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Word & Sacraments
Being Christ-Centered
Growing Spiritually
Loving One-Another & Others

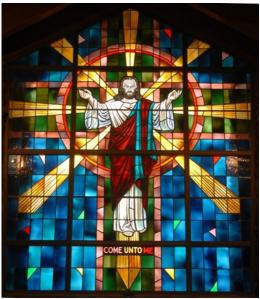
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From Pastor Kevin McReynolds



As I write this article, I am sitting in the calm before the storm. It is the week before Holy Week and the busy-ness and business of the biggest week in the Church calendar lies ahead of me. I still have services to prepare, sermons to write, meetings to hold, and visits to be made. I know that I stand at the precipice of what is the peak of my annual schedule. It's daunting to me in the fact that I know what I need to do and yet, I haven't had the time to fully prepare yet. At this stage of the game, I'm empty.

I mean that on several levels: First is that I don't have the things prepared yet for the coming Holy Week and Easter. This is a matter of simple pragmatics: I have to prepare them and there's only so much time before they are upon me. The work will be done. On another level, there must be some fountain of creativity to draw from to prepare these materials. But mine feels empty at the moment. Which leads to a third form of emptiness: the feeling of failure that comes from not "having it all together." There is no shortage of other various ways the feeling of emptiness manifests itself that I won't go into in this article, either.

Am I alone in this? By even asking that question, it reveals still more emptiness within me!

This is why I *need* what is around the corner waiting for me in Holy Week. If you can relate (*even only a little bit*), you *need* Holy Week, too! Because it's all too easy to be overwhelmed, to feel as if your well has run dry, or to feel as if you are the only one.

But by the time this article goes to print, Holy Week will be over, our Easter celebration will have happened, and it will all be another Holy Holiday behind us. I suppose this sounds a little, well, *empty*. But not if you are paying attention. That emptying out happened in Christ. St. Paul puts it this way:

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:5–11)

Jesus emptied Himself – He gave all that He was and all that He had – as a living sacrifice for people who are empty like you and me. When we feel like we have nothing left to give, we can trust that Jesus was sent to fill us up. He fills us with hope in a future that is secure, a future that has only eternal bliss and joy in the company of our master. Salvation is the gift and a reunion with our Creator is the goal of our faith. The feeling of emptiness and separation has been defeated by Christ and we can trust in what it means for us: life everlasting in the company of our God. Who could call themselves empty with this kind of a future in store? St. John reveals it to us this way in

Revelation 21:1-4:

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

As I finish preparations for Holy Week (and know that you won't see this until after Holy Week), I am praying that the feast of God's Word I am preparing will fill you and me up so that we would no longer be empty – to the Glory of God the Father.

Pastor Mc

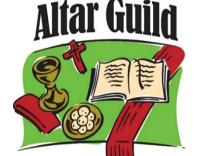
April Altar Guild Schedule

SET-UP TEAMS

Maggie Alquist & Pat Kumsher

FILL CANDLES WITH OIL
John Fox & Ron Ufkes

If you have questions, please call Marcia Reinert 870-373-1955 or Judy Nosari 870-425-2895.



CLEAN-UP TEAMS

Apr. 7 – 8:30 a.m. Service – Team 4
Pat Hacker (sub), Carol Wells & Sarah Stuewe

Apr. 21 – 8:30 a.m. Service – Team 4
Doris Latimer, Carol Wells & Sarah Stuewe

Apr. 7 and 21 – 11:00 a.m. Service – Team 10 Linda Hensley, Luann Kathol & Mary Ann Mixon



April Food Pantry Schedule

The Food Pantry Volunteer Schedule for April is listed below.

Each volunteer will work 2-hour shifts.

Morning shift: 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Afternoon shift: Noon to 2:00 p.m.

Thanks to all of you for the time you give for others.

Wed. Apr. 3	<u>10:00 a.m. – Noon</u> Linda Templeton, Vickie Mendoza & Rowan Sauer	Noon - 2 p.m. Doris Latimer & MaryAnn Mixon
Wed. Apr. 10	Ken & Carol Beeman, Linda Templeton	Joyce Kieltyka & JoAnn McGuire
Wed. Apr. 17	Sandy Smakal & Karen Boyd, Amy McReynolds	Monroe & Sandra Schmidt
Wed. Apr. 24	David & Marcia Reinert, Linda Templeton	Craig & Judy McNabb

If you can't make your scheduled time, please contact Linda Templeton 870-421-3503. We have volunteers to help when someone can't make their scheduled time.



If you cannot assist on your scheduled day, please call Darrel Bipes 785-224-5019 or church office 870-425-6071.

The Elders' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at church.

All Elders (Advisory, Visiting, and Assisting) are asked to attend.

Following is the schedule for distribution of Holy Communion.

Apr. 7 8:30 a.m. John Fox, Ron Ufkes and Darrel Bipes Apr. 7 11:00 a.m. Greg Williams

Apr. 21 8:30 a.m. Mark Feicho, Stan Helms and John Templeton Apr. 21 11:00 a.m. Jeff Hensley

FOOD PANTRY REPORT FOR NEWSLETTER

Monthly Update for February 2024

We served 82 families in February of which 22 were new families. There were 35 children under the age of 18; 103 adults from the age of 19 to 64; and 16 senior citizens for a total of 154 individuals.

Total expenses for January were \$1,112.70.

The donations for January were \$1,530.00.

We continue to need paper sacks. Thank you to those who have brought us paper sacks this last month. It is very helpful. We are still collecting plastic bags.

If you should shop at Harp's or Town and Country, you can ask them to bag your groceries in a paper sack. You can drop them off in the box in the narthex.

If anyone is interested in volunteering to help distribute or shop for our Food Pantry, please contact me, Linda Templeton at 870-421-3503.

Thank you all for the monetary donations and/or all the food donations. I hope the chart of the items we hand out helps those that would like to donate food items. The past several months were great with the congregation's donations of food. Please continue with these donations, as it is greatly needed and appreciated.

Linda Templeton, Chairman of the Redeemer Food Pantry

Redeemer Monthly Memorials From Feb. 16, 2024 — Mar. 15, 2024

<u>Memorials</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Donald Iverson	Food Pantry	\$15.00
Nickie Dages	Food Pantry	\$30.00



Monthy List of food for the Redeemer Food Pantry

January

1lb pkg Spaghetti or 15oz can Pasta Sauce Any flavor

February

Peanut Butter 18oz or Jelly or Jam 12 to 20oz

March

Oatmeal Regular or 8.5oz with 6-10 pkts Instant or Box of Macaroni and Cheese

April

1lb Instant
Pancake Mix
or
Box of
Cereal
Any kind

May

Cans of Soup Any Kind or Box Saltine Crackers

June

Canned
Vegetables
Any kind
or
15oz Can
Beef Stew or
15oz can Chili

July

5oz Can Tuna/Chicken or 1lb bag of beans Any kind

August

14oz Can of Cranberry Sauce or 15oz can Pumpkin Puree

September

15oz Can of Sweet Potatoes or 6.2oz Box of Instant M ashed Potatoes

October

6oz Box of Dressing/ Stuffing or 3.5oz pkg of French Fried onions

November

Pkg Dinners like Tuna or Hamburger Helper,etc or 1lb and 2lb bag of rice

December

15oz can Fruit Any kind or 3oz Pkg of Ramon Noodles Beef or Chicken

We have listed the items that we distribute to our clients each month and if you like you can purchase one or two of these items to donate to the Food Pantry. You can put the items in the box in the Narthex and someone from the pantry will pick them up for distribution. We appreciate everyone who has donated food items or monetary gifts. In the last 6 months we have nearly doubled our family clientele. **Please no glass jars.**

Thank you so much for being so generous and gracious. Linda Templeton, Redeemer's Food Pantry Manager



confirmation

Secured by Scripture



God's WORD reminds us that we are anchored and held in Him. God is always looking to find us. He comes to us in many ways.

This series hopes to share resources where God's Word can speak to you in your daily life.

Remembering our confirmation and the promises we made is important.

Blessings and Prayers for Confirmation is for the recently confirmed young person. It is a "carry along, compact, pocket-size devotional resource that helps them meditate on God's Word and His forgiveness and grace through Christ Jesus". *

Blessings and Prayer for Confirmation is designed to remind the reader of his/her confirmation promises, as well as the promises made by his sponsors at his baptism. It will encourage him through his daily challenges with Psalms, brief devotions, prayers and other resources. The reader, hopefully, will be strengthened by God's Holy Word as he walks in faith.

This would be a great gift to give in remembrance of confirmation. This 184 page book is available at CPH.org for \$8.99.

* CPH.org: Blessings and Prayers for Confirmation

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S SOCIETY APRIL 2024 NEWS



Our group gathers together every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11 am for fellowship, fun and periodically have guest speakers. We also organize the Church Garage Sales. The money we collect goes to community nonprofit and church programs. All ladies are invited to join us.

Garage Sale Information:

Sale Dates are Friday May 3rd, 8-4 and Saturday May 4th, 8-12

Drop off times for April: 9am-11am

H U R C H Mondays - 1, 8, 15, 22, **29** will be our last drop off day for the May Sale **RAGE SALE** Thursday - 4, 11, 18, 25

We do collect jewelry all year round for our sales. You can bring the jewelry to the church office or give items to Luanne Stone or Pat Kumsher.

If you have big items to donate, please call Cathy Troester (870-495-8730) to see when items can be brought in or be picked up. We are not able to take TV's that are not flat screen.

If you would like to help us with this mission or have questions, Contact Cathy Troester 870-495-8730.

<u>Bake Sale Information</u> You can bring your baked goods on Thursday May 2nd from 9-noon. Please name your goodies and let us know if they have **NUTS** in them. **Thank you!**

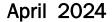


We thank you so much for all the support that you have given us throughout the years!

We serve God through serving others

<u>HUB NEWS</u> (HELPING U BELONG) Calling on Men, Women, Young adults to help out! This is a great way to meet people, help people with questions about our church and to thank visitors for visiting Redeemer. Contact Cathy Troester for greeting Visitor's if you would like to help in this area or for more information.







Vesper Society of LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) is a group of Redeemer ladies who meet the second Monday of each month at 2:00pm for Bible study, fellowship and to plan our activities to raise funds to support mission goals. All women are welcome. We would be happy to visit with you about our group and goals.

APRIL 6, Saturday

Northwest Arkansas Zone LWML Spring Rally at Messiah Lutheran Church, Pea Ridge



The theme for the rally is "Grow In Christ, Serve With Joy". (see also 2 Thess. 1:30)

Several members of the Vesper Society plan to attend. All members of Redeemer are welcome to join them. For more information, check out the Vesper Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall or contact one of our members.

APRIL 28, Sunday MUFFINS FOR MITES

The Vesper ladies will be offering baked goods in the Narthex and also in the Fellowship Hall for a donation to Mites. All donations are used to meet National and District Mite goals.



Muffins For Mites is scheduled again on June 30 and on LWML Sunday, October 5.

APRIL 15, Monday

MONTHY MEETING of the Vesper Society.

Since April 8th is the date of the total eclipse, our monthly meeting has been changed from the 8th to the 15th. We meet in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00 for Bible Study, fellowship and to plan activities to support mission goals. All women are welcome. We would be happy to visit with you about our group and goals.



MAY 3 & 4, Friday & Saturday PLANT SALE

We will be having a Plant Sale during CWS's Garage Sale. Please start considering any items you would like to donate. We will be accepting them just before the sale date. We also accept pots, yard ornaments or other things garden-related.

If you have questions or need to make earlier arrangements for your donation, please contact Anita (430-5757) or Sylvia (424-2872).





Hymn of the Month

He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Our hymn of the month for April is "He's Risen, He's Risen" by C. F. W. Walther (1811–87). Walther is well-known for serving as the first president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and as first president of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. He also wrote several theological works, including "The Proper Distinction Between Law and Gospel."

In 1860, shortly before becoming president of Concordia Seminary, Walther was sent to Europe to visit relatives, friends, teachers, and colleagues. On this trip, he wrote about the growth of Lutheranism in America and focused on keeping the synod rooted in the Lutheran confessions. On Easter Sunday of the same year, he wrote this resurrection hymn. In a nod towards the 16th century tradition, he wrote this hymn in the form of a *Leise*, a style used by Luther and others as they developed Lutheran congregational singing in the 1500s. The chief characteristic of this style was the *Kyrieleis* (short for Kyrie Eleison–Lord, have mercy) at the end of each verse (see LSB 768 for an example). However, this element of the song was removed in *The Lutheran Hymnal* (1941), leaving us with the hymn that we find in our hymnals today.

Throughout the hymn, Walther tells the story of Christ's descent into hell and ultimate victory over sin, death, and the devil. In stanza 1, we lift our voices in praise for Jesus' resurrection and destruction of evil. Stanza 2 reminds us that "the foe was triumphant when on Calvary." While the "hosts shout and jeer" in Satan's dominion, their victory is short lived. In Stanza 3, Christ reigns victorious over His foes, risen from the dead. "He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die." Stanza 4 begins by taking a stand against death and the devil and finishes by proclaiming that we are redeemed and forgiven children of God. Walther ends this hymn with a doxological stanza that praises Father, Son and Holy Spirit in a similar style as the first stanza. Throughout the Easter season and throughout our lives, we continue this proclamation: He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

He's Risen, He's Risen LSB 480

- He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
 He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.
 Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
 And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.
- 2. The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
 The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
 In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
 For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.
- 3. But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
 And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
 The conquering Lord lifts
 His banner on high;
 He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.
- Q, where is your sting, death?
 We fear you no more;
 Christ rose, and now open
 is fair Eden's door.
 For all our transgressions
 His blood does atone;
 Redeemed and forgiven,
 we now are His own.
- D 5. Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice; Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
 Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain: With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

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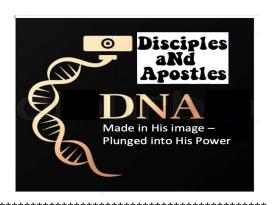


Odyssey Children's Sunday School

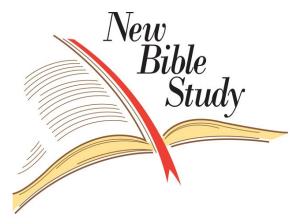
Children from the age of 3 years old through the 5th grade will enjoy learning about Jesus and our Christian values at Sunday School between services from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

DNA

A group for confirmation ages (6th –8th grade) is starting a new Bible Study on Sundays from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at the end of the left hallway in the Family Life Center.



Sunday Morning Bible Study



Pastor Gadbaw has begun a new 10-week Bible Study on the Six Chief Parts of Luther's Small Catechism. Each person will receive a free study workbook written by Rev. Donald Ginkel. This is a great refresher course for anyone, but especially new members. We will meet in Room D which is located across the hall from the Fellowship hall between services at 9:45 AM. There is a signup sheet for this class at the HUB Welcome Center. This course will be offered 2 more times in 2024 if you can't make it. We will resume this class Sunday April 14th.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

In the Bible Study between Worship Services, Pastor McReynolds is taking up the topic of the Lord's Supper. We will study the theology and practice according to the Word of God. Do you have questions about what we believe, teach, and confess? Here is your chance to learn WHY we believe as we do about The Sacrament. Join us between services on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall for Adult Bible Class.





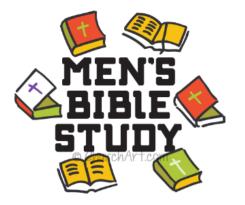
Youth Handbells

This group is open to anyone post-confirmation to young adults. Rehearsals are between Sunday services at 9:45AM in the sanctuary. In addition to learning music, we will take a closer in-depth look at the hymns and liturgies that we sing each week.

Monday Morning Bible Study

Pastor Gadbaw is leading the Monday Morning Bible Study. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. on Monday mornings. We will resume Bible Study on Monday April 15th with Malachi chapter two.





Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study

Pastor McReynolds leads the Men's Bible Study on **Acts** beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee and Donuts will be available at church at 8:30AM for those who don't go Cozy Kitchen beforehand (so we can still enjoy some fellowship). We welcome any newcomers to the study also!

Young Adult Fellowship

Every 4th Wednesday, Post-Confirmation/Young Adults are invited to join together for an evening of fellowship and topical Bible Study. In April we will meet on Wednesday April 24th at 5:30 p.m.







To my wonderful church family,

My sincere thanks for your overwhelming support during my recent ordeal. The many cards, calls, visits and especially the prayers made a tough time so much easier.

Thank you to Pastor Gadbaw and Pastor McReynolds for their visit and prayers. June and I are truly Blessed to belong to such a compassionate congregation. May God bless each and everyone of you and grant you the Peace only he can provide.

In Christian fellowship, Stan Stankus

Dear Redeemer Family

Jan and I are so blessed to be a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church. We received a multitude of cards that we know also included prayers which lifted our spirit and helped us get through my hospital stay. As some of you may remember I was having heart issues in my last few years of full time ministry. I had two heart ablations in 2014, and a stent in 2015. In other words I had a misbehaving heart. Since then it was tolerable until the Fall of 2023. I started having thousands of irregular beats per day with occasional dizziness. The doctor tried adjusting my medications and that didn't work, so she scheduled a heart cath for me on Thursday February 29 of this year, here at Baxter hospital. The doctor found a 90% blockage in the heart artery called the "widow maker". Dr James Munns, our new heart surgeon, came in the room and said "you can't leave the hospital because your chance of a heart attack is too great!". So I waited in the hospital until Monday, March 4th to get a triple by-pass surgery. It will be a year before my chest fully recovers from the surgery, but I have already been back in church, and I look forward to starting up my Bible Studies the week of April 14th.

Keep Praying for Jan and I, In His Love, Pastor Gadbaw





REDEEMER CHOIR

Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

BELL CHOIR

Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m.

Aaron Jackson, Director of Parish Music

FOOT CARE MINISTRY

Foot Care is the third Thursday of each month from 8:00a.m. to noon. If you would like to help in this ministry, please call: Linda Templeton 870-421-3503.



2024 FLOWER CHART



The chart is located on the Office Window in the hallway between the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall. If you want to purchase altar flowers to

recognize a special date, post your name as well as the names of the honorees and the occasion on the Flower Chart. The cost is \$17.00 for each bouquet. Please indicate if you want to purchase 1 or 2 bouquets by putting the number next to your name and circling it. Make your check payable to: Redeemer Lutheran Church, note "flowers" in the memo line and submit your check to the church office. You can pick up flowers after the 11:00 a.m. service Sunday or Monday. Stephanie McElroy 870-425-6071 Monday through Thursday.



04/04	Stan and June Stankus	60 yrs.
04/09	Eldon and Lennis Beichter	31 yrs.
04/10	David and Marcia Reinert	20 yrs.
04/21	Randy & Donna Brown	40 yrs.
04/23	Paul & Lorrie Hinterleitner	36 yrs.

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	HAPPY THE	BIRTHD.	

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	Friday	5 Alexis McElroy Joyce Strauss	12 Cynthia Fudoli Pam Johnson Ralph Wells	19	26 Randy Brown	
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