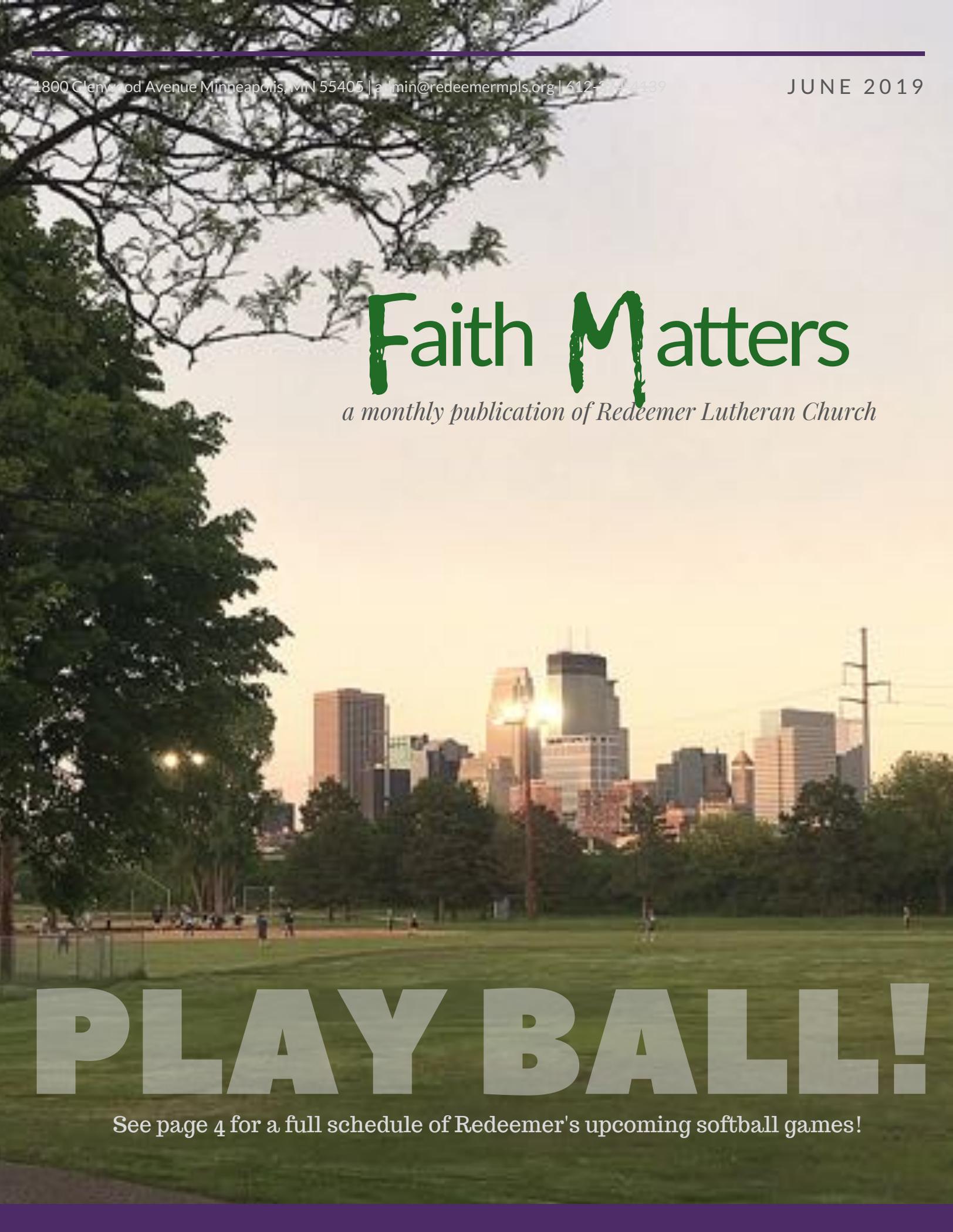


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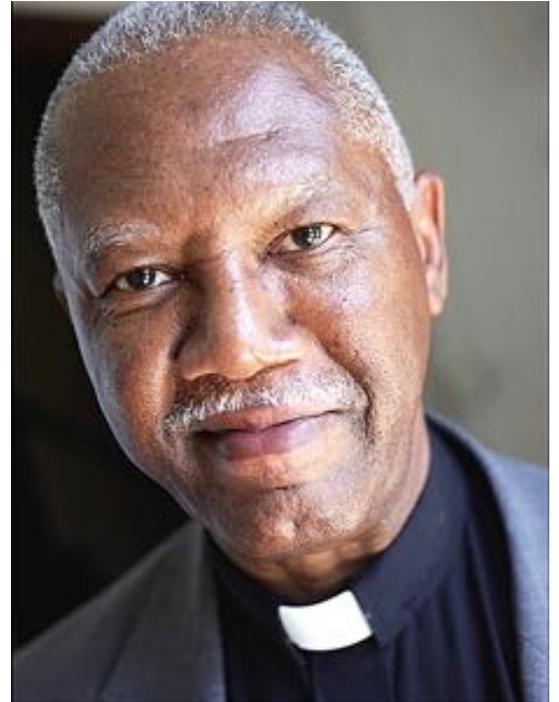
See page 4 for a full schedule of Redeemer's upcoming softball games!

Shake it Up

newsnotes from Senior Pastor Kelly Chatman

Pentecost, meaning "fiftieth" in Greek, derives its name because it is celebrated fifty days after the Passover.

The Festival of Weeks was an important pilgrimage feast commemorating the end of the grain harvest. Usually the harvest season began the week of Passover and continued for fifty days until the Festival of Weeks. There are several extra-biblical references to Pentecost, all of which allude to the Festival of Weeks, suggesting that this was a common word in the Greek world. The first New Testament use of the word occurs in Acts 2:1. This early Pauline document suggests that for Christians, Pentecost was an established date that needed no explanation.



The Festival of Weeks gradually lost much of its agricultural meaning and developed more religious significance, especially as people in the city were less dependent on the agricultural cycle for their food. For the author of Acts, chapter 2 is likely tied to the harvest motif of Joel. Based on Luke's quoting of Peter, who uses Joel extensively in his explanation of the giving of the Spirit, it seems that in Acts, Luke wanted to tie the events of Pentecost to the beginning of the "day of the Lord" or the beginning of the eschaton. Contemporary Jews still celebrate Pentecost by commemorating the giving of the law at Sinai and the beginning of the Israelite community.

With this historical context in mind, how might we understand Pentecost today? I suggest we understand it as an amazingly multi-cultural, multi-generational, and multi-ethnic event when the spirit of God descended on a gathering of people who represented the diversity of the world. When the Spirit of God entered into the gathering people began to worship and as they were all speaking in their own language they began to sing and shout and they were all able to understand each other. It gets even more amazing! Not only were they able to understand each other; they also "held all things in common." That is to say, no one had a need. No one was left out. No one needed housing. No one needed a food shelf. No one needed a gun, or a police officer. For the people of God who gathered on this "birthday of the Christian church," Pentecost was a whole new way of being.

Today, when I think of Pentecost, I think about a song sung by the Beatles. When the song "Twist and Shout" came on, we immediately jumped out of our seats and we started singing and dancing. Everybody immediately got out of their seats and begin to sing, "Well, shake it up, baby, now. Twist and shout. Come on, come on, come, come on, baby, now. Come on and work it on out..."

As we enter into the season of Pentecost as a church and as a people of God, we are representing the places and voices of people all over the world. May we be a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, and multi-generational people of God. May it be our witness to a world where there is no need for food pantries, housing, guns, or police officers. May we be a congregation where people who worship God shake it up. May we be a church where we twist and shout. May we share the hope and wonder of God that led God's Spirit: We will work it all out.

Pondering Moment

with Associate Pastor Babette Chatman

*"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. **Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.** The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints.*

Amen



In this week's second reading there were two things that stood out for me.

The first is "my reward is with me." As I read the words *my reward*, I could not help but think of all the ways various companies offer "Reward Programs." We recently traveled south for a conference and at check in the clerk asked were we "Reward members"? I myself wasn't sure if I had or not so I had to have them look me up. To my surprise I was. I guess that provided some kind of points, right some compensation? Or the week leading up to Memorial day, the grocery stores were offering additional discounts for Reward Members?

Where's your reward? Our reward is the promise we have in Jesus. This text is that our Reward is always with us, praise God.

The other part of this text that stood out was "Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift".

I was at a tree blessing last year and there was a Native American Lakota elder who spoke about water as participants watered the tree. I remember her saying "Water was mother earth's first medicine" this "water of life as gift, is medicine for the soul. How often has water been the first source of healing?

As the warm weather fast approaches (finally), surely we will hear the words to stay hydrated. My wish is that we all wish to take the gift of the water of life.

What are you pondering today?

Play Ball!

Come Cheer on Redeemer's Intramural Softball Team!



Redeemer's co-ed softball team is in full swing, with four games played and six more to go at Bryn Mawr ball park against the backdrop of the downtown Minneapolis skyline at dusk!

Come out and cheer us on! And if you'd like to play, grab a glove, throw on a black t-shirt, and join us for warm-up 15 minutes prior to start of the game.

We play on field SK9 and we'd love to see a cheer squad!

UPCOMING GAMES:

- 6/4, 6/11 @ 6:15pm
- 6/18, 6/25 @ 7:15pm
- 7/9 @ 9:15pm
- 7/16 @ 8:15pm
- 7/23 @ 9:15pm



Summer at Redeemer

Summer is here, and we're gearing up for everything the season has in store!

In mid-June, Redeemer and Redeemer Center for Life will welcome 16 new **STEP-UP youth interns** to work across our campus and co-host our weekly Wednesday night cookouts.

Speaking of which!

Our first **Wednesday night community cookout** is scheduled for **June 26th**, and we can't wait! Join us for food, lawn games, and -- if you've got the guts -- challenge PK in a game of Connect Four!

With the help of Harrison resident and gardening guru Greta Klawiter-Lein, we're steadily planting, watering, and tending the Redeemer Garden, and we've got big plans for community Bread Oven meals as well. We look forward to serving up fresh veggies from our own garden at cookouts and at our Annual Block Party on August 21st.

And every month, we're teaming up with Salem ELCA at 42nd & Dupont to host **The Word**, a community meal, worship, and open mic event for the Northside. Join us from 4-6pm at Salem on Saturdays June 8th, July 13th, and September 14th. And Salem will be joining us here at Redeemer to bring The Word to our Block Party in August!

Redeemer Community Garden

Food sharing
Planting parties
Kids events
Growing food
Open space for all
Community

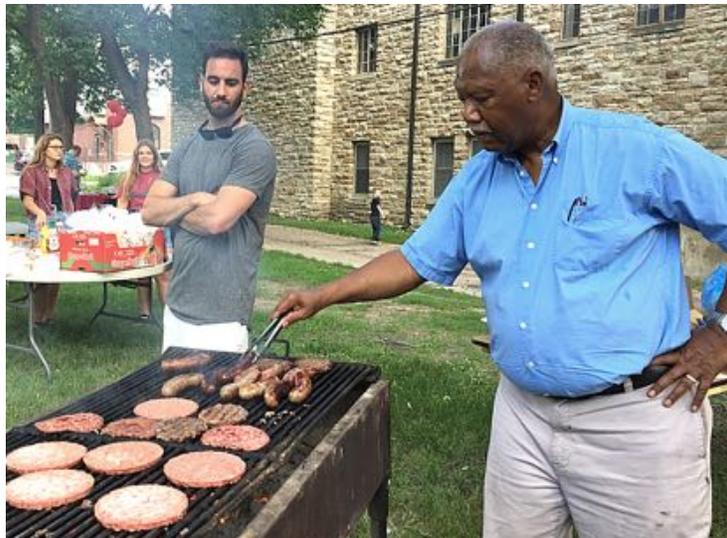
1800 Glenwood Ave

Join us for weekly gardening sessions on Tuesday afternoons + evenings & monthly events.

Upcoming Garden Events:

- Planting and Plant Swap
Thursday, June 6, 6 - 8 PM
- Family Garden Carnival
Sunday, June 30, 1 - 4 PM
- Volunteer and Pizza Day
Sunday, July 14, 1 - 4 PM

We ♥ N Mpls For more info, go to FB group "Free Food 4 Free People"



The Word

Open Mic • Live Music •
Free Food • Prizes •
Service to Community

Express yourself at our open mic, enjoy and celebrate your neighbors, and give back to your Northside community!



Financial Update

Mike Tarras - Council Treasurer

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"Talk no more so very proudly...for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed." 1 Samuel 2:3 (ESV)



Redeemer Lutheran Church is a magical place, and blessed to be in a symbiotic partnership with a non-profit organization that is equally magical: Redeemer Center For Life. I'd like to take this month to thank RCFL staff and leadership for their support!

RCFL makes much of the staffing and programming at Redeemer Lutheran Church happen by providing leadership, programming and resources. In fact, without RCFL most of what we in the congregation know as Redeemer wouldn't be here. We don't acknowledge enough the role that RCFL plays in Redeemer Lutheran Church's sustainability and vitality. At least I know I don't.

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SUNDAYS:
PRAYER & PRAISE @ 10AM
WORSHIP @ 10:30AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY - THURSDAY 9AM-4PM
FRIDAY 9AM-12 NOON



Cookouts are coming June 26th and with them your chance to beat PK at Connect 4!