

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

# The Ringer

MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

VOLUME 16 ISSUE 5



As we look towards May, we rejoice that we are able to do more and more things that were deemed “normal” a year ago. I am so glad to see many of you venturing back to worship in person, but also rejoice in those who continue to join us virtually for various reasons. If anything this pandemic has revealed that we can indeed think outside the box to remain connected to each other and to stay connected to the Word and the worship of our God. Thank you all for your patience during this time as the council continues to weigh various strategies to open up more fully and get back on a track of normalcy. I also want to thank the council itself for their continued thought processes to determine the best course of action we have needed to take this last year.

“<sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”  
Hebrews 10:23-25 NRSV

When the author of Hebrews speaks of provocation it is not the negative that we so often think of with this word. Here it is the essence of being in Christian community. We encourage, support and provoke in one another in Christ the work of love and good deeds. We are supported everyday in that by prayers and the knowledge the community is also praying for us. We are supported weekly by gathering together to worship the God who gave us fully of himself through Jesus Christ.

So welcome back in person if you feel it is safe for you...and a continued welcome to those who gather with us in this new way. May our new normal provoke us to further Love and to Do Good to God’s glory.

In Christ,  
Pastor David

## Council News

### Council Highlights for April

April 8, 2021 Meeting

- ♦ The congregation will receive a letter from Council addressing current financial concerns.
- ♦ A Blessing Box will be introduced as an Outreach project at Redeemer, soon. (See further information on page 5 of this Ringer.)



*Council Meetings are the 2nd Thursday  
of the month beginning at 7 pm.*

## Budget Information

### Treasurer's Report for end of March

Total Income \$95,163.72

Budgeted Income for the year \$260,200

Total Expense \$76,194.77

Budgeted Expense for the year \$289,025

Mortgage Balance \$318,930.49



Online  Giving

In the PDF version of this Ringer you may click the GIVE NOW button here and it will take you to the secure site to make your Redeemer donation. If you have questions, please contact Jan Jackson.

[Give Now](#)

## Council News

Redeemer Congregation,

At the April Council Meeting, we decided it would be helpful to give a summary of our current financial position. While this message will include some specific dollar amounts, it is not intended to be a comprehensive financial report. Alan English and Jan Jackson are always happy to answer more specific questions to the best of their ability.

As of March 31<sup>st</sup>, we have \$38,418.29 in the bank. This however, is a bit of a rosy picture because it includes the memorial and youth group accounts, which are not for the church to spend on general expenses. At our current rate of spending along with our average giving income, we are spending about \$8000 more per month than we are taking in. This means that our funds would deplete in about five months if no further revenue was collected.

In many ways, we saw this financial position coming. The PPP loan we were given in 2020 kept us afloat for the year, but put us in a position to pass a deficit 2021 budget. Some PPP funds were carried over into 2021 but lost revenue at the beginning of 2021 has put us financially behind where we are in a normal year. This was all foreseeable and an inevitable consequence of our decision to cancel in-person services.

We have already taken what actions we can to better our situation. At the April Council meeting, we voted to refinance our mortgage, which will save us \$865 per month. We also plan to revisit our budget at our June Council meeting, with the potential to make cuts in the rest of the year's budget.

Any gifts to the church's general account between now and our June Council meeting would directly affect the scale of cuts necessary to finish out 2021. We would invite you and your family to carefully consider how you can best support the church moving forward.

With any questions or input, please feel more than welcome to contact the Council President, Alan English, at 785-643-4078 or EnglishAlan@hotmail.com.

*In Christ,  
Redeemer Lutheran Church Council*



# Redeemer News



Tuesday, May 18th at 4 p.m.

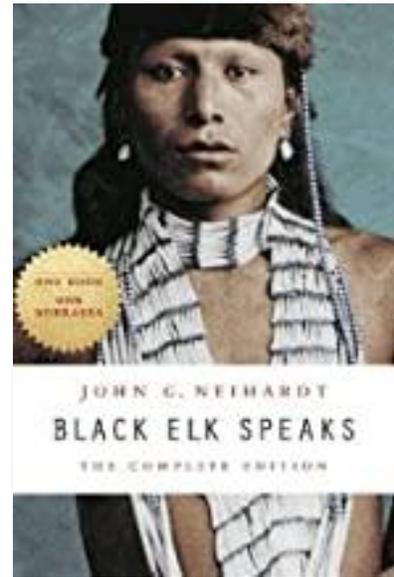
*Black Elk Speaks*

As told to John G. Niehardt

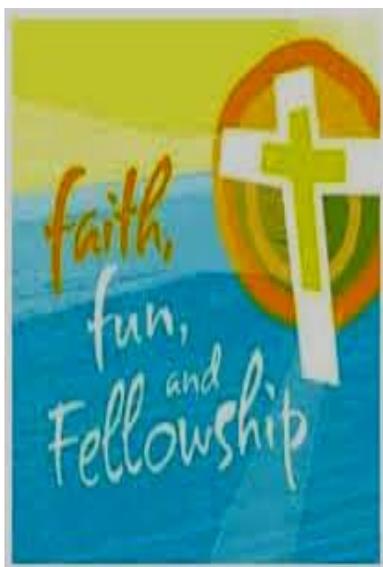
Leader: Carol Kuhlman

Host: Jean Sedo at her home

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



If you enjoy working with children,  
Godly Play needs you!  
Teaching positions available.  
Call Viv Cook at 785-914-9305 or  
Debbie Beckman 785-452-5662.



On the Fellowship Front Becky Pyle has resigned as fellowship coordinator. Thank you, Becky, for your service over the last year! Kris Johanson will oversee fellowship again, but has asked that we stay tuned for changes. Fellowship assignments for May have been cancelled, but will begin again at a later date. Thanks go out to all for your patience!

STAY TUNED

# Redeemer News

Grant & Kris Johanson are GRANDPARENTS!  
 Cora James Wells (CJ) was born to Boone &  
 Brittnei Wells on Friday, April 9, 2021 at 10:48  
 a.m. Seven lbs., 11 oz., and 19 inches long.  
 Everyone is doing good!



We the Council of Redeemer would like to create a Blessing Box, like the one pictured here, to serve our community as an Outreach project. The concept is very simple for all ages of our congregation to understand and participate in. It is meant to be inexpensive to contribute items to, but also fun, encouraging and a sense of involvement in the community. The time spent to build the box and the supplies for the construction will be donated. Please watch for more information about the Blessing Box.



Congratulations go out to **Drew Alstatt & Nathan Callahan** who were inducted into the National Honor Society at Salina Central High School.



Congratulations to our 2021 graduates from Salina Central High **Jordan Alstatt & Emily Strommen**

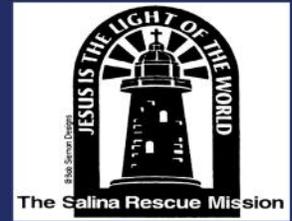


# Benefit for Salina Rescue Mission

THE 2021

## Ken Jennison Mulligan Steu

GOLF TOURNAMENT



## BENEFITING THE SALINA RESCUE MISSION

### SCHEDULE

REGISTRATION/  
CONTINENTAL  
BREAKFAST:  
**7:30 AM**  
SHOTGUN START:  
**8:00 AM**  
LUNCH & AWARDS:  
**NOON**



**FRIDAY, MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>**  
**DEADLINE TO SIGN-UP: MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
**\$90/PERSON - \$360/FOURSOME**

TO REGISTER CONTACT KRISTA  
at: 785-819-5425 or  
[EVENTS@SALINARESCUEMISSION.COM](mailto:EVENTS@SALINARESCUEMISSION.COM)

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# Earth Day 2021

## Celebrating God's Creation

We were blessed with ideal weather for our Earth Sunday celebration April 18. Forty-four parishioners attended the Creation Drums service, in person—some for the first time since the pandemic began. Online we were joined by 218 people following the service. Readers and musicians led the congregation through the seven days of creation, celebrating creatures as diverse as giraffes, sea slugs and platypuses (platypi?).

Many thanks to Britney English, Ann and Kahlan Metcalfe, Marli and Lila Potter, Kris Johanson, Kris Neff, Debbie Beckman and Tom Mertz for their musical gifts.

After worship a few folks stayed for the outdoor scavenger hunt. We found many plants around the church building, some with interesting textures or aromas. We listened to birds chirping and breathed the fresh air. And we planted seeds on the west side of the church: zinnia and basil. A nice big earthworm paid us a visit!

We're grateful to the property committee for making Redeemer's grounds so beautiful.



# Lectionary for May

## May 2 — Fifth Sunday of Easter

[Acts 8:26-40](#)  
[Psalm 22:25-31](#)  
[1 John 4:7-21](#)  
[John 15:1-8](#)



[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

## May 9 — Sixth Sunday of Easter

[Acts 10:44-48](#)  
[Psalm 98:4](#)  
[1 John 5:1-6](#)  
[John 15:9-17](#)



[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that

will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

## May 16 — Seventh Sunday of Easter

[Acts 1:15-17, 21-26](#)  
[Psalm 1:6](#)  
[1 John 5:9-13](#)  
[John 17:6-19](#)



[Jesus prayed:] <sup>6</sup>"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

# Lectionary for May cont'd

## May 23 — Day of Pentecost

[Acts 2:1-21](#)

[Psalm 104:24-34, 35b](#)

[Romans 8:22-27](#)

[John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15](#)



[Jesus said,] <sup>26</sup>When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>16:4b</sup>I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup>I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."



## May 30 — The Holy Trinity

[Isaiah 6:1-8](#)

[Psalm 29](#)

[Romans 8:12-17](#)

[John 3:1-17](#)



<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

<sup>11</sup>Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

# Partners in Ministry

ALTAR GUILD: Mary Shaffer & Tom Mertz

## PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 9:30 SERVICE

	May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30
Greeter	Rod & Rosemary Anderson	Joe & Kathy Heinrich	Gary & Sue Mettlen	Gary & Lana Jordan	Phil & Jean Sedo
Usher	Debbie & Ray Beckman	Barbara & Ted Wire	Joe Plumer & Mike Ramage	Mary Shaffer & Jan Jackson	Wayne Keeler & Alan English
Lector	Ray Beckman	Joe Heinrich	Charlotte Herrman	Gary Jordan	Phil Sedo
Sound	Kris Neff	Ray Beckman	Perry Jurgensen	Kris Neff	Ray Beckman

Please note that Altar Flowers are now \$27 and for whatever florists have on hand. Special orders will be an extra charge. A new chart will be up soon in the fellowship hall for next year, 2021.

Thank you,  
Cheryl Itschner



Partners in Ministry, when you are unable to fulfill your assignment, please make arrangements for someone to take your place and let Becky in the office know.

Thank you!

Hope to see **EVERYONE** on May 8, 2021 at 11 a.m. We can resume our usual activities, games and tacos! So, come join us and sing praises to the Lord, shake the music makers, listen to special music, and see familiar faces! Hallelujah!



## Redeemer Celebrations



Grant & Kris Johanson	May 3rd
Kyle & Brenda Tonniges	May 20th
Derrick & Larissa Dusin	May 21st
Steve & Shellee Callahan	May 26th
Phil & Jean Sedo	May 26th
Jared & Heather Wagoner	May 28th
Scott & Cheryl Itschner	May 29th

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  
 15 Earl Hansen  
 17 Luke English

20 Jean Sedo  
 20 Easton Pickering  
 20 Lyla Potter  
 22 Tim Mertz  
 22 Arlene Keil  
 22 Vivi Peterson  
 23 Madison Garrison  
 24 Josie Hartley  
 26 Scott Itschner  
 29 Melissa McKee  
 30 Brian Dusin



Content of the Ringer depends on you, the members of this church, for articles, photos, important dates, etc. **The June newsletter deadline is May 24th 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
						<b>1</b> 1200 Silver Needles Anniversary
<b>2</b> 930 In-Person Worship	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 515 Education 545 Worship & Music / Rejoicing Spirits	<b>5</b> 900 Bible Study 600 Godly Play	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  1100 Rejoicing Spirits In-Person
<b>9</b> 9:30 In-Person Worship <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 900 Bible Study 600 Godly Play	<b>13</b> 700 Council Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:30 In-Person Worship	<b>17</b> 600 Silver Needles	<b>18</b> 400 Page Turners	<b>19</b> 900 Bible Study 600 Godly Play	<b>20</b> 930 Silver Needles Sew-In	<b>21</b> 130 Healing Hope	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:30 In-Person Worship	<b>24</b> 1200 Newsletter Deadline	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 900 Bible Study 600 Godly Play	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:30 In-Person Worship	<b>31</b>  OFFICE CLOSED	 <b>for worship services always available!</b>				

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that whoever believes in him  
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JOHN 3:16



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### Weekly Church Events

#### Sunday Worship

9:30 Worship

#### Wednesday morning

9:00 Bible Study

#### Godly Play

6:00 Class

**Organist:** Ruth Mirtz

**Choir Director:** Ann Metcalfe

**Bell Director and  
Worship Accompanist:**  
Britney English

### 2021 Council

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