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IN TOUCH WITH REDEEMER

A newsletter by and for the family of Redeemer Lutheran Church

Volume XXX, Issue III

Messing with Time?

The second Sunday of this month is the day we set our clocks forward one hour. This change might not be that significant, but research suggests otherwise. A study by the University of Michigan found that hospitals saw a 24% increase in the number of people who were suffering from a heart attack the Monday following the springtime change. Why does this happen? We do not have a concrete answer. There is a growing movement around the planet to end this time change. The reason for this change might have been to allow for more sunlight to work. Over time, the advances in technology has allowed us to work around the clock.



The first Sunday in March is the first Sunday of Lent. During the church year, we often have a season of celebration as we remember what God has done for us. Lent is slightly different; it can be a time of reflection and meditation. The forty days of Lent, echoing the time Jesus spent in the desert, are meant for us to look deep inside of us and better understand why the Christ had to suffer. There is a small change in the services in Lent; we delete the word "hallelujah" (which means praise), the colors of the altar are purple, and the confession and absolution are tied in with Lord's Supper. Over the years, the meaning of Lent has seen a change. The modern society does not care much for Christianity to be interwoven anywhere. Over time, the advances of humanism have argued that we do not need to believe in God in order to have a better society.

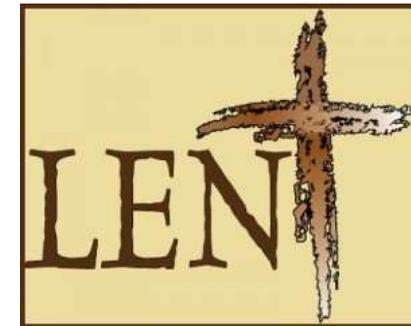
No matter the time of day, no matter the season of the year, we still need God. Easter is a time of great joy for the church as we mark the victory of Jesus over death and Satan. During Lent, let us also take these steps toward the cross and remember that our forgiveness cost our savior His life.

Pastor Matt

"For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps." 1 Peter 2:21

LENT IS FORTY DAYS TO REFLECT ON OUR UNWORTHINESS AND THEN FOCUS ON GOD'S GRACE AND LOVE IN JESUS.

"He Who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things."
(Romans 8:32)



DON'T FORGET TO DIRECT CHOICE DOLLARS! Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars have until March 31st to direct them. Don't miss out on this opportunity! Help support Redeemer Lutheran Church and Preschool. To learn more, go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice. Or you can call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

THE EASTER & LENTEN SEASON presents a wonderful opportunity for Redeemer to thank those individuals and families that support the church throughout the year with their time, talent and financial contributions. And, with services typically well attended during this season, it is also a good opportunity to extend a warm welcome to our new and returning congregation members. We hope that you also will be generous with your time and financial support. To assist everyone in making the consistent offerings that are so important to Redeemer, we would like to remind you of our option for you to give electronically. Please fill out a yellow Simply Giving form found in the narthex and turn in to the church office.

IRAS, 401(K)S, 403(B)S, RMDs... lots of letters and lots of acronyms! But, did you know that these acronyms can become one of the very best gifts to Redeemer Lutheran Church? The IRA rollover provision allows those age 70 ½ to make gifts directly from their IRAs to their chosen charities. Making an IRA rollover, as opposed to a normal charitable gift, satisfies your required minimum distribution (RMD) and you're able to transfer up to \$100,000 annually without first having to recognize the distribution as income. Interested in making a gift? Contact your IRA account administrator and/or tax professional to discuss the options available.



Lenten devotionals can be found on the welcome desk in the narthex. Pick one up for yourself or share one with a friend or neighbor!

SERVING GROUPS

We have monthly serving groups and a list is posted on the church office window. Please check your phone number for accuracy or if you're not on the list and would like to be, contact the church office.

MARCH

Beth Corti – 320-231-1907

Alice Beckmann

Marcia Conklin

Lee & Beth Corti

Kim & Karen Heiden

Robert Hillenbrand

Cortney & Erin Howard

Robin Jacobson

Richard & Donna Johnson

Brandon & Chelsie Kopacek

Jeremy & Andria Krakow

Philip & Michelle Marcus

Dan & Phyllis Monson

Mick & Heather Moyer

Marlin & Cheryl Niss

Tom & Tracy Ost

Todd & Audrey Raap

Robert & Debra Rodelius

Justin & Tanya Rosenau

Brad & Suzanne Skindelien

Gordon & Deloris Steffen

Wilfred Wenberg

Ted Wurm

APRIL

Betty Schleh 320-354-2136

Deb Setrum – 320-222-3869

Deb Arnold

Matt Biel

Lisa Bjerke

Verdell & Val Bjerketvedt

Jim & Gayle Braun

Jason Connelly

Cindy Cordes

Luther & Peggy Dykema

Brian & Jackie Frank

Joe & Darla Hammerschmidt

Todd & Allison Hillenbrand

Loren & Dianne Kruse

Brenda Munsterman

Craig Nissen

Gardenia Preusse

Dave & Carol Runke

Jerry & Betty Schleh

Ryan Schumacher

Kim & Deb Setrum

Joe & Michele Steffen

Joey Werder

Dexter & Karen Wermers

WHAT DOES THE CROSS REALLY MEAN?

Before Christ's crucifixion, the symbol of the cross held a meaning of suffering, torture and death as it was seen as the tool used for Roman execution used on criminals and foreigners. As Christians, we now see the cross as a symbol of hope as Jesus gave his life for our sins.

This Lenten season, we want to encourage interaction for all ages in our worship services, so our Sunday school kids will be working on a special project that will go along with our Wednesday Evening Lenten Worship.

Each grade will be given a specific cross that they will spend time creating and learning about on Sunday, March 1st. Then during our Wednesday evening Lenten worship each class will have an opportunity to share the crosses they have created, as well as the meaning that is attached to that cross. There will be a presentation from each grade level at the start of worship throughout the season of Lent (see schedule below). We encourage you and your family to participate with us and enjoy worship and free family meal each Wednesday evening starting February 26th.

Schedule for Crosses of Lent

March 4: Preschool-1st Grade – Tau Cross Meaning Kids will sing the Shrink Song

March 11: 2nd-3rd Grade – Anchor Cross

March 18: 4th-5th Grade – Latin Cross

March 25: 6th Grade – Jerusalem Cross

April 1: 7th Grade – Calvary Cross

April 9: Maundy Thursday 8th Grade – Chi Rho (meet 6:45 pm in Trinity Room service at 7:00 pm)

Blessings during this Lenten Season, Cassie Drenkow, Director of Christian Education

NEW WOMEN'S STUDY "HIS LOVE ENDURES" The book of Jeremiah details the broken path of sin and rebellion that led Judah into exile. Though the prophet pleaded with the people to return to the ancient paths prescribed by God, they refused to set a new course. But in the midst of their stubborn journey, God gave His people a beacon of hope and a promise of coming salvation—a new covenant for the forgiveness of sins. This forgiveness is found only in the blood of Jesus shed for us on the cross. During the season of Lent, we'll follow Jesus to Calvary with Jeremiah as our guide. Sign up in church office cost for books is \$10. If you can't meet with us Wednesday mornings pick up a book and follow along through this season of Lent on your own.

NOTE: Please remember to contact your co-chair and ask them how you can be of assistance or just to let them know you are available!

Best Practices Take Away

This is from a session teaching about resilience in children. An acronym to remember when parenting is:

GRIT

Get Connected: Notice your child. Listen to them. Really pay attention and establish a relationship.

Risk-Taking: Ratify healthy risk-taking. Help build confidence with small tasks and celebrate their accomplishment then continue with harder tasks. Remember: *"I pray you continue to make mistakes as you grow- that means you are living and trying new things."*

Invite Questions: Label Emotions- positive and negative. God gave us All those feelings. Connect with those and don't suppress the hard ones- talk about them and what they are.

Teach Skills: for Calming, Coping and Problem Solving.

Preschool Director
Rachel Jeppesen

**REDEEMER PRESCHOOL IS CELEBRATING
NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL WEEK
March 2nd – 5th**

February 28 – Movie Morning: "BOLT" Dress Up: Super Hero
 March 2 – Pajama Day & Bowling
 March 3 – Pajama Day & Bowling
 March 4 – Dress Up: Fairy Tale Day
 March 5 – Dress Up: Dr. Suess Day
 March 6 – No Preschool
 March 8 – Preschool will sing at Redeemer

†† MARCH 2020 ††					
	ELDERS	GREETERS	ACOLYTES	SOUND	LIBRARY
Mar 1 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Doug Jorschumb Jeff Pitt Dave Runke Steve Lueders	Jim & Marcia Gilman Loren & Judy Schultz	Adam Sandau Adriana Behl	David Reyes Darrell Hoekstra	Bonnie Rhoda
Mar 8 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Stan Skaro Dave Danzeisen	Gayne & Marvelle Stone Trudy Hemingway LaVonne Van Zee	Christina Spieker Bradyn Bush-Gregory	Michael Mohr Brad Marcus	Marcia Gilman
Mar 15 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Matt Akerson Doug Jorschumb Brandon Kopacek Neil Buboltz	Jeff & Cheryl Pitt Keven & Diane Hillenbrand	Jillayna Schroeder Emily Johnson	Adam Sandau Wayne Dahlke	Anita Petersen
Mar 22 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Jeff Pitt Steve Lueders	Lyle & Vera Ehrenberg Troy & Lisa Anderson	Colton Dahline Chloe Jensen	Sergio Fernandez Brad Marcus	LaVonne Van Zee
Mar 29 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Dave Runke Brandon Kopacek	Rolf & Joyce Standfuss Alice Beckman, Carol Dahlke	Ayla Moyer William Jorschumb	David Reyes Art Bolland	Michelle Marcus
Mar 4 Mar 11 Mar 18 Mar 29	Matt Akerson Neil Buboltz Paul Meyer Wayne Dahlke		- ? - Koda Helfinstine Monica Rhoda Matthew Lingbeek	David R. Sergio F. Michael M. Adam S.	
USHERS	8:00 AM	*Bob Rekedal, Lila Rekedal, Luther Dykema, Lori Schroeder			(*Head Usher)
	10:30 AM	*Curt Swart, Glen Lotthammer, Rod Lindquist			

Sunday	Attend	Comm	Adults	Sr. High	S. S.	Online	Private
Feb 2	247	186	29	5	29	67	
Feb 9	162		20	5	24	89	
Feb 16	223	192	33	4	28	108	
Feb 23	238		28	7	33	-	
TOTALS	870	378	110	21	114	264	26
Out by release: Conner Sik							
Out by death: Patricia Kalstrom							

FYI On March 3rd at 8:00 pm, the Investigation Discovery Channel will be airing a story on Lila Warwick.

2020 ELDER – RESPONSIBILITY

<u>ELDER</u>	<u>PHONE#</u>	<u>HOUSEHOLD NAMES</u>
Dave Danzeisen	894-2396	Akerson – Bokelman
Brandon Kopacek	905-0734	Bolland – Davis
Stan Skaro	599-4506/894-9450	Derksen – Grewe
Steve Lueders	894-5750	Grothe – Jacobson
Paul Meyer	651-295-6670	Jaspersen – Kruse
Doug Jorschumb	235-5451/905-2447	Kubasch – Meyer
Neil Buboltz	796-2352/894-9681	Mikkelsen – Pillatzki
Wayne Dahlke	262-9847	Pitt – Schoumaker
Dave Runke	235-9068/894-1474	Schroeder – Streich
Matt Akerson	894-4997	Stueckrath – Zetah

THE QUILTERS ARE IN NEED of **old sheets and blankets** for fillers in our quilts. Please bring your donation to the church office. Please join us on Mondays at 12:30 pm.

ORDER YOUR GIFT CARDS THROUGH SCRIP! Forms can be found in the wooden rack in the narthex or the church office and are due on Monday, March 9th.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!! For **MARCH** we will be collecting previously viewed DVD's (comedy and action), paperback novels, board games, electronic games, hand-held games, car games, crossword and word find books, and journals. Please place donated items in box located in the narthex.



THE SUNDAY SCHOOL is still collecting items for the Hope For Our City Birthday Bag Service Project! We would like to make over 100 and we are nowhere near that goal. Please help with what you can and drop your items in the box outside the Fellowship Hall. Items needed are: Larger sturdy Birthday bags, plates & napkins, balloons, plastic tablecloths, frosting, cake mix and a can of pop, candles, decorations (streamers, banners, hats), spaghetti noodles & spaghetti sauce. **For the Month of March we are collecting candles.** April – Decorations (streamers, banners, hats) May – Spaghetti Noodles & Sauce.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

Enrolling now for Fall
Ages 3 to 5 years old
2 to 5 days per week
Half or Full Day



Accredited, Christian Curriculum
4 Star Parent Aware
Eligible for Scholarships

Registration forms are on the welcome counter or on the website at:
www.redeemerlutheranpreschool.org

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS ON MARCH 8TH!

**Remember to change
the batteries in your
smoke detector also!**



**Don't forget to set all
of your clocks one
hour ahead!**

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

12:15 pm Worship/12:45 Lunch
6:00 pm Worship/6:30 Supper

<u>Serving Noon</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Serving Evening</u>
Deb Krueger	March 4	Youth & Families
Open	March 11	Fellowship & Stewardship Board
Open	March 18	Scouts
Open	March 25	Trustees & Outreach Board
Preschool	April 1	Elders

Maundy Thursday – April 9th – 7 pm w/Lord's Supper

Good Friday – April 10th – 12:15 & 7 pm

Easter – April 12th – 8 & 10:30 Worship – 9 am Easter Breakfast

SIGN UP ON THE OFFICE WINDOW TO HELP SERVE A NOON LENTEN MEAL.

VBS PLANNING COMMITTEE – March 1st following the 10:30 am service. If you are interested in being a part of the planning committee for 2020 Focus VBS, please plan on attending the meeting. We will be sharing this year's theme along with talking about events going on throughout the week.

MYSTERY MOVIE Redeemer students in 3rd-5th grade are invited to join the other Willmar area churches for a Mystery Movie hosted here at Redeemer on Sunday, March 8th from 3:30-7:00 pm. There will also be a meal and games as well. With these clues try to guess what Mystery Movie we will be watching. **FIRST CLUE** - You might want to bring a flashlight because this mystery movie happens at night. **SECOND CLUE** – This movie takes place in New York City. **THIRD CLUE** – This tablet might not be an iPad but this tablet has a lot of power.

INTERESTED IN USHERING? It's one of the easiest ways you can serve at Redeemer! We have many opportunities open for both the 8:00 and 10:30 services. Contact the church office, Wayne Dahlke or Steve Lueders.

SAVE THE DATE of May 12-13 or June 23-24. We would like everyone to be photographed for the new 2020 Redeemer directory. Photo times will be from 2-9 pm. More information will be forthcoming.



GRILLED CHEESE & JESUS! 7th-12th Graders, join us on March 29th, following the second service for lunch and an afternoon of games and a short devotion.

BABY BOTTLES FOR HOPE This month the preschool and Sunday School kids will be collecting offerings for Hope Pregnancy Center in town. Each student will receive a baby bottle to collect change and offering in during the month of March. We will collect offerings on March 15th and again on March 29th. If you would like to participate with our kids and want a Baby Bottle for Hope, stop in the church office to pick one up starting March 1st.

ATTENTION LWML MEMBERS!!! Our LWML mites going to the MN North District need to be sent before March 31st. Please deposit your mites in the wooden box in the narthex or give to Rose Meyer no later than Wednesday, March 25th. Thank you! Rose Meyer

LENTEN LUTHER AT THE LEGION starting on Wednesday, March 4th from 7-8 pm. Join pastor every Wednesday in March after the Lenten services at the Legion on 19th Avenue. Every week we will be breaking down a Lutheran theme for the time we have in Lent and leading up to Easter. Invite a friend as we share in the richness of God's grace.

EGG HUNT PLANNED FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH!

Redeemer Lutheran Church & Preschool are hosting a neighborhood EGG HUNT for our members and neighbors across the street. HOW CAN YOU HELP??? We need:



Plastic eggs

Candy

Volunteers to stuff eggs after Lenten services

Volunteers to hide eggs the morning of

Volunteers to greet and hand out bags during the event

Volunteers to clean up and collect empty eggs after the event



It's never too early to start donating and thinking about volunteering! This event was such a success last year! We had nearly 200 KIDS and stuffed almost 4,000 EGGS!! Without the help of our amazing members and volunteers, we would have never been able to do it!! We can't wait to do it all again this year!!



IF YOU ARE GOING TO LUTHERAN ISLAND CAMP at any given time, would you be willing to take some shoes up with you? Contact Art Bolland, Deb Bremseth, or the church office and we can let you know where the shoes are that are ready to go.

THE LUTHERAN ISLAND CAMP BROCHURES ARE HERE! Start browsing through them and get signed up for a camp. Some of the camps are already starting to fill up. We have camperships available for our members and their friends. Contact Deb Bremseth for details.

SOON THE WINTER SNOW WILL BE GONE What are you going to do with those snowboots?? Bring them to church and put them in the collection box by the Fellowship Hall, along with all your other shoes that you no longer need.

THE 2020 FLOWER CHART is located on the bulletin board. Please consider donating altar flowers for a special event, in memory of someone, an anniversary or birthday. The Altar Guild will order and pick up your flowers, just contact Lori in the church office for any questions you may have.

C. O. F. F. E. E.

Christ Offers Forgiveness For Everyone Everywhere

MUSIC CORNER

Here are some songs you will be hearing during the month of March at Redeemer!

- "First Song of Isaiah" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5bcjzhZwOIE>
- "Scars" by I Am They <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qMunQ5JXgKk>
- "King of Kings" by Hillsong <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Of5lcFWiEpg>
- "Cornerstone" by Hillsong <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fl15U2ifYzo>
- "Living Hope" by Phil Wickham <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9f2FXxDVO6w>
- "Red Letters" by David Crowder <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IK80AdFdmCM>
- "Hymn of the Ages" by Rend Collective
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QBBSQDRInQ4>
- "Death Was Arrested" by North Point InsideOut
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMsMiluCUUI>
- "In Christ Alone" by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ouGuG97I2RY>
- "Before the Throne of God" by Selah
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4MUNywhsZPU>



Lutheran Women's Missionary League
MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A CHURCH WORK CAREER?

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR THE 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- † PASTORAL MINISTRY
- † TEACHING MINISTRY
- † DEACONESS
- † DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
- † DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN OUTREACH
- † DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN MUSIC

SCHOLARSHIP FORMS CAN BE FOUND IN THE WOODEN RACK IN THE NARTHEX.

APPLICANT GUIDELINES

Each applicant must...

- † Be preparing for full-time church work in the LCMS
- † Be a resident of the Minnesota North District and a member of a Missouri Synod congregation
- † Be enrolled in an LCMS affiliated university or seminary
- † Be enrolled as a full-time student in a program that qualifies for a Divine Call or Commission
- † Submit application and references by **May 15, 2020**
- † Submit an application and photo each academic year

LWML SPRING RALLY

Date: Saturday, April 25, 2020

Registration: 8:30-9:00 am

Start: 9:00 am

Registration fee: \$3.00

Location: St Paul Lutheran Church, Montevideo, MN

Speaker: Stacy Lung, Perham, MN

Topic: Science and Faith

Ingathering: to be determined

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LWML MN NORTH DISTRICT 29TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION

Date: June 22-24, 2020

Location: Timberlake Lodge Hotel and Event Center, Grand Rapids, MN

Convention Theme: "Drawn to the Cross," is based on Joshua 1:9b: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Brent Smith, who serves as mission development counselor for Mission Central in Mapleton, Iowa

National LWML Representative: Michelle Jenks, Strategic Plan Facilitator

Please contact the church office if you are interested in attending either of these events.

Answering Their Questions: Apologetics for Parents

Flooding the Dark with Biblical Truth and Light:
Trustworthiness of the Bible,
Six Day Creation,
Evolution as False Science,
Existence of God: Father Son, and Holy Spirit

March 28, 2020

9:00 AM to 3:00PM

Lutheran Island Camp

To register or for more information:

218-583-2905

\$25/Person includes lunch

Presented by Pastor Dan Domke

LUTHERAN ISLAND CAMP
AND
CHRIST SERVE RANCH

Women's Retreat

2020

April 3-5, 2020

Featuring Guest Speaker

Jane Wilke

“Master—Peace Living”



Lutheran Island Camp and Retreat Center



April 2020 Quilting and Knitting
Retreat

April 21-26, 2020

Cost includes lodging, brunch, and supper each day.

3:00 P.M. Tuesday check-in \$265
3:00 P.M. Wednesday Check-In: \$220
3:00 P.M. Thursday Check-In: \$175
3:00 P.M. Friday Check-In: \$135

For more information and/or to register for any of these events,
go online at www.islandcamp.org



EASTER FLOWERS

Easter is April 12th, so remember your loved one by ordering an Easter flower to decorate the church. Please complete this form and bring with your donation to the church office no later than April 5th.

In memory of:

By: _____

Flower to be picked up

or

Flower left at church

Contribution \$ _____

