



# Redeemer

LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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## Our God is...Faithful

The headline read: "Faithful guard dog unfaithful." The story provided the details. A store owner was robbed. The wily thief tested the guard dog's faithfulness with a juicy steak, and the dog failed the test.

Faithfulness is questionable in pets and humans. "Dog bites child." "Spouse deserts partner." "Employee accepts rival company offer." "Cat destroys owner's furniture."

Is anyone trustworthy? Is anyone ever completely faithful to his word?

The Bible says, "God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:9).

God's faithfulness can be seen in his daily preservation of the world. He makes grass grow and trees bud. He sends sunshine and rain. He provides plants and animals as food to keep us alive. He even does all this without our asking.

God is faithful to his promise: "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease" (Genesis 8:22).

God's faithfulness is what comforts us when we are feeling guilty. He promises that he forgives us because of what Jesus did to rescue us from our sins.

God's faithfulness is what comforts us when we are afraid of death. He promises us eternal life because Jesus defeated death when he rose from the grave.

Whatever you are facing or afraid of, you can take comfort in God's promises because he is always faithful.

*From the WELS Outreach Newsletter*



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:30am Worship	<i>Cherneys in Wisconsin</i>					
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:30am Worship (Communion)	<i>Cherneys in Wisconsin</i>					

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<b>18</b>  9:30am <b>Worship</b> 10:45am <b>VOTERS'</b> <b>MEETING</b> (annual budget)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>  9:30am <b>Worship</b> <b>(Communion)</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

**MONTH      Average Sunday Attendance      MINISTRATIONS -EVENTS      GENERAL OFFERINGS**

Sunday, May 23, 2021	76		\$2,217.00
Sunday, May 30, 2021	50		\$1,365.00
Sunday, June 6, 2021	72		\$4,054.00
Sunday, June 13, 2021	54		\$3,206.00
Sunday, June 20, 2021	51		\$2,929.74
Sunday, June 27, 2021	50		\$1,483.05



## ***July Voters' Meeting – Redeemer Members: Come one, Come all!***

“Pastor, no one wants to hear what I have to say. I’ll only shove my foot in my mouth. I don’t understand the innerworkings of a budget for a church. You better go on ahead without me.” In mid-July I will have been pastor at Redeemer for five years and I can already say I’ve lost count of the times this type of message has come my way. Redeemer members struggle with their contribution to the voters’ meeting conversation, even during the voters’ most important discussion of the year: the approval of next year’s annual budget. Why is that?

While I could speculate all day about the causes keeping Redeemer members from participating in voters’ meetings, let me just outline the powerful potential attending a voters’ meeting carries for a Redeemer member. The *Pastor’s Report* shows trends in ministry that indicate congregational health and opportunities to serve. The report by the Education representative highlights the direction our preschool is heading and how people can join in with resources or efforts. The reports by the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer demonstrate the approach Redeemer has taken to receive, categorize, and delegate funds for church maintenance and mission ministry. The chairman directs points of “Old Business” and “New Business” to display those areas of churchwork that could use volunteerism and coordination.

All these reports happen every monthly council meeting. Voters’ meetings put the sum of these reports on display once a quarter for voters to see how things have been operating, where there are gaps, and how we can rally as a congregational team to tackle tasks. Therefore, members of Redeemer are all invited to join in the quarterly voters’ meetings to give insight, ask questions, and understand the position and direction of Redeemer as a church.

The annual voters’ meeting is that yearly meeting in which such collaborative spirit goes into overdrive. What are our goals as an institution of gospel ministry? Can we realistically reach these goals with this proposed budget? Everyone has an opinion, and therefore everyone has the ability to contribute. If not to dictate, to understand. If not to command, to appreciate. If not to guide, to give an active, listening ear. A famous coach once said, “Showing up is half the battle.” That certainly stands true for our annual voters’ meeting seeking to approve our budget for the next 12 months. Our financial team has worked hard to present a proposal for Redeemer as a congregation that we can make work for good gospel ministry in Yakima. We respect their work and carry the work on into voter approval and implementation as a church.

The reports and action of this meeting give Redeemer member things to pray for. They give Redeemer members ideas to chew on and discuss with their pastor and with each other. They give our congregation a self-awareness that makes us stronger as ministers of the precious gospel message of Jesus. Join us on July 18th after worship to contribute with a listening ear and maybe a word or question or two. You won’t be sorry.

- *Pastor Cherney*

***New Devotion Book from Northwestern Publishing House:  
“5-Minute Bible Studies for Families”***

Looking to approach your devotional time from a different perspective while maintaining God’s Word as your center and guide? Pastor Jay Bickelhaupt of Apostles’ Lutheran Church in Billings, Montana has written an accessible and interactive Bible Study book for families. Each study has a Bible passage, brief explanation, and a set of two or three questions to help Christian families contemplate and appreciate how God has blessed us and empowers us for loving service where we are.

The devotions are divided into units of three with one unit per week throughout the year. This resource is a great way to hear the Savior’s voice calling to us in our families to wisely apply the truths of Scripture to build one another up and encourage each other to godly Christian living.

A sample copy of this work is in Redeemer church’s narthex. Come check it out to see if you’d like to place an order for your own copy today! We are thankful to our synod and its pastors who contribute such solid, edifying material for our spiritual benefit.

