

Redeemer

Lutheran Church

MAY 2024 News Letter

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Sunday Schedule

Worship 9am
Kids Sunday School/
Preconfirmation Class
10:15 am
Adult Bible Class
10:30 am

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Friday 7:30 am - 12:00 pm

Closed for lunch 12-1 daily

FROM THE PASTOR

CHANGING FROM ME TO WE

By nature, we are self-serving, proud people. The world and our flesh promote the thought of "looking out for number one" at any cost. We want what is best for ourselves, often at the expense of others. We want to be in control and live as if we are invincible. To illustrate this idea, there is a story about Muhammad Ali, the world's boxing champion. He was on an airplane and was told by the stewardess to buckle his seat belt. Ali said, "I don't need to buckle my seat belt because I am Superman, and Superman doesn't need a seat belt." The stewardess responded, "You may call yourself Superman, but Superman doesn't need an airplane."

We all grapple with the same issue of self-importance to some extent. It's a human struggle, not unique to any one of us. Without the presence of God in our lives, this attitude of self-importance remains unchanged. We cannot alter it through our own reasoning or strength. Only through God's love and grace can we truly live with love towards others and with servant hearts. In Matthew 20:26, Jesus said, "Whoever would be great among you must be your servant."

Jesus lived for His heavenly Father and others. God's Word and Sacraments transforms us from being solely interested in ourselves to seeing others as brothers and sisters in Christ. Through the Holy Spirit, God opens our eyes to the opportunities to reach out and serve others with His love. In Jesus' life, we see the life that He wants us to emulate. Jesus told His disciples, "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many" (Matt 20:28). The entire life of Jesus was one of love and service. As Jesus came to serve, so must all of us joyfully accept a life of service to others. As we transition from "me" people to "we" people, we begin to share God's love with others.

ELDERS CORNER – MAY 2024

THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHURCH ELDERS

Elders are important to the ministry of the church. They help ensure that our worship services, bible studies, teachings, and other activities at Redeemer Lutheran Church are consistent with God's Word and that the Holy Sacraments are administered according to Christ's institution as well as the Lutheran doctrine and practices.

Elders must be an example of Christian living, showing a willingness to learn and grow in God's grace and the skills needed in serving Him and others. Elders faithfully participate in worship services, the Lord's Supper and Bible studies and pray regularly for the congregation, church officers, and workers.

Elders regularly pray for strength and guidance for Pastor to hold steadfast to God's Word as he ministers to Redeemer. Elders also provide recommendations and advice to Pastor on spiritual and other matters that relate to the ministry at Redeemer. Elders assist and support Pastor with prayer, helping with potential spiritual, emotional, physical health and welfare related issues of the pastor and/or his family. In addition, they ensure Pastor is provided adequate compensation, housing and assistance with work to include sufficient time for personal responsibilities, study, and relaxation.

Elders oversee, arrange and conduct instruction for the youth confirmation classes in consultation with the Pastor. They serve as liaisons to the Board of Education, Board of Congregational Care, Board of Outreach, Altar Guild and other groups as necessary.

Redeemer has six elders who serve three-year terms. Selection of new elders is conducted by drawing lots for the positions vacated by those elders who have completed their 3rd year of service. The head elder serves on the church council.

The current Redeemer elders are:

Name	Position	Members	Year	Phone	Email
		(Last Names)			
Will Landrum	Head Elder	N – R	2 nd	509-280-6844	broncogabe@gmail.com
Rick Stutheit	Vice Elder -	A – D	3 rd	509-539-3661	rstutheit2b@charter.net
	Cong. Care				
Paul Julson	Worship	E – G	3 rd	509-460-0961	pmjulson@gmail.com
Matt	Bd. of Ed.	H – M	1 st	509-619-3154	mschorzm@gmail.com
Schorzman					
Roy Wolfe	Outreach -	S – T	2 nd	509-947-0448	Roy.wolfeswood@gmail.com
	Youth				
Jon Lindberg	Altar Guild	U - Z	1 st	509-554-6847	fordnut@charter.net
	-Music				



Thank you to everyone for the cards, prayers and meals after the recent loss of Ronda's mom and during Roy's ongoing health issues. We are blessed to belong to such a caring church family. Roy and Ronda Wolfe

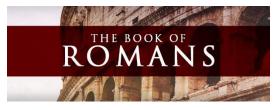
Friday, May 3 is the first Friday lunch at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome! Bring your appetite.





MEN'S ANNUAL FIREPIT ACTIVITY will meet Saturday, May 11 at 5pm at the home of Mark Rogers (2773 Sunshine Ridge Road, Richland) for the annual firepit activity. Bring a chair, bag of chips and a friend. Sausages will be provided. All men of Redeemer

and Emmaus-Pasco are invited to enjoy food and fellowship.



The most profound discussion about the most profound subject in all the scriptures is God's plan and purpose for saving sinners.

These words can only refer to one book in the Bible, and that is Romans. If one were to attempt to determine the worth of this amazing, no-nonsense, bottom-line summary of God's person, plan, and purpose in matters of doctrine, practical living, and by the untold millions of saints and theologians its pages have produced during the last 20 centuries, then every single one of its 9,447 words would be equal to at least a billion dollars each.

Join us starting this Sunday, April 28, as we examine this wonderful book at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

KATHIE ZALOUDEK BUNNY MINISTRY RETIREMENT

On Sunday April 7, Kathie Zaloudek was recognized for her Bunny Ministry. After more than 30 years of visiting nursing homes her last visit was on March 26. She faithfully brought her bunnies on Tuesdays visiting 6 different homes and one Tuesday visiting 3 in one day. Besides the bunnies she would also bring her dog. Residents anxiously awaited these visits. Her only payment was to see the smiles on the residents' faces when they were holding a bunny and petting her dog.

Besides her bunny ministry, she loves music and enjoys choir and hand bells. For many years she was active in the Hand Bells of the Desert.

She is also involved in Lydia Guild. She also held services at the Luther Senior Center.

God Bless her retirement and many thanks for all her work. She has touched many people with her dedication to the Lord.

With Love (her bunny helpers),



Left to right: Marge Valenti, Kathie Zaloudek, Ramona Engelmann, Shirley Vance, Lois Stutheit (not pictured)

Redeemer Lutheran School Exploratory Committee Progress Report

Church vision statements should reflect what God is calling faithful people, united in purpose, to do. They direct a group's course of action. They ask a group to <u>dream big!</u> They are <u>bold</u> statements group members can focus on fulfilling, knowing they may never see the vision completely fulfilled.

Vision statements should be <u>realistic</u> enough for people to see progress, so they do not become discouraged. They should be <u>concise</u> with a message short enough to be internalized. Ideally, they should be one sentence, with each <u>inspired</u> word inspiring others to see more in the vision each time they read the statement.

As our exploratory committee continues to make progress, we take time to remember our vision statement, written one year ago today.

"Redeemer Lutheran School will prepare students to prosper and to lead; changing darkness to light, engraving Holy Scripture on hearts and minds, one student leader at a time."

Prepare, prosper, lead/leader, darkness to light, and engrave are inspired words from God.

Prepare – "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." 1 Peter 3:15

Prosper – "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Lead/Leader – "Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith." Hebrews 13:7



Darkness to Light – "Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12



Engrave – Martin Luther said, "I am much afraid that the schools will prove the very gates of hell, unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures, and engraving them in the hearts of youth.

I would advise no one to send his child where the Holy Scriptures are not supreme. Every institution that does not unceasingly pursue the study of God's word becomes corrupt. Because of this we can see what kind of people they become in the universities and what they are like now.

If ever the church is to flourish again, one must begin by instructing the young."

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



The spring Inland Empire Pastor's Conference will be held at Redeemer on May 6-7. As part of this, there will be a **dinner and worship service on Monday, May 6**. This is a great opportunity to enjoy good food and fellowship with some of the Pastor's in the region. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm with the worship service to follow at 7pm. Everyone is invited to both the dinner and

worship service!

Volunteers needed for the dinner: If you are interested in helping with the dinner in any way (prep, serving, cleanup) please contact Denise Rogers at 509-735-7700.



Learning from Jeremiah

Presenter: Rev. Dr. R. Reed Lessing

Tuesday, May 7

6:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.

Redeemer Lutheran Church 520 Thayer Dr., Richland, WA,

Take a moment and think about your life. What personal trials, disasters, or setbacks have you had to overcome?

Were there moments you thought you couldn't possibly persevere through? God gives an example of someone in a similar situation: the prophet Jeremiah. The Book of Jeremiah is quite possibly the best against-all-odds story ever written and can help you see how to overcome your sorrows. Settle into Jeremiah's narrative with Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing and see how Jeremiah finds hope and joy despite numerous tragedies. You'll see how through God's Word, Hope, Trust, Faith, and more, you can get through anything.

Dr. Lessing is a professor in Concordia University, St. Paul's Department of Theology and Ministry and the author of numerous academic and pastoral books.

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)

Facilities Trustee (1 year term)

Offering Recording Secretary (1 year term)

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

Standby Treasurer (1 year term)

Memorials Point of Contact (2 year term)

Communications Point of Contact (2 year term)

Stewardship (2 year term)

Two Elders (3 year term)

OVERVIEW OF REDEEMER OPEN POSITION DUTIES

Vice President (2-year term, first as vice president, second as president)

Duties: Assume the president's duties in the absence of the president: Ensure the Redeemer Lutheran Church Constitution Purpose is faithfully executed; coordinate actions of officers, standing boards, and committees; preside over Council Meetings and Voters' Meetings; and sign or countersign legal documents, as the Business Trustee requests. Position currently filled by Sash Eirich.

Treasurer (2-year term)

Duties: Serve as principal financial officer of the congregation: Keep and disburse congregational money and sign all checks for the congregation; keep an accurate account of all congregational money received and disbursed; issue a written report of the congregation's financial status at each Church Council Meeting and each Voters' Meeting; and ensure a written yearly financial report is available to all members of the congregation. Position currently filled by Ronda Wolfe.

Secretary (2-year term)

Duties: Attend and document Voters' Meeting and Church Council Meeting proceedings. Formalize and forward Voters' Meeting, Church Council Meeting, and other formal meeting minutes, including "handout" attachments, to the Church Office Manager's permanent records. Keep electronic and hardcopy versions. Post review copies of the prior Voters' Meeting minutes in the church narthex at least two weeks before the next Voters' Meeting. Maintain a roster of Voting Members and a list of Voters' Meeting attendees and provide them to the Church Office Manager. Retain a current copy of the Redeemer Lutheran Church Constitution, Redeemer Lutheran Church Bylaws, and Redeemer Lutheran Church Policies and Procedures, and make them available at meetings. Position currently filled by Karin Nickola.

Facilities Trustee (1-year term)

Duties: Supervise the upkeep of the church and its grounds; including hiring and supervising custodial and yardwork services, as required. Supervise the upkeep of all buildings and properties; evaluate these buildings for maintenance needs twice per year and make repair recommendations to Church Council. Arrange for the semi-annual cleaning of the church and Sunday School facilities. Position currently filled by Mark Reeder.

Offering Recording Secretary (1-year term)

Duties: Maintain records of individual contributions and offerings to Redeemer Lutheran Church. Keep an accurate record of all offerings by envelope number and name and hold all such information confidential. Prepare and distribute year-end contribution summaries for each contributing member of the congregation. Secretary receives authority, guidance, and priorities from and remains accountable to Church Council. The Offering Recording and Offering Counting Secretaries may not be related. Position currently filled by Mark Rogers.

Offering Counting Secretaries (Two Needed; 1-year term)

Duties: Count cash, checks, and other donations given to Redeemer Lutheran Church via offerings and other collections and deposit collections in the bank. Provide weekly contribution records to the Treasurer and Offering Recording Secretary. Ensure all records are the congregation's property. Receive authority, guidance, and priorities from and remain accountable to Church Council. The

Offering Recording and Offering Counting Secretaries may not be related. Position currently filled by Elmer Peterson and Becky Redeker.

Standby Treasurer (1-year term)

Duties: Assume the duties of the Treasurer when, for any reason, the Treasurer cannot perform assigned duties. Position currently vacant.

Memorials Point of Contact (2-year term)

Duties: Manage and recommend to Church Council how best to use Memorial Funds donated to the congregation to improve church property and/or fulfill Redeemer Constitution Purpose. Solicit input from the congregation and organize a list of worthwhile projects. Consider the wishes and/or desires of individuals associated with a given Memorial Fund, but remain solely responsible for recommendations to the Church Council of its use. Approve expenditures, within scope. Attend Church Council meetings, when request or recommendation approval is necessary. Position currently filled by Dan Niebuhr.

Communications Point of Contact (2-year term)

Duties: Manage the internal and external communications, public relations, and advertising of the congregation. Develop draft internal and external communications content for printed or electronic distribution. (e.g., newsletters, ads, and mailers). Review photographs for suggested general public release. Approve expenditures, within scope. Coordinate all actions with the Church Office Manager. Attend Church Council meetings, when request or recommendation approval is necessary. Position currently vacant.

Stewardship Point of Contact (2-year term)

Duties: Manage, plan, and carry out a continuing Christian stewardship education program. Encourage church members to use their time, talents, and treasures to help non-believers open their hearts to the Holy Spirit and become committed Disciples of Christ. Develop or update a strategic annual stewardship plan identifying sources of revenue for completing simple, short-term goals and complex, long-term goals. Periodically report progress to Church Council members and the Voters' Assembly. Approve expenditures, within scope. Attend Church Council meetings, when request or recommendation approval is necessary. Position currently vacant.

Elder (Two Needed; 3-year term)

Duties: Ensure worship services, teaching, and other activities at Redeemer Lutheran Church are consistent with the Word of God, the church constitution, the church bylaws, and the church policies and procedures; advise the congregation in matters of doctrine and faith, and intercede with members who require admonition. Work with offices, boards, and committees to execute the Redeemer Lutheran Church Constitution Purpose. Work with the Altar Guild, ushers, acolytes, and others to ensure the altar and sanctuary are appropriately prepared and funded, and the church is suitably staffed for worship services. Provide pastoral services, if there is a pastoral vacancy. Oversee and arrange instruction for the youth confirmation class. Prepare written reports for each Church Council meeting and each Voters' meeting.

Positions are currently filled by Will Landrum (current head elder), Roy Wolfe, Jon Lindberg, Matt Schorzman, Rick Stutheit (outgoing), and Paul Julson (outgoing).

Please contact Sash Eirich at 509-430-3454 or sash.eirich@charter.net to express your interest in any of these open positions!





On **Call Day** (April 23/24), concluding students at our seminaries receive their first calls to ministry, and second-year students receive their vicarage assignments. All calls and assignments for service are to churches or ministries within The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS).

This year, we are blessed to welcome 94 (ninety-four) men who have received their call to serve as pastors within the LCMS. Additionally, 83 (eighty-three) vicarage assignments have been made. While these numbers are a cause for celebration, let us not forget the 51 (fifty-one) requests for a pastor that remain unanswered, reminding us of the need to send workers into the harvest fields.

Out of the 94 (ninety-four) eligible men for a call, the Northwest District has received 2 candidates for pastors. Similarly, of the 83 (eighty-three) eligible vicarage assignments, the Northwest District has received 1 (one) assignment. These numbers underscore the need for more pastors.

Dillon Weber, Associate Pastor - Trinity Lutheran Church - Seattle, WA.

Jesse Brubaker, Sole Pastor - Christ The Vine Lutheran Church – Damascus, OR.

Michael Hahn, Vicar - Redeemer Lutheran Church - Gresham, OR

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

God calls us to be His stewards. He not only calls us, but He equips us to be faithful stewards. In our stewardship journey, God transforms us from owners to stewards, from kingdom building to submission, from bondage to freedom, and from obligation to joyful obedience. In our journey as God's stewards, we seek to understand the heart and nature of God in Whose image we have been created. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we understand our identity and role as God' stewards, and we become aware of our purpose. May God help us all hear the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:23).

RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE FOR REV. DR. PAUL LINNEMAN



An open house will be held from 1-3 p.m. on May 25 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Tigard (13401 SW Benish St., Tigard, OR 97223) to celebrate the retirement of District President Paul Linnemann.

Please enjoy some fellowship, share stories,

and say thank you for his many years of wonderful ministry in the NOW District! Keep watching for more details.

AN ADDITIONAL NOTE: We are working on a special scrapbook for President Linnemann — and we'd love to have your contributions! Share your retirement well-wishes and any memories/photos by email to Brynn (brynnh@nowlcms.org) or by mail to the NOW District Office (1700 NE Knott St., Portland, OR 97212). If possible, please keep messages to one single-sided page. We will collect these through May 1.

INSTALLATION OF NEW DISTRICT PRESIDENT REV. MICHAL VON BEHREN



You are invited! Please join us for the installation of our new NOW District President Rev. Mike Von Behren.

"These things I remember. . . how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the

house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise" (Psalm 42:4). We are eagerly inviting all in the NOW District to join us for the District President Installation Service taking place on Sunday, May 26, at 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Portland (6700 N 29th Ave., Portland, OR 97211), with an informal dessert reception to follow.

St. Michael's will also livestream the service on their YouTube channel and leave the recording up for people to view later.



DPEN HOUSE





Date: MAY 7 & 8 () Time: 3:00-6:30 PM



Location: 2108 W ENTIAT AVE, KENNEWICK, WA 99336

What You Can Expect:

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LETTER FROM BEV DARSOW

Dear friends of Redeemer Lutheran Church,

I want to thank you so much for attending Don's funeral and reception. Thank you for all the nice cards and words of sympathy. I picture each of you as I read your kind and loving words.

Everyone here at Crista Shores, my new home, is very kind and loving. My daughters visit me several times a week. Mark calls me often. Barbra brings me to her church every Sunday. The minister at Barbara's church once lived in the Tri Cities. I spent Easter surrounded by Barbara and Cynthia's families.

You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I miss you very much.

Don's loving wife,

Bev



for incoming
Kinders for the
2024-25 school year

May 15th 5:30-7:00PM

NEHLM UPDATE

The Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission (NEHLM) Board met recently and is pursuing avenues to obtain regular support for education. I sent the Headmaster of the schools, Rev. Yves Thelemarque, a note asking for an accounting of staff for College Evangelique le Lutherien de Ouanaminthe (CELO-preschool through high school) and for the school at Baja (preschool through 6th grade). As I shared with Rev. Paul that I was working with Yves and that the board was concerned about getting the needed support for the schools, he responded faithfully, "God will do what is best for everyone."

An exciting opportunity is in process for one of the young men from the ministry. Rodley Augustave has been approved to come to the United States to be part of a Humanitarian Parole Program that can be up to two years. Other countries involved in this program are Cuba, Nicaragua, and Venezuela. Rodley has shown steadfastness in pursuing good opportunities, and we trust he will do this also on American soil. He was able to fly to Florida on April 12th from Cap Haitien.

Rev. Paul reported that the problems due to Haiti's lack of government have settled down somewhat. As noted above, there are some international flights taking place. Gangs are still a big problem in Port au Prince; however, efforts are being made to set up a government.

April is normally Haiti's dry season, yet they have received some rain in the last week. Rev. Paul said, "Some of the young crops got washed away, but we are able to do gardening, which is unique for this time of year."

The picture is of a class of students at CELO. We are delighted to see people being instructed in knowledge to help them live in this world, and more importantly, being instructed in the Lord Jesus Christ and His kingdom. On the NEHLM website are pictures of two other classes of younger students.

God's peace,

Rev. Samuel Wiseman NEHLM Pastoral Adviser



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



June Birthdays

- 1 Jon Lindberg, Luke Mauth
- 2 Freyja Compton
- 3 Lester Dougherty
- 8 Chris Beach, Lori Bisping, Lynn Bisping, Jamie young
- 9 Carl Garner, Jerrine Gjerdevig
- 11 Hannah Bond
- 12 Bev Kroll
- 13 Kathie Zaloudek, Denise Ritzmann
- 14 Troy Grall
- 16 Steven Rogers
- 19 John Cagle, Curt Gjerdevig
- 21 Dale Groeber
- 25 Beth Ruff
- 26 Rick Engelmann
- 28 Lynn Weldon
- 29 Pam Bobiles

Anniversaries

- 6 Pastor Todd & Gina Schroeder
- 12 Dick & June Jaquish, Ryan & Natalie Whitten
- 14 Chuck & Herm Fordham
- 19 Tom & Marge Valenti
- 23 Dee & Peggy McDorman
- 25 Randy & Kim Dykeman, Jerry & Lynn Weldon

<u>PRAYERS</u> – Please let the office know of any changes to the prayer page by calling 943-4967 or emailing <u>office@richlandredeemer.org</u>. *Indicates friends/family.

HOMEBOUND:

Pearl Raabe Ruth Shook Reta Siefken Bernie Simpkins Eileen Stixrud

CANCER:

Bob Littlejohn John Schug Barbara Connell* (sisterin-law of Sandy Guymon)

Rev. James & Ann Gier* (son & daughter-in-law of Marlene Paris-Ufkes) Kevin Raabe* (son of

Pearl Raabe)

Phyllis Delvin

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*

