

June 24, 2017

Dear Parish Pastor,

The Redeemer Annual Family Retreat is hosted by Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Rev. David H. Petersen, senior pastor, and Rev. Michael Frese, associate pastor. The 9th Annual Family Retreat will be held August 1–3, 2017 and is titled “In Peace and Joy.”

We confess that, when members of our congregations are removed from us and to God’s nearer presence, they remain with us still as members of a single body. This year’s retreat will focus on the implications of that statement for congregations and pastors as they care for the departed and those who mourn for them. In two plenary sessions Pastor David Petersen will deal directly with several doctrinal issues regarding burial and mourning by looking at the rites in LSB. Kantor Daniel Reuning will spend a plenary session discussing the theology and music of Luther’s funeral hymns and how they are meant to bring comfort to Christian mourners. During the daily services throughout the retreat we will sing many of the best and strongest Lutheran hymns for funerals including *In Peace and Joy I Now Depart*, *Lord Thee I Love With All My Heart*, and *Behold a Host*. There is going to be weeping aplenty as we praise God and confess the mighty hope given us in Holy Scripture that we will see our loved ones again in the Resurrection on the Last Day and that even now as Jesus lives so do they.

Worship will be central to our retreat. Holy communion will be offered every day. God will refresh and encourage, feed and nourish His people.

If you are a pastor in fellowship with the LC-MS and have communicant members attending this retreat who wish to commune at Redeemer, please sign below and return to

Family Retreat
Redeemer Lutheran Church
202 W. Rudisill Blvd
Ft. Wayne, IN 46807

Please list individually all those family members who intend to commune at Redeemer:

The above named individuals are communicant Lutherans in fellowship with the LC-MS and may partake of the Lord’s Supper.

Home Parish Pastor’s Signature

Date

Name of home parish: _____