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Our Vision Statement

To be a family of faith
that has the
courage to be
good neighbors,
by reaching out
to meet the
personal
and spiritual needs
in our community.

THE MESSENGER

March 24, 2023

*Redeemer
Lutheran Church
Newsletter*

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WEEKLY DEVOTION WITH PASTOR DAVE MINER

Devotion No. 82

Reading: Numbers 36 (Optional Reading: Numbers 32-35)

"2 They said, "When the LORD commanded my lord to give the land as an inheritance to the Israelites by lot, he ordered you to give the inheritance of our brother Zelophe had to his daughters." (Numbers 36:2 NIV)

Many families pass on land, or homes, or businesses from one generation to the next. The children in a family inherit what their fathers bought or started. Is it like that in your family? In my family, one of the things I inherited was a very old Hamilton pocket watch from my grandfather who worked on the railroad. The watch was passed from my grandfather to my father, to me. I have since passed it to my son, and he passed it on to his son, the oldest of my grandchildren.

In the land of Israel, one thing, was most sacred of all ... land. Strict rules governed how land was passed down from one generation to another. In our readings, a man did not have any sons, only daughters. If they married outside men who were not in the same ancestral line, that land would pass out of the family's hands. These people were so concerned about this they came to Moses. They asked him to find out from God what to do. God answered and solved the problem easily.

You might think that something like this was really a minor problem. But God cares about all problems we face, big problems AND the little ones too!

What problem, small or big, can you bring to God today?

Father, remind me always that you want to help with everything.

Easter Spring Fling

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?

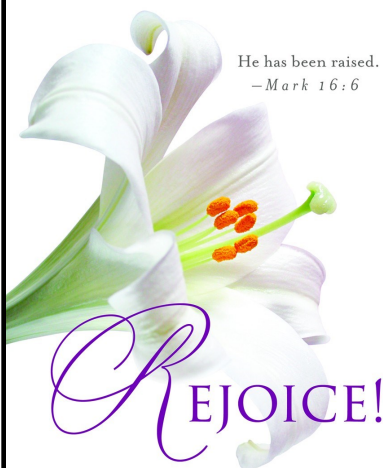
Please contact
Katie Tennstedt

outreach@embracedbyhim.org



Easter Lilies

Laurie Mayer



He has been raised.
—Mark 16:6

Easter is almost here, and this year, I am trying something new by collecting “free will offerings” from our congregation to purchase Easter lilies for the altar.

- ✝ If you would like to give to our Easter lily fund, please put your donation in an envelope designated for Easter lilies, and place it in the collection plate.
- ✝ If you are writing a check, please make it payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church, with Easter lilies recorded in the memo line.

Please reach out to me with your questions or contact me by email at lauriemayerva@gmail.com. Thank you so much!

Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7



Redeemer Women in Mission/LWML Annual Crafting of Palm Crosses

Saturday, April 1 | 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

Ray Ann Johnson, Coordinator



Join in this blessed sharing, as we make palm crosses for Palm Sunday. All volunteers are welcome, no experience is needed. This event will replace LWML's regular monthly meeting.

Easter Gift Card Collection for Seminarian Adam Nieting

Some of you have expressed interest in purchasing gift cards for seminarian, Adam Nieting, for Easter. Kindly provide your gifts to Laurie Mayer at this event, so that she can mail the cards in time for Easter. Thank you!

If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please reach out to any of the following contacts:
Ray Ann Johnson (540-582-9145), Anita Diederer (540-455-5058), Marian Dawgert (540-845-4235).

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.

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

QUILTERS' MEETING

Please note the change in date to March 25th.

Saturday, March 25, 2023 | 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 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

Thank you to all who donated to our Lutheran World Relief fundraiser.

We raised \$855 to cover shipping costs!

PROMISED TREASURES

2023
Lenten Season

Join Us
on the Journey

Pastor Dave Miner

PREACHING & WORSHIP

This year as we journey together toward Easter, the Pastor's Wednesday Bible Study and Midweek Lenten Services will underscore hearing the Gospel, while accentuating how the Gospel is conveyed through physical senses of sight, smell, and touch. You will see, touch, smell, and feel each week of Lent: ashes, salt, water, light, bread, and palms. Then, during Holy Week, the focus shifts toward the elements: water and blood (wine), wood, fragrant oil, and finally, milk and honey.

**Season
of Lent
Redeemer
Lutheran
Church**



LENT & EASTER SCHEDULES

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES, MEALS, and FAMILY ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAYS

(March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29)

- **Worship Services**
12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- **Lenten Dinners**
5:30 p.m.
- **Family Activities**
6:15 p.m.

HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday, April 6

12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 7

12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Easter Vigil, April 8

3:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

6:30 a.m.—Sunrise Service

Old Mill Park | **Shelter No. 2**

Please bring your own chair
and an umbrella if it rains.

7:30 a.m.—Breakfast

Redeemer Fellowship Hall

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

Redeemer Sanctuary

(No Sunday school or Bible study on 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
Juice Boxes,
Mac and Cheese Cups

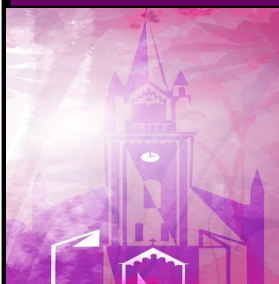
Pop-Tarts
Pretzels
Rice Krispie Treats
Ramen Noodles
Ravioli, Soup

If you have questions, please contact Barbara Buck at blb.and.me@gmail.com.

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

Reserving Space at Redeemer for Meetings & Events

Carrie Frank



Spring is coming and the church is getting busier. If you plan to have an activity or meeting at the church, please be sure to contact the church office to reserve the space you would like to use.

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+ + + Weekly Stewardship Message for Sunday 26 February A.D. 2023 + + +



Watch and Pray TOGETHER

"I went with my head bowed down for many days.
My sins were a heavy burden.
I was tempted to believe there was no mercy for me.
I cried to the Lord both night and day.
One night I thought hell would be my portion..."

Rev. Richard Allen



Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Psalm 32



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:

- Prayer for wisdom and discernment for the Call Committee in recognizing God's appointed Pastor for Redeemer.
- Prayer 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)
- Prayer 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.

"¹⁵ And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." — Jeremiah 3:15 KJV

"¹¹ He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young." — Isaiah 40:11 KJV

**Please see any of our committee members if you have any thoughts
or questions about the call process.**

REGULAR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE, 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 Worship Services

Use the QR Codes Below or "CLICK HERE" Below for Each Service

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Service CLICK HERE	Sunday 11:00 am Service CLICK HERE
	

**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

March 24-30, 2023

Birthdays

March 24	Andrew	Bull	March 25	Alicia	Alley
March 24	Grace	Pittano	March 27	Charlotte	Martinek
March 24	Mary	Smith	March 27	Lexi	Swager

Anniversaries

March 25	Keith & Donna	Verbosky
March 26	Ken & Becky	Elam
March 30	John & Lea	Wiltenmuth

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

Church Flowers

Flowers this week are given to the glory of God
in celebration of John and Lea Wiltenmuth's anniversary.

Lutherans for Life - Life Thoughts

March 26 - Lent V

Almighty God wondrously and abundantly brings forth life where we only behold despair and darkness (Ezekiel 37:3-6). How much more dear does He hold embryonic neighbors, impaired persons, and aging ones than piles of bones? And would we not witness—and deliver!—miracles in voicing it to them and for them, especially amid surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis?

Worship Attendance and Contributions

	Attendance Total	Average Attendance	General Offerings	Year-to-Date General Offerings
March 8-19	477	259	\$22,499	\$158,724
Last Year	479	245	\$29,808	\$171, 128