



Redeemer
L u t h e r a n C h u r c h

APRIL 2025

Newsletter



Wednesday Schedule

Bible Study | 10am

**On April 16 it will revert back
to 9:30am**

Sunday Schedule

Worship Service | 9am

Kids Sunday Classes | 10:15am

Adult Bible Study | 10:30a

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Friday 7:30 am - 12:00 pm

Closed for lunch 12-1 daily

FROM THE PASTOR – 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 thepeople....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. 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, His hand and feet still bear the scars of His humiliation and death, and He shows Himself the risen, triumphant Savior. It is He believers have been following for centuries. For Him, 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 Jesus the world longs 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.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Pastor Todd

ELDER'S CORNER - LIGHT

In the book of Genesis, at the creation of the world, God first said "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. In the book of Psalms, the Psalmist states, "The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear." And again, "Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path." In Isaiah, God says "I form light and create darkness," and "I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." In Matthew, Jesus says "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." In the gospel of John, he states, "In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it," and "The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world." And in chapter 8, Jesus says, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life." and chapter 12, "While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." and "I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness." Romans 13 says, "The night is far gone, the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light." In 2 Corinthians, "For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." In Ephesians 5, Paul says "Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true)."

In 1 John, he says "This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son, cleanses us from all sin." And Revelation 22 says, "They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever." May this, the true light of the world, our Lord and Savior Jesus, shine brightly in us always.

Matt Schorzman, Redeemer Elder



STEWARDSHIP CORNER – Our Heavenly Father has given each one of us at least one spiritual gift. Simply stated, a spiritual gift is a Spirit-endowed ability for Christian service. This spiritual gift is something we do not deserve and cannot earn or achieve through our own efforts. By God's grace, we have been given spiritual gifts so that we can edify God's Church. As stewards, we should attempt to identify our spiritual gift or gifts and use them within our churches. If we choose not to use the spiritual gifts that God has given us, we are robbing the church, and forcing other members of the Body of Christ to carry our loads.



A big thank you to the congregation for your thoughts and prayers while I was hospitalized March 8-10. *Jon Lindberg*

FIRST FRIDAY CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH – **Friday, April 4 at noon.** Everyone is welcome. Bring your appetite!

MEN'S GROUP BREAKFAST will meet Saturday, April 12 at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. All men of Redeemer and Emmaus-Pasco are invited to enjoy food, fellowship, devotion.



BAKE SALE



LUTHER SENIOR CENTER BAKE SALE – Luther Senior Center will be having a bake sale on Thursday, April 10th from 9-11am. All proceeds will go towards activities for the residents. If you would like to donate any goodies, please bring them to the center (625 Berkshire Place, Richland) between 8-8:30am on April 10th. If you have any questions, please contact Ronda in the office.



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML)

Lydia Guild will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, April 14 in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are welcome!

CELEBRATE YOUR LEGACY

LWML JOYSHOP 2025:

Most Christians don't have a charitable plan for when the Lord calls them to heaven and may be unsure where to start. Linday Gage with LWML and LCMS Foundation will bring valuable insights and resources to help us discover how we can share our faith, bless our family, and make a lasting impact on ministry through charitable planning.

JOYSHOP Luncheon event sponsored by LWML Blue Mountain & Inter Valley Zones on Saturday, May 17 from 11:30 am to 2:00pm at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 7809 Tieton Drive, Yakima, WA. All ladies welcome!

RSVP to Wilma Gardner: dgardner3783@charter.net or

Nicole Knutson: tennisqn2000@gmail.com

REDEEMER LUTHERAN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



The Redeemer Board of Education has selected the week of June 23 for this year's VBS. The theme is "An Unforgettable Journey with Jesus". Classes will be held Monday to Friday from 9am to 11:30am.

Volunteers are needed to serve as guides, drama parts, advertisement, music, helpers (children & youth), registration, crafts, and food. Please contact Tom Valenti or Terry Strege if you are able to help with one of these roles.

Tom Valenti (tom.valenti@hotmail.com)

Terry Strege (terrystrege@gmail.com)

Redeemer Board of Education

NEHLM UPDATE

Greetings,

Rev. Paul reports, "We are doing well, by the grace of God!"

In the schools he is dealing with some extra courses that are taking several hours each week. I think these courses are ones for which they have yet to obtain a teacher, so he is filling in for the time being.

I inquired about services for the Lenten season, and he responded, "We always have our Wednesday and Friday services along with our two nights a month with an overnight worship." (I went to an overnight Service for about two hours several years ago--quite an experience with lots of prayers and singing.) "During Lent, we adjust the theme to fit a Lenten emphasis." They also had a "Revival" last Sunday, inviting two of the school classes to worship with them. Rev. Paul shared, "It was crowded with many people standing outside." Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission (NEHLM) continues to "walk with" them to pursue a larger worship facility.

Rev. Paul's daughters, Whiney and Sarai, who are living in our house, have completed their winter quarter and are on a Spring Break trip with the university to visit areas along the west coast of the USA.

I continue to prepare for our trip this May and would be able to take letters to children that some of you are sponsoring.

God's peace,

Rev. Samuel Wiseman

NEHLM Pastoral Adviser

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD!

Easter Worship Services
APRIL 20

Outdoor SONrise Service | 6:01 am

Indoor Choral Festival Service | 9:00am

Kids Easter Egg Hunt | 10:00am

Easter Breakfast | 10:15am



Sunday Easter Egg Hunt
April 20, 10:00 am
All children are invited!!!
(Ages under 10)



Who Is LCEF?

Since 1978, LCEF has partnered with LCMS members and ministries to fund projects that support the work of God's kingdom. By investing with LCEF, you not only work toward your financial goals but also provide vital resources that empower ministries to thrive.

Build Value That Aligns with Your Values

Now is the time to make the most of the blessings God has entrusted to you. With LCEF, you gain a trusted partner who shares your Lutheran values—helping you achieve financial growth while making a meaningful difference in the LCMS community.

With your investment, we support LCMS ministries like Camp Linn Haven in Linville, N.C. The camp is in the midst of recovery after Hurricane Helene flooded several buildings and damaged the entrance to the facility.

About Term Notes

A term note at LCEF allows you to grow your funds while making a real difference. Choose the term that fit your goals, and enjoy peace of mind knowing your investment is supporting LCMS ministries—ministries like Grace House, an community-support initiative by Grace Lutheran Church in Blaine, Wash.—that make a difference every day. Start building your financial future and strengthening ministries across the country—all with one powerful choice.

Fixed-Rate Term Note

Fixed-rate term notes are also available as Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs).

What happens at the end of my term?

At the end of your term note, you'll receive a maturity notice with options to roll over your money into another LCEF account or how to redeem your money.

Minimum	Term	Rate	APY*	Penalty
\$500	6 mos.	4.000%	4.060%	90 days of interest
\$500	1 yr.	4.000%	4.060%	90 days of interest

Minimum	Term	Rate	APY*	Penalty
\$500	18 mos.	4.250%	4.318%	90 days of interest
\$500	2 yrs.	4.250%	4.318%	90 days of interest
\$500	3 yrs.	4.250%	4.318%	120 days of interest
\$500	4 yrs.	4.000%	4.060%	180 days of interest
\$500	5 yrs.	4.000%	4.060%	180 days of interest

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** APY is the annual percentage yield, representing the effective rate of interest when all principal and interest payments are retained in the investment balance.*

For further information or other investment opportunities, check online at www.lcef.org or contact Rev. Laurence Meyer at 509-582—5368.

Redeemer Lutheran School Committee Celebration and Next Steps

Redeemer Lutheran School Committee members and guests gathered at Cedars Restaurant on Clover Island in Kennewick Tuesday, March 25 to celebrate the March 3, 2025 Richland Planning Commission "Schools on Small Sites" Notice of Decision. The decision allows Redeemer to move forward with a K-5 school on its approximate 4 acres of land.



After a delicious dinner and a prayer of thankfulness, members reminisced about the committee's formation, the struggle to coalesce on a shared vision, and obstacles surmounted along the way.

The Redeemer Lutheran Church 2020 anniversary provided an opportunity to reflect upon the past 75 years. It also spurred challenging questions about the future. What will the next 25 years look like? Will there be a Redeemer congregation left to celebrate a 100-year anniversary?

School Committee members recalled joining the school effort to increase the membership of younger parents and children at Redeemer, to fulfill Redeemer's mission statement ("...to share and teach God's Word so that people become believers and committed disciples of Christ"), to educate our nation's children who are lost and struggling without Jesus, and to grow strong Christian leaders in a world that sorely needs them.

Redeemer Lutheran K-5 School will have a positive impact on the lives of about 100 children a year. And who knows? Maybe one day the Redeemer campus will include a middle school and a large multi-purpose building that can be used as a gym, an auditorium, or an alternate sanctuary.

Before heading home, members received a copy of *Asking* by Jerold Panas. At the next School Committee meeting, they will discuss which of the book's fundraising ideas may prove useful when developing a fundraising plan – including the gathering of signed commitments to build Redeemer Lutheran School.

APRIL YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITY



The April youth group get together has been moved to Friday, April 11 for a showing of the movie "The Call of the Wild" from 6-8pm in the Youth Room downstairs. Pizza will be served, and parents are welcome to stay. Parents, please let Riley or Kelsey Yarbrough know if your student plans to attend so they can have an accurate headcount for the pizza.

Riley.yarbrough83@gmail.com or 509-222-8064.

There will be NO meeting on Sunday, April 13.

'Set Apart to Serve' 2025 Congregation Survey

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Set Apart to Serve (SAS) is building a culture of forming and recruiting pastors and commissioned church workers in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). SAS is asking for your help again this year as we strive to continually improve our Synod wide efforts. Your responses are vitally important toward this effort as we supply our LCMS congregations, schools and entities with church workers for generations to come.

Where do we get pastors who preach and care for us with God's Word? Where do we get teachers who teach our children about Jesus in our Lutheran schools? Where do we get our directors of Christian education, deaconesses and directors of parish music? Set Apart to Serve (SAS) is partnering with our seminaries, Concordia universities, districts and others to build a Synod wide culture of church work formation and recruitment. Will you please take a brief online survey at lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey and let us know how we can make SAS more beneficial to your congregation? We want to hear what you have to say.

The more responses we receive, the better equipped we can be to raise up pastors and church workers for generations to come.

We would appreciate receiving responses by April 12. All responses are anonymous and confidential. Thank you so much for your time and support.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. James A. Baneck
Executive Director
LCMS Office of Pastoral Education
james.baneck@lcms.org

"Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest"
(Matt. 9:38).



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, Eric Johnson
- 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
- 20 Eric & Nancy Johnson
- 25 Gary & Laurie Ellis

May Birthdays

- 3 Rebecca Schlegel, Sally Grego
- 6 Caryl Parman, Pat Rohlfing
- 7 Ramona Engelmann, Dan Perham
- 8 Anjya Batdorf
- 12 Carol Simpkins, Remi Morgan
- 13 Lydia Niesen, Karin Cagle
- 15 Joe Rebic, Carl Thomsen
- 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
- 28 Steven & Rebecca Schlegel, Luke & Rachel Mauth
- 29 Edgar & Robin Buck, Tyler & Tasha Niesen,
Derek & Teresa Wright



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

HEALTH CONCERNS:

Bob & Cheryl Evenson
Chuck Fordham
Sally Grego
Miriam Hagedorn
Elaine Kutrowski
Marj Littlejohn
Pearl Raabe
Bernie Simpkins
Eileen Stixrud
Bobbie Van Buren
Bev Wetzler
Gregg Lee* (son of
Barbara Lee)
Jody Schug* (wife of
John Schug)
Phillip Turner*

HOMEBOUND:

Gloria Bentley
Marilyn DeRoche
Bob & Cheryl Evenson
Dale Groeber
Miriam Hagedorn
Elaine Kutrowski
Joy Ledgerwood
Marj Littlejohn
Pearl Raabe
Ann Robbins
Bernie Simpkins
Eileen Stixrud
Ken Sump
Dorothy Thieme
Phil Turner
Lynn Weldon
Bev Wetzler

CANCER:

Ray Boecker
Myrl Briggs
Bob Littlejohn
Denise Rogers
John Schug
Barbara Connell* (sister-in-
law of Sandy Guymon)
Phyllis Ruff (daughter of
Wally Ruff)
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*

MILITARY:

Brandin Bunch*
Jacob Cagle*
Brandon Gano*
Byron Gano*
Matthew Gano*
James Hare*
Sean Williams*

