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Transforming lives through God's grace for authentic Christian living



Come and See

Pastor Nate Toso

³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' ³⁹He said to them, 'Come and see.' (John 1: 38-39a)

These verses were part of our Gospel lesson for this past Sunday (January 19). I felt like it was a good opportunity for me to preach about inviting others to step inside the walls of our church building--to "Come and see" what we have going on here. The Christian church started with a simple invitation. In the first chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus invited the first disciples to "come and see" where he was staying. They accepted this invitation and they, in turn, invited others to follow Jesus.

This practice of inviting has been at the heart of our faith tradition for centuries. Unfortunately, many Christians have fallen out of practice of inviting others to church or we are hesitant to talk about our faith. So what are some ways we can reclaim the important Christian practice of inviting? Perhaps one way to do this is to start by telling people about the things that keep us coming back to church week in and week out.

As I said on Sunday, the thing that brought me back to Redeemer was the people. What if you invited someone to come to our church to meet the amazing people who are here each week? I think many folks who are not connected with Redeemer would find a warm welcome here and a community that would support them as they continue to grow in their faith. Or, you could invite someone to "come and see" some of the great ministries we have going on here. Maybe you could ask someone to come to the

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Ice Block Party on Saturday, February 1 or to one of the Bible Studies we have throughout the week. Or maybe you could invite someone to come to our Wednesday evening Community Night Out gatherings. Again, like I said on Sunday, I think Wednesday evening at Redeemer (CNO) is an absolute gem with a great meal and programming for all ages.

We have a wonderful faith community that gathers within the walls of our church building each week. There are perhaps a great number of things that keep you coming back each week. What are those things? Why not tell someone else about those things and invite them to “come and see”.

In Christ,
Pastor Nate

COLUMBARIUM AND MEMORIAL COURTYARD UPDATE

A place of serenity and comfort; a place for meditation and prayer.

The Columbarium Committee was formed in 2010 and plans were started to create a resting place for members and their loved ones who have passed and were cremated and for the families to have a place for meditation and prayer. This part of the Memorial Courtyard was completed in June 2014 and dedicated on August 3, 2014. Plans were started for the Memorial Wall in memory of loved ones buried elsewhere and was dedicated on September 17, 2017. The Columbarium Wall is located on the south side of the Sanctuary and the Memorial Wall is on the south outside wall of the Sanctuary.

The Memorial Courtyard Committee members are Greg Lundberg, Donna Miller and Dennis Lashinski. Please contact them for more information. We offer the purchase of the Columbarium niches for Redeemer members and their families and information for engraving the names and dates on a plaque on the Memorial Wall of loved ones buried elsewhere. We thought it was important to give our new and current members an update on the Memorial Courtyard and to be available for members who are considering the Columbarium interment or a plaque on the Memorial Wall. Brochures are available on a trifold easel near the Welcome Desk.



AT REDEEMER

For all of you Redeemer snowbirds, here are a few highlights of our Christmas worship services. Miss you all. Come back soon!



Pastor Nate at the pulpit.



Gina Toso sang a beautiful solo.



Redeemer Youth sang *Away in a Manger*.



We sang *Silent Night* at candle lighting.



FRIENDS IN FAITH

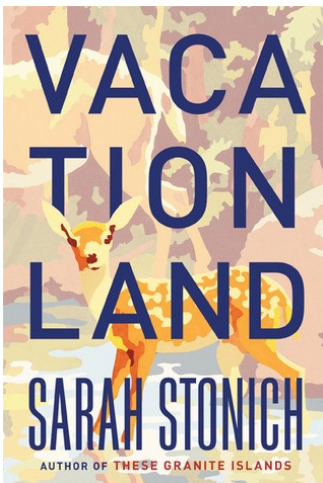


Friends in Faith White Bear Food Shelf Event

This Valentine's Day come share the love with those in need in our community by joining us on Friday, February 14 from 12:30 to 2:30 pm to volunteer at the White Bear Emergency Food Shelf. The emergency food shelf serves as a critical resource for families experiencing food insecurities. We will be sorting and stocking shelves, etc.



FEBRUARY BOOK CLUB— TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 7:00 PM IN REDEEMER'S LIBRARY



Sarah Stonich, whose work has been described as “unexpected and moving” by the *Chicago Tribune* and “a well-paced feast” by the *Los Angeles Times*, weaves these tales of love and loss, heart-break and redemption into a rich novel of interconnected and disjointed lives. *Vacationland* is a moving portrait of a place—at once timeless and of the moment, composed of conflicting dreams and shared experience—and of the woman

Book: *Vacationland*

Author: Sarah Stonich

Leader: Carol Gruner



FRIENDS IN FAITH MARCH EVENT!

Please join us for the stargazing program “Winter Constellation with WCCO’s Mike Lynch,” at Lake Elmo Park Reserve, 1515 Keats Ave., N., Lake Elmo, on Saturday, March 7 from 6:00–8:00 pm. Get to know Orion the Hunter, Gemini the Twins, Taurus the Bull, and many more as we watch the great winter celestial show over the skies at the Lake Elmo Park Reserve. Mike Lynch, meteorologist for WCCO, will bring large reflector telescopes that are among the biggest mobile telescopes in the Midwest.

The program will begin at the Nordic Center and then move outdoors. All are welcome, including families. This is an outdoor event, so please dress for the weather. Suggested arrival time at the Park Reserve is 5-5:15 pm. Please sign up at the Welcome Center by March 1 if you would like to car-pool from church. The parking fee is \$7 per car. You can also meet our group there at 5:00–5:15 pm. If weather conditions are questionable, please call the Park Reserve at (651) 430-8370. Questions? Contact Jane Schroeder at schroederhj@msn.com.



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Safeguarding Our Seniors



Speaker, Zeta Kilbride, Program Manager of the BBB- MN and North Dakota, will present this popular Better Business Bureau program which raises awareness and empowers seniors and caregivers to take action against elder fraud and financial abuse.

The program will teach you to:

- Recognize the red flags that let you know something isn't quite right;
- Understand the credible resources available to you; and
- Be empowered to take action when a financial scam crosses your path.

BE Aware

BE Informed

BE Empowered

When: Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020

9:30 AM Coffee Plus

10:00 AM Devotions and Program

Where: Redeemer Lutheran Church Atrium

Cost: A free will offering will be received to cover Primetime speakers and expenses.

Sign up at the Redeemer Welcome Center or call the church office (651-429-5411).

Register between January 21 and Feb. 16.

Redeemer Primetime meets the third Thursday of the month from September through May and is open to anyone available in the daytime for programs and tours. Schedules are publicized in the 2nd Half with Lyngblomsten catalog and in the Redeemer Lutheran Church publications. For more information, contact the church office, 651-429-5411 or Barb Wojahn, 651-429-2557.



A Center for Enriching Lives after 50

Locations

2nd Half with Lyngblomsten | White Bear Lake

Located at Redeemer Lutheran Church
at 3770 Bellaire Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110

2nd Half with Lyngblomsten | Como Park

Located on the Lyngblomsten campus
at 1415 Almond Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108

Thrive with 2nd Half with Lyngblomsten!

Learn and grow through old favorites and brand-new programs offered through 2nd Half with Lyngblomsten.

- **2nd Monday each month (Upcoming: February 10) — HealthRHYTHMS Drumming.** 10–11 AM at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall. Join us for an evidence-based wellness program that promotes relaxation and boosts the immune system. \$8/class. Registration preferred; walk-ins welcome.
- **Tuesday, February 11 — Armchair Traveler: Sri Lanka.** 1–2:30 PM at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Library. This presentation will highlight the country of Sri Lanka, including its people, civil war history, religions, industries, mining for gemstones, and the devastation from the December 26, 2004, tsunami. FREE program; \$3 for pie and coffee. Registration preferred; walk-ins welcome.
- **Tuesday, February 25 — The Prohibition Era: 100-Year Reminisce.** 10–11:30 AM at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Library. The pubs, taverns, speakeasies, and sample rooms around White Bear Lake were popular places before, during, and after the Prohibition era. Join us as we explore the history of our local establishments, the legislation of Prohibition, and the temperance movement that led to it. \$12. Registration required by February 21.
- **Thursdays, April 2 to May 14 — Writing through the Decades.** 1:30–3 PM at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Library. Join instructor and longtime community journalist Margie O'Loughlin to explore the art of writing your own memoir. \$45. Registration required by March 30.

NEW! We're partnering with Lakeshore Players Theatre for:

- **Monday, March 2 — Coffee and Conversation: *Wait Until Dark*.** 10–11 AM at Lakeshore Players Theatre (4941 Long Avenue, White Bear Lake), Classroom. Join Larisa Netterlund, the director of *Wait Until Dark* at Lakeshore Players Theatre, for a morning of conversation surrounding her production and process for this thrilling show. \$8. Registration preferred; walk-ins welcome.
- **Sunday, March 8 — Lakeshore Players Theatre Matinee Performance: *Wait Until Dark*.** 2–5 PM at Lakeshore Players Theatre (4941 Long Avenue, White Bear Lake). Come see *Wait Until Dark*, a classic thriller brought to the stage by the Lakeshore Players. Choose to stay after the show for a 30-minute talk with the cast and crew of the show and learn insightful knowledge. Tickets are limited to 25 spots. \$26. Registration required by February 26.

Connect with Us

Discover more opportunities available through 2nd Half with Lyngblomsten and register online at www.lyngblomsten.org/2ndHalf. Questions about registration? Call (651) 632-5330.

Note: The best way to contact Redeemer Site Coordinator Lynn Amon is her cellphone: (651) 301-9445.



Feed My Starving Children Event

On Wednesday, February 19 our high school youth, confirmation students and Sparklers and their parents will be traveling to Feed My Starving Children in Eagan to pack meals for those in need. Let's grab a quick meal from 4:45 pm—5:15 pm and head out to Eagan. We will be returning by 8:00 pm. Call Pastor Nate with questions at 651-429-5411 ext. 16.



WAPO BIBLE CAMP

A place where fun and faith collide, we offer programs for 2nd grade through high school age campers and for families as well. Encounter God's word, make friends and create memories to last a lifetime.

Dates reserved for Redeemer Youth are as follows:

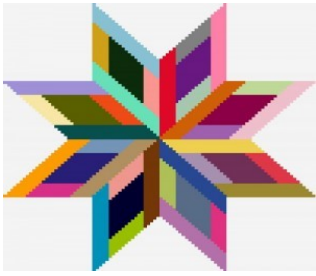
Seeds (1st—3rd Grades) June 19—21, 2020

Youth (4th-8th Grades) June 21—26, 2020

Senior High (9th—12th Grades) June 21—26, 2020



You can register at campwapo.org. Contact Sarah Gengenbach with questions at sarah.gengenbach@gmail.com



As we begin the New Year 2020 the quilters would like to take this opportunity to thank all the assistance we get from so many people behind the scenes:

- Grace Schley who cuts squares and sews quilt tops
- Tom Larsen for setting up our quilt room each and every week
- Nadine Myers for sewing quilt tops together
- Linda Adams for attending quilting and taking quilts home to sew
- Mary B sewing tops at home
- Mark Bloucher for providing us with sheets that he has washed and dried so ready to use
- Karen for supplying additional fabric

Thank you also to the dedicated ladies that have been part of the quilting group for over 50 years. You truly provide a great service to so many homeless youth, babies and adults.



Please join us for Redeemer's

2020 Annual Meeting and Congregational Potluck Luncheon

Show your support by wearing your Redeemer wear!

Sunday, February 2, 11:30 AM Potluck following the meeting

A-F Main Dishes | G-R Salads | S-Z Desserts

Worship Services

8:30 Classic | 10:30 Contemporary

Information meeting to review the proposed budget Sunday, January 26, 9:45 AM in the Library.



Join in the fun with the White Bear Lake Women of Today chapter

MAT MAKING AND MOVIE NIGHT

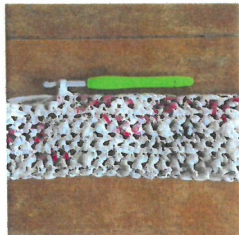
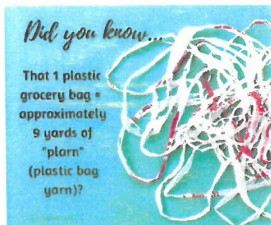
WBLWT is partnering with the St. Pius X Council of Catholic Women to help the homeless stay warm and dry.

Thursday, February 13, 2020 from 6:30 to 9:00pm in the St. Pius X Community Rooms we will be cutting plastic bags and rolling into balls of 'plarn' and others will be learning how to crochet the 'plarn' into mats for the homeless while enjoying a movie!

Help your fellow man and help the Earth!

Drinks will be provided – please bring a snack to share.

St. Pius X – 3878 Highland Ave., White Bear Lake, MN 55110



Hope you can join us!!

Questions? Contact us at: WhiteBearLakeWT@mnwt.org

THE MOMENT WE'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR. . .



Sales begin this Sunday, January 26 through February 23 between worship services and Wednesday nights. Contact Amy Maijala at ameliamaijala@yahoo.com or Myrna Carlson at myrnaanncarlson@comcast.com with questions. Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the Redeemer Summer Youth Trip.

Worship assistant Schedule

Winter Worship: 8:30 AM Traditional Worship, 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship				
	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23
Acolytes	Acolytes volunteer on a Sunday by Sunday basis. Sign up sheet is at the Welcome Center			
Com- munion Assis- tants	8:30 Mary & Dick Lindstrom 10:30 Margo Decker-Mingo Mike Lundberg	8:30 Carsten Ingvaldstad Phyllis Hostager Gene Schutte 10:30 Ellen Reeves David Dahlin Erika Folsom	8:30 Kathy & Bob Petersen 10:30 Gary Eddy Sarah Gengenbach	8:30 Carol Krieger Carol Toensing 10:30 Jane Schroeder Hussanatu Kamara
Counters	Deb Downing Dan Dohmeier	Tom Johnson Jan Johnson	Wendy Jenz John Allen	Wendy Jenz John Allen
Lectors	Erika Folsom	Ann Marie Gere	Mark Gruner	Nadine Myers
Prayer Servants	8:30: Gloria Wachtler & Jan Johnson 10:30: Linda Tucker & Richard Wahlstrom			
Greeters	8:30 Jesse Anibas Roger Rasmussen Lee Lundgren 10:30 Nan Carlson Gengenbach Family	8:30 Mark & Carol Gruner Candy Johnson 10:30 Linda Dahl Micah & Elizabeth Olson	8:30 Jean Taylor Richard Wahlstrom 10:30 Ann Marie Gere Gene & Shirley Ruehle	8:30 Dan & Dottie Brumm Erika Folsom 10:30 David Dahlin Ellen Reeves Linda Tucker
Ushers	8:30 Jim Ramberg Donna Miller Darlene Sigstad Keith Swenson 10:30 Dick Kuehn Chuck & Donnie Carter	8:30 Jim Ramberg Donna Miller Darlene Sigstad Keith Swenson 10:30 Dick Kuehn Chuck & Donnie Carter	8:30 Jim Ramberg Donna Miller Darlene Sigstad Keith Swenson 10:30 Dick Kuehn Chuck & Donnie Carter	8:30 Jim Ramberg Donna Miller Darlene Sigstad Keith Swenson 10:30 Dick Kuehn Chuck & Donnie Carter
Wel- come Center Desk	8:30 Joan Gens Simpson 10:30 Jeanne Schwarze	8:30 Doris Zieman 10:30 Ruby Gustafson	8:30 Nan Carlson 10:30 Jan Johnson	8:30 Kay Blanchard 10:30 Linda Tucker

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:30 AM Classic Worship 9:30 AM Budget Meeting (L) 9:40 AM Coffee Corner 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship	27 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM LADC - Redeemer/Community of Grace In-Service (A, K) 6:00 PM Scouts BSA 434/Webelos II (FH & 126-128)	28 8:00 AM Men's Prayer Group (Conf. Rm.) 8:15 AM Bibles & Bagels (FH) 9:00 AM Lady of the Lakes Quilters (126-128) 12:30 PM Lady of the Lakes Quilters (A) 1:00 PM Lyngblomsten - Family Means (Conf. Room) 4:30 PM Yoga Devotions (Fellowship Hall) 5:00 PM Just for Kix (Choir) 5:30 PM Just for Kix (FH) 6:00 PM Lake Country Chorus (A)	29 8:00 AM LADC (Yth. Room) 9:00 AM Quilters (Com. Rm) 5:00 PM Community Night Out	30 8:30 AM TOPS (A, 126-128 Classrooms) 5:30 PM Just For Kix (Choir Room) 7:00 PM AA (126-128, Chapel)	31	1 9:30 AM ICE BLOCK PARTY
2 8:30 AM Classic Worship 9:40 AM Coffee Corner 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship 11:30 AM Annual Congregational Mtg. and Potluck (WC, A, L)	3 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 1:30 PM CLASS Board (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Scouts BSA 434/Webelos II (FH & 126-128)	4 8:00 AM Men's Prayer Group (Conf. Rm.) 8:15 AM Bibles & Bagels (FH) 9:00 AM Lady of the Lakes Quilters (126-128) 9:30 AM Hope Circle (L) 12:30 PM Lady of the Lakes Quilters (A) 1:00 PM Lyngblomsten Advisory Team (Conf. Room) 4:30 PM Yoga Devotions (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 PM Lake Country Chorus (A)	5 8:00 AM LADC (Yth. Room) 9:00 AM Quilters (Com. Rm) 5:00 PM Community Night Out 7:00 PM Brian Adams (Conf.)	6 8:30 AM TOPS (A, 126-128 Classrooms) 10:00 AM Caring Conversations (L) 5:00 PM Mutual Ministries (L) 5:30 PM Just For Kix (Choir Room) 5:30 PM Just for Kix (FH) 7:00 PM AA (126-128, Chapel)	7	8
9 8:30 AM Classic Worship 9:40 AM Coffee Corner 10:30 AM Rob Bell Bible Study (Library) 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship	10 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM HealthRHYTHMS Drumming (A) 6:00 PM Scouts BSA 434/Webelos II (FH & 126-128)	11 8:00 AM Men's Prayer Group (Conf. Rm.) 8:15 AM Bibles & Bagels (FH) 1:00 PM Lyngblomsten Arm Chair Traveler - Sri Lanka (L) 2:00 PM Lyngblomsten Matter of Balance Coach Training (A) 4:30 PM Yoga Devotions (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 PM Lake Country Chorus (A) 7:00 PM Book Club (L)	12 8:00 AM LADC (Yth. Room) 9:00 AM Quilters (Com. Rm) 10:00 AM JoyPeace Circle (A) 5:00 PM Community Night Out	13 8:30 AM TOPS (A, 126-128 Classrooms) 10:00 AM Grief Support Group (L) 5:30 PM Just For Kix (Choir Room) 5:30 PM Just for Kix (FH) 7:00 PM AA (126-128, Chapel)	14 White Bear - No School	15
16 8:30 AM Classic Worship 9:40 AM Coffee Corner 10:30 AM Rob Bell Bible Study (Library) 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship/Downing Baptism 11:30 AM Downing Event (A, FH, K)	17 President's Day - White Bear - No School 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study	18 8:00 AM Men's Prayer Group (Conf. Rm.) 8:15 AM Bibles & Bagels (FH) 9:00 AM Lady of the Lakes Quilters (126-128) 12:30 PM Lady of the Lakes Quilters (A) 4:30 PM Yoga Devotions (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 PM Lake Country Chorus (A)	19 8:00 AM LADC (Yth. Room) 9:00 AM Quilters (Com. Rm) 9:00 AM WBL Retired Teachers Assoc. (A) 5:00 PM Community Night Out 8:15 PM Feed My Starving Children - RLC Youth (Onsite)	20 8:30 AM TOPS (A, 126-128 Classrooms) 9:30 AM PrimeTime Event (A) 5:30 PM Just For Kix (Choir Room) 5:30 PM Just for Kix (FH) 7:00 PM AA (126-128, Chapel)	21	22
23 8:30 AM Classic Worship 9:40 AM Coffee Corner 10:30 AM Rob Bell Bible Study (Library) 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship/Naughton Baptism 3:00 PM BSA Troop Winter Court of Honor w/Banquet (Time TBD)	24 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM Scouts BSA 434/Webelos II (FH & 126-128)	25 8:00 AM LADC Circus (A, WC) 8:00 AM Men's Prayer Group (Conf. Rm.) 8:15 AM Bibles & Bagels (FH) 9:00 AM Lady of the Lakes Quilters (126-128) 10:00 AM Lyng. WBL Historical Society - Prohibition Era (L) 12:30 PM Lady of the Lakes Quilters (A) 4:30 PM Yoga Devotions (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 PM Just for Kix (FH) 6:00 PM Lake Country Chorus (A)	26 ASH WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM LADC (Yth. Room) 9:00 AM Quilters (Com. Rm) 5:00 PM NO COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT 6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship Service	27 8:30 AM TOPS (A, 126-128 Classrooms) 5:30 PM Just For Kix (Choir Room) 5:30 PM Just for Kix (FH) 7:00 PM AA (126-128, Chapel)	28	29



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Articles may be edited for clarity and space.

Ash Wednesday 2020

Wednesday, February 26 at 6:00 pm



There will be no Community Night Out that evening.