



April 2022

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Sunday Worship Service Schedule

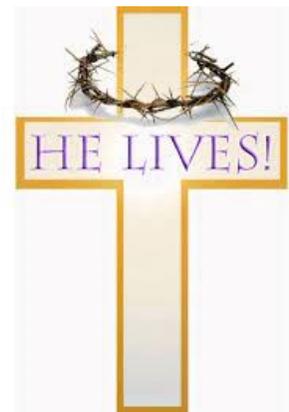
9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study

10:30 AM: Worship Service

May Newsletter deadline is
Friday, April 22, 2022

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From the Pastor's Pen

“Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!”

We will soon be proclaiming these words in our Sunday services once again. These are Easter words. We shout them out every Sunday, beginning on Easter morning, and continuing through the Easter season. We should be shouting them out every Sunday, throughout the church year, for Jesus Christ truly has risen from the dead (1 Cor 15:20).

We should say these words often because we need to be reminded of the reality of Christ's resurrection from the dead. All around us we see something different. We see death all around us. We see/hear about people dying in the war in Ukraine. We see/hear about people dying on our city streets. We see friends and family die. We see the cold reality of death staring us in the face all the time. Therefore we need to be reminded of the reality of the resurrection.

The Apostle Paul understood this. The church in Thessalonica had believers who were not quite as well catechized as they should have been about the resurrection. They were questioning the fate of their loved ones. They saw them die, just like we do. Seeing them die was just as hard on them as it is for us. So, Paul wrote these words:

“But we would not have you ignorant, brothers and sisters, concerning those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the archangel's call, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first; then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words” (1 Thess 4:13-18).

While the reality of death is all around us, the Easter proclamation, “Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!” softens the blow, comforts the sadness, and soothes the bitterness of death. May the joy of Jesus' resurrection fill you with all joy and peace in believing that because he lives, you will live also.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all this Easter season. “Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!”

Pastor Rex Watt



Council Meeting Briefs

March 15th, 2022

Pastor Watt opened in prayer

Pastor Watt read a devotional based on Philippians 3:30-21

February Council Minutes reviewed and accepted by RLC Council.

Treasurer's report: The church ended February in the black.

Two gifts totaling \$28,000 with notes to use as needed (kitchen, bathrooms, exterior siding etc...)

Vicar's report: 3 in person visits, several phone calls to members. Bible studies on Sunday morning and Thursday night continue. Catechesis with 3 youths continues. February average worship attendance was 54.

Elder's Report: The Elder's met with the Usher Committee. Guidelines were passed out as well as a diagram of acolyte procedures. The goal is to expedite a more reverent communion service.

Stewardship: The indoor spring cleaning is scheduled for April 9th from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Easter Breakfast will be Easter Morning from 9:00 until 10:00 with a ham provided. There will be a sign up sheet for side dishes.

Property Report: Les said he had replaced the ridge cap shingle on the shed. The previously discussed boiler donation has been delivered, is to the boiler room and is on standby should the current one need to be replaced. Supply pipe in the men's room as well as the faucets needs to be replaced. He also suggested to council that once the Kitchen Project is finished, we consider the restrooms to be worked on.

Education Report: 10 to 11 kids in the T/Th preschool class and 19 in the M/W/F class. At this time, there are 8 signed up for preschool next year.

Unfinished business: Lighting bid is on hold as we need a new bid with fixture replacements. The signed Benevolence Fund Guidelines as well as applications to be turned in to be filed. It was reiterated that we can amend the Benevolence Fund Guideline as needed. We need another person to be on the Benevolence Fund Committee.

New Business: Looking for a kitchen project manager and for volunteers for the Kitchen Remodel Committee. Pastor Rex suggested the church look into CPR training.

Pastor Rex closed in prayer at 8:00 p.m.



LIVING A STEWARDSHIP

It is all about your heart...

Everything we have is a gift from God
that we are to use to help others.

Life

Blessed Shall You Be

“Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.” (Deuteronomy 28:3-6)

This is God’s promise to the Israelites as they stood beyond the Jordan outside of the Promised Land. He promises blessing to His people. He will make them prosper, whether they are in the city or the field. He will make their fruit of their work to prosper, whether from the ground, their wombs, their flocks, or their herds. He will make them to prosper in all things, whether upon their coming in or their going out.

But there’s a catch. He would do this for Israel only “if you obey the voice of the LORD your God.” (Deut. 28:2b) If they did that, He would cause that “all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you.” (Deut. 28:2a). If they didn’t obey the voice of the Lord, if they didn’t keep the commandments of the Lord and “walk in his ways” (Deut. 28:9), they would be met with curse and woe. The blessings would be replaced with curses. Everything that the Lord promised to prosper and bless would be cursed and fail.

Thanks be to God that our Lord Jesus Christ has come into our flesh and fulfilled the law for us – in our place and for our benefit. Our Lord Jesus Christ died for us – in our place and for our benefit. Our Lord Jesus Christ is risen from the dead for us – in our place and for our benefit. By this we have justification before God. We are forgiven, clean, holy, and righteous. The blessing of God is promised to us in Christ Jesus. It depends upon his work, not ours.

All this is ours in Holy Baptism. For in Holy Baptism, God claims us as His own, makes us His children, His heirs, and His holy people. And so it is that the work of our hands and its fruit is holy because we are holy in Christ. It is pressed into His service, and it thereby becomes a blessing to us and to our neighbor.

For this great gift, our reception of the blessings of God because of Christ Jesus our Lord, it is our duty to thank and praise, serve, and obey Him. This is not in order to receive the blessings but because in Christ we already have. With this in mind, we sit down on the first day of the week and set aside as He has prospered us to give to His church for His work of blessing in our midst (1 Cor. 16:2).

blessed^t



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					01	02
03 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship /Communion	04 PS Spring Break	05 6:30 pm: Elders	06 Bulletin Deadline Lent Service 1 & 7pm Soup Supper 6pm	07 7:00 pm: 1&2 Samuel Bible Study	08	09 10am-1pm: Indoor Spring Clean-Up
10 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship /Communion with Children's Ministry Palm Sunday	11	12 6:30 pm: Council	13 Bulletin Deadline PS Chapel 3:30-5:00 pm Youth Confirmation Class	14 PS Chapel 7:00 pm: Maundy Thursday Worship/ Communion	15 7:00 pm: Good Friday Worship	16
17 9:00 Breakfast Potluck 10:30 am: Worship /Communion Easter Sunday	18	19	20 Bulletin Deadline PS Chapel 3:30-5:00 pm Youth Confirmation Class	21 PS Chapel 7:00 pm: 1&2 Samuel Bible Study	22 Saltshaker Deadline	23
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Elder Care List

A—Hah: Larry Schell
 Hal—Leg: Ross Abbe
 Leo—P: Kari Marttila
 R—Wri: Patrick O'Connor



April Birthdays
 04/06 Jake Potvin
 04/07 NaDean Hanson
 04/08 Lisa Montgomery
 04/12 Dylan Watt
 04/12 Reece Kuljis
 04/13 Deanna Watt
 04/16 Patrick Heaviside
 04/21 Kelsey Heaviside

May Birthdays
 05/02 Gail Pappacostas
 05/04 Sherie Hind
 05/09 Ian McLeod
 05/24 Jeanette Stroming
 05/25 Ronald Willand
 05/25 Jamie Dupuis
 05/31 Sandra Stamps



April Anniversaries

04/13 Richard & Pamela Hallmark

*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!*

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.

Fellowship Host/Hostess Volunteer Schedule

Apr. 03 - Marianne Giusti & Sally Pinski
 Apr. 10 - Marsha Edin & Janet Baeder
 Apr. 17 - Easter Sunday Breakfast Potluck
 Apr. 24 - Dave & Sandy Stamps

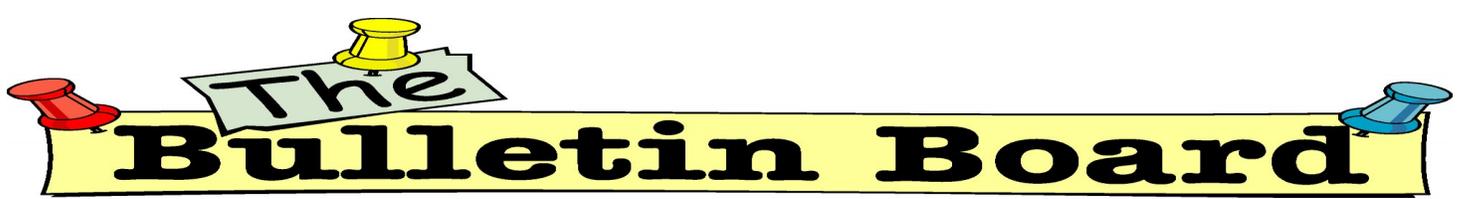
ASSISTING US IN WORSHIP – APRIL

Altar Care
 Lynnata Marttila

Worship Volunteer Schedule

	Elder/Assistant	Usher	Lay Reader	Soundboard	Counters
Apr. 03	Patrick/Kari	Bill Baeder	Sally Pinski	Rod Hanson	Cheryl/Dale
Apr. 10	Larry Schell	Rod Hanson	Pastor Watt	Anthony McLeod	Barb/Spiro
Apr. 14	Kari/Larry Maundy Thursday	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apr. 17	Kari/Ross	Wendy McLeod	Ross Abbe	Kari Marttila	Anthony/Cristi
Apr. 24	Ross Abbe	Wendy McLeod	Pastor Watt	Rod Hanson	Ron/Cheryl

Should you have any questions, please contact Dee for Host/Hostesses and Tabatha for the rest.
 Thank you!



The Bulletin Board

TITHE ENVELOPES — Thank you for your continued tithe offerings. Just a reminder to write out **Redeemer Lutheran Church** on your check. Thank you. You may continue to drop off your tithe envelopes to the secure Prayer Box.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY MEETS AT 9:15 am: "Today's Bible Readings", led by Larry Schell. Gain a better understanding and deeper appreciation for today's Bible Readings as we study and discuss them prior to the Service.

THURSDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE STUDY AT 7:00 PM: Study of 1st & 2nd Samuel, led by Colin Grabish.

DEVOTIONALS: "Our Daily Bread" for Mar.-May and "Portals of Prayer" for Apr.-June are available at the bulletin table and the mailbox table.

2022 ALTAR FLOWERS SIGN-UP SHEET is posted on the bulletin board by the office. This is an opportunity for you to have flowers placed on the altar in honor of a birthday, anniversary, memory, etc. If you would like to place flowers on the altar for a special occasion, please place your name and phone number on the line corresponding with the date on the altar flower sign-up sheet. If you would like Lynnata to purchase flowers for you, please contact her - 360-318-5298.

TUNE INTO THE LUTHERAN HOUR: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Lutheran Hour Speaker, gives a sermon each Sunday. The program also features hymns and reflections on the texts.

Online: www.kfuo.org Radio: 550AM KARI 11:30 am

INDOOR SPRING CLEAN-UP: Saturday, **April 9th** from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Cleaning supplies will be provided. Coffee and donuts will be served!

EASTER BREAKFAST POTLUCK: **April 17th at 9:00 am.** Proceeding the morning service.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: May 5th – Save the Day, more news coming in the upcoming weeks. The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May, designated by the United States Congress, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation". Should you have any questions, please contact Lynnata Marttila.

My Dear People of Redeemer,

A multitude of blessings is what the Lord has provided through you during this challenging time of ankle surgeries, ongoing healing and recovery. God's amazing grace you exemplify through your many acts of lovingkindness... heartfelt prayers, beautiful cards, notes of encouragement, thoughtful phone calls and texts, generous delicious meals, touching gifts, lovely spring flowers and welcoming hugs. Thank you for these immeasurable blessings! I am grateful and thankful for you dear people of Redeemer, "For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose." Philipians 2:13

Dee

Thank you!

For your helping hands!





A big thank you to all who came to the Yard Work Party and did spring clean up on the grounds at Redeemer! Your hard work makes a difference and is very much appreciated.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

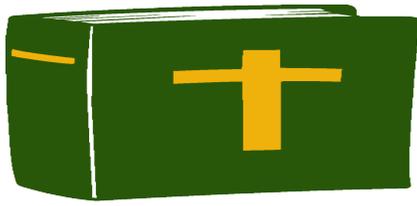
LAWN CARE TEAM: We are considering the purchase of a lawn mower and having an “in house” lawn care team. This would replace the need to hire out a lawn care service. We have one volunteer at this time but are looking for others to create a lawn care team. If you are interested please contact the church office.

CHURCH TREASURER: We are looking for a congregation member with basic bookkeeping skills to take over the roll of Treasurer. If you are interested or have any questions about this volunteer position please contact the church office.

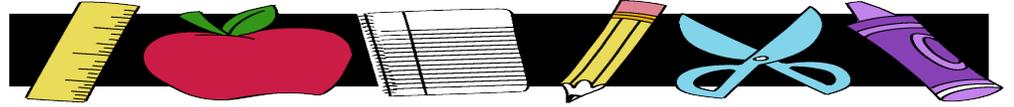
ALL HANDS ON DECK!!!!

Spring Cleaning Indoors at Redeemer - Saturday, April 9th, 10 am to 1 pm.

The focus will be interior spring cleaning as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Cleaning Supplies will be provided. All helping hands welcome! Should you have any questions, please contact Barb Abbe.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



We will have Sunday School through May on the 2nd and 4th Sunday's and then will take a break until next Fall. I look forward to sharing the Easter story this month with our children. I am hopeful that we will possibly have some volunteers to teach Sunday school and that we could have a youth group again. I have some great memories from my childhood here at Redeemer from Sunday school and Youth group and I really would love to give our children the same opportunity. If any of you have an interest or would like to find out about the opportunities please come see me! I will continue to pray for the Lord to open the door for someone to join me in teaching His children about him.

Thank you, Heidi

VBS 2022 UPDATE

Hello All!

Well it has been a couple of years due to COVID that we have not been able to host our annual Vacation Bible School here at Redeemer. I am extremely hopeful to make this happen this summer as things have "lifted" and should be able to happen again. This is always a super fun week for the children but it takes a lot of work from our members to make it happen. I will have a volunteer sign up sheet in the fellowship hall to see how many willing and helping hands we could have available to host a VBS. This usually happens in July and it goes from a Monday through a Friday from 9:30am to 12noon. Please come check it out and sign up for as many things you would be willing to help with. Next month I will let you know if we can make it happen or not.

Again, praying for willing and helping hands!

Thank you, Heidi

FORGET YOUR READING GLASSES?



We have a few extra pairs available to borrow! You will find them in the work-room in the drawer marked "ladybug". Please feel free to take a pair for use here at church and return them when you are done. Thank You!

Kitchen Remodel Project

We thank the Lord that Cheryl Kortlever has stepped forward to chair Redeemer's kitchen remodel project. The committee could use another one or two people (guys or gals) as the project moves forward. If interested, please contact Cheryl or Les Anderson. Watch for additional information in Sunday bulletins in the coming weeks.

Redeemer Lutheran Preschool



Redeemer Lutheran Preschool
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Well here we are again with another year of preschool that is almost over! We have been blessed with a full class of preschoolers this year and each child is a special blessing to me. We are finishing up our alphabet letters and will be reviewing what we've learned throughout the year by the end of this month. We are learning about the Easter Story and the true meaning of why we celebrate Easter. Jesus died on the cross and took the ultimate punishment, death, for us so we can be forgiven and be with Him in heaven one day. What a joyous occasion and reason to celebrate! Alleluia! He is Risen! We will also be going to the NW Fire Station and Scrap It Recycling Center this month on field trips. I love Spring time at preschool and being outside, planting seeds to watch them grow, go on a nature walk, fun crafts, and activities to do. As our year is coming to an end I want to say a huge thank you to all of you for your prayers and contributions to our preschool. I appreciate the willingness to give and support our preschool. I try to make it a fun and enjoyable experience for them which requires many different items from various places! So thank you for your help in making this possible.

We had a great turn out for our Dad's, donuts, and a devotion which was about Hope from our Portals of Prayer. This is always a fun thing for the children to bring their dad to school in the morning before they go to work and enjoy a little time with them and a donut!

I hope you are enjoying the Easter season. I look forward to celebrating Easter morning at church and singing to His glory! "Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!"

Love and Blessings, Heidi



Dads, Donuts & a Devotion
March 2022

**SPREAD THE WORD
REDEEMER LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL IS
NOW ENROLLING ...**

It's that time! We are now enrolling for the 2022-2023 school year. If you would like to register, you can download the registration packet from our website (www.redeemberellingham.com) or call the office and we will have one ready for you or we can email you one!
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Spring

Spring! Spring! Beautiful spring!

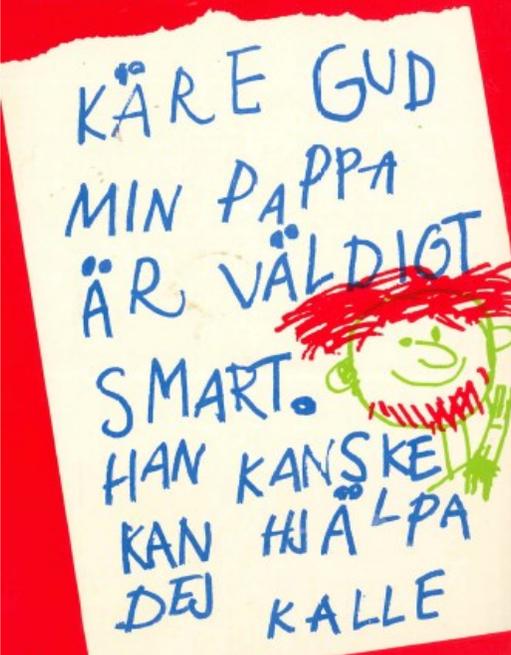
Hitherward cometh like hope on the wind;
Pleasantly looketh on streamlet and flood,
Raiseth a chorus of joy in the wood;
Toucheth the bud, and it bursts into bloom;
Biddeth the beautiful rise from the tomb;
Blesseth the heart like a heavenly thing;

Spring! Spring! Beautiful Spring!



*The Poetical Birthday Book
M.A. Donohue & Co.
701-733 So. Dearborn St.
Chicago*

Barn skriver till Gud



KÄRE GUD
MIN PAPPA
ÄR VÄLDIGT
SMART.
HAN KANSKE
KAN HJÄLPA
DEJ KALLE

Children's Letters to God

Dear God
My father is very smart he might
be able to help you.

~Kalle

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Lenten and Holy Week Calendar

Mid-week Lenten Services

Wednesday
April 06
Worship at 1 & 7 pm
Soup Supper at 6 pm

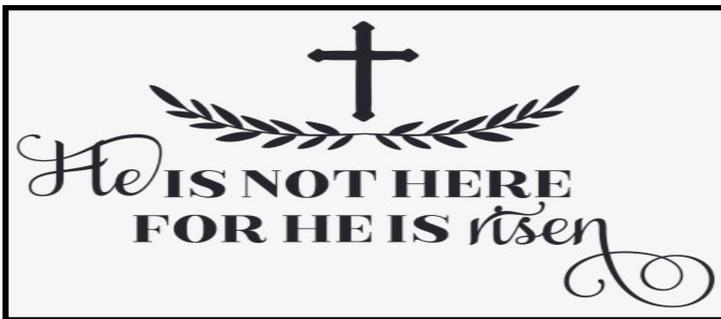
Holy Week

Sunday, April 10
Palm Sunday
10:30 am: Worship/Communion

Thursday, April 14
Maundy Thursday
7:00 pm: Worship/Communion

Friday, April 15
Good Friday
7:00 pm: Worship

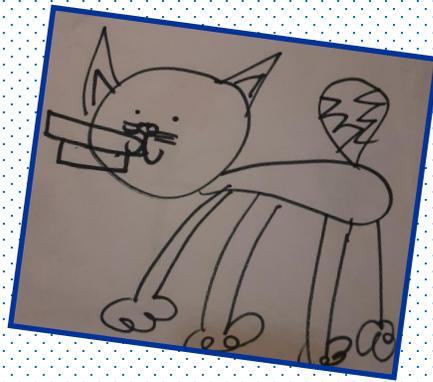
Sunday, April 17
Easter
10:30 am: Worship/Communion

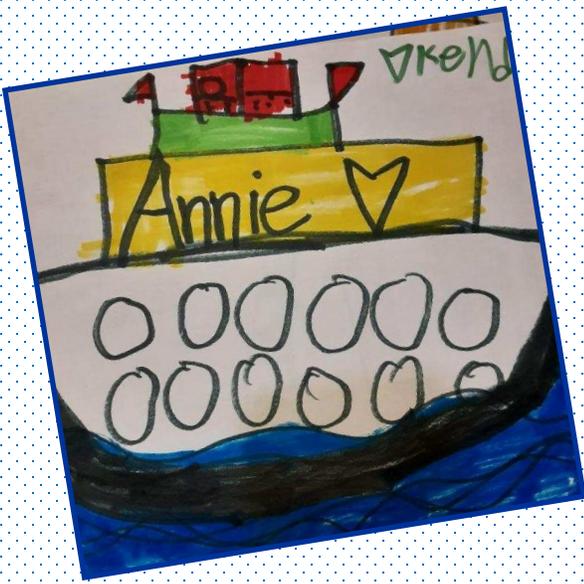


REDEEMER'S EASTER BREAKFAST
EASTER SUNDAY
April 17th 9:00-10:00 AM



Ham will be provided. A sign-up for other breakfast items is available in the fellowship area. 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 Barb Abbe if you have any questions. **HE IS RISEN!!!!!!**





These beautiful pictures made by Kendra and Abby Anderson were mailed off to our service members in the Easter Care Packages. They will surely brighten the day of the service members when they open their packages!

Thank you Kendra and Abby for your creativity and thoughtfulness!



Service Member Update



News from Tim and Mary Pitcher, Ryan Pitcher's parents:

Ryan has made it to Fort Benning Georgia. He has an apartment off base and is waiting for his home goods. Hopefully they will be here shortly. His car has arrived yesterday and is ready for him to pick it up. He has started classes and passed the initial testing.

Please pray for Ryan as he adjusts to his new surroundings and classes.



Lutheran's For Life Quote: April 15 - Good Friday

“The unconditional, sacrificial love of Jesus makes this day good. When your sins condemn you, He intercedes for you. When Satan seeks to devour you, Jesus defends you. When you are feeling spiritually empty, totally unworthy of God’s love, remember what Jesus has done to save you. He will never leave you or forsake you. He has ascended into heaven to prepare a place for you. If all of this sounds too good to be true, if you are looking for proof of this amazing love, then all you need to do is look to the cross. Look to Jesus. Look at your living Savior’s nail-pierced hands.”

Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

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IF YOU WANT HELP UNDERSTANDING the world from a Lutheran perspective:

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IF YOU LIKE HEARING directly from the president and other members of the president’s office: Witness, Mercy, Life Together blog (wmltblog.org)

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IF YOU’RE SEARCHING for stories of the Church in action:

Lutherans Engage the World (lcms.org/lutheransengage)

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Journal of Lutheran Mission (lcms.org/journaloflutheranmission)

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Free Cards



SHARE GOD’S WORD BY USING FREE GIDEON CARDS

How would you like to extend the missionary outreach of our church to some 200 countries around the world? You are encouraged to use Gideon cards to send the Word and Change a Life!

Every time you send a Gideon card, your donation for Bibles will send God’s Word to someone who desperately needs it—perhaps in your own neighborhood or somewhere else around the world.

Gideon cards can be given in the memory of someone special (sympathy cards) or for any special occasion, and that’s a life-changing difference!

Check out the display of free Gideon cards in our church. Where are they? They are on the wooden shelf at the back wall in the fellowship room. Help yourself. Then, let these cards acknowledge your gift in memory or in honor of someone, and provide Bibles, helping fulfill the Great Commission. Thank you for sharing God’s Word around the world.