

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

The Ringer

APRIL 2024



Christ is Risen!

He is Risen indeed!



Our time of waiting, watching, and contemplating the deed of Christ's crucifixion is over, and liturgically our **Alleluias** return.

We rejoice because although the price and pain of the cross was heavy, death did not – and does not – win out. Christ arose so that we too may have that promise of resurrection now and forever.

The other evening as I was telling a story to our children, I mentioned the empty tomb. A little boy sat next to me wide eyed, amazed at what I was saying. In his mind, death was the end. But that evening it struck him that Jesus' story was different. Jesus rose from the tomb, and we too through Jesus are raised to new life. This awesome story is our story – and just think of all the people who haven't yet been touched by it!

During Lent many people give up something or add something to their routine as a discipline of self-control or self-awareness. What if, during this Resurrection/Easter Season, we add something to our routine to go and be *evangelical* in the true sense of the word – bringing good news. Let's each in our own way take time to tell a bit of this Eye-Popping story to our neighbor.

With that we live into the word *Alleluia*, which means 'May God be praised.'

In our praise, we thank God for this gift of resurrection through Jesus Christ.

Amen!



Council News

A BIG thank you to all those involved with getting the restrooms in the older part of the church back in working order and doing the improvements!

And many thanks to the work day volunteers March 23!

March Council Meeting Highlights:

- We are looking at updating committee descriptions.
- The solar task force will investigate funding options.
- The sanctuary lighting will be converted to LEDs for future cost savings and fewer replacements.
- We will be using some Memorial funds for the replacement of the older restroom flooring.

Upcoming events:

- April 16 5:30 Council meeting
- April 21 celebrating Earth Day with worship services
 and activities
- May 5 1:00 joint ELCA Salina council meeting
 with lunch - Redeemer hosting

From the Treasurer

YTD Income as of February 29: \$56,308

YTD Expenses as of February 29: \$43,179

Mortgage Balance as of February 29: \$227,945

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

Rest of Endowment Fund as of February 29: \$207,330

Thanks, Kris!

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,
April 13 at 11 am.

This month's theme: **Earth Day!**

Lunch and
games after
worship.



*Getting ready for the
Irish Jig in March*

Church Events

Earth Sunday ~ April 21

Note: Sunday School will happen the *third* Sunday this month, with Earth-Day themed Bible story, songs, flower planting... and **earthworms!**
9:30 a.m.



Godly Play and Connect students planting pansies March 13.

March 20 visit from the Isaacson family donkey — looking forward to Palm Sunday.



Church Group Activities

PAGETURNERS

Book club — all are welcome!

Next meeting **Thursday**

April 18

at 5:30 PM

The Small Church Advantage

by Teresa J. Stewart

Host & Leader: Mary Mertz

Meet at Redeemer

743 E. Magnolia

"This is the best book on the small church I have ever read."
Tex Sample

The Small Church Advantage

Seven powerful worship practices
that work best in small settings



TERESA J. STEWART

There are still copies available at church.

For discussion April 18: Which suggestions in the book intrigued you?



Sewing Circle

Next sewing day **Thursday, April 11** from 10:00-3:00 (come and go, with lunch in the middle).

Contact Debbie Beckman or Carol Keeler with questions.

Church Activities

Souper Sisters



Ladies' Outing ~ Tuesday, April 16th
11:30 a.m. at Olive Garden

Bring a friend ~ everyone welcome!

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

***Kudos** to the Wednesday-night Connect (4th-6th grade) students who painted 15 stained glass hangings for the residents of Pinnacle Park Healthcare.*



Church Activities

Many thanks to...

all who helped at the Spring Work Day March 23

Debbie Beckman for extra bulletins during Holy Week

Carol & Wayne Keeler for painting walls

Ray Beckman for bathroom repair

Mike Ramage and Grant Johanson for lots of outdoor work

Art & Environment and Altar Guild for Holy Week decorating

...and all who give their time and talents to Redeemer!



WORK DAY



Lots got done in the sanctuary, fellowship hall and more.



Check out that gleaming floor!

Community Activities



Annual Fundraiser

In person: semi-formal attire

\$35/person, \$50/couple, \$90 table of 4

April 27 at 6:00 p.m.

The Farm & The Odd Fellows

205 W. 2nd St. Minneapolis, KS

Entertainment, appetizers and
drink ticket included.

Online auction: April 22-27



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.

Spring Spruce Up

Saturday, April 27 8 am—12

Drop by your work site(s) of choice for whatever time you have available that morning: Ashby House, Food Bank garden, Rescue Mission, River cleanup and more.

Bring gloves, wear appropriate clothes & shoes. Children 12 & under must be accompanied by an adult. For more info contact (785)493-8491 or janea@smokyhillriver.org.



**SPRING
SPRUCE UP**

Lectionary for April

April 7 — Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-25

Psalm 133

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31



April 14 — Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

April 21 — Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

*“Blessed are those who
have not seen and yet
have come to believe.”*

~ John 20:29

April 28 — Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:25-31

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

Partners in Ministry

ALTAR GUILD: Debbie Beckman and Tom Mertz

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 8:00 SERVICE

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Greeter	Cheryl Itschner	Mary Shaffer	Sue Mettlen	Jan Jackson
Usher	Denise Dusin	Cheryl Itschner	Denise Dusin	Sue Mettlen
Lector	Denise Dusin	Kathy Lowman	Charlotte Herrman	Ted Wire
Communion	Charlotte Herrman	Kathy Lowman	Jan Jackson	Mary Shaffer
Sound	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 10:30 SERVICE

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Greeters	Jim & Viv Cook	Rod & Rosemary Anderson	Debbie & Ray Beckman	Carol & Wayne Keeler
Usher	Debbie & Ray Beckman	Tom & Mary Mertz	Kathy Heinrich & Janet Whitaker	Lana Jordan & Joe Plumer
Lector	Lana Jordan	Dan Metcalfe	Tom Mertz	Debbie Beckman
Communion	Rod Anderson	Viv Cook	Ray Beckman	Wayne Keeler
Sound	Kyle Tonniges	Ray Beckman	Mary Mertz	Kris Neff
Fellowship	Rosemary & Rod Anderson	Cook	Jordan	Kiel

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.



The Endowment Fund

Redeemer Celebrations for April

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Rosemary Anderson
- 3 Diane Conover
- 5 Debbie Beckman
- 5 Aaron Itschner
- 6 Carl Pyle
- 6 Matthew Weiss
- 8 Sandi Drown
- 9 Wayne Keeler
- 9 Reid Tonniges
- 12 Stephanie McDowell
- 16 Curtis Pickering
- 20 Charlotte Herrman
- 20 Doreen McDowell
- 27 Amy Leavy



Happy Anniversary

- 8 Marilee & Bob Vancil
- 21 Debbie & Ray Beckman

Content of the Ringer depends on you, the members of this church, for articles, photos, important dates, etc. The May newsletter deadline is April 19th. 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
	1	2	3 530 Meal 600 Godly Play	4	5	6
7 800 Worship 1030 Worship 1130 Fellowship	8	9	10 530 Meal 600 Godly Play	11 830 Breakfast Club 10-3 Sewing Circle	12	13 1100 Rejoicing Spirits
14 800 Worship 1030 Worship 1130 Fellowship	15 600 Silver Needles	16 1130 Souper Sisters at Olive Garden 530 Council Meeting	17 530 Meal 600 Godly Play	18 930 Silver Needles Sew-in 530 Page Turners	19 Newsletter Deadline	20
21 Earth Sunday 800 Worship 930 Sunday School 1030 Worship 1130 Fellowship	22 Earth Day	23	24 530 Meal 600 Godly Play	25	26	27
28 800 Worship 1030 Worship 1130 Fellowship	29	30				
May 5 100 Salina ELCA Joint Council meeting and lunch at Redeemer						

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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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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

10:00 am Bible Study
5:30 pm Supper
6:00 pm Godly Play

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
Sheila Alstatt	643-0627
Lana Jordan	643-5253
Carol Keeler	825-4511
Spencer Melhus	392-0528
Mary Shaffer	826-5661
Ted Wire	309-269-5471

Treasurer: Kris Johanson

Financial Secretaries: Mike Ramage and
Joe Plumer