

The Ringer

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²⁸ We know that all things work together^[a] for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 NRSV

In the coming months we will be getting used to new ways of doing things in the office. I want to take this opportunity to thank Becky for her work with us these past several years as well as all the other secretaries we have had since I have been here at Redeemer. It has helped greatly in greeting people and helping me and the members of Redeemer get various tasks done. I also want to thank those who have stepped forward to volunteer to still make things happen for the good of the congregation. There will be a learning curve to see what areas need more attention and perhaps things that just don't need to be done anymore. I ask the congregation for its patience in this transition. I ask you also to leave messages at church if you call that number. You can also call, text, or email me and the office. I will be monitoring both emails.

God's purpose for this congregation is that we reach others with the gospel. This is done through all of your efforts as you interact with members of Redeemer, but more importantly as you interact with those outside of our community. I encourage you as Christ does "to love your neighbor as yourself!" but also invite them to be part of this vibrant community that know Highs or Lows, Upturns or Downturns, Seasons of Health... or Seasons of Pandemics!, we are called to persevere in the hope of God's purpose. So in the end we can only echo Paul in declaring "Rejoice in the Lord, Always, and again I say, Rejoice!"

In Christ,
Pastor David

Council News & More

Council Highlights for January Meeting

Thank you to all who attended the January Congregational Meeting. Thank you to Kris Neff, KC Potter, and Jean Sedo for their service on the council and welcome to our new members Cheryl, Grant, and Carol. We know you will represent the congregation well!

God Bless,

The Redeemer Church Council



With Becky's leaving we are planning to have the office open Thursdays from 9 till 12 noon. The month of February is covered in this fashion. In the meantime we will seek to cover voids as they arise.

Feel free to call in and leave a voicemail message. The main line will continue to be monitored.

Thank you for your patience!

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.



The Endowment Fund

Treasurer's Report



A LOOK at the BUDGET

The Treasurer sent out the 2022 Giving statements via the email that is on file in Realm. If you have not received your statement, please give Jan a call at 785-342-7635 or email

treasurer@redeemer-elca.org and she will either resend the email or send it to you via USPS.

Redeemer Lutheran Church Summarized Income and Expenses

	12/31/2022	12/31/2022
Money in Bank		
Operating fund	5,597.00	8,220.05
blessing box	1,504.00	
loose from joint service	0.00	
Youth Group	1325.46	787.02
Memorial Fund	17,015.59	14,479.26
Scholarship Fund	150.00	
Total fund Bank VI	\$ 25,592.05	\$ 23,486.33
Mortgage checking	6014.22	\$ 6,014.22
MMA -special projects	1,600.76	\$ 500.04
Edward Jones	\$ 11.48	\$ 9,855.68
ELCA Checking	\$ 583.57	\$ 580.06
Total ELCA Endowment fund	\$ 221,435.31	\$ 247,994.94
Endowment fund allocated AC replacement	\$ 9,195.00	\$ -
ELCA Endowment Fund	\$ 212,240.31	\$ 247,994.94
Mortgage	\$ 261,273.09	\$ 294,499.99
Monthly Income - excluding Additional mortgage paydown	\$ 48,147.26	\$ 37,939.03
Monthly expenses	\$ 24,204.55	\$ 30,985.74
Net Income	\$ 23,942.71	\$ 6,953.29

Year total

Actual YTD Income/Expense	
Actual Total YTD Income (does not include additional funds that pay down on Mortgage)	\$ 284,033.00
total expenses YTD	\$ 269,055.60
Net Profit	\$ 14,977.40
Mortgage Balance	\$ 268,980.00

Redeemer Youth activities

Second Sunday Sunday School

The next Second Sunday (February 12) of the month after 1st service
 ~For youth of the church and their friends
 ~Songs, stories, crafts, and activities about the "Classic Bible Stories"

*Come for Sunday School stay for the service!
 Children will be invited to participate in collecting the "special offerings"
 of items for the Blessings Box during the service on the second Sunday.*

We'll be making Valentines for folks who might appreciate some extra love
 — so all hands (and hearts!) are welcome.



~ Seasonal Suggestions ~

Chapstick	Feminine Products	Granola Bars
Hats/Gloves/Scarves	Bread	Crackers
Handwarmers	Tuna Packets	Dried Fruit
Socks	Boxed Grains	Pepperoni Packets
Deodorant	Boxed Pasta	Beef Jerky
Soap	Cereal	Peanut Butter
Toothbrushes	Oatmeal	Applesauce

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Jean Sedo at jlssedo@hotmail.com or 701-833-3638.

Every 2nd Sunday beginning in November the offering emphasis is the Blessing Box. Monetary donations are always accepted, so please label your check.





MARK YOUR CALENDARS

February 9

February 23

Second & Fourth Thursdays

At 1:00 PM

Meeting Place TBA

If you would like to share ideas for more events or want more information please contact Anna Prockish, 785-212-0685.

SAVE THE DATE

June 23-25, 2023

35th Annual Central States

Synodical Women's Organization Convention

**Stony Brook Hotel and Convention Center –
Kansas City**

Independence, Missouri

(right by Bass Pro Shop on I-70)

Theme: The Lord is My Light

*Come worship with us on
Saturday,
February 14 at 11 am.*

Rejoicing Spirits

*is for individuals
of all abilities.*

*Bring the whole family
& find new friends!*



Redeemer news & information



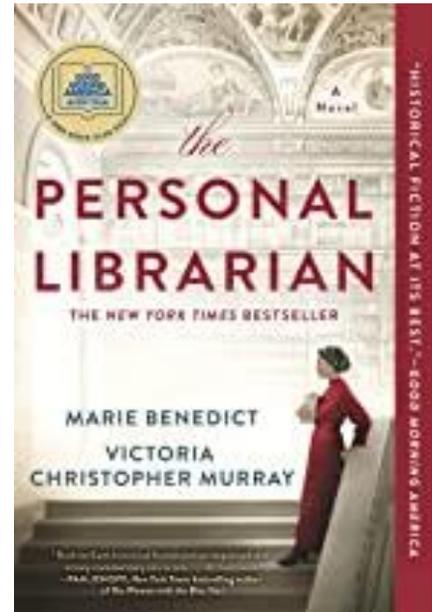
**Now meeting 3rd Tuesday
Every 2nd Month at 5:30 PM**

Starting February 21st

Host & Leader: Mary Shaffer

Mary's home at 1012 Millwood Drive

Bring a friend!

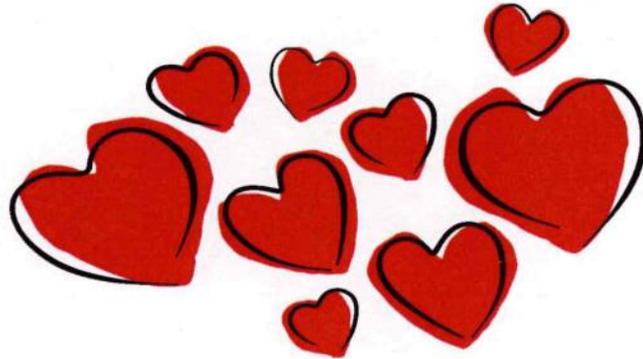


If anyone in the congregation is interested in volunteering to cover the office on Thursdays in March and April from 9 AM until 12 noon, please let Pastor David know. A rotating schedule is the goal, so that no one is working every week.

Light duties include checking the mailbox and sorting the mail, answering the phone, greeting visitors, and folding bulletins.
Thank you!



Joint Churches Valentine's Event



Celebrate with your friends

Immanuel, Redeemer, and St. John's Lutheran Churches for

Valentine Making and Fellowship

Saturday, February 11, 2023

6-9PM

Dinner served at 6:30 PM

Join the parade! Send or bring a copy of your wedding picture or of that "special someone."
Swing to your wedding or favorite song – send the name so we can play it for you!

Make Valentines for our Shut-Ins and Singles

Martinelli's Little Italy
158 S. Santa Fe Ave. Salina

Tickets \$14.00

Contact: Trent Davis @ St. John's (785) 493-1038 [twdavis22@gmail](mailto:twdavis22@gmail.com)
Tom Mertz @ Redeemer (785) 577-9456 tom.mertz@sbcglobal.net

If you intend to come, please tell the office by Monday, February 6

Lectionary for February

February 5 — 5th Sunday after Epiphany

[Isaiah 58:1-12](#)

[Psalm 112:1-9](#)

[1 Corinthians 2:1-12 \[13-16\]](#)

[Matthew 5:13-20](#)



[Jesus said:] ¹³You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

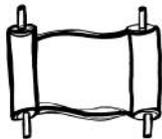
February 12 — 6th Sunday after Epiphany

[Deuteronomy 30:15-20](#)

[Psalm 119:1-8](#)

[1 Corinthians 3:1-9](#)

[Matthew 5:21-37](#)



[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹You have heard that was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be

reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

February 19 — Transfiguration of Our Lord

[Exodus 24:12-18](#)

[Psalm 2:7](#)

[2 Peter 1:16-21](#)

[Matthew 17:1-9](#)

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus,



Lectionary for February

"Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

February 22 — Ash Wednesday

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

[Psalm 51:1-17](#)

[2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10](#)

[Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21](#)

[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."

February 26 — First Sunday in Lent

[Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7](#)

[Psalm 32](#)

[Romans 5:12-19](#)

[Matthew 4:1-11](#)

¹Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.



Partners in Ministry

ALTAR GUILD: Cheryl Itschner & Debbie Beckman

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 8:00 SERVICE

	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
Greeters	Denise Dusin & Cheryl Itschner	Jan Jackson & Mary Shaffer	Gary & Sue Mettlen	Mary Shaffer & Jan Jackson
Communion	Mary Shaffer	Charlotte Herrman	Gary Mettlen	Mary Shaffer
Lector	Denise Dusin	Mary Shaffer	Kathy Lowman	Jan Jackson
Sound	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 10:30 SERVICE

Greeters	Rod & Rosemary Anderson	Jim & Viv Cook	Grant & Kris Johanson	Arlene Keil & Mary Mertz
Ushers	Kahlan Metcalfe & Marlie Potter	Joe Plumer & Mike Ramage	Lana Jordan & Spencer Melhus	Phil & Jean Sedo
Communion	Rod Anderson	Joe Plumer	Lana Jordan	Jean Sedo
Lector	Joe Heinrich	Sam Neff	Kris Johanson	Mary Mertz
Sound	Kris Neff	Kyle Tonniges	Mary Mertz	Ray Beckman
Fellowship	Andersons	Keelers	Neffs	Heinrichs

Wednesday, February 22

Ash 'n Dash at Redeemer

6:30 a.m. till 9:00 a.m.

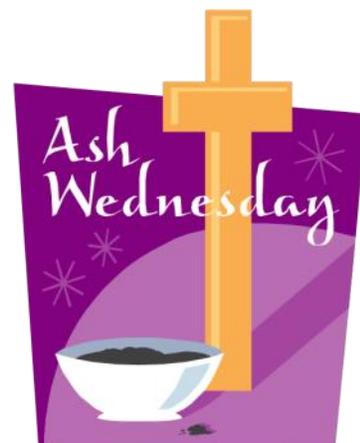
2:00 p.m. till 4:00 p.m.

Worship Service 6:30 p.m.

Ushers: Grant & Kris Johanson

Communion: Kathy Lowman

Reader: Sam Neff



Redeemer Celebrations for February

- 3 Emily Strommen
- 4 Ted Wire
- 4 Grant Johanson
- 5 Pam Strahan
- 7 Trey Potter
- 7 Doris Simpson
- 11 Kris Johanson
- 15 Kenrick Hasker
- 18 Cody Pennington
- 19 Randy Jackson
- 21 Amy Green
- 22 Kenny Bridges
- 25 Adaline Nuss
- 26 Darren Anderson

Happy



Birthday

Content of the Ringer depends on you, the members of this church, for articles, photos, important dates, etc. **The March newsletter deadline is February 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



February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 1000 Bible Study 515 Education 715 Choir practice	2	3	4
5 800 Worship 1030 Worship 1130 Fellowship	6	7	8 1000 Bible Study	9 830 Breakfast Club 100 Womens Life Group	10	11 1100 Rejoicing Spirits 600 GUYS Dinner 
12 800 Worship 915 2nd Sunday School 1030 Worship 1130 Fellowship	13	14 	15 1000 Bible Study 715 Bells practice	16 930 Silver Needles Sew-In	17	18
19 800 Worship 1030 Worship 1130 Fellowship	20 600 Silver Needles	21 530 Page Turners	22 ASH WEDNESDAY 1000 Bible Study 715 Bells practice	23 1200 Newsletter Deadline 100 Womens Life Group	24	25
26 800 Worship 1030 Worship 1130 Fellowship	27	28				
			 for worship services always available!			

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Weekly 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

Wednesday morning

10:00 Bible Study

Organist: Ruth Mirtz

Choir & Bell Choir Director: Ann Metcalfe

2023 Council

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