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Sunday Worship Service Schedule

9:00 AM: Adult Bible Study

10:30 AM: Worship Service

May Newsletter deadline is
Monday, April 27, 2026

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From the Pastor's Pen



“Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!”

That is the traditional Easter greeting with which we begin our Easter services, and use throughout the Easter season. It echoes the proclamation of the angel to the women who went to Jesus’ tomb early that Sunday morning, and the words of the disciples in Luke 24:34 after Jesus had appeared to Simon Peter.

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is not just some nice story of “new beginnings.” It is central to the Christian Faith. If, in fact, Jesus had not been raised from the dead, St. Paul writes, *“your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!”* (1 Cor 15:17). Without the resurrection, there is no Christianity.

And without Christianity, there is no hope. St. Paul elsewhere said that those without Christ have no hope, and are without God in the world (Eph 2:12). While many claim to have hope, that hope is always based upon what they, or some other fallen, sinful human being does. Our hope, the Christians hope, is in God: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And our God, via Jesus’ resurrection, has defeated our worse enemy: death.

“Alleluia” is a term that means, “Praise the Lord!” We can indeed praise the Lord for what he has done in Christ. Not only for his innocent suffering and death on the cross where he paid for our sins, but also in his glorious resurrection wherein he *“was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness..”* (Rom 1:4). And it is this Jesus, your Jesus, who has been given *“all authority in heaven and on earth”* (Matt 28:18), and who upholds all things by his hand (Heb 1:3; Col 1:15-17). That means he’s got you “in his hands” (Jn 10:28).

“Indeed” is a firm confirmation that the resurrection is an historical and spiritual fact. It’s like saying, “Amen” which means, “yes, yes, it is so.”

And notice that we say, “is” not, “was.” The resurrection is not just some past act of God; it is a present reality. Jesus Christ is alive today to come to you in his Word and Sacraments to continue to bring his blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation to you.

So when you feel beat up by the world. When life is throwing you a curve ball, and your not very good at hitting curve balls; remember Jesus Christ risen from the dead. He came for you to forgive you your sins and bring you into fellowship with him in your Baptism (Rom 6:3-5); he will come again (Jn 14:1-3) to complete what he started; and he continues to come to you where he may be found: his Word and Sacrament.

And I don’t know of any better place for that than...

See you in church,
Pastor Rex E. Watt

The Bulletin Board

TITHES AND OFFERINGS: *Thank you for your faithful giving!*

DEVOTIONALS: Lent Devotionals as well as “Our Daily Bread” for March-May and “Portals of Prayer” for April-June are available on the offering table.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY: MEETS AT 9:00 am, led by Jon Dixon.

MEN’S SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY & BREAKFAST: A Study of Proverbs led by Anthony McLeod. 8:00 am the first Saturday of each month here at the church. *Next Meeting will be Saturday, April 4th.*

LWML BIBLE STUDY AND MEETING: The third Friday of each month at 11:00 am. A Bible study followed by a LWML meeting. *The next meeting will be Friday, April 17th.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am. This Bible study will be resuming on Wednesday, April 15th with a study on the book of Mark, led by Lynnata Marttila.

MILITARY PHOTO BOOK: We are going to be compiling another photo book to send to our military families to show our appreciation for their service and the freedoms it allows us! Please send your pictures to rlcbhamlcms77@gmail.com.



Celebrating a



Elder Care List

A - Hah: Doug Bender (Head Elder)
 Hal - McK: Kari Marttila
 McL - Z: Colin Grabish

March Sunday Attendance

March 01 60
March 08 59
March 18 62
March 22 61
March 29 58

April Birthdays

04/05 Ernie Brock
 04/06 Jake Potvin
 04/08 Lisa Montgomery
 04/12 Shari Carlson
 04/12 Reece Kuljis
 04/12 Zhaniece Sampson-Myles
 04/12 Dylan Watt
 04/13 Deanna Watt
 04/16 Patrick Heaviside
 04/21 Kelsey Heaviside
 04/23 Lynnea Flarry

May Birthdays

05/04 Sherie Hind
 05/04 Landon Van Berkum
 05/09 Ian McLeod
 05/16 Molly Marttila
 05/24 Jeanette Stroming
 05/25 Jamie Dupuis
 05/25 Ron Willand



**BLESSINGS
 ON YOUR
 BIRTHDAY**

*As the angels sing heavenly praises for our God above,
 As the dawn touches the Earth with its soft rays,
 As another chapter of your life starts anew,
 I wish that God will grant you your heart's greatest desire
 And your presence endows peace to others
 as refreshing as the morning dew.
 Have a blessed and wonderful birthday or anniversary!*

Fellowship Host/Hostess Volunteer Schedule

Apr. 05 - Easter Breakfast
 Apr. 12 - Shower for Ian & Zhaniece (Z)
 Apr. 19 - Wendy M. & Leslie R.
 Apr. 26 - Potluck

ASSISTING US IN WORSHIP – APRIL

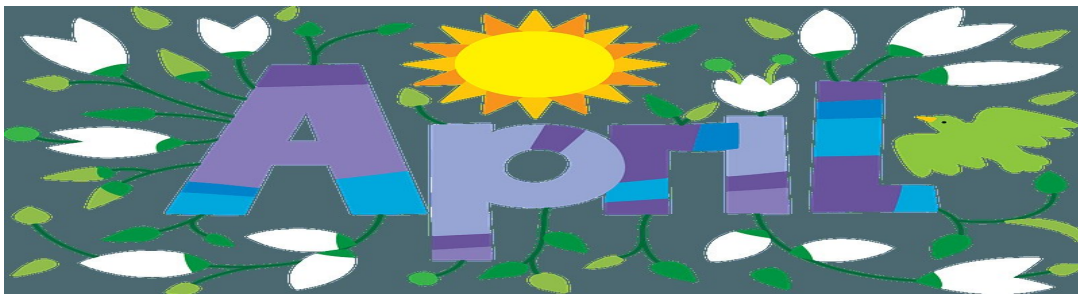
Altar Care

Lynnata

Note: If your birthday or wedding anniversary is not listed on this page or if it is incorrect, please contact the church office so we can make the correction.

Worship Volunteer Schedule

	Elder/Assistant	Usher	Lay Reader	Soundboard	Counters
Apr. 05	Doug/Colin	Anthony M.	Carol K.	Travis K.	Jon/Ron
Apr. 12	Doug/Colin	Ian M.	Rachel V.	Matilda K.	Anthony/Travis
Apr. 19	Doug/Colin	Anthony M.	Ross A.	Ian M.	Wendy/Corinne
Apr. 26	Doug/Colin	Ian M.	David K.	Kari M.	Jon/Ron



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			01 Bulletin Deadline	02	03	04 8:00 am: Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
05 Easter Sunday 9:00 am: Easter Breakfast 10:30 am: Worship /Communion 	06 Easter Monday (office closed) PS Spring Break	07	08 Bulletin Deadline	09 6:30 pm: Elders	10	11
12 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship /Communion Sunday School Shower for Ian and Z	13	14	15 Bulletin Deadline	16	17 11:00 am: LWML Bible Study and Meeting	18
19 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship /Communion Sunday School	20	21 2:00 pm: Graveside Service for Elmer Hanson At Greenacres Memorial Park 6:30 pm: Council	22 Bulletin Deadline	23	24	25
26 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship /Communion Sunday School Potluck	27 Saltshaker Deadline	28	29 Bulletin Deadline	30		

2026 Holy Week Worship

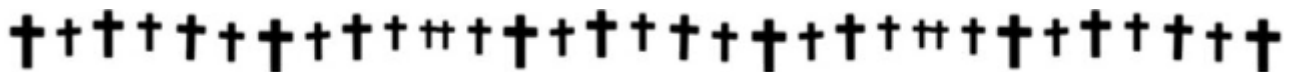


Maundy Thursday Worship & Communion, April 2nd at 7:00pm

**Good Friday Worship, April 3rd at 7:00pm
“Grab & Go” Hot Cross Buns**

Easter Morning Potluck Breakfast, April 5th at 9:00am

Easter Sunday Worship & Communion, April 5th at 10:30am

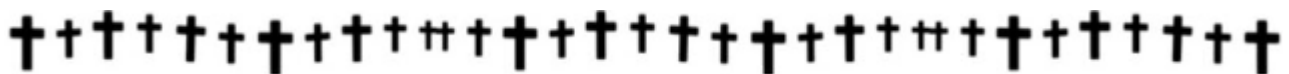


**REDEEMER'S EASTER BREAKFAST
EASTER SUNDAY - April 5th, 9:00-10:00 AM**

Please join us!

Family, friends and neighbors are welcome to join us for this special time of fellowship prior to our Easter Sunday Service at 10:30 am. Please contact Dee Watt if you have any questions.

HE IS RISEN!!!!!!



I Wandered Lonely As a Cloud

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils,
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of the bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee;
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company;
I gazed--and gazed--but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon the inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils

-William Wordsworth

Submitted
by 

Marianne Giusti



Join Us For
“A JOY-FILLED FELLOWSHIP”
SUNDAY ~ APRIL 12th
(Following Worship)



A “Bridal Shower” luncheon will be provided to honor

***Ian McLeod &
Zhaniece “Z” Sampson-Myles***

(Ian and “Z” will be married May 24 at Redeemer)

Attached you will find “Advice & Wishes” and Recipe Cards for your completion (not required) to share with Ian and Z. The cards will be collected and given to Ian and Z on Sunday, April 12. Should you wish to provide a gift, they do have a bridal registry at:

www.target.com/gift-registry.gift/zhaniece

**THE JOY OF YOUR PRESENCE
IS REQUESTED!**

Please contact Dee Watt with any questions.





Lenten SOUP Suppers



Bridal Shower for Erin Black, Congratulations Erin!



INDOOR SPRING CLEANING THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who came out to do some spring cleaning to keep the church looking good and ready for spring. It is very appreciated!



Thank
You!



Redeemer Lutheran Preschool



APRIL PRESCHOOL NEWS

Happy Spring! We are in the full swing of "all fun things" at preschool and our year is coming to an end very fast! We had fun at the Marine Life Center and the Ferndale Library last month. We have been talking a lot about the real reason we celebrate Easter (the children were even pretending to nail each other to the cross) we had a great turn out for our Donuts and a Devotion with Dads! This month we continue with the Easter story before Spring Break! We will get to go to the Fire Station and will have a first ever field trip to the bowling alley! I am praying God will give us a little bit of a warmer Spring to enjoy fun activities outside! I hope you all are well and have a very Blessed Easter! Love and Blessings, Heidi

Bible Stories:

- Jesus Returns
- Ascension
- Holy Spirit Comes

Letters:

- Ww, Xx, Yy, Zz

Numbers:

- 20



Important Dates:

- 3 – Good Friday
- 5 – Easter Blessings! HE HAS RISEN!
- 6-10 – Spring Break
- 22 – Bowling Alley Field Trip
- 27 – Fire Station Field Trip

Happy Birthday to:

23 – Birthday Blessings Ford!

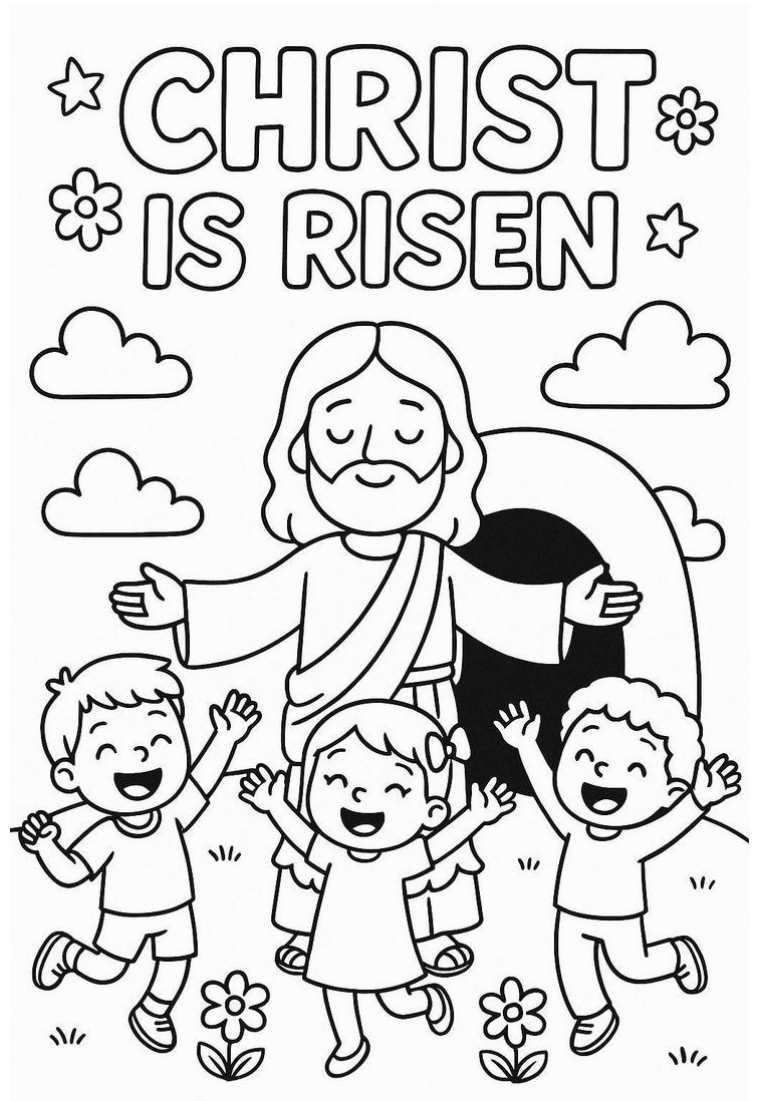




Ferndale Library Field Trip



Donuts and a Devotion with Dads





LCMS Stewardship April 2026 Newsletter Article

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A Better Way

The most common question about stewardship is not whether a Christian should give to their church. Of course Christians should give to their church. Everyone knows this. Rather, the question asked most is, “How much should I give?” But this question really means, “Should Christians give a tenth of their income to their local congregation?”

Here are some common reasons against tithing. Some say tithing isn’t necessary because it isn’t expressly commanded in the New Testament. There is no “Thus saith the Lord,” or “should” concerning tithing. Others say that Christians give to their congregation in ways much broader than money. They give of their time and their talents, and these together with treasures (money) add up to more than a tithe. Still others say that they give of their treasures to other things besides their congregation, and they want to support those things alongside their church. And then there are those who think Christians shouldn’t tithe because of some fear. They are afraid that if they tithe, their gift will be misused, or that after tithing, there won’t be enough left over to get the things that they use, want or need.

Here are some reasons why Christians should tithe. Even though the New Testament doesn’t specifically command Christians to tithe, the Old Testament people were commanded to. And on top of this, St. Paul often describes giving a regular and generous proportion of the first fruits of one’s income — terms similar to a tithe (2 Cor. 8:7–23; 2 Cor. 9:2–7).

But here’s another way to think about it. What was the point of the tithe in the Old Testament? Where did it go? This tithe was intended to support the ministry of the Levites. They were not given any land because they had no time to farm; their full-time job was the ministry. What does it say in the New Testament? “The Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel” (1 Cor. 9:14). This is the verse that Luther used in the Small Catechism’s Table of Duties to explain what Christians owe to the support of the ministry.

It seems clear from both the Old and the New Testaments that the tithe is the goal of Christians in their giving. But what if we’re not there yet? How should we handle this? What are we to do? Let’s answer this by asking a different question. What would you say to your adult children who only attended church quarterly or once a month? After all, there is no passage in the New Testament that requires Christians to go to church weekly. Hebrews 10:25 is the closest verse we have,

and it states simply that Christians should not neglect gathering together. And even though there is no passage that commands Christians to gather weekly, that is the implicit expectation throughout the Old and New Testaments.

So, what would you say to that son or daughter? The conversation might go something like this. I'm glad you're still going to church. It is a wonderful blessing to hear God's promises of forgiveness, life and salvation, and to receive His gifts in Word and Sacrament. But you can do better, and it will only be a blessing to you. There is a better way, and I'd really like you to try to attain it.

We should approach the topic of tithing with a similar conversation. The tithe is not specifically commanded in the New Testament, but it sure seems like the implicit expectation of both the Old and New Testaments. So, we're ecstatic that you're giving, and that you're giving in all these various ways — time, talents and treasures. But there is a better way. And that will only be a blessing to you, just as the Word of God — Old and New Testament alike — promises. Can you try increasing your gifts over the coming weeks, months and years? Can you put your trust in the God who sent His Son to take away your sin and give you everlasting life? And if He did this for you, if He did not spare His only Son, how will He not give you all things? He will not disappoint.

APRIL 22nd
Administrative Professionals Day
THANK YOU, TABATHA!



Redeemer has been blessed over 5 years with Tabatha's wonderful office skills, people skills and knowledge of church operations. Please stop by the office, write a note or send an email to Tabatha thanking her for being our "front office lady" and the blessing she is to pastor, our preschool and our church family. We pray the Lord blesses us with her gifts, talents and skills for many years to come.

Thank you, Tabatha, for the joy the Lord brings to us through you.

Lutheran's For Life Quotes: April 05



“As Christians, we rejoice in the Savior who shines light on our lives when we only expected inky blackness. May God’s strong Word remind us that the fullness of life is meant to be lived in the light. In our weakness, may the Lord bring alongside us faithful brothers and sisters to proclaim that God is light and life to us, and let us walk in the light as He is in the light (1 John 1:7). In Jesus we have light, and to have light is to have life. May we rejoice in proclaiming the message of Jesus as the Apostle John did. Thanks be to God that He is light, and He shines in the darkness.”

Rev. Dennis Norby, Grace Free Lutheran Church, Valley City, North Dakota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

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