



Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Redeemer Review

May 2021

Pastor

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Weekly Activities

Sundays-

Morning Worship

8:00 & 10:30 am

Adult Bible Class

9:15 am

Mondays-

Sew-n- Sews

Will resume in the Fall

Wednesdays-

Wed Bible Study

Will resume in the Fall

Thursdays-

Ladies Bible Study

Will Resume in the Fall



- **Elders Meeting**
Tues. May 4
9:00 am
- **Church Work Day**
Sat. May 8
8:30 am-12:00 PM
- **LWML**
Sat. May 8
10:00 am
- **Council Meeting**
May 19 6:30 pm
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We started the month of April by concluding Holy Week, and celebrating Easter. And Easter was different this year. Because of Covid, we decided not to do an Easter Egg Hunt, or Easter breakfast this year. Instead we had 4 services this year, including a new outdoor sunrise service at 6:30 am, to make sure that people could spread out and worship safely. But even though things were a little bit different, we can still celebrate the timeless truth that Christ is Risen, and that will never change!

It was exciting to see that we had 140 people in worship on Easter, which was almost as many as we had in 2019, pre-Covid (146). And we were blessed to have 39 guests and visitors this year. But the neat thing was, with the exception of one family on vacation from another state, ***every single other guest or visitor was invited to church by one of you.***

And that just goes to show that YOU are the best advertisement for Redeemer. And that an in person invitation is still by far the most effective way to get someone new to come to church. So THANK YOU so much for making the invitation, even if the person you asked was not able to make it this year. And now that Easter is over, keep praying for the people you invited, and pick another week to invite them again! (After Christmas and Easter, Mother's Day is probably the third best time to invite someone, and its coming up soon—May 9th)

The rest of April has just seemed to fly by. On April 15-16, Stephanie and I started out first immersion in the Leadership Essentials Program through PLI (Pastoral Leadership Institute). It was a great experience for both of us. And there is more information about that weekend later in the newsletter, so check it out!

Blessings!

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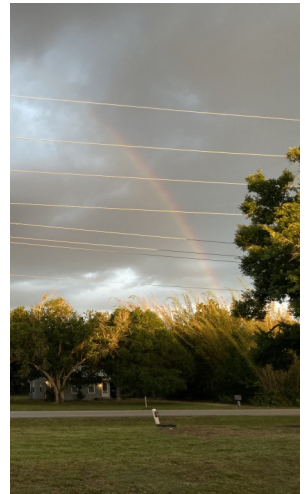
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 5th Sunday of Easter	3	4 Elder's Mtg. 9:00 am	5	6	7	8 Church Work Day 8:30 am LWML 10:00
9 6th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day	10	11	12 Weekday Com- munion 9:00- 10:00 am	13	14	15
16 7th Sunday of Easter	17	18	19 Council Mtg. 6:30 PM	20	21 Outdoor Movie Night—Time TBD	22 LWML Spring Rally 7:00 am
23 Pentecost Sunday	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Holy Trinity	31 Memorial Day					

Easter at Redeemer

We are so thankful that we were able to celebrate Easter worshipping in person this year, as well as online through our recorded service.

Here are some pictures of our Easter celebration.

And even though it rained during our outdoor service,
God sent us a rainbow right as soon as the service was over.
God is good!!



New Toilet Flushers!

During the month of April, we replaced all of the metal flushers to the toilets in the former preschool bathrooms. The old ones were very rusted/corroded, and the toilets were starting to leak. The cost of the repair was fully covered by the maintenance fund that Piece of the Puzzle contributes to each month. Take a look at the before and after pictures below! We are thankful that we have been able to tackle some deferred maintenance items in the last couple of years, to keep church looking and functioning great!



Ladies Craft Day



Please mark your calendars! Our LWML ladies will be hosting a "Craft Day" on September 14th! We will begin at 9 am and go until 4 pm (with lunch provided) or until all items are complete!

Do you like to DIY? Do you like to paint and get messy? Do you like to Decoupage and get that glue all over your hands?? Chose the one you like best and let's have some fun! Please join us at 9 am on September 14th and see what we will be making.



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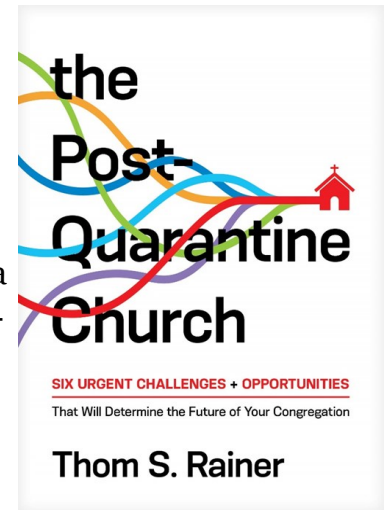
We are going to have a fund raiser to sell all the items we create in October to help defray the costs of our ladies who will be going to the LWML Convention in Milwaukee WI in June 2023.

If you have any questions, please see Carol Fraher or Joan Koch.

PLI Update

Right after Easter (April 15-16) was Stephanie and I's first experience with the Leadership Essentials Program through PLI (Pastoral Leadership Institute). And I wanted to share some highlights of the weekend!

The PLI Program actually began sometime in mid-March, because there was quite a bit of preparation before the first weekend immersion. I read two books as part of the preparation, one about the Mission of God, and the other about the 'Post Quarantine Church.' We have actually been reading the same Post Quarantine Church book as a book study with our Elders and Church Council, as we look to lead Redeemer into the future, so it was very applicable, and reaffirming of some things that we were already working on here. Stephanie and I also both completed an online Spiritual Gifts inventory in preparation for PLI.



Since this PLI immersion took place online over Zoom, the class sessions on April 15-16 were structured as a giant Zoom call, with about 50 participants total. Most were pastors and their wives, although there were some Youth Directors, and other church workers in the group as well. We were joined by some PLI instructors, as well as some PLI mentors/



WHAT ARE MY...
Spiritual Gifts?



coaches. At times, we broke out into smaller groups for discussion, each with a PLI mentor

We started off by each doing a self-assessment of where we were at, not just in our ministry, but also in our personal lives. Because, after all, you will never get to your desired destination unless you first know your starting point.

The focus for this particular immersion was visionary missional leadership, so we spent quite a bit of time in the Bible looking at what God says about leadership, and how God used people and their own unique gifts and skill sets to lead.

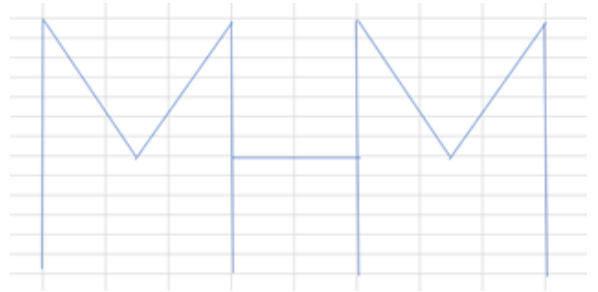
We also spent quite a bit of time looking at leadership from within, specifically considering our own values and beliefs, as well as our strengths and weaknesses.

Our next PLI immersion is in October, but each month I will be part of a monthly coaching call with a PLI mentor/coach, and another small group of pastors. Stephanie will have her own coaching call with some of the pastors' wives at a different time.

Thank you so much for supporting our continuing education through PLI. We are excited to see how God is going to use this program to be a blessing to us, and to Redeemer.

Members Helping Members Update

It has been a few months since we launched our new Members Helping Members group and we have been busy. MHM is Redeemer's care group for members of our own congregation. ***Check out our new bulletin board in the hallway of the Fellowship Hall.*** We even have a suggestion box because we want everyone's ideas and input!



Members Helping Members does the following:

- We coordinate meals and/or soups to those in need of meals due to sickness, hospitalization or other reasons.
- We have a list of community resources that are available for people in need
- Send out birthday cards to members (if we have your birthdate in the directory)
- Call those who are sick, as well as those who are not sick, to check in and let them know their Redeemer family is thinking of them, but also see if there are any tangible needs we can help meet.
- Bring quilts from our Monday quilting group to members.
- Pray for Redeemer's members at each meeting.

Soups for everyone

If you know someone (in our congregation or *not in our congregation*) who is sick or in a need of a soup, please grab one! (They are in the chest freezer in the Fellowship Hall). Take a card to go with it to remind them Redeemer is thinking about them.

Lastly, Thanks for keeping our freezer full of delicious soups. They've been a hit!

MEET 'THE NEW USHER'

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



Church Wide Work Day

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

Summer Sunday School

Redeemer is planning to host a 4 week Summer Sunday School this summer. We are hoping this program will help reconnect some of the kids/families that had been coming to Redeemer before Covid, as well as reach some new kids and families. But we need your help! We need some volunteers to help in the classroom, as well as some people to help prep things beforehand. If you think you might be interested, let Pastor Chris or Stephanie know. Thanks so much!!!

Other Ways to Serve

Redeemer is currently looking for another member of the Board of Elders. If you might be interested in serving as an elder, contact Charlie Kiersch charliehskr@gmail.com or Pastor Chris.

We are also looking for some additional Trustees. If you might be interested in serving in that way, contact Mike Tupek. tupekmichael@yahoo.com

Ushers and Readers Needed

We are looking for ushers and readers for the month of May and June. 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!

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.

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*

Weekday Communion—Wed May 12th

We will be offering weekday communion on Wed May 12th from 9:00-10:00 am. If you are not able to make it then, but would like to receive communion, please call Pastor Chris (914-325-7145) and we can set up another time that works for you.

Livestream Time Change

During the last month, we have been livestreaming the Sunday morning service. We normally record the 8:00 am service, and then send a link out afterwards. During the month of May, we will be recording the 10:30 service. The last few weeks, we've gotten pretty bad glare during the 8:00 am service because the sun comes up right behind the stain glass window in the front around that time. We hope that the switch to 10:30 will help everyone watching online be able to see better. So we wanted to let everyone know that we will be sending the link out later than usual.

LWML Upcoming Rally

Ladies, we will be meeting Saturday, May 8th, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. The annual LWML Rally is in Boca Raton, Saturday, May 22. We will plan to leave the church parking lot by 7:00 am. All ladies in the congregation are invited to attend. Please call me or text me if you would like to attend the rally. (708) 243-0548. Thanks! Carol

Outdoor Movie Night

Redeemer will be hosting an outdoor movie night on Friday May 21st. Come and join us for fun and fellowship, while socially distancing in an outdoor setting. We will be watching on the big screen, out in Redeemer's courtyard. We will have chairs available, or you can bring your own. Movie snacks will be provided. And this is a great event to invite a friend!





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	
Sunday				
May 2nd	8:00 am		Don Larson	
	10:30 am	Ray Harakh	Harry Robinson	
Sunday				
May 9th	8:00 am	Charlie Kiersch	Don Larson	
	10:30 am	Tom Varble	Peter Pundy	
Sunday				
May 16th	8:00 am	Kathy Hopper	Charlie Kiersch	
	10:30 am	Ruth Nordhausen	Carol Robinson	
Sunday				
May 23rd	8:00 am			
	10:30 am	Ray Harakh		
Sunday				
May 30th	8:00 am	Kim Woschnik		
	10:30 am	Tom Varble		

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 1 Bonnie Turlington's birthday

May 2 Roger and Patricia Hagedorn's anniversary

May 5 Alvin and Connie Horn's anniversary

Alvin Chapman's birthday

Joan Koch's birthday

Kim Hay's birthday

May 13 Margot Weimann's birthday

May 18 Gary and Lorelei Simon's anniversary

Theresa Howard's birthday

May 22 Mike and Marion Tupek's anniversary

May 24 Bob Tabor's birthday

Gary and Sheila Scott's anniversary

May 25 Gary and Carolyn Connolly's anniversary

Paul Kaufman's birthday

May 27 Paul Simmons's birthday

May 28 Ray Wendling's birthday

Richard Henf's birthday

Altar Candle

The Altar Candle for the month of May, will burn to the Glory of God in loving memory of Charles M, for Ruth Nordhausen.



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