

Redeemer's Christian Connection
April Newsletter



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Pastor's Page



In last month's newsletter about Lent, it was mentioned that Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday is not celebrated on the same day in other parts of the world. "In the East they kept Easter at another time than at Rome" (Augsburg Confession (XXVI 31-44). Even though this Easter Sunday is on the 9th of this month (which varies since The Council of Nicaea in 325 decreed that Easter should be observed on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox (March 21), the early church established worship mainly on Sunday because of Jesus' resurrection on the first Easter Sunday. We, therefore, celebrate Jesus' resurrection every Sunday! So this newsletter article will not only focus on Jesus' resurrection, but also on some of the fruits of Jesus' resurrection in the lives of His people. Jesus lives in us through the gift of faith, and continues to work through us when we, in faith, do things like pray and...

April 6 - Lucas Cranach and Albrecht Durer, Artists - Lucas Cranach (1472-1557), a close friend of Martin Luther, was a celebrated painter of portraits and altarpieces and a producer of woodcuts of religious subjects. Albrecht Durer (1471-1528), a native of Nurnberg, Germany, was one of the most learned Renaissance artists and an ardent admirer of Martin Luther. His paintings and woodcuts include examples of the splendor of creation and skilled portrayals of biblical narratives. Both Cranach and Durer are remembered and honored for the grandeur of their works of art, which depict the glory and majesty and the grace and mercy of the triune God.

April 9 - The Resurrection of our Lord! - Easter is the oldest and highest of all Christian festivals—the festival of festivals, the feast of feasts! On this day, when Christ first stepped triumphantly from the ranks of the dead, all our waiting is declared to be a waiting that is already completed; Christ's triumph makes all the waiting that follows in our lives of faith a building anchored on the foundation that was laid when He whom the builders rejected became the Cornerstone. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

April 20 - Writing for Johannes Bugenhagen, Pastor - Johannes Bugenhagen (1485-1558), from Pomerania in northern Germany, was appointed pastor of Wittenberg in 1523 through the efforts of Martin Luther. Thus he served as Luther's own pastor and confessor. One of the greatest scholars of the Reformation era, Bugenhagen helped translate the New Testament into Low German and wrote a commentary on the Psalms. He also worked to organize the Lutheran Church in northern Germany and Denmark. In 1539, Bugenhagen became superintendent of the Church in Saxony. After the death of Luther, Bugenhagen took care of Luther's widow and children. Bugenhagen died in Wittenberg in 1558.

April 21 - Anselm of Canterbury, Theologian - Born in Italy in 1033, Anselm is most closely associated with England, where he served as archbishop of Canterbury for many years. A brilliant scholar and writer, Anselm used his political skills with the British kings on behalf of the established Christian Church, affirming that it is the leadership of the Church, not the state, that is responsible for establishing structure and maintaining order among the clergy. Anselm is especially remembered for his classic book, Why God became Man, which taught that the reason for the incarnation was that Jesus, the Son of God, would suffer and die in place of sinners.

April 24 - Johann Walter, Kantor - Johann Walter (1496-1570) began service at the age of twenty-one as a composer and bass singer in the court chapel of Frederick the Wise. In 1524, Walter published a collection of hymns arranged according to the Church Year. It was well received and served as the model for numerous subsequent hymnals. In addition to serving for thirty years as kantor (church musician) in the German cities of Torgau and Dresden, he also assisted Martin Luther in the preparation of the *Deutsche Messinger*, or "German Mass" (1526). Walter is remembered as the first Lutheran kantor and composer of church music.

April 25 - St. Mark, Evangelist - St. Mark was the author of the second Gospel, which he composed, according to some Early Church Fathers, when the Christians in Rome asked him to write down the preaching of the apostle Peter. Mark (also known as John Mark), was originally from Jerusalem, where the house of his mother Mary was the center of the early Jerusalem Church (Acts 12:2). He was brought from Jerusalem by Paul and Barnabas to Antioch (Acts 12:25), and it was from this city that they set out on the first missionary journey. When Paul and Barnabas were preparing to go on the second missionary journey, Barnabas wanted to take Mark with them again, but Paul objected because Mark had left them during the first journey. Barnabas took Mark and went to Cyprus, while Paul took Silas as his new companion (Acts 15:37-40). Later, Paul reconciled with Mark and was working with him again (Colossians 4:10; Philemon 24; 2 Timothy 4:11). Finally, Mark was found laboring with Peter in Rome (1 Peter 5:13). Tradition says that Mark was instrumental in founding the Church in Alexandria, becoming the first bishop, and also that he suffered a martyr's death. A painting called "The Martyrdom of Saint Mark," by Gabriel Mälesskircher, a 15th century German painter, pictures St. Mark with a rope round his neck, being pulled through the streets of Alexandria until dead.





Rejoice, Angelic Choirs

One and All Rejoice - 211

Our Hymn of the Month for April is an Easter hymn from **One and All Rejoice** called: “Rejoice, Angelic Choirs”

In the first verse we are reminded that when we sing of Jesus’ resurrection we are singing with the angelic choirs and all creation!

In the second verse we are reminded that Jesus’ glorious resurrection light banishes darkness (and the shadow of death) forever.

In the third verse we are reminded that we are clothed in Christ’s light. Therefore, singing of Jesus’ resurrection victory is who we are! In everything we do we seek to shine His light to the world around us so that others may be clothed in His light and sing in harmony with us!

“Rejoice, give thanks and sing!”

Spring 2023 What's Happening at Tiny Treasures

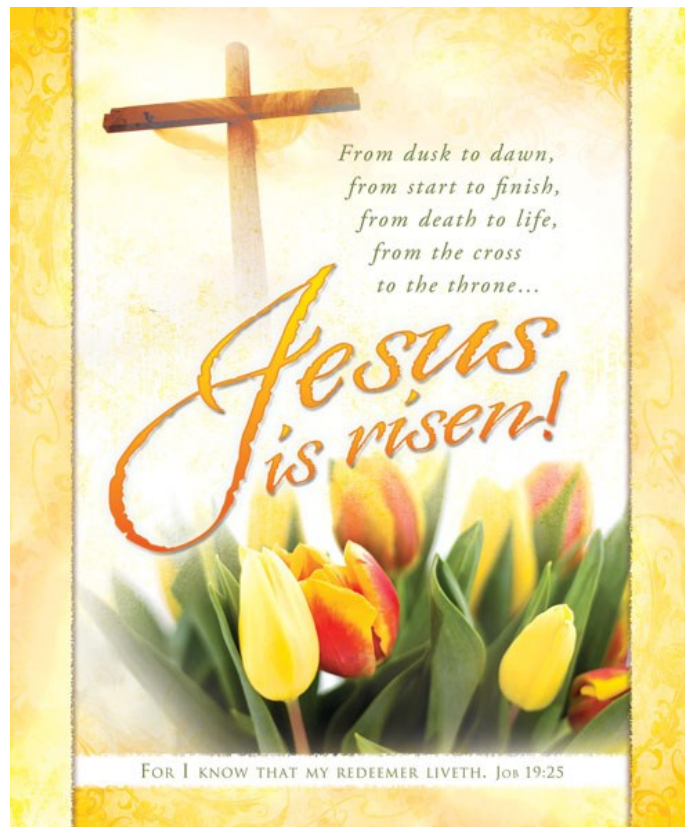
Tiny Treasures Preschool, as an early childhood education provider, considers the staff to be partners in the children's activities and learning rather than just a supervisor. Throughout the day, we work to form caring relationships with the children, support their play ideas, share control with them, focus on the individual strengths and needs of each child and promote a problem solving approach to social conflict.

Springtime usually denotes the Lenten season of the church year. Our Bible studies in March prepare us for the coming of Easter: Palm Sunday, Jesus' Anointing, Good Friday and Easter Morning. The April Bible stories wrap up the life of Jesus with Easter Day, the Ascension, Pentecost and then move to Peter and John healing the crippled man. Our special theme in April is transportation.

The assessments for the spring continue to grow the children in their cognitive and physical development. March focuses on approaches to learning: completing tasks, staying with a self selected activity for 10 minutes, adding variety to their daily routine, and independently problem solving. In April we move to a clear testing of fine motor skills while in May we will focus on our gross motor skill testing as the weather gets much warmer.

We also start planning for the summer and the fall during the springtime. Tiny Treasures is open during the summer, so if you are interested in having your child continue through the summer, please speak with Mr. Holden as soon as possible. Current children get to secure a spot first, but we open up registration to the general public right after spring break. Also, if your child is going to attend Redeemer Lutheran School in the fall, please register before March 31, to keep the current tuition. Registrations after April 1, 2023 will increase to \$4400 for the 2023-24 school year.

Finally, some upcoming dates to remember. NO school on Good Friday, April 7. Spring Break is April 17-21. Preschool graduation is Friday, May 12th at 6pm. The last day of preschool is Friday, May 19. The preschool is closed the last week of Redeemer Lutheran School, May 22-26. The preschool summer session starts on Tuesday, May 30.



Birthdays

Michelle Bachman—April 3rd
Jenean Hovel—April 4th
Michelle Clubb—April 11th
Rachel Oberheu—April 12th
Gabriel Howell—April 13th
Rick Oberheu—April 16th
Karen Jetley—April 16th
Karen Karp—April 19th
Amber Miller—April 19th
Barb Nagoda—April 20th
Ron Cumins—April 20th
John Vastag—April 22nd
Renee` Beck—April 23rd
Evelyn Kruger—April 23rd
Ed Morris—April 25th
Lisa Althaus—April 25th
Cornelia Reynolds—April 26th
Michelle Scarbrough—April 26th
Morgan Andasola—April 26th
Sharon Althaus—April 28th



Baptismal Birthdays

Rebecca Cumins
Lowell Kindschy
Jeanne Nelson
Ken Weber—April 3rd
Andrea Van Fossan—April 7th
Teagan Scarbrough—April 8th
Jackie Robirds—April 10th
Karen Richardson—April 12th
Gabriel Howell—April 15th
Juniper Kruger—April 24th
Phillip Dwyer—April 25th
Jenean Hovel—April 27th
Macy Weber—April 30th
Emmett Weber—April 30th

Wedding Anniversaries

Ralph and Nancy Seeley—April 7th
Buck and Marie Buchholz—April 23rd
Frank and Vicki Candelaria—April 27th



THE LORD'S MINISTRY

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

Date	Attendance	Communicants	Offerings Received Gen./Designated Funds	Needed Operating Budget
3-1-2023	18		\$132.00	
3-5-2023	140		4,875.85/\$181.00	4,455.06

“Life Thoughts In The Church Year”

April 2 – Palm Sunday – Every tongue must and shall confess Jesus and not ourselves as Lord over death and life (Philippians 2:11). When offered gall to accelerate His own dying, the Savior declined, even in His terminal condition (Matthew 27:34). We also may commend ourselves and our neighbors into the Heavenly Father’s loving hands as days draw to their ends.

April 9 – Resurrection of Our Lord – “Do not be afraid,” both the Easter angels and the risen Savior assure us (Matthew 28:4, 10). His everlasting and overcoming love (Jeremiah 31:3) means our whole being, body and soul, may rest secure (Psalm 16:9). We need fear neither surprise pregnancy nor terminal diagnosis, suffering nor death, because Christ Jesus mysteriously but mightily safeguards every human life (Colossians 3:3).

April 16 – Easter II – Personal choice, public opinion, and political controversy cannot stifle our Gospel-motivated voices For Life. With the first Christians, we must obey God rather than men (Acts 5:29). He has commanded every human life into its existence, and we work to preserve them all until He permits them to pass away (Psalm 148:5-6). If this means discomfort or suffering, we will rejoice at the privilege of suffering together with Jesus Christ (Acts 5:41).

April 23 – Easter III – The resurrected and compassionate Jesus made Himself present in His loved ones’ sadnesses (Luke 24:16-17). Our Lord is not absent but all the more active in difficulties like surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis. He redeems us and our sufferings to usher us into His exceeding glory (Luke 24:26). Not only do His words and ways deliver souls from death, but He also undertakes to relieve all tears from their eyes (Psalm 116:8).

April 30 – Easter IV – The earliest Church found great delight in not giving themselves over to radical autonomy. Instead they invested in fellowship and community that accompany each other rather than abandoning in time of need (Acts 2:44). May we likewise proclaim and put into practice our Lord’s promise that the abundant life is the one that is shared especially in adversity (John 10:10).

