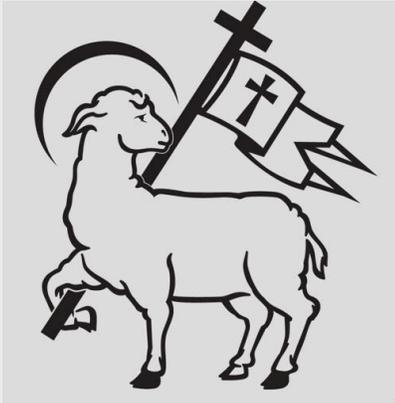


# THE REDEEMER REMINDER

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## Pastor's Message

by Pastor Michael C. Linderman, Ph. D.

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." (Isa. 23:19)

Recently, I listened to a podcast of an interview with an historian of Russian and Ukrainian history. It was fascinating to me to learn of the history of that region, and about some of the unique factors in the war that Russia has carried out there. What I learned helped bring perspective to my views, while it also quickened my sense of outrage and powerlessness. But there was a moment in the interview when the scholar mentioned a small silver lining that may come out of the destruction and death that this war has unleashed. The many surprises of this conflict have led us to question why we have done or settled for certain things the way we have. He said that there is a new opportunity here for a re-thinking of the relationships between the nations, especially east and west, and between alliances in the region and beyond. This new opportunity offers a chance to seek a more secure future for the world, to imagine a more stable peace, and also a more creative sharing in our common life together. In the midst of my sense of hopelessness, I was surprised by this simple suggestion that a chance for something new was on the horizon.

Of course, this new opportunity may seem like cold comfort to those who are suffering so much right now, and whose lives are being upended or destroyed by aggression and oppression. But in the light of the Easter message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ—that Christ is alive and not dead, and that new life will come out of death—such a hope seems at least faithful, if not risky. What more can a person who is defending their home by risking death hope for, than that one day, their sacrifice and hopefulness will give birth to a new peace for their children and the world?

From a biblical point of view, wars repeat the same human folly, generation after generation, and unfortunately, they will continue until the end of time. But the promise of the risen Christ for us today is that new life springs forth from death because God is preparing to do a new thing. God is a God of life, and not a God of death. Can we be faithful to this promise? Yes, I believe we can, by the help of the Holy Spirit. +PL

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## Social Ministry

by Sharon Vogel, Chair

A big thank you to Sharon Hearn, Karin Pralle, and Karen Vozech for providing sweet treats which were delivered by Pastor and Sharon Vogel to our home-bound members. In addition, the Pacenza family made beautiful cards to accompany the treats!

April Social Ministry envelope donations are for Ramsey Responds.

ELCA is asking for donations for their Eastern European Crisis Response to assist the thousands of refugees due to the war on Ukraine. Lutheran Disaster Response will be providing immediate support and supplies such as food, water, blankets, and hygiene kits, as well as pastoral and psychological support.

To donate: [www.ELCA.org/](http://www.ELCA.org/) Search for Eastern European Crisis Response

### Social Ministry Monthly Envelope Designations 2022

- April- Ramsey Responds
- May- Center For Food Action
- June- Family Promise
- July- Lutheran Social Ministry of NJ
- August- Oasis - A Haven for Women and Children
- September- Habitat for Humanity
- October- St. Stephan's Grace Church
- November- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service
- December- NJ Synod of the ELCA

## Bishop's Challenge Quilt

By Karin Pralle

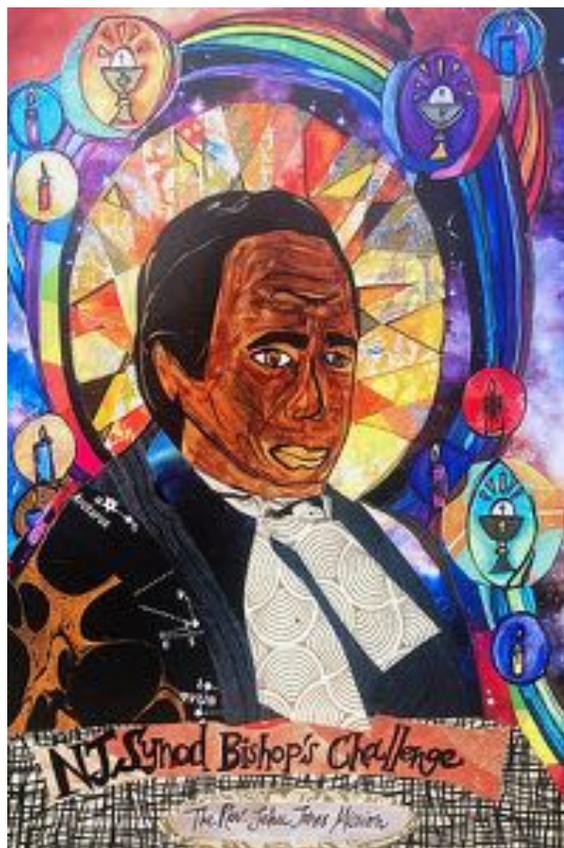
As part of Redeemer's commitment to the Bishop's Challenge, the Redeemer Quilting Group designed a quilt patch (to be exactly 10" by 10") for the Bishop's Challenge Quilt.

The group discussed together the proposed visual presentation and we then decided on a traditional quilt motif that had been used by the Underground Railroad: "**Jacob's Ladder**". This motif represents the idea of overcoming obstacles and barriers. Our ladder goes diagonally across and beyond the designated limit line of this patch in order to illustrate the continuation of their struggles. Also, throughout the centuries faith has helped us all succeed in our struggles and endeavors. Therefore, we have added the cross with the alpha and omega letters.



## 2022 Bishop's Challenge

by Sharon Vogel, Social Ministry Chair



The 2021-2022 Bishop's Challenge – the “Jehu Jones Mission”, draws to a close in May. We have learned much through this program, both individually, and as a church. We have listened and learned, through activities such as the Bishop's Challenge Bible Study and the Book Discussion on “The Warmth of Other Suns”. We have learned from the “Quilts in the Black Tradition” seminar, and from the Bus Trip to the African American Museum in Philadelphia.

Congregations of the NJ Synod have been invited to create a quilt square

that will be joined to those of other congregations in a commemorative quilt that will be introduced at the NJ Synod Assembly on May 6-7, 2022. The quilt will then hang in the NJ Synod office in Trenton. Redeemer's quilt square is explained on page ... of this newsletter.

Redeemer has made an official donation to “buy back” a plot for Rev. Jehu Jones' church (he paid \$375 for a plot of land in 1832). We encourage further donations from individual members as part of your personal contribution to the Bishop's Challenge scholarship fund for seminarians of African decent. (Indicate “Bishop's Challenge” on the memo line of your check.) Bishop Bartholomew will award scholarships as needed to help emerging leaders undertake their seminary studies.

Individual members are encouraged to continue to engage with the Jehu Jones Mission Challenge. All educational resources will remain on the synod website for your use. Thank you for your attention and participation!

"[www.njsynod.org/bishopschallenge](http://www.njsynod.org/bishopschallenge)" to register and get more information.



# LENTEN CALENDAR

Every Sunday with Holy Communion Service at 10:15 a.m.  
Easter Sunday Services 6:30am (Cemetery); 8:30am at church; 10:30am at church

## **Remaining Sunday School in Lent – 4/10**

### **Wednesday Night Lenten Prayer**

Final Evening Prayer Service April 6 at 7:30 p.m.

The theme for this year's series is "Turning toward God's Abundance: A Lenten Service of Word and Prayer". These services will help you focus your Lenten energy and strengthen the peace of the Lord in your heart.

## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

### **Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday**

April 10 at 10:15 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion

***Join us for Coffee Hour after the service!***

### **Maundy Thursday**

April 14, at 12 noon and 7:30 p.m. Service of Holy Communion

### **Good Friday**

April 15, at 12 noon and 7:30 p.m. Service of Prayer and Meditation

### **Easter Vigil**

April 16, at 7:30pm

### **Resurrection of Our Lord**

Sunday, April 17

Sunrise Service at Redeemer Cemetery at 6:30 a.m. 90 Chapel Road, Mahwah

Service of Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at Redeemer

***Join us for Coffee Hour after the service!***

## Christian Education News

by Heather Layng, Christian Education Chair

### Sunday School Schedule for April:

**4/3- NO CLASS**

**4/10- CLASS**

**4/17- EASTER EGG HUNT 9:30am**

**4/24- CLASS**

**5/1- CLASS**

Class days begin at 9:15 AM

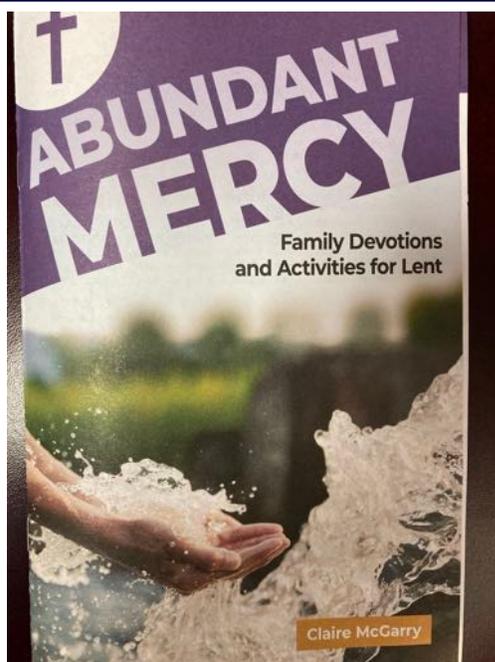
Toddler - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Pre-Confirmation

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

KEEP READING!! Our Congregation-wide Lenten **devotional booklet, "Abundant Mercy"**, offers devotional resources up through Holy Saturday!



### Confirmation News:

- Our 9th graders will Affirm their Baptism on Easter Sunday at our 10:15am service. Please pray for them and their families as they prepare for this special day.
- Our final class is April 3, at 4:30pm at the church.
- Our final make up class is Monday, April 4, 7:30pm.



### April 3, 2022 – First Holy Communion Sunday!

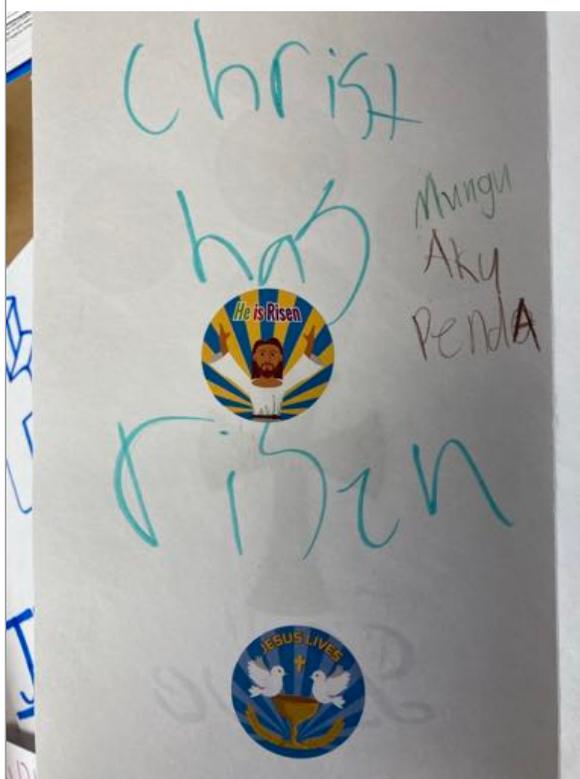
We celebrate three 4th graders and one 6th grader as they receive their First Holy Communion on April 3, in church, at the 10:15 am service. Please pray for them as they prepare for this special event.

### Bible Study Wednesdays at 10am

socially distanced in the Lounge and on Zoom

## Sunday school Easter Cards for Redeemer's Missionary

Redeemer Sunday school children made Easter cards for Daudi Mseemmaa, the ELCA missionary in Tanzania that we support. Daudi will deliver these cards to churches that he visits in Tanzania and Kenya during the Easter Season. The kids learned that in Swahili, "Mungu akupenda" means "God loves you!"



## Music Notes —

by Fran Morton, Music Director

### Harp, Lute and Lyre. . . Sing to the Lord a New Song

Continuing our celebration of Redeemer's pipe organ this year, the original committee that chose Peragallo and helped design our current organ were ahead of their time in one very important way. 30 years ago pipe organ designers were just beginning to think about:

*What if we were able to combine true acoustic sounds from pipes with electronically generated sounds that are musical and fully compatible with the pipes. Hmmmm? Could we actually create pipe organs with both that would sound wonderful?*

And so, our original pipe organ has an early MIDI (musical instrument digital interface) that allowed the organist to play both pipes and digital voices using the organ keyboards. That system is no longer playable or updatable, but in the intervening 30 years the MIDI technology has gotten vastly more sophisticated, both technologically and musically. The result is most new pipe organs built today contain pipes, electronic voices, and MIDI. Many, many pipe organs have joined the 21st Century world of "hybrids."

There will be a MIDI and some electronic voices in our organ when this year's upgrade project is completed. In our situation there were a couple of main issues that we needed a creative way to address -

1. Record and playback from the organ console - we need this capability to allow playback of pre-recorded organ music from the console, and, we need to be able to record and playback from our new carillon. MIDI gives us both of these options.
2. The original design for the acoustic pipes in the instrument was not fully accomplished, and, there is no room for physical additions to the pipe chambers.

So, as part of the upcoming project we will be joining the ranks of 21<sup>st</sup> Century organ design by creating our own hybrid instrument! Stay tuned...

NOTE: Did you recognize the title? A selection of text from ELW 731 Earth and All



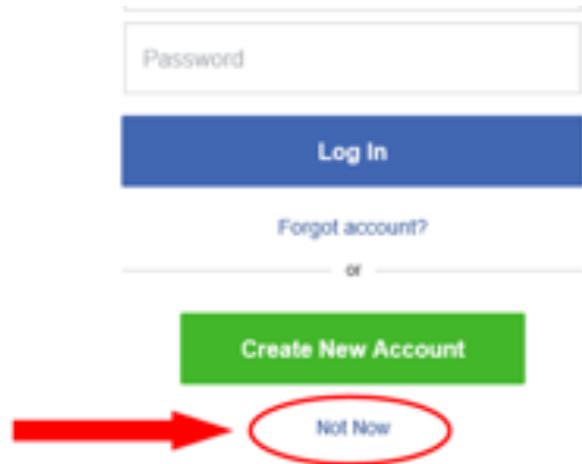
## Watch on Facebook...WITHOUT Facebook!

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!**

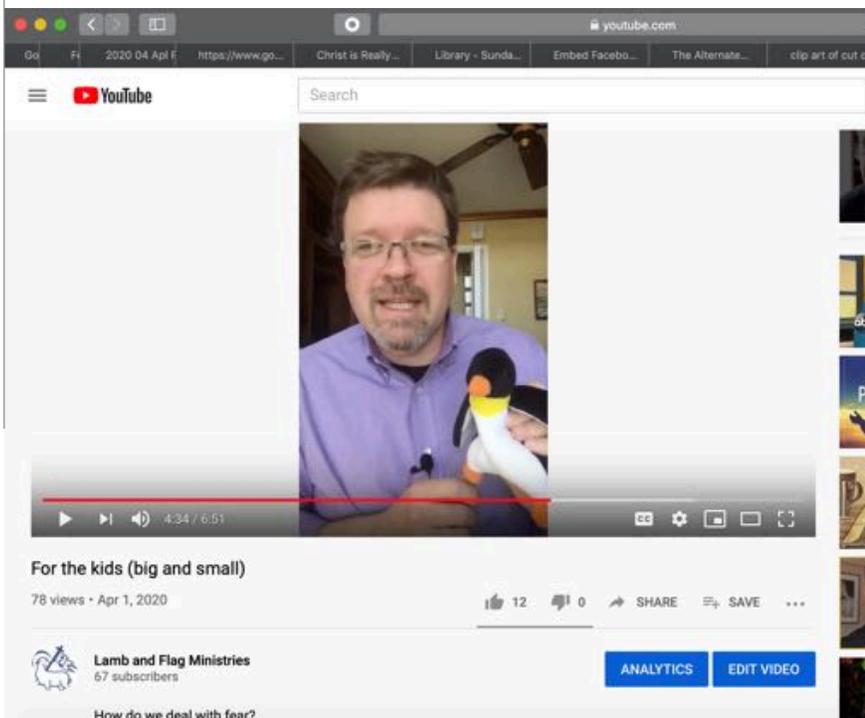
Here is a link to Redeemer's page. Type this into your browser address bar: <https://www.facebook.com/redeemerramsey/>

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

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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

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> 3 <b>First Holy Communion Sunday</b> NO Sunday School 10:15A Svc of Holy Communion 11:15A IN-PERSON Coffee Hour	4  1:30P Quilting Ministry	5	6  10:00A Bible Study	7	8	9
<b>The Passion of our Lord</b> 10 <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9:15A Sunday School 10:15A Svc of Holy Communion 11:15A IN-PERSON Coffee Hour	11  1:30P Quilting Ministry	12  7:30P Council Meeting	13  10:00A Bible Study	14 Maundy Thursday Noon & 7:30P	15 Good Friday Noon & 7:30P	16 Vigil of Easter 7:30P
<b>Resurrection of Our Lord</b> 17 <b>Easter Day</b> 6:30A Sunrise Service at Redeemer Cemetery 8:30A Worship Service 9:30A Easter Egg Hunt 10:30A Worship Service 11:30A IN-PERSON Coffee Hour	18  1:30P Quilting Ministry	19	20  NO Bible Study	21  RR Articles Due	22  	23
<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> 24  9:15A Sunday School 10:15A Svc of Holy Communion	25	26	27  10:00A Bible Study	28	29	30
<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> 31  9:15A Sunday School 10:15A Svc of Holy Communion						

\*\*Virtual Worship Services are Live on Facebook @ The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Ramsey, NJ. and on YouTube Channel "Lamb and Flag Ministries"

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

**LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE**  
**EASTERN EUROPE CRISIS RESPONSE**

**MARCH 2022**[ELCA.org/disaster](http://ELCA.org/disaster)

On Feb. 24, Russian forces invaded Ukraine, launching land, sea and air attacks. Airports are now shut, and few railway lines are operational. Civilians fleeing the violence are heading toward Ukraine's western districts and such neighboring countries as Poland, Moldova, Slovakia, Romania and Hungary. Hundreds of thousands of people are seeking refuge in neighboring countries. There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter, basic necessities and pastoral care.

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits.

**Your gifts designated for "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region.**

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 Yes, I want to help!

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Give through your congregation or make your check out to  
 Lutheran Disaster Response and send to:

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gifts Processing Center,  
 P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 and write "Eastern Europe Crisis  
 Response" or "Where needed most" on your check's memo line.**



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*God's work. Our hands.*

*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, Chase Toader
- 4/11 Sean Wilson
- 4/12 April Pacenza
- 4/13 Kevin Foelsch, Erik Vozeh
- 4/14 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 Kaulfers-Pra
- 4/24 Kennedy Cusack
- 4/25 Carol Cunningham
- 4/26 Alana Pra
- 4/28 Heather Layng
- 4/29 Brenden Daehnke
- 4/30 Fran Morton



**Wedding Anniversaries**

- 4/2 Sarah and Patrik Hansson
- 4/10 Kristen and Richard Kunz
- 4/15 Marian and Fred Ufferfilge -60 years
- 4/16 Lee and David March
- 4/17 Lis and Tony Conboy
- 4/19 Joan and Bill Schaeffer -70 years
- 4/21 Bettina and Bruce Vozeh
- 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
- 4/13 Sean Roden
- 4/14 Steven Mones
- 4/15 Madison Behrmann
- 4/18 Erin Bradley, Mira Linderman-Vento
- 4/22 John Creegan, Chloe Hudson, Christiana Mones
- 4/23 Gerry Dey
- 4/24 Abby Kunz, Taylor Vozeh
- 4/25 Kevin DiGruttilla, Michael Fahey, Samantha Massaro, Jordan Vozeh
- 4/27 Kimberly Creegan
- 4/28 Alexa DiGruttilla
- 4/29 Ryan Brazel

Redeemer Reminder articles for the month of May are due Thursday, March 24th.

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