

Church of the Redeemer

eBLAST for July 20, 2018

Worship @ Church of the Redeemer!

Our joint summertime worship with St. John Lutheran Church moves to Church of the Redeemer this Sunday at 9:30. Changes in the Nave are subtle - water stains on the lower wall, park side are gone. The wall behind the baptismal font has been repaired. Plaster has been repaired beside the upper windows. The pews have been washed and waxed. Our interior is freshened up! Come, let us worship the Lord!

Notes about Communion:

We will continue the practice we began at St. John. We will receive communion standing. We will take the wafer in our hand and dip it into either grape juice or wine. The ceramic chalice will contain grape juice and the silver chalice will contain wine. Please do not drink directly from the cup. We will also proceed to the altar from the back of the church forward and one side at a time.

Coffee Hour picks up where it left off.

Some of our members have been very impressed with the hospitality the Lutherans provided while we worshipped with them. We would like to reciprocate. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Nave and help us reflect back the love (and tasty treats) our Lutheran sisters and brothers showed us.

Shipwrecked Vacation Bible School

Our vacation Bible School this year was a huge success! Bonnie Garrity worked so hard to make sure our four days were meaningful *and* fun. Our program was somewhat different than in years past and required more preparation - however our group rose to the occasion! We had 24 children and 10 youth helpers. Three of our leaders had never participated in VBS before. Mary Rhodes and Amy Murrelle helped create our sets, as did Gretchen Rentschler, Betsy Schumacher and Doreen Marshall. Our snacks were creative and reflected our theme. Whether we're lonely, worried or powerless, Jesus rescues our young people learned. We had four stations for the children to visit: Bible Discovery (where we learned more about Jesus); Imagination (the intersection of science and faith); Games (where even in our play, we can meet the Lord) and Snacks (where we modeled service to others.) Join us for coffee hour this Sunday for a wonderful pictorial tour of our four days together. The following pages are just a sampling:



Emily Garrity leads the children in song.



Left: Crew Chief Mary Rhodes brings her multi-aged crew to the Bible Discovery Station where they were met by Betsy.



Inside the Bible Discovery room two crews meet together: barely pictured Margaret Cole with Mary and Betsy.

Pictured below is our waterfall, puppet theater and beach:



Vacation Time: Pastor Melinda will be away on vacation from July 23rd through August 4th. In the event of a pastoral emergency please contact the church office at (570) 888-2270