



# SYMBOLS OF REDEMPTION

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Redemption Family...

Easter has always been one of my favorite days of the whole year! Why wouldn't it be? The Resurrection of our Lord is the center of our lives! It is what gives us hope and peace. What keeps us going and gives us strength. Plus there are all the wonderful traditions that help us celebrate the resurrection! From the joy of family together, seeing the excitement on kids faces, the Jello eggs, and of course... mashed potatoes and gravy! Haha, what isn't to love about this wonderful holiday?!?

But if I am being honest with myself... my favorite part of Easter comes in the week following that incredible day. When I crumble onto the couch and just enjoy the quiet. When I can finally just be still. When the peace of God helps my soul quiet down and rest. When the memories of this year's celebration roll over me with warmth and gentle smiles.

I've come to realize that the true joy of Easter, isn't found in the fabulous colors, the jampacked schedule, the laughs and smiles, or even in the feast in honor of our Lord's victory. No, the joy of Easter is that this celebration and the peace Jesus gave us on the cross is not confined to one day, but encompasses our entire lives.

The memories and traditions that we cherish, and most of all the victory won for us in His resurrection, give us reason to celebrate every moment of our lives. Even in the darkest moments, we can see the hope and peace of our Lord and know that everything is going to be ok. All of this makes Easter the most special time of the year for me. That even when all seems lost we can say... HE IS RISEN!!! HE IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA!!!

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## YOUTH

The plan for the youth outing for April is to do some go karting on Saturday, April 20. We do not have all of the details together at the time of putting together the newsletter, so please keep a close eye on the announcements and youth bulletin board for more information on when and where we will be going.



## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE



Hello everyone! Hope you are enjoying the early Spring. This April 13th for Game night we will be doing an intergenerational Mario Kart tournament! I know there are some young adults looking forward to pairing up and driving together. If you don't know how to play don't worry we will teach you! There may even be a prize. It will be fun to watch and play, I hope are able to join in the festivities and cooperative competition. Bring your friends, family, grandkids, or just yourself. We will be having sloppy joes for a meal. Other games and puzzles will be available as well per usually game night. Look forward to seeing everyone there!

Congregational Life



## SENIORS R US

SENIORS R US will be going to the Arboretum on Wednesday, April 17. We will meet at church at 10am to car pool so please let me know if you're joining us!! There will not be a lot of walking. Lunch to be determined!! Ann-952-884-9617.



Minnesota Landscape  
ARBORETUM



**Music Notes**  
**Kathy Henson**  
**Director of Music**



A huge shout out to those who sang/played during the Lenten season to help support the Sermon theme for this season of "Guided to the Cross". We thank Doug Tatarek, Kathrine Parrish, Megan Tan, Kailey Tan, Lauren Tan, Theresa Pozlin, Michael Polzin, His Own, Praise Club and the Alleluia Ringers. We look forward to our Easter morning celebration with participating from all of the music teams for both the 8am and 10am services.

Mark your calendars as we will be presenting our annual musical "Dream House", a compelling story that revolves around two married couples, one living in the bustling city and the other in the tranquil countryside. Their reluctance to address the little issues in their homes and relationships eventually leads to a deteriorating situation. It's a powerful narrative that explores themes of love, faith, and redemption.



Thursday 4/25  
 DRESS REHEARSAL 7pm  
 (Open to the Public)

Friday 4/26  
 Performance at 7pm

Saturday 4/27  
 Performance at 6pm

Sunday 4/28  
 Performance at 9am



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Spring is here & Summer is just around the corner! Women's Ministry invites you to join us at our April membership meeting on Tuesday April 9th at 2pm in the lounge.

\*\*As our congregation changes and grows, so do the groups here at Redemption (change & grow). Our Women's Ministry is no exception. We will be holding a regular business meeting as well as the election of board members. The following positions are open: President, Vice-President, Treasurer & Secretary. The position of Kitchen Manager is also vacant and is appointed by the board. If you are interested in any position listed, come to the meeting, as we do allow nominations from the floor prior to the voting. This may be our last membership meeting unless new officers are elected.



## MISSIONS

### VEAP ITEM OF THE MONTH: APRIL

Spring cleaning time. Fill the buckets with Cleaning supplies and laundry detergent.



Meeting Basic Needs.  
Building Stronger Communities.



## Worship Attendants

Week	Deacon	Greeters	Reader	Usher
April 7	Garrett Tan Michael Polzin	Jessica Beyer & Vi Rood	Becky Kritz	Becky Kritz Wyatt Thorne
April 14	Steve Dix Keith Zesch	Josh & HaeKyung Thompson	Jean Fetzer	Tim Fetzer Keith Zesch
April 21	Tim Sasse Ryan Thorne	Donna Borgstahl & Jann Smeltzer	Doug Tatarek	Tim Fetzer Keith Zesch
April 28	Michael Polzin Gregg Warnke	Gregg & Sandee Warnke, Cece & Sully	Musical Sunday	Ryan Thorne Marc Rood

If you are trading service dates, please let the office know so we can update the information for the weekly announcements



## Vital Statistics

### April Birthdays

#### April 4

Isabelle Borgstahl  
Mitchell Drews

#### April 8

Michael Blum

#### April 9

Harold Israelson  
Alex Newton

#### April 10

Gene Ellis  
Dan Meyers

#### April 11

Jacob Berndtson

#### April 12

Roxanne Lutterman  
Steve Slack

#### April 13

Dave Vangness

#### April 15

Natalie Hagen  
Ralph Hostutler

#### April 17

Carter Morris

#### April 18

Sue Jungwirth

#### April 20

David Ahmann

#### April 21

Deb Skillings

#### April 23

Sue Sasse

#### April 24

Marcia Hanson  
Andrew Zoebisch

#### April 25

Huoy Ginter

#### April 26

Theresa Polzin

#### April 27

Keith Bratsch

#### April 28

Roxanne Ahmann  
Samuel Jamison  
Jeanne Pommier

### April Wedding Anniversaries

#### April 16

Wes and Berdella Brolin

Ed and Bonita Lecy

Redemption Lutheran Church  
Leadership Meeting  
Tuesday March 19, 2024

Members Present: Jason Koosmann, Tim Sasse, Sue Sasse, Judy Zesch, Theresa Polzin, Pastor Josh, Becky Kritz, Deb Dix, Vicki Newton, Cindy Morey, Jessica Beyer, Clara Johnson

Meeting was called to order by President, Tim Sasse.

Opening Devotion and Prayer lead by Judy Zesch.

Motion by Becky, seconded by Vicki to approve the February minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The 2023 year to date financial report was distributed. The accounts are reconciled through February.

Pastor's Report: Getting ready for an impactful Holy Week, rewriting sermons and creating powerful Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. Excited about Redemption, God is at work at this place!

March 26th – Passover Meal – 60 people have signed up

May 5th – Pastor attending family confirmation, Pastor Drews will be the visiting Pastor.

May 12th – Music Sunday

May 13th – 15th – Pastor Conference

June 9th - 10 am Combined LCMS Worship Service at Normandale Lake Bandshell. There will be music, food and games for kids/adults. They will need volunteers for this event.

Elder's Report: Nancy Schuett's funeral March 22nd, 11 am at Mt Hope. Starting in the Fall there will be a Movie of the Month, we will watch the movie and discuss it through a Christian lens. There will be a change in serving communion, you can hold out your hand, if you would like the individual cup handed to you. The Elders mandated that all future funerals are to go through the RLC office, have a meeting with Pastor Josh and follow the Funeral Guide, regardless of who is doing the service.

Congregational Life: One remaining lite supper:

March 20th – Leadership will be serving Pizza and donations going to the Musical.

Next game night is April 13th, playing Mario Kart and serving sloppy joes.

Mission Cluster: Easter Fest will be March 23rd (9 -11 am). We will be filling eggs on March 20th, after the church service, set up starting on Friday at 9 am. We are collecting food for Easter Dinners, for Kennedy Families and VEAP.

Resources: Things are calm, there is nothing to report.

Youth: Confirmation date has been changed to May 19th. Discussing joint confirmation starting in the Fall. Jason will be on vacation May 8th – 13th. Deb will answer office phones on May 13th. He will be attending a conference July 20th – 24th. We need technical help for church services on May 12th and July 21st. Also, answering office phones on July 22nd, 23rd & 24th.

Faith Forward: We have a proposal for a 3-year Capital Campaign. The Faith Forward committee will be reformed and more details forthcoming with information to be shared with the members at an upcoming Congregational Meeting. A campaign will move forward once the voters approve of the plan. Capitol Campaign Chairperson is Clara Johnson. It is very important to have a 100% commitment from Leadership and the Capitol Campaign committee. The committee will raise the funds and Robin Pagel will handle all the money. We need to remember this is over and above tithing. Motion by Vicki, seconded by Becky Leadership approves to move forward with the proposal for a 3-year Capitol Campaign. Motion carried. Special thank you to the Faith Forward Committee for all their hard work the past four years.

Safety Committee Chairperson is Phil Pagel, he has an excellent skill set. They will research procedures, plans and grants for possible upgrades.

Nominating Committee Chairperson is Michael Polzin. Becky Kritz is also on the committee. We need nominations for the following elected leaders – Vice President, Treasurer, Mission, Resources, Congregational Life and Elders. Elections will be at the Congregational Meeting on May 19th.

We still need readers and monitors for the Easter Reading Vigil. Please contact Becky Kritz if you are interested or have any questions.

The IRS Employee Retention Credit Program, is on hold by the Federal Government.

The Tomb outside by Old Shakopee Road, looks really nice especially at night under the light.

The Musical “Dream House” is April 25 – 28th.

The date of the next Leadership Meeting is April 16, 2024 at 6 pm. Sue will prepare the opening devotion.

Closing Prayer lead by Pastor.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by

Susan Sasse  
Secretary

## April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 7pm Alleluia Ringers	<b>2</b> 1pm Knitting	<b>3</b> 6:30pm Celebration Choir	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9am Divine Service 10:30am Christian Growth Hour	<b>8</b> 9:30am Women's Bible Study 7pm Alleluia Ringers	<b>9</b> 1pm Knitting 2pm Women's Ministry	<b>10</b> 4pm Open Gym 6:30pm Celebration Choir 6:30pm Divine Service 7:30pm His Own	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7pm QuarterLife at St Michael's	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9am Divine Service 10:30am Christian Growth Hour	<b>15</b> Newsletter Deadline 7pm Alleluia Ringers	<b>16</b> 1pm Knitting 6pm Leadership	<b>17</b> 10am Seniors R Us to Arboretum 4pm Open Gym 6:30pm Celebration Choir 6:30pm Divine Service	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Youth to go karting
<b>21</b> 9am Divine Service 10:30am Christian Growth Hour	<b>22</b> 9:30am Women's Bible Study Board 1:30pm Women's Ministry 7pm Alleluia Ringers	<b>23</b> 1pm Knitting	<b>24</b> 4pm Open Gym 6:30pm Divine Service	<b>25</b> 7pm Spring Musical Dress Rehearsal	<b>26</b> 7pm Spring Musical	<b>27</b> 6pm Spring Musical
<b>28</b> 9am Divine Service 9am Spring Musical 10:30am Christian Growth Hour	<b>29</b> 7pm Alleluia Ringers	<b>30</b> 1pm Knitting	<b>Notes:</b>			





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