

## THE REDEEMER MESSENGER

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### **The Family Altar**

#### **Hold Family Devotions**

Use a simple order of worship to guide your family devotions. See pages 294-298 in the *Lutheran Service Book (LSB)* for brief services for different times of the day. Repeat the hymns from Sunday throughout the week to make a connection between your daily prayer life and the Sunday Divine Service.

#### **Raising Children to Keep Them in the Family of Faith**

God comes to us through His Word and Sacraments during worship at church, and then the family's devotional life at home keeps its members connected to those gifts all week long. This routine creates a lifelong rhythm that helps keep kids in the faith throughout all stages of their lives.

82% of children raised by parents who talked about faith at home, attached great importance to their beliefs and were active in their congregations were themselves religiously active as young adults, according to data from the latest wave of the National Study of Youth and Religion: "Parents No. 1 influence helping teens remain religiously active as young adults" (Association of Religion Data Archives, 2014).

"Parents who provide a home where faith is vibrantly practiced – even imperfectly – are remarkably likely to create young adults who remain serious Christians, even as they sometimes go through bumpy spots in the road." – Finding from Focus on the Family's

“Millennial Faith Participation and Retention” study (2013)

**Read the Bible**

Take turns reading Bible passages out loud. Use the “Daily Lectionary” (*Lutheran Service Book*, pages 299-304) for suggested Bible readings for each day.

**Pray Together**

Pray first thing in the morning and at bedtime, before and after meals. Teach your child that the liturgy and hymns are part of their prayer life. God first speaks to us through His Word, and then we speak back with praise.

**Talk about Living in Faith**

Use spare moments throughout the day – while in the car, while waiting in line and so on – to discuss faith issues. As children are able, start applying the Small Catechism to real-world events and conversations.

**Tips for Family Devotions**

Set aside a specific time each day

Use a ribbon to indicate the color of the Church Year

Consider lighting a candle

Sing a hymn together

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**HOUSE OF COMPASSION**

Thank you to everyone who helped cook and serve on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Your willingness to help is much appreciated. In 2016 we will be cooking and serving the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month. Our next serving date is Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Cooking starts at 2 p.m. and serving begins at 4:30 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Nancy DeKock, 753-7878.

LWML has new Sympathy, Get Well, All Occasion, and Birthday cards for sale in the parish hall. Cost is \$6.00 per box.

## **USHERS FOR APRIL**

Pat Lowry            Lou Riese    Chad Callaway  
Byron Rhodes      Brad Pennington

## **GREETERS**

April 3            Becky Baedke, Craig Flanagan  
10            Randy and Karen Frohwein  
17            Evelyn Gummert, Anna Jass  
24            Dennis and Penny Hegdahl

## **FELLOWSHIP COFFEE**

April 3            Lou and Jan Riese  
10            Warren and Gwen Nash  
17            Randy and Karen Frohwein  
24            Dorothy Lueders, Myrna Burmester

## **ATTENDING ELDERS**

April 3            Charlie Swanson, Brian Mohr  
10            Roger Mathews, Brad Sickels  
13            Keith Egger  
17            Charles Misek, Dennis Sickels  
24            Steve Runge, Dennis Smith  
27            Steve Runge

## **AUDIO VIDEO TECH**

April 3            Charlie Swanson  
10            Keven Kirk  
17            Steve Runge  
24            Warren Nash

## **COMMUNION WARE**

April 3            Sam and Samantha Zoske  
17  
24            Millie Kosar

## Still, a Blessed Easter to You

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Indeed, He has risen, and He is our hope and our future. One of the best things about Easter is that it isn't limited to just one day. No – just like there are 12 days of Christmas, not just 1, so too Easter lasts more than just one day.

In the world, Easter decorations are put away, hams are eaten up or frozen, and baskets are stored for next year. But for us Christians, we continually celebrate and rejoice in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. Easter continues. Easter is an entire season, and we celebrate 40 days of Easter until Jesus' **Ascension**.

Easter joy doesn't stop there, either! Easter joy continues a full 50 days until that great day of **Pentecost**! So while everyone else is done with Easter and ready for the next thing, we continue the celebration and the rejoicing and the Alleluias. Our hope is in the resurrection of our bodies to everlasting life with Jesus. That Easter continues into eternity.

So – still – Blessed Easter to you and to your family! Jesus is risen! And you, too will be raised.

“Thank you all for the thoughts, prayers, gifts, words of encouragement, and more regarding our new blessing, Emma. We are so thankful to have her in our life. Thank you for being a wonderful church family in welcoming us.”



—Patrick, Emily, and Emma Ryherd

A special thank you to Patrick and Emily Ryherd for donating new tapes for our recording ministry.

## RESTLESS PURSUITS

“The flesh is forever moving from present possessions to future ones. It loses the former in the pursuit of the latter and thus deprives itself of the use of both.”

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Martin Luther's Little Instruction Book

**“The Lutheran Witness”** subscriptions and renewals are due. The cost for a renewal or a new subscription is \$15.96. Please make your check payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church and note in the memo section “Lutheran Witness”. Please give your check to Brian Mohr, Director of Stewardship, or place in mailbox #176 in the narthex by Sunday, April

Pastor David Brandt from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Grinnell is retiring. His farewell is scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:30a.m. - 2:00 p.m.. It's sandwiches, salads and desserts and is for the congregation members, community and circuit pastors and their members.



# HOUSE OF COMPASSION

## We need you!

Are you a person who wants to live a life like Christ – to serve and not be served?

The second greatest commandment in the Bible is “Love your neighbor as yourself.” The House of Compassion offers an opportunity for you to carry out that commandment right here in your own community.

The HOC is in desperate need of volunteers to monitor in our emergency shelter. Hours are 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 a.m. Monitors check guests in and then watch TV or visit with them. You sleep in a separate room (with a lock), then wake the clients up so that everyone is ready to leave at 7 a.m.

If you feel led to serve your neighbor in this way or have questions, please call Karen or Maryna at 641-752-5999 or Becky Faircloth at 641-751-5283.

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# Join us for our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Trinity Tea!

## Wondrously Wrought through God's Inspiration

April 9, 2016

At Orphan Grain Train  
(Formerly Clemons Lutheran School)  
302 Bevin St., Clemons, IA

A tea for mothers, daughters and friends.  
Bring your hat and gloves.



Program: Deb Ewoldt- Owner of the Blacksmith Boutique and  
Garden Shop, Dysart, IA



Doors will open at 10:45 AM.  
11:30 AM Tea, with Program Following

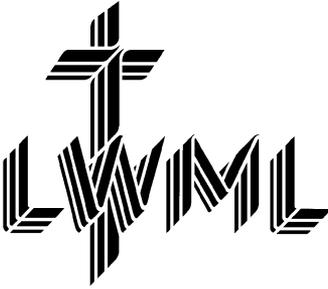
\$16 tickets available  
Includes Meal and Program.  
Reservations will begin on March 10th.

Contact Aileen McKinney at 641-483-2905 or 641-751-4004.  
Make reservations early. Reserve an entire table!

There will be silent auction items  
and door prize drawings.  
Craft area will be expanded this year!



## *The glory of the world is God's gift to us.*



The Lent and Easter season is always a busy time for the Altar Circle. Taking care of linens and changing of paraments is an important part of the worship service.

A big thank you to all who helped to make the Easter breakfast special - - setting up, providing Easter lilies, serving and bringing delicious food to be

enjoyed by all. It was a memorable Resurrection morning.

**BAKE SALE:** Planned for Sunday, April 10th, after the worship service. We are asking Redeemer members to donate food items. Free will donations will go toward December's Mission Grants.

Two new highchairs will be purchased for the dining area in the parish hall.

Sue Lied was a guest at our March meeting. We always welcome all Redeemer ladies to come and join us at any time.

St. John's, State Center, will host the Marshalltown Zone LWML's Spring Rally at the Orphan Grain Train site in Clemons (former Lutheran school) on Saturday, April 2nd. Speaker will be a staff member of the Orphan Grain Train. Redeemer ladies will carpool from the church parking lot at 8:15 AM.

Cleaning of the kitchen is being planned for Tuesday, April 26 at 8:30 AM. Help is always appreciated.

Material and thread was purchased for the quilters by Adeline Brown. Many thanks.

The 38th Biennial Convention of the IED LWML will be held June 17-18 in Oskaloosa. More information will be in future newsletters. We will be saving items in the Parish Hall for this convention. Each Mercy Hygiene Kit consists of one of each item: bath towel (dark), washcloth (dark), bathsize bar of soap (wrapped), adult sized toothbrush, sturdy comb, stick deodorant, six bandaids (3/4") secured together and one, or two tissue packets. All items should be new and the loose items should be rolled up in the wash

cloth/bath towel and secured with a ribbon or yarn. Deloris Clayton will deliver these to the convention.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 9:30 AM. Lesson will be the continuation of Milestones of Faith from the Quarterly. All ladies are invited to attend.

Delores Popp

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## BOARD OF ASSIMILATION NEWS

Thank you to my great committee members, Bonnie, Jana, Julee, Renee and Esther for a job well done the last five Wednesdays of Lenten suppers. They fixed the main dishes, served, cleaned up, as well as bringing side dishes and desserts too. Of course, special thanks also to you, our congregation members, for coming to eat, bringing food, and helping with cleanup. Without your contributions, these would not have happened. I hope a good time was had by all.

Looking ahead:

**Sunday, March 27** - Our committee will be assisting the LWML in serving the annual Easter breakfast.

**Sunday, April 10** - 3:00 Bowling at the Totem Bowl for those who want to and cards/games for those in a separate room who can't bowl or don't wish to do so. We will then all come together for pizza there. Please sign up on the sheet in the parish hall if you can come. Bowling, cards, pizza and good fellowship - what a way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

**Sunday, May 15** - Our second annual Planting for the "Son" event to be held during SS and adult Bible class. All can participate in planting plants or getting the planting cups ready to distribute for our

shut-ins and others at the nursing homes.

Help to deliver the plants will be appreciated as well. Our recipients really enjoyed the flowers to brighten up their rooms.

**Saturday, June 11** - 7:08 P.M. We will attend an I-Cubs game at Principal Park in Des Moines, carpooling from the church.

Again, a signup sheet with ticket price and more details will be put up in the parish hall in early May. Let us take you out to the ballgame!

**Sunday, July 17** - Our quarterly brunch after church. More casseroles and rolls needed - more eating!

**August** - Vacation - no activities planned right now.

That takes us through August, with info on activities in the final four months of 2016 to follow soon.

Please come join us for as many activities as you can. Feel free to bring a friend or family member also. All are welcome!

God's continued blessings to you all,

Sandy Rhodes, Director of the Assimilation Committee

Note: *If any of you know of a play or production of some kind that you think we would all enjoy for October or early November, please let one of us on the committee know. We have attended one at the Amanas the last two years, but this year's choices are not as good as in the past. We need your help. Thanks!*

*Be merciful,*  
**JUST AS YOUR FATHER**  
*is merciful.*  
LUKE 6:36

# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Devotional for Day 36, March 16, 2016

Rev. Ben Sheldon, President Emeritus, Presbyterians for Life

## **Intention:**

We pray for the gift of openness to children.

## **Scripture:**

God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him, male and female He created them.

And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” — Genesis 1:27-28

## **Reflection:**

God’s intention is that we multiply and fill the earth. One of the most pernicious lies that sociologists have foisted off on the public is that the earth is becoming overpopulated.

What kind of a sadistic god would create the earth and human creatures on it, only to have them literally reproduce themselves into oblivion?

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our divine Creator, has commanded us to multiply and fill the earth and far from letting the population get out of control, He has, in fact given his human creatures a dominical role over all the lesser creatures.

The “birth control” movement, which had its beginnings with Margaret Sanger in the early years of the last century, has led, in many parts of the world, to a birthrate that is drastically below the normal replacement rate.

God’s Word assures us that children are a blessing, that they are a reward of faithfully trusting and serving God and that they are the crown of their parents’ old age.

The spread of the contraception mentality that has so permeated our culture is, undoubtedly, a factor in the ready acceptance of abortion. God’s commandment to multiply and fill the earth has never been withdrawn. May He help us to accept the gift of children and give him thanks for every baby who is born into the world.

## **Prayer:**

Father of mercy and grace, we thank you for the gift of our children. Grant that every fiber of our being may rejoice when a new baby, our own or any else’s, is born into the world. Help us to welcome them as we would welcome you, for whenever a new baby is conceived, another life to bear your image and another voice to praise and worship you, is beginning. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

*And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head. But there were some who were indignant among themselves and said, "Why was this fragrant oil waster? For it might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they criticized her sharply.*

Mark 14:3-5

## ONLY JESUS IS WORTH THAT MUCH

It happens occasionally during the Christmas season or on a birthday that someone gives you a gift and upon opening it you say? "Oh, you shouldn't have. You've really overdone it this time. This is too much."

But a gift is something freely given by someone else. If it were deserved or earned it would be called payment. A gift depends on someone else's love, kindness, and generosity. A gift is not what you think they should give, for a gift is the giver's to give.

In the home of Simon the Leper Jesus received a very expensive gift. It was a bottle of fragrant and expensive oil valued in excess of 300 denarii! On at least two different occasions during His earthly ministry Jesus praised someone's gift. He praised a widow in the temple because she gave a mite into the treasury, a fraction of a penny, a tiny amount. He also praised this woman's gift, perhaps over \$20,000 in currency.

What in the world do those gifts have in common?

They were both given in faith. The widow gave the last of her money in faith, trusting that God would continue to provide for her—only God is worth that much. This woman also gave her gift in faith, an expression of love for Jesus. Only Jesus is worth that much.

Whatever you give, let it be given in faith. Let it be done not to keep up with the Joneses or any other fleshly reason. Let all giving, whether it is time, talents, or money be given that Jesus might be glorified—because only Jesus is worth that much.

Why is only Jesus worth that much?

Only Jesus is willing to give up everything so that we might be blessed eternally.

Only Jesus could offer the sacrifice to make us right with God today, tomorrow, and forever.

Only Jesus could rise again from death to assure us of eternal blessing.

These devotions are archived at  
<http://xrl.us/edevotions>

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES  
Thursday, March 17, 2016

Redeemer Lutheran Church Council was called to order at 7:01 PM by President Keith Egger. The Collect for the Fifth Sunday in Lent was read as an opening prayer. John 12:20 - 36 served as a Bible study.

Members Present: President: Keith Egger; Financial Secretary: Charles Swanson; Pastor Alex Post; Board of Elders: Steve Runge; Board of Stewardship: Brian Mohr; Board of Assimilation: Sandy Rhodes; Board of Social Ministry: Nancy DeKock; Board of Church Property: Brad Pennington and President Secretary: Rebecca Baedke.

Members Absent: Treasurer: Sam Zoske; Second Vice President: Bruce Johnson; Director of Youth Ministry: Rheba Yost; Board of Evangelism: Janelle Shatava.

Vacant Positions: First Vice President and Director of Parish Education.

The agenda was accepted as presented. The minutes of the previous month were reviewed. Steve motioned to approve the minutes. Brian seconded. Motion carried.

Statistical Report: Last month attendance averages were: Sunday morning: 93; Wednesday evening: 66; Adult Bible class: 35 and Sunday school: 8. Member totals last month were 317 Baptized and 252 Communicant. Increase: baptism of Emma Quinn Ryherd, daughter of Patrick and Emily Ryherd. Decrease: transfer of Todd and Julie Eipperle to Our Savior Lutheran, Des Moines, Iowa.

Financial Report: Sam Zoske absent. Charles Swanson presented financial reports. Brian motioned, Nancy seconded to approve the financial reports as submitted. Motion

carried.

Board of Elders: Director Steven Runge reported the Elders met Thursday, March 3, with Pastor Post and six elders in attendance:

1. Devotions of Luther's Large Catechism began.
2. Communion assignments for next month were designated.
3. A request by Michael and Priscilla Walters was discussed with recommendations made.
4. Pastor Post made 27 pastoral care visits last month.
5. The need to contact non-attending members was discussed.
6. The next Elders meeting will be Thursday, April 14, at 7:00 PM.

Board of Stewardship: Director Brian Mohr reported envelopes for 2017 have been ordered with an addition of an annual Lutherans for Life envelope . Brian will look into the absence of Lenten service envelopes among the 2016 envelopes. Renewals for the Lutheran Witness Subscription will be available in the coming weeks.

Board of Assimilation: Director Sandy Rhodes reported

1. Easter potluck brunch will be Sunday, March 27 with the Assimilation board assisting the LWML.
2. Five Wednesday night Lenten Suppers, with main dishes provided by the board and volunteers bringing other items for the meal, have been attended and enjoyed by a large number of people in attendance.
3. April 10 will be bowling at Totem Bowl, beginning at 3:00 pm. A room is reserved for those not bowling to enjoy watching, visiting and board or card games so everyone will attend. Pizza and drinks will be served.
4. May 15 Julee Swanson will lead a planting activity during the Sunday school hour. After planting, plants will be delivered to nursing home residents and shut ins.

5. Iowa Cubs tickets have been purchased by Jana Robertson for members to attend the Saturday, May 11, 7:08 pm game. Car pooling from the church will be organized.
6. Brunch following worship service is planned on July 17.
7. No events are planned during August. Future 2016 events will be planned.

Board of Social Ministry: Director Nancy DeKock reported forty-nine (49) people were served at the House of Compassion on Tuesday, March 1, utilizing leftover food from the kitchen, donated angel food cake from Hy-Vee and a dish prepared by Bonnie Lowry. April 5 will be the next serving date at the House of Compassion.

Board of Parish Education: Position vacant. The Wednesday morning men's Bible study has been well attended. Wednesday evening youth catechesis are each going well with confirmation planned in May. Tuesday night adult instruction is being attended by members and potential new members.

Board of Evangelism: Director Janelle Shatava, absent. No report.

Board of Youth Ministry: Director Rheba Yost absent. Registrations have been mailed for Nyapukah Ngor, Natalie Smith, Rheba and Pastor to attend the Higher Things conference this summer.

Board of Church Property: Director Brad Pennington reported

1. A copy of the church electrical schematic is securely stored off site.
2. The ABM Janitorial Services contract, duties and supplies to be furnished will continue to be reviewed and discussed.
3. The liability insurance policy will be reviewed for clarification of coverage.

4. Randy Frohwein will be contacted in an attempt to control unwanted pests.
5. Freiburg Eavespouting was contacted about damaged gutter on south side of sanctuary, and has scheduled time to replace it.
6. The missing fascia trim will also need to be replaced.
7. The Church Office sign post was hit by the snow plow truck and bent. The post needs to be straightened and the sign repaired and replaced.

President Report: Keith reported Redeemer received \$646 Thrivent Choice Dollars this month, for a total of \$1,230 received in 2016.

Old Business:

1. Parsonage repairs: Sandy contacted Iowa Bath Solutions. After Easter the bathroom sink, vanity, etc., projects will be upgraded.
2. Brad inventoried the parsonage and will prioritize a list and make a budget to address various updates needed throughout. Initial items mentioned include a living room window with a broken seal; old dark basement paneling; cold basement conditions; overloaded breakers; and original 1960s kitchen cabinetry.
3. Julee Swanson agreed to distribute video tapes to Hawkeye Care Center and Southridge Nursing and Rehab. Sandy willing to assist when Julee is not available.

New Business:

1. Plans will proceed to update a member photo directory. Photos of members not in the current directory and anyone wishing updated photos will be taken to update electronic display of photos as well as a printed directories. Printed directories and DVD's will be prepared to distribute for anyone wishing either version of a directory.
2. Background checks are required for adults to attend youth conventions. A service called, Protect My Ministry

performs background checks for an initial \$39 charge, followed by a \$10 charge for each individual background checked.

3. Permission for use of the Parish Hall was discussed for Esther Post to host other home school parents and students of Classical Conversations, one day each week, beginning in September, 2016. Classical Conversations is a national organization that equips parents to give their children an excellent education based from home focused on 3 keys to successful education: Classical, Christian and Community. Funds toward insurance and any necessary upkeep will be provided by this group.

4. Permission for use of the Parish Hall was discussed for a family gathering on October 8, 2016.

5. Parking Lot use was authorized for a member who is a high school student.

6. Funds will be budgeted for hymnals (\$25.99) in place of Luther's Small Catechism (\$14.49) in the next year budget for confirmation and adult instruction attendees.

This Church Council will meet again on Thursday, April 21, 2016, at 7:00 PM. Steve motioned and Brian seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 pm. Motion carried. Pastor Post led Luther's evening prayer to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rebecca J Baedke*





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## AVOIDING TEMPTATION

Our ten-year-old loves playing on his father's tablet but may use only the touchscreen because he's misused the keyboard and stylus. One day, after receiving permission to play, he detached and handed over the forbidden objects. His dad said, "Just leave them there," but our son replied, "No, I might be tempted to use them."

We routinely pray, "Lead us not into temptation," hoping God will almost magically keep us out of trouble even as we stray close to enticements: We buy high-calorie treats while intending to "eat healthy." We visit big-box stores and spend money we don't have. We gather with gossipy friends, fully aware that such talk is sinful and harmful.

Perhaps we should be more proactive about removing temptations. Perhaps "Lead me not into temptation" means "God, help me keep myself away from that which tempts me toward poor choices." Amen! —Heidi Mann

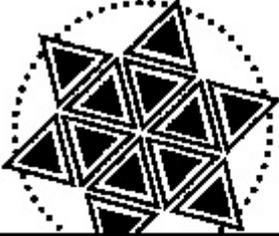
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**Bible Quiz**

What was the name of Esther's cousin who raised her after her parents died?

- A. Hegai
- B. Haman
- C. Mordecai
- D. Ahasuerus (also known as Xerxes)



Answer: C (See Esther 2:7)

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