



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

MAY 2025
Newsletter



Wednesday Schedule

Bible Study | 9:30am

Worship | 7pm

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 – CALLED TO SERVE OTHERS

Throughout all four Gospels, we read how the life of Jesus was one of total service and sacrifice. Jesus declared, *"even as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many"* (Matthew 20:28). Jesus continually served the hungry, handicapped, sick, and homeless. His loving and servant heart was seen in all that He said and did. Following His example during the three years He spent on earth, we realize that our purpose, too, is to serve. He lived for His heavenly Father and for others. Just as Jesus served His Father, we exist to serve Him. Being conformed into the image of Christ, we will take on the role of servants as He did.

The concept of serving rather than being served is not a natural one. We, by nature, prefer to be "number one." We're too wrapped up in ourselves even to notice the needs of others. Jerry White, in his book *Honesty, Morality, and Conscience*, writes, "Christians are to be servants of both God and people, but most of us approach business, work, and life in general with the attitude of what I can get rather than what I can give." Serving God receives a favorable response but serving people, especially those who cannot repay us, has no visible benefit or glory from anyone except God.

A life of service is contrary to what our society promotes. We are told to aspire to fame, power, and wealth. Servants receive no glory, spotlight, or fame, but a meaningful relationship with Christ is not possible if we put ourselves first and seek only the goals that are important to the world that we live in. Living a life of service, we give of ourselves without striving for financial rewards or glory. Unlike the praise we receive from God, worldly praise has no lasting value. Along with the Apostle Paul, we say that we are *"not to please man, but to please God Who tests our hearts"* (1 Thessalonians 2:4).

Pastor Todd



The memorial service for Myrl Briggs will be held Friday, May 16 at 11am at Redeemer. The burial will be at 12:30p at Einan's followed by a reception at Jokers from 1-3pm. All are invited.



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML)

Lydia Guild will not hold it's monthly meeting in May due to the JoyShop on May 17 in Yakima. All ladies are welcome to attend!

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 Terry Strege: terrystrege@gmail.com

ELDER'S CORNER - EASTER (MARCH – APRIL)

Ok, we're past Easter now, and we have nothing to look forward to in the Church calendar until way down in the Fall when we may remember the Reformation and, thankfully, we come to the holiday season that follows. Right? Wrong! We're still in the Easter season, and we will continue to be in the season of Easter for weeks.

Easter is the primary feast of the Christian liturgical year, even though Christmas may seem to overwhelm it in many cultures and churches. The world finds plenty to rejoice in Christmas, but it is perplexed by the day of our Lord's Resurrection. Lent is our season of preparing. The Triduum is a time of engagement in Pasch [Passover]. Easter is a 50-day celebration of the new life offered by Christ. It starts with the Easter Vigil (Easter Sunday) and concludes on the Day of Pentecost.

How Is the Day For Easter Selected?

We celebrate Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after March 21 (the Spring Equinox). Easter may occur as early as March 22 or as late as April 25.

Colors of Easter

For Easter, the color white represents joy.

Traditions of Easter

We sing joyful hymns that contain the word Alleluia, display Easter lilies in worship services and at home and for youngsters, we explain that the emergence of a butterfly from its cocoon and chicks from their eggs signify rebirth and new life. We present the baptismal font prominently and describe its function to children. On the 40th day, we observe Jesus' ascension to heaven.

What is Easter?

Easter is a 50-day celebration where every Sunday reminds us our Savior lives. We have eternal life because Jesus paid the ultimate price for us. Through His life and death He covered the cost of our sin. We no longer have to bear the crushing weight of our sin.

Pentecost (May – June)

Pentecost is a Greek word that means "50", regarding the Old Testament feast celebrated 50 days after Passover. Pentecost is celebrated by Christians 50 days after Easter. The Lord poured out His Spirit during Pentecost. Once exclusive to a select few, God's blessing extends to everyone. We have access to the love of the Father and Son. We are accepted into the most loving communion with the Father since we are united in Christ. That is a call to repentance due to the witness of the Holy Spirit.

So there really is a reason for celebration after Easter Sunday. It's not just a boring slog from now until Thanksgiving and Advent. For now, during the 50 days of Easter, let's celebrate the tremendous gift that Jesus gave us in His death on the cross and His resurrection. He has risen! He has risen, indeed!!! Hallelujah!!!

Jon Lindberg, Redeemer Elder



STEWARDSHIP CORNER – Jesus tells us that temporal and worldly things have no lasting value. We are to be in the world but not of the world. We are warned not to store up treasures on earth. No earthly treasures will give us long-term happiness and security. Material things become a distraction. The things we own

will either become worthless due to inflation, become obsolete, wear out, or be stolen. Earthly treasures have limited value and purpose. In contrast, Jesus directs us to store up treasures in heaven that will last. We store up treasures in heaven by helping, serving, and witnessing to others. When God opens our hearts and minds, He changes our desires and enables us to store up treasures in heaven. We store up treasures in heaven because we know, by God's grace, that our real home is with Him.

MEN'S ANNUAL FIREPIT ACTIVITY - Saturday, May 10 at 5 pm at the Wolfe Residence, 642 Birch Ave., Richland. All men of Redeemer and Emmaus-Pasco are invited. Bring a friend, a lawn chair, FRITOS, and beverage of choice. Rider's sausage and buns will be provided. Contact Roy Wolfe with questions, 509-947-0448.



THANKS TO THE MANY VOLUNTEERS THAT HELPED WITH EASTER BREAKFAST. WE SERVED OVER 75 JOYFUL EASTER PEOPLE!

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 - 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 in the Name of Our Resurrected Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Rev. Daniel Paul sent the following greeting on Easter Sunday:

Alleluia Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia. Blessed Easter to all of you my friends. You and I, we partake in Christ's resurrection in our holy baptism, where we receive His justification and the forgiveness of sins. We do not need to fear death, for all our sins are forgiven. Let us rejoice. Happy Easter.

We are thankful for the opportunity to acquire some prescriptions that are almost impossible for them to obtain in Haiti. One of those prescriptions is for Rev. Paul's eyes to help with glaucoma and the other is for a resident in their home, Franceline, who requires medicines for her disabling condition. Our ability to do so is through medical professionals "walking along" with us to get the prescriptions and then having them sent by plane via an organization called "Missionary Flights International." We try to send a full box of other OTC medicines and vitamins that are beneficial for them when an order is sent.

Some members of Cliney's (Rev. Paul's wife) family have been displaced from their home between Port au Prince and the Central Plateau of Haiti. They recently found out that their houses were burned to the ground with all the furniture and belongings inside. We are thankful for them being able to leave before the damage but very sad with the conditions that continue, especially near Port au Prince.

God's peace,

Rev. Samuel wiseman

NEHLM Pastoral Adviser

Redeemer Lutheran School Committee

A Movements with Many Moving Parts

Redeemer Lutheran School Committee members met April 23, 2025 to discuss the book *Asking* by Jerold Panas and to brainstorm and assign actions, as they prepare to gather signed commitments for *constructing* Redeemer Lutheran School. Below are a few of the actions identified, in rough consecutive order.

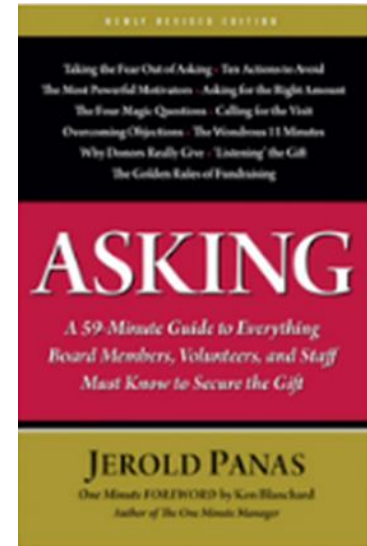
Short-term actions:

- Receive non-profit legal and tax advice.
- Look into LCMS, regional, and national grant availability.
- Set up school endowments.
- Determine when President Trump's \$10K/child education stipend will be available.
- Meet with Bob Nash again to finalize commitment forms and "leave behind" brochures, to determine the best way to develop a potential donor list, and more.
- Work with Digital Image to develop, design, and print signed commitment forms and "leave behind" brochures.
- Record video sessions documenting the beginning and growth of the school effort.
- Begin asking for signed commitments.
- Design and display a "thermometer" to show signed commitment growth.
- Continue to give the congregation progress updates.

Longer-term actions:

- Call in signed commitments, and place the funds in a *construction* bank account.
- Select an architect and complete architectural drawings.
- Select a contractor and begin construction.
- Secure furniture, playground equipment, teaching materials, and management software.
- Hire a headmaster/marketer, secretary/receptionist, janitor/security guard, and teachers.
- Interview and accept students.
- Open the school!

On another note, church members continue to ask committee members if they can donate Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) and other funds to the school effort *now*. In short, yes! Donations for *operating* the school may be given online via the "School Fund." Envelopes marked "School Fund" may be given as offerings during worship services. Some people are already contributing to the "School Fund" regularly (e.g., every other week). The fund's current balance is about \$7,000.



Life EXPO

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Presented by
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MAY 8-9 THREE RIVERS CONVENTION CENTER

SupportYouMedical.org/Life-Expo



Seth Gruber
White Rose Resistance Founder



A.J. Hurley
White Rose Resistance



Beth Burns
Abundant Life



Jared Burns
Love Life

This 2-day event will ignite your passion for the pro-life mission and give you valuable tools and tangible ways to be involved in supporting our abortion-vulnerable communities.



Heather Lawless
Reliance Center



Sheryl Bullard
Antioch Adoptions



Katriel Nyman
Pro-Life Activist



Karen Nyman
Pro-Life Activist



May Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

- 13 Ken & Donna Hoopingarner
- 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

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
- 14 Troy Grall
- 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



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:

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
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

MILITARY:

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

CANCER:

Ray Boecker
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*

