

About the House

April 25, 2021

Time Well Spent

Presented by the Board of Outreach

Join us for an evening of fellowship!
We'll learn about
West Bloomington Revitalization and
how they are making a difference in
Bloomington/Normal.

Enjoy a meal from local BBQ restaurant,
The Brass Pig Smoke and Alehouse.

When: Friday, May 21st at 6:00 pm

Where: Our Redeemer Church Parking Lot
(Event is being held outside so that
we can practice social distancing.)

After the presentation, please feel free to
stay and fellowship! There will be outdoor
heaters and fire pits in designated areas to
keep us warm. Bring a chair to sit around
the fire and catch up with friends that we
haven't seen in a while!

The Board of Outreach will be providing all
of the food which includes smoked meats,
sides, and dessert from The Brass Pig
Smoke House. Bottled water and bottled
tea will also be provided. Feel free to bring
any additional preferred beverages for
yourself.

So that we have the appropriate amount of
food, please add your name to the sign-up
sheet located on the Welcome Center by
Friday, May 14th if you plan to attend or
RSVP to Cheri Byers at
cbyers5@gmail.com, and we can add
you to the list that way as well!

ROCKY RAILWAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**SUNDAY, JULY 18TH - THURSDAY, JULY 22ND
6:00 PM TO 8:30 PM**

Ready for a railway adventure? Then climb aboard the
Rocky Railway Express as we explore the mountaintop
adventure of discovering how Jesus' power can pull us
through life's ups and downs!

Now seeking conductors (volunteers) and passengers
(participants) to join us on our trip! Volunteers and
participants can sign up:

- ⇒ Online by clicking on the link from the church's
website (www.OurRedeemerLCMS.net)
- ⇒ Calling or emailing Courtney at (815) 383-2647 or
chohulin@gmail.com.

Sharing the Word of God

Next Sunday, May 2nd, the collection of Bibles and other
Christian materials will conclude. This collection is
sponsored by the Board of Outreach. A list of items that
can be accepted is located on the bulletin board in the
Friendship Hall.

In the United States, Bibles and Christian materials are
available in abundance. Many of us have items that we
no longer need or use. Yet in developing countries,
millions have never seen God's Word. Our collection
will be forwarded on to Love Packages for distribution
throughout the world.

If you have any questions, you may contact Cathy Otto
(309-838-0314 or cathyotto@msn.com).

Sunday Adult Bible Study Schedule ...

Please note the following schedule for the Sunday Adult Bible Study, Making Disciples for Life:

- ◆ Today, April 25th - onsite format only
- ◆ May 2nd and 9th - No class
- ◆ May 16th and 23rd - Onsite and online format

The study meets from 9:15 am - 10:15 am in the Activities Room. All are invited to attend. This study will help us understand the hardships of the pandemic from a Biblical perspective. Each week a new topic is explored with a focus on God's promises and His Word for us.

Children's Song and Scripture Time ...

2 year old - 4th grade children are invited to meet in classrooms #2-3 today from 10:00 am – 10:20 am for a time of singing songs and exploring how those songs connect with God's Word. All children and their families are asked to continue following these guidelines:

- Complete the at-home screening before arrival (see www.ourredeemerlcms.net/child)
- Enter the building at the far entrance located near classroom #1 (main entry doors will be locked)
- Wear a face covering while in the building (masks are available, if needed)
- Stay spaced out in the classroom as directed by leaders
- Meet family in the Friendship Hall after class is over

Christ Light At-Home Sunday School ...

This week's Christ Light At-Home Sunday School lesson focuses on the parable of the rich man and poor Lazarus. PreK - 4th grade families can find the video lesson at <https://nph.net/ss-at-home> and then use the activity handout to explore this biblical account in greater detail. Families may contact any member of the Children's Ministry Committee (Julie Bauer, Tricia Johnson, Jean Liebers, or Arlyn Meyer) with any questions.

Sunday School Offering Project Continues ... 2 year olds - 12th graders can continue to support Trinity HOPE in their efforts to fund school lunch feeding programs in Haitian schools which are not yet sponsored (see www.trinityhope.org for more information and facts). Offerings will be collected during Sunday morning classes; they can be dropped off in the Rinmin Haiti bowl on the Welcome Center; or they can be mailed directly to church (1822 E. Lincoln St., Bloomington, IL 61701). Thank you to everyone for their continued prayers and financial support!

Youth News



Sunday Mornings for Youth ...

5th-8th grade Confirmation Youth and 9th-12th grade High School Youth will gather onsite for fellowship and conversation surrounding God's Word this morning from 9:15 am - 10:15 am. Confirmation Youth meet in the Conference Room and High School Youth meet in the basement. All youth and their families are asked to continue following these guidelines:

- Complete the at-home screening before arrival (see www.ourredeemerlcms.net/youth)
- Enter the building at the far entrance located near classroom #1 (main entry doors will be locked)
- Wear a face covering while in the building (masks are available, if needed)
- Stay spaced out in the classroom as directed by leaders
- Go to the Friendship Hall after class is over to reconnect with your family

Conf. Youth Service Activities Due ...

5th-8th grade youth and families are asked to complete a total of five service activities and submit report forms for those activities to Mr. Meyer as soon as possible. Families may contact Mr. Meyer with any questions.

Quilt Raffle ... A connection between Our Redeemer WINGS Quilting Ministry and Mid Central Community Action was formed many years ago when WINGS began making small quilts for the children of Neville House. Neville House is Bloomington's shelter for victims of domestic violence. More recently, WINGS has created and donated beautiful quilts to be raffled at the Annual Drive Out Domestic Violence Golf Outing. This is one of Mid Central Community Action's major fundraisers. On May 9th and 16th, this year's quilt will be displayed at Our Redeemer. You will have an opportunity to purchase raffle tickers for this one-of-a-kind, queen-size quilt. Proceeds will go to support Neville House. Tickets are \$3 each, 2 for \$5, or 5 for \$10. If you are unable to attend on May 9th or 16th, you may contact Nancy or Danny Kiedaisch at kiedaisch143@comcast.net or 309-827-5981 to purchase tickets.

Prayer Chain ... The Our Redeemer Prayer Chain is ready to share in lifting up the needs and joys of our church family to our Heavenly Father! Surgery, difficulties, thanksgivings, for yourself, for family or friends....the ups and downs of life, God cares. Your requests will be kept in confidence and prayed for each day by the Prayer Team. You may share as little or as much information as is comfortable – God knows. To share a prayer request, contact Judy Vasel (mjvasel5@gmail.com or 664-0921) or the church office (office@ourredeemerLCMS.net or 662-3935). New "pray-ers" always welcome!
"Pray continually." 1 Thessalonians 5:17

The Social Welfare Board ... continues to serve the community by supporting local organizations. In March, the Boys & Girls Club, the Back to School Alliance which provides backpacks and school supplies for children who need them most, and Ministry & More received monetary support. In recognition of Autism Awareness Month, April donations were distributed to Baby Fold, Marcfirst, and to Easter Seals for the Timber Pointe Outdoor Center. The Luther Oaks CARE Fund which encompasses compassion, assistance, retention, education, and also helps team members experiencing personal emergencies also received assistance.

Quarterly donation recipients in March were Faith in Action and Lutheran Children and Family Services. In April, they were Home Sweet Home Ministries and Salvation Army. We continue support of the Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen which has just increased serving from one to two days a week and has just opened their doors in the morning for coffee.

Sign Up For...



Altar Guild ... Entries through the end of the year have been added to the online altar guild sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48aea92ca2f4c61-altar> or you may contact the church office (office@OurRedeemerLCMS.net or 309-662-3935) to inquire about open dates. If you have never served on Altar Guild, simply contact Julie Nikolanci (309-706-3478 or nikolanci4@msn.com) for training requests or with any questions.



Altar Flowers ...

Upcoming open dates include May 9th, 16th, and 23rd as well as all Sundays in June, July, and August.

Sign up is available online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48AEA92CA2F4C61-2021> or you may contact the church office (office@OurRedeemerLCMS.net or 309-662-3935) to inquire about open dates. After signing up, you will be contacted as usual prior to your selected Sunday regarding ordering and acknowledgement details.

Memory Verse Challenge ...

Memory verse for the week of April 18th is 1 Corinthians 15:22: "For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive."

Memory verse for the week of April 25th is 1 Corinthians 15:57: "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Good works are deeds done in service to others prompted by love through faith. As Christians, we know that we are not saved by doing good works, but we are saved to do good works. The relationship among faith, grace, and good works is often summarized by the phrase "We are saved by grace, through faith, for good works." Through faith, we understand that the same grace that saves us also motivates and enables us to do good works. May God's blessings be with you as you strive to please Him and give glory to Him through your good works.

Living a Stewardship Lifestyle

THIS WEEK AT OUR REDEEMER

Sunday, April 25th

Pastor Out of the Office

- 8:00 am Worship Service
 9:15 am Adult Bible Study
 Confirmation and High School Youth
 Sunday School Classes
 10:00 am PreK - 4th Grade Song and Scripture
 10:30 am Worship Service
 7:00 pm AA

Monday, April 26th

Pastor Out of the Office

- 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop Meeting

Tuesday, April 27th

Pastor's Family Day

- 9:30 am Oasis Women's Bible Study
 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop Committee Meeting
 7:00 pm AA

Wednesday, April 28th

- 1:00 pm Moms In Prayer (Post-HS)
 6:30 pm Challenge & Choice at Trinity
 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 29th

- 7:00 pm AA

Friday, April 30th

- 8:00 am Prayer Meeting via Zoom
 7:00 pm Profession of Faith Service

Saturday, May 1st

- 7:30 am Men's Bible Study via Zoom

Sunday, May 2nd

- 8:00 am Worship Service w/ Communion
 9:15 am Rite of Confirmation Service
 High School Youth Sunday School Class
 10:00 am PreK - 4th Grade Song and Scripture
 10:30 am Worship Service w/ Communion
 7:00 pm AA

PRAYER LIST:

(Names in ***Bold*** are Our Redeemer members.
 Names in *italics* are the members who submitted the prayer request. Out of love and concern for all, we ask that any prayer request submitted for the prayer list be done so with the permission of the individual or family for whom the prayer is listed.)

General Prayer Requests

- Carle BroMenn's Outpatient Invasive Cardiology and Cardiac Catheterization Lab
- Chris Walters and family, *adopted seminarian*

Deaths

- Rev. Marvin Lorenz, *father of Jen Wright*

Recovery

- **Carol Olson**, knee surgery
- **John Phares**, procedure
- **Megan Dryer**, foot surgery
- **Marlene Whiteaker**, circulation issues
- Becky Olson, cancer, *sister-in-law of Mike Olson*
- Amy (Olson) Hyatt, intensive rehab, *niece of Pam Fuller*
- Ed Bork, heart issues, *former ORLC member*
- Shawn Phipps, kidney surgery, *brother of Lisa Heying and nephew of Mary Lessen*

Long Term Health Concerns

- **Elaine Phares**, strength needed
- **Donna Ohler**, heart issues and energy needed
- **Jeanie Nord**, stroke
- **George Bowen**, under doctor's care
- Stephen Block, cancer treatments, *son of Roland and Alice Block*
- Ben Holm, cancer, *son of Janis Semingson*
- Lena Doering, kidney cancer, *friend of John and Elaine Phares*
- Susan Costello, health issues, *daughter of Orval and Shirley Dahme*

Last Sunday's Worship ... 4/18/2021

Attendance: 39 / 23 **Offering:** \$7,735.00

Serving Next Sunday, May 2nd

8:00 am

- Organist** Rhoda Kolbus
Elder Danny Kiedaisch
Ushers Gerry Christman (lead) and
 Bob McCuen
Altar Guild OPEN

10:30 am

- Organist** Rhoda Kolbus
Elder Jeff Kuenneth
Ushers David Liebers (lead) and
 Mark Semingson
Altar Guild Jeff and Connie Kuenneth