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The Newsletter of Redeemer Lutheran Church



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RECAP OF WORSHIP & ACTIVITY CANCELLATIONS AND NEW ON-LINE SERVICES

Based on CDC guidelines for the Coronavirus, on March 16, 2020, Redeemer Lutheran Church decided to initiate the following:

1. Temporarily cancel worship center services through April 1st, including Sunday Worship, Sunday School and Weekly Lenten Services.
2. Notify all third-party groups that the campus is closed through April 1st.
3. Advise individual leaders and members to decide if internal ministries at Redeemer will be canceled.
4. Small Groups who do not use the church will use their best judgement in determining if they will continue to meet.
5. As of March 16th, Monday Night Bible Study, Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study, Choir, Chimes, Quilters, and Confirmation Class were canceled through April 1st, and Christianity 101 was postponed. Finally, Redeemer's DCE Intern Laura Sweere's visit was also canceled.

What is Available?

The church office remains open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. If you need pastoral care please contact the church office at 540-898-4748 or Pastor John directly at 843-655-2474.

Wednesday Lenten service are now available online! Visit our website at <http://embracedbyhim.org/>. The link to the service is below the words "MidWeek Lenten Worship."

We anticipate having a service up on Sunday and Bible classes will soon follow. Please watch the website and our Facebook page for future updates.

Finally, while we may not see each other face-to-face, do pick up the phone and call when God puts someone on your heart. Talk to each other, pray for each other, and pray for our families, community and state. Trust in God's gracious mercy at this time.

"Our God given mission is to connect people with Jesus."

"Our vision sees people connected with Jesus through a discipling process that **gathers** them into our fellowship of believers where we are **nurtured** in the Christian faith, as we **go** into our neighborhoods and beyond to do the work of our Lord and Savior."

CDC's Taking Steps to Protect Yourself and Others

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>

Wash Your Hands Frequently

Avoid Close Contact

Stay Home When You're Sick

Cover Coughs & Sneezes

Clean & Sanitize Surfaces



REDEEMER GIVING

Thanks for asking!

Some have asked how they may continue their stewardship giving while we are unable to attend worship services at Redeemer. Here are options that are available.

1. Website

Visit Redeemer's website at <http://embracedbyhim.org/>.

Select Give in the upper right corner of the screen and follow the instructions.

2. Cell Phone:

Option 1: Digital Giving Using QR Code

Scan the QR Code with your cell phone, and follow the "Give" Instructions.



Option 2: Text the dollar amount to 540-779-1759

3. Mail your check (no cash please)

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3 WAYS TO GIVE

ONLINE



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ENVELOPE



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FOR OUR NEIGHBORS' SAKE



**“One does not do good works
for God’s sake,
but for the neighbor’ sake.”**

**Questions? Contact Mike Evenson
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SECOND QUARTER EVENTS	
DATE	DESCRIPTION
April 1-10	Collecting plastic eggs and candy for Spring Fling
April 11	Spring Fling and Beauclaire Meet Your Neighbor
April 26	Mites for LWML
May 1-15	Collecting donations for Teacher Breakfast & Lunch
May 3	Lutheran Hour Ministries Sunday
May 31	Creation Ministry in the Narthex
May 31	Mites for LWML
June 21	Melissa Karges (Missionary) Free Will Offer-
June 28	Mites for LWML
April-June	Continuing projects
April-June	Panda Pantry

easter egg hunt

Support Our Youth Group Ministries' Walk with Christ

Encourage Youth Group Leadership

Please consider donating Plastic Eggs & Candy for this Event

**Easter Egg Hunt April 11, 2020
Plastic Eggs and Candy Collection: March 15 - April 10**

As part of the Spring Fling at Redeemer Lutheran Church, our youth will be running the Easter Egg Hunt. Please encourage youth leadership and their walk with Christ, as they engage in this out-reach effort, by donating plastic eggs and candy for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Please place donations in the box in the Narthax from March 15th through the morning of April 10th. If you have any questions, please contact Josie Douglas, high school youth leader, at (540) 834-3979 or by email at boldengirl@aol.com.

Thank you!

March 22 - Lent IV

"[T]hat the works of God might be displayed in him" (John 9:3). Wondrous honor He has given to our every affliction, even the fiercest ones. The Jesus Who has borne our sicknesses and carried our sorrows incarnates our pains unto salvation. Why consider assisted suicide when our discomforts afford us front-row seats to witness the movements of the Almighty - and the privilege of participating firsthand?



Lutherans For Life

Life Thoughts



Christianity 101 with Pastor John Kassouf

POSTPONED

For those who would like to know more about what Lutheran Christians teach and believe, this course is provided periodically to provide this information. The course assumes that you have little working knowledge of the scripture (though you might) and little knowledge of Lutheran doctrine (again you might). The class leads to church membership if you desire.

Our next offering will be Friday evening, March 27th, 2020 from 7pm-9:30 pm and Saturday, March 28th, 2020 from 9am-5 pm. Lunch is provided. To sign up, simply check the box on the Record of Fellowship and put your email and phone number beside your name. We pray you'll consider taking this class. For more information please see Pastor John.

Redeemer is in Urgent Need of Sunday School Teachers!



If you are interested in team teaching or substitute teaching please contact **Joan Woollard** at joan.woollard@verizon.net or **Carrie Frank** at sabrina3481@aol.com.

All teachers need to be a member of the church in good standing for the past year, according to church policy.

Please help connect our children to Jesus! Thank you!



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2020-2021 School Year Preschool Registration

Preschool registration for the 2020-2021 school year is now open for enrollment.

For more information, please call or visit the office or visit embracedbyhim.org/school.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK (3/20/20 - 03/26/20)

- 20 - Janet Swager
- 20 - Cathy Gleason
- 21 - Lauren Hybl
- 21 - Randy Mayer
- 23 - Madeline Bye
- 23 - Ellen Church
- 23 - Jennifer Nehls
- 24 - Grace Pittano
- 24 - Barbara Roberts



ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK (3/20/20 - 3/26/20)

- 25 - Keith & Donna Verbosky ('72)
- 26 - Ken & Becky Elam ('88)



Worship Attendance & Contributions

From 3/15/2020	Attend	Avg Attend	General Offerings	YTD General Offerings	Sunday School Attendance
Last Week	137	262	\$6,872	\$112,471	72
Last Year	223	268	\$10,882	\$117,516	127