



SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY

Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and School

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A Brief History of COR School

Miss Venita Schrupp arrived in Denver in July of 1968 to help open our school in the Fall of 1968. She and Pastor Victor Bittorf, then pastor at COR, visited members and enrolled students for the first class. Unexpectedly, Pastor Bittorf was called to his heavenly home on August 31, 1968, after an illness that was diagnosed as spinal meningitis with added complications. In September of 1968, the school opened with nine children but shortly after dwindled to six. Three students moved away, two of whom were Pastor Bittorf's children. The school quickly grew to 25 students and in the fall of 1970, to 39; indicating an urgent need for a second teacher. Martin Luther College, our synod's teacher college, sent Miss Ruth Ann Klement in October of 1970, as an emergency teacher. Miss Schrupp taught grades 4-8 and Miss Klement K-3. In September of 1971, Miss Margaret Rutschow received a call to teach grades K-4 and replace Miss Klement.

In 1974, Mary Kuehl replaced Miss Schrupp who was led to take a call to Billings, Montana. In 1979, Kathryn Maurer (at that time Zimmerman) replaced Mary Kuehl as upper grade teacher and served until 1982, when Dean Johnson was installed as Principal and 5-8 Grade Teacher.

In 1988, our school enrollment increased from 45 to 55 (10 of them kindergarteners!) and we saw the need for a third teacher. Mrs. Kim Lowers was called as a kindergarten teacher (three full days a week). In 1989, that call became full time.

In 2002, with school enrollment at 66, a fourth teacher, Mr. Geron Brown, was called to serve as our 4-6th grade teacher. In 2004, Michele Paul was called to open COR's Preschool Program. In July of 2007, Kathy Maurer once again served us by accepting a call to teach part-time in grades 1-2.

2011 saw the retirement of Margaret Rutschow from teaching and Mrs. Lowers moving away. Rachel Traudt was called to teach grades 1-2 and Becki Seidl received a one year call to teach kindergarten.

In 2012, Rachel Traudt resigned her call to be at home with her new family and Mrs. Seidl declined a call to continue teaching kindergarten. That same year, Mr. Brown resigned his call as he and his family moved to Juneau, Alaska. With an enrollment of 46,

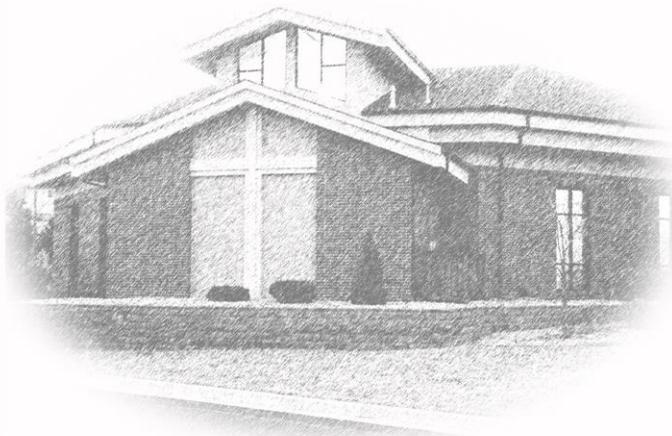
it was decided not to replace one teacher. Miss Claire Natsis was called to replace her good friend Rachel Traudt, as our grade 2-4 teacher, and Mrs. Kim Miller was called as our new K-1 teacher.

In October of 2015, Mr. Dean Johnson announced his retirement at the end of the school year. In December Mr. Phil Scriver was called to serve as principal and to teach grades 6-8. In 2016, Miss Natsis accepted a call to Stevensville, Michigan, and Miss Hannah Rothe accepted a call to serve as our 3-5 Grade Teacher.

This past year, due to increased lower grade enrollment, Mrs. Paul's call was expanded to include teaching kindergarten.

We have seen the number of children in our school change throughout 50 years. We have seen the number of teachers and classrooms change throughout 50 years. We have even seen our building change. Yet, throughout these 50 years God's Word has not changed, nor has our purpose to teach children to serve their Savior who lived, died, and rose for them.

What a privilege it is to be part of a ministry that has reached hundreds of people over the years with the saving message of Christ as their Savior.



Welcome

Good morning and welcome to worship. Why does our COR family spend so much time, money and effort on education? Why do we operate a Christian Day School, a Sunday school, youth and adult Bible studies? Because of what Jesus says. He has commissioned his people to go out into the world *“teaching* them to obey everything I have commanded . . .” May the Lord bless every effort that teaches his truths to the next generation. It is a privilege to worship with you this weekend. Please come again very soon!

Order of Service

Musical Selection – *“How Firm a Foundation”*

Tone Chime Choir

Traditional American Melody Arranged by Anna Laura Page ©2003 Alfred Publishing Company

Gathering Rite on the Word of God

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



Gra-cious Sav-ior, gen-tle Shep-herd, Chil-dren all are dear to you; May your lov-ing



arms en-fold them In your care their whole life through. Gent-ly tend and safe-ly keep them



In your mer-cy strong and true.

P: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

P: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C: for they are ever with me.

P: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: for I meditate on your statutes.

P: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: sweeter than honey to my mouth!

**SING: Tender Shepherd, never leave them, Never let them go astray;
By your warning love directed, May they walk the narrow way.
Thus direct them, thus defend them Lest they fall an easy prey.**

P: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

P: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray; Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

**SING:By your holy Word instruct them; Fill their minds with heav'nly light.
By your pow'rful grace convince them Always to approve what's right.
Let them feel your yoke is easy; Let them find your burden light.**

P: God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (*John 20:31*). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**SING:Taught to love the holy praises Which on earth your children sing,
With their lips and hearts, sincerely, Glad thank off'rings may they bring.
Then with all the saints in glory Join to praise their Lord and King.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have committed to your Church the task of making disciples of all nations. Enlighten with your wisdom those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Word of the Lord

First Lesson

Deuteronomy 11:1-7, 16-21

The Word must be taught to the next generation

Love the LORD your God and keep his requirements, his decrees, his laws and his commands always. Remember today that your children were not the ones who saw and experienced the discipline of the LORD your God: his majesty, his mighty hand, his outstretched arm; the signs he performed and the things he did in the heart of Egypt, both to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his whole country; what he did to the Egyptian army, to its horses and chariots, how he overwhelmed them with the waters of the Red Sea as they were pursuing you, and how the LORD brought lasting ruin on them. It was not your children who saw what he did for you in the desert until you arrived at this place, and what he did to Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab the Reubenite, when the earth opened its mouth right in the middle of all Israel and swallowed them up with their households, their tents and every living thing that belonged to them. But it was your own eyes that saw all these great things the LORD has done.

Be careful, or you will be enticed to turn away and worship other gods and bow down to them. Then the LORD's anger will burn against you, and he will shut the heavens so that it will not rain and the ground will yield no produce, and you will soon perish from the good land the LORD is giving you. Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land that the LORD swore to give your forefathers, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.

Psalm 119c on page 111 in the hymnal

Second Lesson

2 Timothy 3:14-17

The Word is the basis for a Christian Education

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Verse of the Day

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

SING: 

Gospel

Mark 10:13-16

Little children are brought to Jesus

¹³People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

Hymn of the Day - "Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds"

CW 512

Jesus Loves the Little Children

Love Woven Among Three Threads

The thread of a Godly book

From Deuteronomy 11:18-19 on page 7

The thread of Godly teachers

From 2 Timothy 3:16-17 on page 8

The thread of Godly kids

From Mark 10:13-16 on page 8

Musical Selection – “Step by Step”

COR School Choir

Text, Tune, Setting: Albert Benjamin Simpson

Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gathering of our Offering and Signing of Friendship Register

Offering Prayer

Prayer of the Church

P: The Lord Jesus taught us to call almighty God our Father. Let us pray to him to bless our children as they are taught in this place of faith.

God our Father, you so loved the world that you gave your only Son. Keep us, your children reborn in Baptism, in your love. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Your favor rested fully on the Son you loved. In love for your Son, grant that each one of us as parents, as teachers, as sons and daughters, and as brothers and sisters in Christ may carry out the responsibilities entrusted to us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: As your Son was growing up, you placed him in the tender care of Mary and Joseph. Bless the teachers and helpers who bring your love to this church and school, that our children may grow to maturity in Christ. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, you revealed your love for children when you said, "Whoever welcomes a child welcomes me." Hear our prayers for this school and these children. Nurture them in body and soul by the grace given them through the instructions of parents and teachers. As they grow to maturity in faith, help them confess your name, be fervent in love, and persevere in the sure hope of everlasting life in your kingdom, where you live and reign, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

Musical Selection - *"These Walls"*

COR Choir

Words and Music by Heather Sorenson ©2017 by Hal Leonard

Closing Prayer

P: Father, we gather to offer thanks for the blessings of the gospel so freely given at Christ Our Redeemer Church and School. As we close this service, may the message of Christ continue to bear fruit in the lives of the children, parents, teachers, and members. Lead us all, day by day, to rejoice in the gospel of forgiveness, to share that gospel with the world around us, and to live in its hope our whole lives. We ask these things in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn – “Not Unto Us”

CW 392 Text, Tune: ©1993 Kurt Eggert Setting: ©1993 Mrs. James Engle

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Not un - to us, not un - to us be glo - ry, Lord;
A - maz - ing grace - - that chose us e'er the worlds were made;
O faith - ful love - - that shep - herd - ed through faith - less years;
Not un - to us but to your name be glo - ry, Lord,



Not un - to us but to your name be praise;
A - maz - ing grace - - that sent your Son to save;
For - giv - ing love - - that led us to your truth;
For grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free.



Not un - to us but to your name all hon - or be giv'n
A - maz - ing grace - - that robed us in your right - eous - ness
Un - yield - ing love - - that would not let us turn from you
A - bide with us till trav' - ling days are ov - er and done,



For match - less mer - cy, for - give - ness, and grace.
And taught our lips to sing glo - ry and praise.
But sent us forth to speak par - don and peace.
And pil - grim feet lead us home, Lord, to you.

Anniversary Reflections

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Worship services Sundays
at 8 and 10:30a (Summer
Worship at 9a) and Thursdays
at 7p

Bible Study and Sunday School
at 9:15a



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- A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We ask that you please sign the friendship register located at the end of the pew.
- Children – Activity bags are available in the coat room, off the narthex. During our service a staffed nursery is located straight ahead and to your left as you exit the sanctuary. While we encourage young children to be in the service, families may like to use the nursery and are invited to do so.
- Please let an usher know if you require a larger print bulletin.
- Our services can also be viewed online. Go to our website corchurch.com and click on Video Broadcast.
- As a member of Christ Our Redeemer we are connected to each other through our unity of faith and the public confession of that faith in Lord's Supper. To read what our profession of faith is, go to www.corchurch.com and click on "Our Beliefs" or take a copy of the tract "What We Believe" in the Visitor Information Center kiosk. To become a member of our church family, please speak with the pastor.