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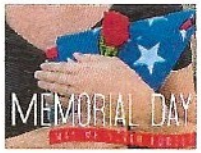
Voice of Redeemer

Our Mission
Sharing God's Love & Touching Lives

Our Values:
Reaching the Lost
Word & Sacraments
Being Christ-Centered
Growing Spiritually
Loving one-Another & Others
Helping Those in Need

May Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 H. Raymond Sherry	2 Hazel Schoephoester Ernestine Schultz
3	4 Dar Zipperer	5 John Jarchow Ileen Soeken	6	7 Sandra Smakal	8	9 Ruth Phillips
10 Wayne Jolibois Beverly Schol Mary Smith	11 Stan Drengacz	12 Betty Rowland	13	14	15 Connie Anderson Mary Dedera Paula Tucker	16
17 Olivia Kuzas	18 Jim Schmidt Byron Will	19 Jim Mason Jan Ufkes	20 Mark Troester	21	22	23
24 Sandi Garner	25  	26	27 Linda Stopher	28 Denise Burroughs Alecia Czanstkowski	29 Landyn Denwalt	30 Madison Feeser
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From Pastor John:

It is the Easter Season. We should be hearing the cries of "Alleluia! He is risen!" ringing out, along with the response, "He is risen, indeed, Alleluia!" But we don't hear it very much. Instead there is mostly silence.

I read an article the other day that compared this Easter to the very first Easter. That first Easter morning there were no cries of "He is risen!" There was silence, perhaps broken by a few sobs. Instead of celebrating the Lord's Supper, and Jesus' triumph over death, the disciples hid in fear, expecting at any moment that they would be arrested and executed like Jesus had been. There was no bold proclamation of the Gospel, no preaching about Jesus in the Temple. No one was traveling about unnecessarily. They were afraid to be out in public.

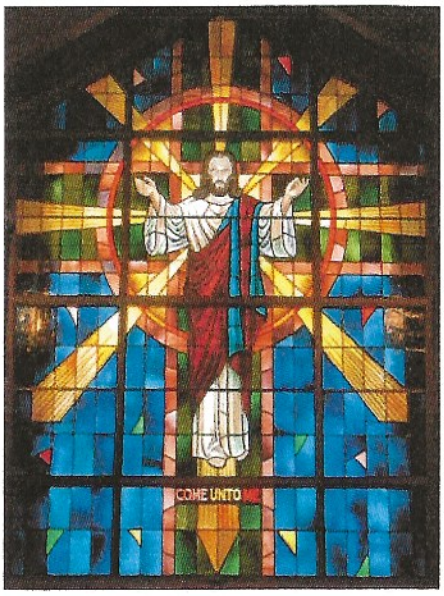
There was nothing positive that very first Easter morning, not even hope. But there were some things. There was worry. There was fear. There was doubt.

Maybe experiencing Easter this way is good for us. We can better understand the fears and doubts of those first followers of Jesus. We can more clearly feel what they were feeling. We can, if we try, better see how they were in the depths of despair. We can, in a sense, "walk in their shoes" for just a while.

These are good things for us to do. But we dare not stay there. Those first followers didn't. When they understood that Jesus had risen from the dead, everything changed. Their sorrow was turned into joy. Their grief was turned into hope. Their very world was turned upside down. Now they were to be seen boldly proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the very courtyards of the Temple, right in front of those who had Him crucified. They understood that Christ had removed the sting of death. They knew that they need not fear anything as long as the Lord was with them.

That's also true for us. We don't need to live in fear or doubt. We, too, can live boldly because... Alleluia! He is Risen. He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor John



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Dear Redeemer,

UPDATES

AT THIS TIME, due to the continuing pandemic, all activities at Redeemer continue to be cancelled, including all Worship Services. The leadership of the church will continue to monitor the situation.

As we are able, we will resume our normal activities. However, as stated above, the situation is constantly evolving so at this time we are unable to give dates and times when we will resume our normal activities.

When there are changes, these will be posted as soon as possible to the Redeemer website (***www.redeemermtnhome.org***). We will also post them on the sign on Hwy 5. Please check these resources regularly.

Grace and Peace to you all,
Pastor John

FOOD PANTRY SCHEDULE FOR MAY

Here is the Food Pantry Volunteer Schedule for the month of May. There will be a few copies on the desk in the Food Pantry. Thank you to all of you for all the time you give for others. Sharon Anema - Scheduler

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE – May 2020

	10am – 12pm	12pm – 2pm
Wed. May 6	Jim & Nickie Dages	Doris Latimer Lois Grindley
Wed. May 13	David & Marcia Reinert	Jan Ufkes JoAnn McGuire
Wed. March 18	Stan & Pat Drengacz	Bob & Pat Kumsher
Wed. March 25	Judy Curtiss Jan Ufkes	Sharon Anema Marilyn Bonecki

PEOPLE ARE MUCH MORE THAN THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES

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CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

We have heard from Pastor McReynolds and he is trying to visit our campus, hopefully the first part of May. He is also in lock down in Nebraska. So far everything seems hopeful. Please pray for him and his family and church family.

In God's Love,
Ed Clark
Chairman of Call Committee

We would like to thank everyone at Redeemer Lutheran church for the many cards and calls on the passing of my mother, Pat Goecks. She is with the Lord now. She lived over 98 years and was a model Christian woman. It is hard to lose a mother but knowing that she is with the Lord, we rejoice for that. She gave of herself and always did it with a Christian heart. We thank you all for being our "family."
God's blessings to each of you.

Judy and Gary Shaffer

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Thank you everyone at Redeemer Lutheran Church for your get well cards and phone calls including your prayers for my recoverey after my tractor accident. It means so much to me knowing my church family is here for me now and forever. I can't imagine not being a member of such a wonderful loving church as Redeemer. Thanks to Pastor John and Nancy coming to visit me the day of my surgery. I lost my right hand index finger and tip of the left hand middle finger, but I will by GOD's grace recover from this and carry on !!!!. Glory be to our GOD!!!

Al Knack

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There really are no words that can express my gratitude and thankfulness. I have been overwhelmed with the many kindnesses shown to me since Ed's passing. Your prayers, cards, calls, texts, hugs (through the phone) plus delicious food that was so welcomed when the family was here. We thank you! A special thank you to Ed and Lou Clark for their visits and offering of communion. Also Pastor John Nancy's visit with communion just a few days to Ed joining our Lord. A HUGE THANK YOU to our Sunday morning Bible Class for the refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. Everything was so yummny and appreciated by each of us.
May God bless you and may God continue to bless Redeemer.

Joan Barnett & Family

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To my Redeemer Family. With a grateful heart, I thank you for prayers and Christian love and concern me and to Pastor John for all the years of being a God-sent minister to lead us to the word of God. In Christian love and blessings.

Bonnie Cooper

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READERS

We are in need of Readers for our Sunday Services at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. If you are interested in participating in our weekly worship service by helping out with the readings, please contact Linda Templeton at (870) 421-3503 or email Linda at jltemp44@yahoo.com

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GREETERS

NEEDED - Sweet Smiling Faces to help greet on Sunday mornings for the 8:30 service. Call Mary Smith for information at 425-3433.

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memorials & gifts

Ed Barnett	Food Pantry	$450
	Choir music	$50
	Undesignated	$540
Pat Goecks	Food Pantry	$50

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5/1	Richard & Patsy Ellsworth	21 yrs
5/2	Neauman & Gail Coleman	28 yrs
5/4	Wayne & Anne Jolibois	21 yrs
5/5	Mike & Carol Fuson	42 yrs
5/7	Don & Wanda Meger	43 yrs
5/8	Russ & Phyllis Erickson	55 yrs
5/17	James & Sandra Smakal	40 yrs
5/20	John & Char Jarchow	6 yrs
	Rob & Sue Meyer	42 yrs
5/27	Keith & Lisa Loos	36 yrs
5/28	Jason & Stephanie Smith	20 yrs
5/30	Pete & Mary Ferron	39 yrs

Ed & Pat Balint
1515 Marquette Avenue
South Milwaukee, WI 53171
(414) 301-9920

ATTENTION LADIES

Do you have a black jacket (trimmed with tan) in your closet that isn't yours? If you do, I bet we got them mixed up a while back. My "zip-in" liner and hood doesn't work in your jacket in my closet! I also bet my black knit hat was in your sleeve. Let's get together and trade back. Call me at 425-6072.
Thank you, Betty Rowland.

Prayer requests: Because of privacy issues, you cannot be prayed for during church services, or added to the prayer chain unless a specific request is made. Believe it or not, not everyone wants on to be on these lists and we must respect their privacy.

Due to the new computer system at the hospital, the pastors are no longer able to access the list of people who are in the hospital. Therefore we have no way of knowing who is in the hospital. **If you are admitted into the hospital you have to call the church office and let us know.** If the office or one of the pastors is not notified, we will not know you are in the hospital and will not know to visit you.
If you go into any other rehab facility or nursing home, you must contact the office or the pastor if you would like to be visited. No lists at all are produced from these places and we do not know our members are there. If you are transferred from the hospital to one of these places, the hospital simply tells us you have been discharged.

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Check out our website. It is very exciting and full of awesome stuff. You can view an up-to-date calendar that is updated regularly. There is a section that only members can access so that you can get current addresses and phone

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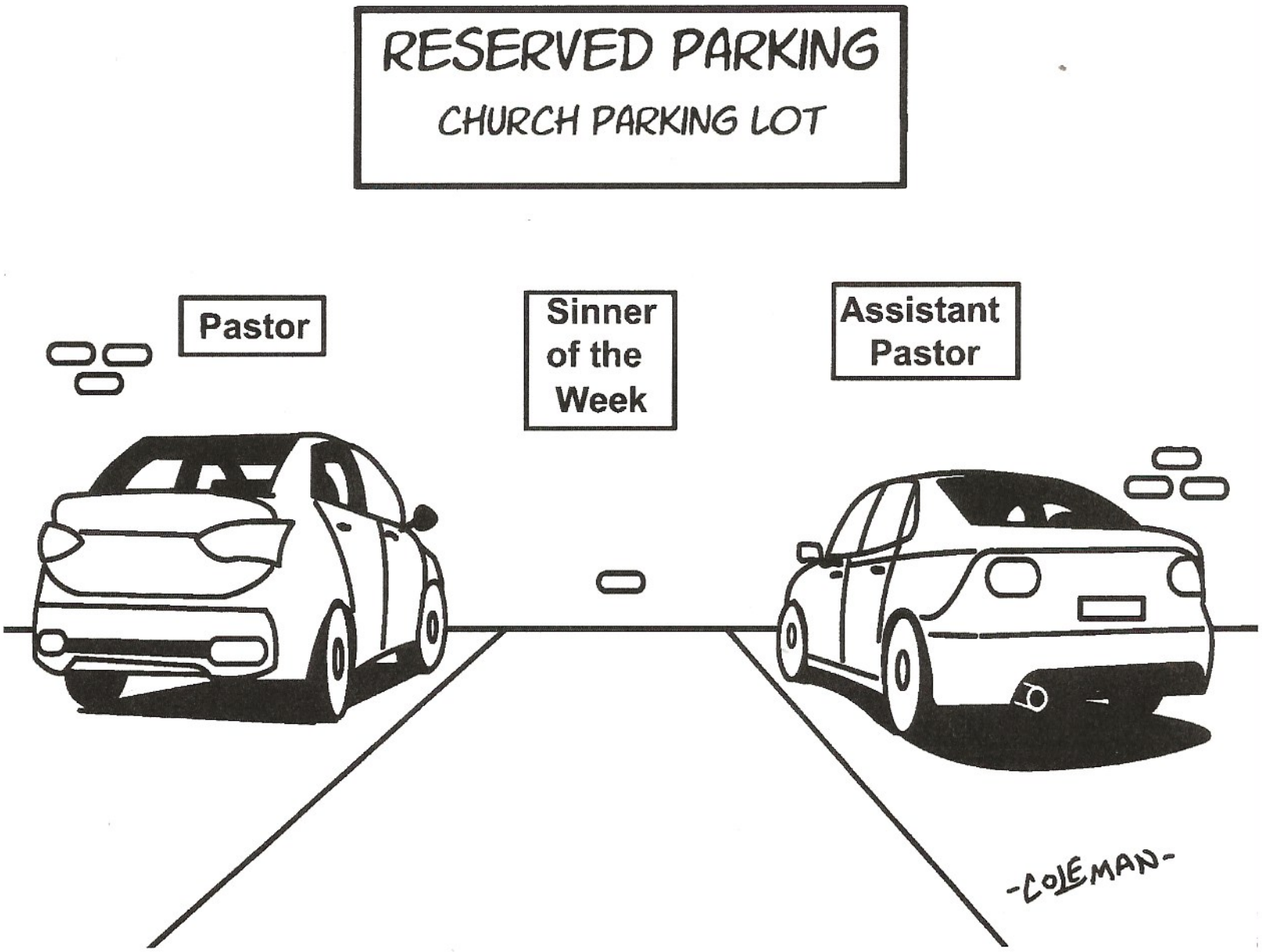
numbers for individuals and make changes to your own information. Please check it out and let us know any thoughts you have on it. We want it to help new people become acquainted with us, but also helpful to our current members. If you would like to connect to the members' only section, contact the church office on instructions how to do this.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CHURCH PARKING LOT
Pastor
Sinner of the Week
Assistant Pastor
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