

2017 President's Report

This past year was filled with challenges and changes.

Pastor Schmeichel, who faithfully served Redeemer for over seventeen years, was led by the Lord to accept a new challenge in our sister congregation in Madison, Alabama. Pastor Schmeichel preached his farewell sermon on April 30th. Following his departure, Redeemer has been blessed with the dedicated service of Pastor Jon Ladner, who is serving as our vacancy pastor! Due to Pastor Ladner's full workload teaching at West Lutheran High School, we have been further blessed with the assistance offered by Pastor Bob Schulz. He has filled in leading Bible classes during the day and preaching on a regular basis. Please take every opportunity to thank each of them for their hard work and dedication.

During the year, Redeemer issued six calls for a new minister which were subsequently returned. The seventh, to Pastor John Maasch in Bradenton, Florida was made last December. Praise the Lord — Pastor Maasch accepted the call on January 13th and is currently making plans for the move.

Shining Light Pre-School also saw some significant changes in 2017. Following the resignation of our preschool director in June, the Lord blessed us by leading our second preschool teacher, Carol Green, to accept a call as interim director for the current school year. We are also blessed to have Julie Tjernagel serve as our assistant teacher. Our preschool continues to grow offering early education and Christian training to 30 students — 18 in our regular program and 12 in our new summer program.

We still have many challenges ahead of us. One of the most significant is finding members willing to serve in the many open council and committee positions we have. Currently both the treasurer and financial secretary positions are vacant, as well as an Elder position. The Church Council also recognizes Redeemer's need to expand our evangelism efforts and would like to reestablish our Outreach Committee. We will need a chairman and at least two committee members to do this. We pray that each of our members will prayerfully consider how they best can serve the Lord with both their time and talents.

On behalf of the Church Council, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support and for the opportunity to serve our Lord and Redeemer. Please keep our congregation, our called workers and our volunteers in your prayers.

In His service,

Dick Maxson