



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Golden Jubilee Homecoming Dinner

5:00P.M. Gathering, 6:00P.M. Dinner

August 23, A.D.2008

Welcome

Master and Mistress of Ceremonies, George and Donna Behrend

Opening Prayer

The Rev. Michael D. Oakley, RLC Pastor

My Redeemer in Me

Soloist: Dan D' Alessandro

Recognition of Guests

Table Blessing Song

Pastor Oakley

Dinner

Nak's Eatery, Caterer

RLC History Presentation

Linda and Carl Meyer

Greetings and Comments

RLC Trivia

My Redeemer in Me

Assembly sings refrain

Blessing

Pastor Oakley

As We Walk in Faith

Assembly

*For I know that
my redeemer lives,
and at the last he
will stand upon the
earth; . Job 19:25*

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Brook Park, continues to celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the congregation at the **Golden Jubilee Homecoming Worship Service**, tomorrow, Sunday, August 24, 9:30A.M. All friends and former members of Redeemer are invited to attend. A continental breakfast in Fellowship Hall (no charge) will follow the worship service. Founding pastor, Rev. Norman E. Minich, will deliver the sermon and former member, Mr. Charles Pintner, will be the guest organist. The Rev. Andrew Wilch and Mr. Don Mainzer will also help lead worship.

The August Golden Jubilee Homecoming Celebration is in honor of the first meeting, August 23, 1958, and first worship service, August 31, 1958, of the mission congregation of the American Lutheran Church that would become Redeemer Lutheran Church, Brook Park.

Another celebration will be held, Sunday, November 30, 2008 in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the official beginning of the congregation with the signing of its charter. The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Bishop of the NE Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will preach.

You are invited to give an offering to RLC's ELCA Mission Start Fund, the **RLC Golden Jubilee Benevolence Project**. Our goal for this gift is \$2,500; offerings received to date are approximately \$1,900. At the conclusion of this project, the funds will be given to our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Mission Start Fund, to help start a new congregation.

*They remembered
that God was their
rock, the Most High
God their redeemer.
Psalm 78:35*

Pastors of Redeemer Lutheran Church

Rev. Norman Minich	November 1958 – January 1971
Rev. Clyde Miller	June 1971 – August 1976
Rev. Wayne Hoedt	April 1977 – September 1981
Rev. Andrew Wilch	June 1982 – January 1987
Rev. Christopher Bartholomew	November 1988 – April 2003
Rev. Michael Oakley	March 2004 – present

Presidents of Redeemer Lutheran Church

Ronald A. Meermans	November 1958 – June 1963
Burdette R. Theophilus	June 1963 – December 1963
Charles L. Hovey	January 1964 – June 1969
Clarence Pintner	June 1969 – June 1970
Maiden Lindamood	June 1970 – June 1972
Alva Stone	June 1972 – June 1975
John R. Urbansky	June 1975 – June 1979
Rae Abels	June 1979 – June 1981
Alva Stone	June 1981 – June 1983
Clarence Pintner	June 1983 – June 1987
Norm Simmonds	June 1987 – September 1988
George D. Behrend	September 1988 - June 1993
Emil Gerbershagen	June 1993 – January 1996
David Osadczuk	February 1996 – January 2004
Donna M. Behrend	February 2004 – present

RLC Golden Jubilee Planning Team

George Behrend	Rev. Michael Oakley
Jane Claycomb	Cindy Osadczuk
Jane Kaufman	Nancy Stone
Jan Korman	Dorothy Wolf
Scott Kreidler	Donna Behrend, Chair
Linda Meyer	

Charter Members of Redeemer Lutheran Church

Cloyd & Betty Biddle
Richard Biddle
Paul & Marcella Bricker
Wayne & Zoe Campbell
Alfred & Joan Clark
Charlotte Eberhardt
Kenneth & Virginia Erdner
Edward & Shirley Fegan
Harry & Barbara Fowler
James & Virginia George
Lucille Gilpin
William & June Good
John & Bobette Gouch
John & Louise Graff
Harriet Herndon
Don & Nancy Holztrager
Nellie Hugo
Dorothy Kolesar
Fred Lane
Rev. Charles Lindamood
Maiden & Virginia Lindamood
Donald & Mary Ellen Mainzer
Don & Opal Mayer
Ronald & Evelyn Meermans
Donald & Lois Mercer
George, Jr. & Edith Meyer
David & Arlene Mikol
Rev. Norman & Joanne Minich
Robert and Elsie Montz

Sue Montz
Ruth Paduch
Clarence & Dorothy Pintner
Edward & Bernice Pintner
Carol Repella
Ira & Alice Richardson
Arthur & Helen Reimann
Raymond & Barbara Riemer
Raymond & Lila Saylor
Julius Schaaf
Edward & Doralynne Schultz
Edwin H. Scrivens
Robert Sedlack
Susan Sedlack
Norman & Bernice Simmonds
John & Jean Slenkovich
Christine Smith
Leland & Alice Smith
Glen & Carole Smith
Elbert & Noreen Squires
Norma Stoessner
Robert & Mitzi Straub
Violet Susaneck
Richard & Elizabeth Treharne
Gilbert & Bess Walter
Fred & Mildred Youngblood
Hilda Ziegenrucker
Kurt & Herta Ziegenrucker

Trivia

1. Where was the first meeting held Saturday, August 23, 1958?
 - A. N. Minich Home
 - B. A. Clark Home
 - C. E. Davies Home
2. Where was the first worship service held, Sunday, August 31, 1958?
 - A. E. Davies Elementary School
 - B. Sohio Garage
 - C. L. Smith Garage at Sheldon and Smith Roads
3. Which currently active RLC member served on the 1958 Steering Committee to start a mission congregation of the ALC in Brook Park?
 - A. Norm Simmonds
 - B. Virginia Lindamood
 - C. Ruth Paduch
4. Which architectural firm designed the 1968 worship center?
 - A. I.M. Pei
 - B. Frank Gehry
 - C. Conrad & Fleischman
 - D. Frank Loyd Wright
5. How many were in the first confirmation class?
 - A. Seven
 - B. Eleven
 - C. Two
6. How big was the largest RLC Confirmation Class?
 - A. 20
 - B. 50
 - C. 42
 - D. 34
7. Fill in the following numbers for RLC in 1960
Average Worship Attendance _____
General Expense _____
Benevolence Expense _____

8. Fill in the following numbers for RLC in 1965. These are the largest of these numbers in RLC's fifty years.

Average Worship Attendance _____

Baptised _____

Confirmed _____

9. According to the RLC Membership Record Book, at RLC, approximately how many have been:

Baptized _____ Confirmed _____

Couples

Married _____ Funerals _____

10. Who purchased the land parcel for the Brook Park mission congregation in August, 1957?

A. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

B. The American Lutheran Church

C. City of Brook Park

D. A future member of Redeemer Lutheran Church

11. What three ALC Congregations initiated RLC?

12. What year was Redeemer Lutheran Church's choir formed?

A. 1957

B. 1958

C. 1960

D. 1962

13. Who was the first RLC Senior Choir Director? _____

14. Who was the first RLC Junior Choir Director? _____

15. What charter choir member is still active with our choir?

16. Who painted the fresco/mural for the Worship Center?
- A. Peter, Paul and Mary
 - B. Peter Paul Dubaniewicz
 - C. Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
 - D. Peter Paul M. Barr
17. What year did the youth group (Luther League) form?
- A. 1958
 - B. 1959
 - C. 1962
 - D. 1963
18. Where was the original parsonage located? _____
19. When was the Starlite Drive Parsonage sold?
- A. 2003
 - B. 2004
 - C. 2005
20. Who was the first baby to be baptized at Redeemer Lutheran Church?
- A. Linda Meyer
 - B. Terri Gilpin
 - C. Cindy Osadczyk
21. What former RLC members were ordained into the Lutheran ministry?
- _____
- _____
22. Who was the first RLC member to receive the *Pro Deo et Patria* Scouting Award in RLC's Boy Scout Troop 637?
- _____
23. To whom was the first church cook book dedicated?
- _____

24. What was *Trinity Center*?
- A. A senior center serving Berea, Middleburg Hts and Brook Park
 - B. UMCBP and RLC sharing our house while they were planning to build
 - C. The point where the sidewalks come together on the way into the RLC Courtyard
25. What was the *Terrible Towel*?
- A. The cloth used to wash the fellowship hall kitchen sink
 - B. The cloth used to polish the pews
 - C. The UMCBP and RLC Bowling Tournament Trophy
26. Where did the greens originate that were used for the Advent/Christmas wreath made by the Redeemer Luther League?

27. What was the origin of the large wooden cross?

28. Who was our Sunday School Santa?

29. Where was the first Sunday School Picnic held?

30. What former RLC Sunday School teacher taught our children Christmas carols in German ? _____
31. Which Sunday Superintendent clicked down the hallways?

32. Which former Pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church published the book, *The Doubting Disciple*? _____

DID YOU KNOW ?

RLC hosted the first Protestant Community Fellowship Program, including RLC, the Community Church and the Methodist Church in Jan 1965.

The first Women of the Church Guilds - Ruth, Christine and Tabitha were organized in April 1959.

The first Mother-Daughter Banquet was held in May 1960.

The forerunner of our annual Steak Roast was the Ray Saylor Memorial Hamburg and Corn Roast first held in Sept 1964.

The first VBS, attended by 146 children, was held in June 1960 and lasted two weeks.

The Brotherhood, RLC Men of the Church, was established in Jan 1962, and were the sponsors of the Bethel Bible Study.

The Good Shepherd Statue is one of a set of three statues given to Pastor Minich by his home congregation, Zion ELCA, Gibsonburg OH, when that congregation remodeled its worship center. The companion statues, Dr. Martin Luther and Saint Paul found new homes. The Luther statue is at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus OH, and the Saint Paul statue went with a missionary to New Guinea.

The Bible placed in the 1968 RLC Worship Center Cornerstone was used in the *Family Bible Reading Plan*. This program began in January 1960. Each family read together for one week, then passed the Bible to another family.

Take a moment to visit the display of RLC Memorabilia in the lounge.

Songs

Bless Our Friends

Song at the Table, sung to the tune, Edelweiss.

Bless our friends; bless our food;
come, O Lord, and sit with us.
May our hearts grow in peace.
May your love surround us.
Friendship and love,
may they bloom and grow,
bloom and grow forever.
Bless our friends; bless our food;
bless your children forever.

My Redeemer in Me

1 Empowered to know, nurtured to show,
The love of His Word, in all that we've heard.
All of the years, we gather here.
Believing the same, in His Holy Name.

Refrain

My Redeemer in me.

My Redeemers in me.

Abide in me, and I will in you.

Together, forever, we'll be.

2 Sometimes it's sad, sometimes it's glad.
Baptize a child, or say good-bye for a while.
Faith is our life, surpassing the strife.
All that we do is for the Glory of You. ***Refrain***

Bridge

Holy Spirit, come upon us.
Holy Spirit, guide us.
Holy Spirit, teach us.
Holy Spirit, heal us. ***Refrain***

Together, forever we'll be.
Together, my Redeemers are in me.

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As We Walk in Faith

- 1 On this day we sing and give praise
to the Lord who guides our way.
He is ever vigilant here
as we walk in faith.

Refrain

***As we walk in faith, and we trust His grace;
and in faith we take His hand . . .
He is here with us.
He is blessing us as we walk in faith.***

- 2 Through the years we've grown and we've shared
Our Redeemer's love and care.
We are blessed and full of His grace
As we walk in faith. ***Refrain***

- 3 Praise the Father, Praise to the Son
And the Spirit, Three in One.
This forever still is our song
As we walk in faith. ***Refrain***

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Witness and

Serve.