



Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Redeemer Review

April 2021

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Rev. Chris
Kollmann
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Head of Elders
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Church Office Manager

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



- **Elders Meeting**
Tues. Apr. 6
9:00 am
- **Church Work Day**
Sat. Apr. 10
8:30 am-12:00 PM
- **LWML**
Sat. Apr. 17
10:00 am
- **Council Meeting**
Apr. 21 6:30 pm
- **Maundy Thurs Services**
11 am, 6 pm
- **Good Friday Service**
11 am, 6 pm
- **Easter Services**
6:30, 8, 9:30, 11 am

During the month of March, it was a joy to see Redeemer continue to move forward in mission and ministry.

We completed the Be Like Jesus Challenge on Palm Sunday, and we were excited to pass out about 120 books this year. We hope that you all enjoyed the challenge, and that it makes a difference in your life past these 40 days of Lent!

During our special congregational voters meeting in March, Redeemer voted to send Stephanie and I to a continuing education program called 'Leadership Essentials' through PLI (Pastoral Leadership Institute), an organization that helps LCMS pastors grow in their leadership skills. The first session is in the middle of April, and we are excited about this opportunity to learn, grow, and better serve Redeemer. I'll include more information about our experience in future newsletters.

Back in December, Redeemer raised \$1000 to help support LCMS seminary students. Since we were able to send at least \$500 to each seminary, (Concordia Seminary in St Louis, and Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN), we will get assigned student from each seminary through their 'Adopt-A-Student' program. Our donation goes directly to help that student with the costs of their education, and the students will send Redeemer updates on how their studies and personal life are going. We plan to include their letters in the newsletter, as we receive them. This past month, we also received our first letter from the student from Fort Wayne. His name is Noah Kerstein and he is originally from Pensacola FL.

And last but not least, I hope that you all join us for worship, either in person or online, for Holy Week and Easter. We have a lot of different options available to accommodate your schedules, as well as allow for social distancing. Blessings on your Holy Week!

Pastor Chris

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-------------------------------|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|-----|----------------------------------|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 Easter Sunday | 5 Sew-n-Sews 10:00 am – 1:00 PM | 6 Elder's Mtg. 9:00 am | 7 | 8 Ladies Bible Study. 10:00 am | 9 | 10 Church Work Day 8:30 am |
| 11 2nd Sunday of Easter | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 LWML 10:00 am |
| 18 3rd Sunday of Easter | 19 Sew-n-Sews 10:00 am – 1:00 PM | 20 | 21 Council Mtg. 6:30 PM | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 4th Sunday of Easter | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

Maundy Thursday (April 1st)

Worship at 11:00 am and 6:00 pm

Good Friday (April 2nd)

Worship at 11:00 am and 6:00 pm

Easter Sunday (April 4th)

Outdoor Sunrise Service 6:30 am

Easter Worship at 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am

All services will be recorded, and you can watch them from home at

www.redeemerverobeach.com

Invite a Friend to Church this Easter

Did you know that 85% people who start attending church do so ONLY because someone invited them? This Easter, we want to challenge everyone to think of one person that you know who doesn't attend church regularly, spend some time praying for that person and their family, and then invite them to worship with you this Easter, either in person, or to join you watching online. Most people are open to attending church, especially on Easter, and are just waiting for you to ask them! And grab some Easter invite cards today!

A Note from our Seminarian

The following is the first letter that we received from Noah Kerstein, who is a student at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. Redeemer is sponsoring Noah this year through the seminary's Adopt a Student program. We look forward to getting to know him better as he studies for the ministry!.

To: Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
Rev. Chris Kollmann
900 27th Ave.
Vero Beach, FL 32960

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am writing to you today to thank you for adopting me as part of the seminary's adoption program. I am very grateful for all the help and financial support that I receive at the seminary by individuals and congregations like Church of the Redeemer.

A little about myself: Having been born and raised in Florida, I've noticed a significant change in climate here in Fort Wayne compared to back home. Until this quarter, I had never experienced snow before, which was an exciting, yet cold adventure. I look forward to the quarter breaks where I can return to the warm and reasonable temperatures of my home state!

Florida is where my immediate family all live. My father and mother live in Fort Walton Beach, FL, as does my sister, her husband, and their two children, Sammy and Lucy. Sammy is both my nephew and godson at three years of age, and his sister, Lucy, is just over 10 months old now. My younger brother just graduated from the University of Florida, and is searching now for employment. I miss them greatly, but I enjoy the quarter system we have here at the seminary that allows me to travel home every ten weeks.

I am very thankful to study at the seminary here in Fort Wayne. We have a good bunch of guys in my class. The professors are excellent as well, and there is much to learn from them.

I hope you are all well and in good health, and I thank you once again for adopting me as your seminarian!

Yours in Christ,

Noah Kerstein

MEET 'THE NEW USHER'

HARRY ROBINSON

The way we do things have changed, and the church moves with it. We really cant send the offering plate around or serve communion in the traditional manner for now. So what do we need an Usher for? First, we only need one usher per service. For the foreseeable future, the usher's duties are as follows:

- ♦ Greet people as they arrive and show them where to find bulletins, masks, restrooms, etc...
- ♦ Help members and visitors to find available seating in sanctuary.
- ♦ After service begins (five minutes) lock the doors to the narthex, and let late arrivals in.
- ♦ Count the number of people present and record it on the sheet located in the back of the sanctuary.

These are the current duties of the church usher for the foreseeable future.

We are in need of ushers to serve, and we would love to have you serve in that way!

A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board as you enter the front doors of the narthex. If you have any questions, give me call at [\(954\) 675-7397](tel:9546757397) or email me at harrymr3@comcast.net

God Bless, Harry Robinson

Care Packages for College Students

During the month of February, our Members Helping Members group sent care packages to all of our college students. We included lots of 'college essentials' and a Be Like Jesus Challenge Book.

And thanks to a Thrivent Action Teams Grant for helping to cover the cost of the packages!



Opportunities for Spiritual Growth

Join us for Worship

We hope that you would join us for worship again! Our regular Sunday service times are 8:00 and 10:30 am, and we have Bible study at 9:15 am. We are not currently having Sunday School for kids due to Covid, but we will be restarting it soon.

New Sunday Bible Study!

After Easter, we will be starting a new Sunday morning Bible study. The theme will be "Reopening Christianity" and it will go along with our Sunday worship series. We hope you join us!

Get Connected in a Bible Study

Women's Bible Study - Thursdays at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday Bible Study – Sundays at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Stay in Touch with Redeemer

Check out our website at www.redeemerverobeach.com and you can watch our services and listen to our sermons online. You can also follow our Facebook Page (search for Lutheran Church of the Redeemer), or email [redeemerverobeach@comcast.net](mailto:redemerverobeach@comcast.net) to receive our monthly e-newsletter.

News & *Announcements*

Thank You Thrivent Members

Thanks so much to all of the Thrivent Members who chose to donate Thrivent Choice Dollars to Redeemer. They are a great help to our ministry!

LWML

Ladies, we will be meeting Saturday, April 17, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be planning upcoming projects. Coffee will be provided. All ladies in the congregation are invited to attend. See you there! Carol

Quilter Schedule for 2021

Quilters will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from 10:00 am -1:00 PM. Please join us on April 5th & 19th. Thanks! Sheila

Altar Candle

The Altar Candle for the month of April will burn to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of Peter, Kathleen Bryant's husband.



Church Wide Work Day

Our next Church Workday is Saturday, April 10th, starting at 8:30 am. Many hands accomplish much! We hope you can join us to help keep church looking great!

Ushers and Readers Needed

We are looking for ushers and readers for the month of April and May. You can sign up on the bulletin board, or contact Harry Robinson at harrymr3@comcast.net or (954) 675-7397.

Technical Help Needed!

We are looking for volunteers from the 8:00 am service to help start and stop the recording for the livestream. If you can work an I-pad, you can do this easily! No turning of the camera necessary. If you are interested in helping, contact Pastor Chris, Not sure if you would like it? Try it once!

Members Helping Members

"Members Helping Members" is a newly formed group whose purpose is to provide us opportunities share our time and talents by helping to care for other members at Redeemer. We are looking for volunteers to make soup, which we can freeze and bring to people who might be in need of a meal. If you are interested in serving, you can make a soup, store it in a quart Ziplock bag, label with the date and ingredients, and put in the chest freezer in the kitchen. Thanks so much!

Tired of Being Stuck in the House?

Shining Light Garden Foundation is the answer!

This 20+ acre farm has been providing produce to our area's food pantries, soup kitchens, veteran and senior organizations for over 10 years. They also grow flowers for the VNA Hospice House. So come on out, pull some weeds and enjoy being outside in the fresh air while soaking up that precious Vitamin D!

The farm is open for volunteers Monday-Saturday 8am-6pm and is located at:
7275 49th St
Vero Beach, FL 32967

Go north on 66th Ave, turn left (west) on 49th St, farm is on the left (south) side of the road.

Questions? Joel Bray at the farm 772-539-3752

Sheila and Carmen at Redeemer can tell you about our volunteer experience

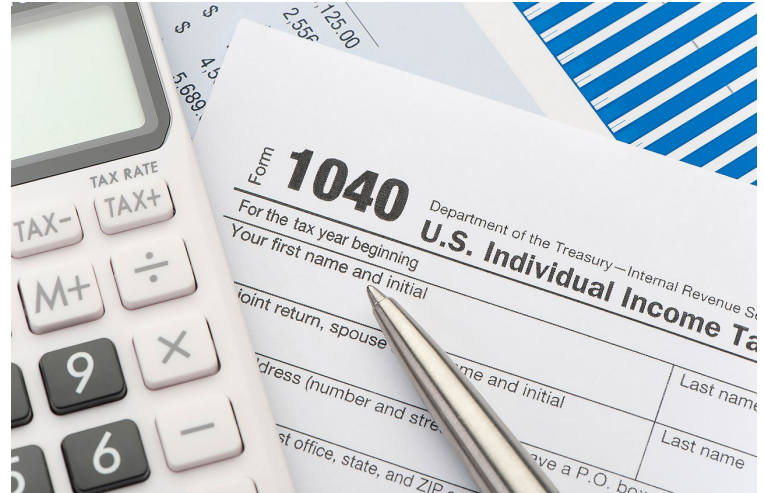


Stewardship Corner

Do you know there is a way that you can increase your contribution to Redeemer, AND save yourself some tax dollars at the same time?

With the increase in the standard deduction, most people no longer itemize their deductions on their income taxes, and instead take the standard deduction.

Once your income reaches a certain level, part of your social security benefits start to be taxed. And any distributions that you take from a tax deferred retirement plan (such as an IRA, TSA, Keogh, etc) not only add to your gross income, but also may increase the amount of tax that you could owe on your social security income.

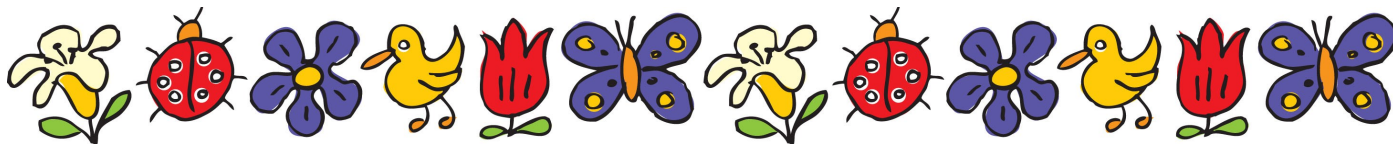


However, if you make a direct donation to a charity from one of those plans, the donation is not included in your gross income and it is therefore not subject to taxes.

An example: Assuming you withdraw \$300 per month from your plan and have a 10% tax rate, you would have a net income of \$270 per month. Plus \$150 per month of your social security could be taxed at a 10% rate, costing an additional \$15 per month. If you made a direct donation to Redeemer from your tax shelter, Redeemer would receive \$300, and you would reduce your gross income by \$300, saving you \$30 in taxes on the distribution, and \$15 in taxes on your social security income. This assumes a 10% tax rate, and the savings could be higher if you are in a higher tax bracket.

Your financial institution has the forms that you would need to complete. It needs to be a direct contribution to Redeemer. You will get an 1099R showing the total distribution for the tax year. When you file there is a line to indicate the recipient, and it will not be added to your gross income.

For more information or any questions, please contact Roger Hagedorn at rapifp@yahoo.com or (772) 332-9229.



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 Harry Robinson at harrymr3@comcast.net or (954) 675-7397. Thank you!

| Day | Date/Time | | Readers | | Ushers | |
|----------------------|-----------------|--|---------------|--|--------------|--|
| Easter Sunday | 6:30 am | | Tom Varble | | | |
| April 4th | 8:00 am | | Kathy Hopper | | Don Larson | |
| | 9:30 am | | Ray Harakh | | | |
| | 11:00am | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| April 11th | 8:00 am | | Nancy Kaufman | | Paul Kaufman | |
| | 10:30 am | | | | | |
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| Sunday | | | | | | |
| April 18th | 8:00 am | | Sheila Scott | | Becky Larson | |
| | 10:30 am | | | | | |
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| Sunday | | | | | | |
| April 25th | 8:00 am | | | | | |
| | 10:30 am | | | | | |



APRIL

Birthdays & Anniversaries

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|-----------|--|--------|---|
| 28 Kevin and Stacey Hagedorn's anniversary Lorelei Simon's birthday | 29 Helen Prinos' s birthday Paul and Patsy O'Neill's anniversary | 30 | 31 | 1 Peggy Walz's birthday | 2 | 3 Gary Scott's birthday Jo Howard's birthday Nancy Pundy' s birthday |
| 4 Elaine Harakh' s birthday | 5 Sheila Scott's birthday Susie Grau's birthday | 6 Connie Haviland's birthday | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Loretta Henderson's birthday |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Cindy Dyer's birthday Donny Larson's birthday | 16 | 17 Sandra Hannam's birthday |
| 18 Edna Huddle's birthday | 19 Wayne and Sharon Amstutz' s anniversary | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Elenore Rumba's birthday |
| 25 Paul Ott's birthday | 26 | 27 Ern Sheppard's birthday Gary Simon's birthday | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 Bonnie Turlington's birthday |
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Worship Service at 8:00 & 10:30am