

Redeemer Lutheran School Messenger

May 5, 2025



School Theme

John 1:16

“Grace upon Grace.”

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 6 Kindergarten Full Day
May 7 WLA grade school track meet
May 7 Choir practice 6:30pm
May 8 Preschool Mother’s Day Tea 8am
May 8 Bible Basics 6:30pm
May 9 School Chapel-Thailand Presentation 8:25am
May 9 Kindergarten Full Day
May 9 K-4 Track Meet **No Hot Lunch bring bagged lunch**
May 10 T.I.M. Practice & Bonfire 5pm
May 11 T.I.M. Leads worship –both services
May 11 T.I.M. Meeting 9:15am
May 14 K-2 Field Trip
May 14 7th/8th Grade Field Trip to Milwaukee
May 15 Bible Basics 6:30pm
May 16 School Chapel 8:25am
May 19 Kindergarten Full Day
May 21 Kindergarten Graduation 10:00am
May 22 End of 4th Quarter/Last day of school
School dismissed after school picnic-12:30pm
May 22 **K-8 sing Closing/Graduation Service 6:30pm**
May 24 WLA Graduation 10:00am
June 16-19 Redeemer Soccer Camp 9am-12(Noon)

Look at the end of the Messenger for the Athletic schedule!

General News

A. Our final mission project for this school year will be sent to Thailand Missions. Last week’s total: \$86.51.
Total for the quarter is: \$781.53.

B. Thailand Missionary Visit & Thai Village Display:
This Friday, May 9, Missionary Jeremy Seeger will be joining our morning chapel service to speak to students about the work he and other missionaries do in Thailand and all around Asia. Jeremy is the brother of Mrs. Ehlke and we look forward to welcoming him! Parents are invited to join us for this special presentation. In conjunction with this visit, we will be hosting a “Thai Village” display. Thai Village is a non profit organization that works directly with Thai artisans to promote economic self-sufficiency and Christian education. We’ll have a large variety of their handmade products on hand for purchase. If you’d like to learn more about Thai Village, their products and mission, check out thavillage.org.

The Thai Village display will be open following chapel on Friday morning for any parents who wish to ship. It will also be open during weekend worship services and after school most days next week. Please stop and support this great mission!

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. Congratulations to Quinn Baumbach, Molly Bechler, Oliver Ehlke, Traeton Hanson, Jameson Kasmiski, Abigail Khoury, Aiden Mann, Evelyn Muche, Danielle Orth, Estin Paulson, Bryn Rathje, Mason Roberts and Emily Zurn who yesterday were

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confirmed. On Thursday, May 22, they will all graduate from Redeemer Lutheran School.

- E. **Comprehensive School Survey:** Thanks to all the parents who filled out the survey. We had just short of 80% of our families complete the survey. The Board of Youth Education will begin looking at it tonight. The winning classroom with 89.1% of the parents completing the survey was the 7th/8th grade. Before the school year is over, they will be getting a pizza party. Thanks again to all the parents for taking the time to fill out this survey. The results were overwhelmingly positive.
- F. **Grade School Summer Camps** -WLA summer camp information is available on the [Resources](#) page of the WLA website.
- G. **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.

Teacher Appreciation Week is this week!
THANKS FOR HELPING US GROW!
We are so excited to show gratitude and love to our teachers this week! The daily activity schedule came home two weeks ago. There is still time to contribute to our gift card collection, too! Cash/Check may be left in the office.

- H. The **Redeemer's annual K-4 Track Meet** is this Friday, May 9. We will be welcoming students from St. Luke's-Oakfield, Trinity Lutheran, and St. Paul's-Mt. Calvary in a fun day of competition. We will need assistance from our parent helpers for the day. **There will be no hot lunch that day so all grades will need to bring a bagged lunch.**
- I. **Bike to School!** Thursday, May 15th is bike to school day. If you bike to school you may sign up in Mrs. Schmitz's room for a prize.
- J. **Last Day of School Notes-** **On the calendar it says we will have a whole day, but really the students will be dismissed after the picnic.** We will assemble in the church at 11:00 am to hand out school awards, so if you would like to join us, please do. Our picnic will be held on Thursday, May 22 at 11:30 p.m. All school children and families are invited to attend. Children will be dismissed from school after the picnic, once a parent has picked up

their report cards from their teacher. Look for a note to come home to sign up to attend and to help bring food or to serve.

- K. Mark your calendars: **On Monday, May 19, 2025 hot lunch will be free to grades K-8. Your child will have to sign up for it. Please use the lime sheet attached to last week's Messenger. It is due today.**
- L. All K-8 students sing in  our special Ascension church service Thursday, May 22 at 6:30pm. Please make every effort to attend this celebration service! Let your child's teacher know this week if unable to attend.
- M. **Soccer Camp** IMPORTANT! Starting today, May 5, **Redeemer Family ONLY:** registration will begin for Redeemer Soccer Camp 2025. This registration is strictly for our church/school families. In order to allow our families first opportunity to register, we have a REDEEMER-ONLY registration from May 5-15. It is crucial that you use this sign-up opportunity, as online registration to our community will begin on May 16, and no exceptions for our student families can be made at that time. Here is the registration link to use: <https://forms.gle/ZpUsPmPSqfQ8oMN1A>
It is not available on the website.

PLEASE NOTE: We will take a break from the complimentary one-day "Moms and Tots" session this year (ages 0-3) due to staffing, but look forward to its return next year!

Do not delay if you'd like your child to attend; in Previous years we've filled on the first day of open registration.
Tell your community friends that early registration runs May 16-31!
Early Registration: \$30
Camp Dates: June 16-19
Camp Hours: 9am-Noon
Camp Ages: 4 years-12 years

CLASSROOM NEWS

Preschool: The countdown is on! With under 10 days of preschool left we are truly in the home stretch, but lots of fun yet to be had!

This week we're looking forward to our Mother's Day Tea on Thursday from 8:00-9:15 a.m.. If you haven't already, please RSVP to me so that I know how many moms we have coming. When you arrive at school on Thursday, you can come



directly to the fellowship hall with your preschoolers. We'll enjoy activities and snacks until 9:15 when moms will be excused and preschoolers will remain to finish the day. We are still in need of a few more food items. Please check the sign up or text me if you are willing to help. Don't forget to dress your best for a fancy tea with your preschooler! We can't wait to celebrate our moms.

Look for a note coming home today regarding next week's pond field trip. Please return it ASAP.

A reminder that there is NO PRESCHOOL this Friday due to the K-4 track meet taking place on our campus.

Our Bible story this week is "God Sends the Holy Spirit." You'll find it on pages 473-479 of your preschooler's Bible.

Kindergarten: Kindergarten Graduation is coming up soon. We have been working hard to prepare. Your child will be making a time capsule for graduation day, in case you want to start thinking of what you would like to put in it (the capacity is a Pringles can).

Reminder: We have a full day of school tomorrow. Please arrive for pick up at 3:05pm.

The optional WLA Track Meet will be held on Wednesday afternoon. The Kindergarten is scheduled to run at **4:30**, so you may want to arrive plenty early to find a parking space. Once you arrive, you can look for the Kindergarten group which will be gathered on the football field.



Reminder: Friday is the K-4 Track Meet. Please send a cold lunch and a full water bottle for Friday since the students will all eat outside in between events.

Congratulations to Ziva, who recently finished the GeoBoard Challenge!

We sing for the Ascension/Closing Service on Thursday, May 22 at 6:30pm. Our 8th grade buddies will graduate from Redeemer that night, and it is a special closing to our school year. Please make every effort to attend, but let me know THIS WEEK if your child cannot be there.

Thursday Snack – Caleb

Friday Snack – Easton

Grades 1-2: Thank you to all who came to our Reader's Theater last week! The students worked hard and they all did a FANTASTIC job. Keep up the good reading work!

The optional WLA Track Meet will be held on Wednesday afternoon. The 1st/2nd grade is scheduled to run shortly after **4:30**, so you may want to arrive plenty early to find a parking space. Once you arrive, you can look for the



1st/2nd grade group which will be gathered on the football field.

Friday is our K-4 Track Meet. Please send a cold lunch and a full water bottle as we will all eat outside in between events. Good running shoes are needed!

This week's reading/spelling units are Grade 1: Unit 5:2 Mole and Baby Bird and Grade 2 Unit 6:2 Red, White, and Blue. Grade 2 will also begin a chapter book study later this week! Our spelling tests will be Friday morning.

Reminder that our field trip is next week, May 14. The general planning note came home two weeks ago. A cold lunch and drink will be needed as well as booster seats. Watch for final details next week.

We sing in our special Ascension church service Thursday, May 22 at 6:30pm. This is also our school closing service. Please make every effort to attend this celebration service! Let me know this week if you are unable to attend.

Keep adding up your reading minutes nightly for this month's reading log challenge!

Grades 3-4: There are many important notes in the messenger about upcoming events, be sure to check it all out!

The optional WLA Track Meet will be held on Wednesday afternoon. The 3rd/4th grade is scheduled to run shortly after **4:30**, so you may want to arrive plenty early to find a parking space. Once you arrive, you can look for the 3rd/4th grade group which will be gathered on the football field.

We will be starting our end of the year facts practice tests tomorrow in Math! 3rd grade please, please, please continue to practice your multiplication facts! It will be essential for you to know them!

We will have a West Region map quiz on Wednesday. 3rd grade will need to know the states, while 4th grade needs to know the states and capitals. The following week on Wednesday, the 4th graders will have their last map quiz on all 50 states and capitals.

A May reading log was sent home, feel free to send it back the last week of school. If you haven't returned your April reading log, please bring it back tomorrow. If your student qualifies for the Timber Rattlers Reading Program, the ticket should be coming home in the next couple of days.

We would like to paint some rocks in art class. Please send along a rock to paint this week. Thanks everyone!

Grades 5-6: Congratulations and God's richest blessings on the 8th graders' Confirmation yesterday. It was wonderful to see many of you present to celebrate

with them! May God continue to strengthen and grow them in their faith all their days!

Attached to this Messenger is the May Reading log. My apologies for not having it attached to last week's Messenger.

This week we will have our final NWEA MAP testing session of the year. Please help your child have the rest and energy needed to do their very best. We will be testing on Tuesday and Thursday this week.

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9:15 am. Grades 5-8 **will not need** to come to school that morning, but just meet at WLA. You can pick up your child after 3:00 pm at WLA. **Each child must bring his/her own lunch lunch and water bottle. (Wear sunscreen).** You are welcome to come cheer them on at their events!

It's time to start thinking about the end-of-year intramural competition, which includes team shirts! Your student will need a white t-shirt (go raid dad's undershirt drawer) to decorate by next week Friday (May 16th). Please help them be a part of this fun activity and supply them a shirt.

Forensics Update: We had a very successful meet at WLA. As a team we took 2nd place! Noelle Hicks and Jonah Bendix received the "Best in Room" award for their pieces. Again, everyone took home a ribbon! Way to go everyone! I am very proud of all of our students who did forensics this year! Everyone practiced, worked hard, and showed growth with every meet! Thank you to our whole team for participating this year!

Looking ahead, we will have our annual field trip to Rocky Rocco's and Adelaide Park the final week of school. The date will most likely be the 20th or 21st weather permitting. More information to come, but wanted to get this on your calendars. Also, K-8 will be singing at the Ascension/Graduation Service which is on our last day of school. Please make every effort to be there as we wrap up the school year all together in praising God with our voices in song!

Grades 7-8:

What a beautiful worship service yesterday, as we heard our 8th grade class make their promises to God; a start to a wonderful new chapter in their lives. We wish them God's blessings!

Blessings

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Sunday is Mothers' Day! Those students who are helping serve in the worship services (singing, playing piano, reading, ushering, greeting, etc.) should meet this Saturday, May 10, at 5pm, in church. Detailed instructions/practice will take place, then all are invited for food and bonfire fun at the Nygaards. Please check the TeamReach App this week for any updates.

A note from Mrs. Ehlke for 8th grade parents: I will be spending a lot of time this week in hopes of accomplishing the majority of the work on the 8th grade yearbook. I am still waiting to receive pictures from several 8th grade parents. Please review the note that was sent home a couple of weeks ago and email me your pictures as soon as possible! Also, please send your message to your 8th grader and the class. If I don't have to track you down, it will save me a great deal of time! Thank you for your help!

Upcoming dates:

Wed, May 7, WLA Track Meet
Sun, May 11, T.I.M. serves for worship services
Wed, May 14, Field Trip to Milwaukee
Fri./Sat. May 16-17 WALL SB Tournament
Sun, May 18, Campaign Commitment Sunday
Thus, May 22, Ascension/Graduation Service

ATHLETICS

No game this week!

May 13 @ Grace, Oshkosh @ Stoegbauer Park
6th Avenue and, Idaho St, Oshkosh, WI
May 14 vs. St. Peter, @ Evans 4:30 pm
May 16-17 WALL tournament at Iron Ridge
Tournament apparel at the following link: [WALL gear](#)

Other dates: WALL track meet for grades 5-8 is Wednesday, May 7. We host the K-4 track meet on Friday, May 9.