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# APRIL NEWSLETTER

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9AM WORSHIP

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

10:30-11:30 ADULT BIBLE CLASS

## Easter Morning Schedule

*Outdoor Sunrise Service | 6:30 am*

*(Light refreshments after)*

*Indoor Choral Festival Service | 9am*

*Easter Breakfast & Kids Easter Egg Hunt*

*(Immediately following 9am service)*



## FROM THE PASTOR

### LOVING OTHERS

The relationship that each of us has with Jesus is rooted in love. John 3:16 tells us that it was because of His love for us that God gave His only son to die for our sins. In spite of our wicked and sinful ways, God demonstrated His love for us by giving His only Son to die on the Cross. In response to His tremendous love for us, we can do nothing but share His love with others. In John 13:34 Jesus said, *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another."* Because He has first loved us (1 John 5:19), we are empowered to share His love.

*"God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him"* (1 John 4:16). When we love others, God's love is made complete. Love is the distinguishing mark of God's followers. We are called to model Jesus' love. *"By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another"* (John 3:16b). Filled with God's love, we can give and serve others.

Through the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37), we are given an example of how we are to share our love with others. Traveling on the road to Jericho, the Good Samaritan found a man who had been beaten and robbed. The Good Samaritan stopped and attended to the injured person. After he had bandaged his wounds, he took him to an inn where he paid for his room and care. The Samaritan sacrificed money, time, and possessions and risked his own health and safety for a stranger who was wounded. By putting no limits on how far he was willing to go to help this stranger, the Samaritan demonstrated the love we should have for others.

As God's disciples filled with His love, we will be compelled to do acts of love for others. *"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, therefore all died. And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him Who died for them and was raised again"* (2 Corinthians 5:14-15). Through our acts of love, we will be obeying Jesus' commandment to love one another.

## ELDERS CORNER – APRIL 2024

### THE LOYALTY OF RUTH

In the book of Ruth in the Old Testament, we learn about Ruth. She was the daughter in law of Naomi. Both Ruth's husband died, and Naomi's husband died, leaving them destitute. When given the opportunity to leave Naomi, Ruth chose to stay. Her loyalty was to Ruth, and more importantly to God. Ruth's loyalty was eventually rewarded by God. They traveled to Bethlehem to work the barley fields of a wealthy man and relative of Naomi, Boaz. Eventually Boaz noticed Ruth and they were married, her and Naomi were both blessed to live with him. Because of loyalty, God used Ruth to bring about the line of David, and eventually, Christ. Because of Ruth's decision to stay with Naomi, we have God's promises fulfilled for us this Easter season!

*Elder Paul Julson, Redeemer Elders.*



Deacon Randy Vessey from Calvary Lutheran Church in Sunnyside will retire from his Deacon duties on April 14. The congregation will honor him during the worship service and thank him for his many years of service as a Deacon. Randy served the church faithfully with his God given gifts as a Deacon. Congratulations Randy!



Friday, April 5 is the first Friday lunch at noon in the Fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome! Bring your appetite.



**MEN'S GROUP BREAKFAST** will meet Saturday, April 13 at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. All men of Redeemer and Emmaus-Pasco are invited to enjoy food, fellowship, devotion.

## Redeemer Lutheran School Exploratory Committee Progress Report

The Redeemer Lutheran School Exploratory Committee continues to make steady progress towards a future Special Voters' Meeting where voters will have an opportunity to receive answers to their questions about building and operating a LCMS school on Redeemer property.

On March 9, 2024 committee members Robin Buck (and Edger Buck), Axel Gruen, Misty Lyon (and Colton Lyon), Karin Nickola, and Rachele Ward attended a Pacific Northwest Christian College (PNWCC) fund-raising gala. Committee members were pleased to have others join in – Sash Eirich (and Marsha) representing Church Council, Paul Julson representing Church Elders, and Colton Lyon representing Redeemer's younger members who *are* the future of the church. The committee took pages of notes and fulfilled its objective: Experience the use of event testimonials, live performances, new campus videos, and "asks" in PNWCC fund raising.



On March 20, 2024 Jason Archibald sent a draft Preliminary Design Plan to the committee for final review. The committee will be reviewing the materials soon! Here's a sneak 3-D preview.



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

## **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches that our heavenly Father expects moral behavior from His people. Moreover, He expects that behavior to be motivated by proper motives and attitudes. *"Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day He visits us"* (1 Peter 2:12). God is looking for us to do the proper things not because we want to please others, but so that He may be glorified. Paul wrote, *"We are not trying to please men but God, Who tests our hearts"* (1 Thessalonians 2:4b). As redeemed people, we strive to do right, because God deserves nothing less from us.



**RUMMAGE SALE** - Lydia Guild Redeemer and Emmaus Pasco will join together for a Rummage sale on Friday and Saturday, April 26-27, from 8am – 2pm each day. Now is the time to clean out those closets and storage areas. We have limited storage

so if you can hold onto your items until Wednesday April 24, we will be pricing and setting up right after the 11:00am Bible Study. Every Thursday in April from 10:00am to 2:00pm and 6:00pm to 7:30pm someone will be at Redeemer to take your items. We need volunteers to receive items, price, setup, clean up and work the rummage sale. If you can work any time Friday or Saturday between 8am and 2pm, please contact Terry Strege 509-619-3582 to volunteer.

Half of the funds raised will go toward Emmaus' building fund and half will go toward Lydia Guilds mission projects. If you would like to donate to either, please contact Terry Strege.

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

Redeemers women's group, Lydia Guild will meet 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."

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## **OPEN POSITIONS**

There are several positions at Redeemer that are open for FY24-25. The term will begin July 1, 2024. We will vote on the positions at the June Voters' meeting. There are copies of the duties of each position on the tables in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider serving in one of the following positions:

Vice President (2 year term)

Treasurer (2 year term)

Secretary (2 year term)

Head Trustee (2 year term)

Facilities Trustee (1 year term)

Offering Recording Secretary (1 year term)

Offering Counting Secretary (1 year term; 2 positions open)

Lay Delegate to the LCMS NW District Convention

Standby Treasurer (1 year term)

Memorials Point of Contact (2 year term)

Communications Point of Contact (2 year term)

Stewardship (2 year term)

Please contact Sash Eirich at 509-430-3454 or [sash.eirich@charter.net](mailto:sash.eirich@charter.net) to express your interest!

## LCEF OFFERS IRA/OTHER INVESTMENTS



Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) offers an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). To open a new IRA, visit [lcef.org/IRA](http://lcef.org/IRA). To consider a rollover or transfer call LCEF at 1-800-843-5233 during office hours Monday through Friday, 7 am to 5 pm CDT.

Current interest rates for regular term note or IRA can earn 4.5% with APY at 4.577% on a \$500 minimum investment for six months. Interest rates vary from 4% to 5% to other earnings on various amounts and terms. Visit the same [www.lcef.org](http://www.lcef.org) to see the varying offerings.

A LCEF investment goes beyond financial gain. LCMS ministries use low-cost loans to expand, renovate and launch new ministries. That means each investment earns a competitive interest rate while supporting LCMS workers, churches, schools and organizations as has been the case for Redeemer during its history. It can be thought of as Lutherans helping Lutherans.

No investor has ever experienced a loss of principal or interest of their investment with LCEF throughout its history.

For questions contact Pastor Laurence Meyer at 1-5090582-5368.

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## LET'S TALK ABOUT GRIEF

Many times this month I sat at my computer and my mind was a complete blank about what to write for this newsletter. Given the number of illnesses and loss in our congregation, I've chosen to deviate from writing about the grief model discussed in the previous article. Instead, I would like to talk about the human part we see and feel in ourselves and others.

I do not know about you but when I see grief effects in others I feel somewhat helpless. Following are some ways we can give support:

- First and foremost for me is prayer
- When someone is grieving offer support. This can be as simple as listening to the griever with no judgment.
- Often times sitting quietly with the griever is supportive and calming. Hold their hand if it feels right.
- Ask the griever to tell you about the loss. Ask for and use the name of the person who has died or is ill. Encourage the griever to tell you about the person.
- We all know that when the memorial services are over family and friends return home and to their lives. Visit or telephone the griever, check up on them, perhaps even invite them out for a meal or to attend a function with you.
- Make sure the griever knows you expect nothing from them and their way of grieving is perfect for them.

Just a few thoughts to help us and others who are experiencing loss.

Many Blessings on your Easter and beautiful April.

Karin Cagle

## *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

## *May Birthdays*

- 2 Marlene Frank
- 3 Rebecca Schlegel, Sally Grego
- 6 Caryl Parman, Pat Rohlfing
- 7 Ramona Engelmann, Dan Perham
- 8 Anjya Batdorf
- 12 Carol Simpkins, Remi Morgan
- 13 Karin Cagle
- 15 Joe Rebic
- 18 Anna Mauth, Kerry Pitman, Bob Evenson
- 21 Ken Thieme
- 25 Malcolm Kroll, Nancy Petrowicz
- 26 Ben Kroll
- 27 Shirley Vance, Cooper Morgan
- 30 Dakota Raabe, Todd Schroeder, Kristi Beach

## *Anniversaries*

- 16 Gary & Kathy Fisher
- 21 John & Jody Schug, James & Becky Bond
- 26 Kerry & Angie Pitman
- 27 Andrew & Denise Ritzmann
- 28 Steven & Rebecca Schlegel
- 29 Edgar & Robin Buck

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\*

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Sam Willhoite  
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