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### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9AM WORSHIP

10:15-11:30 KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL/PRECONFIRMATION

10:30-11:30 ADULT BIBLE CLASS

### MW LENT & HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MW LENT SERVICES | MAR. 6, 13, 20

NOON & 7PM

SOUP SUPPER 6PM

PALM SUNDAY | MARCH 24 | 9AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY | MARCH 28 | NOON & 7PM

(W/COMMUNION)

GOOD FRIDAY | MARCH 29 | NOON & 7PM

## WHAT'S THE BIG ATTRACTION?

Isaiah 53 is a passage of Scripture often read and quoted during Lent, for it is the prophecy of our Lord's suffering on our behalf. Here are some of the descriptions of Jesus:

*"He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him . . .*

*"He was despised and rejected by man . . .*

*". . . we esteemed Him not."*

Yet we know that Jesus attracted many followers:

*"Large crowds . . . followed Him" (Matthew 4:25; 8:1).*

*"When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, He had compassion on them and healed their sick . . . Then He gave [the loaves] to the . . . people . . . The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children" (Matthew 14:14-21).*

It depends upon what people find attractive, doesn't it? Those with a worldly view see a broken, bleeding, defeated man carrying a cross. Those who have come to know the real Jesus see one who carries their burdens, heals their diseases, forgives their sins, and gives them food to eat – both for the body and the spirit.

This is the Jesus of Easter. With nails and his side and feet still bearing the scars of His humiliation and death, He shows Himself the risen, triumphant Savior. It is He believers have been following for centuries. It is for Him that millions have been willing to give their Earthly lives, knowing that a better place is prepared for them in Heaven.

This is the Jesus we proclaim. This is the Jesus we present. This is the Jesus we worship with all that we are and have. This is the Jesus the world is longing to know. This is the Jesus Who commands us to introduce Him and make Him known and Who gifts us so that we are enabled to carry out His will.

## ELDERS CORNER – MARCH 2024

During this final month of Winter, I pray that the Dear Lord fills our hearts with the Holy Spirit to transform/reform/renew our lives such that we can be a bible to those around us. Give us the wisdom/knowledge to see the opportunities that the Lord has created that we can simply plant the seed of Your word and then get out of the way. Jesus urges us to share with others the GOSPEL message, however imperfectly or bumbly. More of life is CAUGHT than TAUGHT. If need be, insert words. Don't need to be the Sermon on the Mount, perhaps just "thank-you and God Bless". In this post Covid-19 world it is good to wear a smile and lift our heads as we continue "Living for the Lord".

May we live our public lives such that if anyone ever accuses us of being a Christian, the overwhelming evidence can be gathered to totally convict us of said charges.

Philippians 1:21 For to me, to live is CHRIST and to die is GAIN.

*Elder Roy Wolfe, Redeemer Elders.*



# Redeemer Lutheran School Exploratory Committee Progress Report

Jon Lindberg, Karin Nickola, and Rachelle Ward met with Pacific Northwest Christian College President Bob Nash at the college January 29, to discuss Redeemer Lutheran School Exploratory Committee progress and to hear Mr. Nash's suggestions for future committee areas of focus – including school financing and marketing. Committee members found the visit with Mr. Nash informative and inspirational. They were excited to learn of PNWCC's plans to build a new 11-acre campus and its plans to hold a March 9 Gala fundraiser at the HAPO Center. Committee members will meet with Mr. Nash again, at some point.



Business Trustee Dan Niebuhr signed an Archibald and Company Architects "not to exceed" proposal for a *Preliminary Design Plan* February 4. The School Committee Designated Fund will be used to pay for the plan – which began with \$5K from the Char Beggerow Memorial Fund and grew steadily via designated donations from members of the congregation.

The *Preliminary Design Plan* will include:

- Site plan options showing buildings, parking areas, landscaping, and more
- Floor plan options showing maximum occupancy configurations
- Building, ADA, and zoning code reviews
- Preliminary construction cost estimates
- Schematic exterior 3-D views

On Monday, February 5 Karin Nickola gave to Mr. Jason Archibald:

- A current photograph of Redeemer Lutheran Church architectural style
- A conceptual photograph of the Redeemer Lutheran School entrance
- A conceptual drawing of the Redeemer Lutheran School floor plan
- A needs list for a phased school site plan

- Redeemer "As Built" blueprints; proposed 1990 building, parking area, traffic flow, and playground blueprints; and contour/elevation blueprints of the slope behind the Parsonage
- Benton County maps of developed and undeveloped Redeemer Lutheran Church property
- The 50-page PBS hazardous materials testing results

Mr. Archibald hopes to begin providing review draft materials to committee members the third week of February 2024.

- *If we don't teach our children to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to.* -

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GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD!

*Holy Week & Easter  
Worship Services*

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**Palm Sunday | 9am**

**Maundy Thursday  
w/communion  
Noon & 7pm**

**Good Friday  
Noon & 7pm**

**Easter Sunday  
Outdoor Sunrise Service | 6:30 am  
Choral Festival Service | 9am  
Easter Breakfast &  
Kids Easter Egg activity  
(immediately following 9am service)**

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## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### ARE YOU A GIVER OR A TAKER?

It has been said that we are either givers or takers. However, most of us likely fall somewhere between these two ends of the spectrum. In John 12, we read about a generous giver and an extreme taker. Mary, Martha's sister and Lazarus's brother, was the giver. Her giving was the anointing of her friend and Savior. "Mary, therefore, took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair" (verse 3). Mary's extravagant gift demonstrated much love and devotion. She anointed Jesus with very expensive ointment or perfume. Very likely, this was a special ointment she had been saving, and she found the perfect occasion to use it. How she anointed Jesus also showed her love and devotion. It wasn't enough that she used very expensive ointment; she used her hair to wipe Jesus' feet. Her acts of love epitomize giving. Mary gave herself and her best.

In the same story, we find a taker. "But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples (he who was about to betray Him), said, 'Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?' He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it" (verses 4-6). It is clear that Judas was a taker, and he suffered the consequences for his greed and selfishness.

In our thoughts and prayers, let us ask our Lord to send His Holy Spirit to grant us giving and generous hearts. May we, like Mary, be willing to give ourselves and our best.

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To Redeemer:

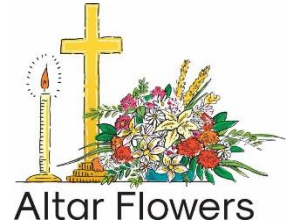
**Thank you** for the beautiful flowers you sent Myrl while in the hospital with pneumonia. He is home and getting better. Your prayers were also appreciated. We know that prayers work. Love in Christ, Myrl & Linda Briggs





**MIDWEEK LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS** continue each Wednesday at 6pm. Sign-up sheet to bring soup and/or dessert is in the Fellowship Hall.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** - There are a few openings to place flowers on the Altar in March. Please sign up on the chart in the Narthex and indicate the occasion, if appropriate. A special occasion is not necessary; they can be to the Glory of God. Contact Dian Mauth or Ronda Wolfe with questions.



**MEN'S GROUP BREAKFAST** will meet Saturday, March 9 at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. All men of Redeemer and Emmaus-Pasco are invited to enjoy food, fellowship, devotion.

**LUTHER SENIOR CENTER LUNCH** – On Wednesday, March 13 Redeemer will serve lunch at Luther Senior Center. Corned Beef will be served, prepared by LSC Manager Paula. Two more people are needed to help fill out the menu (suggestions welcome). Please contact Ginny Wendland at church or 509-946-6983.



**QUILTING/KNITTING GROUP** – The quilting group made mug rugs as a thank you gift for the cancer center nurses (see photo). They are currently working on a few quilts for Kadlec NICU and some lap quilts. If you are interested in joining them, they meet the first and third Wednesday from 9:30a to 11:30a in the Sunday school room across from the restrooms in the church. Questions call Terri Lahti @ 509-539-3560.

**DIRECT YOUR THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS** by March 31 by visiting [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice). In the "Get Started" section on the right, click [Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars](#) ® or call 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted, say "Thrivent Choice."

## LYDIA GUILD TO HOST SPEAKER FROM THERAPEUTIC RIDING OF TRI-CITIES

Redeemers women's group, Lydia Guild will not meet in March. Instead, we will be serving soup on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Anyone willing to make soup or dessert please see Terry Strege. We will gather again on Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a guest speaker from Therapeutic Riding of the Tri-Cities (T.R.O.T). Cynthia MacFarlan, founder & Director will tell us more about the services they provide. The congregation is invited to listen to Cynthia MacFarlan explain her vision to help people with a variety of communication disorders. A free will offering will be gathered to support her ministry.

*"My actions have been guided by the belief that God has blessed me with a fabulous space in which to conduct my dream of providing a safe and enjoyable haven for those in need. It is my highest honor to serve children and families of all backgrounds with the same loving grace that has so freely been given to me."*

*Cynthia MacFarlan*



*Cynthia and Cocoa*

Cynthia MacFarlan, founder and Director of TROT explains. "It has long been my dream to pair my love of animals with my experience as a speech therapist. For over three decades I've enjoyed helping people of all ages with a variety of communication disorders. In 2013, I knew the time was right to carve that dream into a reality. With the support of many talented, powerful, and dynamic women TROT was born. It is now a vessel for God's love and hope to shine through to bring healing, self-fulfillment and joy to all those involved."



## LET'S TALK ABOUT GRIEF

Grief. It's one of those subjects most do not want to think about, talk about, and especially not experience. Regardless, grief comes to all of us in some way in our lifetime. There are many losses that trigger grief and many ways it is experienced.

### Types of Loss

- Death of a loved one
- Loss of employment
- Loss of your home
- Loss of a pet
- Loss of physical abilities we have had in the past

These are just some examples of loss. There are more and often they are very personal to the griever.

Elizabeth Kubler-Ross identified 5 stages of grief in her model of grief in her book On Death and Dying.

- Denial
- Anger
- Bargaining
- Depression
- Acceptance

It is important to know these stages of grief do not always happen in order and in fact one may move in and out of stages throughout the grief process.

Kubler-Ross herself emphasized this point.

Grief is personal. Each of us experience grief in our own way. Life events can shape how we move through the process and it is important to remember there is no right or wrong way to grieve.

Next time, let's define the stages and how they may present.

Love in Christ,

Karin Cagle

## ***March Birthdays***

- 1 Erik Ruff, Katje Compton
- 2 Mark Rogers
- 3 Joette Sheeley
- 7 Victor Garza
- 8 Dan Niebuhr
- 9 Stella Compton
- 10 Shirley Mellick
- 11 Eleanor Woods
- 12 Dian Mauth
- 16 Bev Wetzler
- 17 Margaret Gartner, James Perham
- 18 John Blessing Sr.
- 20 Chambray Turner, Grace Ward
- 24 Marikay Sebade, Bobbie Van Buren
- 25 Mitch Rogers, Matt Rogers
- 29 Della Blessing



## ***March Anniversaries***

- 11 Bernie & Carol Simpkins
- 17 Jay & Beki Van Buren
- 19 Bill & Shirley Clarkson
- 25 Ken & Basilisa Sump
- 30 John & Pat Rohlfing

## *April Birthdays*

- 5 Dan Dubbs
- 6 Wayne Guymon, Randy Dykeman
- 7 Kristen Ruff
- 9 Thom Nash, Erma Griffin
- 12 Hermine Fordham, Andy Sutherland
- 15 Ariel Gruzs, Basilisa Sump
- 16 Avalynn Yarbrough
- 18 Dan Riordan
- 20 Debra Rogers
- 24 Randy Nunamaker
- 26 Brian Milbrath
- 27 Bev Darsow, Ron Kickert
- 28 Bob Young, Ryan Whitten
- 29 Gretchen Fleming
- 30 Brooke Breese

## *Anniversaries*

- 10 Jon & Susie Lindberg
- 25 Gary & Laurie Ellis



PRAYERS – Please let the office know of any changes to the prayer page by calling 943-4967 or emailing [office@richlandredeemer.org](mailto:office@richlandredeemer.org). \*Indicates friends/family.

HOMEBOUND:

Pearl Raabe  
Ruth Shook  
Reta Siefken  
Bernie Simpkins  
Eileen Stixrud

CANCER:

Bob Littlejohn  
John Schug  
Beth\* (neighbor of Linda Einspahr)  
Barbara Connell\* (sister-in-law of Sandy Guymon)  
Phyllis Delvin  
Rev. James & Ann Gier\* (son & daughter-in-law of Marlene Paris-Ufkes)  
Kevin Raabe\* (son of Pearl Raabe)  
Sandi Sheeley\* (sister of Karin Nickola)  
Deanna Snider\*

HEALTH CONCERNS:

Ray Boecker  
Bob & Cheryl Evenson  
Gretchen Fleming  
Chuck Fordham  
Steve Gano  
Sally Grego  
Elaine Kutrowski  
Marj Littlejohn  
Pearl Raabe  
Ruth Shook  
Reta Siefken  
Bernie Simpkins  
Eileen Stixrud  
Bobbie Van Buren  
Bev Wetzler  
Gregg Lee\* (son of Barbara Lee)  
Jody Schug\* (wife of John Schug)  
Phillip Turner\*

MILITARY:

Sam Willhoite  
Darion Woodall  
Brandin Bunch\*  
Jacob Cagle\*  
Brandon Gano\*  
Byron Gano\*  
Matthew Gano\*  
James Hare\*  
Sean Williams\*

