

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

W I N T E R / S P R I N G
I S S U E

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A Message From Pastor

Comfortable?

It is very easy to get comfortable with how things are going but like a soap bubble floating along and suddenly bursts, things change abruptly and not always the way we want them to. We plan and look forward to events that come and then they are part of our past like January 31st of this year; the Super Blue Blood Moon Eclipse which will not be seen again in our lifetimes. Then there are events we do not plan for and can change our lives in a way we do not want like the chaos of the stock market beginning two days later and on paper erasing huge amounts of wealth. In this world being comfortable is an illusion that pops like the soap bubble and we shouldn't be surprised when it happens, yet we are, and this is unsettling. It always comes down to the story Jesus told about the wise man who built his house upon a rock and the foolish man who built his house upon the sand. When the storms come we know which house will fall. In life we stand upon Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; the stability we need to weather the storm of sin, death, and the devil leading us to the gates of heaven.

Lent 2018

This year our Lenten theme is "Return from Exile: A Lenten Journey." It is a journey that takes us from Old Testament to New Testament; from our exile into the wilderness of sin and death to our destination in the courts of heaven established through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. There is much to reflect on in our Lenten Journey as we consider what Jesus faced because of us. So, each time we will begin in the Old Testament, but always moving to the New Testament as we are assured about what we have because of Jesus Christ our Lord. The true destination of our earthly journey is through the empty tomb to the open gates of everlasting life. In this journey we have the confidence that we do not walk alone.

start each
day with a
grateful
heart



ASH WEDNESDAY TO EASTER **2018**

ASH WEDNESDAY

2/14/2018 4PM

HEART TO HEART: SACKCLOTH AND ASHES TO ROBES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
Texts: Joel 2:12–19; Revelation 7:9–14

MIDWEEK OF LENT 1

2/21/2018 4PM

GARDEN TO GARDEN: EDEN TO HEAVEN
Texts: Genesis 3:22–24; Revelation 22:1–5

MIDWEEK OF LENT 2

2/28/2018 4PM

MOUNTAIN TO MOUNTAIN: MOUNT MORIAH TO MOUNT ZION
Texts: Genesis 22:1–8; John 3:16

MIDWEEK OF LENT 3

3/7/2018 4PM

OUT OF EGYPT: THROUGH THE WATER
Texts: Exodus 14:13–31; Mark 1:9–13

MIDWEEK OF LENT 4

3/14/2018 4PM

TREE TO TREE: THE TREE OF LIFE TO THE CROSS
Texts: Genesis 2:15–17; 3:22–24;
John 3:14–15

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MIDWEEK OF LENT 5

3/21/2018 4PM

DEATH TO RESURRECTION: THE WILDERNESS
TO THE PROMISED LAND

Texts: Joshua 3:1–6; Matthew 3:13; 4:1–2



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

HOLY THURSDAY

3/29/2018 4PM

MEAL TO MEAL: THE PASSOVER TO THE
LORD'S SUPPER

Texts: Exodus 12:1–13; Mark 14:12–26

GOOD FRIDAY

3/30/2018 4PM

SIN-BEARER TO SIN-BEARER: THE DAY OF
ATONEMENT TO THE ATONEMENT

Texts: Isaiah 52:13–53:12; John 19:17–
30

EASTER SUNDAY

4/1/2018 10AM

WELCOME HOME!

Text: Mark 16:1–8



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



LWML sponsors a very successful
bake sale thanks to the generosity
of the members and friends of
Redeemer Lutheran Church! Wow!
\$240.50!

The congregation had the
opportunity to vote for their
favorite project. The votes were
tallied, and there were three votes
for the Serenity Garden, one vote
for sealing the parking lot and one
vote for new table clothes.

Thank you all so much!

Carol Fennern

Chair

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

Grace and Mercy Charitable

Foundation

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.

Board of Properties

Courtyard: Due to the homeless persons staying in the courtyard and using the electrical outlet and hose bib, these items have been done:

1. The electric outlet on the outside Fireside room has been removed. The electricians also have made two others in our flower beds inactive.
2. A plumber came and replaced the faucet on the fireside room with a tamper proof hose bib that uses a “special” key to turn it on.
3. The doors under the old BBQ have been screwed shut to prevent storage of items. Since these were completed, it appears the homeless people have moved on.

Inside the Church

1. Fire extinguishers have been checked and refreshed.
2. Crystal met the plumber and had all toilets and urinals repaired and/or replaced.
3. A new, smaller and much more efficient refrigerator was donated by Appliance Distributors for the kitchen. They also removed the old one.

Inside the Fireside Room

1. George replaced the “guts” of the men’s toilet in the Fireside Room.

Outside the church grounds

1. Lights and light bulbs have been replaced to provide more light for security.
2. Most of the sprinklers have been repaired.
3. Several dead strubs were removed from the parking lot.
4. Thanks to Dave Stolz who hired Christopher Hall to clean the Ham Lane fence line. It looks great now.

2018

1. The fence for the serenity garden will be moved in the next couple months.
2. Jeff will check into the cost to seal coat the parking lots in the spring.
3. Jeff will check on the price of LED lights for the parking lot.
4. Jeff will repair the leaking sprinkler valve on Ham Lane.

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.

- ◇ Laura Bowser
- ◇ Rod Bell
- ◇ Marlene Prudhel

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 book of Romans. Invite your friends and join us!

Women's Bible Study

Our study resumed in January, but you can join us anytime! Our study comes from the book “God is in the Laundry Room.” Contact Carol Fennern

