




# The Redeemer Reporter

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*From Vicar's desk  
February – March 2024*

## **Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. - Matthew 4:1-2**

For many Lutherans, Advent and Lent are their favorite seasons of the Church Year, and I am no exception to this unspoken rule. I find it fascinating because these seasons are understood to be penitential, reflexive, and reserved in comparison to their counterparts of Easter and Christmas. Both seasons are essential to the life of the Christian, for they tell the story of the Scriptures and the story of the Christian life. In Advent, we see a foreshadowing of Lent, and in Lent, a foreshadowing of Advent.

As we reflect on the second coming of Christ, in the four Sundays leading up to Christmas, now in these 40 days of Lent, we see why we are prepared for His coming again in glory because he has first come as a baby to suffer and die for our sins so when he reappears, we are ready. The angelic proclamation of his birth, the visit of the magi to the infant Christ, and his baptism in the River Jordan all point us to the season of Lent and his temptation in the wilderness, his betrayal by Judas, and his suffering and death, by the hands of Pontius Pilate. Neither Advent, Christmas, nor Epiphany would have any purpose without Jesus's suffering and death on the cross of Calvary.

So, as we have come to our season of Lent, we look to the meaning of Christ's first coming, to suffer and die for the sins of the world so that we might have life in his name. From ancient times, the church has observed 40 days of Lent, excluding the Sundays that fall within, to be a penitential time of reflection and self-examination before the feast of feasts, Easter. Over the years, countless Christians have devoted this season to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

The number 40 goes back to the earliest parts of the Old Testament. During the time of Noah, God sent rain upon the Earth 40 days and 40 nights, cleansing the world from her sins. When God brought Israel out of Egypt to Mount Sinai, it was 40 days that Moses was with the Lord as God Himself would carve the stone tablets—another 40 years passed before they entered the Promised Land that no one of the generation that crossed the Red Sea would enter. The prophet Elijah spent 40 days without food or water on Mount Horeb. Finally, our Lord spent 40 days in the wilderness before he hungered and began to be tempted by the devil. The number 40 is the number of repentance, reflection, and self-denial. 40 is the number of Lent.

May God bless you in these next 40 days as we remember that this Christ child revealed to the nations has now come to save the nations from their sin, and by his glorious resurrection, on the third day, we would be where he is also.

**VICAR GRANT TAPKEN** will be on vacation Thursday, February 1 – Monday, February 5. **The Youth Group will not meet February 4<sup>th</sup>.** The Youth are invited to join Pastor Kleinschmidt's Adult Bible Study.

**LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY** last class will be **Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> until after Easter.**

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** has resumed meeting, weather permitting. **No Class:** Feb. 13; March 12 & 19.

**YOUTH OUT TO BREAKFAST** – Sundays, February 11 and March 10.

**2023 ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS,** for those who used offering envelopes or contributed regularly online, were mailed January 31, 2024.

**LENT BEGINS...with Ash Wednesday on Wednesday, February 14, 2024.**



**MID-WEEK ADVENT MATINS SERVICES** will begin with the **Ash Wednesday Matins Service** on **Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** and continue **Wednesdays at 9AM** – Feb. 21, 28; March 6, 13, 20. Services will be In-Person only. This service is being offered as an additional time of worship.

**EVENING MID-WEEK SERVICES** will begin with the **Ash Wednesday Divine Service** on **Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** and continues with Mid-Week Lenten Services featuring the Office of Compline Wednesdays Feb. 21, 28; March 6, 13, 20 at 7PM. Evening Mid-Week Services will be Live-Streamed.

..... **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](mailto:info@redeemerhighland.org) or 838-4898).*

**LENT ALMSGIVING BOX**, located on the Elders Desk in the Narthex, is for Anonymous Donations to help Those in Need. You may deposit cash, checks (made payable to the Redeemer Share Cupboard – which will not appear on your contribution financial statement), or grocery store gift cards. The box will be available all through Lent.

**THE EASTER LILY CHART** is posted in the foyer. Lilies are **\$15 (Payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church)**. Twelve lilies are used to decorate the sanctuary. Sponsors may pick up after the 10:45 AM Easter service.

**CHOIR WILL RETURN IN MARCH!** The Redeemer Choir led by Colette Martin & Meghan Kleinschmidt will begin rehearsing for Easter in the upstairs choir loft **at 6:00 PM on Monday, March 4 & 18!** Come join us!

**PALM SUNDAY SERVICES (March 24, 2024):** *After all three services, attendees are welcome to take home a palm branch. Palms will be available in the foyer for Sat/8am and taken from the front after 10:45.*

**THE CHILDREN'S PALM SUNDAY 10:45 PROCESSION!** The Sunday School Children will be singing at the beginning of the 10:45 service on Palm Sunday. The children will march in, sing a couple of songs and march back out. If you are attending late service, they can then take a seat with their family, or meet a parent in the hall on the way out.

**Parents**, please make sure your children are in Sunday School on March 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> for the children to practice their songs.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY DIVINE SERVICE (March 28, 2024) at 7PM** which includes Holy Communion with unleavened bread baked by the 3<sup>rd</sup> year confirmation students and the Stripping of the Altar.

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES (March 29, 2024):**

**TRE ORE SERVICE** (Three Hours) at St. Paul, Munster features a series of seven sermons preached by circuit pastors interspersed with readings and hymns during the three hours Christ hung on the cross. You may stay for the whole service or come and go as you require. **St. Paul's, Munster 12-3PM.**

**TENEBRAE** centers on a series of lessons, psalms, and liturgical texts that reflect on the Lord's crucifixion and our repentance. *Tenebrae* is a Latin word meaning "darkness." This service is called the service of darkness because lights and candles are gradually dimmed and extinguished throughout the service. Communion will not be served at the Tenebrae service. **Redeemer at 7PM.**

**EASTER VIGIL SERVICE (March 30, 2024)**

**TWO EASTER SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICES AT 7:00 AM (an hour earlier than usual Sunday Service) AND 10:45 AM (March 31, 2024).**

**THE ANNUAL EASTER BREAKFAST** (March 31<sup>st</sup>) will follow the Sunrise Service, and will be served by the Youth Group. Come early for Bible Class and Sunday School, or stay after Sunrise church and have breakfast casseroles, juice, coffee, etc. A free will offering to benefit the Youth Group will be collected.

**Youth are needed** to help set up on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT!** Children from Preschool-7th are able to participate in egg hunting. On Easter Sunday the egg hunt will begin at 9:30 AM. Please have children in the classroom at 9:00 AM for a head count and for the children to decorate bags to collect the eggs.

**CALENDAR NOTE:** The office will be **CLOSED** on the Monday after Easter, April 1<sup>st</sup>.



**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING.** The Sunday School is collecting **non-perishable food donations** to benefit St. James Food Pantry in Highland through February 11<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure items are not expired. Place them ON TOP of the wooden bin in the foyer to be counted. **A Door Offering will be collected after all three services Feb. 10/11 for**

**the Redeemer Share Cupboard.**

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.***

**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. 17<sup>th</sup> & March 16<sup>th</sup>**). Visit [www.facebook.com/swaddlingclothesdye](http://www.facebook.com/swaddlingclothesdye) for the most up-to-date info. Volunteers needed! **Work Days are 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays** from 10-11:30 a.m. For more information visit [www.facebook.com/swaddlingclothesdye](http://www.facebook.com/swaddlingclothesdye). **NEEDS:** diapers (esp. sizes 4, 5, & 6), 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 in the 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.**

**THE YOUTH GROUP POLAR BEAR PICNIC** will be held on **Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 12pm.** Brats and Hot Dogs will be provided. Donations of side dishes and desserts would be appreciated. **Tickets will be on sale Feb. 10/11 and 17/18 - \$10 (ages 13+); \$5 (ages 4-12); Free (ages 3 & under).** Only the grillers get cold!

**DINING OUT FUNDRAISER AT 313 TAPROOM.** A Dining Out Fundraiser to benefit Redeemer's Youth Group (LAW – Lutherans At Work) will be held at the 313 Taproom, 313 Ridge Road in Munster on Sunday, March 10 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. **This is a 21 and older fundraiser.** 313 Taproom will donate **40% of drinks** (not food) purchased between 1-4 to Redeemer's Youth Group if you mention the LAW fundraiser. They do offer a limited, but varied, pub menu as well available. Visit [313taproom.com](http://313taproom.com) to see their menu.

**THE MARY AND MARTHA CIRCLE** has a Spring full of activities planned! All women of the congregation are invited to join us for any or all of the activities listed!

March 7- Monthly Meeting at 1 p.m. (Games: Candy Bunco/Bible Bingo)

April 4 – Monthly Meeting at 1 p.m. (Wittenberg Village goodie bags)

May 2 - Ladies Lunch (Noon), location to be determined.

Officers: Kathy Gaskey, Pres.; Janet Salinas, VP; Janice Richey, Sect.; Beverly Rodeck, Treasurer; and Roseanne Bohanan, Women in Mission

**MARY & MARTHA'S CIRCLE** is continuing to collect **clean, dry plastic shopping bags** to be cut in strips during their fall meetings to be used to make sleeping mats for the homeless. Bags may be dropped off in the basket in the church foyer by the green seating area. If you have any questions about the project, please speak with Janice Richey or Kathy Gaskey.

**REDEEMER'S MARY & MARTHA CIRCLE** will meet **Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM** in the MPR. We will have our Spring MITE box collection...so bring your MITE boxes to the meeting. If you need a MITE box, contact Roseanne Bohanan. We will also have a fun time playing games together! Please join us (ALL ladies are invited) for dessert, fellowship and the latest updates.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>**. 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.**

**SAVE THE DATE: LWML SPRING RALLY at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lowell, IN – April 17, 2024**  
Watch for more information in bulletins and the April/May newsletter.

**UPDATE: Redeemer's Pre-Campaign Assessment with Church Growth Services.** A HUGE thank you goes out to the Redeemer membership for your participation.

Redeemer has received a GREEN light, according to assessment results, to proceed with the upcoming Capital Campaign for the East Wing Building Project to be led by co-chairs Paul Boughamer and Elizabeth Hecimovich. *Included in this newsletter is a summary of the Pre-Campaign Assessment Results.*

### **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN SCHEDULE**

March 2 & 3, 2024	Kickoff Sunday
March 16 & 17, 2024	Prayer Sunday
April 27 & 28, 2024	Challenge Sunday
May 4 & 5, 2024	Commitment Sunday
June 1 & 2, 2024	Celebration Sunday

**2024 SPONSORSHIP CHARTS:** *Sign up on the large bulletin board in the foyer or email the church secretary to sign you up (if date is still available).*

**Flowers** are \$20 per vase ♦ **Candles** are \$15 per month

♦ **Bulletin sponsorship** is \$10 per week, payable **Redeemer Lutheran Church.**

Please put your check or cash in an envelope with your name, type(s) of sponsorship & sponsorship date(s) marked on it & place in the offering plate or in the Church Office in the orange "Stacy's Mailbox".

**Please Note:** A reason for sponsorship of the Altar flowers is noted in the weekend bulletin – please indicate your reason when signing up. The sponsors may pick-up the flowers after 10:45 Sunday service.

**INFLATE THE VICAR:** Inflation and rising costs affect all of us, but unexpected increases really put a strain on our students. Help out our vicar by taking an envelope and putting in a donation (\$20 or more suggested) to help with groceries and heat/water/electric bills. Gas cards/gift cards also are a great idea. Please make any checks payable to: "Redeemer Share Cupboard" and put "Vicar" in the memo line. Envelopes can be returned to the office or put in the offering plate. *Thank you for your support of Redeemer's Vicarage program. Envelopes are located in the foyer on the Large, Center Bulletin Board. (Look for the balloons.)*

**HELP WITH THRIVENT CHOICE<sup>SM</sup>** If you are a member of Thrivent Financial, remember that your benefits may include Thrivent Choice<sup>SM</sup>, a charitable grant program. Help support your congregation by choosing REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, HIGHLAND, IN when directing your Thrivent Choice<sup>SM</sup> dollars. *Visit [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice). Thank you to all who have donated!!*

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL**– Kindergarten Screenings will be held on **Friday, March 1**, 2-4 pm or 5-7 pm. **Tuesday Tours are available Feb. 6 – March 25, 10 AM – 2 PM.** St. Paul's provides a solid and affordable Christian education for Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, is Nationally and State accredited and is an approved Indiana Choice Scholarship school. For further information, please call (219) 836-6270 ext. 202, email [tkasper@stplmunster.com](mailto:tkasper@stplmunster.com) or visit [www.stplmunster.com](http://www.stplmunster.com). The application window is now open!

### **A WAY TO HELP ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL & RECEIVE A TAX BENEFIT.**

Consider making a contribution to the Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Indiana (<https://lutheransgo.org>) Indiana law provides you with a 50% Indiana tax credit for every dollar donated to an SGO. Ascension uses the SGO scholarship money to provide support to families in need for help with tuition. Donations may be sent to: Ascension Lutheran Christian School, 1150 W 49<sup>th</sup> Ave., Gary, IN 46408

**THE BETA SIGMA PSI NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION** offers scholarships for members of the Lutheran community with varying deadlines in Feb. & March. Scholarship info and applications are available at <https://www.betasigmapsi.org/scholarships-for-high-school-students/>.

**MISSION OPPORTUNITY** There is an interdenominational mission opportunity for a weeklong trip to Camp Barnabas in Purdy, Missouri for July 13-19, 2024. The focus of the trip will be serving and showing God's love to children and adults with developmental and physical disabilities that are attending the camp. For more information, please visit <https://campbarnabas.org/> and contact AJ Schuh at [schuhmt@gmail.com](mailto:schuhmt@gmail.com)

**WOUNDED HEALERS GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS.** will hold their Spring 2024 program for grief support on **Wednesdays, Feb. 21-May 1 at 7:00 PM** at St. James Church in Highland (corner of Kennedy & 45<sup>th</sup> ). If you have questions about our program, please contact us at 219-924-5577. Please leave a message.

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Membership Information and Directory Changes

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**BIG REDEEMER THANKS TO...**everyone who gives their time & energy...Elders, Altar Guild members, SOS Organists, Acolytes, trustees, Congregational Officers, committee members, teachers, volunteers, choir members, and so many more...**every "little" thing comes together to keep our church vibrant.**

**A Note from the Redeemer Youth Group:**

Thank you to all who made delicious cookies and helped sell them at our December Cookie Walk. BIG THANKS to all cookie purchasers! The youth raised \$577.

The Dining Out Fundraiser at Region Ale raised \$150.

**THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE** just wanted to say **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with the bake sale these last two weeks. We raised a total of \$647.50 (woohoo)! Thank you to everyone who donated their time, effort, skills, and tummies for consuming those delicious goodies. Little by little, we're working towards our goal for a healthier and stronger church building. Again, thank you so very much.

**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. Email [info@redeemerhighland.org](mailto:info@redeemerhighland.org)

**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.*)

# FEBRUARY –MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER



## Redeemer Lutheran Church

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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.

### Staff:

Pastor: Eric Allan Kleinschmidt  
Vicar: Grant Tapken  
Admin. Asst.: Stacy Broviak

### **REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday – Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; Fridays, Closed.

**Church Office will be CLOSED: Monday, February 19, 2024.**

**\*\*APRIL -MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE will be MONDAY, MARCH 11 AT 2PM!\*\***

### **WORSHIP SERVICES AND ONLINE BIBLE STUDIES**

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](http://www.RedeemerHighland.org).

**Ash Wednesday 7PM, Lenten Mid-week 7PM, & Holy Week services will also be Live-Streamed.**

**ONLINE BIBLE STUDY - Pastor Kleinschmidt will begin a study on Romans in April, after Easter.**

The complete Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Acts studies are available online.

### **SAVE THE DATE FOR REDEEMER'S 2024 VBS PROGRAM!**

**JUNE 10-14, 2024 ☆ 9:00 – 11:30 AM**

*Celebrate the Savior: Jesus Gives Us Joy* is the theme of this VBS program.

Open to all children ages 4 years old through those who have completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade.


We're having a party—a party to celebrate the Savior—and you're invited!

Many adult and teen volunteers will be needed. Speak to Sara Hill as to where YOU can help!

**SAVE YOUR PIE TINS!** As you clean up from all the holiday parties, please wash and bring to church pie tins to be used for a VBS craft. Please leave them on the pass through in the Kitchen/MPR.

**AN ONLINE GIVING LINK** can be found on the Redeemer website at [www.RedeemerHighland.org](http://www.RedeemerHighland.org).



Look for the  link on the lower right side of the homepage. Or use Redeemer's new QR Code below to be directed to our secure Vanco online giving page. Choose to designate your offering to the General Fund or the Building Fund. A text box is now available to indicate if the gift is a Memorial Gift to the Building Fund.



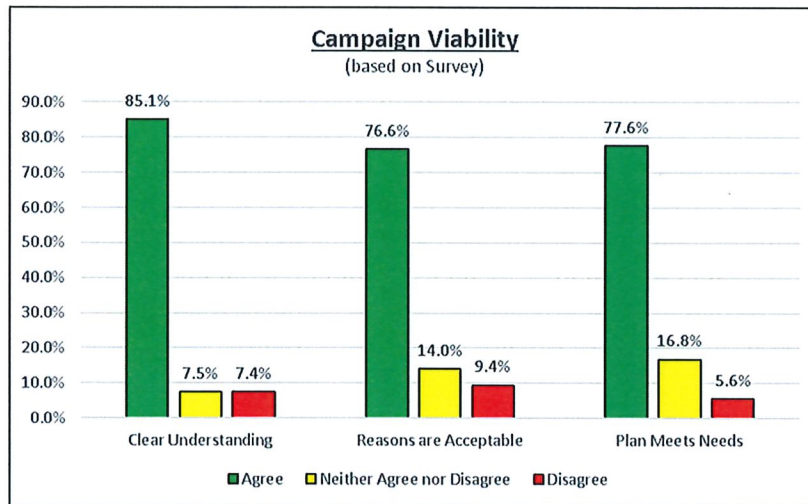
## REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH PRE-CAMPAIGN ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

The Church Leadership offers this summary on the status of our proposed building project. The information below comes from a recent report delivered by Church Growth Services about project and campaign feasibility.

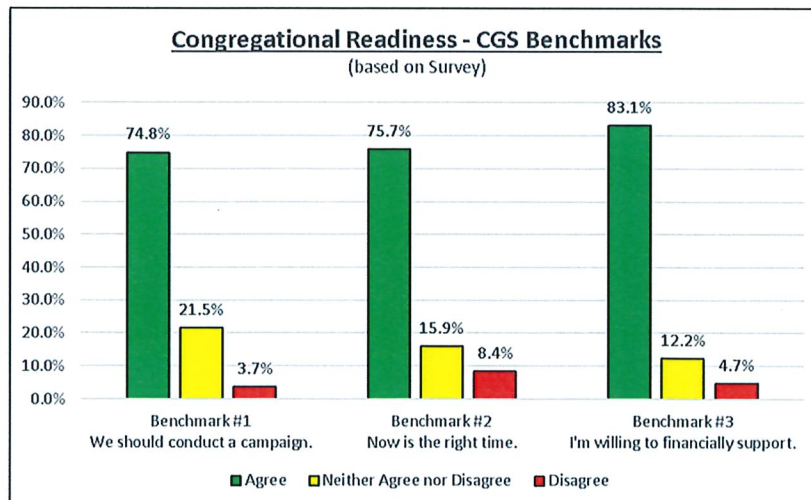
Church Growth Services compiled the report from 11 confidential and personal telephone interviews, 29 responses to a confidential leadership poll, and 107 confidential and anonymous congregational surveys.

### Observations:

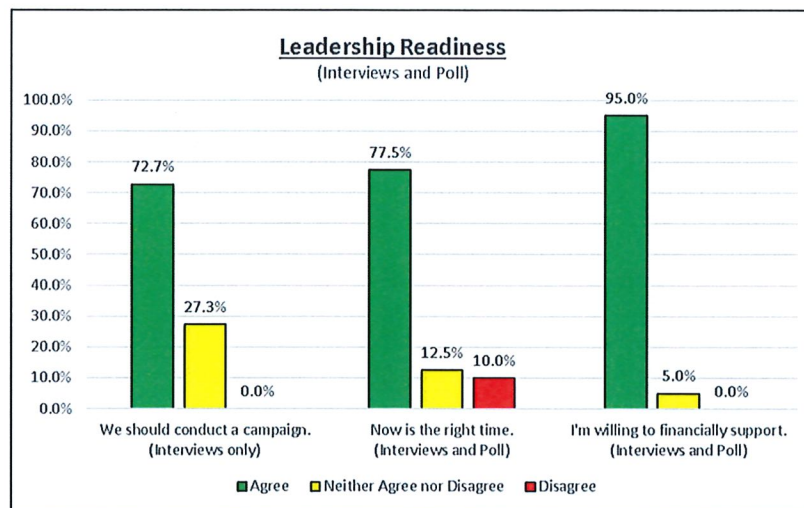
1. The report from Church Growth Services shows that the congregation displays substantial support for launching a building project.



2. Additionally, the congregation shows similar strong support for proceeding with a capital campaign to raise the necessary funds. The Church Growth Services benchmarks are to exhibit 60% agreement.



- a. Those within the congregation who “disagree” or “neither agree nor disagree” with the preceding statements primarily offer the following reasons:
  - i. A concern with the economy, the present financial plan, and/or their current personal financial circumstances which may limit their ability to consider additional giving.
  - ii. A belief that there may be more cost-effective ways to address the facility needs other than the current proposal.
  - iii. A desire for additional information prior to forming their final opinion.
- b. The leadership, in the interviews and poll, shows similar approval rates for all three readiness benchmarks.



### Recommendations:

1. It is the opinion of Church Growth Services that the congregation is ready and willing to be challenged with a capital campaign and should immediately move forward to do so.
2. We received a “green” light. Church Growth Services has suggested that before proceeding, we take the following steps:
  - a. Create a general timeline of “major milestones” for the building project and capital campaign.
  - b. Continue to communicate the project information with a wider audience. Almost one-quarter of the congregation say that they did not see the Vision Sunday presentation.
  - c. Develop a funding plan for the project.

### Next Steps:

1. The Church Leadership will provide additional opportunities for people to ask questions.
2. As we proceed, the building plan will be finalized based upon the available funds.

We desire to keep the information flow wide open regarding this project. If you have continuing questions or thoughts concerning the project or the process, please feel free to contact Paul Boughamer or Elizabeth Hecimovich via email at [info@redeemerhighland.org](mailto:info@redeemerhighland.org).

We welcome your prayers as we all seek to follow God’s direction throughout this process.


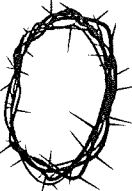





# February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Church Office Hours:</b> Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.</p> <p>4 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/ Sunday School <i>No Youth Group</i> 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Mid-Season Dartball Tournament (at Trinity, Hammond)</i> <b>Vicar Grant Tapken on Vacation</b></p>	<p>5 7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting</p> <p><b>Vicar Grant Tapken on Vacation</b></p>	<p>6 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 12:00-1:00 p.m. Capital Campaign Leadership Zoom Mtg. 4:00-5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 7:30 p.m. Dartball (Home)</p>	<p>7 5:45—6:45 p.m. Handbell Practice 7:00 p.m. LifeLight</p>	<p>1 10:00-11:30 a.m. Swaddling Clothes Work Day (Grace) <b>Vicar Grant Tapken on Vacation</b></p>	<p>2 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i> <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>Grant Tapken on Vacation</b></p>	<p>3 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion <b>Vacation</b></p>
<p>11 <i>Souper Bowl of Caring Door Offering</i> 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/ <b>Youth Breakfast/Sunday School</b> 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion</p>	<p>12 6:30 p.m. Stewardship/Planning Meeting 7:30 p.m. Church Council</p>	<p>13 <i>No Ladies Bible Study</i> 9:30 a.m. Pastors' Circuit Conf. at Redeemer 12-1p.m. CC Zoom Mtg. 4:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:30 p.m. Dartball (Resurrection)</p>	<p>14 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 9:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday Matins 5:45—6:45 p.m. Handbell Practice 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Divine Service</p>	<p>15 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 9:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday Matins 5:45—6:45 p.m. Handbell Practice 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Divine Service</p>	<p>16 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i> <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p>17 9 a.m.—12 p.m. Swaddling Clothes Shopping Day at Grace, Dyer 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion</p>
<p>18 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/ Youth Group/Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion</p>	<p>19 <i>Presidents' Day</i> <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p>20 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 12-1p.m. CC Zoom Mtg. 4:00-5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 7:30 pm Darts (Home)</p>	<p>21 9:00 a.m. Lenten Matins Service 5:45—6:45 p.m. Handbell Practice 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service</p>	<p>22 9:00 a.m. Lenten Matins Service 5:45—6:45 p.m. Handbell Practice 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service</p>	<p>23 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i> <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p>24 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion</p>
<p>25 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/ Youth Group/Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion 12 p.m. Polar Bear Picnic</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 12-1p.m. CC Zoom Mtg. 4:00-5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 7:30 pm Darts (Home)</p>	<p>28 9:00 a.m. Lenten Matins Service 5:45—6:45 p.m. Handbell Practice 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service</p>	<p>29 12:00 p.m. <b>Church Office Closing EARLY</b> <i>Positano-Borghardt Wedding</i></p>		

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 <i>Capital Campaign Kickoff Weekend</i></p> <p>8:00 a.m. Holy Communion</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/ Youth Group/Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Holy Communion</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Choir Practice</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study</p> <p>12:00-1:00 p.m. Capital Campaign Leadership Zoom Mtg.</p> <p>4:00-5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Dartball (Chesterton)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Lenten Matins Service</p> <p>5:45—6:45 p.m. Handbell Practice</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Lenten Service</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00-11:30 a.m. Swaddling Clothes Work Day (Grace)</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Mary &amp; Martha's Circle Meeting (MPR)</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Youth Committee Mtg.</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Dartball League Mtg.</p>	<p>1 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i></p> <p><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p>2 <i>Kickoff Weekend</i></p> <p>6:30 p.m. Holy Communion</p>
<p>10 <i>LWML Mites Door Offering</i></p> <p>8:00 a.m. Holy Communion</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/ Youth Breakfast/Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Holy Communion</p> <p>1-4 p.m. 313 Taproom (Munster) Youth Dining Out Fundraiser</p>	<p>11 <i>April/May Newsletter Deadline</i></p> <p>6:30 p.m. Stewardship/Planning Meeting</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Church Council</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Pastors' Circuit Conf. at Trinity, Lowell</p> <p><i>No Ladies Bible Study</i></p> <p>12-1p.m. CC Zoom Mtg.</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Confirmation</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Darts (Home)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Lenten Matins Service</p> <p>5:45—6:45 p.m. Handbell Practice</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Lenten Service</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00-11:30 a.m. Swaddling Clothes Work Day (Grace)</p>	<p>15 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i></p> <p><b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p>16</p> <p>9 a.m.—12 p.m. Swaddling Clothes Shopping Day at Grace, Dyer</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Holy Communion</p>
<p>17 <i>Prayer Sunday</i></p> <p>8:00 a.m. Holy Communion</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/ Youth Group/Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Holy Communion</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>19 <i>No Ladies Bible Study</i></p> <p>12-1p.m. CC Zoom Mtg.</p> <p>4:00-5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Dartball (Home)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Lenten Matins Service</p> <p>5:45—6:45 p.m. Handbell Practice</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Lenten Service</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i></p> <p><b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Holy Communion</p>
<p>24 <i>Palm Sunday</i></p> <p>8:00 a.m. Holy Communion</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/ Youth Group/Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Holy Communion w/Sunday School Procession</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study</p> <p>12-1p.m. CC Zoom Mtg.</p> <p>No Confirmation Class</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Darts (Lowell)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>5:45—6:45 p.m. Handbell Practice</p>	<p>28 <i>Maundy Thursday</i></p> <p>7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Divine Service</p>	<p>29 <i>Good Friday</i></p> <p><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p> <p>12-3 p.m. Tre Ore Service at St. Paul's, Munster</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service</p>	<p>30</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Easter Breakfast Set up</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Easter Vigil</p>
<p>31 <b>EASTER</b></p> <p>7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study &amp; Sunday School Egg Hunt</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Easter Festival</p>	<p><i>April 1</i></p> <p><i>Church Office CLOSED</i></p> <p>7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting</p>				<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Church Office Hours:</b> Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.</p> </div>	

