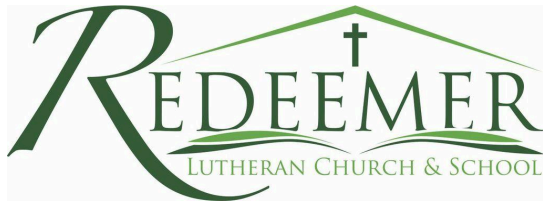


Redeemer Lutheran School Messenger

May 18, 2026



School Theme

Corinthians 4:15

“All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God”

Mission Statement: Redeemer Lutheran School partners with parents in providing a Christ-centered education that prepares students for this life and eternity.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 18 Kindergarten Full Day
May 19 Final day of 3/4K
May 20 1st/2nd grade to Day on Farm field trip 8:30am
May 20 Kindergarten Graduation 10am
May 21 Kindergarten Full Day
May 21 Last day of school/Closing chapel/8th grade graduation at **1pm**; Dismissal/Ice Cream Social 2:00pm
May 23 WLA Graduation 10am
June 14 6:30 Backyard Cookout and Movie at Borgwardts (T.I.M.)
June 15-18 Redeemer Soccer Camp 9am-Noon
Aug 25 First Day of School K-8
Aug 27 First Day of School 3yr/4yr PreK

Look at the end of the Messenger for the Athletic Notes

- A. Our final mission project for the fourth quarter is Crossroads Christian Church in Chicago, IL. Last week's total: \$62.60. Total for the quarter is: \$700.06.
- B. **Groundbreaking Sunday was yesterday!** A day filled with joy and a deep sense of thankfulness for the blessings God is giving to his ministry here at Redeemer. To God be the glory! See the recap on our facebook page for highlights of the morning!
- C. **The Church Extension Fund** (CEF) Stamps can be purchased this Wednesday, in the kindergarten room. Please contact Mrs. Schwefel if you have any questions.

- D. **On the last day of school, May 21, there will be a Closing Chapel service** at 1:00 pm (everyone is invited to attend!). After chapel, there will be an 8th grade graduation ceremony, followed by Attendance Awards and other End of Year awards. At the end of these closing activities, please plan to meet your child(ren) in their classroom(s) (about 2pm). At this time, you will pick up your child's report card and school supplies, and then you are invited to take your child(ren) down to the lunchroom for an ice cream social, and... summer vacation begins! (Note: there will not be a 3:15pm dismissal on the last day of school).



- E. **Soccer Camp** Tell your friends! Registration is **open to the public**. Students age 4yr-rising 7th grade are eligible for camp. Dates for Camp are June 15-18, and the cost for Early Registration is \$30/camper. The cost increases June 1-15 to \$40/camper. Invite your friends to this great week of fun and learning!



- F. **Soccer Camp Volunteers:** Sign Up on the Church Bulletin Board to be a part of this fun week! We need kitchen helpers and Jr. Coaches - check out the details for camp at redeemerfdl.org or posters

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around school. Thanks for pitching in to make this a successful camp!

G. We, the faculty, would like to thank all the parents for their support this past school year. We thank our gracious God for such supportive parents. We look forward to working with you again next school year. Thank you also to all who volunteered in so many ways - cutting, copying, driving, working hot lunch... We greatly appreciate your help! Have a great summer!



H. **WLA Grade School Summer Camps**-information is available on the Resources page of the WLA website. Register for band camps at WLA band website: wlabands.org

I. **Piano:** If there are any students who are planning to take piano lessons at Redeemer next school year, please let Mrs. Nell know now so that she can get your name on the list.



J. We will continue to use the TAD Management system for tuition payments for the 2026-27 school year. This is an entirely online payment system that simplifies the bookkeeping process and requires consistent, regular payments from a list of monthly, biannual, or annual payment options. You should have received an email from TAD's. **All tuition agreements are due July 14th.** The first payment for tuition will be **due in August.**

K. **Parents, attached you will see a Parent Resource Kit for summer online use by your children.** Please read through it and use it as you see fit. Here is a link with more information:

[Parent/Caregiver Online Safety Resource Kit!](#)

L. The blessings of worship opportunities continue throughout the summer as Redeemer families are encouraged to remember that even though it is summer, our souls need the nourishment of the Gospel and Christian fellowship provided by regular attendance at worship services. Therefore, we encourage our families to attend on a regular basis to



be reminded of God's grace, mercy, forgiveness, and promise of salvation. We have a lovely outdoor service on the last Sunday of each month.

CLASSROOM NEWS

Preschool: The end of the year is here and tomorrow is our last day! It has truly been a privilege to be your child's teacher this year. It is a privilege I don't take lightly and I am so humbled that you would share your child each day with me. Thank you for entrusting them to me as we partnered together this year.

Please join us tomorrow for a brief end of year celebration at either 10:45 or 2:45 in our classroom. We'll enjoy a memory book, hand out some awards and conclude a wonderful year. This event will take place in our classroom, so space is limited - parents only, please! :) Preschoolers will be dismissed with you at the conclusion of that event.



You are very welcome to come back on Thursday for our closing service and 8th grade graduation at 1:00, followed by an ice cream social.

This summer, enjoy the laid back schedule and plenty of outside time. Be sure to read lots of books and limit screen time. Most importantly, keep that preschool Bible handy and stay connected to God and his Word. I hope to see many of you in worship! Have a wonderful summer!

Kindergarten: This week concludes our Kindergarten year! Thank you to all who have shown your love to, and support for, our students and teachers throughout this past year. May you all have a safe and restful summer, and remember two things: 1) stay connected to Jesus, and 2) don't forget to read!

May Reading Records are due this week. Thank you for helping your child with his/her literacy growth and development this school year. Don't let up over the summer!

If you haven't sent a brown paper grocery bag yet, please do so tomorrow. We need them to clean out our desks this week.

Thank you to Mrs. Nygaard for giving us the experience of tadpoles this spring! We have enjoyed watching them grow and change so quickly over the past few weeks. Your time and attention to maintaining the tadpoles has been so appreciated.

A Summer Learning Packet is coming home with your child today. Please read the note of explanation for directions.

Kindergarten Graduation will be held on Wednesday. We have been working hard to prepare and are excited to graduate. We will meet you in the sanctuary at 10:00. The doors will open at 9:30am.



Our closing service and 8th grade graduation is Thursday afternoon at 1pm. Please send a cold lunch and drink. We will meet parents in our classroom at about 2pm to hand out report cards. At that time, your child is dismissed for the summer. Stop by the lunchroom to get some ice cream before you leave!

Summer worship will begin on May 24! Please join us at 8am or 9:30am each Sunday morning, or Monday nights at 6:30pm!

Thursday Snack – Laiken

Grades 1-2: Thank you to all the parents who drove for our class field trip last week to TimberNook! We were blessed with fabulous weather and a fun day. We have one more short field trip Wednesday morning to the “Day on the Farm” program located this year at Vir-Clar Farm. Drivers include Faust, VanRuiswijk, Lauersdorf, Valentino, Kope, Wiese. Riders include Damrau, Lawson, Mrs. Bendix and Mrs. T. If something has changed with the transportation above PLEASE let me know today. We will load our cars from the classroom at 8:15 and will return to school at 11:00. Grade 1 remember to bring your booster seats.

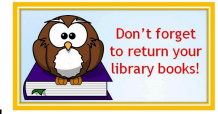
Thank you to everyone who sang at our Ascension service last week. It was an incredible service, and the students’ voices singing praises were amazing.

Remember cold lunches are needed all week!

Watch for important items coming home later this week that you will want to save, especially the Christ Light binder and journal. The full bag of math flash cards, additional summer math practice sheets, the Handwriting book and English workbook will come home this week to use for extra practice. Encourage your child to review them this summer. Above all READ, READ, READ! PLEASE do not take the entire summer off from learning activities! There are several reading program opportunities that you can sign up for like Barnes & Noble, Pizza Hut, and the library!

The May reading log should come to school and be signed by Wednesday this week. Some logs are still empty...How many MINUTES did you read this month?

PLEASE look at home and return all classroom library books TOMORROW!



Send an extra bag (cloth bags work well) to school BY Wednesday to pack up items in our desks. Backpacks may not be quite big enough!

On Thursday we will clean up our desks/classroom and gather all our belongings. Our closing service and 8th grade graduation will begin at 1:00. Parents should come to our classroom at about 2:00 to pick up your student and the report card! At that time, your child is dismissed for the summer. Stop by the lunchroom to get some ice cream before you leave!

Thank you for your continued support all year! We also thank Mrs. Bendix for helping teach math and handwriting classes this school year, and Mrs. Ibeling for her help in our classroom a few hours each week. It has been a blessing to teach your child. Have a great summer and **see you in worship services!**

Grades 3-4: Thank you for bringing your child to our Ascension Service last Thursday night. What a wonderful service of praise to our risen King! Thank you also for all the singers, it is so much fun watching our students light up when they sing about Jesus!

Wednesday the 3-4 graders will take a walk and sack lunch to the park and play in the afternoon. All students will need to pack a cold lunch and drink for that day. If the weather is rainy we’ll eat our lunch here and have a fun afternoon of games.



This last week of school we will be cleaning out our desks, so if you haven’t yet please send a brown paper bag or cloth tote bag tomorrow. Also please check at home for any books from our classroom library. You received a note for a reading opportunity from Barnes & Noble that students can participate in over the summer! Also, parents can sign up your child for a free summer reading program from BookIt Pizza Hut reading program (<https://www.bookitprogram.com/>) and also the FDL Public Library. Read, read, read over the summer!

Thank you parents for all your help this year with your student! We are very blessed and thankful for supportive parents! I also wanted to thank our power builder correctors: Michelle Kammer, Mandy Hicks, Laura Nietzel, Crissy Kope, Dusty Sauer, and Jude’s Grandma Gigi. Your help and time is greatly appreciated!

Please make time for church every week! We’ll see each other in church. Make time to read books and 3rd graders should also have their times table memorized

before the start of 4th grade. Thank you everyone!
Blessings on your summer vacation!

Grades 5-6: Thank you for a lot of things that occurred in past two weeks: prayers for Pastor Rathje and I as we announced the return of our calls to Bemidji, MN, for those parents who joined us on our field trip to Rocky's and Adelaide Park, students beautiful singing at the Ascension service, and families attending the Groundbreaking service yesterday. A huge thank you to all those who helped our class in any way and for treating me with delicious goodies too! Your partnership and prayers are a blessing to our whole Redeemer family! It was a sweet and lemon squeezey year!

We will finish up our final lessons for Christ Light and Social Studies Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday we will be cleaning out our desks and having our final Intramural Competitions. Students please bring your intramural shirts to wear on Wednesday. Bring a brown paper bag and/or use your backpack to take your school supplies home.

Students, look in your desks and check at home for any books from our classroom library as they need to be returned by Wednesday.

Parents, you are welcome and encouraged to attend our closing service and 8th grade graduation on Thursday at 1pm. Various awards will also be handed out at this time. Students, your parents will meet us in our classroom around 2pm to receive report cards and pick you up. Stick around for the ice cream social in the cafeteria following pick up and have a sweet treat to start summer break!

Get your FREE prizes for Reading this summer! Last week your child received a note for a reading opportunity from Barnes & Noble. Parents sign up your child(ren) for the BookIt Pizza Hut summer reading program (<https://www.bookitprogram.com/>) and also the FDL Public Library (<https://fdlpl.org/>). I hope to see you at the library this summer as I encourage all of you to READ A BUNCH!

Church is another place I hope to see you! Regularly being at worship and growing in your faith together with your church family is so important! Summer worship will begin this coming Sunday, May 24! Please join us at 8am or 9:30am each Sunday morning, or Monday nights at 6:30pm!

Have a blessed and safe summer!



Grades 7-8: A highlight of last week was most certainly the Ascension Service, and the music sung by all the classes of Redeemer. Beautiful job!

And then yesterday, we BEGAN this week with a historic milestone – the Groundbreaking Ceremony for our new facility! The rain could not dampen our spirits - it was a fantastic morning of worship and praise! Keep this project in your prayers as we begin digging in just two weeks.

Remember cold lunches are needed all week!

It's a week of "finals" - Tuesday, our final English test, as well as wrapping up Science and Social Studies. Wednesday afternoon we'll have our final Intramural Competitions. Students please bring your intramural shirts to wear on Wednesday. Champion will be awarded on Thursday as part of the closing service. Thursday morning will be clean-up in the classroom; bring a brown paper bag and/or use your backpack to take your school supplies home.

Students, look in your desks and check at home for any books and power builders from our classroom library as they need to be returned by Wednesday.

Parents, you are welcome and encouraged to attend our closing service and 8th grade graduation on Thursday at 1pm. Eighth Graders should bring church clothes to change into for their graduation, and will sing their confirmation hymn one last time. Be ready to take class pictures! Eighth grade will be instructed this week in where to go following the service, as they will be our honored guests for the ice cream social. Various awards will also be handed out during the Closing Service. Seventh grade, your parents should meet us in our classroom around 2pm to receive report cards and pick you up for ice cream.

A thank you to all our parents who have made this year a special one! We value your partnership and count it a privilege to teach your children.

Finally, and most importantly, keep Jesus close all summer, by penciling in church the first thing on your calendar each week - we will look forward to seeing you, catching up on your fun, and worshipping together! Remember that the outdoor services begin in June - a great time to catch up and even invite a neighborhood friend.

Have a blessed summer!

ATHLETICS

Please return softball jerseys ASAP.

Have them back by Wednesday!

