

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer



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Weekly Activities

Sundays-

Morning Worship

8:00 & 10:30 am

Adult Bible Class

9:15 am

Mondays-

Sew-n- Sews

10:00 am- 1:00 PM

Wednesdays -

Bible Study

10:00 am



- **Trustees Meeting**
Wed Feb. 5th 5:00pm
- **Elders' Meeting**
Wed., Feb. 5
6:30 pm
- **LWML**
Sat. Feb. 15
10:00 am
- **Council Meeting**
Wed Feb. 19, 6:00pm
- **Ash Wednesday Service**
Feb. 26 11:00 am

We have a lot going on at Redeemer in February, and I am sure that the month is just going to fly by!

During the Valentines Day week, out LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) ladies are sponsoring a 'week of love' at Redeemer. The goal of the week of love is to help us to think about serving people beyond the walls of our homes and our church. There are three exciting things coming up that week.

First, on Sunday February 9th, we will be doing a blessing of the quilts in church, before all of the quilts that the ladies have made on Monday mornings are sent out to be a blessing to people in the community.

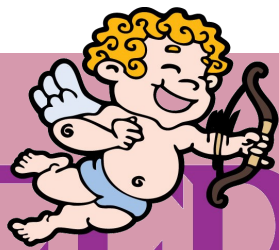
Secondly, on Wednesday February 12th, we will be assembling 'Blessing Bags' at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. 'Blessings Bags' are gallon zip-lock bags filled with a water bottle, granola bars/snacks, and other similar items. Our goal is to make enough for everyone in the congregation to be able to take one on Sunday February 16th. Then, you can keep it in your car, and if you come across a homeless person, or someone else in need, you have something practical to give them. We would love for you to help join us to make them on Wednesday the 12th!

Also, on Sunday Feb 16th, Pastor Paul Krueger from the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch is going to be leading Bible study, and sharing more information about their ministry providing hope and healing to kids recovering from trauma, abuse, or neglect. We will be hosting a breakfast that morning, and taking a free will offering to support the Ranch. The Ranch is a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS. We hope you can make it!

And then finally, February 16th is also an exciting day because we will be having a baptism. Zachary James Kollmann will be baptized at the start of the 10:30 am service. Looking forward to a great month at Redeemer!


Pastor Chris

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FEBRUARY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship Times 8:00 & 10:30						1
2 4th Sunday a. Epiphany	3 Sew-n-Sews 10:00 am – 1:00 PM	4	5 Bible Study 10:00 am Trustees 5:00 Elders 6:30 pm	6	7	8 Church Work Day 8:30 am
9 5th Sunday a. Epiphany	10 Sew-n-Sews 10:00 am – 1:00 PM	11	12 Assemble Blessings Bags 10:00 am	13	14 	15 LWML 10:00 am
16 Breakfast and Speaker from Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch	17 Sew-n-Sews 10:00 am – 1:00 PM President's Day	18	19 Bible Study 10:00 am	20 Council Mtg. 6:00 PM	21	22
23 Transfigura- tion of Our Lord	24 Sew-n-Sews 10:00 am – 1:00 PM	25	26 Ash Wednesday Service 11:00 am	27	28	29 Leap Day

ARE YOU IMPRESSED WITH YOUR CHURCH?

I'll bet the answer to that question is, "Absolutely I am!! The people here are very warm and welcoming. I have many friends here!" But my question is not about people. It's rather about our buildings and property. And the reason I ask that question is that the buildings and property are the first impression "people driving by" get of the value we place on the God we worship. In other words, people looking for a church get an impression of the appropriate pride we have in our God and the value we place on our relationship in Him by what the place looks like.

Roy Hopper and his trustees and volunteers have done a wonderful job keeping the church buildings and property in really great shape! When Joan and I came to worship here for the first time, it was obvious to us that **the people of Redeemer took great care of their facilities and placed great value in the God they worshipped!** Add to that the very friendly reception we received from the people of the congregation and we were sold. This is the place we want to be a part of.

Now, here is my encouragement to each member of Redeemer, as we move forward, after Roy has passed the Trustee's baton. It's up to all of us, under the leadership of the Trustees, to continue to improve on the great work of the past! Let's all keep our eyes open to things that need to be repaired or replaced or improved on, so that others will be impressed with our godly care of the facilities and want to become a part of what's going on here at Redeemer!!

The more eyes the Trustees have looking for items needing to be taken care of, the better off we will be. To help the Trustees make this happen, I have placed a **form in the Narthex, (Trustees Needs Attention Form)** to be filled out by any member, that can give us a heads up that something needs to be taken care of. Fill it out. Put it in the Offering plate. Be willing to point out the need, if it hasn't yet been observed by the Trustees. And the need will be taken care of. Thanks for help in making this work!!

Also, join the Trustees for the **monthly workdays every second Saturday** of the month, when you are available. The more hands, the more projects can be accomplished.

Thanks to Roger Hagedorn, **faded stop signs and disabled signs have been replaced.** We have added **reflectors on either side of the driveways** to make it easier to find the driveway at night. And a number of places have been power washed on the buildings and parking areas to clean up the look.



There are many **projects yet to be taken care of**, such as, power washing and painting the church, cleaning and coating the flat roof over the office entrance, stripping the floor in the Fellowship Hall and waxing it, plus the every month routine checks of air filters on air conditioners, bulb replacement, bathroom checks, etc.

Together, we can make the appearance of the facilities a great evangelism draw!! We have a great group of Trustees! With your willingness to help the Trustees, we can serve the Lord in this important way!!

Alan Koch, Head Trustee

News & *Announcements*

Attention Thrivent Members!!!

In recent years, Redeemer has really benefitted from a program called 'Thrivent Choice,' through which eligible Thrivent members can donate money to non-profits, including churches, at no cost to you! Redeemer would certainly appreciate your donations, but there are also many other great Lutheran organizations that you can support as well. **The deadline to donate "choice dollars" earned in 2019 is March 31, 2020.** If you don't use them, you lose them! If you want to know if you are currently eligible to donate Choice Dollars, you can ask your Thrivent representative, to make sure that you are taking full advantage of this great opportunity.

Do You Want to Join Redeemer?

Redeemer is hoping to schedule another new member welcome sometime in the spring. If you are interested in becoming a member of Redeemer, please let Pastor Chris know, and he can fill you in on the process.

- If you are a regular snowbird/winter visitor, you can become an 'associate member' of Redeemer. Associate members still remain members of their church up north, but get to be included in Redeemer's directory, receive our newsletter and email updates, envelopes, and more. If you are interested in becoming an associate member, talk to Pastor Chris.

2020 Envelopes Available

2020 Offering Envelopes are available for pickup on the white shelf in the narthex. If you don't currently have envelopes, but would like some, you can email the church office at redeemer-vero@comcast.net or talk to Lou Dilks.

Remember your Redeemer Nametags

With more of our winter visitors arriving, and some new members who have joined the congregation, now is a great time to remember to wear your Redeemer nametags! If you don't have a nametag and would like one, let Pastor Chris know, or email the church office at redeemer-vero@comcast.net

Wednesday Bible Study

Join us for Bible study on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be continuing our study of the book of Hebrews. We hope you can join us!

Shopping Online? You Can Help Redeemer!

'Amazon Smile' is a simple and automatic way to support Redeemer every time that you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection, and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase (0.5%) to Redeemer. To start, just go to smile.amazon.com and search for "Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Vero Beach"



Donations for Next Week's Breakfast

We are looking for donations for next weeks breakfast during Bible study hour. If you are interested in helping, you can sign up by the kitchen window to bring juice, fruit, or breads. It will be a wonderful chance to hear more about the ministry of the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch!

Come Out and Help Assemble Blessing Bags on Wednesday

We will be assembling the donations that we have collected during the last two weeks into blessings bags on Wednesday morning at 10:00 am. Join us in the Fellowship Hall. We will have them available to pick up on Sunday February 16th.

Help Cleaning up Coffee Hour

We are looking for some volunteers who might be willing to help clean up the cookies and coffee after the late service is over. We hope to get a few people to rotate, so that the same person does not need to clean up every week. If you might be interested in helping, please talk to Lou Dilks or Pastor Chris.

Love to Share a Good Meal?

Let's help out the Kollmanns by providing a meal. Sign-up sheet is posted in the Fellowship Hall by the kitchen. (Look for the calendar) You can either drop off the meal at church or bring to their house (and say hello to those adorable boys). Thank you! Questions? Call Elizabeth at church office or Sheila (772-999-3014)

Calling All Bakers

We are looking for people who might be able to bring some treats for coffee hour during the month of January and February. If you are interested in helping, you can sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

We need Sunday School Teachers/Helpers

With the transition to two services, we are trying to put together a schedule of Sunday School teachers/helpers. If you are interested in helping with Sunday School, you can sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, and pick up the lessons in the folder below.

Donate Your Old Glasses

LWML will be collecting prescription glasses and non-prescription sunglasses. This project will help M.O.S.T. Ministries in their distribution to those in need around the world. Check out their website at mostministries.org. Please contact Sheila Scott for more info.

Those Who Serve

If you are able to serve in an 'open' spot, or if you are unable to serve and need to reschedule, please contact Ray Harakh <rayharakh@gmail.com>. Thank you!

Date/Time		Readers		Ushers		Alter Assistants
Feb 2						
8:00 am		Kathy Hopper		Roy Hopper		Gary Connolly
				Carol Truitt		Mike Tupek
10:30 am		Ray Harakh		Terri Bell		Bill Walz
				Kay Roth		Ray Harakh
Feb 9						
8:00 am		Kimberly Woschnik		Carol Robinson		Harry Robinson
				Becky Larson		Don Larson
10:30 am		Joan Koch		Lorelei Simmons		Gary Simons
						Alan Koch
Feb 16						
8:00 am		Sheila Scott				Charlie Kiersch
						Mike Tupek
10:30 am		Sandy Chapman		Lorelei Simons		Gary Simmons
						Ray Harakh
Feb 23						
8:00 am		Kathy Hopper		Carol Robinson		Harry Robinson Don Larson
10:30 am		Karen Osbourne		Karen Osbourne		Bill Walz
				Phil Osbourne		Alan Koch

Ministry is...

Ministry is people assisting people in Christian faith development. Ministry doesn't happen just in the church, but it does happen in the church and through the auspices of the church. Ministry is the reason the church exists.

Ministry is people offering Christ to one another and serving Christ and one another. In the church, ministry is accomplished through worship, the church school, special groups, the sacraments and much more. Everything the church is and does is a system that delivers ministry.

— Ezra Earl Jones
in The Church: A New Paradigm
Published in: January 1997



Birthdays

4 Becky Larson
Ilene Stemm
8 Kathy Hopper
22 Paul O'Neill
28 Carmen Billings
29 Bud Suverkrup

Wedding Anniversaries

13 Norm & Ilene Stemm
24 Hank & Joan Pereau

Our Lenten focus



Lent, the church-year season that begins on Ash Wednesday, is a time of penitence and spiritual renewal. Some people give up a luxury or vice during Lent as a form of self-denial; others undertake a project that benefits others.

The point isn't to denigrate ourselves or to see how much we can do without. Instead, Lent helps us reflect on Jesus' death. As Timothy Keller writes in The Reason for God: "The Christian Gospel is that I am so flawed that Jesus had to die for me, yet I am so loved and valued that Jesus was glad to die for me. This leads to deep humility and deep confidence at the same time. It undermines both swaggering and sniveling. I cannot feel superior to anyone, and yet I have nothing to prove to anyone. I do not think more of myself nor less of myself. Instead, I think of myself less."



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**Worship Service at 8:00 & 10:30am
Bible Study at 9:15 am**