

The Ringer

MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

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¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul.
O LORD my God, you are very great.
You are clothed with honor and majesty,
² wrapped in light as with a garment.
You stretch out the heavens like a tent,..
¹⁰ You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
they flow between the hills,
¹¹ giving drink to every wild animal;
the wild asses quench their thirst.
¹² By the streams^[e] the birds of the air have their habitation;
they sing among the branches.
¹³ From your lofty abode you water the mountains;
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.
¹⁴ You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to use,^[f]
to bring forth food from the earth,
¹⁵ and wine to gladden the human heart,
oil to make the face shine,
and bread to strengthen the human heart.
¹⁶ The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly,
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.
¹⁷ In them the birds build their nests;
the stork has its home in the fir trees.
¹⁸ The high mountains are for the wild goats;
the rocks are a refuge for the coneys.
¹⁹ You have made the moon to mark the seasons;
the sun knows its time for setting. (Psalm 104: 1-2, 10-19 NRSV)

As May approaches it seems that Spring may be here to stay. The other night in our Luther Study our book's author, Gracia Grindal, lifted up Psalm 104 to illustrate the faithful feeling not only followers of Jesus but all Jewish people felt all nourishment and sustenance was a gift from God. I have been reflecting on this as Anita and I with joy watch a pair of cardinals and a pair of blue birds in our back and as the grass greens up and our trees bloom and get leaves in our yard. God provides...let us rejoice in that!!!!

In Christ
Pastor David

Council News

Council Highlights for April 7th Meeting

The Redeemer Church Council would like to thank everyone who came out to help with the planting of the rose bushes and church clean up. The council would also like send a big and special thank you to Ray Beckman, Mike Ramage, and the rest of the property committee for all their work on keeping up on our building and grounds. May 22nd will be Graduation Sunday where we will celebrate all of graduates in the congregation. Also just a reminder that the following Sunday, May 29th will begin our summer transition to one service at 9:30am. This will go through God's Work Our Hands Sunday, Sept 11th.

God Bless.

-The Redeemer Church Council



Council Meetings are the 1st Thursday of the month beginning at 6 pm.



Treasurer's Report for end of March

Total Income	\$87,598.57
Budgeted Income for the year	\$223,840
Total Expense	\$47,404.36
Budgeted Expense for the year	\$263,608
Mortgage Balance	\$285,725.75

Redeemer Endowment and Memorial Committee funds are available to our members by application. There are application guidelines for each committee. For more information please contact Wayne Keeler for endowment & Cheryl Itschner for memorial.



Vacation Bible School news

For children ages 3 years old through completing 4th grade. Invite your neighbors' kids, your grandkids, or anyone else you know to join us.

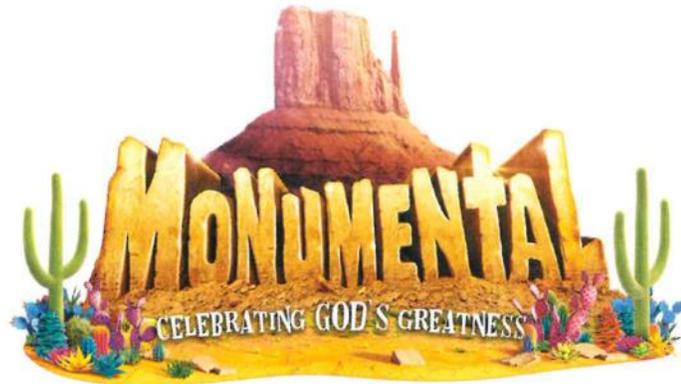
Volunteers are needed. If you can help, please contact Debbie at 785-452-5662 or call the office.

VBS Monumental – Games Supply List

To purchase/find at church/make

- 1 noise maker
- 7 sponge balls
- 10-12 pool noodles
- 2 hula hoops
- 2 small beach balls
- 1 parachute
- If possible: balloons coated with papier-mache & painted to look like animals (4-5)
- 10 empty steel cans
- 2 buckets
- 2 tennis balls
- 1 clothesline
- 7-10 clothespins
- 1 10-foot rope
- 4 nylon stockings with runs in them
- 2-3 spray bottles (for misting hot children w/ water)
- 12 sturdy plastic bowls, small to medium

V B S 2022



VBS May 23-27, 2022

Meal 5:15-5:45

Sessions 5:45-7:30

Program Thurs 27th at 7:30

Child's name & age/grade completed _____

Any allergies: _____

Parents name and phone number _____

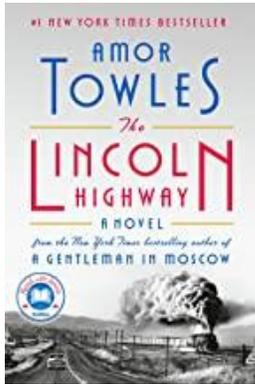
If someone else will be picking them up

Name and phone number _____

Redeemer News



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



Tuesday, May 17th
The Lincoln Highway

by Amor Towles

Host : Janis Plumer

Leader: Pastor David

Come join us!



Graduation Party

May 14, 2022 from 4 till 6 PM

At Redeemer Lutheran Church

Aubrey Boldra, Class of 2022



Smoky Valley High School
Sue & Gary Mettlen's granddaughter



The Breakfast Club will meet at Perkins Restaurant every second Thursday at 8:30 AM. Hoping to see you there on May 12th!



Work Day 2022



A whole lot of work going on, with a big side of FUN!
Thanks to all the volunteers who came out to help.
God is smiling on Redeemer!



Creation Care Team News

The Central States Synod assembly of 2021 voted to promote the Earth Charter, a global movement towards a more just, sustainable and peaceful world. Here is an excerpt from that document.

The Earth Charter

When basic needs have been met, human development is primarily about *being* more, not having more.

Our goal: to form a global partnership to care for Earth and one another—if we don't, we risk the destruction of ourselves and the diversity of life. To realize this aspiration, we must decide to live with a sense of universal responsibility, identifying ourselves with the whole Earth community as well as our local communities.

Principles

Respect Earth and life in all its diversity.

Care for the community of life with understanding, compassion and love.

Secure Earth's bounty and beauty for present and future generations.

Adopt patterns of production, consumption, and reproduction that safeguard Earth's regenerative capacities, human rights, and community well-being.

Advance the study of ecological sustainability.

Eradicate poverty.

Ensure that all economic activities promote human development in an equitable and sustainable manner.

Uphold the right of all to a natural and social environment supportive of human dignity, bodily health, and spiritual well-being.

Learn and teach the knowledge, values and skills needed for a sustainable way of life.

Treat all living beings with respect and consideration.

Promote a culture of tolerance and peace.



Donate Your Empty Plastic Bags

Mary Mertz needs empty sacks for her Children's Gardening Program at the Food Bank. The children use them to take home what they harvest.

Bread bags work well (no need to wash them out!), or plastic grocery sacks, or the bags you get when you order items online.

You can put them in the Food Bank box with your reusable containers. Any and all bags will be greatly appreciated!

And a reminder:

The Food Bank still needs clean glass and plastic containers with lids, 8 oz. and larger. Thanks!



Recycle & help
the Children's
Gardening
Program at the
Food Bank!



Earth Sunday

On April 24 Redeemer joined with Lutheran synods and congregations nationwide to celebrate Caring for Creation. Our young musicians rang a handbell for each participating church and sang “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil.” Three generations of Redeemer members passed along seedlings to remind us that we are stewards of the Earth for the generations yet to come. The children handed out packets of flower seeds to the congregation. After the service, the children planted dozens of zinnia and marigold seedlings just outside the main doors to the church. Great work! Thanks to all who helped, from every generation.

*Almighty God,
As we plant our seeds,
we dedicate ourselves
to be compassionate and cooperative,
working together
to create a beloved society.
Amen.*



TO DO: As your seeds germinate and blossom, please share photos for future issues of the Ringer! We'd love to see everyone's gardens in all their phases.



Lectionary for May

May 1 — Third Sunday of Easter

[Acts \(:1-6 \[7-20\]\)](#)

[Psalm 30:11](#)

[Revelation 5:11-14](#)

[John 21:1-19](#)



¹After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him,

my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

May 8 — Fourth Sunday of Easter

[Acts 9:36-43](#)

[Psalm 23:1](#)

[Revelation 7:9-17](#)

[John 10:22-30](#)



²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

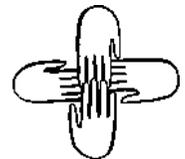
May 15 — Fifth Sunday of Easter

[Acts 11:1-18](#)

[Psalm 148](#)

[Revelation 21:1-6](#)

[John 13:31-35](#)



³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Lectionary for May cont'd

May 22 — Sixth Sunday of Easter

[Acts 16:9-15](#)

[Psalm 67](#)

[Revelation 21:10, 22:5](#)

[John 14: 23-29](#)



²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

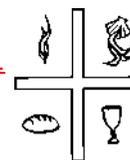
May 29 — Seventh Sunday of Easter

[Acts 16:16-34](#)

[Psalm 97](#)

[Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21](#)

[John 17:20-26](#)



[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Come worship with us on Saturday, May 14th at 11 AM.

***Rejoicing Spirits* is a worship program for individuals of all abilities. Bring the whole family and find new friends!**

Food & Fun & Fellowship



Partners in Ministry

ALTAR GUILD: Mary Shaffer

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 8:00 SERVICE

	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
Greeters	Ted & Barbara Wire	Cheryl Itschner & Mary Shaffer	Ted & Barbara Wire	Jan Jackson & Mary Shaffer	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>Begin One Service At 9:30</p> </div>
Com-munion	Ted Wire	Mary Shaffer	Denise Dusin	Mary Shaffer	
Lector	Ted Wire	Denise Dusin	Ted Wire	Jan Jackson	
Sound	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen	

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 10:30 SERVICE

Greeters	Lana Jordan & Marilee Vancil	Dan Metcalfe & Joe Plumer	Jean & Phil Sedo	Ray & Debbie Beckman	Wayne & Carol Keeler
Ushers	Grant & Kris Johanson	Joe & Kathy Heinrich	Lana Jordan	Rick & Betty Henderson	Grant & Kris Johanson
Com-munion	LaNita Pratt	Joe Plumer	Jean Sedo	Debbie Beckman	Kris Neff
Lector	Lana Jordan	Dan Metcalfe	Phil Sedo	Ray Beckman	Wayne Keeler
Sound	Mary Mertz	Ray Beckman	Kris Neff	Mary Mertz	Ray Beckman
Fellow-ship	Johanson	Johanson	Plumer	Education for Graduation	Jordan

Women's Life Group will meet for Bible study again on Thursday, May 5th at 1 PM at Lee Smith's home. Please join us!

Call Anna Prockish for information 785-212-0685



Redeemer Celebrations for May



May 4 Marty Holmquist
 May 5 Janet Gill
 May 6 Sheila Alstatt
 May 8 Paige Alstatt
 May 9 Cole Nuss
 May 10 Amy Gronewoller
 May 11 Amanda Nuss
 May 14 Larry Strahan
 May 15 Earl Hansen
 May 20 Jean Sedo
 May 20 Easton Pickerin
 May 20 Lyla Potter
 May 22 Tim Mertz
 May 22 Arlene Keil
 May 22 Vivi Peterson
 May 23 Madison Garrison
 May 25 Milana Hasker
 May 26 Scott Itschner
 May 30 Brian Dusin

May 3 Grant & Kris Johanson
 May 20 Kyle & Brenda Tonniges
 May 21 Derrick & Larissa Dusin
 May 26 Steve & Shellee Callahan
 May 26 Phil & Jean Sedo
 May 29 Scott & Cheryl Itschner



Content of the Ringer depends on you, the members of this church, for articles, photos, important dates, etc. **The June newsletter deadline is May 23rd 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
1 800 Worship 1030 Worship 1130 Fellowship	2	3 545 Worship & Music	4 1000 Bible Study 715 Choir rehearsal	5 100 Women's Life Group 600 Council Meeting	6	7
8 MOTHER'S DAY 800 Worship 1030 Worship 1130 Fellowship	9 	10 630 GUYS dinner	11 1000 Bible Study	12 830 Breakfast Club 	13	14  1100 Rejoicing Spirits 300 Graduation Party
15 800 Worship 1030 Worship 1130 Fellowship	16 600 Silver Needles	17 200 Healing Hope 400 Page Turners	18 1000 Bible Study	19 930 Silver Needles Sew-In 100 Women's Life Group	20	21
22 GRADUATION SUNDAY 800 Worship 1030 Worship 1130 Fellowship	23 1200 Newsletter Deadline	24	25 1000 Bible Study	26	27	28
29 930 Worship 1030 Fellowship	30 MEMORIAL DAY Office Closed	31 Becky out of the office all day				



for worship services always available!



Lutheran World Relief



Some people have asked me about aid from Lutheran World Relief going to Ukraine. I know that fairly recently the amount received from our congregations in the USA to help in this crisis was around \$425,000. There are also congregations and individuals donating to Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services as the need in helping the expected 100,000 refugees from Ukraine. So you can go to LWR.org or LIRS.org and donate online or designate a gift and we will make sure it gets to the right place. **From LWF.org:** How is Lutheran World Relief helping?

We are committing \$7 million to respond to this crisis, and we expect to increase this amount as we secure additional funding.

Our Humanitarian Action team is working with partners to implement programming based on short and long-term needs **in Poland and in Ukraine**. We have deployed additional technical staff to support our relief operations, including a program manager, a health advisor, and an advisor to lead our efforts to prevent sexual exploitation and abuse in Ukraine and for Ukrainian refugees.

Our response in Ukraine includes:

- **Medical supplies and equipment.** We are supporting health facilities in Ukraine in partnership with the Order of Malta by providing supplies, including surgical and wound care kits, gauze, IV kits, oxygen masks, defibrillators and stretchers.
- **Partnerships with networks throughout Ukraine to provide shelter.** We are partnering with networks in Ukraine to provide ongoing support to six facilities that are being used to shelter internally displaced persons. We're providing food and essential supplies and equipment, like folding beds, pillows, heaters, laundry detergent, toilet paper, and personal hygiene items. In all, we'll offer nearly 60,000 nights of shelter for people who need a place to stay.
- **Identifying key gaps in the availability of services.** We are designing an assessment process to identify key gaps in the availability of health services related to gender-based violence, mental health services and psychosocial services and communicable diseases. This work will be used to inform our response to support the Ministry of Health and other health care providers in Ukraine.

Our response in Poland includes:

- **Emergency cash and vouchers for Ukrainian refugees in Poland.** We've committed \$2 million to this effort in a combined program with Lutheran World Federation (LWF) that will support an initial caseload of more than 1,300 refugee families for the next three months.
- **Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse:** We're integrating a referral system at our cash distribution sites in Poland so refugee women and children can safely and easily access protection services. We are an active member of the Regional Gender Task Force for Ukraine response, which is co-chaired by UN Women and Care International.
- **Ongoing support for the Evangelical-Augsburg Church of St. Martin in Krakow, Poland, which has established a hostel for Ukrainian women and children.** We have provided essential supplies including milk, energy biscuits, personal hygiene products and room partition panels. We will continue to support the church to expand its relief operations in coordination with LWF.
- **Shipping and distributing LWR Quilts and**

Download and print out our latest Emergency Situation Report here: <https://lwr.org/downloads/lwr-situation-report-crisis-ukraine-no-4>

The situation in Ukraine and Eastern Europe is evolving every day. We will keep you updated as our response develops.

What is the best way for you to help?

We are grateful for the thousands of Lutherans across the United States whose care and generosity have made it possible for us to respond immediately. **At this time, financial gifts are the number one need to assist refugees on the move.**



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Weekly Church Events

Sunday Worship until May 29

8:00 Worship
10:30 Worship
Fellowship after second service

Wednesday morning

10:00 Bible Study

Organist: Ruth Mirtz

Choir & Bell Choir Director: Ann Metcalfe

**We return to one service at 9:30
on May 29**

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