

“...We cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the Gospel of God but our lives as well.” (1 Thessalonians 2:8)



Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year at Our Redeemer Lutheran School! You are part of our family here!

Throughout this year, our students will be reminded to be “Fishers of Men” as we focus on the theme, *Fishin’ is Our Mission!* As we live life together at Our Redeemer, we will also be looking outside the Our Redeemer family, seeking to invite others to join us in the adventure of a Faith-filled life. It is our congregational focus to be a people who are “Serving God by Serving Others.”

In 1 Thessalonians, Paul reminds us of the bond we share as we grow together and as we invite others into the family of Christ. In this verse, we find three words that form the basis of our growing relationships at Our Redeemer:

- Care: “People don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care!” It is vital to our mission that we show our care for each other in our daily interactions with each other – Parent/Teacher, Teacher/Student, Student/Student, etc.
- Share: One cannot share at a distance. Sharing life together requires authentic relationships with each other. Our Redeemer offers that place where we can get “up close and personal” with one another, growing our human relationships as we seek to deepen our relationships with Christ.
- Dear: God has given us a gift by placing us in this place, at this time, together. And we are called to LOVE each other. As we daily express our love through authentic action, relationships grow, and we become more dear to each other. Love is something we DO – not just something we say.

At Our Redeemer, we stand ready to assist you in partnership as we all seek to make *Fishin’ our Mission*. As an educational program, we will stress the importance of a strong academic preparation for the world in which we live. Children at ORLS will be prepared both with Blue Ribbon educational offerings that will allow them to excel in the jobs which they are one day to fill, as well as the ethical decisions that they will someday be called on to make as young adults! It is the pairing of faith and life practices that readies our students to be difference makers in our community and our world. Their pursuit of excellence impacts the world around them through their superior skills and the values instilled in them through a strong Christian education. The underpinnings of those two themes begin at ORLS with the first day of school and are stressed and practiced every day throughout the year. We invite YOU to join us as we build authentic relationships and serve others.

In Service to HIS Children,

Jim Van Dellen
School Administrator