


REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
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From the Vicar's Desk
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Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep." John 10:11-15

The idea of the Good Shepherd laying down His life for the sheep points to the cross where He died to save His people. There He fought the devil head on and crushed the serpent's head. There He wrestled the wolf until death. Jesus went to the frontlines for us in the greatest battle in human history. It cost Him His life to redeem us from sin, death, and the devil.

Once again, we are approaching the season of Lent. John 10 gives us a glimpse of what Lent is and means for us. Without a shepherd, we are lost. We are scattered and helpless because the wolf, the devil, is always harassing his prey. But let us not just lay blame to the devil. We as sheep without a shepherd would be lost because of ourselves, mainly our sins. We as sinners get ourselves lost and fall into temptation. Every sin we commit leads us away from God.

Thankfully, we have a Good Shepherd, a shepherd who understands our human condition. He saw that we are lost sheep without a shepherd, scattered by the devil and our own sins. For this reason, He came down to earth and became flesh to save humanity. The Shepherd came down to us to save us, His lost sheep, and restore us to a relationship with God our Father. He paid the ultimate price so that we could be a part of His fold.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to call us to repentance and forgive us of our sins. We are reconciled to the Father through the Son because of the blood shed on the cross for us. In Christ, and in Christ alone, we find forgiveness. In Him alone, we find reconciliation with God and with one another. May this coming Lenten season be a reminder to you that we are only dust and to dust we will return, but that our bodies will rise on the Last Day to be with Jesus forever in those lush green pastures of paradise where the sheep do not have to face the devil and their own sins any longer.

FEBRUARY-MARCH 2021 HAPPENINGS

WORSHIP SERVICES, SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS AND PSALM STUDY

CAN BE FOUND AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/C/REDEEMERLUTHERANCHURCHHIGHLAND](https://www.youtube.com/c/redeemerlutheranchurchhighland)

THE SUNDAY 8 AM SERVICE IS LIVE STREAMED ON YOUTUBE EVERY WEEKEND, which is then available for later viewing as well. The Live Stream link and Order of Service attachment is emailed every week as part of the Redeemer Reminders.

Links are also available on the Redeemer website at www.RedeemerHighland.org.

Ash Wednesday, Lenten Mid-week, and Holy Week services will also be Live-Streamed.

PSALM STUDY: Pastor Kleinschmidt is continuing the online mid-week Psalm Study which he began on April 19, 2020 which is posted on Wednesdays to the YouTube page.

REDEEMER'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: A video based online Sunday School curriculum is available on Redeemer's YouTube page, which goes "live" at 6 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Short videos for families to watch on their own schedule following The Growing in Faith Bible Storybook (*provided by Redeemer*). Age appropriate questions are posed to promote family discussions. Each weekend's new lesson link is emailed with the Redeemer Reminders.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY continues to meet in person on Sundays at 9:15am in the North Classroom.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Kleinschmidt continues to welcome the whole family in the Sanctuary at 9:15 a.m. between services.

THE TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY plans to resume class on **Tuesday, MARCH 2, 2021.** The study will not meet in February.

IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE WEEKLY REDEEMER REMINDER EMAILS, please give the church office your current email address with permission to add you to the Redeemer email list. If you gave it before, you may want to check your SPAM or BULK MAIL folders. The Redeemer church office will only send out weekly reminder emails or an occasional Redeemer News email for urgent needs/alerts or notification of member funerals. Included in the weekly reminders are also links to the Sunday School lesson, 8am Live Streamed service & the Order of Service. Email **info@redeemerhighland.org**

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pickup in the church foyer on the small wood table in the back/south end. If you would like to start using envelopes in 2021, please contact Stacy at the office.

2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS were mailed **Thursday, January 28th** for members who used numbered envelopes or electronic giving.

2021 SPONSORSHIP CHARTS: THANK YOU!

The Sponsor Charts are all FULL for 2021!

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO MAKE OUT YOUR CHECKS TO THE CORRECT ENTITY.

ALTAR GUILD pays for the flowers and candles.

Redeemer Lutheran Church pays for the bulletins.

They are separate checking accounts, please, help staff and volunteers by making separate checks or exact cash for each type of sponsorship. Thanks!

Flowers are \$20 per vase. *You may pick up flowers after late service or Monday during office hours.*

Candles are \$15 per month **Bulletins** are \$10 per week. *Bulletin & Candle sponsorships only list names.*

THRIVENT CHOICESM If you are a member of Thrivent Financial, your benefits may include Thrivent ChoiceSM, a charitable grant program, members can help choose where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable funds each year. By directing Choice Dollars, you can help support your congregation by choosing REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, HIGHLAND, IN. For more info, visit Thrivent.com or contact your local Thrivent representative. ***Thank you to past donors!***

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SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: Non-perishable food & toiletry items will be collected for St. James Food Pantry in Highland January 30th-February 7th and a door offering for the Redeemer Share Cupboard will be collected February 6 & 7 after all services.

Redeemer Share Cupboard Donations: In addition to various food drives to fill the physical share cupboard in the MPR, Redeemer also maintains a charitable fund called the Share Cupboard Account. Donations to this account go primarily to help REDEEMER MEMBERS who are in need. While donations are needed all year round, December usually depletes the fund making this the time when donations are particularly needed. All gifts are anonymous and there are many people who have benefitted from it. *If you are in need, please talk to Pastor.*

TRUSTEES will meet on **Sundays, February 7th & March 7th at 12PM** in the MPR. Many items are on the agenda to discuss and plan for in the new year.

WORK DAYS will be held on **Saturdays, February 27th & March 27th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** In addition to the Trustees, any pre-teen, teenager or adult who can use a saw and/or drill; screw boards; move medium-weight boxes up & down stairs, and/or operate a ShopVac is encouraged to come help out! *Please do not bring young children for safety reasons. Thank you.* Questions? Contact Stacy in the office.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2021.

LENT BEGINS with the **Ash Wednesday Divine Service** on **Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 7:00 p.m.** and continues with Mid-Week Lenten Services featuring the Office of Compline every Wednesday until Holy Week, *the week of March 28th*. This year's Lenten Series is called "Return to the Lord" which will focus "on a particular event in the Passion with a special focus on the people involved in the event" each week.

..... **LENT RESOURCE TABLE** will be located in the church foyer at mid-February offering Lenten Coin Folders for 40 days of offering, Lenten devotions and additional information. *If you would like a Lenten Coin Folder mailed to you, please contact Stacy at the church office (info@redeemerhighland.org or 838-4898).*

SWADDLING CLOTHES CENTER at Grace Lutheran Church, a ministry to help mothers and babies in need. Swaddling Clothes is helping families with pre-ordered Curbside Pickup of diapers, wipes, and clothing on the third Saturday of the month (**Feb. 20th & March 20th**). Visit www.facebook.com/swaddlingclothesdyer for the most up-to-date info on volunteer dates. Visit the week of pick up to register by commenting to the announcement with information requested by 12pm the Thursday prior to pick up. **Donations needed! Diapers**

(especially SIZE 5 & 6); wipes (refills w/flip tops); and clothing (esp. girls 3T). Volunteers are also needed! See Pastor Eric for more information about the center or volunteering.

ON BEHALF OF THE SWADDLING CLOTHES PROGRAM, THANK YOU to all of you that have generously given your time, donations, and efforts to this ministry this past year.

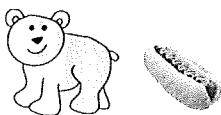
RIGHT TO LIFE ORATORY CONTEST sponsored by Lake County Right to Life for high-schoolers and middle schoolers, on one of the following topics: Abortion, Infanticide, Embryonic Stem Cell Research, Sex-selective Abortion, and Euthanasia. We want to promote the students' abilities to organize and express their pro-life views; we also strive to give the contestants an opportunity to meet other pro-life teens. The contest will take place on **Saturday, March 13th, 2021**, at Hyles-Anderson College, 8400 Burr Street Crown Point, IN 46307 from 1:00 P.M.—4:00 P.M.

Organizing, researching, and writing a speech of this caliber is a great exercise in English and social studies skill, and would be an excellent asset to your classroom curriculum. Any help you might need in the area of speech writing and delivery would be gladly furnished. Please call the Lake County Right to Life office at 219-838-1138 for any help or to answer your questions.

The 2021 contest rules, along with Contest Application Forms and flyers, are available in the church foyer on the tri-fold bulletin board. **PRIZES:** FIRST PLACE (Sr. or Jr.) \$250 to student & \$200 to teacher/coach; SECOND PLACE (Sr. or Jr.) \$150 to student; FIRST PLACE (Fr. or Soph.) \$150 to student.

Please return the Contest Application Form **no later than Monday, Feb. 22nd, 2021**, to one of the following addresses: Mail: Lake County Right to Life, PO Box 267, Griffith, IN 46319 or Email: office@lakecortl.org

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THE ANNUAL POLAR BEAR PICNIC: The Youth Group is having their annual Polar Bear Picnic fundraiser on **Sunday, February 28 at 12pm**. Grilled brats and hot dogs will be served TO-GO after late service. Curbside Service will also be available. Please watch future bulletins and weekly Redeemer Reminder emails as well as the Redeemer Facebook page for more details and costs. *The youth are fundraising to attend to the 2021 Higher Things Conference in Michigan this summer.*



MARCH IS LWML MITE MONTH. Redeemer's Mary & Martha Circle will be having its bi-annual LWML (Women in Mission) congregational MITE Collection on the weekend of **March 13th & 14th**. The new mission grant list will be displayed. Several district grants were funded to help Northwest Indiana as well as throughout the Indiana-Kentucky District. **A Door Offering will be held after all three services.**



**DON'T FORGET TO SPRING AHEAD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 13TH!
TURN CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR BEFORE GOING TO BED.
Daylight Saving Time begins officially at 2am on Sunday, March 14th.**



CALLING ALL KIDS! In March the Sunday School children would normally be making cards for our homebound members, but with online Sunday School the children are not meeting up right now. So, we are asking all of Redeemer's children to make homemade Easter cards to be sent to Redeemer's homebound members at HOME! There will be a table in the back of the church foyer if you need some supplies (paper and stickers) or use whatever you have at home to jazz up a card and add a little personal note or short poem to brighten someone's day. Make as many cards as you like and bring them to church **by Sunday, March 14th**! There will be a festive box under the "supply" table to drop them in. Please use an 8 1/2" x 11" page folded in half or smaller for your card. Let's spread some extra joy!

**APRIL -MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE will be
MONDAY, MARCH 15 AT 10AM!**

BETA SIGMA PSI SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: A \$2,000 Martin Luther Scholarship award is open to young men who will be attending their first year at any accredited 4-year College or University.

Application DEADLINE March 15, 2021


Several additional scholarships are available to Lutheran men who will be starting college in the Fall of 2021 from the Beta Sigma Psi Chapters at Indiana University, Purdue University, University of Illinois, Iowa State University, Ohio State University, University of Missouri, and University of Nebraska – Lincoln to help with the cost of tuition at the respective campus they will be attending. **Multiple deadlines**

Applicants should be male, confirmed members of a Lutheran congregation, and attending college in the Fall 2021 semester in order to receive the award. There is no obligation to join Beta Sigma Psi or be related to one of its members in order to be considered. Students may apply for multiple awards.

Go to: <https://www.betasigmapsi.org/scholarships-for-high-school-students/> to apply online.

GARDEN CARE & MAINTENANCE: Weeding on your own schedule is always appreciated! ***If you plan to do more extensive garden maintenance, please coordinate with the church office first to avoid duplicating efforts or in case something is being treated or receiving special care.*** All volunteer help is needed and appreciated!

AN ONLINE GIVING LINK can be found on the Redeemer website at www.RedeemerHighland.org.

Look for the  link on the lower right side of the homepage.

FEBRUARY – MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER



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Phone: (219) 838-4898

Services:

Saturday:.....6:30 p.m.

Sunday:.....8:00 a.m.

.....10:45 a.m.

Family Bible Study & Youth Group:

Sunday:.....9:15 a.m.

Sunday School weekly video lessons on available online at 6:00 a.m. Sundays

Staff:

Pastor: Eric Allan Kleinschmidt

Vicar: Charles Nemec

Admin. Asst.: Stacy Broviak

Regular Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Pastor & Vicar are OFF on Fridays.

****The Church Office will be CLOSED: Monday, February 15, 2021****

SPECIAL SERVICES AT REDEEMER – LENT/EASTER!

Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 7:00 PM - Ash Wednesday Divine Service with Imposition of Ashes

Wednesday, Feb. 24; March 3, 10, 17 & 24 at 7:00 PM - Lenten Mid-Week Services

Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday Divine Service

Friday, April 2 at 7:00 PM – Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Saturday, April 3 at 6:30 PM – Easter Vigil Service

Sunday, April 4 at 7:00 AM & 10:45 AM – Easter Divine Services



Please remember the church office when changing addresses, phone numbers or email addresses. Many people are switching to cell phones and dropping their landlines. Please let the church office know your new number(s) and let us know whether they can be published in the directory, given to members when needed, or strictly for church office contact only. **To inform the church office please:** ♦ Leave a note on the secretary's desk; ♦ Send a address change postcard to 9009 Kennedy Ave, Highland, IN 46322; ♦ Call 838-4898 **OR** ♦ Email info@redeemerhighland.org. **Thanks! We don't want to lose touch.**

WJOB – RADIO 1230 AM is the NW Indiana regional broadcaster of "The Lutheran Hour" on **Sundays at 10 AM**. Programming is paid for by the Calumet Lutheran Mission Association.

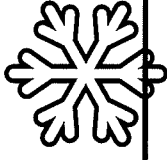
WORSHIP ANEW Northwest Indiana Area: **Sunday 8 AM** on Chicago's CW station WPWR Channel 50 (U-Verse channel 8 or 1008/Comcast ch. 8 or 184) or online www.worshipanew.org.

LUTHERAN RADIO STATION: **Worldwide KFYO.org** on-demand and archived.

If you have moved or will be traveling out of town, the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod has a church locator tool to help you find a church to attend. Go to:

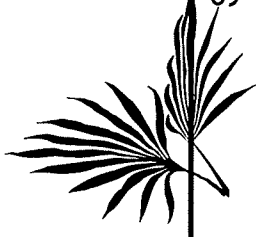
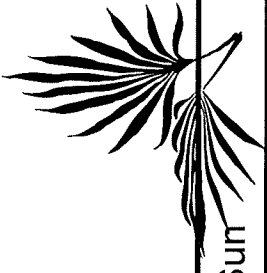
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FEBRUARY 2021



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p>1</p> | <p>7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting</p> | <p>2</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p> | <p>3</p> <p>7:00 p.m. LifeLight</p> | <p>4</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Little Lambs Chapel</p> | <p>5</p> <p>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</p> | <p>6</p> <p>Supper Bowl Food Drive & Door Offering</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Holy Communion</p> |
| <p>7</p> <p>Supper Bowl Food Drive & Door Offering</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Holy Communion</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Adult/Family Bible Study and Youth Group —Online Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Holy Communion</p> <p>12 p.m. Trustees Meeting</p> | <p>8</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Stewardship/Planning Meeting</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Church Council</p> | <p>9</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Pastors' Circuit Conf</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p> | <p>10</p> <p>7:00 p.m. LifeLight</p> | <p>11</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Little Lambs Chapel</p> | <p>12</p> <p>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</p> | <p>13</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Holy Communion</p> |
| <p>14</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Holy Communion</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Adult/Family Bible Study and Youth Group —Online Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Holy Communion</p> | <p>15</p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p> | <p>16</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p> | <p>17</p> <p>Ash Wednesday</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Divine Service</p> | <p>18</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Little Lambs Chapel</p> | <p>19</p> <p>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</p> | <p>20</p> <p>11 a.m.—12 p.m. Swaddling Clothes Curbside Pickup (at Grace)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Holy Communion</p> |
| <p>21</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Holy Communion</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Adult/Family Bible Study and Youth Group —Online Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Holy Communion</p> | <p>22</p> | <p>23</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p> | <p>24</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Lenten Mid-Week Service</p> | <p>25</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Little Lambs Chapel</p> | <p>26</p> <p>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</p> | <p>27</p> <p>10 a.m.—2 p.m. Church Work Day</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Holy Communion</p> |
| <p>28</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Holy Communion</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Adult/Family Bible Study and Youth Group —Online Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Holy Communion</p> <p>12 p.m. Polar Bear Picnic</p> | | | | | | |

March 2021



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| 7 | 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Adult/Family Bible Study and Youth Group — <i>Online Sunday School</i> 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion 12 p.m. Trustees Meeting | 8 6:30 p.m. Stewardship/Planning Meeting 7:30 p.m. Church Council | 9 9:30 a.m. Pastors' Circuit Conf 9:30—11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Confirmation | 10 7:00 p.m. Lenten Mid-Week Service | 11 11:00 a.m. Little Lambs Chapel | 12 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i> | 13 <i>LWML Door Offering</i> 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion  |
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****LITTLE LAMBS ON SPRING BREAK****

TURN CLOCKS AHEAD BEFORE BED!