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A Letter From Pastor Erlandson

Sumer Is Icumen In

Summer has now come in, sing loudly, cuckoo!

The seed is growing, the breeze is blowing,

And the wood springs anew. Sing, cuckoo!

Sumer is icumen in is a Medieval English round (rota) from the 13th century. One thing we have in common with ancient and medieval people from northern climates is the celebration of spring, and our celebration of summer. After a long winter, we treasure the sunlight, the warmth, and the beauty of God's creation renewing around us.

This afternoon I was outside on the south lawn, looking at the remains of last summer's *Kab Npauj Healing Garden* with Diana Rankin. We observed rabbits munching on weeds, and two robins poking around for nesting material. Suddenly one of the robins took off into the air, flying just over our heads with an old stem from last year's crop in her beak. We both ducked. She flew into the flowering crabapple tree near the church entrance. When we walked under the tree, we saw where the robins were building their nest in the branches. The birds are busy, just as humans are, preparing gardens and nest for summer's growth. All creatures praise God for the coming of spring!

Last Sunday, on the Feast of the Holy Trinity, we celebrated the creative work of God the Father. We blessed the *Kab Npauj Healing Garden* with some of the Hmong organizers of this project where Hmong youth will learn from their elders how to nurture a garden with traditional methods. We blessed the dirt, blessed the seeds, planted Hmong corn, and prayed for water and rain, just like rural farming communities have done for centuries.

Many cultures throughout the world have spring and summer festivals that celebrate spring and the new growth it brings. On Pentecost Sunday we learned how Pentecost was an ancient Hebrew festival of the first fruits, like new wine, from the harvest of early summer. Swedish people celebrate *Midsommar* on the summer solstice (June 20), by dancing around a Maypole, singing songs, making garlands of spring flowers, and feasting with their families on the longest day of the year.

In Minnesota, many of us celebrate spring and early summer with graduations, planting our gardens and putting in our docks, getting the cabin ready for summer fun at the lake. We treasure the warmth and extra hours we can spend outside in warm weather (before the mosquitoes spoil the nights). As people of faith, we praise God who has created us and placed us in this beautiful world, who has given us all we need to sustain us, who commands us to share with one another, so that no one lives in want or need.

*Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high!"
Heaven and earth awake and sing, "Praise to our almighty king!"*

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Jim Erlandson

June Calendar

Recurring Weekly Events

- Sun. 10:00 am ~ Worship
11:15 am ~ Coffee Fellowship
12:00 pm ~ Universal Life Church of God
12:00 pm ~ Praise Covenant Church
- Wed. 7:00 pm ~ Senior Choir
8:00 pm ~ Courage to Change N.A.
- Thur. 6:30 am ~ Prayer & Meditation A.A.
- Fri. 8:00 pm ~ Words into Action N.A.
- Sat. 8:00 am ~ Siloé Church

Other Events

- 2nd 11:00 am Women's Guild Annual Luncheon Out
- 4th 9:00 am ISIAH Domestic Violence Taskforce Meeting
- 5th 3:00 pm Amy Tann Erlandson Voice Recital
- 7th 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting
- 9th 10:00 am Happy Seniors
6:00 pm ISIAH Caucus Meeting
- 11th 10:00 am Girl Scout Potluck
- 13th 6:30 pm Anti-Racism Working Group
- 15th 6:30 pm Elders Meeting

WOMENS GUILD

The Women's Guild will meet for their annual luncheon out at House of Wong (Larpentuer, west of Lexington) on Thursday, June 2nd at 11:00 am. We will order from the menu, but reservations are needed by Monday, May 30th. Call Mary Lou Knipe at (651) 644-5493 with questions and reservations.

ISIAH DOMESTIC TASKFORCE

Will hold a meeting at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer on Saturday, June 4th from 9:00 am to 11:00.

June Altar Servers

If you are unable to serve, please contact an elder or the church office no later than the Tuesday of the week you are signed up to serve so that a replacement can be found.

June 5	Deacon	Subdeacon	Reader
<i>Pentecost 3</i>	Joel Michael	DeAnne Hilgers	Mary Lou Knipe
June 12	Deacon	Subdeacon	Reader
<i>Pentecost 4</i>	Diana Rankin	Joann Conroy	Ray Hayes
June 19	Deacon	Subdeacon	Reader
<i>Pentecost 5</i>	Michelle Geschwill	Bob Paddock	Ruth Belmonte
June 26	Deacon	Subdeacon	Reader
<i>Pentecost 6</i>	Sybil Harris	Leilani Drake	Jon Olson

JUNE SCRIPTURES

We invite members and friends of Redeemer to read the appointed scriptures for each Sunday. This is a meaningful way to prepare for worship. It also binds us to our homebound sisters and brothers who we also encourage to read the same scriptures weekly.

	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Lectionary 10 <i>Pentecost 3</i>	1 Kings 17:17-24	Ps 30	Gal 1:11-24	Luke 7:11-17
Lectionary 11 <i>Pentecost 4</i>	2 Sam 11:26— 12:10, 13- 15	Ps 32	Gal 2:15-21	Luke 7:36— 8:3
Lectionary 12 <i>Pentecost 5</i>	Isa 65:1-9	Ps 22:19-28	Gal 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
Lectionary 13 <i>Pentecost 6</i>	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21	Ps 16	Gal 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62

Congratulations Confirmands

Mike Sprung, Isaiah Tucker, Jared Geschwill, and Phoenix Mason.



Welcome!



To our new members, Matt & Carrie Wojick, and Jon Strommen Campbell

VESTRY UPDATE

On **Sunday, June 5, at 11:30 am following worship** the Vestry will give an update to the congregation. The update will include fundraising for needed maintenance on the boiler this summer; assisting the arrival of Obang Agwa's family in the next month; research into possible solar panels in the future – or a community Solar Garden to address our utility costs and global warming; other issues you wish to discuss. We will take no more than an hour for this discussion.

KAB NPAUJ HEALING GARDEN

A new agreement has been signed for the community to operate the *Kab Npauj Healing Garden* this summer. A new organizer, Mey Tang Chang, will lead Hmong elders and youth in teaching Hmong gardening methods. In the coming days and weeks the garden will be tilled and planted, and a new fence will be built around it. A weekly schedule will soon be publicized, giving Redeemer members and friends of all ages an opportunity to help till, plant, weed and harvest produce in the garden – including cooking vegetables lessons in Redeemer's kitchen!



GRADUATION SUNDAY

We will recognize our graduates on Sunday, June 12th during worship.

Anna Bohlinger - University of MN: PhD in Family Social Science

Kymarra Hughes - High School for the Recording Arts

COURTYARD GARDEN & LABYRINTH

This summer we would like to do more development of the garden and labyrinth in the church courtyard and grounds. If someone would like to plant flowers along the east wall on Dale Street, please contact the church office. We would also like to do some landscaping to create the prayer labyrinth in the courtyard, designed by Joann Conroy. Please see Pastor Erlandson if you have interest in this.

CHORAL BENEFIT FOR UJAMAA PLACE

Thank you to Redeemer's choir, and choirs from Pilgrim Lutheran, Camphor United Methodist, Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Morningstar Baptist and St. Paul's United Church of Christ. The choirs sang to each other and performed one mass choir piece *Everytime I Feel the Spirit*. We also heard testimonies from Ujamaa Place president Otis Zanders, Kedar Hickman, and one Ujamaa man. Over \$1,900 was raised in the special offering, presented to Ujamaa Place!



SUMMER MUSIC

The choir is taking a well-deserved rest over the summer, until September. We invite individuals, duets or trios to sing or play instrumental music for prelude, offertory, or postlude on Sundays in June, July and August. There is a sign-up sheet on the Music Office door. You don't have to be a "professional" musician. We invite anyone to share their musical gift in voice or on an instrument. We also provide the accompanist.

THANK YOU TO OUR CHOIRS

We thank our choir, handbell choir and instrumentalists for another season of worship leadership. We especially thank the choir for their commitment to weekly rehearsals and leading our liturgy every Sunday. Special thanks go to our music director Jon Strommen Campbell and organist Katie Thompson for their leadership, musicianship, and commitment to excellence. It was a very good year in music at Redeemer, highlights including our 125th Anniversary Celebration on Reformation Sunday in October, Lessons and Carols in December, Antonio Caldara's *Stabat Mater* on Good Friday, Holy Week and Easter music, and the Choral Benefit Concert for Ujamaa Place on Pentecost Sunday. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

AMY ERLANDSON VOICE RECITAL



Amy Tann Erlandson, soprano, will present a "Buon Viaggio" voice recital at Redeemer on **Sunday, June 5 at 3:00 pm**. Amy is spending a month in Urbino, Italy studying opera and Italian through Musica Nelle Marche with students from St. Olaf College and DePaul University. Accompanied by Katie Thompson, Amy will sing opera arias and Italian art songs. A free-will offering will be received to help Amy with her travel expenses. A reception follows the performance.

SONGS OF HOPE JULY 28

This year's Music on the Blacktop will be on Thursday, July 28th. Food and fellowship begins at 6:00 pm with a concert by Songs of Hope beginning at 7:00 pm. This event is free and open to the community. Invite friends and neighbors to join us!

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Thursday, July 28
7:00 p.m.
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285 N. Dale, St. Paul

A fun & high-energy concert by young performers from Vietnam, China, Israel, Turkey, Russia, Italy, Albania, Jamaica, Guatemala, USA, Iraq, Argentina, and other countries! -- ALL INVITED!

Free!
All Welcome!

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Folk, Jazz, Blues,
Rock n' Roll, World Pop,
and More!

This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through grants from the Minnesota State Arts Board and the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

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ISAIAH CORE TEAM NEWS

Members of the Core Team are helping to lead two public events in early June. These ward meetings are part of series of such meetings being held across Saint Paul in support of a policy for Earned Sick and Safe Time (ESST). Over 40% of the workers in our city do not have paid time off when they (or their dependents) are sick. To take time off is to go without pay ... which means the next paycheck may not be sufficient to pay the rent or buy enough groceries or provide for other basic needs. ESST, as it is being envisioned, would be an earned benefit, accrued on the basis of actual hours work by employees who have completed training or probationary periods.

Earlier this year, the Saint Paul City Council convened study group to develop a potential policy for employers within the city. The study group includes people from many different backgrounds: business leaders, medical professionals, advocates with differing perspectives. Members of this group are meeting regularly, considering the options, and developing a potential policy that will soon be presented to the City Council.

In anticipation of the forthcoming proposal, ISAIAH and other concerned partners are convening a series of meetings within most of the wards in Saint Paul. These meetings are intended to show the city council member from the ward that the people of the city need and support ESST.

The LCR Core Team is responsible for attendance at the meetings for Ward 5 and Ward 2. There is no requirement to live in the ward to attend the meeting. Speakers sharing their personal stories of the struggles they face due to the lack of paid time-off will be from the ward, but overall leadership will be provided by members of the core teams from Redeemer and other Saint Paul congregations.

The meeting for **Ward 5** (Como Park, North End, and a bit of the East Side) will be held on **Sunday, June 5th** from **7:00pm to 8:30pm** at **New Hope Baptist Church**, 712 Burr Street. Amy Brendmoen is the council member from this ward.

The meeting for **Ward 2** (Downtown, West 7th, and the section of the city south of the Mississippi River) will be held on **Monday, June 6th** from **7:00pm-8:30pm** at **Cherokee Park United Church**, 371 Baker Street. Rebecca Noecker is the council member from this area.

If you can come to either of these meetings, we would be delighted to see you there. For questions and comments, please talk to any member of the Core Team.

SUMMER: A SEASON FOR GROWING

As this summer edition of the Record comes out, gardeners in our congregation ... our neighborhood ... our state and elsewhere are putting in seedlings, tending the early growth, doing the necessary tasks to ensure the young plants will become mature and productive. Similarly, summer is a time for nurturing seedling ideas for future opportunities. Back in February, on Mardi Gras night, a number of us gathered to share some dreams. Now is the time to nurture those seeds of those dreams and see what might grow.

Ever hear how the developers at the University of Minnesota come up with all those new apples we've been enjoying (like Sweet Tangos, Zestars, and the like)? They carefully and intentionally cross-pollinate blossoms on one variety with pollen from a different one. Then they wait all summer for the resulting apples to develop. Seeds are collected from the apples and grown into trees. It takes about seven years for a tree to mature enough to produce apples – and for the researchers to discover what those apples will be like.

Blessedly, we won't have to wait seven years for our seeds to come to fruition!

Back in February, ideas were generated around three themes: Property, Worship, and Community. Plans are already in the works to reorganize a building task force to review our facilities and make plans for needed repair work and improvements. Some of the ideas generated around worship have already been implemented; others will be considered in future worship planning meetings. The February event produced a number of important considerations and themes for our interaction with (and as) our Community, but not as many ideas that we might act on.

This is where you come in!

Once each month this summer, after our worship service, there will be an opportunity during the fellowship time to gather seeds of ideas, cultivate them, and plan for their development. We'll engage in some exercises of the imagination based on the readings we heard in the service and then work on a piece of the task each month

- **June 12th**: Generating Ideas
- **July 10th**: Which ones should we try?
- **August 14th**: How will we try this?

The goal is to have a couple of new initiatives ready for launch in September.

The **Community** themes developed in February are: **Building Trust and Bridges to Community, Opportunities to Serve, Connecting with Faith, Cultivating Belonging, Growing and Becoming as Community.** Now we need ideas about how we might actually do this ... actions we could take ... activities we could engage in that would be steps along these general lines.

People come up with ideas in different ways in different times. If you have an idea, but are reluctant to share it in a group, you can email it directly to Trudy Cretsinger as tkcretsinger@gmail.com. If you prefer more anonymity – or just have an idea at that moment – there will be an Idea Box on the table by the serving window. Write your idea on a card and drop it in the box. These ideas will be collected and included in June ... and even beyond. (*Inspiration doesn't always come on a schedule!*)

Watch for more information and direction on how to participate in the Sunday bulletins as the summer progresses and plan now to join in this summer project.



Friday, July 22, 2016
2–8 PM on the Lyngblomsten campus
1415 Almond Avenue, St. Paul

A Celebration of Arts & Lifelong Learning

2:00 - 6:30 PM

Arts showcase featuring the works of older adults, Hands-on art activities for all ages, Musical performances, Food, Games for kids

6:30 - 8:00 PM

Live music and dance under the big tent.

Admission is FREE, and creative activities, food, and games are priced for affordable fun

Volunteer by Friday, June 3rd. See Display in undercroft for details.

Donations of supplies and prizes for Art Walk, Fishing Pond, (100 bottles of bubbles) and Pop Ring Toss (17-2liter bottles; 100-16oz bottles; 300 bottles of water) are sought. Have donation to Lyngblomsten by Friday July 1st or LCR by June 26th.

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