

The Ringer

MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

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Acts 17: " 26 From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, 27 so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. 28 For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'" NRSV

1 Peter 2 : " 10 Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy." NRSV

We are living in precarious times where a nation who has sought democratic principles and autonomy is being threatened and invaded and carved up by a nation who longs to return all of its former vassals to its realm. The chess game of diplomacy has been afoot for many years now to stave off what we see happening right now. There are voices that say, "What does this have to do with us?" and that is a valid point. It is over five-thousand miles from us. But sometimes our principles of nationhood stand over the distance and time it takes to get to a place. Some may ask, "What about many other places and nations that have fallen to desires of despots and autocrats where we did not lift ne'er a finger?" That too is a valid point. Despite our questions though at this point we as a nation stand with other nations in saying the sovereignty of Ukraine should remain intact. How this will play out I cannot say. I do look to Scripture though and know that sovereignty, nationhood, even peoplehood, is not the sum-total of our existence. The God of all nation rules without borders and passports and when God's people look beyond their "politics" and see one another as truly God's people by grace and mercy, not arsenal and retribution, true peace can be attained.

Let us pray that God's peace be brought to bear in these troubled times.

In Christ,

Pastor David.

Council News

Council Highlights for February 3rd Meeting

- ◆ Jean and Phil Sedo will host a get-together for the congregation at their house on Friday March 4th.
- ◆ The Council is looking into new and more effective ways to increase church outreach and evangelism.
- ◆ The Council has recommended moving after service fellowship to the Narthex to promote a better sense of congregational community and fellowship.



Council Meetings are the 1st Thursday of the month beginning at 7 pm.

Budget Information



Treasurer's Report for end of January

Total Income	\$62,816
Budgeted Income for the year	\$223,840
Total Expense	\$24,793
Budgeted Expense for the year	\$263,608
Mortgage Balance	\$286,908

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WELCA news

YOU ARE INVITED TO
WELCA SMOKY VALLEY CLUSTER MEETING
MARCH 26, 2022
AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
MCPHERSON, KS



9:00 - GATHER FOR FELLOWSHIP, COFFEE AND GOODIES
9:30 – WELCOME AND DEVOTIONS
9:40 – PRESENTATION ON LUTHERAN ROSARY BEADS AND HOW TO INCORPORATE IN OUR DAILY LIVES
10:40 - BREAK
10:50 - PRESENTATION ON NEW HOUSING PROJECT IN MCPHERSON
11:30 - LUNCH – PROVIDED BY TRINITY WELCA
12:30 – ANY GENERAL BUSINESS AND ELECTION OF NEW CLUSTER LEADERS
12:45 – Installation and COMMUNION
1:00 – CLOSING

WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY FROM YOUR GROUP WILL BE ATTENDING, PLEASE LET US KNOW BY

MARCH 9, BY CONTACTING EITHER:

NANCY EVANS - 785-820-6033 OR

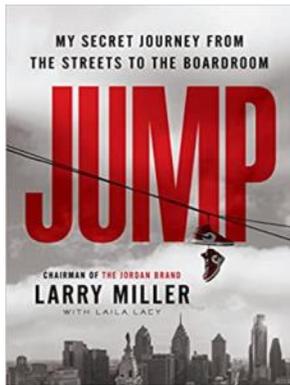
MARY ANN CONYERS- 620-755-5265

All women of Redeemer are members of Women of the ELCA. This is a great opportunity to meet women from our fourteen area churches. Please let Anna Prockish know if you are going and we will arrange a carpool.

Redeemer Events



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



Tuesday, March 15th

Jump: My Secret Journey from the Streets to the Boardroom

by Larry Miller

Host : Jean Sedo

Leader: Lana Jordan

Come join us!

If you are so inclined please feel free to host or lead the books that haven't yet been spoken for. Contact Becky in the office for more information.

Come worship with us on
Saturday, March 12th
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



Redeemer News

The church council would like to invite all Redeemer members to a church gathering Friday, March 4th. This fun evening will be hosted by Phil & Jean Sedo at their home, 1190 Columbine Circle. We will start gathering at 6 PM with appetizers and dinner following at 7:00 pm. Bring a dish to pass and the meat, bread and drinks will be furnished by the Sedos. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. We look forward to a night of **food, fun & fellowship!**



You're Invited!

Let's get **The Coffee Club** going again! Plans are to meet at Perkins Restaurant every second Thursday at 8:30 AM. So we'll meet again for the first time on Thursday, March 10th. Looking forward to seeing you all there!



The collection box for reuseable containers has been a great success—thank you!

Let's keep it going: Bring your glass and plastic containers, 8 oz. or larger. Make sure they're clean and have lids that fit. Put them in the tall box in the Fellowship Hall.

Lectionary for March

March 2 — Ash Wednesday

[Joel 2:1-2, 12-17](#)

[Psalm 51:1-17](#)

[2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10](#)

[Matthew 6:1-6](#)

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

²“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁶“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

March 6 — First Sunday in Lent

[Deuteronomy 26:1-11](#)

[Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16](#)

[Romans 10:8b-13](#)

[Luke 4:1-13](#)

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And



the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’

¹¹and

‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

March 13 — Second Sunday in Lent

[Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18](#)

[Psalm 27:5](#)

[Philippians 3:17:17—4:1](#)

[Luke 13:31-35](#)

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said

to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen,

I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

March 20 — Third Sunday in Lent

[Isaiah 55:1-9](#)

[Psalm 63:1-8](#)

[1 Corinthians 10:1-13](#)

[Luke 13:1-9](#)

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who



Lectionary for March cont'd

were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

March 27 — Fourth Sunday in Lent

[Joshua 5:9-12](#)

[Psalm 32:11](#)

[2 Corinthians 5:16-21](#)

[Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32](#)

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ^{11b}"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"



Partners in Ministry

ALTAR GUILD: Kathy & Joe Heinrich

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 8:00 SERVICE

	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
Greeters	Jan Jackson & Mary Shaffer	Gary & Sue Mettlen	Diane Conover & Cheryl Itschner	Jan Jackson & Mary Shaffer
Communion	Jan Jackson	Denise Dusin	Diane Conover	Jan Jackson
Lector	Mary Shaffer	Charlotte Herrman	Denise Dusin	Mary Shaffer
Sound	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 10:30 SERVICE

Greeters	Phil & Jean Sedo	Dan Metcalfe & Mike Ramage	Joe & Kathy Heinrich	Rod & Rosemary Anderson
Ushers	Grant & Kris Johanson	Chad Curl & Lana Jordan	Mike Ramage & Joe Plumer	Wayne & Carol Keeler
Communion	LaNita Pratt	Phil Sedo	Joe Plumer	Tom Mertz
Lector	Kris Neff	Ray Beckman	Joe Heinrich	Mary Mertz
Sound	Ray Beckman	Kris Neff	Ray Beckman	Kris Neff
Fellowship	Neff	Keil	Heinrich	Cook

Ash Wednesday (March 2) events

Ash 'n Dash 6:30-9:00 a.m. and 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Evening Service 6:30 p.m.

Ushers: Joe & Kathy Heinrich

Communion: Charlotte Herrman

Reader: Lana Jordan

ASH WEDNESDAY
Worship

Redeemer Dispatch



Pastor David will lead
 "Forty Days with Luther"
 an adult Lenten study series
 Every Thursday at 7 PM
 from March 10 thru April 17.
 Please call the office to sign up!

We rejoice in the work these young ones have put into better understanding Holy Communion

Left to Right: Pastor David, Gus Peterson, Marlie Potter, Kahlan Metcalfe, Kayden Tonniges & Lyla Potter. Not pictured was Vivian Peterson.



The Endowment Fund

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.

Community Outreach

Community-Wide Clean-up Day!

**SPRING
SPRUCE
UP**



Volunteers Needed

Saturday April, 30 8am-noon

Meet at the worksite!

Tools Provided

Bring your own
water container & gloves

Children 12 and under need to be accompanied by an adult.

Questions: Email janea@smokyhillriver.org or call 785-493-8491

PROJECTS:

Ashby House - Landscape & campus clean-up, painting offices & organizing donations. - Meet at 150 S. 8th Street

CHDO (Community Housing Development Opportunity) - Yard work. - Meet at the corner of Hamilton & N. Ninth. 917 N. 8th Street

City of Salina - Putting medallions on storm drains about trash in the water ways. Meet at The Temple's parking lot, 336 S. Santa Fe.

Smoky Hill River - Clean-up of trash at the Smoky Hill River near the YMCA. Meet in the YMCA parking lot

North Town District - 5-Corners - Clean-up landscaping. Meet at 5-Corners corner of Ninth & Broadway,
Mounted patrol- Clean-up landscaping. Meet at 1020 W. North Street.
Build front porches. Meet at corner of Hamilton & N. Ninth

Salina Downtown - Painting 7 Trash corrals, clean & clear weeds & add mulch for 23 planter beds in alleyway.
Meet between Strand Plaza and the back patio of Barolo Grill, 112-114 South Santa Fe

Salina Arts & Humanities - Cleaning Sculptures in Oakdale Park. Meet at Formal Garden in Oakdale Park

Salina Food Bank - Adding mulch, weeding and planting trees for the garden. Meet at 255 S. Chicago

Salina Parks and Recreation - Paint picnic tables, trash barrels, and shelters. Meet at Oakdale Park Office,
730 Oakdale Drive

Salina Rescue Mission - Painting 2nd floor rooms, weed the vegetable garden and prayer garden, staining outdoor covers. Meet at 1716 Summers Rd

The Temple - Weeding and planting flowers, declutter stairs & painting the kitchen, Use the north red door
to come in at 336 S. Santa Fe.

City of Salina - Free Landfill Day. Hours 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

SPRING SPRUCE UP



Redeemer Celebrations

- 3 Drew Alstatt
- 3 Kristi Weiss
- 3 Katelyn Nielsen
- 7 Michael Mertz
- 10 Joe Heinrich
- 10 Max Shaffer
- 15 Tyler Nuss
- 16 Sue Mettlen
- 20 Karen Levin
- 25 Aaron Nuss
- 27 Anna Prockish
- 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 28th 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.

MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 545 Worship & Music	2 ASH WEDNESDAY 1000 Bible Study 515 Education 630 Worship 715 Choir practice	3 600 Council Meeting	4 630 Congregational Gathering	5
6 800 Worship 1030 Worship 1130 Fellowship	7	8 630 GUYS dinner	9 1000 Bible Study 530 Godly Play 630 Worship 715 Bells practice	10  830 Coffee Club at Perkins 700 Forty Days with Luther	11	12 1100 Rejoicing Spirits 
13 800 Worship 1030 Worship 1130 Fellowship	14	15 200 Healing Hope 400 Page Turners	16 1000 Bible Study 530 Godly Play 630 Worship	17 930 Silver Needles Sew-In 700 Forty Days with Luther	18	19
20 800 Worship 1030 Worship 1130 Fellowship	21 600 Silver Needles	22	23 1000 Bible Study 530 Godly Play 630 Worship 715 Choir practice	24 700 Forty Days with Luther	25	26
27 800 Worship 1030 Worship 1130 Fellowship	28 1200 Newsletter Deadline	29	30 1000 Bible Study 530 Godly Play 630 Worship	31 700 Forty Days with Luther		
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Weekly Church Events

Sunday Worship beginning in the fall

8:00 Worship

10:30 Worship

Fellowship after second service

Wednesday morning

9:00 Bible Study

Organist: Ruth Mirtz

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