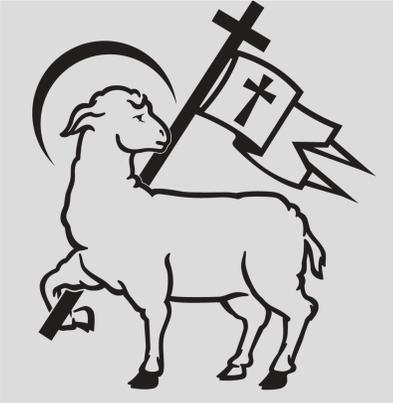


THE REDEEMER REMINDER

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Pastor's Message

by Pastor Michael C. Linderman, Ph. D.

For pastors, February might as well be Thanksgiving. This month closely follows the annual congregational meeting, and when pastors prepare for that meeting, having given much thought to all the things that happened in the past year, there's one overwhelming feeling that always comes to the fore: gratitude.

It's not just the number of activities or events that have happened. Nor is it just the time spent by members in these activities. It is really the fact that people give of themselves to participate in the life of something very unique. We may think that participation in church is just like any club or group activity you enjoy. And the payout might seem similar. You might feel good from participation in a club, or there might be great fellowship and time with others that you enjoy. You may get help you need, and you may get joy from helping others. Though these benefits might also be experienced in church (we hope so), the main thing we get in church is received in faith. God's merciful presence in our lives is a promise we trust. We believe it is there for us, and that it will not be taken from us, whether we feel in some tangible way it or not. God is good, and we participate because we trust this is true.

So when I think of you, dear reader, and your participation in the life of our church, I am filled with gratitude for all you do; for jumping in to help out, for praying for the different people in our church, for serving, and for just being you--with God and with us. Yours in Christ, PL

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Please note copies of the monthly Lay Ministry Schedule can be found in the Narthex.

Dear Redeemer family, I wish to thank you all for the generous Christmas gift at the end of this past year. I am humbled and honored by your support, and give thanks to God for our partnership in the Gospel. Blessings in the new year to you all! Yours in Christ, Pastor Linderman and family

Music Notes - “....we will play alleluias with rhythm and instruments”

by Fran Morton, Music Director

J.S. Bach (1685-1750) and Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) are two composers forever linked in the minds and fingers of organ students. Of course, first because Mendelssohn organized and conducted the first public performance of Bach's St. Matthew Passion in a hundred years. But this idea didn't just drop on Mendelssohn from the sky in 1829. Felix grew up with Bach through his family's collection of Bach manuscripts and his Aunt who had studied with Wilhelm Friedemann (Bach's oldest son and acknowledged best keyboard player of the lot). Felix's first music teachers all knew Bach's music, instilled it and his compositional techniques into young Felix.

Both Bach and Mendelssohn wrote organ music now studied by every serious student of the instrument. Bach wrote much more over his 65 year life-time than Felix in only 38 years. But both wrote enduring masterpieces using similar forms and compositional techniques. Over the next several months we will hear for preludes and postludes one from each to underline their similarities and differences in approaching the king of instruments. We've already heard one movement of Mendelssohn's variations on a chorale tune and one of Bach's "little" preludes and fugues - short teaching pieces to learn organ playing technique. Stay tuned, there's more to come.

Young Adults in Global Mission

by Carol Dunbar

Your gifts to Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) make a difference!

The YAGM program provides ELCA young adults, ages 21-29, with a life-changing year of service around the world. As the volunteers walk alongside their host communities, they are transformed, engaging in relationships of mutuality, interdependence, solidarity and trust. The Evangelism Committee is asking for your continued support for Pastor Janelle and the YAGM program in Rwanda during this season of Lent.

Special offering envelopes will be available in the Narthex throughout the month of March and April. Your donation in the envelope can be added to the collection plate or sent in to the church office. Keep our friends in Rwanda and all of the YAGM volunteers in your prayers at this blessed time of year.



Pastor Linderman with Brenda Dexter, the day before she moved to Florida. Brenda wishes God's blessings for all her friends at Redeemer.

Youth News

by Kirsten Buerkle, Chair and Stephanie Doyle, Faith Formation Director

Boy Scout Sunday - February 9 at 10:15am service

A Scout is Reverent. On Sunday, February 9 at the 10:15am service, all those involved in Boy Scouts or Cub Scouts and adult leaders should wear their uniforms to worship.

Souper Bowl of Caring - Sunday, February 2

Our Junior Youth Group is proud to have participated in the 2020 Souper Bowl of Caring! Souper Bowl of Caring uses the energy around our nation's largest sporting event to mobilize and inspire youth to fight hunger and poverty. During Worship and Sunday School on February 2 the Junior Youth Group collected food items and monetary donations for the Center for Food Action in Mahwah.

My Grown-Up & Me Sunday School class

An adult/child Sunday school class is offered during Sunday school for our littlest members and an accompanying adult. If you have a child under 3, please consider bringing them to this program. You will meet other parents and your child will make his or her first Sunday school friends. It is a fun time had by all!

Activity Bags for Worship

There are colorful canvas activity bags in the Coat Room for children to use during the worship services.

Ash Wednesday Services at Redeemer

Feb 26, Noon and 7:30pm.

Come visit us at the Ramsey Train Station betw 3 and 5pm, as we give out ashes.



Youth News

by by Kirsten Buerkle, Chair and Stephanie Doyle, Faith Formation Director



CROSS ROADS CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER

2020 YOUTH RETREATS

 **MADE IN THE IMAGE**

FEBRUARY

14-16

GRADES 3-5

MARCH

13-15

GRADES 6-8

APRIL

24-26

GRADES 6-8

Youth Retreats at Cross Roads combine fun activities, Bible study, worship, delicious food, and time spent outside to create an awesome weekend for youth and their adult leaders. This year campers will explore what it means to be "made in the image of God." The cost is \$95 per participant and includes all meals.

Register at www.crossroadsretreat.com/youth-retreats.



Christian Education News

by Stephanie Doyle, Faith Formation Director and Heather Layng, Chair

Adult Education - Monday, February 24 at 7:30pm

For the 2019-2020 year, we will be using the seven part series entitled "Animate: Bible." This program digs deep into the Bible and how it came to be and is designed to reinvigorate and deepen our understanding of the Bible. Topics include Canon, History, Testaments, Gospels, Genre, Interpretation and Grace. The fourth session is on "Gospels: Unexpected Good News."

Wednesday Morning Bible Study at 10am

Wednesday morning Bible study meets at

Confirmation News

On Sunday, January 12th, the confirmands had pizza and met with Bryn Koskinen, a Young Adult in Global Mission who served for a year in Madagascar. On January 31st - February 1st, the class had a retreat at Cross Roads Camp and Retreat Center on the Sacraments. February 23rd the students will have a class on the third article of the Apostles' Creed.

Our 7th graders are preparing for Confirmation by attending a pre-confirmation class held during Sunday school time that covers the Bible from creation to Revelation. In January the students learned about Kings, Babylonian Captivity, Prophets, and Psalms. In February the students will learn about Wisdom, Job and Esther.

All-Ages Sunday School Class in Fellowship Hall, Sunday, February 16th from 9:15-10:05

We will have an All-Ages Sunday School classes in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 16th. Parents are welcome to stay. Grandparents are welcome too. Children love to see their family members participating in their faith formation activities. Confirmation and high school aged helpers are encouraged and welcome to attend. It will be a fun time for kids and adults alike!

Raise Them Up! - February 23 at 9:15am in Fellowship Hall

We are continuing our ministry to parents of children and teens this school year. While their children are in Sunday school, parents are invited to meet with Pastor Linderman to begin a dialogue on what it means to raise a child as a Lutheran in 2020. This is an opportunity to meet other parents as well as engage in parenting discussions. This year we will be discussing the book *Liberating Youth from Adolescence* by Jeremy Paul Myers. The book can be purchased for \$13.88 on [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), or just come to the discussion. We will be discussing Chapter 4 of the book during this fourth of six sessions.

Save the Date - Vacation Bible School, August 3-7, 2020

Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through. The VBS that's just the ticket! Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs.

by Stephanie Doyle, Faith Formation Director and Heather Layng, Chair



SAVE THE DATE!

2020 WOW SPRING RETREAT

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020
10 AM - 3 PM

THE HEART: WELLSPRING OF LIFE

*"God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit." Romans 5:5*

Symbol of love and source of life, our hearts beat to the various rhythms of our days. Together we will practice ways to care for this life-giving gift, integrating body, mind, and spirit through movement, prayer, labyrinth, and conversation.

Presenters: Kelly Kenny, yoga and fitness instructor
Laurie Matarazzo and Dale Selover, retreat leaders

THE HOUSE NEXT DOOR & LABYRINTH
AT PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
177 PRINCETON-HIGHTSTOWN RD.
PRINCETON JUNCTION, NJ 08550



Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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Presentation of Our Lord 2 4th Sunday in Epiphany 8:00A Svc of Holy Communion 9:15A Sunday School 10:15A Svc of Holy Communion 11:15A Coffee Hour	3	4 10:00A Quilting Ministry	5 10:00A Bible Study 10:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry	6 10:00A Al- Anon Fellowship Hall 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	7	8
5th Sunday in Epiphany 9 Boy Scout Sunday 8:00A Svc of Holy Communion 9:15A Sunday School 10:15A Svc of Holy Communion 11:15A Coffee Hour	10	11 7:30P Council Meeting	12 10:00A Bible Study 10:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry	13 10:00A Al- Anon Fellowship Hall 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	14	15
6th Sunday of Epiphany 16 8:00A Svc of Holy Communion 9:15A All Ages Sunday School 10:15A Svc of Holy Communion 11:15A Coffee Hour	17	18 10:00A Quilting Ministry	19 10:00A Bible Study 10:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry	20 Redeemer Reminder Deadline 10:00A Al- Anon Fellowship Hall 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	21	22
Transfiguration of Our Lord 23 8:00A Svc of Holy Communion 9:15A Sunday School/Raise Them Up! 10:15A Svc of Holy Communion 11:15A Coffee Hour	24 7:30P Adult Ed	25	26 NO Bible Study ASH WED services Noon and 7:30p	27 10:00A Al- Anon Fellowship Hall 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	28	29

May God Bless You on Your Birthday

- 2/1 Thomas Doherty
- 2/2 Suzanne Bassett, Sofia Covello, Joan Wilke-Schreiber, Lily Mulhall
- 2/3 Justin Hawkesworth
- 2/4 Ian McKeown
- 2/5 Mackenzie Backhaus
- 2/7 Robert Wortmann
- 2/8 Ryan Hanys
- 2/9 Zachary Pacenza
- 2/10 Dylan Conti, Joyce Manke, Colin Milde, William Niederauer, Doreen Rosen
- 2/12 Paul Miller
- 2/13 William Jost
- 2/14 Max Rosen
- 2/15 Keith Gager, Stewart Smith
- 2/16 Rose Lempp
- 2/17 Paul White
- 2/20 Christopher Barbara
- 2/21 Taylor Vozech
- 2/22 Ian Brochhausen, Reid Cusack
- 2/24 Aiden Bogatch, Karen Wilson
- 2/25 Lois Berger, Mason Hawkesworth, Andrea Wortmann
- 2/26 Laura Behrmann, Nora Tarzian
- 2/27 Aiden Daehnke-Falbo, Payton Nista
- 2/28 Drew Bickford



Wedding Anniversaries

- 2/8 Ed and Gail Stengel
- 2/14 Amber and Ray Cusack
- 2/16 George and Kathy Westcott
- 2/19 Jennifer and Matthew Hommez



Baptismal Anniversaries

- 2/1 Chelsey Scala Hudson
- 2/13 John Redin
- 2/15 Kailey Austin, Nicholas Dotti
- 2/19 Kathryn Kissel
- 2/20 Marshall Smith
- 2/22 Alex Dunbar, Joe Dunbar
- 2/25 Courtney Falbo

Redeemer Reminder articles for the month of March are due Thursday, February, 20

Please submit to office@redeemerra.com or denise.bogatch@hotmail.com.

Special guest, Bryn Koskinen (center) with members of the Evangelism Committee. Bryn visited Redeemer on Jan 12 and shared about her experience as a Young Adult in Global Mission (YAGM) in Madagascar, from 2018 to 2019.

