

The Redeemer Reporter

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From the Vicar's Desk February – March 2022

"Good and upright is the Lord; Therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, And teaches the humble his way."

- Psalm 25:8-9

As we continue through the season after Epiphany, we are reminded of how Jesus revealed Himself as the Christ to the nations. As a rabbi, Jesus taught in the synagogues, in the temple, and out in the open countryside for all to hear (see John 18:20). Jesus did not hide Himself away in the secrecy of night, or teach in caves, or secret meeting places apart from the world, but He revealed Himself to it. His work was done in public, whether He was teaching, healing, or casting out demons. Nor did Jesus even limit Himself to teaching and preforming miracles to those who heard the teaching of Moses and the prophets and worshipped in the temple, but He came for the sinners and the gentiles of all the world.

We still have the revelation and word of Christ among us today. He sent out His disciples and apostles and evangelists to bring the Word of God to all nations. Through them and the work that the Holy Spirit inspired them to do, we have received the Word of God in the Holy Scriptures. Through the Scriptures, Christ still reveals Himself to the nations. He reveals Himself to us. Even though we are separated by so much time and space from when God spoke to Moses or the prophets or when Jesus Christ taught and preformed miracles on this earth, we still have this Word. This Word which teaches us still.

Why do we have this Word? As the Gospel of John tells us, "These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name," (John 20:31). All Scripture is given to us so that we would know God and have faith, life, and salvation. This is not some secret knowledge given to a select few or intended to only be understood by some, but Scripture is freely and openly given to all people. The Word of God stretches out to the ends of the earth for all who would hear and receive it.

Having received this Word, what shall we do? First, in humility, we are to repent of our arrogance in the face of an all-knowing God. Confronted by the Almighty, who puts human wisdom to shame, we are driven to pray to the Lord along with Job, "Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer you? I lay my hand on my mouth," (Job 40:4-5). Having been given the greatest wisdom in the universe, we are taught to be humble. The Word of God itself reveals to us our own weakness before the Lord and drives us to humility.

Having been humbled before God, we then receive this Word in its truth and fulness. Through this Word, the Lord instructs us sinners by His revelation in all that is needful. So, as we continue through this season after Epiphany and approach the season of Lent, I encourage you, stay in the Word. Read it, hear it, and learn it. Make the study of Scripture a priority. Find a regular time for reading and devotions and stick to it. Do this with family or friends. Do whatever you need to help you stay in the Word of God and receive the gifts of the Lord's wisdom and His teaching. In this Word, He teaches us His ways and His works. He teaches us what is right and good. Finally, he teaches us that Jesus was sent to die for us for our sake for the forgiveness of our sins. In the words of Holy Scripture, we are given all that we need for our salvation.

WORSHIP SERVICES, PAST SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS AND PSALM STUDY

CAN BE FOUND AT:

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 7PM, Lenten Mid-week 7PM, & 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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS FOR FEBRUARY & MARCH 2022 HAVE CHANGED!

The Church Office will be open Monday – Thursday from 10am-2pm, unless otherwise noted for holidays or conferences.

★The Church Office will be CLOSED on Fridays. ★

If you have an urgent <u>spiritual</u> need or a death in the family, please call Pastor Kleinschmidt at home. His number as well as the Vicar's phone number are printed every weekend at the top of the weekend bulletins.

If you have information to be printed in the weekend bulletin, please have the information to the church secretary (Stacy) by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

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 the link to the 8am Live Streamed service & the Order of Service. Email **info@redeemerhighland.org**

REDEEMER WAS BLESSED to receive a gift of \$728.92 from the closed accounts of Concordia Lutheran Church in Hammond. Also, Redeemer received a gift of \$20,000 from the sale of the property & building of Peace Lutheran Church in Schererville. We give thanks to God for the continued support of the Lord's work in our Hammond Circuit.

2022 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.

2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS which are not picked up were mailed **Monday**, **January 31**st for members who used numbered envelopes or electronic giving.

2022 SPONSORSHIP CHARTS: STILL DATES AVAILABLE!

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!

<u>Flowers</u> are \$20 per vase. *You may pick up flowers after late service or Monday during office hours.*<u>Candles</u> are \$15 per month <u>Bulletins</u> 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!**

<u>TRUSTEES</u> will meet **NOT** meet **Sunday, Feb. 6th, but will have a meeting on March 6th at 12PM in the MPR. Many projects are in the works. Trustees are always looking for more help. Come to a meeting or speak with Stacy or A.J. Broviak about project needs.**

ATTENTION LADIES OF REDEEMER. The Mary and Martha Circle (formerly Ladies Society) will be meeting **Thursday, March 3**rd **at 1:00 p.m.** in the MPR. Please join us (ALL ladies are invited) for dessert, fellowship and the latest updates.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP: We are starting a new Young Adult Group for those aged about 18-35. We will first meet on Saturday, February 12, at 2:30pm at Redeemer. Come join us for devotions, fellowship, and the study of God's Word."



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: a door offering for the Redeemer Share Cupboard will be collected February 12 & 13 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.*

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2022 for President's Day.

LENT BEGINS...with **Ash Wednesday** on **Wednesday**, **March 2**nd.

<u>MID-WEEK ADVENT MATINS SERVICES</u> will be held **Wednesdays at 9AM** – **March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6**. Services will be In-Person only. This new service is being offered as an additional time of worship. The service will follow the Order of Matins.

EVENING MID-WEEK SERVICES will begin with the **Ash Wednesday Divine Service** on **Wednesday, March 2nd 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 April 10th*.

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).



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 5th & 6th. 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.

<u>CHOIR IS COMING BACK!</u> The Redeemer Choir led by Colette Martin & Meghan Kleinschmidt will begin return to rehearsing in the upstairs choir loft on the <u>First and Third Mondays at 6:00 PM</u> beginning on **Monday, March 7**th! Come join us!

THE EASTER LILY CHART will be posted in the foyer mid-March. Lilies are \$15 (*Payable to Altar Guild*). They are used to decorate the sanctuary and may be picked up after the 10:45 AM Easter Day service.



DON'T FORGET TO SPRING AHEAD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 12TH!
TURN CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR BEFORE GOING TO BED.

Daylight Saving Time begins officially at 2am on Sunday, March 13th.

APRIL -MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE will be MONDAY, MARCH 21 AT 10AM!

MEMBERSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION AT REDEEMER: If you, a family member, or a friend would like to know more about being Lutheran or becoming a member at Redeemer and receiving Holy Communion, please talk to Pastor Kleinschmidt. Adult Instruction classes can be planned around your schedule. In the Lutheran tradition, all members are instructed before receiving the Sacrament of the Altar, and a total of six classes at Redeemer give an overview of the Christian faith and Lutheran teaching.

Please remember to call to alert the Pastor & Vicar if you are in the hospital and would like a visit. (219-838-4898). Hospitals often do not alert the church office. Pastor & Vicar are willing to visit members in the hospital or at home, but they need to be alerted to the need by the individual or a family member/caretaker. They would also like to include you or your family member in the prayers, if you would like to be included. (Note: Prayers are live-streamed as part of the Sunday service.)

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE & KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP — St. Paul's Lutheran School will host an Open House on Saturday, Feb. 12, 9am-Noon and Sunday, Feb. 27, Noon—2pm at 801 Harrison Ave, Munster. Kindergarten Round-up will be held on Friday, March 4, from 2-4 pm or 5-7pm. St. Paul's provides a solid and affordable Christian education for Kindergarten through 8th grade and is Nationally and State accredited. For further information, please call (219) 836-6270 ext. 202, or visit www.stplmunster.com.

SWADDLING CLOTHES CENTER at Grace Lutheran Church, a ministry to help mothers and babies in

need. Swaddling Clothes helps families monthly with diapers, wipes, & clothing on the third Saturday (**Feb. 19**th & **March 19**th). Visit www.facebook.com/swaddlingclothesdyer for the most up-to-date info. Volunteers needed! Work Days are 1st & 2nd Thursdays from 10-11:30 a.m. For more information visit www.facebook.com/swaddlingclothesdyer.

NEEDS: diapers, wipes (flip-top refills), baby wash, diaper cream, and clothing (newborn to 3T). You may drop off items in the 24/7 donation bin - back parking lot of Grace Lutheran Church, Dyer or at Redeemer under the large bulletin board in foyer.

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.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF NWI FAITH BUILD 2022 Attend the informative Faith Build 2022 Kick-Off Meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2022 from 8:30 AM CST to 9:30 AM CST via Zoom! Register NOW at https://www.nwihabitat.org/faith-build/ and you will receive a Panera gift card! This year, *Faith Build* 2022, we are inviting the faith community across Lake County to join us! Habitat is planning to complete 7 homes, changing the lives of 7 families! We are currently building in Merrillville, Hammond, & Lake Station.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE - INDIANA DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP

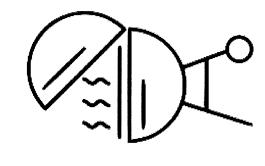
APPLICATIONS. Applicants must be a communicant member of a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in the Indiana District for at least eighteen months prior to filing an application. Open to all students that are preparing to be servants of the church on a full-time basis (ministry, teaching, parish work, DCE, Deaconess, etc.) and are enrolling in an LCMS synodical school that will prepare them to be servants of the church on a full-time basis. Students must present a demonstrable need for such aid. Students must have demonstrated a good scholastic aptitude in their previous school. Applications are available on the large bulletin board in the Redeemer foyer or email the church office to be emailed an application. Completed applications and letters must be postmarked no later than **March 18, 2022,** for consideration

<u>SPRING TEA AT GRACE, DYER</u> – Saturday, March 26, 2022 at 12:30 p.m. Grace Lutheran Church of Dyer is inviting ladies to a Spring Tea. Speaker Tammy Tidd from "House of Grace" and Devotions led by Carol Hetherington. Please bring items needed to help support "House of Grace" which offers a safe place for women coming out of jail or prison to restore their lives and lead a drug & alcohol free life.

(Septic Safe) Toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates, napkins, trash bags (13 gal & 40 gal), deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, tampons, panty liners, food, Food Gift Cards (Walmart, Aldi, Save A Lot, Kroger) and Gas Gift Cards (Speedway, Shell, Family Express, Marathon)

Everyone is to bring a tea set for their table. Come enjoy the delightful treats, tea, and fellowship with the Grace LWML Ladies, 8303 Sheffield Ave, Dyer, IN. Questions or to RSVP (219) 865-1137.

Polar Bear Picnici

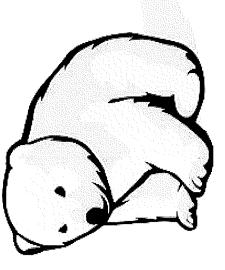


Time: Sunday, February 13th,

12pm

Place: Multipurpose Room

Cost: Free!



If you plan on attending, please put your name on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Also, indicate on the sheet if you are able to bring a side dish to share.

We will also be gathering a door offering to help send the youth to Higher Things!

FEBRUARY -MARCH 2022 **NEWSLETTER**



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Services:

Saturday:.....6:30 p.m. Sunday:.....8:00 a.m.10:45 a.m.

Sunday School, Youth Group & Adult Bible Study: Sunday:......9:15 a.m.

Special Services:

Mid-Week Lenten Matins (Wednesdays: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6)...9:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday Divine Service (Wed. March 2).....7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Lenten Compline (Wednesdays: March 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6)...7:00 p.m.

Staff:

Pastor: Eric Allan Kleinschmidt Vicar: Christian Mundorf Admin. Asst.: Stacy Broviak

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO THE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS - Pastor & Vicar are OFF on Fridays. **The Church Office will be CLOSED: Monday, February 21, 2022 (President's Day)**

It is the mission of Redeemer Lutheran Church through worship, fellowship, witness, service and education to proclaim Jesus Christ as God's Son and the world's Savior, crucified and risen from death to give us NEW LIFE.

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

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

DID YOU KNOW PASTOR & VICAR POST DAILY DEVOTIONS ON THE REDEEMER FACEBOOK PAGE? YOU CAN READ THEM AT <u>www.facebook.com/redeemerhighlandlcms</u>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! COMMITTEE MEETING DATES: February: March:

No Trustees Meeting Elders – Feb. 7 Planning & Stewardship – Feb. 14 Church Council - Feb. 14 Youth Committee - Feb. 15 Christian Education – Feb. 22

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February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 4:00-5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 7:30 p.m. Dartball (Crown Pt.)	2 7:00 p.m. LifeLight	3 10:00-11:30 a.m. Swaddling Clothes Work Day (Grace) 11:00 a.m. Little Lambs Chapel	4 Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	5 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion
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