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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 31, 2023

*Redeemer
Lutheran Church
Newsletter*

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Redeemer Women in Mission/LWML
ANNUAL CRAFTING OF PALM CROSSES
Saturday, April 1 | 9:30 a.m. | Fellowship Hall
Ray Ann Johnson, Coordinator

Attention Women of Redeemer Lutheran Church

Please join us this Saturday in our annual shared blessing of creating palm crosses for Palm Sunday, while we enjoy a morning of fellowship. No experience is needed. Breakfast will be served.

This event will replace the regular LWML monthly meeting.

Questions may be directed to any of the following contacts:

Ray Ann Johnson (540) 582-9145
Anita Diederer (540) 455-5058
Marian Dawgert (540) 845-4235

Easter Gift Card Collection for Seminarian Adam Nieting

Laurie Mayer

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

Thank you!



*Is the one who comes in the name
of the Lord . Matthew 21:9*

WEEKLY DEVOTION WITH PASTOR DAVE MINER

Devotion No. 83

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

⁹ At that time I said to you, “You are too heavy a burden for me to carry alone.”
(Deuteronomy 1:9 NIV)

Have you ever been elected to a position of leadership? Maybe when you were in school you ran for an elected office? Or you were elected captain of a sports team? Or elected to the Church Council? Such a job can be daunting. How are we to lead effectively? How can I oversee so many people? Leaders all through history have felt that tension.

In Deuteronomy 1:9, Moses tells the Jews about his feelings when he decided to lead Israel out of Egypt. How could he care for so many people? How could he possibly make right judgments? How could he lead his friends and family in a way that succeeded?

When you get a chance to lead, here are some words of wisdom: do not try to do it alone! We all need help. God wants to give us help wherever we need it. God will help you find people who can lead with you. He will guide you about decisions you might need to make. He will give you wisdom greater than any you could ever dredge up on your own. Trust him. He will get you where He wants you to go.

Lord, guide me so that I lead with you beside me. Amen.

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**

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?

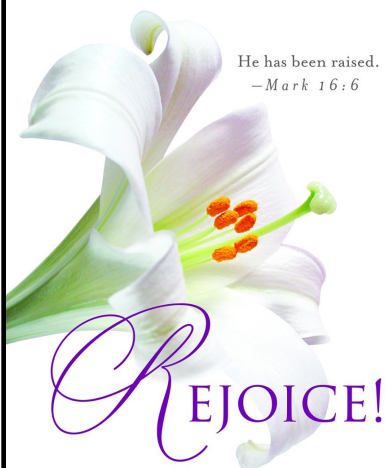
Please contact
Katie Tennstedt

outreach@embracedbyhim.org



Easter Lilies

Laurie Mayer



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

PROMISED TREASURES

2023
Lenten Season

Join Us
on the Journey

Pastor Dave Miner

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.—Breakfast
Redeemer 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 5 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
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!

+ + + Weekly Stewardship Message for Sunday 02 April A.D. 2023 + + +



Watch and Pray TOGETHER

Be near when I am dying,
oh, show thy cross to me,
and for my rescue, flying,
come, Lord, and set me free!



*Let us praise Him Who was crucified for us, for Mary beheld Him on the Tree and said:
Though Thou endurest the Cross, Thou art my Son and my God.*



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, 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 HERE" Below for Each Service

Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Saturday Easter Vigil
		
Easter Sunrise at Old Mill Park	Easter 9:00 & 11:00	
		

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 31-April 6, 2023

Birthdays

March 31	Mark	Fife	April 2	Charlotte	Carafiol
March 31	Candace	Wiltenthuth	April 4	Richard	Hybl
April 2	Debbie	Sindt	April 4	Avery	Schwenzer
April 2	Vicki	Sullivan	April 4	Cameron	Pittano
April 2	Craig	Nehls	April 5	Marjorie	Miner

Anniversaries

There are no anniversaries to share this week.

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

Church Flowers

Flowers this week are given by the Miners in praise to God.

Lutherans for Life - Life Thoughts

April 2 - Palm Sunday

Every tongue must and shall confess Jesus and not ourselves as Lord over death and life (Philippians 2:11). When offered gall to accelerate His own dying, the Savior declined, even in His terminal condition (Matthew 27:34). We also may commend ourselves and our neighbors into the Heavenly Father's loving hands as days draw to their ends.

Worship Attendance and Contributions

	Attendance Total	Average Attendance	General Offerings	Year-to-Date General Offerings
March 22 & 26	329	270	\$25,306	\$184,030
Last Year	300	249	\$15,759	\$186,887