

**EASTER FLOWERS
will decorate our sanctuary on**

Easter Sunday, APRIL 5th

**Order Deadline:
Sunday March 22nd**

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~ INCLUDE PAYMENT ~
~ PLACE IN THE OFFERING PLATE AT CHURCH ~
OR
~ MAIL TO THE CHURCH BEFORE MARCH 22, 2026 ~

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TELEPHONE # _____

In Loving Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given by _____

Number of Easter Flowers _____ **@ \$10 per flower**

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March/April 2026 -Monthly Newsletter
Redeemer Lutheran Church
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The Rev. Heather Sugden, Pastor

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MARCH 29

Palm Sunday Worship
8:30 & 10:00 AM

APRIL 2

Maundy Thursday Worship
noon

APRIL 3

Good Friday Worship
7:00 PM

APRIL 5

Easter Sunday Worship
8:30 & 10:00 AM

Easter Breakfast will be
served from 9:15 - 10:00 AM.

Please join us!



Connecting People to Christ,
Growing in His Love, Serving Him.
"Come and See, Go and Tell, the Good News for All!"

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR HEATHER

When I was in seminary, I attended classes with several marathon runners. And while I did not catch the running bug from them, I did learn a lot about endurance training from these dedicated athletes.

Yes, they were very diligent in their training regiment, meaning that they ran almost every day, no matter the weather conditions or what else was going on in their lives. More surprising to me was the training they did around eating and drinking –not only necessary for nutrition, but necessary to balance while still running!

I have a hard enough time not spilling my lunch on my shirt while sitting, so to imagine eating, drinking and running at the same time is a bit of a stretch for me. And yet elite athletes not only learn these skills, but practice and master them in order to run faster and further.

As we enter this season of Lent, we might think of six weeks of spiritual discipline as a marathon, or it might seem to us to be a short sprint down the block. Many of us, I fear, simply feel exhausted before we even start. How, then, can we sustain our spiritual lives throughout this Lenten season?

I believe that just like an elite athlete, we need to find ways to sustain our faith during this Lenten season. Practice comes from worship, prayer, and Bible reading, in which we engage year-round. Encouragement comes from our community, which is cheering each one of us on as we keep going together.

And perhaps our spiritual nutrition is found not only in the weekly communion meal, but also in the daily bread of God's many blessings.

I also strongly believe that we feed one another during this season of Lent. As we gather for worship, as we chat over a cup of coffee, as we pray in our own homes, as our voices join together in song, we take more steps towards Easter. Yes, we can do this – one step in front of another.

In Christ,
Pastor Heather

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PLEASE NOTE. *The deadline for information to be included in the newsletter is **the 15th of every month.***

*Please e-mail your information to: **office@redeemervineland.org***

Sunday Schedule

Worship at 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School from 9:15 - 10:15

Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday, 9 am—3 pm

If you have made any changes to your personal information (address, phone number, email or family changes), please let the office know so that we can update our files. Send information into the Church Office at office@redeemervineland.org or call 856-691-4278 ext. 102



Easter Baskets

Easter will soon be here and once again we will be filling food baskets for families in need. Our pantry is getting low due to the high demand for items so your help is needed.

Here is our list of needs:

- *canned vegetables, beans, corn, peas
- *canned yams
- *instant mashed potatoes
- *marshmallows
- *applesauce
- *mac & cheese
- *coffee
- *cake mix and icing
- *kids pudding cups
- *corn bread mix
- *candy, jelly beans
- *plates & napkins

OOH LALA
 Calling all girls, mothers, grandmothers to our

April in Paris Ladies' Luncheon & Tea

on Sunday, April 26th
 at NOON.

Yes, you can bring a friend.

We are planning some special fun activities and as always, some great food. Of course, you can bring your best tea cup to enjoy your favorite cups of tea or one will be provided.



This year's free-will offering will be going to our area
Women's Shelter.

Make sure you Sign up in the Narthex or call the office.

Deadline, Sunday, April 19th.

Lent



SERVICE & LUNCHEON

Beginning Wednesday, Feb. 25 at Noon
for 5 weeks

Join us every Wednesday at Noon for Lenten Service
followed by a light lunch in the Church Narthex.
All are welcome.



Thank you to our choir for lifting spirits at the 1st Annual "United in Praise" Choir Festival. Multiple area choirs and singers gathered to praise God, enjoy beautiful music, and celebrate Christian unity.

Memorial Service for Ginny Workman

Saturday, March 7

11:00 am

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Visitation from 9:30 am—10:45 am



Thank you to everyone who came out for our Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 1st.

Church Council members for 2026 are Matt Helland (President), Susan Papiano (Vice-Pres.), Nancy Manzoni (Secretary), Lisa Cook (Treasurer), Brenda Ackley, Linda Foster, Morris Gbolo (not pictured), Dale Nichols, Donna Yearsley, and Martin Geisser.

Thank you for your service in leading Redeemer!

CELEBRATE!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3 Gus Foster	20 Dorine Rosier
5 Susan Bradbury	21 Autumn King
8 Harry Sugden	23 Charles Donaghy
9 David Raffo	23 Cody Geisser
10 Madeline Helland	24 Al Keller
12 Noah Wiese	28 Natalie Harrison
14 Enzo Drogo	28 Chloe Morvay
18 Michele Loeschke	

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

11 Don & Tammy Williams
16 Maggie & Ralph Hunter



APRIL

3 Doug McMahon	
4 Ilga Criss	
19 Barry Rosier	
21 George Papiano	
23 Daniel Ackley	
23 Dennis Ackley	
26 Emmanuel Gbolo	10 Linda & Gus Foster
30 Caitlin Geisser	23 Susan & George Papiano
	28 Maureen & Bill Beckett



APRIL

Living Lutheran—Winter Review by Joan Freimanis

"In the opening scene in the Book of Acts, Jesus addresses his followers "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my **witnesses** in Jerusalem, in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the end of the earth". (1:8)

What does being a **witness** mean in these challenging times?

REIMAGINING FAITHFUL WITNESS (pg 42) explores the meaning of bearing **witness** to the good news of Jesus Christ. "In Scripture and today, faithful witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ leads with *listening, sensitivity, appropriate humility, authenticity and a boldness inspired by the Holy Spirit.*"

"God didn't lead them through familiarity or tradition but through **wonder and curiosity.**"

A LIGHT FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD (pg18)

highlights enlightening encounters with children. Not long ago, a neighborhood child stood on our front porch and pointed at the chalk markings above our door. "You have chalk on your house," he said matter-of-factly. I looked up at the inscription: '20 + C + M + B + 26'. The traditional Epiphany blessing initials, flanked by the year."

20 + C + M + B + 26 is an Epiphany blessing that could stand for two things:

The year 20 ----26, Magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.

AND

The year 20 ----26 and the Latin phrase –

Christus mansionem benedicat

"May Christ Bless this House"

+ represents the cross.

"Epiphany is about openness. It's about stars appearing in unexpected places and Christ



Hot Chocolate Fun!

AT REDEEMER



March 1st is Camp Sunday!

Join us to meet Anthony Briggs, the Director of Crossroads Camp and Retreat Center.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Please keep in prayer the long term needs of: Bill and Marjorie Frank, Betty Anderson, Bob & Tim Federwitz, Eileen Niedzielak, Ernestine Gbolo, George Papiano, Peter Pelosi, Alice Motter, Scott Nagele, Peggy & Oz Schumacher, Elaine Hering, Daniel Furio, Tracy Edwards, Patricia Nichols, Carl DeRenzis, Craig Terry, Dick & Carol Shenton, Carlo Drogo, Barry Rosier, Pablo Bermudez, Scott Levick, Randy Reale, and our College Students

**Please pray for Ginny Workman's family and friends upon her passing.

All troops serving our country and the world including:
Meredith Conley, Albert M. Floriani,
Michael Gonzalez & Kevin Sykes

Memorials

Donations made in memory of:
Wendy Scarpa by Louis Chini
Jerry Amari by Vivian Moss Terranova

THANK YOU!

*Thank you to the congregation for donating personal hygiene kits, blankets, and toys to the local homeless shelter (RDC). Thank you to Karen Sironen for organizing and delivering the donations.

*Thank you to the many folks who keep chipping away at the ice! Because of your hard work, we were able to have worship this winter!

*Thank you to our Code Blue Crew who have been working so hard to feed our homeless neighbors on Sunday nights. The cooking, baking, food pantry donations, and Cheryl and Dale's organizing have made it possible to help many people during this very cold winter season.

