



Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Redeemer Review

February 2021

Pastor

Rev. Chris Kollmann

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Weekly Activities

Sundays-

Morning Worship

8:00 & 10:30 am

Adult Bible Class

9:15 am

Mondays-1st & 3rd

Sew-n- Sews

10:00 am- 1:00 PM

Wednesdays -

Bible Study

10:00 am or Midweek

Lenten Service 11:00 am



- **Elders' Meeting**
Wed., Feb. 3rd
9:00 am
- **LWML**
Sat. Feb. 13
10:00 am
- **Council Meeting**
Wed Feb 24th. ,
6:30pm
- **Ash Wednesday Service**
Feb. 17 11:00 am and
6:00 pm

I hope that you have all had a great start to 2021. Even though we are still in the midst of the pandemic, I am starting to feel more Joy-FULL, and I am excited to see what the Lord has in store for us in the coming year.

Last year, we spent a lot of the year adapting to doing ministry during the pandemic. This year, our leadership at Redeemer are going to be working together to try and figure out where God is leading us in the future. Together, we are studying a book called 'The Post Quarantine Church,' which not only describes some of the challenges of doing ministry in a different environment, but also describes some doors that God is opening, to help churches reach the people of their community in new and different ways.

One of the things that all of us can do this year, is try to live as better followers of Jesus. To help us grow in our discipleship, we are going to be doing a 40 day challenge together during the season of Lent, called the 'Be-Like-Jesus Challenge.' (or Being Challenge) The Being Challenge is 40 day devotional book written by an LCMS pastor Zach Zehnder, (who also wrote Red Letter Challenge, which we did as a congregation in 2019). The idea is to challenge Christians to spend each day in God's Word for 40 days, to learn from the example of Jesus, and to adopt some of his habits for daily living, so that we might live being more like Jesus.

Instead of 'giving something up' for Lent this year, I would like to encourage you all to join us in reading through the Be-Like-Jesus Challenge together. The Challenge will be our theme for worship, and Bible study in Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday on February 17th. **On Ash Wednesday, we will have two worship options: 11:00 am, and 6:00 pm.** If you are worshipping at home and would like a book, please call or email me, or contact the church office. ***I am excited for this opportunity to grow together with you all this year!***

Pastor Chris

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FEBRUARY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship Times 8:00 & 10:30	1 Sew-n-Sews 10:00 am – 1:00 PM	2	3 Elders 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am	4	5	6
7 5th Sunday a. Epiphany	8 President's Day	9	10 Bible Study 10:00 am	11	12	13 Church Work Day 8:30 am LWML 10:00
14 Transfigura- tion Day 	15 Sew-n-Sews 10:00 am – 1:00 PM	16	17 Ash Wednesday Service 11:00 am and 6:00 pm	18	19	20
21 1st Sunday in Lent	22	23	24 Lenten Service 11:00 am Council 6:30 pm	25	26	27
28 2nd Sunday in Lent						



BEING

CHALLENGE



5 Reasons to Take the Be-Like-Jesus Challenge!

During the season of Lent, we prepare our hearts for the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. One of the ways that we do that is to look at two people: Jesus and ourselves. We look to Jesus to remember what He's done for us and the life that He gave for us. And in light of that, we look to ourselves, and to remember why Jesus had to give His life, to pay for our sins. ***During Lent, we examine ourselves and ask what needs to change in our lives today, and how can we live as more effective followers of Jesus?***

The Be-Like-Jesus Challenge encourages people become more effective followers of Jesus Christ by studying how Jesus lived. For 40 days, we will be walking through the 5 keystone habits that Jesus made part of his daily routine: Commit to Community, Study Scripture, Prioritize Prayer, Seek Solitude, and Choose Church. Then, the book will provide us with clear, practical daily challenges to help us examine how we are doing in those areas.

Here are 5 quick reasons why Lent is the perfect time to do the Be-Like-Jesus Challenge:

1. Lent is 40 days and the Challenge is 40 days. Kind of perfect...okay, that one was obvious!
2. It will keep our eyes focused on Jesus and His words during Lent
3. The Challenge gives us time each day for self-examination. The workbook is written in a way for us to write, journal, draw, and scribble our thoughts.
4. It will produce results well past the 40 days of Lent. Many churchgoers practice "giving up" something for Lent, but doesn't change us at all after the 40 days are over. The Challenge encourages people to start habits that will literally help us live more like Jesus did, and there isn't anything more valuable or life changing than that!
5. It culminates with Easter. The final week of the Challenge focuses on "Choosing Church." It is the perfect time for all of us to "Go" and invite lots of people to our Easter services in person, or to share a link to the message or the online service.

Oh, and one more bonus. There is power in numbers! We will be joining dozens of other churches and thousands of other people going through the Be-Like-Jesus Challenge together this Lent! So we hope you will join us in this 40 day challenge!

This Lent, let's not just give up something, let's pick up the words of Jesus!

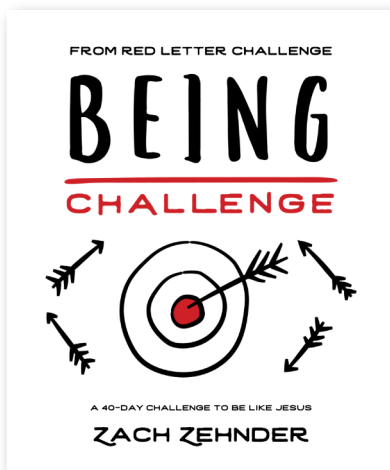
Opportunities for Spiritual Growth

Midweek Lenten Worship

Starting February 17th, Ash Wednesday, we will be having Lenten midweek services every Wednesday through Wednesday March 24th. **For Ash Wednesday, we will have two services, at 11:00 am and 6:00 pm. For the rest of our Lenten Wednesdays, we will only have one service at 11:00 am.** Our theme for Lent this year is going to be, the Be-Like-Jesus Challenge. We will be exploring five key habits and routines that Jesus lived by, and how those habits can be a blessing to our lives as well.



Coming Soon to Redeemer – The ‘Be-Like-Jesus Challenge’



During the season of Lent (Ash Wednesday until Palm Sunday), we are inviting all of our Redeemer attendees to take the ‘Be-Like-Jesus Challenge.’ The Being Challenge is devotional book (written by the same author as Red Letter Challenge from 2019), which challenges Christians to develop some of the habits that Jesus had so that we can live BEING more like him.

Each day’s reading takes about 5 minutes, and includes a short devotion, scripture, and a daily ‘challenge’ to help you grow in your faith. **Make sure to grab a book from the table in the Fellowship Hall.** The books will have a suggested donation of \$10 each. We hope you will join us as we grow together as a congregation this Lent! ***Instead of giving something up this Lent, let’s all pick up the words of Jesus!***

Wednesday Bible Study

We will have Wednesday Bible study on February 10th, and then we will be breaking until after Easter. We hope that you join us for Wednesday midweek worship services, starting February 17th, Ash Wednesday.

Women’s Bible Study

Our Women’s Bible study meets at 10:00 am on Thursday mornings. The topic is ‘Waiting,’ and how God can help us during times of waiting. We hope you can join us!

New Sunday Bible Study— Be Like Jesus!

On February 14th, we will starting a New Sunday Bible Study. We will be exploring some of the passages and themes from the Be Like Jesus Challenge in greater detail, with discussion. We hope that you join us!!!!

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Expire March 31st

In recent years, Redeemer has benefited from a program called 'Thrivent Choice.' Each year, eligible Thrivent members are assigned a certain number of 'Choice Dollars' based on their annual premiums, contract values and volunteer leadership. Thrivent Choice Dollars can be donated to eligible non-profit organizations, including churches and schools. ***In 2020 Redeemer was blessed to receive almost \$7,500 of your Thrivent Choice dollars,***

Thank you to our Thrivent members for your generosity, and for choosing to contribute your Thrivent Choice dollars to Redeemer!!!! It is greatly appreciated!!! These funds have been very helpful to Redeemer. Last year, your Choice Dollars helped us to balance our budget in the midst of the pandemic, and keep Redeemer in the black during a challenging year.

Each year, 2/3 of Thrivent members who are eligible to donate Choice Dollars do not utilize the program, so their Choice Dollars go unused. (*Thrivent Choice Dollars no longer get sent automatically, so you need to direct Thrivent to send them each year.*) If you are a Thrivent member, you may be eligible to donate Choice Dollars and not even know it!!

If you want to know if you are currently earning Choice Dollars, please ask your Thrivent representative, to make sure that you are taking full advantage of this opportunity. The last choice dollars earned last year typically don't appear until January 15th. **The deadline to donate Thrivent Choice Dollars earned in 2020 is March 31, 2021.**



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3. Log in and enter your user ID and password, and answer your security question. (If you haven't yet registered on Thrivent.com, click **"Register for account access."**)
4. Find the number of Choice Dollars available to direct on the right side of the screen.
5. Locate the organization you want to direct to:
 - a. To direct to a previous organization:
 - i. Click **"Direct Now"** next to the organization name; *or*,
 - ii. On the Activity History page, scroll down and click the **name of the desired organization**.
 - b. To direct to a new organization, **enter keyword(s)** like organization name, city, state, etc. Click **"Find."**
6. Click **"Direct All"** or **enter a specific number** and click **"Direct Now."** Follow the prompts on the confirmation window to direct Choice Dollars.

News & Announcements

Offering Envelopes for 2021

2021 Offering Envelopes are available for pickup on the white shelf by the window in the narthex. If you do not currently have offering envelopes, but you would like some for 2021, please talk to Sandra Dekker, or email the church office at redemerverobeach@comcast.net

2020 Contribution Statements Available

2020 Contribution Statements are available. You can pick them up on the small table in the narthex. We also included a ministry update, and year end church financial update. Many thanks to everyone for all that you do to make our ministry possible!

Remember Your 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 redemerverobeach@comcast.net

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 January 4th and 18th. Thanks! Sheila

LWML

Our next meeting is Saturday, February 13 at 10:00 am. We will be making Scripture Valentines! Come join us! – Carol Fraher



Find us on Facebook!

If you are on Facebook, we'd love for you to 'like' Redeemer's Facebook Page. (search for 'Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Vero Beach' and it should come right up). Receive news about what's happening at Redeemer, stay updated while out of town, see pictures, and more! We will also be making daily posts to go along with the Be-Like-Jesus Challenge this Lent.

Right now we have more than 100 'likes' on our page. Let's see how many more we can get!





Church Wide Work Day

Our next Church Workday is Saturday, February 13, starting at 8:30 am. Please join us to help clean out and organize 2 sheds. . Many Hand 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 February. You can sign up on the bulletin board, or contact Harry Robinson at harrymr3@comcast.net or (954) 675-7397.

Audio Help Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to help start and stop the music during our upcoming worship services. It is very simple, and just involves hitting the 'start' and 'stop' key on a computer. We can train you in about 5 minutes! If you are interested in helping, contact Pastor Chris, or sign up for a service on the bulletin board. Not sure if you would like it? Try it once!

Members Helping Members – Volunteers Needed!

"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. Right now we are hoping to serve our members in two ways:

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 Zip-lock bag, label with the date and ingredients, and put in the chest freezer in the kitchen. Thanks so much!

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" Or type in the following web address to go directly to Redeemer's page. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7161038>

During the third quarter of last year (July-Sep), Redeemer received an extra \$57 thanks to you! Thanks for your support!

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Those Who Serve

If you are able to serve in an 'open' spot, or if you are unable to serve and need to re-schedule, please contact Harry Robinson at harrymr3@comcast.net or (954) 675-7397.

Date/Time		Readers
Feb. 7		
8:00 am		Kim Woschnik
10:30 am		Trudi Berger
Feb. 14		
8:00 am		Kathy Hopper
10:30 am		Ray Harakh
	11:00 am	TBD
Feb. 17 Ash Wed	6:00 pm	TBD
Feb. 21		
8:00 am		Sheila Scott
10:30 am		Sandy Chapman
Feb. 28		
8:00 am		Kim Woschnik
10:30 am		Trudi Berger

Serving in the Church

The church is us: people who love Jesus serving others by parking cars, holding babies, to praying with others, pouring coffee, and opening their homes.

In this, God changes us. [Serving in the local church](#) is a vehicle to discover how we are made and how the Lord can use us. [Serving provides us the opportunity](#) to know more about how we are created: our likes and dislikes, what we can do well and what we cannot.

God fills in the picture for us. We discover more about ourselves and how He is growing us while He uses us to meet the needs of others. We learn best by doing.



Birthdays

- 4 Becky Larson
Ilene Stemm
- 8 Kathy Hopper
- 22 Paul O'Neill
- 28 Carmen Billings
Bud Suverkrup
(29 leap year)

Wedding Anniversaries

- 12 Paul & Linda Ott
- 13 Norm & Ilene Stemm
- 24 Hank & Joan Pereau

Why we lament



In 2020, the coronavirus pandemic struck America during the middle of Lent, a season associated with deprivation. Some people made light of the shutdowns, joking, "I didn't mean to give up this much for Lent!" Others asked why the suffering was occurring in the first place.

Professor N.T. Wright, in an essay for Time, explains that asking "why?" but receiving no answer is key to biblical lamenting. Adding to the mystery, he says, is that God also laments — grieving at the wickedness of humans, despairing over Israel's unfaithfulness. Jesus cries at a friend's tomb; the Holy Spirit groans in anguish.

"Part of the Christian vocation," Wright concludes, is not being able to explain why but lamenting instead. "As the Spirit laments within us," he says, "so we become, even in our self-isolation, small shrines where the presence and healing love of God can dwell. And out of that there can emerge new possibilities ... new hope."



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