



It's Summer time, dear DR reader! It's time for hot dogs, fairs, vacations, parades, and fireworks. Think about that for a minute: one of the very things that symbolizes warfare – the explosions of gun powder fired strategically through the skies – is a way that we memorialize our freedom. We are freed from the fear of life threatening explosions going off. So in our freedom, we detonate explosions peacefully (well, most of the time) in the air as a sign of beauty and reminder of our safety. This way of life illustrates a certain level of freedom. But being free and doing something with that freedom can be two different things can't it? In fact, I just preached a message on July 1 which focused on that specific idea: we are freed from sin, death, and the power of the devil. Since we are freed from that life, we are now freed to do something. We are free to speak about Jesus and to serve our neighbor. This month's Lifelines article will focus on two women of our congregation who, out of the freedom they have received in Christ's grace, have decided to be Christ's witnesses in this world as they lead mission trips to other countries. You will hear first from Ruth Sternemann, the team leader for our Haiti trip in October, and then from Joey Curtin, the team leader for trips to Mexico in partnership with the local YMCA.

- Pastor Seth

Ruth, why are you specifically going to Haiti?

I've always been interested in humanitarian trips. I loved the idea of the Peace Corps, but I always got hung up on my training as a graphic artist. If someone is starving, what will graphic arts do to help them? I've come to the realization that God has given more than just one skill set though. God will take all my experiences and passions to use in His service. I'm at a place also in my life where my kids are grown. Also,



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my husband, Paul, has done local mission trips and he supports this passion now. I'm encouraged by having heard of previous missionaries' experiences. I'm really encouraged with DR's current team. Mary Kuehl has had mission experience and agricultural insight to be of service in Haiti. Dr. Ken Saydel is excited and passionate as the focus is medical in nature for this trip. God has placed this opportunity in the right place at the right time and opened the right doors to walk through. I just had to say "yes".

What is the team going to do?

We will be hosting medical missions in 3-4 different villages. We will be teamed with an MD, Nurse, and EMT from different parts of the US who have served Haiti in medical missions already. I'm excited to partner with their experience and knowledge. We don't know exactly what we'll find when we open our doors, but we will render medical attention of all levels.



Check ups for children are common. Specific acute illness treatment will occur. General health check ups for women and men. Some team members will witness Christ while they provide medical support, others will be using the time to witness Christ to the waiting families. Additionally, we will provide birthing kits for expectant mothers as the birthing process is completely different for mothers in Haiti than here. While we're there we will also be looking for as many ways where DR as a church can partner with local Haitian churches for longer term mission connections as well. There are many possibilities: establishing clean water wells, providing sustainable small business micro loans, as well as the possibility of being able to plant churches.

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When are you going?

We'll be going October 12-21 of 2018. Please check Divine Redeemer's Facebook page during the trip dates for potential Facebook Live updates (where internet is reliable).

How can other DR folks get involved with supporting this trip?

There are many different ways to partner with our team financially and prayerfully! Throughout the summer and fall, the Haiti team will stock trees in the Sanctuary and Cafeteria with different ornaments to adopt certain Haitian needs: you can pay for a goat, chickens, chicks, or feed a family of 4 for a week. You can donate toward the micro-loan program so that local families can create and sustain local Haitian businesses to strengthen their own economy. DR families can also donate so that we can purchase Bibles in Creole – the native language spoken in Haiti. Finally, since the child birth is done in-home with little to no support or medical supplies, we will also be collecting funds to purchase the materials needed for birthing kits. Our church will be participating in a drive for kids clothing items desperately needed in Haiti: kids underwear and socks.

Not only that but our team would love your prayer support. You'll be able to sign up to cover us with prayer support on specific days while we're gone. We're even looking for that one individual who can write or recruit writers for a Daily devotional while we're in the country so that we can be encouraged by the Word while we serve.

Pastor Seth: Not only do we have a team going to Haiti with opportunities for current and future partnerships, but you can partner and travel to Mexico on a mission trip there as well. Hear from Joey Curtin of her experience during Valentine's Day of this year — her last trip to Mexico.

Just a few days earlier we had arrived at The Esperanza Viva Youth Home in Puebla, Mexico. It had been about a year and a half since my first mission trip there with my daughters and one of the first things the kids would ask me is "where are your girls?" This time, and again with the

support of Divine Redeemer, I was asked to lead a group through the YMCA at Pabst Farms. Our team of 11 included men, women, and teens from the community.

We chose the week of Valentine's Day as an opportunity to share our love and the love of our Lord with each other and with the children and staff at Esperanza Viva. Our team shirts said "Wholehearted" and our group stepped forward with open hearts and open minds as we experienced the life changing work happening at E.V.



Esperanza Viva means living hope, which is exactly what you see while on mission. The vision of Esperanza Viva is "a world where every person has the opportunity to experience joy and reach their God given potential, regardless of their location or circumstances, thanks to the power of hope found only in the Gospel of Jesus Christ." It is evident that this is what the children and staff at Esperanza Viva are experiencing. But, it is also what is experienced as a team member on a short-term mission.

It was a week of using our individual God given talents and gifts in various service projects, spending quality time as a team with the children playing games/sports and doing crafts, and building meaningful connections with God, the children and staff at Esperanza Viva and each other.



Although we all went there ready to give, I am not sure you can really be ready for what you receive. We laughed, we cried, we found our-

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selves unable to stop talking about how we were being moved, and we found ourselves silenced and humbled unable to find the words to describe what we were experiencing.

Through the YMCA at Pabst Farms, I will again be heading on a short term mission trip to Esperanza Viva Youth Home in February 16 – 23, 2019 (and tentative in July of 2019.) Just as DR is

supporting the mission of Esperanza Viva, there are many ways that our DR family

can partner – financially, prayerfully, and also by becoming a team member...it is amazing how God will use a willing heart. If you feel you are being called to this opportunity and would like more information feel free to call the church office and they will put us into contact together!

Pastor Seth: My prayer is that you do not get so stuck in the freedom that you have from sin, death, and the power of the devil that you forget that your freedom calls you to act. Specifically, proclaim to others who are not yet free that they can also enjoy the liberty that only comes from Jesus. God bless you dear DR reader as you listen to the stories above and partner with our church as we walk forward into this world with Christ's freedom on our lips and in our hearts! Who knows...the next article in Lifeline's mission work, may be your story!

girlfriends 4 GOD

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the Women's Ministry of DRLC will provide opportunities for us to grow in our relationship with Jesus, serve others with our time and talents, pray for the needs of our sisters, and gather to connect as girlfriends of God.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES

Our Anxious for Nothing Bible Study will conclude this month! We have had over 60 women attend, which is a new record for us!

Dates:
 Mondays at 9 AM: July 9, 23, 30
 Wednesdays at 6:30 AM OR
 9 AM: July 11, 25, August 1
You can still join us! We meet in the Media Center.

Get Involved, Get Connected, Serve the Lord by Utilizing Your Spiritual Gifts This Summer

As each has received a gift, employ it for one another as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who utters oracles of God; whoever renders service, as one who renders it by the strength which God supplies; in order that in everything God may glorified through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 4: 10-11

Summer is right around the corner yet opportunities for our church members to glorify God still abound. Please look over the opportunities below and prayerfully consider how you can put your gifts to work for the purpose of strengthening your faith and those whose lives you touch.

1. Weeding Flower Beds

Join other moms and kids Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM at church/school to weed. Stay for as long as or little as you want.

OR

Let Stacy Bader know if you want to weed at the church periodically. You could take responsibility for a particular bed or just come and weed where you want for as long or as little as you want.

2. Community Garden

Pick produce from the garden and deliver it to the Fellowship Hall. Starts Mid-July or so. Give me a week/day you could pick or set your schedule to pick on a regular basis

3. Deliver produce to Lake Country Caring or Hartland Food Pantry.

Hartland Food Pantry is Wednesdays

Lake Country Caring is Saturdays

4. URGENT: Counters Needed! People to meet Monday mornings to count the church offerings, 2 teams share the responsibility doing the work for 1 month before trading with the other team for the next month. Count, record, and bag church offerings. The head counter takes money to the bank for deposit

5. URGENT: A/V for traditional church worship

Join a team of individuals running the sound and pro-presenter for the 8 and 10:30 AM church services in the balcony of the sanctuary.

On the job training provided until you are comfortable doing it on your own. Contact Ruth Sternemann with your interest ruth.sternemann@drlc.org



Operation Christmas Child is in Full Swing

OCC has a lot of things in the planning for the months ahead. First of all we would like to thank all those that helped out on a Saturday in May to help move items from one storage unit to another storage unit. This year's packing party will be November 17—a week later from last year. July 18 we will have a meeting at 4 PM at Culvers in Hartland to begin planning for the packing party for 2018. After that from 5-8 PM at Culvers in a Hartland we will be serving customers to help fundraise for Operation Christmas Child. So if you have any questions you can contact Terry at 414-254-3651 or at terrywilliams100@hotmail.com. Thank you

REMEMBER: OCC is collecting clothing items in the month of July. The collection bin is outside of the Kids' Connection Office.



BAPTISMS:

ROBERT NICHOLAS NIEDERMANN

Born: February 23, 2018 Baptized: June 17, 2018

Parents: Nicholas and Andrea Niedermann



JULY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 AM Worship Service - Church 9:15 AM Worship Service - Gym 10:30 AM Worship Service - Church	2 9:00 AM Stepping Up Academy	3 9:00 AM Stepping Up Academy	4 Fourth of July Church office is closed	5 9:00 AM Stepping Up Academy	6 9:00 AM Stepping Up Academy	7
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Baptism Information Class

We ask all parents whose children will be baptized to attend a one session Baptism Information Class. The next class will be held on Wednesday, July 18 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Call Gail Arnold to register: 262-367-8400 or e-mail her at gail.arnold@dlrc.org.

Senior Connection Bible Class Update

Mark Your Calendars: The Senior Connection Bible class will have a picnic on Thursday, July 26, on the Church grounds. If it rains, we will meet in the cafeteria. Meet and greet at 11:15 AM and then we will eat at 11:30 AM. All seniors are welcome to attend this event. Come and enjoy great food and fellowship.

Senior Bible Class starts back up on Thursday, September 13 from 9:30-11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Pastors Seth and Jeff will lead the Bible study each week.

On Friday, Dec 7, at 3:00, the group will be going to the Schauer Center in Hartford for "Christmas with the Nelsons". These are Ricky Nelsons twin sons. If you are interested in going, tickets are available for \$30. Call Gene and Nitz at 262-367-6956 to reserve your seat now or send an email to geneborchardt@yahoo.com. We have 26 tickets. When they are gone, you are out of luck, so get them now.



Introducing the Legacy Circle

The Divine Redeemer Ministry Endowment Fund is pleased to announce the pending formation of the Legacy Circle. The Ministry Endowment Fund was established in 2014 to receive and manage planned gifts and bequests that will help sustain Divine Redeemer's mission over an extended period of time. The purpose of the Legacy Circle is to encourage and recognize those who have included the Ministry Endowment Fund in their will, trust, estate plan or beneficiary designation. In the coming months we will be installing a Legacy Tree display in the church Narthex which will include the names of the individuals/families that have enrolled in the Legacy Circle. The enrollment process will involve a simple one page form and no other documentation will be required.

Please watch for more detailed information as this project moves closer to completion. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Pastor Schubert or the church office. (Questions will then be referred to Dennis if need be.)

— The Endowment Fund Committee



Principal Mike Oldenburg Accepts Call to Lutheran Special School & Education Services

After 21 years of service as school principal of Divine Redeemer Lutheran School, Mike Oldenburg announced his decision to accept the Call to be the Executive Director of the Lutheran Special School (LSSES). The loss of Mr. Oldenburg as an incredible school administrator, mentor, and a true friend is truly a loss to the school, but his willingness to follow the Lord's Call in his life and the desire to try something different in his ministry were deciding factors.



As much as his shoes will be hard to fill, the school is also excited and energized by the succession of Tracy Parker (one of DR's third grade teachers) as the interim principal. Her professionalism, extensive career in Lutheran Education, strong faith, previous administrator experience, and positive personality makes her the perfect candidate to be Divine Redeemer's next school principal! Mike Oldenburg will remain as the acting principal through August 3.

Mike Oldenburg Farewell Reception — Save-The-Date

On Sunday, August 19, You are invited to stop by the Media Center to help celebrate the ministry of Mike Oldenburg as principal of Divine Redeemer Lutheran School for the past 21 years! Stop by anytime between 9 AM – noon to wish him blessings on his new position at LSSES!

A special table will be designated for any personal cards or gifts.



Events and Opportunities

Visit www.dlrc.org/youth_calendar for the monthly gatherings

Servants of Christ Conference for high school July 29 — 30, 2:30–4:30 PM at Concordia University Mequon. Cost is \$25. Sign up cuw.edu/ServantsofChristConference. Learn more about what it means to be a servant of Christ in every aspect of your life. Get information about college and careers and take part in breakaway sessions that will help you grow in your faith while experiencing student life on Concordia Mequon's campus.

Attention Middle and High School Students, save the date for "RESTART": an End of Summer Party August 19, 5:30 – 8:30 PM at Immanuel Lutheran Brookfield with teens from churches in the area. Come for a bouncy house, DJ, bonfire, music, devotion time, service project, comfort dog, hot dogs, outdoor & indoor games, and hopefully a rock climbing wall! In case of rain, we will move it inside! More information to come.

Youth Perspective

Hebrews 10:24-25

"And let us continue how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other - and all the more as you see the day approaching."

The youth group is a family of youth and young adults. We are a mix of churches, schools, and denominations. We have kids from Arrowhead, Lake Country Lutheran, Hartford, University Lake School, Kettle Moraine, Brookfield, Oconomowoc, and several college kids. To have so many people from different schools and different denominations coming together to pray, discuss the Bible and other worldly events, and just having a good time together. If you were to ask some of us what we thought was the best part of youth group, there would be various answers: my faith got stronger, I made new friends, I had a lot of fun, and so much more. Having Christian friends is so important because at the age we're at, life can get hard and even a little scary at times. Meeting together on an average base could be argued as even more important. One's faith can slide from side to side and even be on the fence. Just being with friends and coming together continually and with others who truly do care for you can help strengthen that all the more. It can kind of be looked at like this. Someone who trains for a race continually without taking more than three days off will perform better than someone who rarely trains at all. On a personal standpoint, I came to the youth group at the end of eighth grade during a time where it was only two to three people meeting together. It has been such a God thing to watch it grow from three, to five, to nine, to twelve, to seventeen, to more than twenty! Just seeing that growth during that two year span has strengthened my faith so much! Now, every youth group that is assembled will have some flaws. Our biggest flaw right now is that the vast majority of the people in it are going to be seniors and juniors. The seniors would then go into college and although they may still be a part of the group, their ability to be there and be involved will be less frequent. This is where you, yes YOU, eighth graders, freshman, and anyone else out there come in! This isn't a club where it's limited entry, ANYONE is welcome! We have summer parties, we go out to bond together, and most importantly, we pray and worship together. Hope to see you there, God's blessings on you all! He is risen! He is risen indeed, Hallelujah!

— Elijah Y. Debroux.

PS: Everyone should check out this link, it's a pretty cool thing that we put together: <https://drhsyouth.wixsite.com/drhs-youth>.



The excitement of learning about Jesus rescuing us was incredible on Monday morning, June 18. VBS ran from June 18-22 from 9 AM to noon, utilizing most of the building. Decorations were astounding and children filled the sanctuary turned into a deserted island. This year's VBS saw 185 children preregistered with 5 walk-ins and over 100 adult/student volunteers helping guide, lead songs, hand out snacks or coffee

(to keep the adults going strong) and crafting all to the theme of Shipwrecked — Rescued by Jesus. Pastor Seth and Pastor Jeff greeted and provided skits along with Elijah Debroux and Audrey Cairns.

We can't thank all the volunteers enough, as well as all those who donated food items or money to help this wonderful outreach to our community. Special thank you to our Youth Director Ann Marie Hahn and her team (specifically the Debroux family, the Bronner family, Ann Knabenbauer and Lisa Bauer) for putting on a terrific program this year. We don't know how you can top this one! But we know we can look forward to your creative and servant hearts always. It takes a lot to organize and keep energy up and children safe so they can learn about Jesus, and this year was extraordinary.



Fun first day of VBS after everyone visited the Surprise Station and received balloon art in the shape of crosses, animals and fun shapes. Everyday the Surprise Station was different.



PROCLAIM HIS NAME

2017-2018

GIVE PRAISE TO THE LORD, PROCLAIM HIS NAME, MAKE KNOWN AMONG THE NATIONS WHAT HE HAS DONE. 1 CHRONICLES 16:8



Highlights of a Great 2017-2018 School Year

It's always amazing to see how quickly another school year begins and ends and the 2017-2018 year was no exception! Divine Redeemer was blessed with new teachers, new families, even including new music groups!

The seventh and eighth graders had a safe and educational trip to our nation's capitol. Musicals this year included "Dear Edwina, Jr." (presented by the seventh and eighth graders) and "Jonah's Druthers" (by our third and fourth graders).

The school's auction raised more than \$115,000 and those funds purchased a high-tech, new security system for the church and school. Similarly, the annual Jog-A-Thon fundraiser was a huge success and raised \$20,857. Because of the great support and generosity of many DRLS friends and families, these events were not only highly successful but a true testament to the positive energy of a great school family! Though the 2017-2018 school year's conclusion included the last days of teaching at DRLS for Mrs. Neva Conlon (art), Mrs. Karen Depenbrok (1st grade), Mrs. Sarah Stohs (resource teacher), and Mrs. Pam Truax (music), farewell events were given to each and wishes for happiness in their new futures was showered upon them! It cannot be said enough how proud Divine Redeemer is to be the home of the 2018

Boys' Basketball NATIONAL CHAMPIONS! The eighth grade boys' Eagle Team saw an undefeated season followed by a well-fought tournament that resulted in bringing home the National Title!



Last May, Divine Redeemer students received a special visit from Brewer pitcher, Brent Suter, after a fifth grade student, Jordan Young



caught his first home run baseball! After receiving

this special baseball back from Jordan, Mr. Suter answered her written request to come for a visit to her school. Not only



did he visit Divine Redeemer and play baseball with Jordan's class, but he also spoke to the upper grades about his faith and giving all to the glory of God!

At the close of the year, Divine Redeemer graduated 42 eighth graders and is happy to report that 100% of these graduates are enrolled to attend Lake Country Lutheran High School in the Fall! Divine Redeemer is also very proud to announce that three of Lake Country Lutheran's Valedictorians for their 2018 Graduating Class were, once again, alumni of Divine Redeemer.



Divine Redeemer was thrilled to learn that Lindsey Bahr, Ethan Adler (pictured together) and Alex Pantazon (pictured alone) earned these prestigious titles and spoke at their graduation service. All in all, it was a great year of many highlights and Divine Redeemer continues to offer great opportunities for students to shine!



Dear Diary

In the middle of the summer it is often hard to think about the school year. Students are busy with family activities, travel, swimming, camps, and fun with friends. Divine Redeemer, however, continues with programs, reading opportunities, summer school and other events that keep the hallways active! The Admissions Office remains open on most days during the summer to continue enrollments and assist new families for Fall 2018. The school office is open during the specific days and times listed below. Any family interested in applying for the 2018-2019 school year is welcome to contact the school's Admissions Counselor, Tracey Markut at 262-367-3664 for more information.

SCHOOL OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

June 18-22	8:00 – 12:00
July 10 & 12	8:00 – 12:00
July 17 & 19	8:00 – 12:00
July 24 & 26	8:00 – 12:00
July 30	8:00 – 12:00
August 2	8:00 – 12:00
August 14 & 16	8:00 – 12:00

No office hours the weeks of June 25, July 2, and August 6

Mark your calendars with these important mid-summer events:

- **July 2- July 27 "Stepping Up Academy"** Summer Learning Program for registered students entering 3K, 4K & 5K in Fall. 8:30 – 11:30 AM
- **Wednesday, July 11, 18 & 25** (Wednesday, July 4 closed) **AR Testing** for participating DR students in computer lab, Noon- 1 PM
- **Wednesday, July 31 New Parent Orientation Session** for all newly enrolled families for DRLS in the fall — 6:30 PM School Media Center/ FREE childcare available.