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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KESSINGER

**FEBRUARY OF 2022
ANNUAL MEETING AND PREPARATIONS FOR LENT**

**ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING
Sunday, February 6 at 12:00 pm**

Worship is central to all that we do at Redeemer and from our worship we live out the Word of God. We nurture the faith development of people of all ages. We serve those in need both near and far. We advocate for justice and peace. Included in our mission is to be responsible for the resources that we have been given that include our building and grounds. Based on this premise our annual congregational meetings take place to celebrate the incredible work of so many people who keep our church alive and relevant to an ever-changing world. Its purpose is also to hear the plans for our future.

Your participation in these meetings is important for several reasons:

- 1) It lets our church leaders know that you are interested in what we do at the church.
- 2) You are the checks and balances necessary, so we go forward in good and faithful ways.
- 3) We elect new leaders to carry out our mission.
- 4) We get to celebrate together the ways that we are blessed by a gracious God.

All voting members are encouraged to attend the meeting either in-person or via Zoom. For those joining us through Zoom specific instructions will be given to you so that you have voice and vote. Our constitution states that voting members are confirmed members who during the current or preceding calendar year communed in this congregation and made a contribution of record to Redeemer. All of our youth who are confirmed are voting members of the church.

Annual Meeting will be in-person with a zoom option for those at home.

For those connecting from home the Zoom link is – <https://zoom.us/j/96902813091>

We also encourage all those who are not members but have been worshipping with us to read the annual report that can be found on our website. It will give you an excellent overview of our mission and the way we live it out.

PREPARATIONS FOR LENT

Lent starts the first week of March. Plans are underway to offer as many opportunities as possible for all of us to take this intentional walk with Christ that leads to his death on the cross and then to his resurrection on Easter. Here are some of the things that you can anticipate:

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – March 1

This will be an in-person event. Please watch the announcements and weekly emails in the month of February for specific details. On that night we will also burn the palms from last Palm Sunday to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

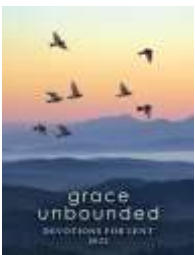
Ash Wednesday – March 2

Lenten Services – Wednesday Evenings

We will have two worship services on Ash Wednesday – 12 pm and 7:30 pm, with dinner served at 6:30 pm. For the Wednesdays that follow in Lent, we will offer a light dinner and in-person worship, again at 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm respectively. For our services we will use Holden's Evening Prayer, incorporate Taizé music, and offer Holy Communion. To reach as many people as possible we will livestream all 7:30 pm Wednesday Lenten worship services.

Sunday Bulletins

Each season of the church year has a specific theme and focus. Lent calls us to repentance. It is also a time when we are showered with an abundance of grace. Pastor Josh and I will review our Sunday bulletins to incorporate language that helps us express our need for forgiveness and prepare us to receive his grace. Our main resource for these changes will be our worship hymnal (ELW – Evangelical Lutheran Worship) and Sundays and Seasons (a worship planning resource) that offers alternatives for certain parts of the liturgy including the Confession and Forgiveness, the Offering Prayer, the Post-Communion Prayer, the Blessing, and the Dismissal.



Lenten Devotions

Everyone interested will receive a devotional book that we ordered from Augsburg Fortress. The title of the devotion for this year is *Grace Unbounded*. It provides daily devotions for each day of the week from Ash Wednesday to Easter Vigil (the day before Easter). We have enough copies for everyone. Some are in large print (and those go fast! These will be placed in Crossroads and the church office. First come, first serve!

One-Day Spiritual Retreat

Saturday, March 5, 10 am – 4 pm

We held a Spiritual Retreat in November of 2021. People who attended asked if we could have more opportunities to gather together in this way. As a result we have planned a one-day retreat for March 5. The location will be in Reston. Lunch will be provided and light snacks to get us through the day. Each participant will receive a book to take home to guide them through the rest of Lent. The retreat will center on questions to ask ourselves that will deepen our faith. The cost of the retreat (that includes lunch and the book) is \$50 per person. Scholarships are available. Look for more details in this newsletter. We will limit the number of people to keep everyone safe. All are welcome.

Words of Encouragement

I spent most of my time talking about Lent when it is only February. Since Lent starts so early in March I wanted everyone to be aware of what is coming up. Lent is one of my favorite seasons of the church year. It is the time when we are all serious about our faith journey and I delight in taking that walk with each of you. Please review the things that I have listed and make a commitment to participate in at least one new way!

And I look forward to seeing you on Sunday, February 6, for our annual meeting.

In Christ – Pastor Sandy Kessinger



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOSH

For this month's Tidings article, I want to highlight Redeemer's youth group and our exciting plans for the year ahead. We met with both youth and parents in December and planned the upcoming year. After enjoying some pizza and a few games, we got down to work and spent time brainstorming what areas of service and fun the youth wanted to engage in for 2022. Now, believe it or not, the youth quickly came up with several service ideas right off the bat, and it was the fun events that took a little work – which I think says a lot about where the passions of our youth are. In the end, though, together, we established a calendar for the year ahead.

Here is the 2022 Redeemer Youth Group Calendar:

Date	Event
January 30, 2022	Zoom Scavenger Hunt
February 27, 2022	Ice Skating – SkateQuest
March 27, 2022	Bags of Joy
April 24, 2022	Trash Clean Up – Scott's Run
May 22, 2022	Go Ape Ropes Course – Springfield, VA
June 2022	Off
July 10 -15	Youth Mission Trip – Harrisburg, PA
August 28, 2022	Putt Putting – Jefferson Falls Mini Golf
September 25, 2022	Escape Room
October 30, 2022	Visit Local Nursing Home
November 20, 2022	Thanksgiving Baskets for Neighbors
December 11, 2022	Annual Planning Meeting

As you can see, there are many exciting events planned. To highlight some of the service events, you will notice that we will be constructing "Bags of Joy" (care packages) in March to be handed out to our neighbors experiencing homelessness. In April, to celebrate Earth Day, we will conduct a trash clean-up at Scott's Run Park, and then in July, we will travel to Harrisburg, PA, for a mission trip to help the underserved in that community. Later in the year, we plan to visit a local nursing home (hopefully the one being built next door) and gather donations for Thanksgiving Baskets for families identified by our local schools.

Now, do not worry, it's not all work and no play. We have planned plenty of fun events throughout the year as well. You will notice we have ice skating, a ropes course, and even an escape room on the docket.

Although our goal is always to have a good time while serving God and God's people, it's also nice to take a break and have fun being together as friends.

We invite all youth in grades 6 – 12 to join us. Whether you come every month or only every once in a while, all are welcome to join in! Be on the lookout in our weekly Announcements and Youth News for updates on what's coming in the month ahead.

If you are interested or have questions, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Christ's Peace be with you all,

Pastor Josh



Minutes of January 10, 2022

Meeting of Redeemer Congregation Council

Via Zoom

In Attendance: Arash Behravesh, Mitch Brown, Karen Detweiler, Laura Duval, Liz Holzapfel, Stephanie Hunter, Vice President Ellen Kennedy, Pr. Sandy Kessinger, Peter Shumway, Treasurer Rob Wenk, Pr. Josh Wullenweber

Excused: Lena Martikainen, President Nate Paukovits, Secretary Roberta Pittman

Call to Order: Vice President Kennedy declared a quorum and called the meeting to order 7:35 PM. Karen Detweiler took minutes.

Devotions: Pr. Josh led Council in the devotions that included a reading from Matthew 2: 1-11 (the Epiphany Story), the Magnificat, and prayers.

Agenda: Without objection, the agenda was accepted as sent in advance of the meeting.

Pastor Kessinger's Report:

Pr. Kessinger highlighted elements of her report, noting that the Bible studies were in hiatus for much of December.

This weekend Pr. Kessinger was appointed to the Synod Personnel Committee.

She had the first meeting of the Steering Committee for "Faith and Blue." This is an initiative hosted by the police in our area to connect with our houses of worship.

She has modified goals for CY18-22 to reflect changes in activities.

The music for Christmas Eve was outstanding; many thanks to Matt Osifchin.

A couple visiting the congregation noted the integrity of our services and the effort to have weekly communion.

The pastors will work with Kim Wenk to have the pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday which is on March 1.

Pastor Wullenweber's Report:

Pastor Wullenweber's report highlighted:

He was present with all the services Christmas weekend.

The Congregational Life Committee is in planning stages.

He and Pastor Kessinger continue to meet with people who desire to be baptized.

Pr. Josh is also hoping, COVID permitting, to have a chili cookoff after services one Sunday.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the December meeting were approved by email.

Treasurer's Report: Rob Wenk reported that December was a very generous giving month. If combined with existing resources, the giving in excess of expenses would address part of our need for a new roof in the gym area. Rob Wenk moved, and Laura Duval seconded, to put the funding towards our mortgage and Buildings and Grounds. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

For Council Discussion/Action:

FY22 Budget Vote: Rob Wenk presented the FY22 budget which shows FY21 actuals.

A footnote will be added to reflect additional payment to the mortgage and towards the Building Reserve.

On the pastoral staff line, Rob noted that FY22 will include a full year of compensation for our Associate Pastor.

There will be some additional nights budgeted for the Evening Building Host (Monday and Friday are not currently covered) assuming that our usage warrants it.

On the line items for Youth Ministry and Social Concerns, there is an increase in budget from last year's actual. This reflects planned increases in youth activity and commitments to social concerns. We are reaching out to address as many needs as possible in our community.

Under the income line, our offerings carry forward the current number as a starting point for the new year. Rob also noted that although there is a credit remaining, we actually spent about \$3,700 on flowers and decorations. Individuals who donate flowers for services in honor or memory of loved ones often prevents us from tapping this budget.

Youth Ministry is also a credit this year because youth activities were scaled back due to COVID, and we received some gifts from the congregation directly towards supporting current youth activities.

Rob Wenk moved that the budget documents, with modifications, be presented to the Congregation. Liz Holzapfel seconded. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Council Youth Representative Vote: Peter Kratz has agreed to serve as the Youth Representative on Council. Laura Duval moved that we accept him as the candidate for position. Liz Holzapfel seconded. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Annual Report / Congregational meeting: Pr. Kessinger will check on the status of the reports, which will go out Jan. 23, two weeks ahead of our annual meeting. The Council considered whether to hold the meeting in-person or in a hybrid format. Liz Holzapfel spoke in favor of a hybrid format. Laura Duval spoke about the preparation we did last year ahead of the Zoom meeting. Discussion explored OWL livestreaming the meeting and noted that it is less interactive than Zoom. Having Zoom with someone in the sanctuary to look for questions could work. Pr. Kessinger will consult with our resident experts on advantages and drawbacks. Karen Detweiler moved that we plan for a hybrid meeting and ask Pr. Kessinger to consult our experts as to how best to accomplish the hybrid format. Liz Holzapfel seconded. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions. The Council concurred on retaining the start time immediately following the 11:00 service.

Pledge Cards: We have used several models in the past. In the past, we have had Stewardship Sunday before the Annual Meeting, following the delivery of the annual statements. We have also done a time and talent request for volunteering, and we recognize that is challenging amidst COVID. Ellen Kennedy floated the possibility of doing an on-line pledge process, with which people could fill in an on-line form.

Synod Assembly: The Annual report will include identification of voting members to the Synod Assembly.

New Business: None

Parting Words for (and from) those departing Council:

Rob Wenk expressed full confidence in his successor, Ed Regan, and noted that he will still be around on committees and Redeemer activities.

Laura Duval said that Karen Miller will be a phenomenal addition to Council. Six years ago, Shawna Tunnell asked Laura to participate in Council, and she said she's enjoyed her time on Council.

Pr. Kessinger praised both Rob Wenk and Laura Duval for their work making the Council effective and strong. She appreciated the commitment of time and dedication they both have brought to Council.

Close with prayer: Pastor Kessinger closed the meeting with prayer, including appreciation for all that Rob Wenk and Laura Duval have done in their Council roles.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Next meeting of Executive Committee: February 01, 2022

Next meeting of Council: February 14, 2022



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February

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Services at 8:30 am, 9:45 am, 11:00 am

Week of January 30

Sunday, January 30

Visitors' Information Session – 2 pm

Youth Scavenger Hunt – 4 pm

Wednesday, February 2

Wednesday AM Bible Study – 8 am

Wednesday PM Bible Study – 7 pm

Week of February 6

Sunday, February 6

Annual Congregation Meeting – 12 pm

Monday, February 7

Day of Prayer – 8 am to 8 pm

Wednesday, February 9

Wednesday AM Bible Study – 8 am

Wednesday PM Bible Study – 7 pm

Week of February 13

Sunday, February 13

Installation of Council Members (All Services)

Summer Mission Trip Information Meeting – 12:15 pm

Monday, February 14

Council Meeting – 7:30 pm

Wednesday, February 16

Wednesday AM Bible Study – 8 am

Week of February 20

Wednesday, February 23

Wednesday AM Bible Study – 8 am

Week of February 27

Sunday, February 27

Youth Event – Ice Skating

Tuesday, March 1

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – 6 pm

Wednesday, March 2

Ash Wednesday Worship – 12 pm

Lenten Dinner – 6:30 pm

Ash Wednesday Worship – 7:30 pm

Coming Months

Wednesdays in Lent

Dinner – 6:30 pm and Worship – 7:30 pm

March 5

Spiritual Retreat – 10 am to 4 pm

April 10

Palm Sunday

April 14-16

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil Walk

April 17

Easter Sunday

Lenten One-Day Retreat

March 5, 2022

10 am – 4 pm

Did you know that Jesus only directly answers three of the 186 questions addressed to him in the Gospels? He often answered a question with a question of his own. His inquiries shift our perspectives to new and fresh ways of looking at and solving our problems or issues. These empowering questions affect the quality of our lives and deepen our faith and discipleship. During Lent we will use a devotion entitled “Lent: Beyond Question” to frame our spiritual practice as we ponder why we believe what we believe. We will use this time to draw closer to God. This book will be given to those who attend the retreat.

You are invited to join us in an exploration and deeper discussion of Lent. On Saturday, March 5, we will meet above Reston Town Center in a rooftop meeting space. Directions will be given to those who attend. It will be a one-day retreat from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. The day will include time in prayer groups, devotions, group discussions, Bible inquiry, Taizé prayers, and Holy Communion. Our theme for our time together is “*What are you looking for?*”

The Details

- Date:** Saturday March 5, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
- Who:** Adults
- Cost:** \$50 per person (includes lunch, the Lenten book, and meeting space)
(Scholarships available)
- Location:** 1855 Saint Francis Street, Reston
- Leaders:** PSK, Pastor Josh, Diane Miller

We will limit registration to 15 people so sign-up early!

Required Registration: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4AAFA722A64-march>

Questions? Email Diane at dianemillerva@gmail.com



Journey From Afghanistan, Part 2: Settling-In

**Our Oneness series continues 4:00pm on Sunday,
February 13, 2022**

**ONLINE EVENT – Learn about the successes and challenges of coming
from Afghanistan and settling into the United States**

About this event

Imagine trying to enroll your children in school, rent an apartment, set up a bank account or establish internet service having left your documents behind when you fled. Even if you have your records, many “basic services” require proof of employment, so how do you get a job? There are many challenges.

It’s not nearly as simple as you may think.

Please join us as we learn from individuals who have been working with evacuees from Afghanistan to get settled in the U.S. Get answers to questions about how you can help.

[Register](#)



The zoom link for this event will be provided to registered attendees within 48 hours before our discussion.



SHARE of McLEAN

A Special Report on Share

by Jen Jordan

Long lines at food banks nationwide at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic inspired generosity and action by members of Redeemer to address food insecurity amongst our neighbors. What began as an ad hoc collection of food on behalf of SHARE has grown into reliable giving, and Redeemer is now listed on the SHARE website as a community drop-off site for shelf-stable food and hygiene items. Redeemer delivers on average one minivan full of donations to SHARE on a weekly basis. Separately, the Rise Against Hunger event held at Redeemer in early November collected enough food to fill three minivans on behalf of SHARE. Redeemer hosted another drive on behalf of SHARE during Advent.

In 2020, financial giving by Redeemer totaled \$25,984.34, of which \$17,697.34 came via member donations earmarked for SHARE. The remainder came from the Social Concerns Ministry budget (\$2,000), the Endowment Fund (\$5,000), funds from the cancelled Living Nativity event (\$754) and half of Souper Bowl Sunday donations (\$533).

In 2021, Redeemer contributed \$10,956 to SHARE; \$9,456 in member donations, and \$1,500 from the Social Concerns Ministry budget. Some members donate directly to SHARE.

To put Redeemer's giving into perspective, the following information on SHARE may be helpful.

- ⇒ SHARE is a non-profit organization serving McLean, Great Falls and Pimmit Hills. SHARE's mission is to provide food, clothing, and emergency financial assistance.
- ⇒ SHARE operates out of space provided by the McLean Baptist Church and is run solely by volunteers. It takes more than 1,000 volunteer hours a month to run SHARE's programs.
- ⇒ SHARE has had a significant increase in clients since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, with over 2,000 visits to the food pantry alone over the past year. Fairfax County refers some clients, while others come in directly. Clients are allowed two visits a month and receive services indefinitely as long as there is a need.
- ⇒ SHARE serves on average around 50 households, numbering approximately 250-300 individuals, many of whom are children. SHARE also operates a food pantry annex that serves 170 seniors in Mclean who live at either The Fallstead or the Lewinsville Retirement Residence. A handful of clients are homeless individuals in the local area. Many of SHARE's clients do not speak English.
- ⇒ SHARE relies entirely on financial donations to run its programs.
- ⇒ The vast majority of SHARE's 2021 budget of \$951,822 goes toward emergency financial assistance. Funding is provided through regular and ad hoc financial contributions from individuals, community groups, and faith-based organizations. Fairfax County provided SHARE with \$16,122 in CARES funding to assist clients with needs specifically due to COVID-19.
- ⇒ The majority of SHARE's food pantry supplies comes via donations by private individuals, community groups, and faith-based organizations. Corporate donors include McLean Giant and Balducci's (bread), Chesapeake Bagel Bakery (bagels), and Tysons Walmart (meat and pastries).
- ⇒ SHARE has a budget of \$60,000 for food pantry operations, which allows SHARE to supplement community food donations periodically with fresh produce, eggs, and dairy products.
- ⇒ SHARE's need for donations is highest in the summer when giving typically falls off. Due to space limitations, targeted giving according to the needs listed at ShareofMcLean.org is most helpful.

UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH WEBSITE

In an effort to stay connected and maintain an online presence, we have updated our [website](#) with tabs under the main headings. We ask you to take time to orient yourself to these areas where you will find pertinent information such as current Bible studies, announcements, links to our Friday emails and more!

WE ARE WEARING MASKS IN THE CHURCH BUILDING

Our Health Equity Team meets on a regular basis to evaluate our current COVID policies. Decisions are based on the number of cases in our area, the CDC guidelines, and the availability of the vaccine to all age groups. We appreciate everyone who is adhering to our current policy to keep our masks on during worship and while in our church building. We will let everyone know when any adjustments are made so that we can work cooperatively to keep our church open.

REDEEMER "DAY OF PRAYER" ON FEBRUARY 7

In 2022 there will be four times throughout the year when we will set aside an intentional time of prayer. The first will occur on Monday, February 7. People are asked to sign-up for a 30-minute time slot so we can be in continuous prayer from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. You can [sign up here](#) for a half-hour time period. You can pray at home, at work, or at Redeemer. A list of prayers written by several Redeemer members is available for your use & is posted on the RLC website, or you can choose your own prayers.

BIBLE STUDY 101

The Bible 101 study of foundational stories in the Old Testament consists of [weekly postings of notes on Redeemer's website](#) each Wednesday through March 16. The focus in the next weeks will be on the books of Leviticus through II Chronicles.

There are also opportunities to discuss any of the stories with Doug (dougscheffler@aol.com) and Judy (judy.kuhagen@gmail.com) in virtual conversations or via a Chat session. Contact them if you are interested or would like notes from the sessions.

CRUCIFERS, READERS, AND ASSISTING MINISTERS

We are looking for volunteers to help lead worship on a Sunday morning. If you are interested, then please contact Kim Wenk at kbwenk@gmail.com or [sign-up through this link](#).

Crucifers are needed for the traditional services. At the 8:30 am service the crucifer will light the altar candles and then process the cross in during the opening hymn. During the closing hymn the cross will be processed out. For the 11:00 am service the crucifer will have the same responsibilities as just noted. The one exception is that he/she will extinguish the altar candles after the service.

Readers are needed at all three services.

Assisting ministers are needed at the 9:45 am service only. An Assisting Minister will read the lessons (if a reader has not signed up), read the prayers that are prepared ahead of time, assist with Holy Communion, and read the Post-Communion prayer.

COFFEE WITH PASTOR JOSH!

Sign up to meet and chat with Pastor Josh. He extends an invitation to grab a cup of coffee or the beverage of your choice and meet somewhere (coffee shop, church or via Zoom) - whatever works best for you and your schedule. Check out the [Signup Genius with available dates/times](#).



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DECEMBER 2021 & JANUARY 2022 HAM REPORTS

On December 2, Ralph Dutrow delivered 13 boxes weighing 455 pounds to Martha's Table from the Falls Church and Fairfax Honey Baked Ham stores. On December 9, Rick Stewart delivered 4 boxes of ham weighing 140 pounds to Food for Others from the Fairfax store. On December 16, Laura Wareham delivered 2 boxes of ham weighing 70 pounds to Food for Others from the Fairfax store. On December 29, Roberta Pittman delivered 6 boxes of ham weighing 210 pounds to Food for Others from the Fairfax store. On December 31, Rick Stewart delivered 6 boxes of ham weighing 210 pounds to Food for Others from the Reston store.

So for the month of December we delivered 1,085 pounds of ham. That brings our final total for 2021 to 6,057. Over three tons of ham! Yahoo! The final breakdown by non-profits is as follows: Food for Others, 2,212 pounds of ham; Martha's Table, 1,750 pounds of ham; ThriveDC, 1,150 pounds of ham; So Others Might Eat, 615 pounds of ham and Rising Hope Church, 330 pounds of ham. All weights are approximate.

So this was a great finish for what has been a challenging year in so many ways. Let me wish you all a Happy New Year and thank you for all your hard work during this past year.

On January 6, Rick Stewart delivered 4 boxes of ham weighing 140 pounds to Martha's Table from the Fairfax Honey Baked Ham store. On January 20, Roberta Pittman delivered 4 boxes of ham weighing 115 pounds to ThriveDC from the Fairfax store. On January 27, Ralph Dutrow delivered 2 boxes of ham weighing 70 pounds to So Others Might Eat from the Fairfax store. So to start off the year, we delivered 325 pounds of ham. A good start for 2022!

Special thanks to all our ham runners for their efforts during this chilly weather.

TYSONS INTERFAITH ONENESS OF HUMANITY EVENT WILL BE SUN., FEB., 13 4 PM ON ZOOM

The topic is Journey from Afghanistan | Part 2: Setting In

Learn about the successes and challenges of coming from Afghanistan and settling into the United States.

Imagine trying to enroll your children in school, rent an apartment, set up a bank account or establish internet service having left your documents behind when you fled. Even if you have your records, many "basic services" require proof of employment, so how do you get a job? There are many challenges. It's not nearly as simple as you may think. Please join us as we learn from individuals who have been working with evacuees from Afghanistan to get settled in the U.S. Get answers to your questions about how you can help. Please visit the [Tysons Interfaith website](#) to register.

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO HELP REFUGEES, ETC., HERE OR IN OTHER AREAS?

Contact the church office at church@redeemermclean.org to ask for the list of organizations who need financial contributions, in-kind donations, and/or your time and skills.

HOSPITALITY AFTER WORSHIP - HELP!

Do you feel a sense of joy that Redeemer has a reputation as being a welcoming church, where visitors feel like they belong and want to return?

Please volunteer to allow us to share our warm Hospitality after Worship Services by signing up to set-up and clean-up the treat provided on Sunday mornings. The job takes about 10 minutes, all snacks are provided. Please email Kim Wenk at kbwenk@gmail.com if you can help.

LIVING LUTHERAN MAGAZINE

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February Birthdays

- Feb 2 John Armstrong, Stephen Leong
Feb 3 Matthew Koenig, Caroline Triplett
Feb 4 Isaac Brown, Mark Cronin, Christopher Kutscher
Feb 5 Pamela Giffey, Deborah Kern, Althea Retter, Nancy Walsh
Feb 6 Eslie Djemmal, Lisa Frederick, Mary Ann McKenzie, Alexis Nied, John Pilkinton, William Pilkinton, Benjamin Waldron, Louise White
Feb 7 Charlie Brown, Artemisia Hashemi, Benjamin Stoessel
Feb 8 Kristian Bjornson, Jake Ciannella, Brendan Corbett, Max Engel, Kyra Klontz, Robert Koch, Emil Muhs, Ryan Stuart
Feb 9 James Brennan
Feb 10 Claudia Johnson
Feb 11 Courtney Davis, Tracy Graves, Jane Pennewell
Feb 12 Joy Hughes, Scott Risseeuw
Feb 13 Knut Fredriksen, Paul Lawrence, Alex Lee, Logan Mosher
Feb 14 Kristi Bornmann, Elizabeth Grau, Chris Russo
Feb 15 Jeffrey Bergdahl, Will Dempsey
Feb 16 Mark Cackler, Sebastian Herbolsheimer, Eric Rode, Scarlet Steuble
Feb 17 James Ahlgren, Michael Kuhn
Feb 18 John Rice
Feb 19 Christa Choi, Susan Larson, John Lien, Paula Nassen Poulos
Feb 20 Hanna Herbolsheimer, Alex Tyeryar
Feb 21 Dennis Shields, Jane Skotzko, Margo Thronson
Feb 22 Liz Pittman, Ben Sullivan, Diane Thompson
Feb 23 Karen Devlin
Feb 24 Corinne Elliot, Elyse Henshall, Jack Slade
Feb 25 Lauren Corbett, Nash Leaptrot, Lillian Mazur
Feb 26 Colette Marcellin
Feb 27 Janice Wamstad
Feb 28 Thatcher Spang

A Birthday Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

BCP