Lenten Services average was 60.
- The Pastors Conference will be meeting at the YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, CO. Several of the circuits will be joining together with speaker Professor Timothy Saleska, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO. The focus of the study will be on the Psalms.
- Family vacation will be scheduled in June.
- District Convention takes place in June 7-9, 2012. The special fund raiser this year will be focused on *Project Malaria*. There will be additional information in the Sunday Bulletin and Monthly News Letter.

Board of Elders Report:

Pastor Widger reported:

- There was discussion of the Church's Constitution and By-Laws, concerning the review of the membership list. The updated membership list will be provided for approval at the May Voters' Assembly meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Milford Prothe reported:

Profit/Loss information for the month of March:

Income:	\$18,960.01
Expenses:	<u>23,435.11</u>
Net Income:	-4,475.10

Profit/Loss information year to date:

Income:	\$57,282.86
Expenses:	<u>71,683.16</u>
Net Income:	-14,400.30

Financial Secretary's Report:

Lynn Gomez reported in an email:

- First quarter statement should be ready by the end of April.

Board of Parish Education Report:

No report

Board of Trustees Report:

Richard Molet reported:

- The meeting notes were handed out and projects were discussed.

Vice President Report/Board of Stewardship:

Josh Arbogast reported:

- Preliminary planning for the fall stewardship activity:
 - ◊ Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, 9 week course.
 - ◊ Junior savings program.
 Additional information will be provided at a later date.

Unfinished Business:

- No unfinished business.

New Business:

Church's bank accounts

Milford advised that the official signers to the Church's bank accounts are as follows: President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

MOTION: Milford moved to remove Julia Lindahl as a signer on the ENT Checking account and add Jennifer Harper. SECOND: Josh Arbogast. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Refinancing of the Church's Debt

Milford explained the need for the restructuring of the Church's loans. The rental properties were originally purchased for the need of building a new church and adjacent parking lot. The intent for the land has changed. Under the new laws for tax exempt organizations, the income from the rental properties could be taxed. If the rental properties are paid in full the income gained would not be taxed. The proposal is to refinance and place all of the debt onto one loan and to place that loan on to the Church building. Milford moved to refinance. SECOND: Richard Molet. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Adjournment time: The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Harper,

Council Secretary



May 2012

Women's Events

DORCAS SOCIETY / LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

The entire congregation is invited to the next meeting on Saturday, May 5th to hear a speaker from the TwoCor organization that helps young boys who have disadvantages. This organization meets at our facilities and does great work with these kids. Refreshments start at 10AM, the speaker will start at 10:30AM. Hope to see everyone there. We will meet in Crusader Hall.

The Altar Guild
Altar Guild meeting:
Saturday, May 5th
at 10:00AM
In the Heart Room.

LWML *Mite* Project—as you can see on the summary of *Mite* projects (below), all goals were met for the Rocky Mountain District. These grants help many local projects and with our *Mite* donations they were able to support them all. Many thanks to everyone for continuing to support LWML.

Membership Changes
David Schumm—
Died 4/14/2012



The Mite Box



Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), the mite box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" - offerings above and beyond the support given to congregation and the LCMS. Mite box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants and implement the LWML program.

MISSION GRANTS

Rocky Mountain District LWML Mission Grants for 2010-2012

Mission	Granted	Paid
Trinity/HOPE – Feeding Haitian Children	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Rocky Mountain District – Debt Assistance Program	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Kings Camp at Lutheran Valley Retreat	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Veterans of the Cross	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Developing Religious Curriculum for God's People with Disabilities	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Opening a New Outreach Center Ft. Collins, CO-Lutheran Blind Mission	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Support for the University Lutheran Chapel in Boulder, CO	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Missionary Household Setup - Lutheran Bible Translators	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Expansion of the Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute, El Paso, Tx	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Training Pastors for Gospel Outreach in Africa	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Mission Outreach to Immigrants from Ethiopia (Aurora, CO)	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Scholarship Assistance to Students Preparing for Ethnic Ministry	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Totals	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00



Thank You to our Sponsor

JoAnne Fisher

Your support of Redeemer's newsletter does not go unnoticed!



May

4th
Kyle Fisher

5th
Jeff Tuft

6th
Darlene Larson

7th
Kevin Niles
Noah Wangerin

8th
Gary Anderson

9th
Sally Hyles

11th
Adam Alamaa
Loretta Wilkie

13th
Tasha Widger

15th
Rae Ann Easton

18th
Dustin St. Peter

20th
Kristie Blosky

21st
Milford Prothe

23rd
Charles Heuser
Scot Kelly
Don Schnell

24th
Rudy Gomez

25th
Alan Maier

26th
Mary Armenta
Bill Vanaman

27th
Sarah Anderson

28th
Bailey Darneal

29th
Michael Tuft

30th
Vera Shepard

(If your birthday is not listed please contact the Church Office to update your record.)



We will have an "end of year" and "graduation" party on Saturday, May 26th at 7PM. Bring your favorite soft drink, snacks will be provided.



Children, come and join us on a "Journey to the Desert" this summer. Each Sunday we will be following God's people through the desert with snacks, games, crafts and stories. If there are any adults willing to help out, please let Tasha know.

Youth Cookbook Fundraiser



We have noticed that there are some REALLY great cooks in our congregation. Would you like to know how one of our members made something so moist or so spicy? We would like to collect all your best recipes and sell a Redeemer Cookbook by the end of the year. All proceeds will go to help the Youth Group attend the National Youth Gathering in 2013. Now we are asking for your best *Main Dish* recipes. Please bring them to Tasha or Sandy in the church office.

Thanks for your support!

OUR CHURCH COOKBOOK



Regular Voters' Assembly Meeting

MAY 20, 2012

In Crusader Hall, immediately Following Service

Please plan on attending!

POTLUCK
to follow meeting

A-M Please bring a main dish or a side dish
N-Z Please bring a dessert

From the Board of Stewardship. . .

“April showers bring May flowers. April, traditionally a rainy period, gives way to May, when flowers will bloom because of the water provided for them by the April showers” (According to Wiktionary—a wiki-based Open Content Dictionary). In many parts of our country this old idiom still rings true. Proper amounts of rain and sunshine combine to produce beautiful flowers. It is a kind of “action/reaction” thing.

There is an application for our lives as God’s stewards and managers of all of life and life’s resources for His purposes. Dr. Martin Luther’s explanation to the First Article of the Apostles’ Creed states it so well when it credits God with being our Maker and Provider. God richly provides us with **all** that we need to support this body and life. **All** is used nine times in Luther’s explanation. Our Almighty Father in heaven has made us and all creatures, gives us all we need and defends us against all danger and guards and protects us from all evil.

The clincher for us as God’s stewards comes in the closing paragraph of Luther’s explanation of the First Article as he writes: ***“All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.”***

The truth of the matter is that our Heavenly Father provides everything that we need in this life. His greatest gift is His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came willingly to this sinful world to offer up His holy life for the sins of the world—yours and mine included. That takes care of our spiritual welfare. That is the most important gift, but God also lavishes all kinds of physical gifts upon us as His people.

God richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment (1 Timothy 6:17b), but He also wants us to use all these blessings in unselfish ways to bring glory to His holy name and blessings to those people around us, just like April showers bring May flowers. Our faithful management and use of God’s gifts makes life more beautiful and fragrant for us and others.

How we use our time, abilities and financial resources makes a big difference for us and others. How we manage our relationships, God’s creation, our own bodies and the privilege of sharing the good news of Jesus also makes a big difference for us and others.

We give thanks to God for calling us to be His maturing stewards who are privileged to manage all of life and life's resources for His purposes! May God’s Holy Spirit work richly in, with and among us so that we live each day as God’s redeemed children who are growing in the divine traits of loving and giving!

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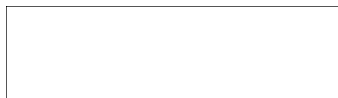


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THE LUTHERAN HOUR

The local Lutheran Hour can be heard Sunday mornings on,
KOA (850 AM) at 6:00 AM, KRLN (1400 AM) at 9:30AM

DATE: May 6, 2012 **SPEAKER:** Rev. Gregory Seltz
TITLE: "It's Time to Show Whose We Are!" **TEXT:** John 15:1-8
Connected to Jesus, the True Vine, in all seasons of life, we bear fruit that blesses the lives of others.

DATE: May 13, 2012 **TITLE:** "Barrier-Breaking Love"
TEXT: Acts 10:34-38 **SPEAKER:** Rev. Gregory Seltz
God's love is no respecter of persons. His love comes to all by grace through faith in Jesus. That love breaks down barriers and builds bridges so that others might see that love in action for them.

DATE: May 20, 2012 **TITLE:** "Now What?"
TEXT: Acts 1:7-9 **SPEAKER:** Rev. Gregory Seltz
Jesus died for our redemption, was raised again to life, and ascended into heaven. Now what? We get to tell anyone who will listen all that Jesus has done for them, that's what!

DATE: May 27, 2012 **TITLE:** "Remember, Don't Forget"
TEXT: Ezekiel 37:3 **SPEAKER EMERITUS:** Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
Memorial Day weekend is a time to remember the sacrifices made to preserve our freedom. Today is also the Lord's Day; we remember our Savior Who gave Himself to free us from sin.

