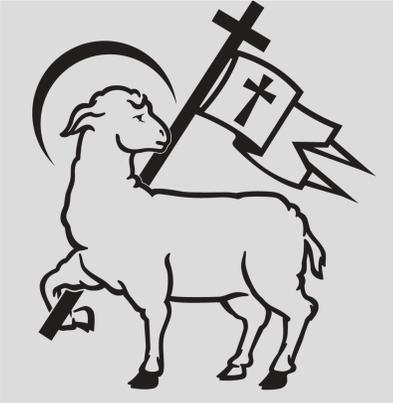


THE REDEEMER REMINDER

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Pastor's Message

by Pastor Michael C. Linderman, Ph. D.

It seems like 2021 is rushing us along. February is already here, and we are preparing for the season of Lent at Redeemer. Last year, Ash Wednesday occurred at the end of February, and the coming lockdown hadn't happened yet. Later in March, we were not able to gather for our regular Sunday services, or for our Wednesday night Soup and Prayer gatherings. The pandemic took Lent away from us just as it got going.

This year, we will celebrate Lent in the way we have become accustomed: livestream services, limited in-person attendance for any service we do, and Zoom Sunday School and meetings. [*For Ash Wed info, go to p. 5*] Our experience of limitation, of "restriction", that we have tolerated because of the pandemic is somehow a natural fit for the season of Lent. Since Lent is focused on a cleansing, of using the time to help us prepare for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter, it has involved fasting, or "restriction", for centuries.

The difference for us is that the restrictions we find ourselves negotiating today are not self-chosen or deliberate. They are mandated by circumstance. But for Christians who are serious about the "renewal of our minds" (Romans 12:2), maybe we can look at Lent this year as an opportunity? Instead of simply tolerating the restrictions we have to deal with, why not embrace them deliberately in prayer? You don't have to like the situation. In fact, we might really be angry at the situation. But we can always wrap our feelings in honest, clear-sighted prayer. Let us lift up our lives to our Lord Jesus Christ in prayer this Lent, and may his grace and peace fill our hearts. Peace to you all. +PL

Social Ministry

by Regina Karch, Chair

Many people were recipients of the generosity of our Congregation.

We collected gift cards in the amount of \$25.00 each. We donated 41 gift cards to the Christmas Blessings Project-Catholic Charities of Paterson, 22 gift cards to St. Stephen's Grace Church in Newark, 13 gift cards to Ramsey Responds and 11 to the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation. That is 87 gift cards in total which is \$2,175.00!!! That is INCREDIBLE!! Your kindness has been sent to many people! Diane Sundermann from Ramsey Responds sent a thank you acknowledgement to you all. You have been "cheerful givers!"

We cannot collect food donations for our "Souper Bowl" this year. Please remember that the Center For Food Action in Mahwah and St. Paul's in Ramsey in conjunction with Ramsey Responds will gratefully accept food donations.



Evangelism

by Carol Dunbar, Chair

From the Director of Global Mission Funding of the ELCA in America

"Thank you for your faithful support of ELCA global missionaries and ministries. We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world - together. Because of your generosity in 2020 the ELCA has been able to support more than 100 missionaries in over 40 countries who are serving alongside our companions in Christ."

The Evangelism Committee of Redeemer would like to extend our own thank you to the congregation in your support of our mission partner, Janelle Neubauer, in Rwanda.

We hope you enjoyed her letter that was sent to the congregation at the end of 2020. It was great to hear from her, and I know she appreciates the support of our congregation.

Thank you again. Best wishes and blessings from the Evangelism Committee

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Thrivent qualified members, thank you for remembering Redeemer with your Choice Dollars. They will have to be directed before the end of March, otherwise they'll be directed elsewhere. Choice Dollars are most helpful for special projects we do in our congregational programs.

Questions: Contact Joyce Manke at
201-825-3774

Stewardship

by Judith Schaefer, Chair

We are happy to report that our 2021 campaign picked up a total of 10 new intents (pledgers), as of the end of January! Thank you so much to all of you that have pledged for 2021. In the end, we received 81 intents for \$189,452.00, an increase of \$8,890 over 2019!

This year, our efforts turn toward encouraging good stewardship of our worship. Through out the year, the times of changing the church seasons give us ample opportunity for gratitude and generosity. We hope you will join us in charting the seasons, either by using the special offering envelopes for the festival days, or using our online giving options, found on our church website at the bright green "Give" button.

Thanks for all your support!



Fellowship

by Gwen Kaulfers, Chair

SHROVE TUESDAY TAILGATE PARTY

Shrove Tuesday is also known as Fat Tuesday, Fasching, Fastnacht, Carnival/Karneval, or Mardi Gras!

Traditionally, on the night before Ash Wednesday, Christians are called to remember their sins before Lent begins, and then have a party! To prepare for the fasting, people would empty their larders of the heavy foods that they intend to give up, and bake it up in something sweet, and celebrate!

So let's dig up some treats "from the larder" and tailgate in the church parking lot! Make some pancakes (or whatever you want!), don't forget the condiments, dress up your cars, bring chairs to sit in (or sit in your car) and mingle (distantly!) with fellow members. We'll have music, and a parade around the lot! Look for the sign up on the church website! Join us!



Faith Formation Views

by Stephanie Doyle, Faith Formation Director

GODPARENTING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

This year at Redeemer we are going to do something new: dedicating one Sunday as “Godparenting Sunday” to remember our baptism, our sponsors, and those we’ve sponsored. We will acknowledge the day during worship to support the lifelong relationship between godparent and godchild by lifting up that relationship. We are encouraging the congregation to reach out to their own baptismal sponsors and those they have sponsored. Here are some suggestions on how to do that:

- Have your child or teen send their baptismal sponsors a text: “Today was Godparenting Sunday at our church, so I thought of you!” Send a similar text or email to your godparents or godchildren or call them on the phone.
- As February 21 is during Lent, make or buy Easter cards to send to godchildren or godparents, perhaps with a water, dove, or candle design. Add Romans 6:4 for adult godchildren, or simpler words linking Easter’s new life with baptism for young godchildren.
- Create a photo collage of the “generations” of godparents –a godparent, his or her godchild, the godchild’s godchild, etc.
- Tell the story of the child’s baptismal day, maybe looking at photos together. Compare it to baptismal stories of other members of the family. Remind one another that they all have the common

elements of water, word, and the everlasting gracious promise of Christ.

- Send your godchild a watery gift like bath toys, bubble bath or shower gel, squirt toys, pool or beach toys, recordings of songs or music with a water theme, movies or computer games set in a watery world, or water-sports equipment.
 - Do something good for the world. Choose an organization together and make a donation.
 - If your godchild is now an adult, get in touch. It’s never too late to reconnect! Even adults need older friends who love and support them in their faith journey.
 - Adults like presents too! Think of something watery: water-filtering pitcher, songs or music, swimming, boating or beach stuff, scented bath or shower gel, or a donation to a marine conservation organization.
- However you choose to remember your baptism and the baptism of your godchildren, the relationship between godparent and godchild can be deep, meaningful, and lifelong. It’s a relationship that recalls for both people the ongoing meaning of God’s baptismal promise. Sponsorship always has been the church’s way of giving people company on their faith journey. No one becomes a Christian in isolation: Jesus calls us into community. We all need to remember our baptism, to be reminded that our identity is rooted deep in the promise of God. Staying connected and concerned as a godparent is a witness that one splash of water is enough grace for a lifetime.

Young Adult and Youth News

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



**Boy / Cub Scout Sunday,
February 14
during 10:15am Worship**

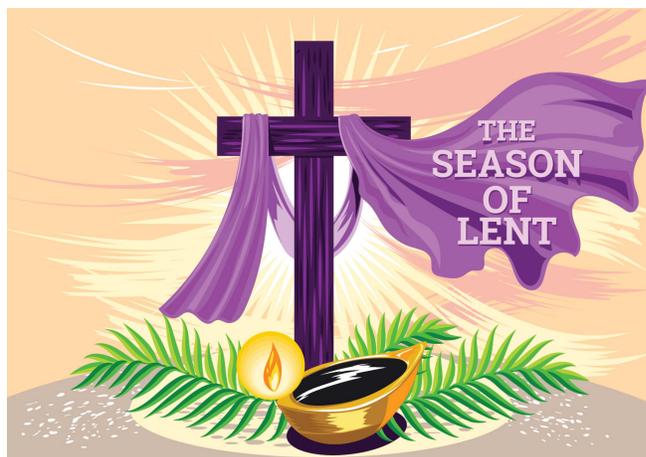
**Girl Scout Sunday,
March 7
during 10:15am Worship**

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE OF ASHES BOTH LIVESTREAM AND IN-PERSON

Wednesday Feb 17, 2021 7:30PM

To attend in-person, sign up with the link on our website homepage. Or tune in on Facebook and YouTube.

NOTE: Pick up ashes for blessing yourself during the service—on Ash Wed between 12 noon and 7:30P in the church breezeway.



Youth Gathering

The 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering will be held July 24-28, 2022, in Minneapolis, with the two pre-events, the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) and the tAble, scheduled for July 21-24, 2022. Learn more at <https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering>



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2021 Youth Retreats | EXPLORE!

EXPLORE! with Cross Roads this winter at our virtual youth retreats. Over the course of a few hours, kids and youth leaders will EXPLORE the ways God is present in our world and in our lives. We will play games, read stories from the Bible, get moving, worship together, and have fun! There are three EXPLORE! retreat dates and times for different age groups:

Grades K - 2: Saturday, February 13 from 10 am - 12 pm

Grades 3 - 5: Saturday, February 13 from 1 - 3 pm

Grades 6 - 8: Saturday, March 13 from 10 am - 12 pm

There is a suggested registration fee of \$15 for these retreats. Youth groups can register as a group or families can register their children individually.

Christian Education News

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

Sunday School Schedule for February:

Every Sunday in February

9am Toddler - 2nd Grade on Zoom

9:30am 3rd - 6th Grade on Zoom

11:30am 7th Grade Pre-Confirmation on Zoom



Reminder - All 3rd - 6th grade students should bring their Good News Bibles each week to use in Sunday School on Zoom.

First Holy Communion for 4th Graders



4th Graders will be meeting with Pastor Linderman three Thursday nights at 7pm on Zoom to prepare for their First Holy Communion: March 4, March 11, and March 18.

They will receive their First

Holy Communion during Worship on Sunday, March 21 at 10:15am.

Bible Study Wednesdays at 10am socially distanced in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom

Adult Education continues Monday, February 22nd at 7:30pm on Zoom

For the 2020-2021 year, we will be using the seven-part series entitled "Dialogues On: Race." Each Dialogues On: Race lesson includes perspectives from thought leaders challenging the legacy of racism within the American church. February's session will be on "Whither the Women?: Race, Gender, and the Intersecting Nature of Oppression."

Confirmation News

On January 10th, Pastor Paul Miller taught a class on Lutheran Worship Practices. On January 24th, Pastor Linderman taught a class on The Cross. The teens "attended" worship with their Faith Mentors on January 31st and then "met" to discuss what it means to be a welcoming church. In February, the confirmands will learn about doubt and the devil.

Our 7th graders are preparing for Confirmation by attending a pre-confirmation class held Sunday mornings that covers the Bible from creation to Revelation. In January they will learned about Psalms and Wisdom. In February they will finish up the Old Testament with Job, Esther, and the Rise of Rome and begin the New Testament learning about its geography..

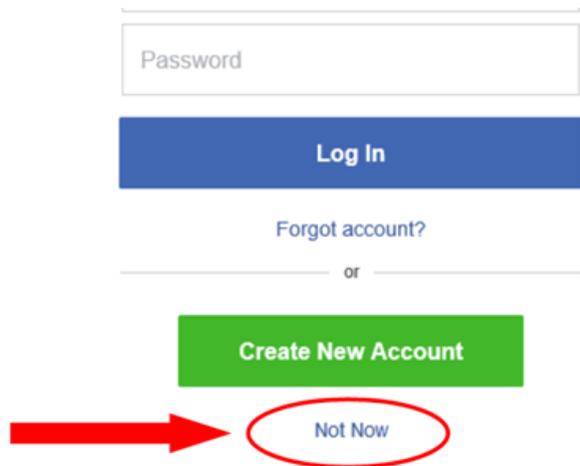
Watch on Facebook...WITHOUT Facebook!

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!**

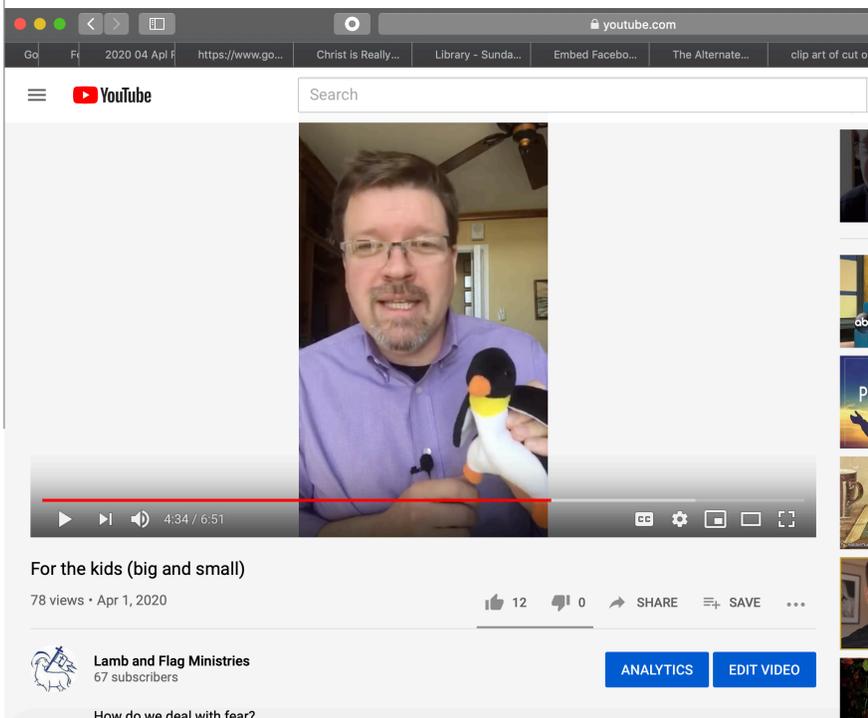
Here is a link to Redeemer's page. Type this into your browser address bar: <https://www.facebook.com/redeemerramsey/>

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!

Support Redeemer, Give Online

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 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.

- 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

FEBRUARY

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 First Day of Black History Month 10A Redeemer Quilters 1:30P Redeemer Quilters	2 Presentation of the Lord	3 NO Bible Study	4	5	6
5th Sunday after Epiphany 7 9:00A Toddler – 2nd grade SS on Zoom 9:30A 3rd – 6th grade SS on Zoom 10:15A Worship Service 11:15A Zoom Fellowship / Coffee Hour 11:30A 7th grade pre-confirmation Zoom 4:30P 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation	8	9 7:30P Council Meeting on Zoom	10 10A Bible Study in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom	11	12	13
Transfiguration Sunday 14 Boy / Cub Scout Sunday / Valentine’s Day 9:00A Toddler – 2nd grade SS on Zoom 9:30A 3rd – 6th grade SS on Zoom 10:15A Worship Service 11:15A Zoom Fellowship / Coffee Hour 11:30A 7th grade pre-confirmation Zoom	15 Presidents’ Day 10:00A Redeemer Quilters 1:30P Redeemer Quilters	16 Shrove Tuesday Tailgate Party 5:30P	17 Ash Wednesday NO Bible Study 7:30P Worship Service	18 RR articles due	19	20
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2nd Sunday in Lent 28 9:00A Toddler – 2nd grade SS on Zoom 9:30A 3rd – 6th grade SS on Zoom 10:15A Worship Service 11:15A Zoom Fellowship / Coffee Hour 11:30A 7th grade pre-confirmation Zoom			10A Bible Study Lenten Livestream service 7:30P			

Join us for a virtual Fellowship / Coffee Hour every Sunday following 10:15am Worship.
 To join this Zoom Meeting, go to:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/345715195?pwd=NVFrbTZTUU96SWRnbUgvRWZEM2tUZz09>
 Meeting ID: 345 715 195, Password: 147185

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 Hany
- 2/9 Zachary Pacenza
- 2/10 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, James Finlayson, Scott Ponath
- 2/21 Taylor Vozeh
- 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, Chris Scala
- 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 18

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