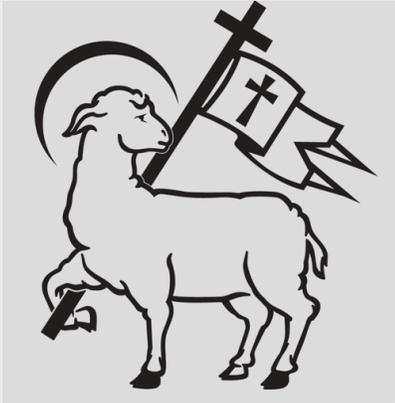


# THE REDEEMER REMINDER

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## Pastor's Message

by Pastor Michael C. Linderman, Ph. D.

Dear Redeemer family,  
I admit it. I did not see this coming. I've imagined many challenging scenarios for the church in our time, but not this one. There is plenty of historical precedent to go on, such as the plagues of Europe centuries ago, or the 1918 Flu Pandemic in America, but I admit, this just wasn't on my radar. Now, we are all trying to adapt to the economic and social realities of distancing, extra hygiene, and living with the mystery of what could happen if we or loved ones get the virus. It is a very stressful time, and the stress and anxiety undermine our personal sense of wellbeing, as well as that of our families and communities.

What can the church do in this situation? Well, we are adapting as quickly as we can in order to stay in contact with each other. Thus, in this issue of the Reminder, we have several pages on how to access our digital communications. There are instructions for viewing virtual worship (see the April calendar for schedule), with or without Facebook; finding our YouTube channel, "Lamb and Flag Ministries"; how to access the multiple Zoom meetings we are holding for Sunday school and group discussions; and instructions for using the Tithe.ly giving app on our church website to make a donation electronically if you want.

We are also praying more. This seems logical, since many of us feel helpless to otherwise change things (yet, being strict in social distancing, wearing a mask, and washing your hands IS helping the situation!). We are also making homemade masks for local healthcare providers, collecting food and donating funds for the food bank. We are also reaching out to our neighbors more deliberately. When we do, we are sharing the love of God in a concrete way, for God reached out to us in a concrete way—in the life, death and resurrection of his Son. In his resurrection life now, we find the hope to live faithfully, not giving in to despair, or cynicism, or selfishness. We can live for God and the good of the world God created. Happy Easter! To God be the Glory. +PL

## Sign up to volunteer in worship!

We hope that we are able to gather in worship again—together—by June, so **please update your volunteer profile on Ministry Scheduler Pro by April 30 as we will be posting the June - August schedule in early May.**

Need help? Call or email Stephanie. She is happy to help! We are especially in need of assistant ministers and ushers. Thank you!

## Music for Healing and Peace

**“...resounds again in a song that has no ending. Amen”**

Keep the music coming! I'm hearing this request from all over. Our choir misses singing each week in rehearsal and then for all of you on Sunday morning. I and my other Music Director friends look for opportunities and technology to keep the music playing for us all. At Redeemer, we are hopeful that this week we will fix sound quality issues allowing us to hear our wonderful organ sounding its best.

Stay tuned for progress in getting music to you via Redeemer's Facebook page or on our YouTube channel. In the meantime, here are a few links to keep music in your ears and hearts:

Two beautiful anthems from Harmonium - an outstanding New Jersey-based chorus;

<https://youtu.be/mWf7eBVrwzQ>

<https://youtu.be/A5fX4RnqH9c>

Finally, the beautiful and contemplative Taize chant the choir sang for us on their last "in-person" anthem for you--<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=npjgYMt2pHc>

(skip the ad to get to the chant)

– Fran [Music@redeemerramsey.org](mailto:Music@redeemerramsey.org)

## Pandemic Response



From the Social Ministry Committee: Pastor Linderman was contacted by Megan Hany, who is a Nurse Manager at Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern. There is a serious shortage of PPE nationwide. Megan inquired if members of Lutheran Redeemer would be able to help by sewing face masks. The Social Ministry Committee and members of our Redeemer Quilters are responding by making masks for the health care professionals of Good Samaritan Hospital.

HE IS RISEN  
 Forgiven  
 For God so Loved the World  
 LAMB of God  
 love  
 He is Risen Indeed  
 CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY  
 HALLELUJAH  
 Eternal Life  
 Redeemer  
 my savior

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by Stephanie Doyle, Faith Formation Director

### **A Prayer for Young People During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

By Megan DeWald, Assistant Director, Institute for Youth Ministry at Princeton Theological Seminary

God our Comforter,

For the young people whose immune systems are vulnerable to this virus, who feel statistically insignificant, even though they are infinitely loved,

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the young people who rely on schools and social gatherings for food, shelter, water, safety and belonging,

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the young people who are in prisons and juvenile detention centers, who are often discounted and already feel forgotten and alone,

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the young people who are facing discrimination, prejudice, and racism from people who are scared, angry, and looking for someone to blame,

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the young people who are experiencing homelessness, and for those for whom home is a dangerous place,

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the young people who had their last class with their favorite teacher, their last practice with their favorite coach, their last rehearsal for their favorite musical,

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the young people who are grieving the sudden end to their senior year, who won't have a prom, a graduation ceremony, or other anticipated rites of passage,

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the young people who are unafraid, annoyed, and bored, who think the world is overreacting and feel restless and rootless while they wait,

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the young people who are scared, anxious, and disparaging, who feel like they are emerging into a broken world that is their job to fix,

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the young people who draw on their identity in Jesus Christ, who want to offer help and love for their neighbor when they feel so distant from their neighbor,

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Amen.

## Youth News

by Kirsten Buerkle, Youth Ministry 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



Christian art in the time of social distancing—Alana Pra poses with her family's "painted glass" living room window.



## Christian Education News

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

### Adult Education - \*Tentative Monday, April 27 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 session is on "Interpretation: Scripture Reads Us."

### Confirmation News

On March 1<sup>st</sup> the class studied the Lord's Prayer. On March 29<sup>th</sup> the confirmands had an at-home assignment on Confession and Forgiveness. On April 5<sup>th</sup> the confirmands will meet with their Faith Mentors via FaceTime or Skype.

Our 7th graders are preparing for Confirmation by attending a pre-confirmation class held during Sunday school time. In March the students learned about the rise of Rome and maps. Faith formation instruction will continue at home and the students will learn about the New Testament, Jesus, Matthew and Mark in April.

### Raise Them Up! - \*Tentative 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.



### Zoom Coffee Hour - Sunday, April 5, 2020

Join us for a virtual Fellowship / Coffee Hour every Sunday following 10:15am Worship.

To join this Zoom Meeting, go to: <https://zoom.us/j/345715195> Meeting ID: 345 715 195  
Or Dial in by phone +1 929-205-6099 US (New York) Meeting ID: 345 715 195

In this time of separation and distancing, Redeemer members can help our shut-ins feel part of the family by writing cards. Kids can make pictures to send that bring a smile and show our love.

**Elisabeth Gustowarow** – 5 Boroline Road, Apt 217, Saddle River, NJ 07458

**Dorothy Holmes** – c/o Cheryl Ruocco, PO Box 448, Pocono Summit, PA 18346

**Yvonne Schadei** – 814 Wyckoff Avenue, APT 213, Mahwah, NJ 07430

**Elizabeth Ernst** – 14 Harreton Road, Allendale, NJ 07401

**Joan and Bill Schaeffer** – 112 Ackerman Avenue, Ramsey, NJ 07446

**Lillian and Chuck Turner** – 375 Shadyside Road, Ramsey, NJ 07446

**Shirley Vogel** – Oakland Care Center, 20 Breakneck Road, Oakland, NJ 07436

**Patricia Worth** – NJ Veterans Memorial Home, RM S3, 1 Veterans Drive, Paramus, NJ 07652

**Betty & Roy Johnsen** – 114 Maple Street, Ramsey, NJ 07446

**Request Easter Flower memorials**

We are still planning to decorate the sanctuary with flowers for Easter. If you would like to give flowers for the church in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill out this form and return to church **as soon as possible**.

You may also **e-mail your request** to: [office@RedeemerRamsey.org](mailto:office@RedeemerRamsey.org)

Suggested donation is \$20. Checks should be made payable to "Lutheran Church of the Redeemer". Thank you.



**Easter Flowers for the Church**

**NAME:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**I wish to give flowers to the church:**

**In honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**In memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

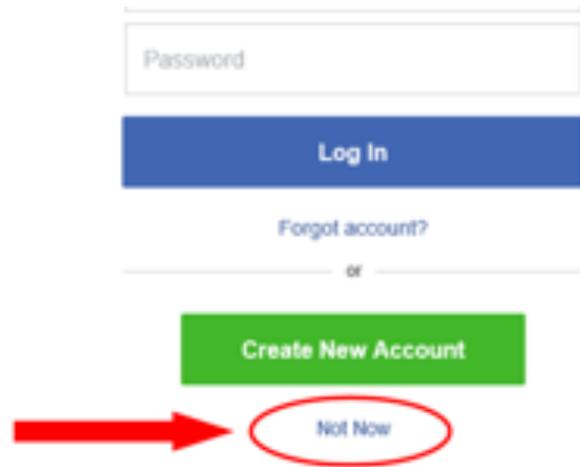
## Watch on Facebook...WITHOUT Facebook!

Because of the Covid19 situation, we are live streaming our worship services to you! Our Sunday and Holy Week Worship Livestream will be on Facebook, but you can watch **even if you do not have a Facebook account!**

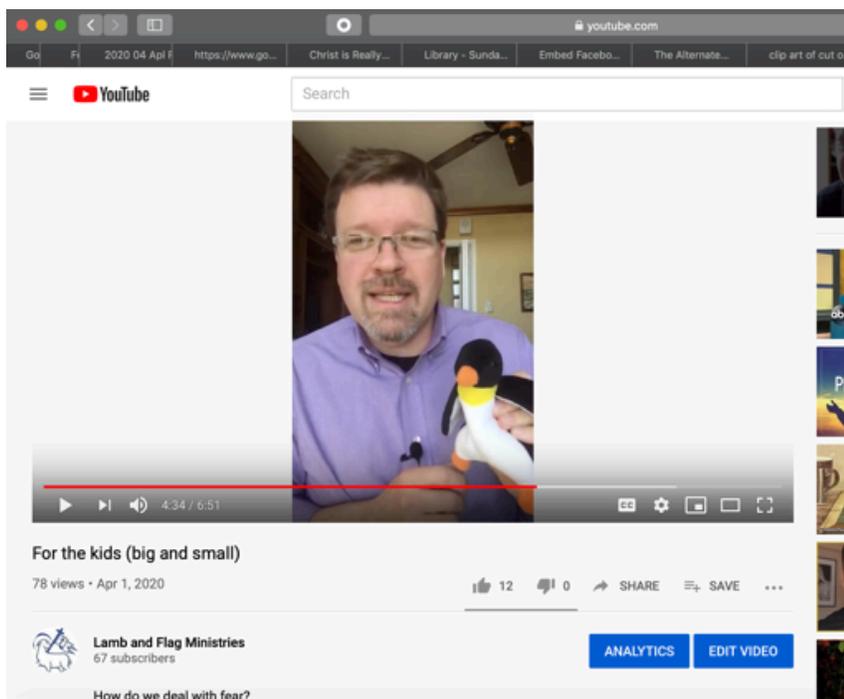
Here is a link to Redeemer's page. Type this into your browser address bar: <https://www.facebook.com/redeemerramsey/>

Within a few seconds of opening the page, you will see the Facebook Login screen: Click on "Not Now" (see image to the right).

This allows you to view the video of the worship service without needing a Facebook account. So please join us!



## Subscribe to our YouTube Channel!



Check out our YouTube Channel: **"Lamb and Flag Ministries"**!

Just put the title of our channel into a Google search bar, or go to YouTube and enter the title in the Search bar.

You will find weekly video messages by Pastor Linderman and recordings of our past worship services on our channel.

Don't forget to subscribe to the channel by clicking the "Subscribe " button!

## Join us for Faith Formation on Zoom!

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

### Wednesday nights- Zoom Podcast Group!

Looking for a way to connect with others for discussion but do not think you have the time to read a book a week? We bet you can manage to listen to a 30 minute podcast and then join us on Zoom at for a discussion. Next Zoom gathering will be Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

First, listen to the episode from "The Distillery" on the topic of "Sabbath Rest" from October 31, 2019:

<https://thethread.ptsem.edu/distillery/2019/10/31/sabbath-rest>

Then, at 7:30pm on **Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>** join us at:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/471812643>

Meeting ID: 471 812 643

(If you are going to join Zoom on a phone, tablet or Chromebook you must download the Zoom app in advance.)

Or dial in by phone

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 471 812 643

Take a listen and then "see" you on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

### Send us photos of your Holy Week art!

Whether you are making crosses out of palms, pipe cleaners, paint or Playdoh, we'd love to see photos of any faith formation activities at home.

Need Holy Week ideas? There is a PowerPoint presentation on the ELCA NJ Synod's website full of ideas:

<https://www.njsynod.org/virtual-church-resources>

Need more ideas? Go to this link full of ideas put together by the ELCA First Third of Life Faith Formation Team

<https://www.ministrylinks.online/faith-at-home.html>

Whatever creations your kids have made at home, email to Stephanie (FaithFormation@RedeemerRamsey.org) photos by Good Friday 4/10 and we'll put them together and post them on our Facebook page and Website for the Easter Vigil on Saturday 4/11 and Easter Morning 4/12.

We look forward to seeing how your kids are crafting crosses and other expressions of their faith at home!

### Sunday School and Youth Check-in each Sunday morning on Zoom!

Toddler - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade 9-9:20am <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/672235243> Meeting ID: 672 235 243

3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 9:30-9:50am <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/658771183> Meeting ID: 658 771 183

7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade including Confirmation 11:30-11:50am <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/268127764> Meeting ID: 268 127 764

10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group 12-12:20pm <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/470377266> Meeting ID: 470 377 266

## Support Redeemer, give online

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by Judith Schaefer, Stewardship Committee

We're excited to share that we've launched online giving at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer through "Tithe.ly", a safe and secure giving platform that allows you to give one-time or recurring gifts! You can get started by using one of the following options:

### **OPTION A.** The Tithe.ly Giving App:

Download the Tithe.ly App from the [App Store](#) (iPhone) or [Google Play Store](#) (Android). Once you've downloaded the app select your church and follow the same steps as above.

- Since this is your first time giving with [Tithe.ly](#) you will be prompted to create an account that you can use for all future gifts.
- The first time you will also need to add your credit/debit card or ACH/banking info.
- Once your account has been created you won't need to enter your personal or payment information. Just enter your PIN and give!
- A reminder you have the ability to set up your gift as recurring.

### **OPTION B.** Redeemer Website Giving:

Go to [www.RedemerRamsey.org](http://www.RedemerRamsey.org) and go to the "Give" menu to give through the church website. It's a safe and easy way to give any time.

### **OPTION C.** The Tithe.ly Website

Set up giving on the Tithe.ly website to give any time using your computer's internet connection. All transactions are safe and secure. Go to Tithe.ly to sign up at [get.tithe.ly](http://get.tithe.ly).

- When the Tithe.ly screen opens, click on SIGN UP FREE >
- Then select GIVE TO YOUR CHURCH
- Then select the GIVE ONLINE button
- Click the Create Account button and complete the information requested You need to this only the first time. You will just need to sign in after completing this screen.
- Follow the screen instructions to make your contribution.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me back and we'd be happy to assist you further! Go to the Tithe.ly website for articles that you may find useful.

Thank you for your generosity and partnering with us to carry out Christ's mission in these difficult and challenging times.

See you on Sunday (online)! - Judith



**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
			1	2	3	4
Sunday of the Passion 5  10:15A Virtual Worship Service –Live on Facebook @ The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Ramsey, NJ –Replay on You Tube Channel “Lamb and Flag Ministries” –Zoom Coffee Hour	6	7  Zoom Bed Time Story 7:30P	8	Holy Thursday 9  7:30P Virtual Worship Service –Live on Facebook @ The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Ramsey, NJ	Good Friday 10  7:30P Virtual Worship Service –Live on Facebook @ The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Ramsey, NJ	11 Easter Vigil 7:30P Virtual Worship –Live on Facebook @ The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
Resurrection of our Lord 12  10:30A Virtual Worship Service –Live on Facebook @ The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Ramsey, NJ –Replay on You Tube Channel “Lamb and Flag Ministries” –Zoom Coffee Hour	13	14	15  Zoom Discus -sion Group 7:30P	16	17	18
Second Sunday of Easter 19  10:15A Virtual Worship Service –Live on Facebook @ The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Ramsey, NJ –Replay on You Tube Channel “Lamb and Flag Ministries” –Zoom Coffee Hour	20	21	22	23	24	25
Second Sunday of Easter 24  10:15A Virtual Worship Service –Live on Facebook @ The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Ramsey, NJ –Replay on You Tube Channel “Lamb and Flag Ministries” –Zoom Coffee Hour	27	28	29	30		

*May God Bless You on Your Birthday*

- 4/1 Peter Eide
- 4/2 Chase Cusack
- 4/4 Alexandra Finlayson
- 4/6 Jackson Koch, Fred Ufferfilge
- 4/8 Ayden Hawkesworth, Bob Roller
- 4/9 Jack Farinaro, Mekenzie Hansson, Jana Mones
- 4/10 Presley Oliver
- 4/11 Sean Wilson
- 4/12 April Pacenza
- 4/13 Kevin Foelsch, Steven Stauss, Erik Vozech
- 4/14 Lisa Dottii, Elly Gager, Liam Gager, Ashley Pacenza
- 4/15 Victoria Pacenza
- 4/18 Scarlett Hansson, Madge Koch, Lorelei Thompson
- 4/22 Patricia Murphy, Paul Rosen
- 4/23 Gwen Pra
- 4/25 Carol Cunningham
- 4/26 Alana Pra
- 4/28 Heather Layng
- 4/29 Kennedy Cusack, Brenden Daehnke
- 4/30 Fran Morton

Redeemer Reminder articles for the month of May are due Thursday, April, 23

Please submit to  
[office@redeemerramsey.org](mailto:office@redeemerramsey.org) or  
[denise.bogatch@hotmail.com](mailto:denise.bogatch@hotmail.com).



**Wedding Anniversaries**

- 4/2 Sarah and Patrik Hansson
- 4/10 Kristen and Richard Kunz
- 4/11 Liesel and Richard Carvajal
- 4/15 Marian and Fred Ufferfilge
- 4/16 Lee and David March
- 4/17 Lis and Tony Conboy
- 4/19 Joan and Bill Schaeffer
- 4/21 Bettina and Bruce Vozech
- 4/22 Denise and Keith Bogatch
- 4/25 Nancy and Walt Kaiser
- 4/29 Marissa and Lukas Soltysik
- 4/30 Karin and Kurt Pralle



**Baptismal Anniversaries**

- 4/1 Laura Behrmann, Lisa Pyles
- 4/6 Amanda McPeek
- 4/7 Nicholas Daehnke-Falbo
- 4/9 Christina Vierling
- 4/11 Joyce Manke
- 4/12 Lois Spreen
- 4/14 Steven Mones
- 4/15 GiannaMarie Conti
- 4/16 Dorothy Linderman
- 4/22 John Creegan, Chloe Hudson, Christiana Mones
- 4/23 Gerry Dey
- 4/24 Abby Kunz, Taylor Vozech
- 4/25 Kevin DiGruttilla, Samantha Massaro, Jordan Vozech
- 4/27 Kimberly Creegan
- 4/28 Alexa DiGruttilla, Hailey Niederauer
- 4/29 Ryan Brazel