

## *Volunteer Opportunities*

- ♦ Altar Guild
- ♦ Changing of the Banners
- ♦ Reading Scriptures
- ♦ Fellowship Coffee
- ♦ Ushers
- ♦ Acolytes
- ♦ Prayer Chain

For information, please see Carol Kirst

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# The Redeemer Report

S P R I N G I S S U E

March-May  
2019



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## ***A Message From Pastor***

“Behold the man!” proclaimed Pontius Pilate. This will be our focus this Lenten Season and Easter Sunday. Behold the man, God in human flesh, Jesus. We will fix our eyes and our preaching on the man Jesus, contemplating the most important fact that God became man.

This Lent, we will consider what it means that God became man. In preparation for the celebration of the resurrection without which our faith and our preaching are all in vain, considering the body of Jesus that exists in order to be nailed to a cross. God takes on human flesh. What could be more profound?

Each week, we’ll consider a different aspect of the body of Jesus Christ. What does it mean that, in Jesus, God has hands, feet, lungs, lips, eyes, and ears?



A lite supper will be offered after the mid-week services

## ***Lent 2019***

### **Ash Wednesday**

A God Who Hungers

Joel 2:12–19; 2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10; Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

### **Midweek of Lent 1**

A God Who Prays

Hebrews 7:20–28; John 17

### **Midweek of Lent 2**

A God Beaten

Isaiah 52:13–53:12; John 18:19–24

### **Midweek of Lent 3**

A God Exposed

Genesis 3:7–21; John 19:1–5, 23–24

### **Midweek of Lent 4**

A God with a Mother

Revelation 12:1–6; John 19:25–27

### **Midweek of Lent 5**

A God Who Thirsts

Psalms 22:12–18; John 19:28–30

### **Holy Thursday**

A God Who Loves

Exodus 12:1–14; 1 Corinthians 11:23–32; John 13:1–17, 31b–35

### **Good Friday**

A God Who Bleeds, a God Who Dies

Isaiah 52:13–53:12; Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9; John 18–19

### **Easter**

A God Who Rises

Isaiah 65:17–25; 1 Corinthians 15:19–26; John 20:1–18

## ***The Two Natures of Christ***

“I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,” (Luther’s meaning to the second article of The Apostle’s Creed). These are important words that Luther wrote to help us understand who Jesus is. This is not an idea someone plucked out of the air. Jesus being both true God and true man is stated clearly in God’s Word. “Though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness men.” (Philippians 2:6-7) The Philippians passage establishes that Jesus is God with the Father and the Holy Spirit before He took on human flesh. “Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.” (Hebrews 4:14-15) The Hebrews passage relates to us that Jesus came to take our place, taking our punishment before God for our sins. This is especially important to us between Ash Wednesday and Easter. Jesus has to be human to take our place and die. However He had to be God to be able to not sin, pay the price for all of our sins, and to confirm the victory there is for us through His resurrection. This miracle of Jesus Christ being both God and man we call the two natures of Christ, fully God and fully human at the same time. This truth assures us that by faith in Jesus Christ, in His death and resurrection, we are truly forgiven and have an eternal future with God.



Please join us for brunch and  
the children’s Easter egg  
hunt following Easter Sunday  
Service

## ***What’s going on...***

### **Church Council Meeting**

2nd Wednesday monthly

6pm-Fireside Room

### **Birthday Luncheon**

3rd Thursday of monthly

11:30am-Location to be announced

### **Lutheran Women’s Missionary League**

3rd Tuesday of monthly

1pm-Fireside Room

### **Men’s Bible Fellowship**

7pm –1st, 2nd and 3rd Tuesday monthly

6pm on the 4th Tuesday

Fireside room

### **First Quarter Mission Outreach**

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### **Women’s Bible Fellowship**

2nd and 4th Thursday monthly at

11am Fireside Room

*(see Carol Fennern for details)*

## ***Good News***

Pastor is in his office on

Wednesdays from around 9:00am-2:00pm. These times will vary with council meetings Lent Services, and Birthday luncheons. He will be on site, but also out of the office visiting our home bound members.



sponsored a very successful bake sale on Super Bowl Sunday. **Thank you** for the generosity of the members and friends of Redeemer Lutheran Church! Wow! \$322.00!

Carol Fennern  
Chair

Our Lord could carry out His purposes for our world without us. But in grace He has chosen to make us partners with Him. What an honor! Please keep our church and loved ones in your prayers.

- ◇ Darla Anderson
- ◇ Marlene Prudhel
- ◇ Bruce Meyer



Where  
God guides,  
He provides

ISAIAH 58:11



## Board of Properties

### Roof repair on the Fireside Building

Jeff and Crystal have received the permit to proceed with the repairs.

The damage was viewed and there are 3 trusses that will need to be rebuilt or replaced. The roofer thinks that the shingle color could be close to matching. Work will begin once there is a clear period of dry weather as to be able to complete the repairs.

The insurance company has been contacted and there is a \$1000 deductible that will need to be paid.



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## Evangelism

If you are aware of someone who is ill or absent from church, and would like us to send a card or a note; please contact Betty Hartwig or Marlene Luhn. Diane Amaral notifies the Lodi New Sentinel with any information we would like published regarding the church.

### Men's Bible Fellowship -

We are presently studying the Old Testament book of Exodus. Invite your friends and join us!

### Women's Bible Study

They will continue our study on *love* based on various passages from the bible.

THANK YOU  
**GOD**  
FOR BLESSING ME  
MUCH MORE  
THAN I DESERVE.