

Redeemer's Christian Connection

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March Newsletter

Pastor's Page



For our midweek services this year, beginning this coming Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, March 2nd (repeat services at 12noon and 7pm), will be on

“The Famous Last Words of Jesus.”

Ash Wednesday - Luke 23:34 “And Jesus said, ***‘Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.’***”

Speaking these words from the cross, Jesus brings to mind the prophecy from Isaiah 53:12 “*He bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.*” Through His words and actions Jesus makes atonement for the sins of all people—our sins—your sins.

Midweek 2 - John 19:26-27 “*When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, ***‘Woman, behold, your son!’*** Then he said to the disciple, ***‘Behold, your mother!’*** And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.*”

These words were spoken to Mary, Jesus’ mother, and John, the Apostle. At this point in time Mary’s sons through Joseph, including James, did not yet believe in Jesus as the Christ. And as far as we know they were not present at the time of Jesus’ crucifixion. But Mary and John were there, and Jesus expresses His concern that His mother be taken care of both physically and spiritually.

Midweek 3 - One of the thieves on a cross next to Jesus asks Jesus to remember him when He comes into His kingdom. In response, Jesus said: ***“Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”***

These words not only bring to mind the Garden of Eden, mankind living in God’s presence and apart from the effects of sin, but also the assurance of Paradise restored by God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier—the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Midweek 4 - Matthew 27:46 “And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, **“Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”** that is, **“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”**”

These words of our Lord emphasize God’s judgement against our sins, which cut us off from God. To see Jesus Christ, true man and true God, being cut off from His heavenly Father through His death, assures us that our sins have received God’s full and promised judgement. The crucifix is a reminder of the same.

Midweek 5 - John 19:28 *“Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), **“I thirst.”**”*

These words also remind us of Jesus’ separation from His heavenly Father. Even though Jesus told the woman at the well that He was able to quench her thirst forever (John 4:14), He could do nothing apart from His Father. Therefore, when He is forsaken by His Father, He cannot quench His own thirst—provide for His basic needs—apart from His Father. Jesus’ hunger in the wilderness (Matthew 4:2), reminds us of the same—the consequence of our sins.

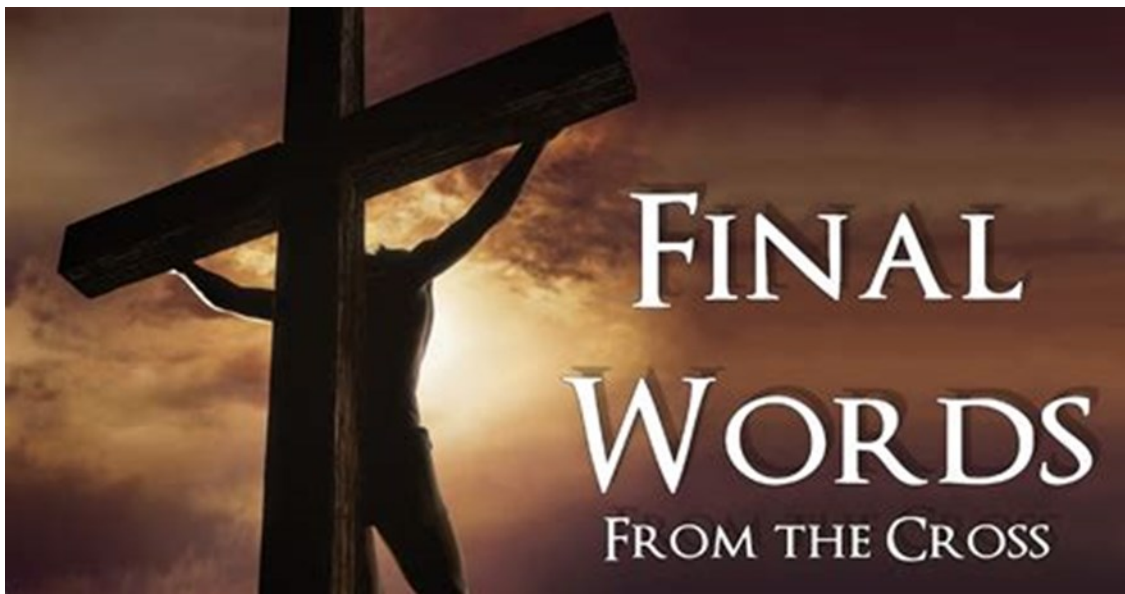
Midweek 6 - John 19:30 *“He said, **‘It is finished.’**”*

“Although the work is done and the forgiveness of sins is secured by the cross [John 19:30],” Luther reminds us in his Large Catechism, that “it cannot come to us in any other way than through the Word. How would we know about it otherwise, that such a thing was accomplished or was to be given to us, unless it were presented by preaching or the oral Word?” (LC V 31).”

Good Friday - Luke 23:46 - *“Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, **‘Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!’** And having said this he breathed his last.”*

Even though Jesus asked His Father earlier why He had forsaken Him, yet He still entrusted Himself into the hands of His Father. Jesus was, here, quoting His words from Psalm 31:5 - *“Into your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.”*

“To Your power I commend My Spirit, soon to receive It back. ‘You have redeemed Me, O Lord God of truth.’ Let the people too, redeemed by the Passion of their Lord, and joyful in the glorifying of their Head, say, ‘You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.’” (Augustine)





Hymn of the Month From One and All Rejoice (OAR) #202

Oh, How Good is Christ the Lord!

Our Hymn of the Month for March is a short Puerto Rican hymn which speaks of the heart of the Christian confession of faith: Christ who died for our sin has risen again! By the grace of God the Holy Spirit, who gives us faith in this Good News, we respond: "Glory be to Jesus."

The specific texts which this hymn is based on are:

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 *"Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed."*

Philippians 2:5-11 *"Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*

1 Peter 1:3 *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,"*

Oh, how good is Christ the Lord!
On the cross he died for me.
He has pardoned all my sin.
Glory be to Jesus.
Glory be to Jesus!
Glory be to Jesus!
In three days he rose again.
Glory be to Jesus!

We will be learning only the English text,
but Sarah Weber will be teaching the school children, here at Redeemer, the Spanish as well:

¡Oh, qué bueno es Jesús!

Redeemer Lutheran School
Newsletter
February 2022



Dear Members of Redeemer Lutheran,

First of all, THANK YOU to each and every one of you; we are humbled by the amazing support in so many ways that has helped RLS in this first school year. Thank you for being prayer warriors for the students, their families and our staff as we seek to do God's will in educating these children who have been entrusted to us.

Redeemer Lutheran School is a little over halfway through our first year of educating elementary age students in a Christ centered culture. The initial start-up of the school and the first half of the education year has kept us all incredibly busy! We would like to share information with you through regular newsletters to inform you of the wonderful daily events and educational progress of the students in your new school.

Below are some bits of information for this first newsletter.

School Mission: To provide a Christ-centered environment of academic excellence that prepares students as faithful Christians to reach their God-given potential.

Current Enrollment: 21 students (kindergarten-fifth grade)

Teachers: 2 paid teachers, 1 part-time aid, and 1 full time volunteer teacher

All of our students go to Chapel on Wednesday mornings at 10:15. We invite anyone to come join us! All of our students receive daily Bible Time in the classroom along with a rigorous Christian based curriculum which allows us to share God's love in meaningful ways throughout the day. About half of our students are unchurched; we pray the Holy Spirit plants seeds of faith among them and their families.

Our students are thriving in the small class sizes. The Kindergarten students are taught by Mrs. Mumert. Dual classrooms exist for first and second graders with one teacher Mrs. Weber; third and fourth grade students are with Mr. Althaus. The dual classroom setting is an excellent academic means to learn and the students flourish within peer interaction and higher academic levels. We are also able to send students to different classrooms to challenge them or to fill holes. It is an amazing learning environment.

The Journey In our newsletters, we'll look forward to sharing student and parent testimonies regarding their journey of the educational experiences at Redeemer Lutheran School; as well as the daily work we do.

School Schedule We would love for you to visit us and see what your school looks like throughout the day. Please drop by or sit in a class at any time!

8:15-8:30 — Opening (You can't miss this marvelous start to our school day!)

8:30-9:30 — academic time

9:30-10:00 — recess and snack time

10:00-11:30 — academic time

11:30-12:30 — recess and lunch time

12:30-1:30 — academic time

1:30-1:45 — recess

1:45-2:30 — academic time

2:30-3:05 — specials learning (library, music, PE, art)

Chapel Wednesday Mornings at
10:15 led by Pastor Van, Mr. Althaus, Mr. Holden, Mrs. Van,
or Sarah Weber.

Hot Lunches Children are served hot lunch one day a week on Wednesdays. Church members plan, cook and serve lunch to the children and staff. A huge ‘thank you’ to everyone who has made this weekly hot lunch project such a success!

Share YOUR Talents RLS would sincerely welcome any member to share your talents with us. Some ideas are: reading out loud to students, helping with art, share music talent, help with recess – there are many swings to push! Come as helping hands during lunch; teach a cooking lesson. Be a participant during PE; share a vocation or personal talent/skill you have that would be a fun learning experience for the kids. These enrichment investments for the children can be simple or extensive – it’s your choice. Come talk to us!

Looking Forward Now that the first year is underway at your new school, we are looking at future work to enhance the school and prepare for progress as God chooses to bless our efforts in His work.

- We have had a generous donation to hire BPetersonDesign to professionally design a website for Redeemer Lutheran School that will link directly to the church website. This website will allow people to easily search for a private Christian school for their children.
 - The Parish School Board has chosen to design a logo for the school. BPetersonDesign is finalizing the Redeemer Ram logo which you will see soon. The new logo will further identify the school and can be used in marketing; making t-shirts and hoodies.
 - We will continue with our regular summer program for any child to attend. This upcoming summer school program will be called **COVID Catch Up**, with high hopes of helping public school students fill a few gaps of education needs to prepare them for a solid start to the new fall school year.
 - We are looking at future needs of space related to growth - much planning required here.
- Marketing plans are being formulated to recruit more students to fill existing enrollment for all classes for the next school year and to share the news of our school to the surrounding communities.

There will be more information to share with the congregation during General Assembly Meetings, with future newsletters and bulletin board information posted for your review. Please visit with any teacher or member of the Parish School Board if you would like any more information, we always welcome feedback and questions!

As members of Redeemer Lutheran Church, this is your school and your local mission outreach for spreading God’s Word and His love to the community. Thank you for entrusting us as His servants to be a part of the mission!

Yours in Christ,
RLS and Tiny Treasures Staff

**“Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His glory is
above earth and Heaven.”
Psalms 148:13**



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR EVANGELISM CHAIRMAN

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ Jesus,

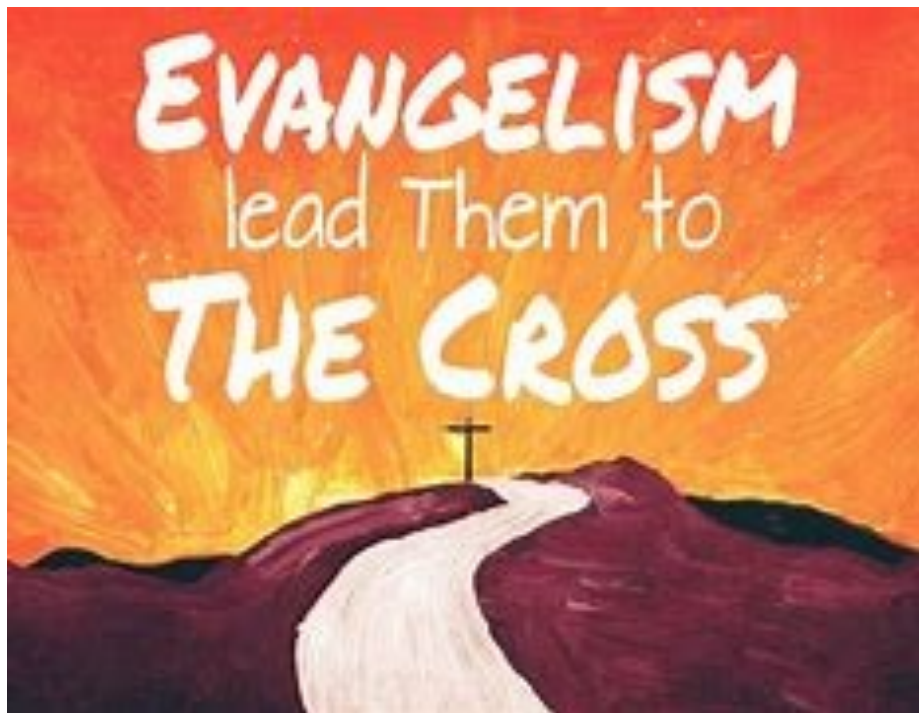
On January 30th, I was installed as your Chair of Evangelism. I am honored and delighted to serve here at Redeemer Lutheran Church. I ask for your prayers as I do my utmost to improve outreach to this congregation and it's surrounding communities. I am excited to announce that my wife Brenda Moseman has also joined the Board of Evangelism along with current members Amber Miller and Holly Kruger.

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY: I along with the rest of the Evangelism Board want to thank everyone that baked and bought pies in our auction last month on Friendship Sunday. I can say overwhelmingly that we are blessed to have generous people in our community. It was a smashing success and I want to also thank the many people who helped make that possible especially the Evangelism Board members Amber Miller & Holly Kruger. The staff and teachers of Tiny Treasures and Redeemer Lutheran School and the many of you in who cooked, baked and cleaned up.

A LOOK AT WHAT EVANGELISM BOARD IS DOING NOW:

I am in the midst of reviewing and restructuring the Board. It is my goal to have a more organized and active board going forward. Part of this will be creating subcommittees that focus on different aspects of Evangelism. If you are interested in more information, please contact Brenda Moseman who is going to be our point of contact on committees. It is my hope that by doing this we can get have people who have talents or passions for one thing to help out in those certain areas.

John Moseman



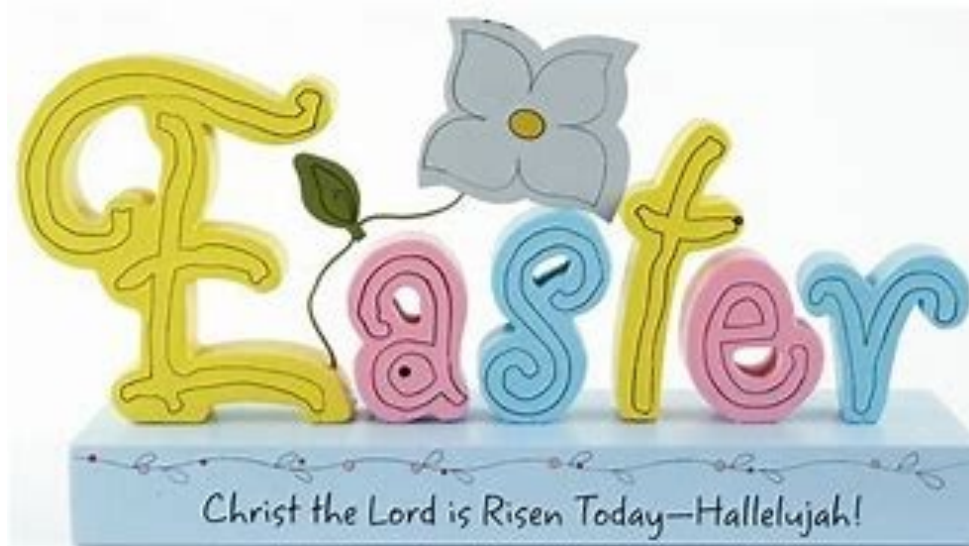
Mary Martha



ALL LADIES ARE INVITED April 9th 11am to 1 am. This is a Ladies Lunch when we have

- 1 or 2 'Get To Know You Games'
- An Opening Devotion
- • Create/Assemble an Easter table decoration for the Easter Brunch
- • Lunch (Bring and Share Salad)

There will be a flier in the Narthex in March to sign up if you plan to come join us and bring and share lunch.



EASTER BRUNCH Sunday April 17th There will be a flier in the Narthex in March to sign up to help set up, bring casseroles and much more and clean up.

Birthdays

John Moseman—March 8
Stephanie Sidor—March 12
Jordan Oeltjenbruns—March 13
David Wacker—March 15th
Teagan Scarbrough—March 15
Holly Kruger—March 17
Elsa Winkelmann—March 19
Andrea Van Fossan—March 19
Klaus Winkelmann—March 23
Lauren Jordan—March 25
Ken Weber—March 28
Jeanne Nelson—March 30
Emmett Weber—March 30
Char Waggoner—March 31



Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 13th, so don't forget to "Spring Ahead" on Saturday night before retiring.

Baptismal Birthdays

Ruby Weber—March 15
Joseph Cumins—March 24
Benjamin Cumins—March 24
Jim Gilleece—March 25

Wedding Anniversary

Shaun & Regina Howell—March 17

THE LORD'S MINISTRY

Redeemer Lutherans attendance figures and financial blessings that were given for the month of February to further maintain the Lord's ministry.

Date	Attendance	Communicants	Offerings Received Gen./Designated Funds	Needed Operating Budget
2-6 - 2022	79	61	\$4,250.00/\$349.07	\$4,455.06
2-13 -2022	154	82	\$4,141.75/\$14,576.00	\$4,455.06

“Life Thoughts in the Church Year”

March 6 – Lent I – The fruits of the ground belong to the Lord (Deuteronomy 26:10); how much more the fruit of the womb! Children aren’t ours to do with as we wish. We must treat them even before birth as the Father Almighty wills. He holds every human life precious enough (Romans 10:12) to meet the needs of all our bodies (Psalm 91:5-6, 12). It’s an invitation for us to do the same.

March 13 – Lent II – The Savior who would “gather your children together” into His embrace (Luke 13:34) is the same Lord who “hears when I call to him” (Psalm 4:3). Can abortion really serve anyone better than this? Who needs to make a god of her own body (Philippians 3:19) when she may rest securely in the peace our Heavenly Father promises (Psalm 4:8)? Surely the Lord has sent us to speak these words (Jeremiah 26:15)!

March 20 – Lent III – No death, not even in physician-assisted suicide or embryo destruction, pleases the Lord God (Ezekiel 33:11). And these practices pose spiritual dangers as well as physical ones. So, He has commissioned each of us to warn our neighbors—and especially our brothers and sisters—against them (Ezekiel 33:7-8). We have not only the responsibility but the privilege of ushering them to a sacred escape (1 Corinthians 10:13)!

March 27 – Lent IV – Psalm 32 speaks to the relief, the healing, and the outright glee in having sins forgiven. When we neglect to address abortion, we deny that delight to consciences guilty and grieving over their part in it. And we deny ourselves the exhilaration of serving as ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20). Let our advocacy for the sanctity of life be invitation to celebrate for the prodigal – and his brother (Luke 15:32)!

