

ANNOUNCEMENTS: February 26, 2023

FOOD PANTRY REPORT		
	Last Week	This Week
Families Served	30	24

PHONES: Please silence your phones during worship while also keeping a peaceful and reverent atmosphere when in the Sanctuary. We encourage fellowship and conversation in our Narthex!

VISITORS AND GUESTS: Please stop by the HUB as you leave the Sanctuary to pick up a gift. Thank you for worshipping with us today.

ATTENDANCE CARDS: You will find an attendance card in the pew, please fill out and place it in the offering plate.

NAMETAGS: Please wear your nametags in church. If you need one, contact Jeannie in the church office.

KTLO / REDEEMERMTHOME.ORG: Worship services at Redeemer Lutheran are broadcast on local radio station KTLO 97.9 FM on Sunday Mornings at 10:00AM. It is also available on our church's website as well as KTLO's website as a digital downloadable podcast.

MASKS & DISTANCING: Redeemer Lutheran is NOT enforcing a mask mandate; however, we encourage mask use and distancing measures out of love and care for one another as we gather together. (**Matt. 25:40**).

COVID: If you have been exposed to someone who is COVID positive, or if you yourself feel ill or have tested positive for COVID, please refrain from attending public worship. We'd love for you to take part in our radio programming or internet worship services. Also, please notify us at the church office, so that we can ensure the safety and health of others by making them aware of an exposure.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS: Your Life, Death, Heaven, The Interim State, Resurrection, and the New Creation. This multi-part Bible Study is on Sunday Mornings between worship services in the Fellowship Hall (9:45-10:45) with Pastor McReynolds.

PHONE BLAST: We are using technology to inform you of current events at church and to help teach a regular prayer life for our members. If you would like to opt out of the messages, please let us know in the church office. NOTE: you will receive a second call if the system doesn't detect that you answered!

FLOWER CHART: The Flower Chart is now located on the office window in the hallway leading to the Fellowship Hall. Please note how many bouquets you require 1 or 2. \$17.00 each.

ODYSSEY SUNDAY SCHOOL: Kids please dismiss from early service by 9:35AM in order to start class in the Family Life Center.

FOOT CARE MINISTRY: Our Foot Care Ministry is held every month on the third Thursday from 8am to noon. We need volunteers to trim the client's nails. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Linda Templeton at (870) 421-3503 or jltmp44@yahoo.com. It's a once-per-month commitment for four (4) hours. Contact Linda for an appointment.

ALTAR FLOWERS: are provided by Sandra Schmidt in loving memory of her sister Laureen Linder.

HUB (HELPING U BELONG) NEWS: First-time visitors and guests can sign the attendance card here. We also provide cards which you can sign to show our Christian love to our church family. If you know of anyone that needs a card because of sickness or if a death has occurred, please call the church office and they will let us know. Also, if you would like to sign up to help in this ministry, talk to Cathy Troester.

RIDESHARE: Would you be willing to bring a friend who needs a ride to church? Do you need someone to pick you up? In either case, please contact our church office (425-6071) and let us know. We will play the role of matchmaker: we will help match the names of those who need rides with those who are willing to provide a ride!

BIBLE STUDY: Pastor Gadbow is teaching a class on the six chief parts of the Lutheran doctrine. Classes meet on Mondays at 10:00AM in the Fellowship Hall.

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST: Now meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00AM for Bible Study on **1 Corinthians**. Coffee and Donuts will be available at church at 8:30AM for those who don't go to Cozy Kitchen beforehand (so we can still enjoy some fellowship). We welcome any newcomers to the study also!

2023 GIVING ENVELOPES: Your giving envelopes are now available in the office. Please ask Carol Ann or Jeannie for them.

M & M COUNCIL MINUTES: The most recent copy is available on The HUB.

TAI CHI / KUNG FU: Improve health, longevity, fitness, and mental clarity through traditional Chinese martial arts. Tai Chi and Kung Fu Tuesdays starting Jan. 3, 2023 from 4:00-5:00PM in the gym. All ages are welcome.

LENT 2023: Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023 with 10:00AM & 6:00PM Worship services. Mid-Week Lent Services will continue weekly until Holy Week which begins with Palm Sunday on April 2 and culminates with Easter Sunday on April 9, 2023. Watch the bulletin and the slide loop on Sundays for more information.

PROMISED TREASURES: This Lenten season, we have a fresh opportunity to embrace God's amazing love for us, His baptized children, in new ways. St. Paul clearly says that "faith comes from hearing" (**Romans 10:17**), but the Gospel is also communicated through the physical senses of sight, smell, touch, and taste. Jesus mentions that a good teacher not only brings out new treasures but reminds people of old and rich treasures as well (see **Matthew 13:52**). So, each Wednesday in Lent, we will take a weekly journey to concretely see, smell, touch, and taste a number of biblical elements. Our Lenten series is called Promised Treasures. Just as Israel wandered through the wilderness under Moses for forty years, awaiting the Promised Land, we await heaven in the wilderness of this life. Life as exiles in the wilderness of this world is not easy and pain-free. In this vale of tears, we await our real home, the new promised land of heaven. Until we enter our eternal promised land, however, the Lord calls us to be His light in this dark world (see **Colossians 3; Ephesians 4**). This series will begin with ashes, then proceed to salt, water, light, bread, and finally, palms. Then, during Holy Week, the focus shifts toward water and blood, wood, fragrant oil, and finally, on Easter, milk and honey. All these beautiful Old and New Testament elements will remind you of God's eternal love in Christ, fill you with renewed hope, and increase your joy, knowing that because we are His baptized children, God is near to us now more than ever.

LENT DEVOTIONALS: Devotional Booklets that connect to our Lent theme *Promised Treasures* will be available in limited quantity at The HUB. Be sure to pick yours up before they are gone!