



# The Redeemer Report

W I N T E R I S S U E

January-April  
2016



**Redeemer Lutheran Church**

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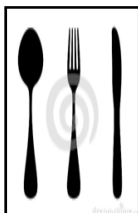
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## ***A Message From Pastor***

Through faith in Christ we have become brothers and sisters in Christ, Saint Paul tells us. Being bound together by Christ's love is our greatest strength. "For in Him we live and move and have our being." (Acts 17:28) The cross of Christ lights our way. This is the reason that we as a small congregation do more than just survive; we thrive. We take seriously Jesus' words to "love one another as I (Christ) have loved you (John 13:34)." This is what will give us another awesome year together as God's people in this place; the family of Redeemer. This will also be our best witness and outreach to our community.



***Can you believe the Lenten season is quickly approaching??? It's time to think about hosting a mid week Lenten Soup Supper. The sign up sheet is posted on the kitchen counter.***

Services at 4:00pm  
Supper following Wednesday services at 5:00pm beginning February 17th

## ***Upcoming Events***

**Annual Congregational Meeting**

*Sunday, January. 24th*

**Discovering your Spiritual Gifts Survey**

*Sunday, January 24th*

**LWML Super Bowl Sunday Tailgate Party and Bake Sale**

*Sunday, February. 7th*

**Church Clean-up Day**

*Saturday, March 19th-9am to noon*

### **Places of the Passion**

For our Lenten season this year we will look at a different section of the Passion story each week. Each week Luke will take us to a different place. The focus will not only be the physical places but on the spiritual work God does there on our behalf. It is the spiritual work God does at each place that makes each place important. We are invited to journey with our Lord this Lenten season.

Feb. 10 Ash Wednesday "A Place at the Table for You" (Luke 22:1-13)

Feb. 17 Midweek of Lent 1 "The Upper Room: A Place of Service" (Luke 22:14-38)

Feb. 24 Midweek of Lent 2 "Gethsemane: A Place of Strength" (Luke 22:39-46)

Mar. 2 Midweek of Lent 3 "The Betrayal: A Place of Eternal Love" (Luke 22:47-53)

Mar. 9 Midweek of Lent 4 "The Courtyard: A Place of Renewal" (Luke 22:54-62)

Mar. 16 Midweek of Lent 5 "The Trial: A Place of God's Will" (Luke 22:63-23:25)

Mar. 20 Palm Sunday

Mar. 24 Holy Thursday "The Last Supper: A Place of Forgiveness" (Luke 22:7-23)

Mar. 25 Good Friday "Golgotha: A Place of Simple Love" (Luke 23:44-49)

Mar. Easter Sunday "The Empty Tomb: A Place of Remembering" (Luke 24: 1-11)

## What's going on...



**The Lutheran Women's Missionary League** is the official women's auxiliary of the LCMS. Our purpose is to "Serve the Lord with Gladness" based on Psalm 100:2. We seek to do this through various Mission Outreach projects locally and also through our National and District Mite project levels. All women of the LCMS are members of LWML.. We meet monthly in the Fireside Room on the third Tuesday at 1:00 pm, except in July and August. All women are welcome to join.

Please remember our ongoing project of food for Lodi Community Center. We collect pull-top cans of soup, fruits and veggies as well as boxed cereals, peanut butter and jelly. Drop your donations in the baskets in the narthex.

Do you have your Mite Box?

For information see Sylvia Peters



**Redeemer Men's Bible Fellowship** is an informal discussion group responding to weekly studies of Books of the Bible. All responses are encouraged, as they often lead to a vibrant discussion, including life applications. We meet on Tuesday evenings, 7:00-8:00pm. Pizza night is on the last Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. We include CPR's - these are Confidential Prayer Requests that are not shared outside of the group. We have found it interesting that there can be so much fun and joy in being together in God's Holy Word. All men are invited, as the Fellowship includes men from several congregations.

**Redeemer Women's Bible Fellowship** meets once per month at 1:00 pm at Brookdale Senior Living complex here in Lodi. Our bible studies come from the LWML Quarterly. We study a different topic each month. All woman are invited to attend.



### **Board Members**

President Jeffrey Kirst  
Vice President George Miller  
Secretary Carol Kirst  
Treasurer Crystal Kirst  
Board of Elders Wally Peters

### *Committee Members*

Education: Sylvia Peters  
Evangelism: Betty Hartwig  
Mission Outreach: Diane Amaral  
Property: Cliff Hall & Mike Kirkle  
Stewardship: Dave Stolz and Carol Kirst

### **Church Council Meeting**

2nd Wednesday of every month  
6pm-Fireside Room

### **Birthday Luncheon**

3rd Thursday of every month at  
11:30am Location to be announced  
**First Quarter Mission Outreach**  
Lodi Memorial Senior Day Care

## Did you know?

The **Altar Guild** is responsible for preparing the settings for the liturgical life of the congregation. The space used for worship is called the worship space. Church buildings usually have three main divisions of worship space: narthex, nave and chancel.

The *narthex* is the place of entering, a place of transition from everyday life to corporate worship. The *nave* is the place of assembly, where the congregation gathers for worship. The *chancel*, a raised platform in front of the nave. Most worship leadership is conducted from the chancel, since is the place of both altar and pulpit.

## Our prayers have power!

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.

- ◇ Julie Ashbaugh
- ◇ Ida Bentz
- ◇ Marlene Purdhel

## A Note to the Congregation



Dear Redeemer Lutheran and Pastor,  
Thinking of you all so often and thank our God for you. Remembering always your great kindness and support. May God's great grace be multiplied to you all.  
In Christ always,  
Jalyne

(Bonnie Flemmers' Daughter)

If you have any information or comments for the Redeemer Report. please contact Diane Amaral. The deadline is April 15, 2016.

## Projects

### The Serenity Garden

*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.*

*Matthew 11:28*

Over the next few years, a small parcel of land just south of the rear parking lot and west of the storage shop will be developed into a small garden for prayer, meditation and reflection. The estimated cost to complete the garden is approximately \$5,000. It will be financed through fundraisers and donations and will be completed in stages as our funds allow. A sketch of the garden will be posted on the bulletin board for your review. Any and all suggestions are welcome. If you would like to donate towards this project, please contact Diane Amaral.

## Volunteer Opportunities

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

For information, please see Carol Kirst