




Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 3:00 Funeral for Robby "Chief" Rux @ Johnson Funeral Home - Interment @ St. Hilaire Community Cemetary	2 9:00 Quilters 5:30 Altar Guild 7:00 All Community Band at the Gazebo	3 6:30 Youth Planning Meeting with Katelyn In Fellowship Hall	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 OFFICE CLOSED 5:00 - 7:00 Visitation and Prayer Service for Shirley Nelson @ Johnson's Funeral Home	6 11:00 Funeral for Shirley Nelson
7 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion	8 4:30pm Faith & Family Stewardship	9 9:00 Quilters 3:30 - 6:00 Techy Tuesday	10 10:00 Heart to Heart Training	11 5:00pm Finance Committee	12 Pastor Sabbath	13
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28 9:30am Outdoor Worship Weather Permitting 	29	30 9:00 Quilters 3:30 - 6:00 Techy Tuesday				Redeemer Lutheran Church 1300 Nora St. E. Thief River Falls, MN 56701 redeemer@gvtel.com 218-681-3390 redeemertrf.org Office hours 9am - 2pm



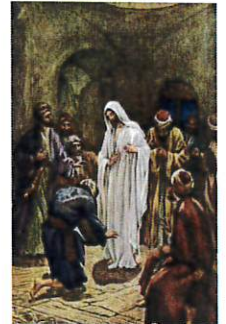
Embodied Faith

One of my favorite things in life is to sing and act on stage. Many of you have seen me in the “*Short Comedy Nights*” the last 3 Novembers, others saw me in “*Fiddler on the Roof*” my first spring in TRF. This year I have been embodying the part of “**Sister Berthe**” in “***The Sound of Music***”

Although I had hoped to be “*The Reverend Mother*” (*I’m too old for Maria!*) I am having a blast embodying the stern, rather judgmental and disapproving Sister Berthe! It is not enough to just know or read the lines to carry a part well, one needs to **embody** the personality traits of the character – good and bad!

Since the first Christmas, humanity has encountered an **Embodied God** – a God who does not remain distant but comes to earth, lives as one of us humans, and suffers like we do – in physical, emotional, relational ways – often being misunderstood and rejected – just like many of us have experienced. Jesus also died – a very painful, lonely death. But that was not the end of the story!

In these past 8 weeks after the Resurrection, the disciples (and all who follow Jesus) have encountered a **Resurrected Embodied Jesus**! Jesus breathes the Breath of God – the Holy Spirit – into them and sends them with the same power and authority that Creator God had given to him. We have had this same Holy Spirit poured into us in Baptism. We are now sent to **EMBODY that Spirit** in a “joint-op” – a **co-mission** with the Godhead to bring about God’s desire for mercy, peace, justice, and love in our world here. We are to **Embody that New Life** in the way we live and move and have our being – even now on this earth.



Life for most of us – *especially in Northern climates* – ebbs and flows with the seasons. We have – in the past few weeks – packed away most of the heavy boots, scarves, mittens and parkas, opting instead for lighter cottons, shorts and tees, swimsuits, broad-brimmed hats and sandals. We embody the seasons in different ways – meaning our bodies engage in different styles of dress, different activities, perhaps even different foods and gatherings. So it is with our gatherings and activities in our faith life.

But what does not change is whether or not we **Embody our Faith! If we do nothing, it reflects our faith and commitment to it.** We are sent to live it out – faithfully and visibly – everyday – all day – all through our lives. No matter where we are or how old we are – **we embody faith always and all ways for the Spirit lives and abides within us always!**

Jesus says, “You will be my witnesses – beginning in your hometown and family (Jerusalem)- then to your neighbors and the region where you are (Judea). Then continue to share my love and forgiveness to those from whom you feel estranged or disagree -even vehemently (Samaria). Then to those with whom you have little in

common other than you are sharing the same creation I made and all those who were also made in my image, (the ends of the earth!)~ Acts 1:8

This summer there are many opportunities you can engage your faith and embody your witness. Below are several suggestions to strengthen your witness – both when you are in town and when traveling to the lakes or other vacation spots. May God’s Spirit empower you to embody your faith each day!

WORSHIP – Gather together for worship wherever you are. If you are in Thief River Falls, we will continue worship each Sunday at 9:30 and stream it on our YouTube channel – which you can easily find on the **Redeemer TRF App!** The 4th Sunday of each month we will again boldly attempt to have an outdoor worship – with more provision for shade on the bright days!

Our theme this summer will be **“Anything but Ordinary!”** We will be looking at 12 stories from Genesis and Exodus. Yes, those stories of some of the big names of faith – who also lived “ordinary lives where things didn’t go as planned. Yet, amid the drama and disappointment, God keeps showing up – persistently, creatively, and lovingly. In the mess and ordinary parts of life, God still works in ways that are surprising, transformative, joyful, reconciling, unifying and relevant for our lives today. If you would like a study journal to help your personal reflection, please let Pastor Steph know by June 15.

If you are at the lakes or traveling, try joining a local Lutheran service. Keep open for new ideas that help you grow and share them when you return! (Feel free to support their ministry work – but do not forget to continue supporting our on-going work here as well!)



REDEEMER TRF APP – Last year we began transferring files and information to a new website and our own mobile APP! All member names have been added into the APP but many have not logged on to update phone numbers, addresses, email addresses, or let us know if they have moved from the area and would like their membership moved as well. (You can always move it back if you return.)

Katelyn Johanneck, our new Director for Generational Ministry, will be available from 3:30-6:00 on Tuesdays to help you get signed up and show you how to find everything you need when you use it. You can call and set up a time or just show up to the church. The App has our Website, Facebook page, YouTube Channel, 8 bible translation (and will even read it to you!) Schedules, Events, and registrations will all be found on the APP or Web Site.

VBS – Vacation Bible School Redeemer, Trinity and Zion Lutheran Churches will sponsor **“Rainforest Falls”** at Redeemer this summer the first week of **August, 3-6 from 9:00AM – 3:00 PM**. All are welcome! Friends, neighbors, members, non-members. Come and be a part! **There are many ways of supporting this ministry!** We will need many volunteers – to Teachers, Storytellers, serve snacks, escort children to lunch at Franklin. We need Guides, Activity Leaders, Craft Leaders, Musicians, Clean-up crews, Registration guides, on-site nurse. There is no cost to students – this is part of our ministry of the Gospel. But there is a cost to do ministry. If you can help sponsor a child for **\$10** (or several children) that will be a great help! Watch for lists of supplies needed in the coming weeks.
Pastor’s Pen_June 2026





SUNDAY MORNING HOSPITALITY If you can bake or buy treats for Sunday morning Coffee time, or you can make a pot of coffee and help serve, please sign up to host one week during the summer! The sign up is in the Commons area – or you can call Dianne in the office. If we have no one,

there will be no fellowship time together which is an important part of being Church Together. If you would like to organize a group to provide hospitality for funerals or groups using the church, please let Pastor Steph know!

COMMITTEES “*Many Hands Make Light Work!*” This adage is well known and yet still very true! Many of our committees are in need of members as we prepare for a new program year in the Fall. Summer is the time to develop those plans. If you have experience or knowledge or interest in the following areas, please let us know! These Committees are especially in need of personnel to carry our mission forward. **Standing Committees:** Stewardship, Faith Formation, Evangelism, Social Ministry, Property, Altar Guild. New **Ad Hoc Committees** include **Capital Campaign** and **Constitution Review**. If you know someone especially wise in those areas let the office know!

Katelyn's Korner

Katelyn Johanneck
Director of Generational Ministry

Hello everyone!

It is officially summer! I am very excited for:

The Youth Planning Meeting for youth and parents on June 3rd at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. There will be activities and snacks and people will be voting on what activities they want to participate in.

Brownies and Boardgames on June 24th at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We will be making brownies and playing one or more board games.

Starting June 2nd and continuing every Tuesday from 3:30pm - 6:00pm I will have Techy Tuesdays. If you would like help navigating the Redeemer app or website I will be available!

Redeemer is hosting Vacation Bible School August 3rd- 6th from 9am-3pm. Volunteers are welcome!

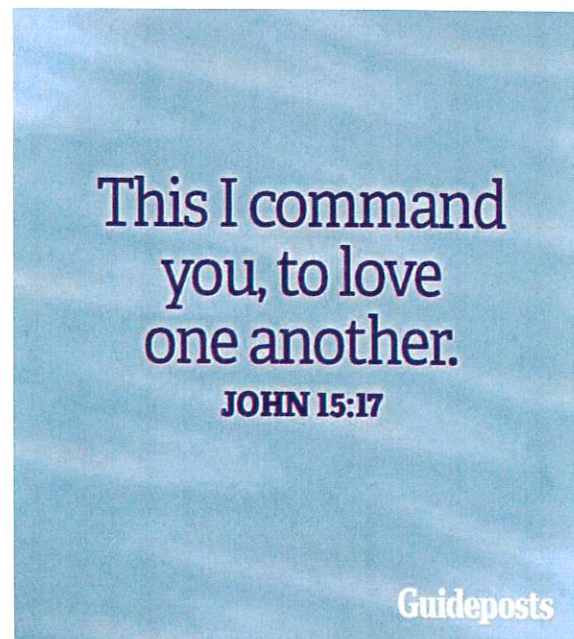
Children age 4 - entering grade 6th are welcome to attend!

If you have any questions you can reach out to me by texting 218-684-0049 or emailing katelynj.redeemer@gmail.com.

Katelyn Johanneck Director of Generational Ministries

Best Wishes, Katelyn

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Director of Generational Ministries



Memorials:

In memory of Cody Teie from Reid Froiland for the Music/Choir fund.

In memory of Neil Peterson from Diane Schoon for Choir fund.

Summer Gazebo Music in the Floyd B. Olson Park: 7-8:30

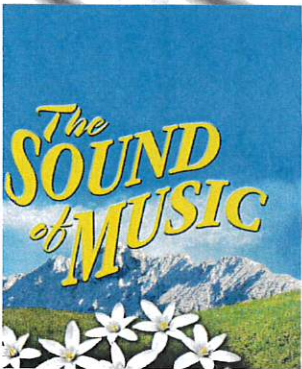
- June 2: Northwest Minnesota Community Bands
- June 9: Blue Red Roses
- June 16: Cat Sank Trio
- June 30: Steve Solkela
- July 7: The Crop Dusters
- July 15: No Music - Pennington County Fair
- July 21: Sam Licari & The Sweet Tease
- July 28: Cathy Erickson Band
- August 4: Dennis Warner & The D's
- August 11: Heatbox
- August 18: Songwriter's Night
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The Thief River Falls Area Community Theatre presents:

June 10-12 and June 15-17

Come out and enjoy a timeless story

at NCTC at 7:00pm.

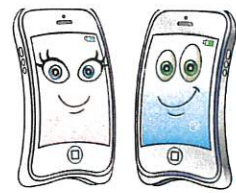


Coming in July:

July 23rd at Redeemer the 2nd Annual Hootenanny.



Welcome to Techy Tuesdays

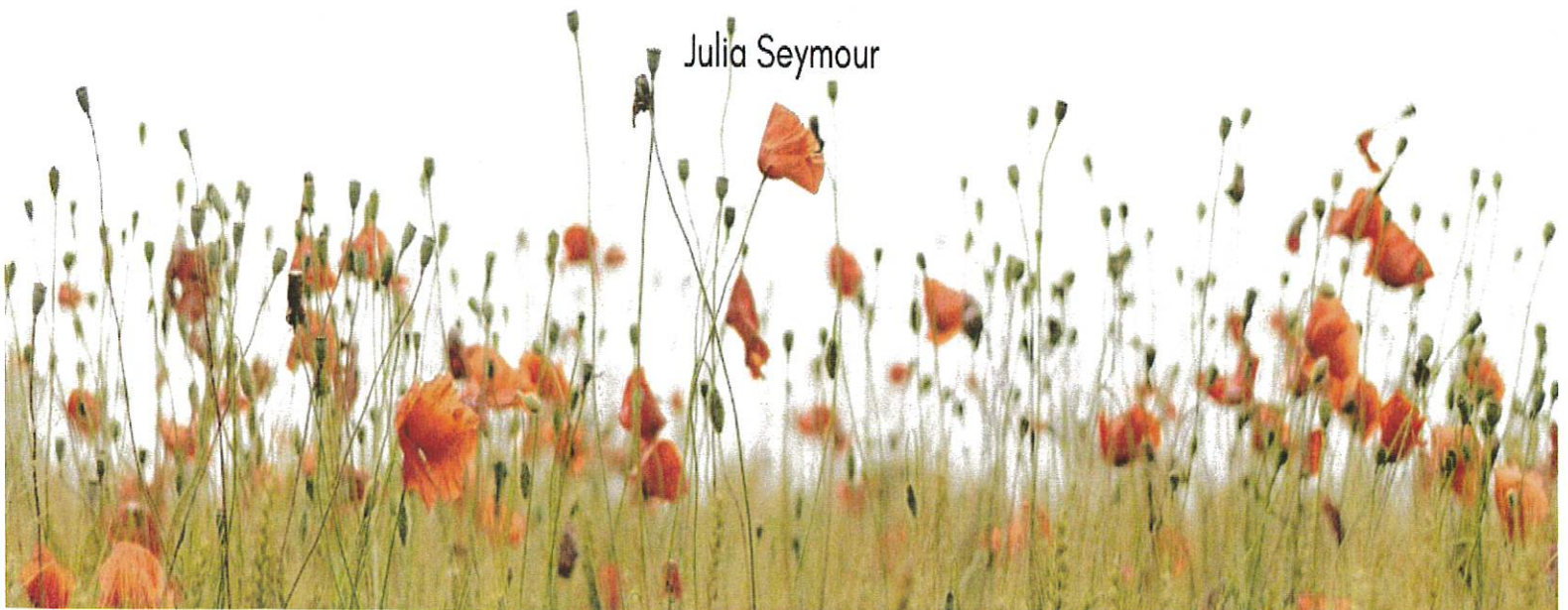


Techy Tuesday will be each week during the summer to Help get our new app and website going to your cell phones To encourage engagement and communication through This resource. So stop in any Tuesday and see Katelyn who Will assist you from 3:30—6pm



Lead us all, O God, toward the peace that surpasses our understanding. Strengthen our muscles of empathy and stretch out the sinews of truth within us. We long to be part of your work of healing, your work of making all things new. Where we are hesitant, grant us desire. Where we are afraid, make us brave.

Julia Seymour



Faith-Focused Fun: Summer Activities for Christian Families

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*The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him.” –
Proverbs 23:24*

I would bet that most families are enjoying their summer breaks! Summer is a time for relaxation, exploration, and adventure. It's a chance for families to come together, create memories, and strengthen their bonds. It's also essential, during this time, to connect our children's hearts and minds to Christ by having faith-focused fun summer activities.

Church Events

Church events are perfect for families who want to bond while enjoying faith-based activities. Churches often organize events such as picnics, potlucks, and game nights. These activities allow families to socialize with other families from their church. Check your local churches for anything they have planned!

Prayer Walks

Take a stroll in nature, appreciate God's handiwork, and bask in the beauty of nature. I highly suggest reading *Rooted In Wonder* by Eryn Lynum. She masterfully connects scripture to nature and nature to our creator God. Explore the scenic views if you live near a park or a walking trail, and the side benefit is healthy physical activity for you and your children. More importantly, this is an opportunity to talk about God's limitless power and wisdom, primarily as they reflect through nature.

Camping

Camping might be a perfect summer activity if you and your family love the great outdoors. Take this chance to have faith-focused fun! After all, nature is the best classroom to teach children about God's creation. It is an opportunity to teach kids about wildlife, trees, and other outdoor elements and a great way to instill spiritual values through nature. Some campgrounds have evening chapels, campfires, and other faith-based activities for visitors.

Plan a Bible Study Picnic

You can make your Bible study sessions more enjoyable by doing them in a park, beach, or backyard. Prepare some tasty snacks for the kids and gather with your family, enjoying food for the body and soul. Bring a few games to play afterward to make a fun-filled picnic. This can also work well if you live near the beach; just pack sunscreen!

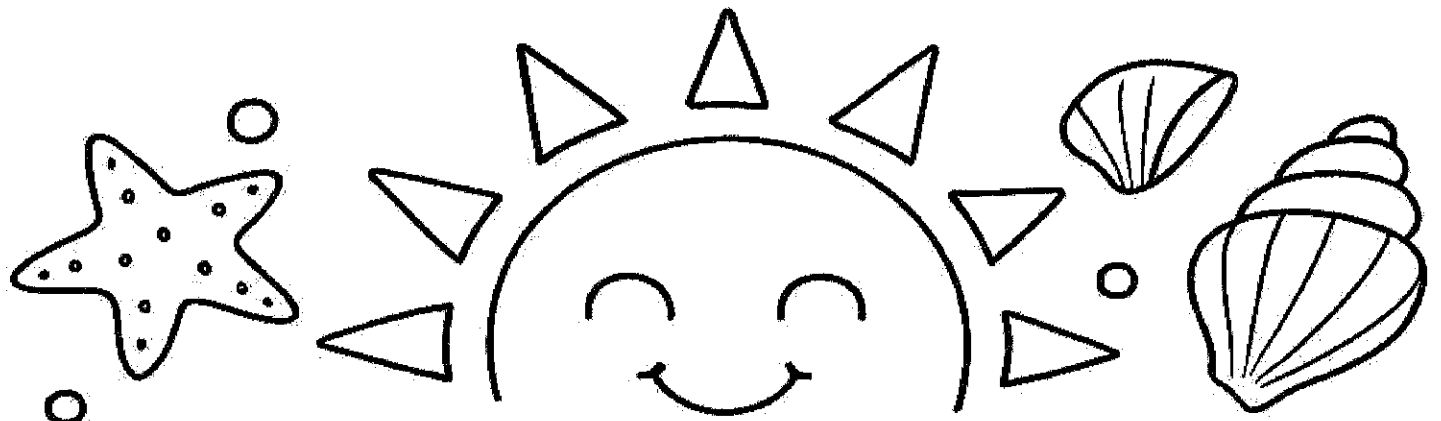
Vacation Bible School (VBS)

If mom and dad need a break from the kids, VBS is a summer program that churches mostly host. VBS allows children to engage in the Bible in a fun and interactive manner. Programs usually include Bible stories, games, crafts, music, and outdoor activities. It's an excellent opportunity for kids to meet other children and learn about Christianity in an engaging, fun-filled way.

Volunteer Work and Community Service

Faith-focused fun doesn't have to mean *only* playing games or doing activities with other children. We can show our children that serving others can be fun, too. Volunteering in a local church or organization allows us to demonstrate the love of Christ by meeting practical needs. There are many opportunities for families to serve together, such as feeding the homeless, visiting the elderly, or participating in church events. Volunteering strengthens our relationships with others and allows us to live out the great commission.

A great way to express our faith in action is by fostering animals. This is one way to teach children about serving the community and our furry friends! It's an opportunity to show compassion, kindness, and love to a needy creature while sharing God's love through your deeds. It also teaches responsibility; we all want our children to learn responsibility.

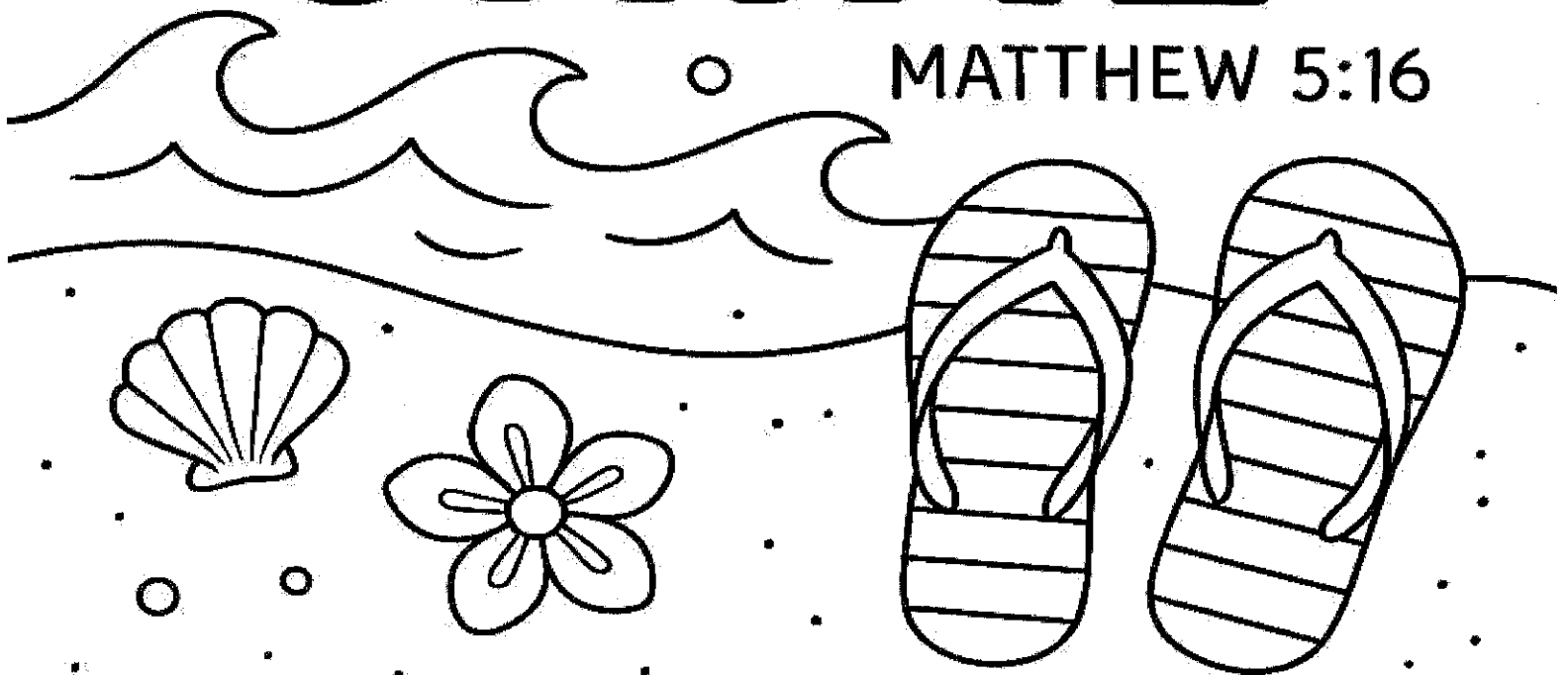


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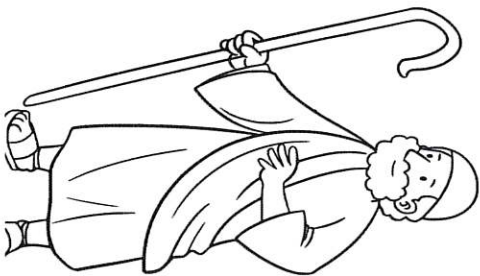
MATTHEW 5:16



OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE BOOKS

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Hands of Prayer

