

SYMBOLS OF REDEMPTION



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Is It Time for a Preschool again At Redemption?

Later this month Lion's Gate Christian Academy will begin using three classrooms at Redemption, one classroom at Mt. Hope for Kindergarten, and enough classrooms for 7-12th grades at Mt. Calvary. Mrs. Barb Prigge will teach 1-2, Mrs. Kim Woebke will teach 3-4, and Mr. David Polzin will teach 5-6 at Redemption. The hallways will soon ring out again with the voices of children during the week!

That leaves us room to start an Extended Day Care program in our building for a before-and-after-school care for children. It also opens up the possibility of starting a pre-school program (which Lion's Gate will not be involved in). Mt. Hope will have a preschool program this fall. The question to be addressed by Voters is whether we at Redemption should form a preschool for East Bloomington. A few Redemption families have already inquired whether or not we will offer the program this fall.

I have been talking for over a year with Janet Miller, Director of Lake Area Discovery Centers (LADC) based in Lutheran Churches in White Bear Lake, East St. Paul, and Stillwater about the possibility of starting a LADC at Redemption. We didn't know for a while whether or not we would have the space available. When Mt. Calvary agreed to house the 7th – 12th grades of Lion's Gate at their building, it left us with open classrooms. A Task Force was formed to do the research necessary to bring a resolution to the Voters. Members of the Task Force are Pastor Drews, Amy Zenda-Johnson, Leslie Maycroft, Jeannie Polzin, Nancy Schuett, Eleanor Stewart, Holly Warnke and Sandee Warnke. With the education expertise of the Task Force (5 trained teachers and 2 trained classroom aides) the question the Task Force has

been struggling with is whether or not to use the paid skills of Janet Miller and Shannon Goldstein of LADC as our Site Directors or start a preschool from scratch on our own. As the Task Force is well aware, we could do the preschool on our own with the talent we have. But would we be better off in the long run to use the proven leadership of Janet and Shannon to get us off to the best start possible. LADC has a reputation in the White Bear Lake – Stillwater – East St. Paul areas as a quality Christian program that draws in parents and children. The teaching staff would be required to have a four-year degree in early-childhood or kindergarten certification.

Janet and Shannon would be our site directors, set the tuition and salary of the staff in consultation with a "School Board", and be the administrators, and do all the tasks that we mutually agree should be done by them.

We have the chance to make an impact on East Bloomington with the quality of the LADC program - a quality that goes beyond what present preschool programs in the area offer now.

The preschool will help us continue to be in mission to our community by bringing the Gospel and love of Jesus to families. We have many unchurched in our area and a preschool is a good entry point for families to hear about Jesus. We have nurtured thousands of children during the 53 years of a Lutheran elementary school. Let's continue the process through our support of Lion's Gate Christian Academy and our own new preschool.

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Music Notes

Summer is flying by and we in the music department are getting excited about the upcoming fall season. It feels like our church is in kind of a new beginning, a new chapter in its faith life. We look forward to working with and for you to enrich worship for all of us.

Thank you to the Celebration Men and to the VBS children for singing at our service in June. We loved hearing both groups.

We are very happy to have Karen Sabo Smith back on the organ bench and happy that her health is improving. We continue to pray for her complete healing. A huge thank you to Naomi Beck for doing such a great job filling in for Karen on Sundays along with her usual Wednesday night services. Naomi, you just get better and better!

We also thank Kathy Henson for subbing for us (AND for accompanying besides!) this summer. You are greatly appreciated!

We are sorry to report that Elizabeth (Betty) Beck has resigned from her position as handbell director. Betty has done a super job directing, organizing, teaching, and leading this group and we thank her profusely for her time, effort, and beautiful music. We hope she will continue to be a part of the group as a ringer. At the time of this writing, we are actively looking for a new director. We have some new ideas for the handbells also, so if you are at all interested in ringing, watch for information about the bells and come to join us.

We invite ALL prospective and current musicians to join a group this fall or plan to do a solo or ensemble work. Watch your bulletin and newsletter for further news.

Our big news at the moment is that we are going to have a concert here at Redemption by internationally-known pianist/arranger/composer/director/recording artist Jerry Nelson. We are personally very excited because Jerry is a friend of ours from Colorado who is touring in the Twin Cities and will be playing at our service on Sunday, August 16th. He and his wife Rachel use his concerts to earn money for an AIDS mission project which takes them to Central Africa to work with the people there, especially in educating them in AIDS prevention and also in spreading the gospel. He is a very dedicated Christian, a wonderful musician, and a kind, warm, sensitive person. We are opening this concert up to the community as a special family concert (young children very welcome and involved) so please invite your friends, relatives, neighbors, co-

workers, etc. We know you will come away impressed and with a special message. A freewill offering will be accepted and Jerry will have Cds and DVDs available, all of the proceeds going to the African mission project. There will be a lot more information coming about this, so be sure to look for it.

Other upcoming events: Outdoor services on August 2nd and September 13th (Rally Sunday) at 9:00.

Also remember that if you are gone on Sunday, we also offer services on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 6:00 p.m. See you in church!

Music Coordinators, Keith and Cheryl Bratsch
(952-854-1550)

Vital Statistics

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Matthew Jungwirth to Jennifer Robin

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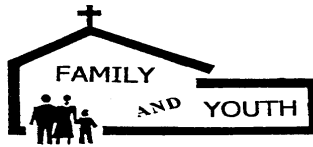
Hilda Gray
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| August 2 | Outdoor Contemporary Worship |
| August 16 | Worship with Jerry Nelson |
| August 30 | Polka Service at 9:00am |
| September 13 | Rally Sunday – Outdoor Worship |



Director of Youth and Family Ministry Report



CROCODILE DOCK! Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light was held the week of June 22-26 at Redemption.

THANK YOU! for all of your prayers and support during Crocodile Dock. We had a

wonderful time learning new songs, making snacks for others, watching for daily God sightings and crossing the Red Sea with Moses. We had 51 children. This week would not have been possible without the 21 Station leaders, 16 Crew leaders, and my VBS co-coordinator Jamie Prescott who did an outstanding job this year. I would like to thank all the many volunteers who helped put up decorations, prepare the rooms, and with take down of all the decorations. Our decorations will be used by Evergreen Community Church during the first week of August for their Summer Bible Camp.

Faith and Family Night

On Sunday, August 9, as a church family, let's go to Faith and Family Night this summer at the Target Center. Come cheer for the Minnesota Lynx and enjoy great

basketball, food and music. The cost is \$15.00 which includes: lower-level game ticket and the post game Christian concert by a local artist Elizabeth Hunnicutt, plus the Lynx Meal Deal featuring hot dog, chips and pop. Signup sheet on the youth bulletin board. Bring a friend and have some fun. If you are interested contact Nancy Schuett, Director of Youth and Family Ministry at church: 952-881-0035 or home: 952-881-5590.

G.O.O.F.Y. (Groups of Our Faith-Filled Youth)

Acolytes:

August - 9:00 a.m.

2nd - Ellie H, **9th** - Zack L, **16th** - Paige R

23rd - Jacob M, **30th** - Anthony S

September

6th - Johnathan **13th** - Ashlyn M (Rally Sunday)

20th - Anthony S (8am), Megan K (10:30am)

Remember - if you cannot acolyte it is your responsibility to find a replacement & call Marilyn Hirsch, Church Secretary by Tues. of that week with change at 952/881-0035.

Important Dates to Remember

August 9 – Faith & Family night with the Minnesota Lynx

THE REDEMPTION QUILTERS

We had another great quilting season, from fall of 08 through spring of 09! We divided into two groups. One group made quilts for donations, the other group made a quilt and hand stitched it, to be raffled at the 2009 Fall Bazaar. We took a break in December, resuming quilting in January. We made a quilt to use in the Spring Musical, "Seeing the Elephant." We then donated it to Allison Lutterman, who had a role in the play and will be going onto college this fall.

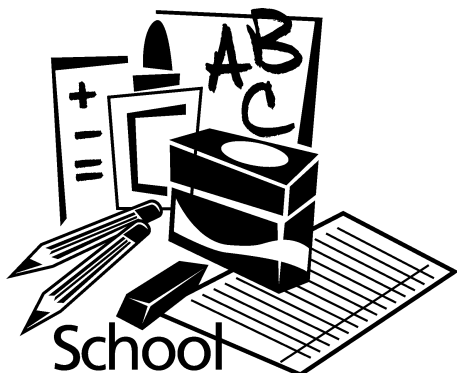
Kaitlyn Gavin, 11, granddaughter of Dennis & Doris Bahn, came to work with us for several Mondays to learn how to assemble, tie and hem a quilt. She was given a quilt of her choice that she had worked on.

One of our dedicated quilters, Vi Tesch, will be moving to Mission Viejo, CA with her husband Roy. They will be near their daughters' families there. We will miss her work ethic, zest, and bubbly laughter! We receive updates on Anita Cook, who left our group last year to live near her sister, in Washington.

Lorraine Cordes (who passed away July 15th)

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School Supplies Needed

provided quilts she made at her residence at Meadow Woods, making quilts, 4 youth size, and 5 baby quilts. Ann Hayes has been taking all of y are distributed to needy people in our surrounding area. We took a tour nated, but complete household goods and the donated time of most 2 of this year's quilters, and gave us copies, to remind us how much fun ended the last week in April.

ved. They keep us working to do our part to help others. We will start to get out of your house, come join us in the Music Room, Mondays es or a few hours, or work in your home cutting squares of fabric for the ou have any questions: 952-925-1800. Walda Schipper.

***VEAP'S BACK TO SCHOOL
DRIVE IS UNDERWAY!***

*The collection box is located in the
narthex!*

Backpacks, spiral notebooks, #2 pencil packs, highlighters and rulers.

All donations must be new items.
VEAP cannot accept used items.

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