#### 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.

#### <u>Upcoming events</u>:

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

Thanks, Kris!

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

### **Church Events**

# Rejoicing Spirils is for individuals of all abilities.

Bring the whole family & find new friends!

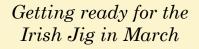
Food, Fun & Fellowship

Come worship with us on Saturday,

April 13 at 11 am.

This month's theme: Earth Day!

Lunch and games after worship.



### **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.



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



Godly Play and Connect students planting pansies March 13.



# **Church Group Activities**



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

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...

more.

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!





# **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 I-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.

# **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.



# 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



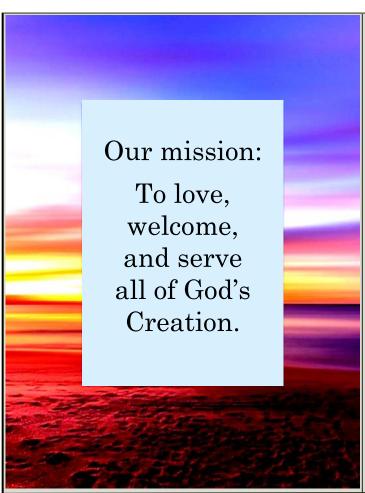
# Happy Anniversary

- 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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"Chosen by God...to love one another."





Find us on the web www: redeemer-elca.org

Sunday Sermons can be heard on the Redeemer Website and on Facebook



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#### **Pastor David Strommen**

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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