

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

The Ringer

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April 2018 Newsletter

Many have spoken how odd it is that this year Easter falls on April 1. It surely has happened before. According to a website <http://tlarsen2.tripod.com/thomaslarsen/easterdates.html>, the last time it occurred was in 1956 and will happen again in 2029. April Fool's Day is not perhaps a day we take much stock in. There are some who work out elaborate plans to fool their friends, co-workers, or family members. But often it is a day like any other, except it has the stamp of "foolishness". Easter falls on it so irregularly, because the holiday is set not by the sun but by the moon. But really, it is a wonderful day to consider what God has done for us through Christ. Paul puts it best, I feel.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation." Romans 5:6-11

This unbounded grace that God shows us is beyond any worldly wisdom. It is indeed foolish, as Paul also says in his first letter to Corinth.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,
"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength." 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

This grace, this love, this mercy that God reveals to us on this "Fool's Day" is our life. The world may say that in our faith we are fools, but we can only boast in how God chose to free not just the wise and obedient, but chose also us, the fools and sinners. So rejoice in God's foolishness, rejoice in God's weakness. Happy Easter.

In Christ
Pastor David



Council Highlights

Redeemer Lutheran Church Council — March 2018

Redeemer Lutheran Church Council Highlights – March 8, 2018

1. Shellee will get updates on Dillon's Community Rewards and put in bulletin and Ringer. Dillon's members select a non-profit organization for a reward that is separate from gas rewards.
2. April 15 is First Communion recognition for Luke English, Kahlan Metcalfe, and any other children who wish to take part in communion.
3. April 22 is Earth Day and some special events are planned for worship.
4. Pentecost is May 20 and will have special events. Members are to wear red.
5. April 25 is last evening for Godly Play.
6. Discussion was held on new bulletin format.

Reminder for worship assistants to find replacements, as this seems to be an issue. How should this be accomplished to have replacements already in place?



Council Meeting Minutes are available to read on the Council Bulletin Board and in the office.

Council Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month



Budget Information

Treasurer's Report through February 28, 2018 (16.66% of the year)			
Regular Offering -	\$74,664.64	Budget -	\$273,300.00 27.32%
Total Income -	\$75,246.50	Budget -	\$285,550.00 26.35%
Total Expenses -	\$49,277.15	Budget -	\$294,950.00 16.71%

Thanks to all your pledges and continued support.

Redeemer News



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH will get credit for every purchase* its members make using their registered Plus card.

In order to start earning the credit, you need to register your Shopper Card online at <https://www.dillons.com>, using your organization name and/or NPO number - **57075**.

TO CREATE AN ONLINE ACCOUNT AT OUR WEBSITE:

Visit our website at www.Dillons.com/communityrewards

1. Click on "Register" at the top of page
2. Enter your email address, password, zip code (select preferred store) and check the box if you desire to receive email communication from us.

When complete click "Create Account"

3. Enter the 12-digit number from the back of your Plus shoppers card or your 10-digit phone number in the field provided.

Enter the last name you used when you filled out the application for your card.

ENROLLING YOUR CARD

1. In your browser type in Dillons.com/communityrewards

Or From our homepage click on the "**Community**" link at the top of the page and then select "**Community Rewards**".

2. Sign in using your new or existing online account.
3. Click on "Enroll Now"
4. Enter your organization's name (**Redeemer Lutheran Church / 57075**) in the search bar. Select your organization and click on "Enroll" to save.

You may need to re-register if you signed up more than a few years ago.



Tuesday, April 10, 6:30 p.m. at Paramount Bar, 219 N. Santa Fe. We had a great time in March at Jalisco's! Come for fun and fellowship. Susan Ramage's daughter works here so let's have a good crowd! RSVP to Anna Prockish appreciated, but not necessary, so we have an idea who to expect.

Good Stewards



Honor God's Creation on Earth Day!

On Sunday, April 22, between services, members and friends are invited to do activities with the **Venture Crew** before or after the worship service.

Make ribbon holders for the spines of hymnals that need them
Make a simple house for native mason bees



You don't need skill – just a little time.

9:00-10:15

What Is the Venture Crew?

It's a nationwide, coed scouting program for ages 14-21. Our local troop meets at Redeemer; our own Cheryl Itschner is one of the leaders.

What Is a Mason Bee?

The mason bee is a very productive pollinator for spring flowers, fruits, and nuts. In fact, mason bees pollinate significantly more flowers than honey bees!

Mason bees are solitary, meaning each female is a queen who does all of the chores: gathers mud for her nest (hence the bee's name), lays eggs, and gathers nectar and pollen. (Sounds like Martha in the Bible!)

For Our Community



Save the Date
Thursday,
April 12, 2018

DINNER IN THE WAREHOUSE
A Fundraiser for
Emergency Aid Food Bank
255 S. Chicago

Stutzmans
Greenhouse, Gift Gallery & Boutique



Flower Sale Fundraiser
for the
Salina Rescue Mission

Wednesday, April 11th - Saturday, April 14th
8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily

The **Stutzmans Flower Sale** to benefit the Salina Rescue Mission will be held at Stutzmans Garden Center, Corner of Cloud & 9th Streets in Salina KS

PROJECT
SALINA 2018

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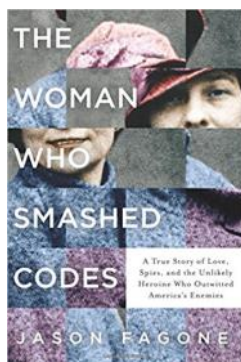
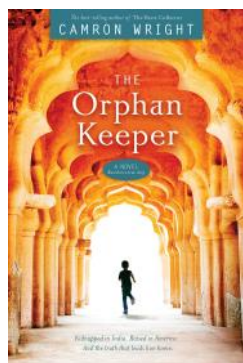
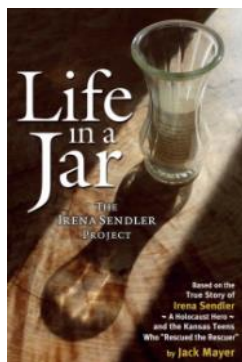
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TO PROJECT SALINA

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SALVATION ARMY
DVACK
SALINA EMERGENCY AID/
FOOD BANK
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THESE 5 AGENCIES
APPRECIATE YOUR
SUPPORT AND SAY
"THANK YOU VERY MUCH"

Book Club

PAGETURNERS



Book Club Meets on
the 4th Tuesday of
the month.

(there are a few exceptions)

April 24

Life in a Jar

By Jack Mayer

Host-Mary Shaffer

Leader- Mary Shaffer

May15

The orphan keeper

Host—Janice Plumer

Leader- Carol Kuhlman

June 26

The woman Who Smashed Codes

Host—Jean Sedo

Leader—Carol kuhlman

Thank You!

Tom and Mary Mertz would like to thank Pastor Strommen and Redeemer members for their expressions of sympathy and support on the death of Tom's mother. It meant so much to us.

Pastor David and family would like to thank all of those who sent card or offered words of condolences after the death of Pastor's step-mother.

Easter Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday – March 29
7:00pm

Good Friday – March 30
7:00pm

Easter Sunday – April 1
8:00am
10:30am



The Passover meal will be celebrated April 4th.

Gather at 5:30

Meal at 6:00



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Wednesday Night Ministry

Have a busy week?

**We are open late on Wednesday
and you can leave the cooking to us.**

Wednesday night at Redeemer is a rewarding and relaxing time for



5:30 - Weekly Meal

The evening begins with a light Supper, prepared and served by Redeemer volunteers, in the fellowship hall. The meal is free, but donations are accepted.



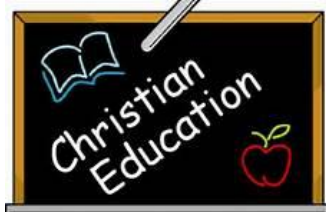
6:00 - Godly Play for children age 3 through 3rd grade

What is Godly Play? A child-honoring way of entering into and experiencing the biblical story. We use manipulative story characters and imagination to experience the biblical story through narrative story, parables, liturgical actions and silence. Children are not told what to believe but are exposed to the story experience. Through this open-ended approach we hear the deepest invitation to come



6:15 - Worship—An informal Communion worship service is held every week.

*call for
a ride!*



After Worship stay for more learning

4th-6th Grade class with Debbie Beckman

7th & 8th Grade confirmation

High School

Adults

*Free Child Care
For Little Ones!*



Lectionary for Sundays in April

April 1—Easter Day

[Acts 10:34-43](#)

[Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24](#)

[1 Corinthians 15:1-11](#)

[Mark 16:1-8](#)

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.



April 8—2nd Sunday of Easter

[Acts 4:32-35](#)

[Psalm 133](#)

[1 John 1:1--2:2](#)

[John 20:19-31](#)

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."



²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

April 15—3rd Sunday of Easter

[Acts 3:12-19](#)

[Psalm 4](#)

[1 John 3:1-7](#)

[Luke 24:36b-48](#)

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still



Lectionary for Sundays in April

with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

April 22—4th Sunday of Easter

[Acts 4:5-12](#)

[Psalm 23](#)

[1 John 3:16-24](#)

[John 10:11-18](#)

[Jesus said:]¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.”¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.”¹⁴ “I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,”¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.”¹⁶ “I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”¹⁷ “For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.”¹⁸ “No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.



April 29—5th Sunday of Easter

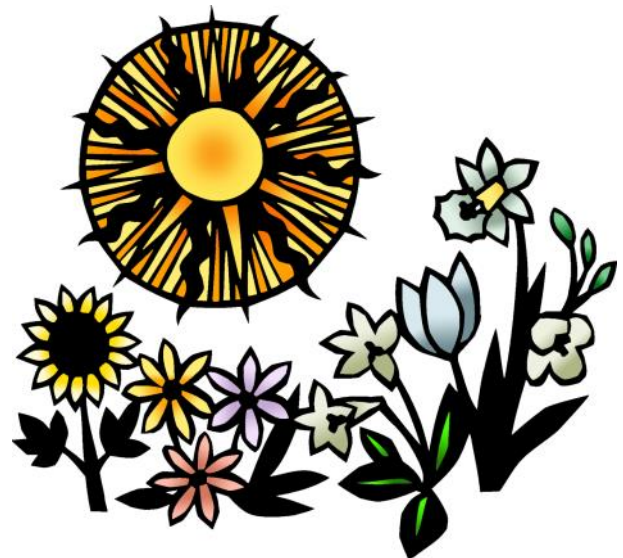
[Acts 8:26-40](#)

[Psalm 22:25-31](#)

[1 John 4:7-21](#)

[John 15:1-8](#)

[Jesus said:]¹ “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower.”² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.”³ “You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.”⁴ “Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.”⁵ “I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.”⁶ “Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.”⁷ “If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”⁸ “My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”



Take Note!



ALTER GUILD: Tom Mertz and Betty Henderson

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 8:00 SERVICE

	April 1	April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29
Usher/ Greeter	Diane Conover Kathy Lowman	Jan & Randy Jackson	Kathy Lowman Cheryl Itschner	Ted & Barbara Wire	Carol Lehman Cheryl Itschner
Communion	Mary Ellen Rudick Virg Augustine	Charlotte Herrman Kathy Lowman	Diane Conover Noni Strand	Gary & Sue Mettlen	Charlotte Herrman Randy Jackson
Lector	Mary Ellen Rudick	Jan Jackson	Noni Strand	Vig Augustine	Charlotte Herrman
Sound	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 10:30 SERVICE

Greeter	Phil & Jean Sedo	Joe & Janis Plumer	Alan English Esther Jording	Kendra Albin Christine Curl	Tom & Sandi Drown
Usher	Ray & Debbie Beckman	Larry & Caroline Manz	Joe & Kathy Heinrich	Wayne & Carol Keeler	Pam & Larry Strahan
Communion	Lana Jordan Dan Metcalfe	Anna Prockish Kris Neff	Kris Johanson Ray Beckman	Mary Mertz Larry Strahan	Viv Cook Wayne Keeler
Lector	Lana Jordan	Kris Neff	Kris Johanson	Carol Kuhlman	Dan Metcalfe
Cantor		Britney English	Ann Metcalfe	Kris Johanson	Jodi Bachand
Sound	Mary Mertz	Kris Johanson	Ray Beckman	Tom Mertz	Mary Mertz
Coffee Host	Easter Brunch	Tom & Sandi Drown	Larry & Caroline Manz	Dennis & Carol Kuhlman	Joe & Janis Plumer

We are Family



3 Diane Conover	12 Stephanie McDowell
5 Debbie Beckman	13 Teresa Nelsen
5 Aaron Itschner	16 Curtis Pickering
5 Matthew Shaffer	19 Ruth Sisler
6 Carl Pyle	20 Doreen McDowell
7 Sierrah Baffa	20 Charlotte Herrman
8 Sandi Drown	21 Adelpia Lobban
9 Wayne Keeler	23 Eileen Nelson
9 Reid Tonniges	30 Arnie Keil



8 Don & Marilee Vancil
9 Ivan & Adelpia Lobban
21 Ray & Debbie Beckman
26 Robert & Teresa Nelsen



Flower Chart



There are a lot of empty spaces on the flower chart for 2018.

If you are interested in providing flowers for our worship services on a specific date, please sign the chart. Make sure to use only a dry-erase marker.

Cost will be \$20.

Content of the Ringer depends on you, the members of this church, for articles, photos, important dates, etc. **The May Newsletter deadline is 16th at 12:00 pm.** Information turned in after this date might not be included. The newsletter is available by email, mail or at the church.

April

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 8 Worship 9 brunch 10:30 worship	2	3 committe meetings 5:30pm	4 5:30 Seder meal	5	6	7 Smoky Val- ley Cluster WELCA
8 8 Worship 10:30 Worship	9	10 G.U.YS 6:30 Ladies' night out	11 9 Bible Study 5:30 Supper 6:00 Godly Play 6:15Worship 7:15 Bells	12 Council Meeting 6:00	13	14
15 8 Worship 10:30 Worship	16 Silver Needles Meeting 6:00pm Fellowship Hall	17	18 9 Bible Study 5:30 Supper 6:00 Godly Play 6:15Worship 7:15 Choir	19	20	21
22 8 Worship 10:30 Worship	23	24 Pageturn- ers 4:00pm	25 9 Bible Study 5:30 Supper 6:00 Godly Play 6:15Worship 7:15 Bells	26	27	28 baby show- er 9am
29 8 Worship 10:30 Worship	30					



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on the Redeemer Website.



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Weekly Church Events

Sunday Communion Worship

8:00 Communion worship
10:30 Communion worship

Wednesday morning

9:00 Bible Study

Wednesday Evening Activities

5:30—Dinner
6:00—Godly Play
6:15—Communion Worship
Followed by Education
7:15—Music practice

Organist: Ruth Mirtz

Choir Director: Ann Metcalfe

**Bell Director and
Worship Accompanist:**
Britney English

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