

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH CELEBRATING 118 YEARS OF MINISTRY



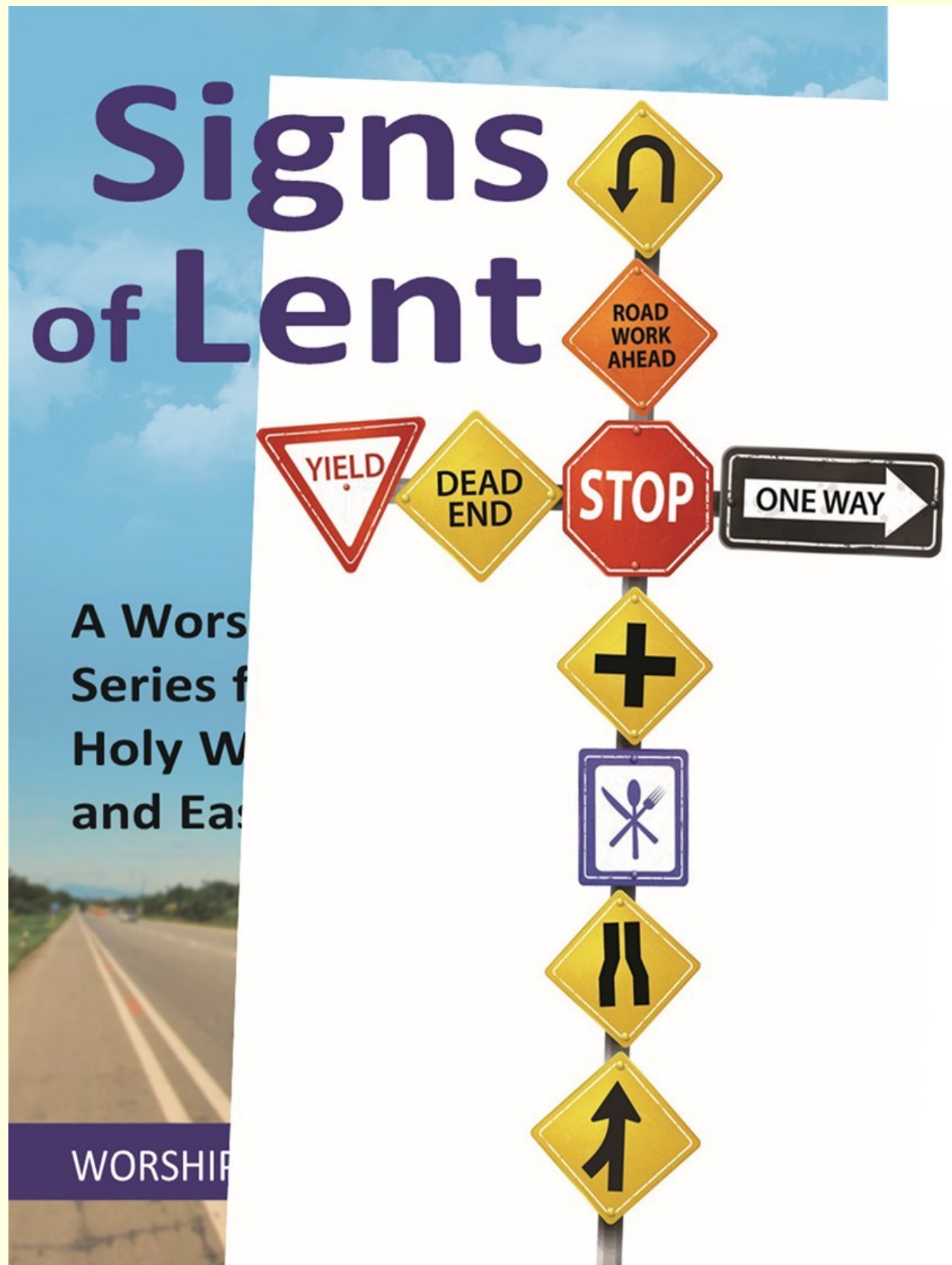
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Our Mission:

As a community of faith we worship the Triune God. We are called to love and serve all God's people and creation through word and deed.





Our Lenten Journey is over. We finished our Lenten journey, following the Signs of Lent.

We did our U-Turn, Stop, Merge, Yield, One Way, Dead End, Road Narrows, Food, Cross Road, Road Work Ahead. We traveled to the upper room on Maundy Thursday with Jesus and his disciples.

We heard Jesus say those powerful, effective words that are still effective when we hear them on Sunday mornings, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins". We traveled to the foot of the cross on Good Friday and heard Jesus utter a lonely cry of abandonment, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me"?

We heard the words of finality that Jesus spoke with his last breath, "It is finished!" paying in full the price for our Sin that separates us from God. And we traveled to the empty tomb to hear again about the group of women that traveled there early on the first day of the week to find it empty. We heard once more the words of the angels at the empty tomb, "He is not here, but has risen" The final, culminating Day of the Resurrection is over. Now what do we do as we continue this journey of life?

Well, we go forth as Easter people, knowing we are God's forgiven children in Christ. We go forth empowered by God's Spirit living and active within us to live in the joy of the resurrection as "every day" witnesses. We go forth knowing that the Lord is our strength and might and has become our salvation. For Jesus is indeed our Redeemer and friend!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Happy Easter.
Pastor Mukesh.



Prayer Concerns

Members:

Lois Hershberger, Winnie Ferguson, Patti Paul, Beth Connolly, Linda Bartleson, Lynn Leppo, Marty Danielson, David Erdman, Elizabeth Reinas, Don Farnham, Jim Reinas, Denise Robinson, Judy Lamb, Dee Grover, Rev. Karl Hommen, Rich Moulder, Mike Dunn, Katherine Patelunas,, Heather Palladino, Ilene Kersten, Stephanie Rager, Ally Hommen, Beth Bowe, Michelle Morris, Jane Leppo, Edith Williams.

Relatives and Friends of our Members:

Holly Rogerson, Bill Strecker, Francis Mullin, Henry Krajewski, Raymond Short, Bill Castelberg Jr., Kim Conti, Kristen Barniak, Jamie Strohl, Maggie Taley, Mark Mullin, Al Degen. George Rehm, Jim Mosman.

Relatives and Friends of our Members Serving in the Military:

Chad Durban, Joseph Piel, Mason Burgess, Kelly Cahill, Matthew Brandon Winter, Reid Furman, Julia Furman, Anne Furman, Matt Glaze, John Dichoso, Nicholas Ropars.

Remember in Your Prayers Pastor and staff of Redeemer, and our Nations Leaders:

Pres. Joe Biden, Vice Pres. Kamala Harris, Our U.S. Senators, The Supreme Court, and the House of Representatives.

Prayer Initiative for April

On April 9, 2023 please pray for:

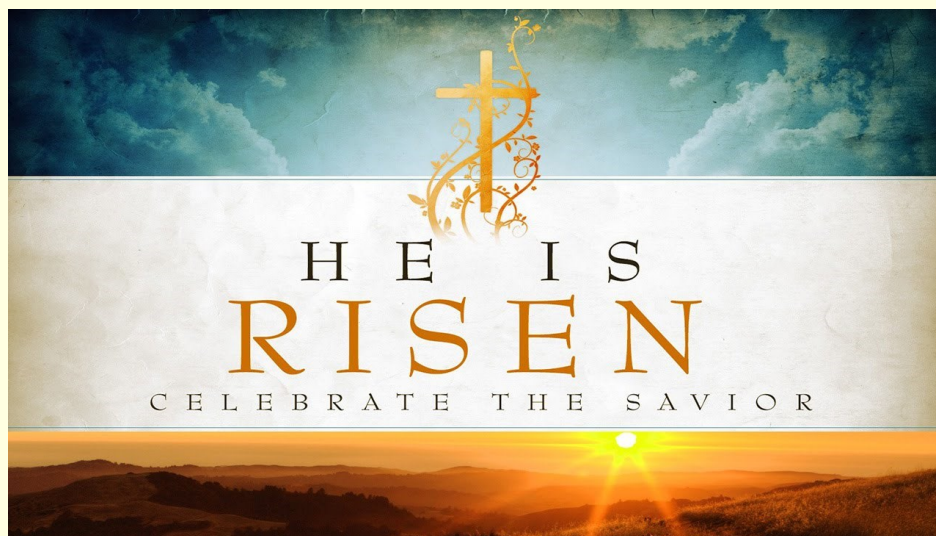
Bill and Diane Anderson; Bill and Stacy Anderson and Family; Chris Balasco and Family, Patti Balasco, Tom Balasco and Family

On April 23, 2023 please pray for:

Linda and Bryan Bartleson and daughters Julie and Stacey and their families; Lauren Bilofsky; Marilyn Bilofsky; Gail and Bob Blinstrub, Alex and Andrew Northrup

April 2023 Holy Week Schedule (in-person and on FaceBook Live)

- ♦ *April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday Worship at 9:20am*
- ♦ *April 6, 2023 Maundy Thursday Worship at 7pm*
- ♦ *April 7, 2023 Good Friday Worship at 7pm*
- ♦ *April 8, 2023 Easter Vigil at 7pm*
- ♦ *April 9, 2023 Easter Worship at 9am, 11am*



Parish Register News and Notes!

To all my Redeemer friends,

It is bittersweet that I write this note to you all. As some of you may know, I am retiring after Easter. My husband Craig and I are heading north, to Clarks Summit, PA to be closer to our daughter Sarah, and our three grandchildren. We are very excited for this new adventure! We look forward to spending lots of quality time with them and attending all their sporting events and concerts!

This move is of course bittersweet, as I will miss my sisters, and friends who became family. We hope to stay in touch with everyone! We are moving to our new home on April 18.

I have been blessed to serve as your church secretary for the past 16 years. My faith has grown and strengthened in my time here. I will miss you all! Thank you for everything!

Please stay in touch!

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With love and gratitude,
Holly Rogerson (and Craig too!)



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

Every Sunday @ 9:20 AM
All ages welcome to join us!

Any questions?
Reach out to Miss Jess
xmissjessx92x@gmail.com

UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

- SUN. APRIL 2ND
 - Palm Sunday
 - SCS & Egg Hunt
- **Need headcount so we have enough eggs for all kiddos!**
- SAT. APRIL 8TH
 - Penndel Borough Egg Hunt on church lawn
- SUN. APRIL 9TH
 - Easter Sunday



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the Date
July 24 - 28th 2023
6:15 - 8:30 pm

Registration \$15 per child

<https://www.myvbs.org/RedeemerPenndelVBS>

Pictures Of Stitching Angels Blessing of the Items



Praying over the Knitted and Crocheted Items



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Evangelism

The Evangelism committee met on February 27th and March 6th at 6:00pm both via zoom.

The first meeting had eleven in attendance the second had nine. Christopher Ryan took over as Chair with Patti Finn as Co-Chair.

We reviewed and filled out the events calendar through December with who will lead each event. The committee's monthly reports will highlight what events we did each month, the ones that are coming up, and who to contact if you want to help and participate.

What we did

Ash Wednesday a group set up at the train station to disperse ashes to riders. Thank you everyone who participated! It was a great way to get our name out there.

Cook-Off March 18- Everyone had a wonderful time. Great food and fellowship! The Davis Showed us they can do more than just sing! Thank you Sandy and Karen for making it such a success!

Lenten soup suppers – Wednesday at 5:30 during Lent all signs pointed to a great meal. Thank you everyone for your wonderful soups and Karen for figuring out how to make it work like one big melting pot.

Upcoming Events

Help the borough stuff plastic eggs for the Easter Egg hunt -Wednesday March 29th after the Lenten Service. See Karen
Volunteers needed
Easter Bake Sale -April 2nd if you would like to contribute contact a WELCA representative

Good Friday Walk April 7th see Pastor for details

Easter Egg Hunt with the borough- April 8th help "hide" the eggs the morning of hunt, help run activities for kids, Distribute lollipops and trifold. Possible board display for Redeemer Ministries Volunteers needed See Rita, Jess, Karen, Denise, or Linda

Easter Crosses for Easter Sunday April 9th – See Rita

Calendar Luncheon May 13th – 1 host month of January may still be available See Karen or Rita

Mother's Day Brunch May 14th -See Chris Ryan

Lutheran Night at the Phillies May 20th -See Brian Schmidt for details

Memorial Day Parade Pennndel May 27th – See Rita volunteers needed

Calendar will continue to be updated as the year progresses

Evangelism is currently meeting on the 1st Monday of each month at 6 pm via zoom. However, this is not an ideal time. So we will establish a new one at the next meeting Monday April 3rd **via Zoom.**

Evangelism Cook off

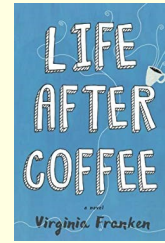
Saturday, March 18th the Evangelism Committee hosted our Annual Cook-off. We had 21 entries and six 1st place winners. Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate with us and enjoyed delicious food.

Special thanks to Trevor who entertained us with music during the counting of the votes.

Appetizers – Cracked Crab Cheese Bread - Karen Kondrk
Side Dish - Homemade Bread – Rita Solt
Vegan – Rwandan Fruit Curry – Trevor Davis
Entrée - Amish County Casserole – Bob Blinstrub
Dessert (Vegan) – Southern Peach Cobbler – Jasymn Davis
Kids Creation (Vegan) – Veggie Pot Pie – Aella Strohl



Book Club Corner



We are currently reading:

Life After Coffee, by Virginia Franken

The book club will meet on Sunday, April 16th, at 2pm

The book is available through Kindle, Amazon, E-Bay, Barnes & Noble. A google search will show many second hand bookstores with copies available. (Better World Books, Goodreads, Bookshop). If you need help with on-line ordering please let me know, Kim.

All are welcome to participate.

Please let Rita or Kim know if you are planning to read the selection.



Pictures of Soup Suppers



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Stewardship News by Denise Robinson

Do you remember as a kid what a treat it was to go to the store or the school Christmas shop and buy your parents a special gift? I remember those days and the following article certainly brought up so many memories and as a child but I never actually thought about it the way the author Lexy Steinle shares.

Hopefully this brings back some fond memories for you as well as a reminder that God wants us to give joyfully. Her words are right on point.

Where Is God in Stewardship? Parental Lessons in Giving

by Lexy Steinle

September 12, 2022, Stewardship + Faith blog

“The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it” –Psalm 24:1

I remember going to the store to buy birthday presents for my mom and dad as a child. As an excited elementary kid whose love language was, and still is, gift giving, I searched through the aisles for the perfect shirt, trinket, or treat when their birthdays came around, dragging my other parent in tow. After finding the gift that I thought would top all gifts, we’d check out and I’d eagerly await getting to present this gift that I’d poured so much love into, with a gift tag that would read, “To Mom (or Dad), Love Lexy.”

As an adult, I realized something humorous about those trips. As excited as I was to give them a gift from me, I was not the one who had paid for it. Yes, from their joint bank account, mom and dad essentially paid for their own presents, and let me have the joy of giving it to them. Even if I had been entrusted with an allowance (a common practice in families outside of my own), the money still would have come from my parents and essentially just added an in-between step to the same process. So why did my parents allow me to gift them with what was already theirs?

Because they loved me enough to teach me the important act of giving joyfully from the heart.

Much like my parents receiving what was already theirs, when we give to God, we are giving God what has always belonged to our creator. God calls us into stewardship, God teaches us how to give, not because God needs our gifts (they’re already God’s!) but because God wants us to learn how to give joyfully! To turn our gaze outward, to live fully into God’s abundance! We are children of God—entrusted with time, talents, and treasure from our loving and patient parent—and we choose how we

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spend and share what God has entrusted to us. We are not the owners of God's goodness and creation, but joyful stewards of it.

God is at the center of stewardship, because just like giving gifts, stewardship is not about what is given but the Love behind it. We are called to be good stewards, learning a little more each day from our heavenly parent: not to hide away or hoard what we have been entrusted with but invest and share it abundantly; not to worship it but use it as a tool to worship God and serve our neighbor; not to live out of a fear of scarcity but out of abundance. These are lessons we continue to learn throughout our entire lives as children of God.

God's place in Stewardship centers us in the life of Jesus. We learn by example, by mentorship. And so we give, because of the One who gave it all for us. We share because of the One who shared this beautiful creation and all that is in it. And we do so joyfully because of the One who takes great delight in us. At the conclusion of the famous prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, we hear, "for it is in giving that we receive." May we steward what we have been entrusted with the same joy and excitement of a child of God picking out gifts for our heavenly parent. May we give with the same exuberance and lavishness as we were taught to give. May we center our stewardship in the loving heart of God.

(Author Bio: Lexy Steinle is a 2022 Master of Divinity (M.Div.) graduate of Luther Seminary. She lives in Fargo, North Dakota, with her two beloved cats and serves at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.)

What a great message to hear as we enter Easter Week. May you take the words from this author and be faithful disciples through stewardship. AS the very last sentence states- "May we center our stewardship in the loving heart of God."

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Stewardship through Discipleship

HAVE YOU EVER by Mike Burlingame

Have you ever had a bad day when things just don't go right? I have, until I realized that I hadn't prayed to thank the Lord and ask for His strength. Have you ever had a week when you feel isolated and things seem purposeless? I have, and it's those times when I haven't attended Sunday worship or Christian fellowship during the week. Have you ever been stressed by bills that seem to be crushing you with worry? Me too, but that's when I remember that I've neglected to give to the Lord's work. Jesus said: "Remain in Me, and I in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself but must remain in the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; the one who remains in Me, and I in him bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing." (John 15:4-5, NAS). This is so true. Let's come to Jesus with our time, talents, and treasure, and find peace to our souls! Peace and love...



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Stewardship News continued



APRIL-Discipleship through Dialogue

Read the following Bible verse, lesson, and prayer. You might want to discuss the ending questions with a family member or fellow churchgoer.

Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to Him, "Are You the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by Me." (Matthew 11:2-6)

Poor John. Stuck in prison and unable to see for himself what this Jesus, the One he baptized, has turned into. Is He really the Messiah? John thought so, the day the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended.

But now John has nothing to do but think. And he worries: Did I make a mistake? Wasn't the Messiah supposed to set the prisoners—like me—free? Who is this man, anyway?

Jesus has mercy on him. He doesn't say a flat "Yes"—any liar could do the same. No, He invites John's disciples to take the evidence of their own ears and eyes back to their teacher.

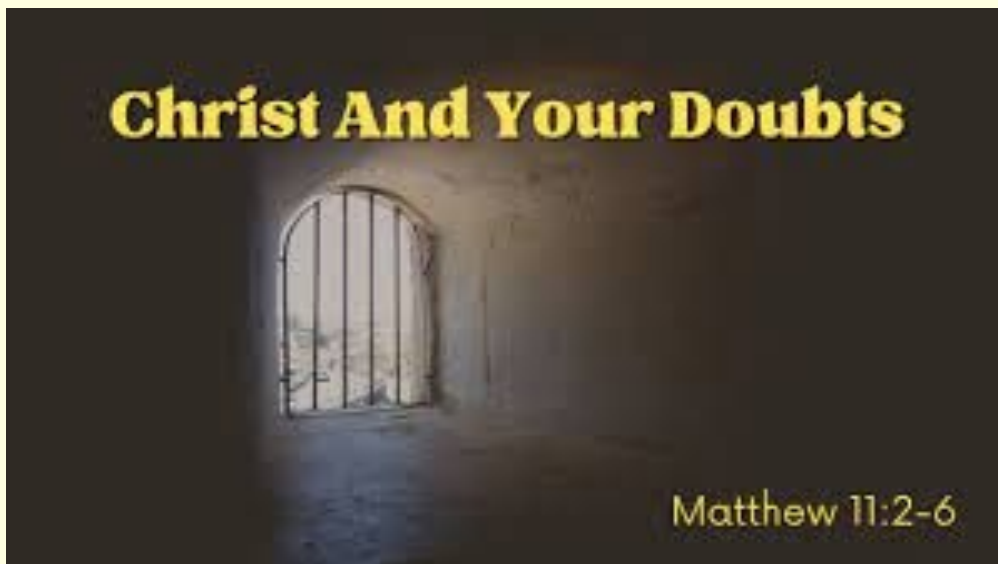
These are the miracles of the Messiah. The Good News *is* being preached, even if John is sitting in darkness. God's plan is going forward.

From this time on, John's disciples will be able to comfort him any time he falls into doubt. They are witnesses—and ones he can trust. And we, too, can comfort our fellow Christians during times of fear and doubt. We can sit with them and listen. We can remind them of all the times God has been there for them—starting with Jesus' own suffering, death, and resurrection.

WE PRAY: Lord Holy Spirit, use me to strengthen my fellow Christians. **Amen.**

Reflection Questions:

- * When have you doubted?
 - * Who or what helped you the most in those times?
 - * How could you comfort and strengthen a doubting friend?
- (Dr. Kari Vo, Daily Devotion, LHM.org, February 1, 2023)



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Food Pantry Ministry/Shared Meal Ministry

Jason Green from Jay's Steak & Hoagie Joint invited me and two other pantries to come to his shop on Monday, March 6th to be interviewed by PHL17 TV station. As you may or may not know, Jay brings fresh meat to our food pantry on the first Monday of every month. He also provides some kind of cooked meat for the Shared Meal four times a year. Jay goes to Restaurant Depot in Langhorne to purchase meat, usually chicken and ground beef. Sometimes he also brings pork loin and eggs. PHL17 did a story on his work with food pantries and they wanted to interview the three pantries who he gives the meat to. Lynn Engle was there also being interviewed for the ERA food pantry (Emergency Relief Association). His goal is to donate 100,000 pounds of fresh meat. It was great to be able to let them know how much his donations mean to the people who come to the pantry. It was also great to get Redeemer's name out there! For those of you who might want to view the story, please go to the following link: <https://phl17.com/phl17-news/jays-steak-and-hoagie-joint-is-changing-the-world-one-cheesesteak-at-a-time/>

Karen Kondrk

SHARED MEAL MINISTRY

Tuesday, March 7, 2023 was shared meal for this month. Jason Green of Jay's Steaks and Hoagies Shop in Parkland provided a delicious meatloaf which was served with mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, salad and dessert. There were about twenty-five (25) guests present, along with twelve (12) volunteers to work the kitchen and to serve. Because of cold, wet weather, Code Blue was called by the AHTN, cutting into our attendance. We decorated the tables with the St. Patrick Day green centerpieces. It was a wonderful meal and a good time was had by all.

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WELCA

WELCA Ministry

Welca met on Tuesday, March 21 at 12:00 noon in the parish hall. We thank Katherine Patelunas for offering devotions and Dolores Danielson and Joan Dunn for refreshments.

Jeff Drinnan, who has published two books on his experiences with homelessness, was our guest speaker. Jeff spoke about his story and about some things that are good with the “support system” and some things that are not as good.

Next Welca meeting: Tuesday, April 18 at 12:00 noon
Devotions: Deb Farnham
Refreshments: Katherine Patelunas, Elaine Copeland



EASTER BAKE SALE

The Welca Easter bake sale is coming up on Palm Sunday, April 2 in the parish hall after the worship service. Please stop by for some special Easter Treats.

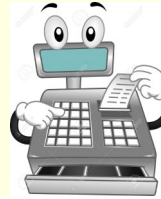


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Financial Ministry

Redeemer Lutheran Church is still collecting tapes from Redner Supermarkets and Brown's Shop Rite Stores. We do receive a percentage of money from these tapes which goes to the Current Fund. Please try to keep them current. You can drop off tapes Monday—Friday 12 –1 or mail them to the church using the address of 239 Fairview Avenue, Penndel, PA 19047, or you can drop them in the basket in the narthex.

Thank you for your help.
Katherine Patelunas



Sharing God's Bounty

April

Whom Are You Looking At?

The disciples were thrilled. They had their Lord back in their presence once again. Since his Resurrection, he had appeared to them and others several times. They were still a little confused, though, when he talked about *"waiting for the gift his Father promised"* (Acts 1:5), and, then, *"He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight"* (Acts 1:9).

You can imagine their bewilderment. He had died and been buried and then had risen from the dead! He had walked among them and taught them again, and now . . . He is taken up into the clouds. No wonder they stood there – probably with mouths agape – looking into the sky where they had last seen him.


It took "two men dressed in white" (Acts 1:10) to bring them back to their senses. " 'Men of Galilee,' " they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into Heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into Heaven' " (Acts 1:11).

Back they went to Jerusalem. Their eyes were no longer on the clouds, but they were still looking at Jesus. They waited. They prayed. They chose another disciple. And they waited some more – all the while looking at Jesus.

Whom are you looking at? Yes, Jesus has ascended. We can only imagine his joyful, triumphant return as all the hosts of Heaven welcomed back the risen, victorious Savior. Because he is that Savior, because he is the Author and perfecter of our faith, *"let us fix our eyes on Jesus"* (Hebrews 12:2). Through his Word and Sacraments, he will lead us in his ways; he will teach us obedience and self-sacrifice; he will teach us love for our neighbors. With joyful and generous hearts, we celebrate the new life that Easter brings us by sharing the message of the Cross and the Empty Tomb with all who will listen. Keep looking at Jesus until in Heaven you see him face to face!

Stewardship is not about large giving, but gifts in small ways. A child's gift, although small, gives glory to the Lord in many ways. Stewardship does not have to be in monetary ways. A gift of time to an elderly shut-in serves the Lord, too. A gift of a loaf of bread to a homeless family could mean the difference between going to bed hungry or going to bed satisfied.

PUZZLE



Resurrection refresher

All four gospels confirm Jesus' resurrection, and each one offers important details.

Directions: Complete the crossword. Then insert the circled letters (in order of the clue numbers) to complete John 20:17 below.

ACROSS

2. The women did this when they heard the angels talk about Jesus' death. (Luka 24:8)

4. The women at the tomb did this when they saw Jesus. (Matthew 28:9)

5. The man in Jesus' empty tomb wore this color robe. (Mark 16:5)

7. Jesus instructed his brothers to go here. (Matthew 28:10)

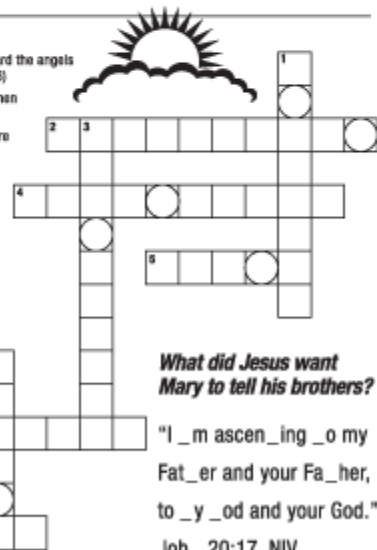
8. Peter saw strips of this in the tomb. (Luka 24:12)


DOWN

1. At first, Mary thought Jesus was this person. (John 20:15)

3. As an angel came from heaven, this happened. (Matthew 28:2)

6. She went with Mary to anoint Jesus' body. (Mark 16:1)





What did Jesus want Mary to tell his brothers?

"I _ m ascen_ing _ o my Fat_er and your Fa_her, to _ y _ od and your God."


Joh_ 20:17, NIV

Answer ACROSS 2 remembered, 4 worshipped, 5 white, 7 Galilee, 8 linen; DOWN 1. gardener, 3. earthquake, 6. Salome, 7. I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." John 20:17, NIV

Bible Quiz

As Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, crowds praised him loudly. When Pharisees told him to silence the people, what did Jesus say would shout if his followers didn't?

A. Stones
B. Palm branches
C. Trees
D. Hillsides



HOLY WEEK i-spy

Create this craft to share the events of Holy Week with a younger sibling or friend.



What you need:

- Clear bottle or jar with lid
- White rice
- Small items that symbolize Holy Week events

What you do:

1. Pour rice into bottle or jar so it's about two-thirds full.
2. Add the small items. Ideas: leaf, donkey, cup, towel square, praying hands, coin, bird, nails, thorn, cross, dice, stick, lamb, stone, white fabric.
3. Fasten the lid. Then shake and turn the bottle to "spy" each item.

April Birthday's and Anniversaries

April Birthdays

2nd Debbie Farnham
4th Marge Einenkel
Brian Schmidt
6th Daniel Clark
7th Kevin Jones
Trey Grover
Cindy O'Connell
11th Patti Balasco
Sage Olivia DitcherTidwell
13th Scott Ditcher
John Schwenk
14th Patrick Eckel
Jacob Eckel
15th Trish Ryan
18th Stacy Hardy Anderson
Aaron Winter
21st Marilyn Hrywnak
22nd Lydia Cochran
24th Elizabeth Reinas
25th Michaela Anne Hemphill
Edith Williams
26th Donna Sue Parfitt-Herbert
27th David Feldbauer
29th Robert Trumpler Jr.

April Wedding Anniversaries

4/6/74 Jeannie and William Vitale
4/24/93 Patricia and Richard Paul
4/24/76 Kathleen and George
Rehm
4/26/13 Erik and Danielle
Martinsen
4/29/78 Lori and Sam Meola



**Visitors and Neighbors:
Welcome to Redeemer Lutheran Church!**

***Our door is open to you!
We would be happy to have you join us as
a Partner in prayer, in song, and in the
hearing of God's word.***



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