

**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA**

# The Ringer

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April 2019 Newsletter



As I write this we are witnessing great disaster in our neighboring states. The hard, long winter is causing flooding and destruction. Roads that were a given have been washed away, levees and dams not holding, animals killed in flood waters and snow drifts; houses, streets, whole towns surrounded by water and needing to be evacuated. In the wake of this we see communities responding to help. Hay being sent from Kansas north to Nebraska and South Dakota, disaster crews heading north to be of help, individuals and groups in the communities themselves reaching out to help each other. For me despite my worry for friends and relatives there, it reveals a positive outcome on the resilience of the human spirit. There is so much negative stuff in the news about the depravity of humankind. This though, as traumatic as it is, shows that at our weak moments, our hurting moments, communities can come together again.

We enter this month into the last weeks of Lent and look forward to Easter. In order to get there though, we have to see the cross. Paul explains it this way in his letter to the Romans: “<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.” Romans 5:6-(NRSV) God in Christ shows his strength when the world says all is lost. God does this to save not just those who are the righteous/chosen...but to save even those that are indeed lost. In knowing that we the lost have been saved from the “floodwaters of our sins” we can see what a gift Easter truly his and shout with countless Christians: Christ is Risen- He is Risen, Indeed, Alleluia.

**In Christ**

**Pastor David**

# Council Highlights

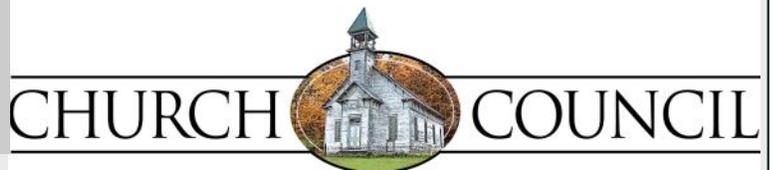
## ***Council Highlights – March 7, 2019***

1. Creation Care Team of Redeemer presented the Lutheran Restoring Creation presentation to the Council. Noni Strand and Mary Mertz were in attendance from the Care Team.
2. April 2nd at 7 pm will be the Rejoicing Spirits meeting.
3. The Property Committee has recommendations for facility repairs that might need special fundraising.
4. Make plans to attend the youth Easter Breakfast Brunch between 8am and the 10:30 service Easter morning.

Next council meeting will be April 11, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

*Council Meeting Minutes are available to read on the Council Bulletin Board and in the office.*

*Council Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month*



## Budget Information

### ***Treasurers Report– February 2019***

Total Income - \$105,321.62  
Budget Income - \$295,000.00  
Total Expenses- \$53,523.00  
Budgeted Expenses- 297,470.00  
Church Mortgage \$410,779.00

## For Your Information

### Needs of the Month The needs of the Salina Rescue Mission for April 2018 include:

Allergy Medication  
Disposable Razors  
Free & Clear Laundry Detergent  
Toilet Paper  
Canned Vegetables

This helps to feed and care for the hungry and homeless, it also stretches our general fund dollars. Please help; donations can be dropped off anytime at the Salina Rescue Mission at 1716 Summers Road in Salina, or call us at 785-823-2610

For more information go on-line to  
[www.salinarescuemission.com](http://www.salinarescuemission.com)



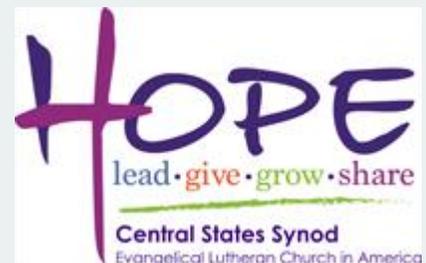
Our 2019 CSS W/ELCA annual convention will be held this summer at Wichita. This year's theme is "Wonderfully Made" based on Psalm 139:14. Convention packets will be sent out around March 23 to church offices. Please contact your unit leader or president to get copies. Registration grants for this summer's convention are available for convention attendees. Cluster groups are encouraged to take a special offering at their spring meetings in order to help bring someone new to the convention. The number of grants awarded will depend on the total amount of offering monies received. Each individual grant will cover the \$70 registration fee. A discounted registration fee is available for cluster coordinators who will pay \$60, a \$10 deduction of the normal \$70 fee.

God Bless You and thank you for your faithfulness during the long winter. May each of you be renewed by the reappearing sunshine and warmer temperatures.

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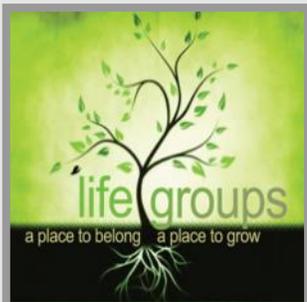


Smoky Valley Cluster of Central States Synodical Women of the ELCA will meet April 27, 9:30 am at St. John's Lutheran Church, Salina. All women are welcome to attend. There is no cost and lunch will be served. More information to come. See Anna Prockish 785-212-0685 if you would like to go.



## Redeemer News

Young Members Group met February 16 at the English home and a good time was had by all. Next meeting is set for Saturday, March 30 at the Callahan home at 2535 Ridgehill Drive at 6 p.m. Callahans are serving tacos. Children are welcome!

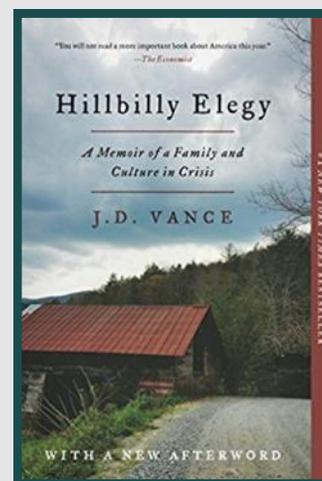


The Lenten Series on the many aspects and ways to pray will be the focus of our meetings. We will also be praying for those on our prayer list and other joys and concerns. **This series will continue every Thursday through April 25th.** Contact Anna Prockish 785-212-0685 or 785-404-2487 for more information.



April 16  
*Hillbilly Elegy*  
 by J. D. Vance  
 Host & Leader: Carl Pyle  
 2035 Starlight Drive  
 Phone 785-632-1886

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



# Wednesday Night Ministry

**Have a busy week?**

**We are open late on Wednesday  
and you can leave the cooking to us.**

**Wednesday night at Redeemer is a rewarding and relaxing time for everyone. Come and join us for all or part of the evening activities.**

**Childcare is provided free of charge starting at 6:00.**



## **5:30 - Weekly Meal**

The evening begins with a light Supper, prepared and served by Redeemer volunteers, in the fellowship hall. The meal is free, but donations are accepted.



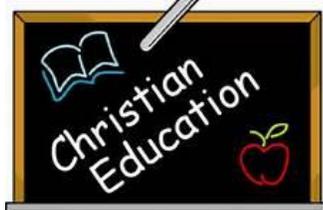
## **6:00 - Godly Play** for children age 3 through 3rd grade

**What is Godly Play?** A child-honoring way of entering into and experiencing the biblical story. We use manipulative story characters and imagination to experience the biblical story through narrative story, parables, liturgical actions and silence. Children are not told what to believe but are exposed to the story experience. Through this open-ended approach we hear the deepest invitation to come play with God.



## **6:15 - Worship**—An informal Communion worship service is held every week.

Call for  
a ride!



## **After Worship stay for more learning**

4th-6th Grade class with Debbie Beckman

7th & 8th Grade confirmation with Pastor

High School with Sheila Alstatt

Adults

Free Child Care  
For Little Ones!



**7:15**

# Lutherans Restoring Creation



## Earth Day is April 22!

Some excerpts from "A Prayer for Global Restoration," by Michelle Balek:

Good and Gracious God,  
 Source of all life,  
 all creation is charged with your Divine Energy.

Ignite your Spark within us,  
 that we may know ourselves  
 as truly human and holy,  
 irrevocably part of the Web of Life.

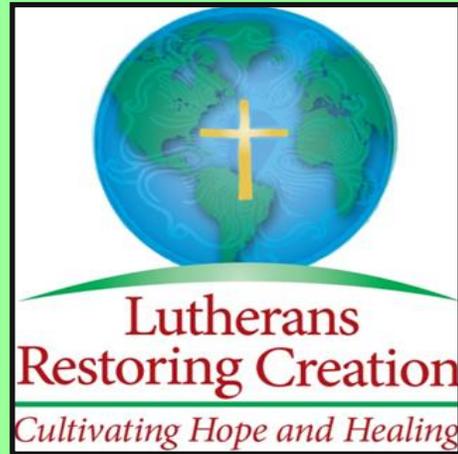
All creation  
 -each star and every flower,  
 -each drop of water and every person,  
 -each and every atom, down to its very electrons,  
 explodes with the revelation  
 of your Sacred Mystery.

May we always walk gently upon this Earth,  
 in right relationship,  
 -nurtured by your Love,  
 -taking only what we need,  
 -giving back to the Earth in gratitude,  
 -sharing what we have,  
 -honoring all with reverence,  
 -reconciling and healing,  
 -mindful of those who will come after,  
 -recognizing our proper place as part of,  
 not apart from, your creation.

Then we, too, with the very stones will shout,  
 "HOSANNA."



# More Earth Day News



Celebrate Earth Day  
at Camp Tomah Shinga  
in partnership with  
Lutherans Restoring Creation

**Sunday, April 28**

**2:00 pm**

Outdoor devotion, Hike, and  
Meal over a campfire

To carpool call

Noni Strand [nonistrand@gmail.com](mailto:nonistrand@gmail.com)

or Mary Mertz 820-5585

# Lectionary for Sundays in April

## April 7 — Fifth Sunday in Lent

[Isaiah 43:16-21](#)

[Psalm 126](#)

[Philippians 3:4b-14](#)

[John 12:1-8](#)



<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

## April 14 — Palm Sunday

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

[Psalm 31:9-16](#)

[Philippians 2:5-11](#)

[Luke 22:14](#)

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*Through the teachings and events of the passion story we see and hear the great contradictions that characterize the coming of God's reign. The leader serves, the empty disciples are able to fill others, proud Peter is revealed in his cowardice, and Jesus—the innocent bringer of life—is arrested, beaten, executed, and buried.*

## April 18 — Maundy Thursday

[Exodus 12:1-4 \[5-10\] 11-14](#)

[Psalm 16:1-2, 12-19](#)

[1 Corinthians 11:23-26](#)

[John 13:1-27, 31b-35](#)



<sup>1</sup>Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later

you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

<sup>31b</sup>Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little 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.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

## April 19 — Good Friday

[Isaiah 52:13–53:12](#)

[Psalm 22:1](#)

[Hebrews 10:16-25](#)

[John 18:1–19:42](#)

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*On Good Friday, the story of Jesus' passion—from his arrest to his burial—is read in its entirety from the Gospel of John.*

## April 21 — Easter Day

[Acts 10:34-43](#)

[Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24](#)

[1 Corinthians 15:19-26](#)

[Luke 24:1-12](#)

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still



# Worship

in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

**April 28 — Second Sunday of Easter**

[Acts 5:27-32](#)

[Psalm 118:14-29](#)

[Revelation 1:4-8](#)

[John 20:19-31](#)



<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## Easter Sunrise Service

Let us gather at Joe & Kathy Heinrich's home

1809 Blue Stem Lane

6:30 a.m. for a brief worship service

# Worship



**Maundy Thursday Service @ 7 p.m. on April 18**  
**Ushers: Cheryl Itschner & Kendra Albin**  
**Communion: Charlotte Herrman & Tom Drown**



**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**Good Friday Service @ 7 p.m. on April 19**  
**Ushers: Betty Baxter & Alan English**  
**Communion: Gary & Sue Mettlen**

## Partners in Ministry 8:00 Service Altar Guild: Tom Mertz & Janis Plumer

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
<b>Greeter</b>	Diane Conover & Kathy Lowman	Gary & Sue Mettlen	Kathy Lowman & Mary Shaffer	Virg Augustine & Noni Strand
<b>Usher</b>				
<b>Lector</b>	Noni Strand	Charlotte Herrman	Denise Dusin	Mary Shaffer
<b>Com-munion</b>	Noni Strand & Virg Augustine	Charlotte Herrman & Jan Jackson	Denise Dusin & Diane Conover	Mary Shaffer & Kathy Lowman
<b>Sound</b>	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen

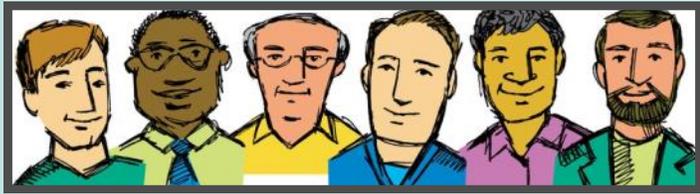
## Partners in Ministry 10:30 Service

<b>Greeter</b>	Rod & Rosemary Anderson	Arnie & Arlene Keil	Larry & Pam Strahan	Chad & Christine Curl
<b>Usher</b>	Mike Ramage & Ray Beckman	Joe & Kathy Heinrich	Phil & Jean Sedo	Rick & Betty Henderson
<b>Com-munion</b>	Kris Johanson, Tom & Mary Mertz	Joe Plumer, Dan & Ann Metcalfe	Tom Drown, Wayne Keeler & Alan English	Arlene Keil, Dennis & Carol Kuhlman
<b>Lector</b>	Carol Kuhlman	Kendra Albin	Anna Prockish	Lana Jordan
<b>Cantor</b>				
<b>Sound</b>	Tom Mertz	Mary Mertz	Mike Ramage	Britney English
<b>Fellowship</b>	David & Lonnie Wahlgren	Larry & Pam Strahan	Youth serving Brunch between services	Joe & Janis Plumer

# Redeemer News & More!

G.U.Y.S. (Gearing Up Your Spirit) is the men's group of our church, meeting the second Tuesday of most months for fellowship, study and food as only men (or their significant others) can provide. This April we meet on the 9th at 6:30 pm at the church. We will watch a movie about the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, "Agent of Grace." Bonhoeffer was a German Lutheran pastor and theologian who was martyred by the Nazis and whose writings have become widely influential. They are the basis of our church's Lenten devotions this year. All are welcome: members, visitors and friends.

## G.U.Y.S.



### March Ladies Night Out

**Tuesday, April 9th**

**6:30 p.m. Jalisco**

RSVP to  
Rosemary Anderson  
785-492-1859  
Arlene Keil  
620-292-1031

**Redeemer ladies and  
friends welcome!**

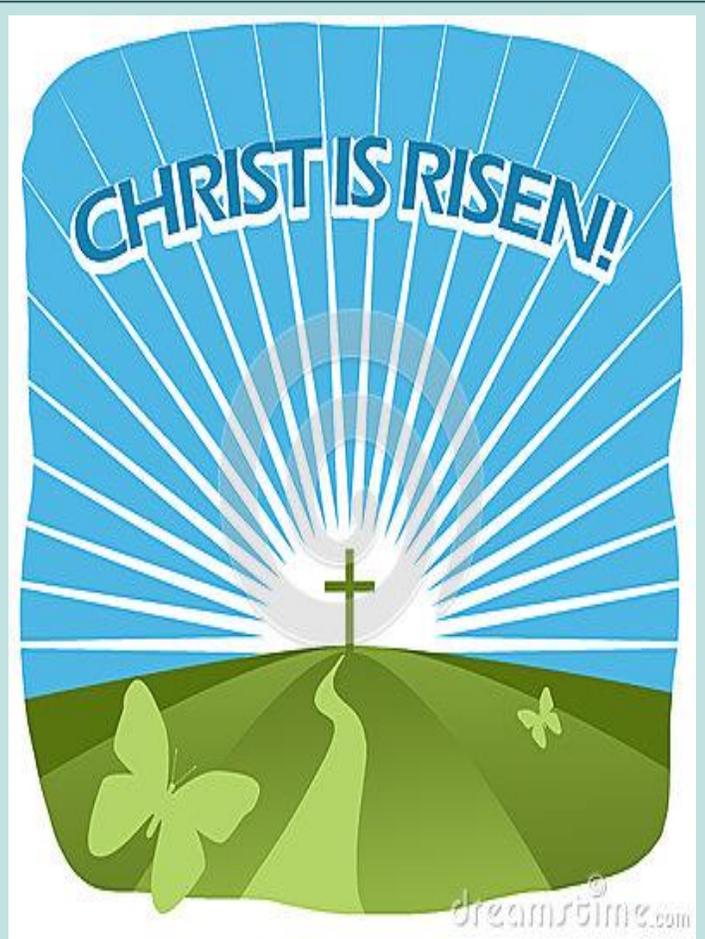


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3 Diane Conover	12 Stephanie Mc Dowell
5 Aaron Itschner	13 Teresa Nelsen
5 Debbie Beckman	16 Curtis Pickering
5 Matthew Shaffer	20 Charlotte Herrman
6 Carl Pyle	20 Doreen McDowell
6 Matthew Weiss	21 Adelpia Lobban
7 Sierrah Baffa	23 Eileen Nelson
8 Sandi Drown	30 Arnie Keil
9 Wayne Keeler	

*Content of the Ringer depends on you, the members of this church, for articles, photos, important dates, etc. **The April newsletter deadline is March 11th 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.*

# April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
	1	2 130 Womens Bible Study	3 900 Bible Study 530 Godly Play 615 Lenten Service	4 100 Womens Life Group 530 Music & Worship Committee	5	6
7 800 & 1030 Worship	8 1200 Newsletter Deadline	9 630 GUYS 630 Ladies Night Out	10 900 Bible Study 530 Godly Play 615 Lenten Service	11 100 Womens Life Group 600 Ciouncil Meeting	12	13
14 800 & 1030 Worship	15 1100 Silver Needles	16 400 Page Turners	17 900 Bible Study 530 Godly Play	18 100 Womens Life Group 700 Maundy Thursday Service	19 700 Good Friday Service	20
21 630 Easter Sunrise service 800 & 1030 Worship 915 Youth Brunch	22	23	24 900 Bible Study 530 Godly Play	25 830 Breakfast at Bayard's 100 Womens Life Group	26	27 830 Salina Youth Choir rehearsal
28 800 & 1030 Worship 200 Piano Recital 700 Salina Youth Choir	29	30				



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on the Redeemer Website



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### Weekly Church Events

#### **Sunday Communion Worship**

8:00 Communion worship

10:30 Communion worship

#### **Wednesday morning**

9:00 Bible Study

#### **Wednesday Evening Activities**

5:30—Dinner

6:00—Godly Play

6:15—Communion Worship

Followed by Education

7:15—Music practice

**Organist:** Ruth Mirtz

**Choir Director:** Ann Metcalfe

**Bell Director and  
Worship Accompanist:**

Britney English

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