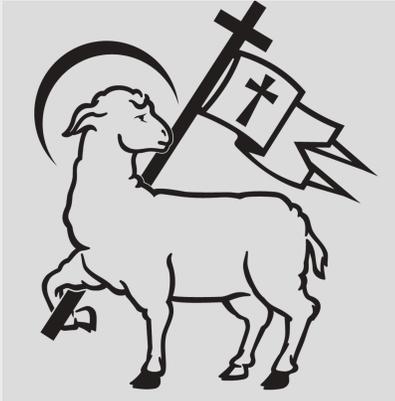


THE REDEEMER REMINDER

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Pastor's Message

by Pastor Michael C. Linderman, Ph. D.

Dear Redeemer community,
The timing of this edition of the Reminder affords me the opportunity to address the rapidly changing situation with the Coronavirus in NJ. It seems as though the virus will affect our normal routines over the foreseeable future. I want to let you know some ways in which we anticipate that this upheaval will impact our life together as a congregation.

I encourage everyone to start with good communication based on trustworthy information. Redeemer is closely following all communication from federal and state government, local government and our local superintendent of schools. We are in regular contact with our community groups, renters and the LEAP school, and have excellent communication channels to our families in the congregation. If you do not receive our weekly "e-blast" emails, please contact the church office and provide your email to us.

Also, the Redeemer church council recently established an *ad hoc* committee to review possible impacts and procedures in the event that the virus outbreak worsens in our area. In the meantime, we will continue to meet for worship at the regular times, but we have already started practicing some social distancing measures, such as not shaking hands during the Sharing of the Peace. Communion during Lent is at the Communion Rail, which means each person gets their own small glass. There is plenty of hand sanitizer around, and your worship leaders are paying very close attention to hygiene. But if you feel uncomfortable among large groups of people, you should feel free to stay home. Please contact the church office with any pastoral needs.

Most of all, times like these are an opportunity to recall the promises of God. God is love, and love lives without fear. While we are cautious and careful, we are also confident in community and trust in God's steadfast love, which holds us in the power of His eternal life, especially now, but also forever.

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

Opportunity for Redeemer's young music students!

by Fran Morton, Music Director

We'd love our young musicians to share their talent with us on a regular basis. If you'd like to sing, play an instrument solo or have a small group to play or sing a piece for the congregation at Coffee Hour some Sunday, get in touch - we'd love to talk further. Here's how it works. Send along a note to me at music@redeemerramsey.org or text me at 201-315-7384. Include what you'd like to do and who's involved if it's more than you. We'll figure out a good time to get together, try-out some music and figure out next steps. I'm happy to play if your piece needs keyboard accompaniment.

Thrivent Announcement

by Joyce Manke

Eligible Thrivent members, please remember to direct your Choice Dollars! 2019 Choice Dollars must be directed by March 31, 2020. Thank you for remembering Redeemer which helps support some of our special projects. If you have any questions please contact Joyce Manke at 201-825-3774.

Called to *Serve*



Installation of Church Council Members, March 8

Music Notes - Praise God with strings and pipes...

by Fran Morton, Music Director

Continuing our series on J. S. Bach (1685-1750) and Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847), both are acknowledged masters of organ composition and performance. We know a lot about Mendelssohn's early life and training because he was born into an upper class musical and intellectual family, was identified early as being a phenomenon, received training from the best teachers, performed in public early and had a family that wrote lots of letters.



J. S. Bach (known as Sebastian) was a different story altogether. He came from a musical dynasty - every male member of his family back a number of generations was a known and respected musician.

His father, Ambrosius was the town musician in Eisenach - a very respected and well-paying professional position. This meant the Bach house was also a workshop for writing, copying and rehearsing music, repairing musical instruments and teaching various music scholars and journeymen. Probably the young Sebastian's talent was simply noted and added to the family's musical resource pool. So entrenched and prominent was the Bach family in music across the country that a neighboring prince in need of a musician for his court establishment, wrote to a friend, "I need a Bach." Added to this, Sebastian was orphaned at age 10 and sent to live with an older brother. We first hear of his unique talent at about age 18 when he became a journeyman musician and had his first official position.

Both Bach and Mendelssohn were members of, and wrote music for, the Lutheran church, but their connection to it was vastly different.

Sebastian's family were Lutheran and he attended St. George's Latin School in Eisenach - the same school where Martin Luther got his formative education. Sebastian was deeply religious and wrote much music expressly for the services of the church. The Mendelssohns were Jews and descendants of a prominent Jewish reformer and scholar. They converted to Lutheranism early in Felix's life since Jews could not be citizens nor could they practice any of the professions. As was required they added the "Bartholdy" name of a family gentile connection to "Mendelssohn" to publicly state their conversion. While Felix wrote a number of religious works including two of the great oratorios of his age - "St. Paul" and "Elijah," he composed little organ music specifically for church services, unlike Sebastian.

While it is true that Mendelssohn conducted the first performance in a century of Sebastian's B Minor Mass, it is not true that Bach's music was unknown to musicians. Although many of his compositional techniques and forms had been superseded by more "modern" ones, they were still essential study for serious musicians, and, his sons were sought-after teachers. The Mendelssohns selected Felix's teacher largely based on his connection to Sebastian's sons, and, the family owned and treasured a substantial collection of his music manuscripts.



To be continued. . .

by Stephanie Doyle, Faith Formation Director

10 Reasons why you should bring your kids to Wednesday Night Lenten services:

1. This year's theme is "Continuing in the Covenant of Baptism." The focus for each week is a portion of the baptismal covenant from the order for Affirmation of Baptism. These are the 5 baptismal promises that our confirmation students make when they are confirmed and affirm their baptism. These promises are a variation on the baptismal promises parents and sponsors / godparents make when an infant or child is baptized. As we all affirm our baptism every Sunday, we can all use a refresher on our baptismal promises.

2. Dinner is covered for the evening. It is potluck, so bring one dish and have your entire family fed. It's a good deal and delicious.

3. You get an hour of adult conversation. The kids typically sit together and have fellowship together for an hour and you get to sit with adults and have an adult conversation.

4. The service is short. It lasts about 35 minutes, so if your kids complain about how long worship is, they can't complain about these services. Also, the kids sit together and worship creating a fellowship for them and allowing you to relax in worship (a bit).

5. Your confirmation student can complete some of those Worship Notes during a shorter service. The topic is particularly relevant this year, see numbers 1 & 10.

6. The stained-glass is beautiful. As the days get longer, the sun usually sets during the service. While the stained-glass pictures turn dark, the diamond shaped

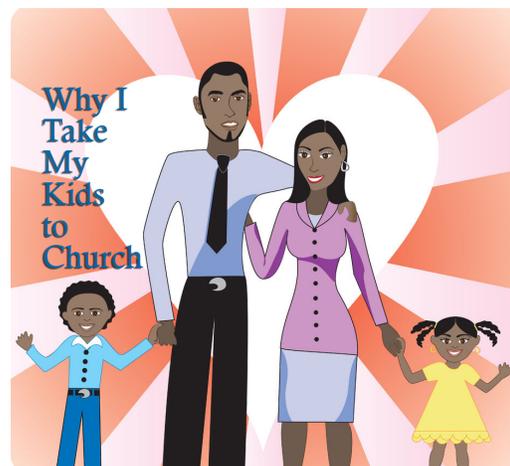
windows turn from pastel to beautiful jewel tones.

7. Your children will surprise you with their prayers for others. Pastor Linderman usually asks for prayer petitions and you'll be amazed to see the kids offering prayers for anyone from their grandparents to the kids at school with broken bones.

8. It's on Wednesday. It's the middle of the week and we all can use a bit of faith midweek to carry us until the next Sunday.

9. It will help your kids realize something is different. It is only during the season of Lent that we have Wednesday night services. It will help your children come to realize that Lent is a time for people of God to examine our sins and prepare to remember and celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus.

10. Did I mention this year's theme? It's worth repeating that baptismal promises are an excellent topic for kids, parents, and the congregation to review, not just those working toward their confirmation. For we rejoice in the life of baptism, giving thanks and praise to God, and proclaiming the good news to all the world.

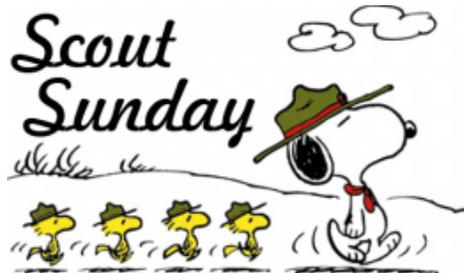


Youth News

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

Scouting Sundays

On the Sundays of February 8 and March 8, we recognized our Boy and Girl Scouts and their adult leaders. Our congregation's Scouts greeted everyone as they entered the Sanctuary, helped as ushers and hosted coffee hour.



Youth News

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

Summer Camp 2020 Registration is now OPEN at Cross Roads! SUMMER 2020 THEME: "From Generation to Generation"

Children encounter God in nature, in worship, and in relationships during youth camp. Cross Roads certified staff members provide a safe and loving space for each camper.

- Faith formation strengthened through camp activities, song, and worship
- Healthy, homemade, delicious food
- Weeklong experiential and active programming
- Positive adult role models
- Lasting friendships and connections outside of the electronic world

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.



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, March 30 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 sixth session is on "Interpretation: Scripture Reads Us."

Wednesday Morning Bible Study at 10am

Wednesday morning Bible study meets at 10am in Fellowship Hall.

Confirmation News

On January 31st – February 1st, the class had a retreat at Cross Roads Camp and Retreat Center on the Sacraments. February 23rd the students had a class on the third article of the Apostles' Creed. On February 28th the confirmands chaperoned a Camp Acorn dance at Calvary. On March 1st the class will study the Lord's Prayer. The March 14th visit to the Hindu Samaj Temple of Mahwah has been postponed. On March 29th the confirmands will learn about confession and forgiveness.

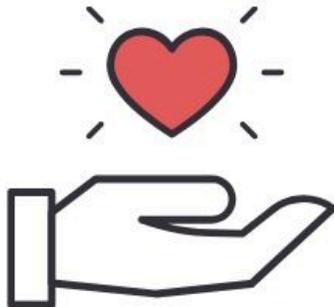
Our 7th graders are preparing for Confirmation by attending a pre-confirmation class held during Sunday school time that covers the Bible from creation to Revelation. In February the students learned about Wisdom, Job and Esther. In March the students will learn about the rise of Rome, maps, the New Testament, Jesus, and Matthew.

Raise Them Up! - April 26 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, or just come to the discussion. We will be discussing Chapter 5 of the book during this fifth of six sessions.



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



2020 Redeemer Vacation Bible School Registration
Monday, August 3 – Friday, August 7
9:30 a.m. – noon

Rocky Railway: Jesus’ Power Pulls Us Through - is a morning Vacation Bible School (VBS) program for children, **age 4 (by October 1, 2020) to grade 5**, sponsored by **The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer**. 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. **Please Note: There is a fee for participating children of \$20 for one child, \$35 for 2 children, or \$45 for 3 or more children to cover the costs of the program** (no charge for volunteers). **In addition, families will be asked to bring specific items for snack time (“Chew Chew Snacks”). Please include a check payable to Redeemer VBS with the registration form.** Return the form and the check to: VBS Director, 55 Wyckoff Avenue, Ramsey, NJ 07446, at your earliest convenience. **We are supporting the Center for Food Action in Mahwah, and request that the children bring in non-perishable food items each day of VBS for donation.**

Questions? Email: FaithFormation@RedeemerRamsey.org



PLEASE COMPLETE THIS INFORMATION FOR CHILDREN REGISTERING AS WELL AS VOLUNTEERS UNDER THE AGE OF 21

 Last Name

 Address

 City, State, Zip

 Cell Phone 1

 Cell Phone 2

 Home Phone

 Email

 Parent / Guardian’s Name

Member of Redeemer? () YES () NO

If NO, name of home parish: _____

 Parent / Guardian’s Name

Member of Redeemer? () YES () NO

If NO, name of home parish: _____

 Child’s Name

 Birthdate

 Grade (Fall 2020)

 Are there any legal custody restriction we should be aware of? () YES () NO

List in order of preference, person(s) to be called if parents / guardians CANNOT be reached.

1. Name, address, phone _____

2. Name, address, phone _____

HEALTH INFORMATION

Please advise us of any relevant conditions, allergies, learning disabilities or other issues

Does your child require: EpiPen () YES () NO / Inhaler () YES () NO

Aides: Does your child require a one-on-one or shared aide during the school day: () YES () NO

Photo and Publishing Permission: I agree to allow The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer to use individual or group photographs of my child for related news articles, publications, website, social media, and/or advertisements. **Check one: () YES () NO**

Adults are encouraged to volunteer during the week! Would you be willing to be a volunteer? () YES () NO



Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
First Sunday of Lent 1 8:00A Svc of Holy Communion 9:15A Sunday School 10:15A Svc of Holy Communion 11:15A Coffee Hour	2	3	4	5	6	7
8:00A Svc of Holy Communion 9:15A Sunday School 10:15A Svc of Holy Communion 11:15A Coffee Hour			10:00A Bible Study	10:00A Al- Anon Fellowship Hall 7:30 Choir Rehearsal		
Second Sunday of Lent 8 Girl Scout Sunday 8:00A Svc of Holy Communion 9:15A Sunday School 10:15A Svc of Holy Communion 11:15A Coffee Hour	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:00A Svc of Holy Communion 9:15A Sunday School 10:15A Svc of Holy Communion 11:15A Coffee Hour		7:30P Council Meeting	10:00A Bible Study	10:00A Al- Anon Fellowship Hall 7:30 Choir Rehearsal		
3rd Sunday of Lent 15 8:00A Svc of Holy Communion 9:15A All Ages Sunday School 10:15A Svc of Holy Communion 11:15A Coffee Hour	16	17	18	19	20	21
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4th Sunday of Lent 22 8:00A Svc of Holy Communion 9:15A Sunday School 10:15A Svc of Holy Communion 11:15A Coffee Hour	23	24	25	26	27	28
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5th Sunday of Lent 29 First Holy Communion Sunday 8:00A Svc of Holy Communion 9:15A Sunday School 10:15A Svc of Holy Communion 11:15A Coffee Hour	30	31				
	7:30P Adult Ed					

May God Bless You on Your Birthday

- 3/1 Mike McKeown
- 3/3 Braeleigh Peterson
- 3/4 Lynsey Bradley, Dorothy Linderman
- 3/8 Carol Dunbar, Meredith Dykstra, Molly Miller, Jakob Oliver, Sean Royle
- 3/9 Fred Damiano, Annabella Dendy
- 3/10 Laura Chernick, Yvonne Schadei
- 3/11 Dianne Knichel, Chad Thompson
- 3/12 Ashley Knichel
- 3/13 Margaret Lee
- 3/14 Murphy Makely
- 3/16 Adler Buerkle
- 3/17 Philip Godwin
- 3/19 Robert Dykstra, Bruce Whitaker
- 3/20 Tina Eide
- 3/23 Jennifer Hommez
- 3/25 Fred Backhaus, Nate Buettner, Stephanie Doyle
- 3/26 Donald Rigg
- 3/28 Diane Sundermann
- 3/30 Janette Daehnke
- 3/31 Katya Habas



Wedding Anniversaries

- 3/17 Mary and Robert Wortmann
- 3/21 Kathryn and John Redin
- 3/27 Tanya and Michael Shields



Baptismal Anniversaries

- 3/1 Connor Behrmann
- 3/7 Kristen Kunz
- 3/13 Chloe Austin, Elizabeth Niederauer
- 3/14 Ariel McKeown, Chris Wilson
- 3/21 Ian McKeown
- 3/25 Jessica Cozine Vaught
- 3/28 Dorothy Holmes, Zachary Pacenza
- 3/30 Ryan Layng, Josephine Schultz, Ted Ufferfilge
- 3/31 Colette Mulhall, Lily Mulhall

Redeemer Reminder articles for the month of April are due Thursday, March, 19

Please submit to office@redeemerramsey.org or denise.bogatch@hotmail.com.