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THE MESSENGER April 7, 2023

Redeemer Lutheran Church Newsletter

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AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR HOUSING NEEDS

Anita Diederen



SATURDAY | APRIL 29 Hosting begins at 5 p.m.

The African Children's Choir will be performing at Redeemer's **11:00 a.m.** service on Sunday, April **30**!

Host Families

We are seeking seven host families from Redeemer to house three boys and a chaperone or three girls and a chaperone. We also need one family to host the bus driver.

The children will need to be picked up by the host families at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 29 and return them to Redeemer at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 30th.

It has been such a blessing and a wonderful experience for the families that hosted past choir members! Please prayerfully consider welcoming these children and chaperones into your home! If you are interested in hosting or if you have any questions, contact Anita Diederen at 540-455-5058.

SECRET SAINTS REVEAL

Lea Wiltenmuth and Mike Diederen



Thank you to all who participated in Secret Saints. We believe it was a great success!

As you prayed during Lent for your personal prayer buddy, we hope you felt a personal connection with them. Please continue to pray for your Secret Saint, and let them know who you are on Easter Sunday.

Thanks again for participating!

Happy Easter Secret Saints!



Reading: Deuteronomy 1
(Optional Reading: Deuteronomy 2-4)

"33 Walk in obedience to all that the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will posses." (Deuteronomy 5:33 NIV)

Have you ever wondered why the spiritual life is like walking along a path?

When I was in business school, we learned about Kaizen, a Japanese word that means "continual improvement". It is a philosophy that says you can never get everything right the first time, and there is always room for improvement. It is a philosophy of continuous improvement by little steps (in business your systems and processes, or in your physical, emotional, or spiritual life).

So, what does it mean to walk spiritually? Walking is slow and steady. You can walk without getting tired longer than you can run. Remember Aesop's fable of "The Tortoise and the Hare"? The slow and steady tortoise completed the race ahead of the hare because he was not distracted from the goal.

God wants you to be steady, not hurried in growing up spiritually. When you walk, you plod along, but you are not racing. You get where you need to go, one step at a time; one day at a time. When you walk in the Spirit, you will never get bored or tired of your spiritual life. It will seem like an adventure. Walk in the path of Christ, and like others before you, you will praise God.



Katie Tennstedt

Please join us!

Saturday, April 8, 2023 | 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Invite a friend or neighbor!

Family Fun Activities

EASTER EGG HUNT, MOONBOUNCE, GAMES & MORE!

Candy Donations Appreciated by March 26th!

See our collection box in the narthex. No chocolate, please. Thanks!

Questions?

Please contact Katie Tennstedt

outreach@embracedbyhim.org



OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN TO LEARN CHIMES!

Practice on Saturdays at 3:00 p.m.

Lea Wiltenmuth, Choir Director



Children are invited to learn to play chimes on Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. Practices will last about 20 to 25 minutes.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Lea.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Psalm 100:1



QUILTERS MEETING April 15, 2023 | 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Anna Jennings

Come tie with us. No experience is necessary!

If you have questions, please contact Anna Jennings

Home: 540-412-5373 | Message: 540-842-7920

A NOTE OF THANKS

from Laurie Mayer

hank you to the women of LWML who helped craft palm crosses for Palm Sunday. And a special thanks to Ray Ann Johnson for coordinating the event and to Berner for helping to host breakfast.





- + + Weekly Stewardship Message for Resurrection Sunday 09 April A.D. 2023 + + +



Watch and Pray TOGETHER

Oh come, all ye faithful, let us worship Christ's Holy Resurrection, for behold, through the Cross joy hath come to all the world!

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!!!



Life is real! Life is earnest! And the grave is not its goal; Dust thou art, to dust returnest,

Was not spoken of the soul! - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday, April 6 (12:30 pm and 7:00 pm)

Good Friday, April 7 (12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)

Saturday Easter Vigil, April 8 (3:30 p.m.)

EASTER SCHEDULE

EASTER SUNDAY

6:30 a.m.—Sunrise Service Old Mill Park | Shelter No. 2

Please bring your own chair and umbrella if it rains.

7:30 a.m.—BreakfastRedeemer Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.—Easter Services

Redeemer Sanctuary

No Bible study or Sunday School on Easter.

SEE PAGE SIX (6) FOR QR CODES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER



Panda Pantry

Helping to Feed Students in Need in our Community

Barbara Buck



Please consider being part of this ministry that helps feed children in need, who are students in our local schools. The following items are needed in single servings/small sizes:

Applesauce Cheese-Its, Chef Boyardee Cups Fruit Cups Granola Bars Oatmeal Peanut Butter/Cheese Crackers Popcorn

Popcorn Juice Boxes, Mac and Cheese Cups Pop-Tarts Pretzels

Rice Krispie Treats Ramen Noodles Ravioli, Soup

A box is in the Narthex for donations. Thank you for your generosity!



Prayer for Call Committee and New Pastor

CALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Johanna Champney, Dave Cogley, Marian Dawgert, Allison DeGraaf, Judy Devey, Mike Eastman, Linda Gagion, Todd Miller, Mat Smith, and Carey Schwenzer

The importance of prayer for the Call Committee and the process of calling a Pastor for Redeemer cannot be over-emphasized. The Call Committee is seeking prayer from the congregation, as follows: Pray for wisdom and discernment for the Call Committee in recognizing God's appointed Pastor for Redeemer. Pray that the Call Committee and the Congregation will be unified in its prayers for a Godly Pastor who will serve and feed the flock in accordance with God's will. (Psalms 133:1). Pray for a Pastor who has been called by God to lead us and guide us according to the whole counsel of God. Pray that God's will be done in this Call, and while we wait, that Pastor Dave Miner be covered in prayer as he holds up the staff and stands in the gap. May we hold up his arms as a congregation. (Exodus 17:9-12) Please also pray for Marjorie, Pastor Miner's helpmate, in her very important role as the Pastor's wife. **Please see any of our committee members if you have any thoughts or questions about the call process.**

| REGULAR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE, | | | | | |
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| SUNDAY SCHOOL, AND BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE | | | | | |
| Sunday Worship | 8:00 a.m. (Traditional) and 11:00 a.m. (Blended) | | | | |
| Sunday School and Bible Study | Pastor's Bible Study will meet at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom. | | | | |
| Livestreaming | Livestreaming is available on our website at www.redeemerfxbg.org . Scroll over "Media" on the top right of the page and click on "Watch Live" from the drop-down menu. | | | | |

QR Codes for HOLY WEEK and EASTER Use the QR Codes Below or Click Title Below for Each Service

| Maundy Thursday | Good Friday | Saturday Easter Vigil |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | | |
| Easter Sunrise at Old Mill Park | Easter 9:00 & 11:00 | |
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Redeemer is hiring! Position:

Preschool Director

20 hours a week Starting Summer 2023

For more information please contact Rebecca Richey or Laura Ross at dce@redeemerfxbg.org

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings April 7-13, 2023

Birthdays

| April 7 | Gary | Parker | April 11 | Wes | Coleman |
|----------|---------|----------|----------|--------|-----------|
| April 8 | Kim | Stahlman | April 12 | Will | Ashby |
| April 9 | James | Martinek | April 12 | Monica | Dixon |
| April 9 | Greyson | Fedeson | April 13 | Jeff | Gibson |
| April 10 | Eric | Carlson | April 13 | Cara | Gasperoni |
| April 10 | Flba | Gill | | | |

Anniversaries

April 9 Raymond & Heather Zimmerman

April 11 Ed & Marilee Kenlon

If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please contact the church office at info@redeemerfxbg.org

Lutherans for Life - Life Thoughts

April 9 - Resurrection of Our Lord

"Do not be afraid," both the Easter angels and the risen Savior assure us (Matthew 28:4, 10). His everlasting and overcoming love (Jeremiah 31:3) means our whole being, body and soul, may rest secure (Psalm 16:9). We need fear neither surprise pregnancy nor terminal diagnosis, suffering nor death, because Christ Jesus mysteriously but mightily safeguards every human life (Colossians 3:3).

Worship Attendance and Contributions

| | Attendance Total | Average Attendance | General Offerings | Year-to-Date General Offerings |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| March 29 & April 2 | 292 | 278 | \$21,303 | \$205,333 |
| Last Year | 288 | 252 | \$12,693 | \$199,580 |