



**Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church and School
(Wisconsin Synod)
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Dear Redeemer Lutheran School Families:

Everyone here is excited for the new school year, and we are so honored that you have chosen to send your children to Redeemer. It is such a blessing to be able to offer your children a Christian Education and to be instruments that carry the love of Jesus to precious souls. The new school year will begin on August 13th. With this letter, it is my goal to help answer some of the questions that you may have about the upcoming school year. If there are any additional questions that you may have or would like to set up a meeting, please feel free to call the school office. We would be glad to help you in any way that we can. We are here to serve you and your families through the love of Jesus.

Changes in staff

We welcome **Mrs. Lisa Herlich** to our faculty. She will be teaching the fifth and sixth grade students. Mrs. Herlich and her family are members of Redeemer Lutheran Church. She graduated from our WELS teacher training school, Martin Luther College. She taught in WELS schools for a couple years and then did some teaching in the public school. For the last several years she has been using her gifts to serve her family raising her four children. She is excited to get back into the classroom and teach full-time once again.

The first and second grades will be combined into one classroom, and Mrs. Follendorf will be teaching that classroom. Grades three and four will also be combined. Mrs. Brenda Willis will be the morning teacher and Miss Leah Clark will be the afternoon teacher. Kindergarten, first and second grade, third and fourth grade, and fifth and sixth grade will all have a classroom aide to help give students one-on-one attention.

The congregation has asked me to serve as the new Director of Christian Education. This will take me out of the classroom and give me administrative responsibilities over the Lutheran Elementary School and the Early Childhood Education program. I will also work more with the parents and reaching out to them with the Word of God.

Registration

We are going to have Registration on a Sunday afternoon once again this year. It will be taking place on **August 5th from Noon - 4:00 PM** in the Ministry Center. One of our goals with registration is to make sure that everything is covered for enrolling your children, and at the same time streamline the process as best we can. You can view all of the items you will need for registration by following this link:

<http://www.redeemertucson.com/registration>. You should be able to click the link and automatically be taken to the website. If that doesn't work, you can copy and paste it into the address field of your internet browser. You can also go to the church and school website, click on "School" and then "Registration." Each item is then explained on the website. **Once you download the forms you will be able to fill out all of the forms electronically and then print them out.** If you would like hard copies of any of these items, you can pick them up in the school office, or I can send them out to you. AzMerit scores for grades 3-8 from this past spring will be handed out at registration as well. If you would like these reports sooner, you can pick them up in the school office.

Orientation

The teachers would like to spend some time with you getting to know your family and sharing important information with you about the upcoming school year at one of our orientation meetings. You can go right to your child's classroom at the times listed below. We will keep the presentations to 30 minutes or less, so that you can make it to all of your children's classrooms on the same day. Students are welcome to attend as well.

August 8th: 6:30 PM, 7:00 PM, 7:30 PM

August 9th: 6:30 PM, 7:00 PM, 7:30 PM

Back to School Night and Opening Service - August 12th

Our school year will begin with an opening service on the day before school starts. The opening service will be at **4:00 pm on Sunday, August 12th**. After the service, the classrooms will be open for students to bring their school supplies and to get settled even before the opening bell rings.

Software

We will continue to use Alma for our database and grading software. rls.getalma.com If you had an account set up last year, that account is still active. If you no longer have the login information, please let me know via email, and I will reset your password. If you did not have an account last year, you will receive an email from Alma early next week. It will contain information on how to login. Currently you will still see the 2017-2018

school year information. This will change to the current school year next week. We will be using this database as a communication tool as well, so you will see email and text messages from us.

Tuition

The **tuition plan** for the 2018-2019 school year will be the same as the last few year. First, the maximum out of pocket (MOP) expense for parents will be \$2000 for the first child and \$1000 for each additional student. This can be split into 10 payments throughout the school year. Second, the total tuition is \$6000 per student. Third, we will partner with you to cover the remaining tuition amount (\$4000 for the first child, \$5000 for each additional child) through the Arizona State Tax Credit program. The document is on the Registration page of our website. I will discuss this with you on Registration Day and answer any questions that you have.

Payments are made on the 20th of the previous month, so the first payment was charged to your account on July 20th.

I am looking forward to seeing you again in the near future. May God's face shine on you as you wrap up your summer.

In Christ,

Michael Peek
Director of Christian Education