

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

# *The Ringer*

## *May 2024*



**May 19**

***Come, Holy Spirit!***

*“When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force...It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.”*

*Acts 2:1-4 The Message version*

**8:30 Worship**

**9:30 Sunday school**

**10:30 Worship with First Communion**

**11:30 Fellowship with Chocolate Fountain**



# Council News

April 16 Council Meeting Highlights:

Important upcoming dates:

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| May 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 10:30 Senior Recognition Sunday (see page 6) |
|                      | 1:00 Joint Salina ELCA Council Meeting       |
| May 12 <sup>th</sup> | Mother's Day                                 |
| May 19 <sup>th</sup> | Pentecost                                    |
| May 21 <sup>st</sup> | 5:30 Next Council Meeting                    |
| May 26 <sup>th</sup> | Summer schedule begins (one service at 9:30) |

Funds will be sought from the congregation, Thrivent, grants, etc. for the replacement of the orange carpet in the older part of the church. The bid is around \$11,000.

The Project Policy was revised and passed (see page 3).

The Building Use Policy is being revised and a chart made for the usage fees.

An expenditure was approved to find and repair the freon leak in one of the HVAC systems. The investigation phase will cost \$500.

A report was given from the Mutual Ministry committee regarding the annual evaluation and a salary increase for the pastor.

## From the Treasurer

**YTD Income** as of March 31: \$78,945

**YTD Expenses** as of March 31: \$64,108

**Mortgage Balance** as of March 31: \$226,487

**Endowment Fund** earmarked for capital improvements: \$37,685

Rest of Endowment Fund as of March 31: \$210,854

# Council News, continued

## Redeemer Lutheran Church Expenditure/Project Policy

This policy outlines this congregation's procedures for reviewing and approving expenditures as outlined below.

### Expenditures

The Council will approve and present an annual operating budget to the congregation at the beginning of every year.

Each committee is responsible for monitoring its individual expenditures in relation to the budget. These committees include Education, Outreach, Property, Creation Care, and Worship & Music.

All expenditures will be monitored monthly by the church Council.

If there is a variance to the budget, it must be addressed with the appropriate committee and the results of discussion and/or resolution documented in Council minutes.

### Projects

Projects can be defined as new property, construction, technology, or renovation to existing property.

Project proposals can be sponsored by either a committee or at least two members of Redeemer Lutheran Church.

All projects must be reviewed and approved by the church Council before any spending can occur. Authorization for spending must be signed by the Council President.

Individuals or committees interested in proposing a project should first approach the Council, who is the final arbiter as to whether a given project furthers the Christ-centered mission of the church.

If encouraged by the Council to pursue the project, the proposers should thoroughly research their project and discuss it with other church members and committees affected by it.

The proposers must submit a project request to the Council that includes:

The project's name,

Date of the request,

Persons or committees requesting,

A detailed description of the project and its purpose,

Its timing,

Its cost (minimum of two bids),

Its funding source (Operating budget, Memorial fund, Capital Improvement fund, Endowment Fund, Faith Giving, fundraiser, or grant).

If a member of the congregation offers to completely fund a particular project, this process must still be followed and Council approval is still required.

Any project approved over \$2,500 will be considered for capitalization vs. expense.

### Emergency Expenditures

Expenditures arising from urgent or emergency situations can be approved by the Executive Committee (Pastor, Council President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer).

*Approved by Church Council April 16, 2024*

## Council News, continued



### Out with the old...in with the new?

On behalf of the Art & Environment and Property committees, we're coming to you to propose a fundraising project. The old orange carpet has been in place for 30-40 years and has become a bit dangerous with carpet separations, soiled spots, and rips. We are hoping to replace it with **carpet squares**. The lowest bid is \$11,000. The company is going to take up the old carpeting for free, as a donation to the church.

We are asking for funding from grants, fundraisers, Thrivent and our congregation. We will have samples in the gathering space for you to view. If you wish to make a donation, simply write on your check "Carpet Project," or if it is cash, just put in an envelope stating Carpet Project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Thankfully,  
Carol Keeler  
785-493-5485

# Church Events

## Rejoicing Spirits

is for individuals of all abilities.

Bring the whole family & find new friends!

*Food, Fun & Fellowship*

Come worship with us on Saturday,

May 11 at 11 am.

Celebrate *Mother's Day!*





## Church Events

# Earth Sunday

We celebrated Earth Day on April 21 with a special earth-centered worship service. During Sunday school at 9:30 we welcomed Mr. Gary Wix of the Master Gardeners, who brought some of his earthworms to share. The nightcrawlers squirmed in lots of excited hands. Thank you, Gary! And thanks to Mary Shaffer for inviting him.



We also had a blessing for the flowers we will plant later, as well as for our tools, hands, and soil.

## Church Events

### Vacation Bible School

May 28-31

5:30-8:00 p.m.



**High Seas Expedition** will be coming to Redeemer!

Tuesday-Friday the week after Memorial Day.

We'll start at 5:30 with a meal, and each night we will explore the mighty love of God as we sing songs, hear Bible stories, make crafts, play games, and do other fun activities.

The final evening, Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:45, we will have a short program for families and members of the church to share what we have learned. Please share the word with your grandkids and neighbors. If they can only attend one or two nights, that's okay—we just want to share God's Word and love as much as we can.

If you would like to help with VBS in any way let Debbie Beckman know.

**Senior Recognition Sunday** will be **May 5<sup>th</sup>**.

At the 10:30 service we will be celebrating Talan Pickering on his graduation from Bennington High School. If you have or know of a senior graduating from high school, college, or other educational endeavor, please let the office know.

## Church Events

# Godly Play and Connect

children's programs finish another great year!

Many Thanks to

*Charlotte Herrman* and *Sue Mettlen*

for helping with the Wednesday-night meals for the past 5 years (and heading them up for 4 years)!!!

Charlotte and Sue will still be behind the counter for VBS in May. Thank you both for your dedication to shopping, cooking, organizing volunteers, and making sure the meals included so many fresh fruit and veggie options every week!

And thanks to Sheila Alstatt for taking up this task starting in September.



Above: Making empty tombs at Easter.

Right: Carol Keeler's class saying farewell until Fall.





## Church Events

Sunday school  
will be the  
**3rd Sunday** this  
month so we can  
celebrate Pentecost together! **9:30 a.m.**



## Souper Sisters

Ladies' Outing ~ **Tuesday, May 21**  
**11:30 a.m. at Applebee's**

RSVP Rosemary Anderson 785-492-1859  
or Susan Ramage 785-577-2473

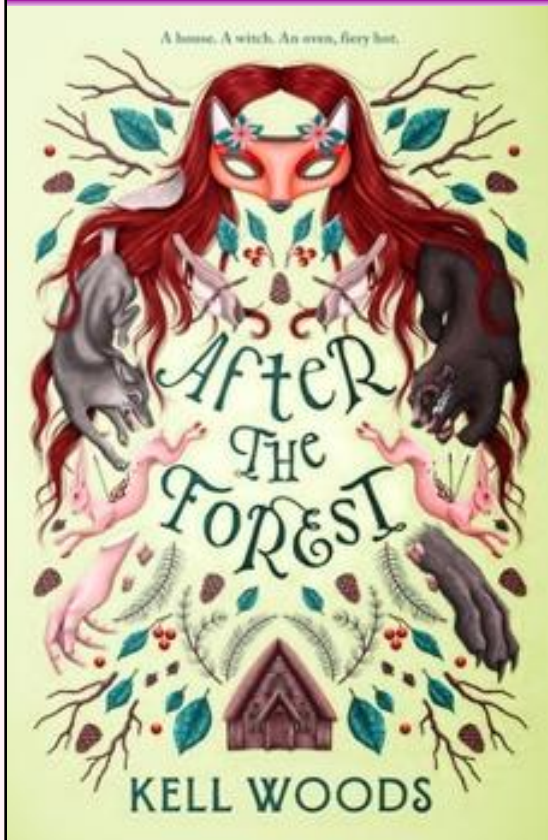


Bring a friend ~  
everyone welcome!



At Olive Garden in April

## Church Groups



**Next meeting**  
**Thursday, June 20**  
**at 5:30 PM**  
Host TBD  
Leader: Tom Mertz  
Location TBD  
**Bring a friend!**

Twenty years after the witch in the gingerbread house, Greta and Hans are struggling to get by. *After the Forest* is Greta's story, a dark and enchanting fantasy about a young woman contending with the truth of "happily ever after."

## Sewing Circle



**Thursday May 9**

10:00-3:00 come and go (with a lunch break)

Contact Debbie Beckman or Carol Keeler with questions.

## Social Media Corner

The Outreach Committee is active once again ~ current members are Mary Shaffer, Spencer Melhus, Kris Johanson and Pastor David.



For those looking for information online about Redeemer, here are some options:

Our website: <https://www.redeemer-elca.org>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/redeemer.salina>

Salina311: <https://www.salina311.com>

OnRealm: <https://www.onrealm.org> (must have username & password)  
(Member directory, ability to send and receive messages with members)

### **To watch services (live streaming or recorded):**

YouTube: <https://youtube.com/@redeemerlutheranchurch-sal6988?si=GZOLuMnoy38CsHsz>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100072201332030&mibextid=LQQJ4d>

Facebook for Rejoicing Spirits: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2249685728480060>

## Lectionary for May

### May 5 — 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17



### May 19 — Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

### May 12 — 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

### May 26 — The Holy Trinity

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:9-11

John 3:1-17

## Community Events

Are you a cancer survivor?

Want a free T-shirt?

Register for this year's  
Relay for Life!

Call 1-800-227-2345 or

grab a flyer from the kiosk at  
church.

For more info contact  
Cheryl Itschner.





## Community Events



*Greetings from your camp ~*

*I wanted to write to express our gratitude for Redeemer's financial gift of \$565 this spring.*

**Thank you!**

*Thank you for your financial support and all the ways you support Camp Tomah Shinga, thank you! Your support means so much. God works through you to touch the lives of so many with the Good News of Jesus the Christ.*

*Your support means God working through worship, devotions, bible studies, ropes, trail walks, campfires, food and fellowship, and so much more.*

*Thank you! You are appreciated!*

*In Christ,*

*Ethan Feistner, Director*

## May 5 Concert

### Nebraska Wesleyan University Choir Tour

7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral

**“Lead Us On to the Light”**

This 65-voice choir has been named a finalist in the American Prize for College Choirs. For more information, please visit

[music.nebrwesleyan.edu](http://music.nebrwesleyan.edu).

# Community Events



**5.18.2024**

SATURDAY MORNINGS  
7:30AM - 12 PM  
CITY LIGHTS STAGE  
DOWNTOWN SALINA

To connect and bring farmers, artisans, and the residents of the Salina area together, while fostering a sustainable, welcoming, and thriving community. The Farm & Art Market supports the local food system, increases the marketing opportunities for farmers and small businesses through collaboration with Salina Downtown Inc., provides access to a variety of locally sourced items, and increases overall access to healthy, affordable, fresh food in Salina, KS.

FOR MORE INFO VISIT:

[www.salinadowntown.org/farmartmarket](http://www.salinadowntown.org/farmartmarket)



SALINA DOWNTOWN

# Redeemer Celebrations for May

- 2 Ronald Smith
- 4 Marty Holmquist
- 5 Janet Gill
- 6 Sheila Alstatt
- 8 Paige Alstatt
- 9 Cole Nuss
- 10 Amy Gronewoller
- 11 Amanda Nuss
- 14 Larry Strahan
- 20 Easton Pickering
- 20 Lyla Potter

Happy  
Birthday!



- 20 Jean Sedo
- 22 Arlene Keil
- 22 Tim Mertz
- 22 Vivi Peterson
- 23 Madison Garrison
- 24 Josie Hartley
- 25 Milana Hasker
- 26 Scott Itschner
- 29 David Anderson
- 29 Melissa McKee
- 30 Brian Dusin



- 3 Grant & Kris Johanson
- 20 Brenda & Kyle Tonniges
- 21 Derrick & Larissa Dusin
- 26 Shellee & Steve Callahan
- 26 Jean & Phil Sedo
- 28 Heather & Jared Wagoner
- 29 Cheryl & Scott 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 20th.** Information turned in after this date might not be included. The newsletter is available by email, mail or at the church.

# Partners in Ministry

ALTAR GUILD:

## PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 8:00 SERVICE

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
<b>Greeter</b>	Cheryl Itschner	Mary Shaffer	Denise Dusin	
<b>Usher</b>	Jan Jackson	Charlotte Herrman	Mary Shaffer	ONE
<b>Lector</b>	Ted Wire	Jan Jackson	Kathy Lowman	SERVICE
<b>Communion</b>	Charlotte Herrman	Kathy Lowman	Jan Jackson	AT 9:30
<b>Sound</b>	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen	

## PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 10:30 SERVICE

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26— <b>9:30</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Jim & Viv Cook	Rick & Betty Henderson	Dan & Kahlan Metcalfe	Rod & Rosemary Anderson
<b>Ushers</b>	Carol & Wayne Keeler	Joe Plumer & Janet Whitaker	KC & Marlie Potter	Kathy Heinrich & Ted Wire
<b>Lector</b>	Mary Mertz	Tom Mertz	Dan Metcalfe	Debbie Beckman
<b>Communion</b>	Nancy Harding	Lana Jordan	Rod Anderson	Viv Cook
<b>Sound</b>	Ray Beckman	Mary Mertz	Kyle Tonniges	Mary Mertz
<b>Fellowship</b>	Shaffer	Henderson	Education Committee	Beckman

The altar flowers sign-up chart is posted in the Fellowship Hall.

**Please use dry erase marker ONLY.**



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 and Cheryl Itschner for memorial.







Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	1	2	3	4
5 800 Worship 1030 Worship Senior Recognition 1130 Fellowship	6	7	8	9 830 Breakfast Club 10-3 Sewing Circle	10	11 1100 Rejoicing Spirits
12 Mother's Day 800 Worship 1030 Worship 1130 Fellowship	13 600 Silver Needles	14	15	16 930 Silver Needles Sew-in	17	18
19 Pentecost 800 Worship 930 Sunday School 1030 Worship 1130 Fellowship	20 Newsletter Deadline	21 1130 Souper Sisters at Applebee's 530 Council Meeting	22	23	24	25
26 Summer Schedule Begins 930 Worship 1030 Fellowship	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	June 1
June 2 930 Worship 1030 Fellowship						

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Our mission:

To love,  
welcome,  
and serve  
all of God's  
Creation.



*"Chosen by God...to love one another."*



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## Church Events

### Sunday Worship

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

### Rejoicing Spirits

2nd Saturday every month  
11:00 AM Worship

**Organist:** Ruth Mirtz

**Choir & Bell Choir Director:** Ann Metcalfe

## 2024 Council

Tom Mertz, Pres.	577-9456
Grant Johanson, VP	402-759-2255
Cheryl Itschner, Sec.	822-2693
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Lana Jordan	643-5253
Carol Keeler	825-4511
Spencer Melhus	392-0528
Mary Shaffer	826-5661
Ted Wire	309-269-5471

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Financial Secretaries: Mike Ramage and Joe Plumer