

The Ringer



...We set our hope on you,
for it is you who do all this." Jeremiah 14:22c NRSV

We set our hope on the living God. This partial verse comes after Jeremiah writes how they have been smitten, this chosen nation, torn apart, besieged and later exiled. It is the "Amen" to a psalm of contrition and confession. For a whole year we perhaps have felt like the people of Israel and Judah so long ago. Is there no end? Is there no hope? For me I try daily to put my hope in God's promises and the graceful wisdom God has sent to doctors and nurses and scientists that are working tirelessly to care for our communities. This month we will gather again for in person worship. Many of you have received your first, and some, your second vaccination...a modicum of normalcy is being restored. I pray our hope is fully focused on what God has done to bring us again into community, into the family through his Son, Jesus Christ.

In Christ

Pastor David

Council News

Council Highlights for February

February 11, 2021 Meeting

Regarding COVID-19 affecting church services: We discussed having in-person service on February 14, 2021 but feel it is just too soon. We tabled it to March 14, 2021 as certain age groups are getting their second vaccinations by this time.



Council Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month beginning at 7 pm.

Budget Information

Treasurer's Report for end of January

Total Income \$36,172.38
 Budgeted Income for the year \$260,200
 Total Expense \$17,640.65
 Budgeted Expense for the year \$289,025
 Mortgage Balance \$316,004.00



In the PDF version of this Ringer you may click the GIVE NOW button here and it will take you to the secure site to make your Redeemer donation. If you have questions, please contact Jan Jackson.



Give Now

Match Madness is Going Virtual: Give on Thursday, March 25, 2021!

The MATCH MADNESS GIVING DAY is still happening, however we will have limited in person events. We are still collecting donations to your favorite charities and they will still be matched! Everyone is encouraged to do one of the following:

- Donate in person at the Salina Fieldhouse, 140 N. 5th St. from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Donate online at www.matchmadnessgscf.org - 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.
- Mail cash or check donations (with a completed donation form) to the community foundation at PO Box 2876, Salina, KS 67402-2876. These must be postmarked March 25, 2021.



For more details and a list of charities, please click on link : <https://www.matchmadnessgscf.org/>

Redeemer News



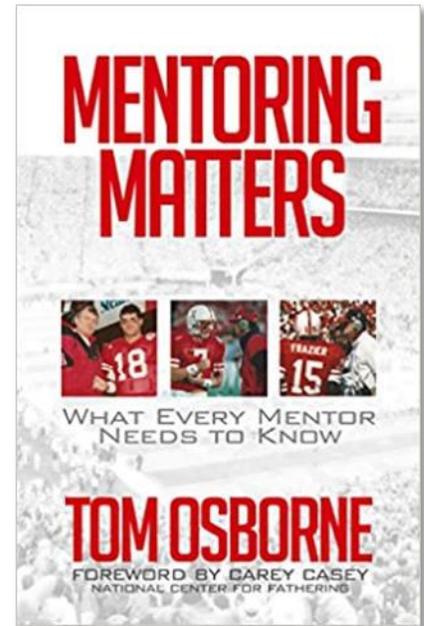
Tuesday, March 16th at 4 p.m.

Mentoring Matters by Tom Osborne

Details to follow!

If you are willing to host and/or lead, please contact Becky as she is keeping the schedule. Thank you!

Pageturners meets the
3rd Tuesday of the Month
at 4:00



Paint Your Own Rain Barrels

Dennis Kuhlman offered me some sage advice before I set to decorating. He said, "Give them a coat of black first, so no light can shine in and get algae growing inside your barrels. Then put the colors on as a second coat." Thanks, Dennis! ~Mary Mertz

Creation Care News

A family garden is a great way to reduce dependence on grocery store produce, improve your diet, save money, support native pollinators, and many more benefits. In maximizing the environmental benefits, consider putting in a water barrel for your garden! Here are a few factors to consider:

Size: Most barrels come between 40 and 100 gallons. Two 55-gallon barrels keep my 900 square foot garden largely watered, although I have to use some city water during dry spells.

Source: Consider purchasing a repurposed rain barrel. They work just as well!

Color: Darker colored barrels block out light inside, preventing algae from growing.

Accessibility: Some rain barrels have removable tops. This lets you patch them if they crack. It also allows for easier cleanout, which I find I have to do about once a year.

Gravity vs pump: My barrels are on three-foot tall platforms I made and provide plenty of water flow. I've also used stacks of cinder blocks in the past. If you want stronger flow, however, you'll need to install a water pump, which isn't hard!

Happy gardening!
-Alan English

Lectionary for Sundays in March

March 7 — Third Sunday in Lent

[Exodus 20:1-17](#)

[Psalm 19:8](#)

[1 Corinthians 1:18-25](#)

[John 2:13-22](#)

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.



March 14 — Fourth Sunday in Lent

[Numbers 21:4-9](#)

[Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22](#)

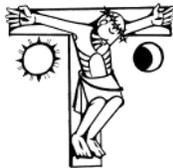
[Ephesians 2:1-10](#)

[John 3:14-21](#)

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who



do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

March 21 — Fifth Sunday in Lent

[Jeremiah 31:31-34](#)

[Psalm 51:1-12](#)

[Hebrews 5:5-10](#)

[John 12:20-33](#)

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.



March 28 — Palm Sunday

[Procession with Palms Mark 11:1-11](#)

[Psalm 31:9-16](#)

[Isaiah 50:4-9a](#)

[Philippians 2:5-11](#)

[Mark 14:1-15:47](#)

¹As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ²Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." ³Then the chief priests



March Lectionary cont'd

accused him of many things. ⁴Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." ⁵But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. ⁶Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹²Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" ¹³They shouted back, "Crucify him!" ¹⁴Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. ¹⁶Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ¹⁹They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. ²¹They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²²Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. ²⁵It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. ³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!" ⁴⁰There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. ⁴²When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. ⁴⁵When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.



Partners in Ministry

ALTAR GUILD: Kathy & Joe Heinrich

9:30 SERVICE

	March 14	March 21	March 28
Greeters / Ushers	Tom & Sandi Drown	Virg Augustine & Noni Strand	Diane Conover & Cheryl Itschner
Communion	Self Service	Self Service	Self Service
Lector	Alan English	Charlotte Herrman	Dan Metcalfe
Sound	Ray Beckman	Kris Neff	Perry Jurgensen

Ushers & Greeters



Ushers & Greeters, it is important that you make sure all attendees are wearing masks when they enter the sanctuary. Please direct them to sit in the numbered pews.

Greetings from the Worship and Music Committee!

Are you interested in joining the tech team? We are looking for individuals who are wanting to learn how to run the sound system, camera and the live stream for worship services. Training days will be provided!

If you are interested, please let David Strommen, Ann Metcalfe or Britney English know!



Great news! Rejoicing Spirits Church Service is now

open to **EVERYONE** starting on March 13, 2021 at 11 a.m. Masks and social distancing will be necessary. Unfortunately food and games are still restricted. Come join us and sing praises to the Lord, shake the music makers, listen to special music, and see familiar faces.

Can't wait to see you all!

Rejoicing  Spirits

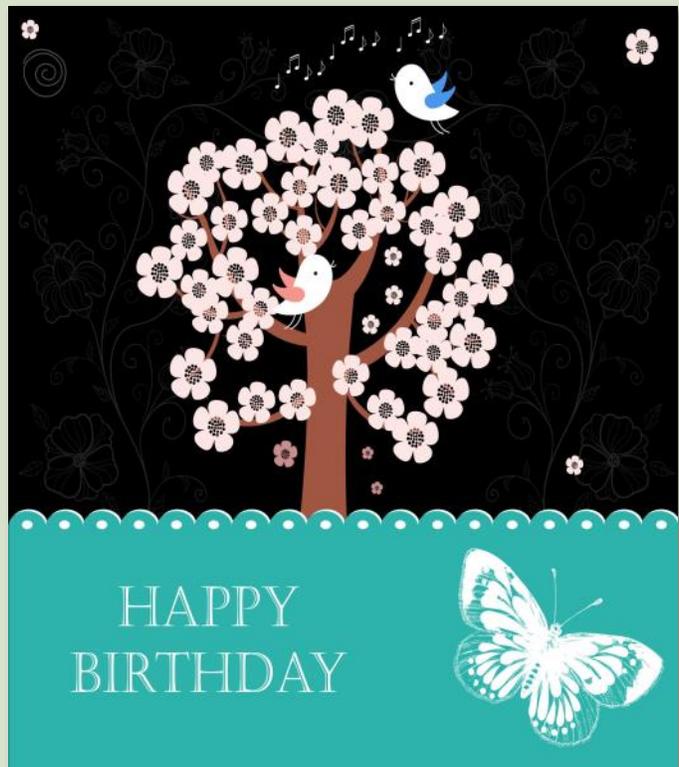


Redeemer Celebrations



Larry & Caroline Manz
March 24th

- 3 Drew Alstatt
- 3 Kristi Weiss
- 3 Katelyn Nielsen
- 7 Michael Mertz
- 10 Joe Heinrich
- 10 Max Shaffer
- 15 Tyler Nuss
- 15 Sue Mettlen
- 20 Karen Levin
- 22 Carol Lehman
- 25 Aaron Nuss
- 27 Anna Prockish
- 29 Brooklyn Augustine
- 29 Kayden Tonniges



Content of the Ringer depends on you, the members of this church, for articles, photos, important dates, etc. **The April newsletter deadline is March 22nd at 12:00 pm.** Information turned in after this date might not be included. The newsletter is available by email, mail or at the church.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 515 Education 545 Worship & Music	3 900 Bible Study 630 Worship	4	5	6
7 930 Worship live streaming	8	9	10 900 Bible Study 630 Worship	11 700 Council Meeting	12	13 1100 Rejoicing Spirits In-Person
14 930 Worship In-Person	15 600 Silver Needles	16 400 Page Turners	17 900 Bible Study 630 Worship	18 930 Silver Needles Sew-In	19	20
21 930 Worship In-Person	22 1200 Newsletter Deadline	23	24 900 Bible Study 630 Worship	25	26	27
28 930 Worship In-Person	29	30	31 900 Bible Study 630 Worship			



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He gave His one and only Son,
that whoever believes in Him
will not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16*

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Weekly Church Events

Sunday Worship

9:30 worship

Wednesday morning

9:00 Bible Study

Wednesday Worship

6:30 worship

Organist: Ruth Mirtz

Choir Director: Ann Metcalfe

**Bell Director and
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Britney English

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