



In Touch

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"Christianity and War"

As I write this article, the Ukraine-Russia tensions are at an all-time high. I wouldn't be totally shocked if by the time you read this article, Russia will have already invaded the Ukraine. All this talk of war and unrest brought me to, once again, think about war and the Christian response. Can Christians rightly fight in a war?

This question has caused a lot of division in the body of Christ. Should a Christian go to war where he might kill other people when the Bible says to "turn the other cheek" (Luke 6:29)? Is it right to do war against others or does the Bible forbid it?

War is a state of declared, open, and armed conflict between two or more nations. It is sometimes undertaken in self-defense such as when the U.S. entered WWII as a result of Japan attacking Pearl Harbor. Other times, however, nations unjustly go to war to take spoils from other countries. Murder, on the other hand, is an unlawful taking of life and is always wrong. When nations go to war, it is declared lawful by the countries going to war — some-

times for moral reasons and other times for immoral reasons. Therefore, an immoral war could be considered a form of murder where a moral war could be in self-defense. The short answer is, not all war is wrong. Even still, war is a result of sin! But to defend yourself is not wrong.

It is difficult to determine when the war would be a righteous endeavor given that leaders of nations are not ruling with that Bible as their sole guide and could easily have ungodly reasons for going to war. Nevertheless, war is an unfortunate reality in this world, and it causes great destruction, misery, and loss of life. It should be avoided if possible and undertaken only as a last resort.

The Bible teaches that we have the right to self-defense. If we apply biblical principles to war, I conclude that war can be justifiable when it is in self-defense and/or when it is to protect the innocent. Therefore, a Christian could rightfully engage in war given those conditions.

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In the Old Testament, we read that God sends people into war. In fact, God uses war as a means of disciplining nations. Also, the Lord is called a warrior. Furthermore, Christians are instructed to be in subjection to the governing authorities whose establishment is from God. This establishment has the right to declare war and to punish its citizenry, even by capital punishment.

Finally, notice that some soldiers approached John the Baptist and inquired about repentance. John did not tell them to stop being soldiers, but to do their jobs properly, honestly. "And some soldiers were questioning him, saying, 'And what about us, what shall we do?'" And he said to them, "Do not take money from anyone by force, or accuse anyone falsely, and be content with your wages," (Luke 3:14).

From all of this, we can see that war is a result of living in a sin filled world. Nation fighting nation was not God's desire at creation. However, for the Christian...going to war is not wrong in itself and that a Christian can go to war under the right circumstances.

We always pray that wars could be avoided. And now especially we pray for a peaceful solution with Russia and Ukraine. May God grant wisdom to the leaders of all countries involved.

God Bless,
Pastor Senstad



'EVERY MEMBER VISITS'

During the month of March, led by the Elders, we are doing every member visits. The title is a goal, not always a reality. Though we're going to try to get enough volunteers to make all the necessary visits, there is always a chance that someone gets past the volunteers and doesn't receive a call. If by the end of March, you still haven't been contacted by a volunteer for a visit, please let us know at our church office. 712-276-1125.

Midweek Lenten & Holy Week Worship Services at Redeemer

Ash Wednesday, March 2

11:30 AM & 7 PM Worship

*Meal: Soup & Pie

hosted by LWML

Theme: 'Mercy in Ashes'

Wednesday, March 9

11:30 AM & 7 PM Worship

*Meal: Chicken Strip Meal

hosted by 6th- 8th Grade Confirmation

Theme: 'Mercy In Temptation'

Wednesday, March 16

11:30 AM & 7 PM Worship

*Meal: Taco Bar

hosted by High School Youth Group

Theme: 'Mercy in Suffering'

Wednesday, March 23

11:30 AM & 7 PM Worship

*Meal: Loose Meats & Hot Dogs

hosted by KinderCottage Preschool

Theme: 'Mercy in Betrayal'

Wednesday, March 30

11:30 AM & 7 PM Worship

*Meal: Assorted Soups,

Sandwiches, and Desserts

hosted by Bibi's Hope Committee

Theme: 'Mercy in Relationships'

*Wednesday meals served at Noon
& 5-6:45 PM ~ (free-will offering &
Carry-outs available)

Wednesday, April 6

11:30 AM & 7 PM Worship

*Meal: Lasagna

hosted by Handbells/Choir

Theme: 'Mercy in Service'

Palm Sunday, April 10

Worship 6:30 PM Thurs., April 7;

8:15, 10:45 AM Sun., April 10

Theme: 'Mercy in Palms'

Maundy Thursday, April 14

11:30 AM 7 PM Worship with

Holy Communion

Theme: 'Mercy in Bread and Wine'

Good Friday, April 15

11:30 AM & 7 PM Worship

Also at 7 PM Youth "Silent Drama"

Theme: 'Mercy in the Cross'

Easter Sunday, April 17

6:30 AM, 8:30 AM, & 10:30 AM

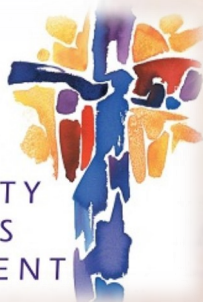
Worship with Holy Communion

Theme: 'Mercy in the Open Tomb'

7:30-10:00 AM Redeemer Youth

serve Easter Breakfast

THE
FORTY
DAYS
of LENT



in view of

G O D' S M E R C Y

~ a Series of Services for the Season of Lent ~

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer
Your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God. Romans 12:1*

Lent is a season when we take a look at our lives in view of God's mercy towards us in the sacrifice of his Son for us on the cross. We, in turn, are called by God, especially during this time of repentance and reflection, to be living sacrifices for him, displaying our devotion to him in word and deed.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mercy in Ashes: Joel 2:13 – As we are marked with ashes on this day, a reminder to us of our sins, we are reminded, too, of the mercy of our God who lifts us from our ashes to new life in Christ.

WEEK ONE

Mercy in Temptation: 1 Corinthians 10:13 – In the midst of temptation, our merciful God provides us with a way out through his Son, who was tempted just as we are, yet without sin.

WEEK TWO

Mercy in Suffering: 1 Peter 2:23 – No life is without suffering, but our sufferings are not worth comparing to the glory to be revealed to us in Jesus by God's great mercy.

WEEK THREE

Mercy in Betrayal: 1 Peter 3:11 – Though we may turn away from our God again and again, our Lord continues to call us back into his merciful arms for Jesus' sake.

WEEK FOUR

Mercy in Relationships: Ephesians 4:32 – Within the communities God has placed us, we are given the grace to treat one another as Christ has cared for us in his love and mercy.

WEEK FIVE

Mercy in Service: Hebrews 6:10 – In response to God's Kindness to us in Jesus, we serve in mercy the needs of those around us by Christ's example.

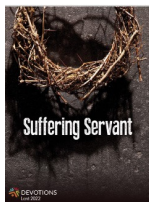
Upcoming News & Events

New Directories

The directory has been updated with all the information. Get your directory in the office, Care Corner table or south entrance.

2022 Lenten Devotionals

Lutheran Hour Ministries Lenten 2022 Devotional booklet, "Delivers us: Jesus Sets Us Free". Pick up yours, in regular or large print, at church today! **This Lenten devotional series is also available online. Go to www.lhm.org**



Member's Luncheon

The monthly Get-Together Luncheons continue, 11:30 am: March 7 at Perkins East; Bring a friend; everyone is welcome. Pre-register on the attendance/involvement card. ~~~ConnecTeam



RED M&Ms Bible Study

Attention all men of Redeemer. We invite you to join us Saturday, March 12 at 7:30 a.m. We meet at Redeemer. We will start with a breakfast and then Bible study.

Annual Waffle Brunch & Bake Sale

Redeemer members are invited to attend the annual Waffle Brunch & bake sale at St. Paul's Lutheran school on Sunday, March 6, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. Adults \$8, Children 5-10, \$5, and 4 & under, \$1. You may pre-order your pies, cakes, and sugar cookies ahead of time for pick-up at Redeemer the morning of March 6.



Chicken Strip Lenten Meal

Our 6th – 8th graders are sponsoring a Chicken Strip Lenten meal on Wednesday, March 9, Noon & 5-6:45. Free-will offering for the JJ Wolf Missionary Family in Africa. Carry-outs available. A Thrivent Financial card will purchase the Chicken strips, and the students will provide the rest of the meal. Please support our youth and the JJ Wolf Missionary Family. God Bless!



2022 Easter Flowers

Keep on the look out in our next month's Newsletter for the Easter Lily/Hydrangea/Mum order form.

Redeemer Family News & Events See DCE Madi Aeikens, with any questions



March 5th – Middle School Youth Group – Drop Zone from 6 to 8pm. It is \$10 if you have drop zone socks already and \$12 if you need to purchase drop zone socks.



We will meet at drop zone. We will jump for 90 minutes and play laser tag.

Please bring extra money for snacks.

Please fill out a waiver at Drop zone's website for your youth and let DCE

Madi know if you are able to come so I can reserve your spot.

March 9th – 8th graders serve Lenten meal (chicken strips and mashed potatoes) at noon and 5-6:45pm. Please plan to help serve.



March 16th – High School

Youth Group Fundraiser =>

Serve Lenten meal (taco Bar) at

noon and 5pm. Please plan to help serve.

March 19th – High School Youth Group => Ice skating from 7 to 9pm at IBP ICE CENTER



March 26th – LWML and youth 13 years and older help with Mercy Meals at 10am at Faith Lutheran Church. Please see DCE MADI, to Sign up.

KinderCottage Preschool

This has definitely been a crazy winter with very little snow! Hopefully we don't see a lot of Spring snow!

The MWF classes will be working on the letters "B", "K", "I" and "Q", as well as the colors grey and orange, the numbers 8 and 4 and the shapes of triangle and circle. The T/Th classes will be working on the letters "Q" "R", "S", "T" and "U" as well as the colors orange, green, purple, white & pink.

We will have our annual Lenten fundraiser meal on Wednesday, March 23rd, at lunch & dinner. There will **NOT** be preschool class held that day so the staff can prepare & serve the meal along with the committee members & any parents that can sign up to volunteer. A note to sign up to help if you are able plus the menu will be sent home with your child. We also request that each family give a \$10 donation to help cover the cost of food for the meal vs. providing items. We greatly appreciate all of our families and their support.

We are pleased to welcome Tina Revell to the KinderCottage staff! She works 11:30-3:30 helping with our extended day program. The program is going well with

7(8 on Friday) staying MWF and 5 staying on T/Th. Our cots for rest time finally arrived after a 3 month wait on shipping! We are hoping this program fills a need for families wanting more than a half day preschool experience but not wanting 5 days a week!

Both classes will hear the Bible stories the Parable of the Lost Sheep as well as all the events leading up to Easter, Parade for Jesus, Last Supper & Praying in the Garden Blessings* Tara, Michelle & Tina

March Dates to Remember

23 NO PRESCHOOL Fundraiser Meal at Noon & 5 PM serving loose meats & hot dogs



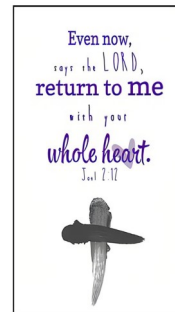
March Birthdays

1 Brynn Blatchford
21 Rohan Van Wyk
27 Jovi Davis

Fall 2022 Enrollment

We are now taking enrollment for our Fall 2022-23 classes!

You may pick up a form from one of our staff at the preschool, call us at 712-224-2273 OR you can go online to the church website, redeemersiouxcity.com and click on the link to the preschool for a form. Please feel free to share this information with anyone you know looking for a preschool!



Read Through Lent With a Book or Devotion from the Library

Redeemer Library Committee:
Michelle Callahan, Lisa Gottburg,
Jeannette Johnson, Sylvia Johnson,
& Andrea VanPeurseem



Come Thirsty: No Heart Too Dry for His Touch

by Max Lucado

You're acquainted with physical thirst. Stop drinking and see what happens. Coherent thoughts vanish, skin grows clammy, and vital organs shut down. Deprive your soul of spiritual water, and it will tell you. Dehydrated hearts send desperate messages. Snarling tempers, waves of worry and growing guilt and fear. Hopelessness, resentment, loneliness, insecurity. But you don't have to live with a dehydrated heart. God invites you to treat your thirsty soul as you would treat your physical thirst. Just visit the WELL and drink deeply: Receive Christ's work on the cross, the energy of His Spirit, His lordship over your life, and his unending, unfailing love.

Christ in the Passover

by Ceil and Moishe Rosen

Bitter herbs, salty water, a sweet apple mixture, the shank bone of a lamb--what is the meaning behind these symbolic elements? Enter the celebration of Passover, rich with history and significance for both Jew and Gentile. Through *Christ in the Passover*, you'll trace God's involvement through the history of this holy day—from the first Passover, all the way to the modern seder. Authors Ceil and Moishe Rosen show you how the death and resurrection of Jesus the Messiah are forever interwoven with the Passover and its symbolism.

On A Hill Far Away

by C. Albert Snyder

At the age of 18, soldier Al Snyder faced the possibility of being involved in an invasion of Japan. Fifty years later in 1994 as a distinguished missionary doctor in the remote hills of Rwanda, Al with his lovely wife Louise, faced another peril.



The Hideaway

by Lauren K. Denton



When her grandmother's will wrenches Sara back home, she learns more about Margaret Van Buren in the wake of her death than she ever knew in life. After her last remaining family member dies, Sara goes home to The Hideaway, her grandmother Mags's ramshackle B&B in Sweet Bay, Alabama. She intends to quickly tie up loose ends and then return to her busy life. Instead, she learns Mags has willed The Hideaway to her and charged her with renovating it—no small task considering her grandmother's best friends live there. When an opportunistic land developer threatens to seize The Hideaway, Sara is forced to make a choice—stay in Sweet Bay and fight for the house and the people she's grown to love or leave again and return to her successful but solitary life.

The Executioner's Redemption: *My Story of Violence, Death & Saving Grace*
by Rev. Timothy Carter

This is the gritty account of one man's journey from executioner to pastor. While working in the Texas penitentiary system, Timothy Carter executed more death-row inmates than anyone else in United States history. This powerful story follows Carter's transformation from cold-hearted prison guard to new believer wrestling with church and state authority. A story that readers will not soon forget, it injects a much-needed voice into the discussion of the sword of the state versus the Sword of the Spirit, and how that manifests in the modern Christian's understanding of capital punishment.

A Daring Venture: *Empire State #2*
by Elizabeth Camden

As a biochemist in early 1900s New York City, Doctor Rosalind Werner has dedicated her life to the crusade against water-borne diseases. She is at the forefront of a groundbreaking technology that will change the way water is delivered to every household in the city. Newly appointed Commissioner of Water for New York Nicholas Drake is highly skeptical of Rosalind and her team's techniques. When a brewing court case throws him into direct confrontation with her, he is surprised by his reaction to the lovely scientist.

A Desperate Hope: *Empire State #3*
by Elizabeth Camden

Eloise Drake, a mathematical genius, is now a successful accountant for the largest engineering project in 1908 New York. Alex Duval is the mayor of a town about to be wiped off the map. The state plans to flood the entire valley where his town sits in order to build a new reservoir. With his world crumbling around him, Alex devises a risky plan to save his town—but he needs Eloise's help to succeed.

DVD

Reflections on the Beatitudes for People With Cancer



Join Ken Curtis as he visits fascinating sites in Israel, including the location where Jesus gave the Beatitudes. The brief collection of sayings about blessedness was the opening to Jesus's Sermon on the Mount. Ken tells how the Beatitudes offer a whole new dimension in dealing with life's crises.

A Blessing to Cherish: *Red River of the north #7*
by Lauraine Snelling

Though she has known hardships in her life, Ingeborg Bjorklund chooses to focus on all she has been given. Blessed with children and grandchildren, she enjoys the friendship and support of the entire Blessing, North Dakota, community. And after several years of widowhood, she has reached a place of contentment with her life.



Did you know that our library has several Bible study series that you can check out? Take a journey through Lent with a Bible study from the Redeemer Library.


MARCH 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
April 17 Easter Sunday 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM Worship Services Easter Breakfast 7:30 am—10:00am		1 1:30 PM Staff Bible Study/Mtg 5:30 PM Adult Fitness
6 † SEE EVERY SUNDAY 8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services 9:30 AM ROCK Sunday 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Adult Confirmation 1-3 PM Sudanese Worship 4-6 PM Pickleball	7 9 AM Quilting 11:30 AM Members welcome to lunch at Perkins East 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6:30 PM Pickleball	8 1:30 PM Staff Bible Study/Mtg 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6:30 PM ConnecTeam Mtg
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27 SEE EVERY SUNDAY FOOD SUNDAY 8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services 9:30 AM ROCK Sunday 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Adult Confirmation 1-3 PM Sudanese Worship 4-6 PM Pickleball	28 9 AM Quilting 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6:30 PM Pickleball	29 1:30 PM Staff Bible Study/Mtg. 5:30 PM Adult Fitness

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 ASH WEDNESDAY 9:30 AM Lamplighters at <i>St. Paul's</i> 11:30 AM Lenten Service 12:15 PM Soup & Pie Meal* <i>hosted by LWML</i> 5-6:45 PM Meal* 5-7 PM Midweek 5-7 PM ROCK Wednesday 6 PM Handbells 7 PM Lenten Service 8 PM Choir Practice	3 5:30 PM-Adult Fitness 6:30 PM-Worship	4 9-noon Food Shelf	5 6-8 PM MS Youth Group-Drop Zone
9 11:30 AM Lenten Service 12:15 PM Chicken Strip Meal* <i>hosted by 6th- 8th Grade Confirmation</i> 5-6:45 PM Meal* 5-7 PM Midweek 5-7 PM ROCK Wednesday 5:30 PM Midweek Bible Study 6 PM-Handbells 7 PM Lenten Service 8 PM Choir Practice	10 9:15 AM Siouxland MOM's Group 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6:30 PM Worship 7:30 PM Leadership Council Meeting	11 9-noon Food Shelf 6 PM Uhl/Bremer Wedding Rehearsal	12 7:30 AM Red M&M's Bible Study & Breakfast 3:30 PM Uhl/Bremer Wedding
16 11:30 AM Lenten Service 12:15 PM Taco Bar Meal * <i>hosted by HS Youth Group</i> 5-6:45 PM Meal* 5-7 PM Midweek 5-7 PM ROCK Wednesday 5:30 PM Midweek Bible Study 6 PM-Handbells 7 PM Lenten Service 8 PM Choir Practice	17 10 AM Thrivent Choice 1 PM Esther/Lydia Circle 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6:30 PM Worship	18 <i>Preschool Snow Make-up Day</i> 9-noon Food Shelf	19 7-9 PM HS Youth Group - Ice Skating
23 No Preschool Class 11:30 AM Lenten Service 12:15 PM Loose Meat & Hot Dog Meal * <i>hosted by Preschool</i> 5-6:45 PM Meal* 5-7 PM Midweek 5-7 PM ROCK Wednesday 5:30 PM Midweek Bible Study 6 PM-Handbells 7 PM Lenten Service 8 PM Choir Practice	24 9 AM Altar Guild 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6:30 PM Worship 7 PM Elders Meeting	25 9-Noon Food Shelf	26 10 AM LWML & Youth (13 yrs & up) Mercy Meals at Faith 6:30 PM Supper Club Sgt. Bluff Pizza Ranch
30 11:30 AM Lenten Service 12:15 PM Assorted Soups, Sandwiches & Desserts Meal* <i>hosted by Bibi's Hope</i> 5-6:45 PM Meal* 5-7 PM Midweek 5-7 PM ROCK Wednesday 5:30 PM Midweek Bible Study 6 PM-Handbells 7 PM Lenten Service 8 PM Choir Practice	31 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6:30 PM Worship		

January 2022

Baptism:

✠ Hazely Searls

Release per member request:

✠ Paul Ebsen

Transfer to other LCMS

Church:

✠ Bill Brown

Transfer from other LCMS

Church:

✠ Brayden & Shelby Schurke

March 2022 Bible Verse

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

1 John 4:10 (NIV)

March Missionary:

Cindy Zirbel Wrucke serves the Lord through the (LCMS) in the Czech Republic. As missionary to the Czech Republic, she works closely with the Lutheran Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in the Czech Republic.

January 2022 Statistics

Date	Church Attendance	Communion Attendance	Bible Study	Sunday School	Sundanese Worship
1/2	191	179	19	N/A	8
1/9	246	N/A	26	27	7
1/16	238	205	23	22	11
1/23	252	N/A	19	29	10
1/30	294	N/A	21	21	12
TOTAL	1221	384	108	99	48
AVG.	244	192	22	25	10
POTENTIAL	1,415	1,047	1,047	380	N/A
PERCENT	17%	13%	1%	2%	1%
PRIOR YR.	13%	10%	1%	2%	1%

Treasurer's Report Jan. 1– Jan. 31, 2022:

Actual income: \$93,740

Budgeted Expenses: \$70,232

Difference: \$23,508

Percentage: 133%

Membership: 1/2021 1/2022

Communicants 1,203 1,119

Baptized 389 360

TOTAL 1,592 1,479

Gain of –113 people (-7.5%)

Thank You!

High School Youth Group would like to say THANK YOU for your continued support and prayers. In 2021, we raised over \$8,000 to support the 13 High School youth heading to Houston, Texas this summer for the LCMS Youth Gathering.

Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they prepare for the gathering this summer!

Cooking with Pastor Senstad

Classic Meatloaf

Sometimes a person just needs a good old classic meal. It doesn't get much more original than a meatloaf with oatmeal. I grew up on it. With meatloaf, spaghetti and a half-dozen hot dishes, you pretty much covered the menu. Hot dogs and hamburgers were a sometime treat. ☺

Ingredients:

- 1-1/2 Pound(s) ground beef
(96% lean) or turkey breast (99% lean)
- 3/4 Cup(s) Quaker Oats
(quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
- 3/4 Cup(s) finely chopped onion
- 1/2 Cup(s) ketchup
- 1 Egg, lightly beaten
- 1 Tablespoon(s) Worcestershire
sauce or soy sauce
- 2 Clove(s) Garlic, minced
- 1/2 Teaspoon(s) Salt
- 1/4 Teaspoon(s) Black pepper



Instructions:

1. Heat oven to 350°F.
2. In large bowl, combine all ingredients, mixing lightly but thoroughly.
3. Shape meatloaf mixture into 10 x 6-inch loaf on rack of broiler pan.
4. Bake 50 to 60 minutes or until meatloaf is medium doneness (160°F for beef, 170°F for turkey). Let stand 5 minutes before slicing. Cover and refrigerate leftovers promptly and use within 2 days, or wrap airtight and freeze up to 3 months.

God Bless,
Pastor Senstad

The Kitchen
is the Heart
of the HOME

Pastor Zirpel's Bible Corner



In Matthew's genealogy, which woman is not mentioned as Jesus' ancestor.

- A: Tamar
- B: Rahab
- C: Mary
- D: Sarah

See page 19 for the answer

Ephesians 3:19

*"And to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
that you may be filled with all the fullness of God"*

Why this verse?

In this verse, Paul was praying for his friends in Ephesus. And one of the chief requests of his prayer was for the Ephesian church to experience Christ's love. He prayed for them "to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge." Paul wasn't saying it was impossible to know the love of God. He was simply stating that we couldn't fully know the love of God. We can't comprehend the depth of God's love because it's too big and strong for us to understand fully. For example, you can know that there are stars in the sky — walk out your front door at night, take a look skyward, and there you go. But can you fully know and understand how many stars there are? How deep into our galaxy they go? We can make educated guesses, but there are countless stars beyond the capabilities of even our best telescopes. The same is true when considering the love of God. If you know God, then you know love because God is love. But His love is so deep that it stretches beyond our capacity of understanding. God's love engulfs us like the ocean with unexplorable depths.

Celebrating Monthly Birthdays

Redeemer's ConnecTeam would like to help celebrate the birthdays of our 6th-8th graders, as well as our confirmed High School youth members. Each youth will receive a 12" decorated cookie. This project is funded with the help of a Thrivent Action Card.

For the month of March we want to wish a very Happy Birthday to **Peyton Schutt 3-5, Ethan Bridge 3-06, Cody Schutte 3-9, Xavier Young 3-09, Abigail Peters 3-19, Jack Ping 3-25, Cora Shull 3-26, Drake Van Meter 3-29 and Jesse Jessen 3-31**. Happy Birthday & God's Blessings from Thrivent Financial & the Redeemer ConnecTeam!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS – March

Bible Study: "Setting Our Focus" page 20 in the Winter Quarterly

- Wed. March 2** 12:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday, Soup & Pie
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Thur. March 17 1:00 Esther/Lydia Circle Redeemer Conference Rm.
Mon. March 21 6:30 Ruth/Naomi Circle Redeemer Parish Hall
Sat. March 26 10:00 LWML & Youth Service Project: Mercy Meals at Faith Lutheran Church**



**Sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary. Children/youth ages 11 -17 may come to package without a supervising adult. Children ages 8-11 must be accompanied by a supervising adult. Mercy meals does not allow children under age 8 in the packaging area due to sanitation & disruption concerns. Questions?? Contact Madi Aeikens, Lorelee Fink, or Jackie Krueger.

Thank you to all helped package and distribute the Valentine bags and sharing Jesus's love with our home-bound and nursing home members on Valentine's Day.

54 tied fleece blankets were delivered to various community organizations -- We are blessed and thankful for all the helping hands who tied or made the baby blankets!!!



German Dinner...the LWML membership has voted to no longer sponsor or prepare the German Dinner event. We wish to thank all those who worked faithfully and tirelessly to put on this event in the past!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 14th @2:00—Spring General Gathering Program & Fellowship

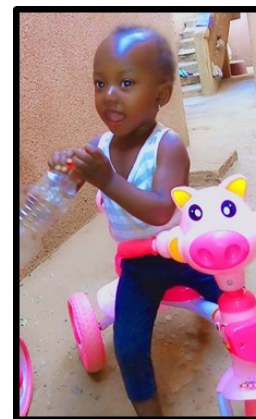
May 11th, 25th, June 8th, and 22nd—Women's Bible Study (Women of the Bible)

May 18th @6:00— Women's Night Out...open paint night at the Pickle Palate

BiBi's Hope Update for March



Joy Child Association visits the orphanage. The orphanage had a visit from Joy Child Association. They donated toilet effects and spread joy and love while visiting with the children.



Thank you for the Christmas donations. Some of the Christmas money was used to purchase tricycles for the triplets. The rest of the donations will be used for tables and shelves to make a nice library for the kids.

Please include the orphanage in your daily prayers....Please send prayers for the health of everyone at ASE-Mali orphanage and for the spread of Christian faith in Mali. Please also pray for the spread of Christian faith in the United States and all over the world. Please pray for peace and God's will in the US and around the world.

If you have any questions about Bibi's Hope Committee or the orphanage, please feel free to contact Kyle Schutte at 712-635-3834 or Pastor Zirpel.

In Christ, **Bibi's Hope Committee**
 #HopefortheChildren

Siouxland Hispanic Ministry

'When We Least Expect It'

This last month has been a good reminder that our Lord is at work in ways we don't always expect. Our English class numbers have been especially small since beginning again after Christmas—sometimes just 3 or 4 students. Our hunch is that the recent wave of omicron COVID-19 cases is behind the situation, but we are not sure. I have been concerned about making new connections with our Hispanic neighbors when so few are coming. And yet, in spite of the uncertainty, some exciting (and unexpected) things have been happening: 1.) A visitor who has come to our Spanish divine service for three weeks in a row has asked to begin studying the Bible and the Small Catechism. 2.) One ESL student has stayed after classes twice to talk to me about the Christian faith. Now, he has also asked to meet weekly to learn how to navigate and read the Bible. 3.) Back in November, I brought a turkey to a recently-arrived family from Guatemala for Thanksgiving (thanks to **Ed** and **Joyce** for the donation). That connection has led to more interactions, and now, their 12-year-old daughter will start the Bible stories with me on Monday evenings.

Again, all of this has seemed to happen suddenly and unexpectedly!

Twelve years go, when I was teaching 4th and 5th grade mathematics and science in Hawaii, I had a mentor who shared some words of wisdom with me: "in your first years, your students learn in spite of you. Later, they learn with you. Eventually, they learn because of you. Just relax because they will learn"

Now, as a pastor, I can't help but remember these words and apply them (at least on level) to the Church. Jesus is the Lord of His Church, and sometimes, He gives us glimpses of His work through us (or even in spite of us!) to remind us that He is indeed in control. And at times, He teaches this by opening doors and bringing people to us **when we least expect it!** I look forward to seeing where these developments lead next!

That's it for now. Until next month, may our Lord bless you and keep you!
- **Pastor Paul Flo**

PRAYERS: For **Carmen** who now has cancer in her brain. She has begun radiation in preparation for surgery. (as she continues to battle with cancer, her bills keep coming and she is unable to work full time. That makes paying for food, electricity, et. more challenging. If you are interested in helping Carmen cover some of these needs, please send an email to pastorpaulflo@gmail.com). ● For **Valia's** safety as she travels back from Cuba after months of caring for her mother. ● For **Juan, Yessenia's** son, who lives in Mexico. ● For **Jackie's** sister, **Olga**, after falling on the ice.

Summery of Leadership Council Minutes

The Leadership Council met on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 7:40 P.M.

The Elders are initiating an "Every Member Visitation." Volunteers will be needed as we plan to visit as many members as possible. A kick-off meal and training session is planned for Sunday, February 27 at 4:00 P.M.

Staff reviews have been completed.

Redeemer will give up the Large-Print LWML Quarterly Project. We will be selling most of the equipment on eBay.

Approval was given to approve health insurance clarifications presented by Gerry Judd.

Approval was given to update The Employee Guidance Manual with information about the Health Savings Account (HSA) for employees.

Approval was given to reimburse Pastor Senstad and Pastor Zirpel for Health Insurance Premiums that were over paid by them in 2020 and 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Thrivent Members Who Have Choice Dollars

thrivent IF YOU HAVE 2021 CHOICE DOLLARS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN DIRECTED, YOU MUST DIRECT THEM BEFORE MARCH 31, 2022 OR YOU LOSE THEM. THEY DO NOT CARRY OVER! YOU HAVE MORE CHOICE DOLLARS TO DIRECT AFTER EACH QUARTER (March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31). MARK YOUR CALENDAR!! **To direct your Choice Dollars, call the Home Office at 1-800-847-4836 or you can direct them online at www.thrivent.com.**

Serving in March 2022

ACOLYTES:

March 2 Lenten Service 7 PM—
Emma DuBois & Addy Hildman

March 6: 8:15 AM— (open) ;
10:45 AM— Peyton Schutt & Erik
Koehler

March 9 Lenten Service 7 PM—
Asher Willson & Sloane Willson

March 13: 8:15 AM— (open); 10:45
AM— Cody Schutte & Brooklyn
Robinson

March 16 Lenten Service 7 PM—
Emma DuBois & Addy Hildman

March 20: 8:15 AM— (open);
10:45 AM— Brooklyn Robinson &
Jayde Dolphin

March 23 Lenten Service 7 PM—
Asher Willson & Sloane Willson

March 27: 8:15 AM— (open); 10:45
AM— Cody Schutte

March 30 Lenten Service 7 PM—
Asher Willson & Sloane Willson

April 6 Lenten Service 7 PM—
Cody Schutte & Jordyn Marlow

COUNTERS:

March 6 -Team 4 (Fink, Buckley)
March 13-Team 1 (Buckley,
Lessmann)

March 20-Team 2 (Mack,
Hermelbracht's)

March 27-Team 3 (Bobolz's,
Schmith's)

PROP. CHECK: Jim Phillips &
Jerry Van Peursem

ELDERS: Brian Owens & Phil Schauer

Altar Guild: Janet Fett, Brenda Ernst,
Anita Stansell; Meeting 9:00 AM;
March 24—(Cleaning & Inventory)

USHER TEAMS: Thurs. 6:30 PM:
Harlan Feddersen

Sundays: 8:15 AM: Team 4 (Gary
Kitzmann, Dave Albrecht, Dick Braun,
Dale Henningsen, Doug Stucky, Wyatt
Stucky).

10:45: Team 7 (Dave Schlotman, Scott
Bowman, Steve Dirks, Brian Owens)

Lenten Service March 2: Team 8

Lenten Service March 9: Team 1

Lenten Service March 16: Team 2

Lenten Service March 23: Team 3

Lenten Service March 30: Team 4

Lenten Service April 6: Team 5

Sunday Coffee & Roll Servers:

March 06— Youth

March 13— Gale & Carol Bobolz

March 20— TBD

March 27— Karen Vock & Lorelee Fink

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Sundays 8:15 AM Traditional

10:45 AM Contemporary

1:00-3:00 PM Sudanese Worship

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Adult Bible Study: 9:30 AM Sunday

Youth (9-12 grade) Bible Study: 9:30 AM Sunday

ROCK Sunday (2yr-8grade) 9:30-10:30 AM Sunday

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