

JESUS SETS US FREE

THE VOICE OF OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday School: 10:15 A.M.

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“We are Abraham’s descendants,” they answered, “and we have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say, ‘You will be set free?’”

– John 8:31

Today we begin another journey through Lent. We walk with our Lord on the way to the cross year after year with special devotions because we need to be reminded “Dust you are and to dust will you return.” We would like to imagine ourselves to be strong and free, but that is not who we are. We are sinners and slaves to sin as Jesus taught the Jews in John 8.

We have a sinful heart from birth that makes it impossible for us to properly do right even when we want to. We needed to be set free from that constant life of failure and so Jesus has come to forgive us and to change us.

Hopefully the devotions and worship services planned for the coming two months will help all of us in that struggle as we move on together.

There are also big discussions going on at church about a possible shared ministry plan with St John in Kampsville. If you have thoughts please talk to some of the officers who have been part of discussions and come to the voters meeting on March 4.

Blessed New Year,

Pastor Steve

Bible Study Options for everyone:

- The Sunday morning Adult Bible study is continuing to compare the Bible’s teachings with the teachings of other religions. Come join us.
- The Sunday School invites you to come and help prepare your children to celebrate Easter with a greater understanding of the meaning of this festival.
- The Tuesday 9 AM Ladies Bible Study is looking at several LWML studies, come join them.

Corona Virus update –

(There have been a lot of developments since late February, so Pastor’s updates are now here and notes from Ladies Aid and the Food Pantry are on page 4.)

Many of our plans are now changed

Starting March 22 we are under a “stay at home” government order. While you can get out for food, medical needs and other critical work, the government says that doesn’t include gathering for worship.

So now we have a Youtube page;

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3s7V_Kypa2-xjaznN0fm3Q

That is where we will be worshipping at least until April 7. Bulletins are on our website;

www.our-redeemer-lutheran-church.org

We certainly hope that date holds and worship on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter (and its vigil) will be in person again.

Also our March Voters meeting decided to proceed working to have a dual parish arrangement with Saint John Kampsville. Finalizing those plans (or changing them) will have to happen at a later voters meeting.

The voters did move to end our worship on Saturday after Easter Vigil on April 10. That will allow us to start joining with Saint John who will be moving their weekly worship time to Saturday. They are still deciding on what time of the afternoon or evening when those services will go on.

So, do call if you have thoughts or questions or ideas about all the things that are going on and being planned at church. Your thoughts matter very much to all of us.

Pastor will definitely take everyone’s thoughts into consideration if/when he is considering the call to a Saint John/Our Redeemer dual parish.

MARCH WORSHIP PLANS:

2/28 & 1st – The First Sunday in Lent
 Matthew 4:1-11 By Word, not Bread Alone
 4th – Second Wednesday in Lent (7 PM)
 John 4:4-24 Mercy on Foreigners in the Land
 7th & 8th – Second Sunday in Lent
 John 3:1-17 So Loved
 11th – Third Wednesday in Lent (7 PM)
 1 Kings 17:7-16 Out of Gloom
 15th - Third Sunday in Lent **(No Saturday Service)**
 Romans 5:1-8 Very Rare
 18th – Fourth Wednesday in Lent (7 PM)
 Romans 4:17b-25 It's a Precarious Life
 21st & 22nd -Fourth Sunday in Lent
 Ephesians 5:8-14 Christ will Shine
 25th – Fifth Wednesday in Lent (7 PM)
 John 12:20-26 A Strange Way to Grow
 28th & 29th - Fifth Sunday in Lent
 Romans 8:1-11 Christ in You

APRIL WORSHIP PLANS:

1st – Sixth Wednesday in Lent (7 PM)
 Deuteronomy 10:12-22 He Loves the Alien
 4th & 5th - Palm Sunday
 Matthew 27:11-66 Innocence Project
 9th - Maundy Thursday (7 PM)
 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 Remember to Wait
 10th - Good Friday (7 PM)
 Matthew 27:1-30 A Place for Foreigners
 11th – Easter Eve Vigil (**6:30 PM – note time**)
 12th – Easter Sunrise Service (6:30 AM)
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Keep Your Hold
 12th – Easter Celebration Service (9 AM)
 Acts 10:34-43 Welcome to Paradise
 19th - 2nd Sunday of Easter **(No Saturday Service)**
 John 20:19-31 – That You May Believe
 26th – Third Sunday of Easter
 1 Peter 1:17-25 A Lamb Chosen before Creation

Worship Assistants for March & April

	Acolyte	Ushers	Greeters
3/1	Aurora Baker	Allan & Ben Petri	Joyce Grizzle & Jackie Degeal
3/8	Sam Droste	Tony Purcell & Dewain Freand	Harry & Helen Flowers
3/15	Simon Purcell	Alfonso Sasieta & Mark Thuer	Diana Varble & Lisa Jacobsen
3/22	Aurora Baker	John Quandt & Gordon Rahe	Emily Carroll & Phyllis Darr
3/29	Sam Droste	Darryl & Ryan Riechmann	Gordon & Kelli Rahe
4/5	Simon Purcell	Jim Custer & Dave Thompson	Butch & Sandy Purcell
4/12	Aurora Baker (Sunrise)	John Tepen & Phillip Darr	Kathy Harms & Kathleen Travis
4/12	Sam Droste (9 AM)	Allen Darr & Brian Darr	Matt & Marty Knight
4/19	Simon Purcell	Allan & Ben Petri	Joyce Grizzle & Jackie Degeal
4/26	Aurora Baker	Tony Purcell & Dewain Freand	Harry & Helen Flowers
5/3	Sam Droste	Alfonso Sasieta & Mark Thuer	Diana Varble & Lisa Jacobsen

Easter Breakfast will be at about 7:45 AM.

Between the Sunrise service and the 9 AM service.

There will be a sign-up sheet for items to bring for it in the back of the church in the next few weeks.

Meeting times for Church Council, Elders, Evangelism & Church Voters... are on the calendar. Transfer these to your calendars and watch the Sunday Bulletins for any specifics.

Happy Baptism Birthday!

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March:

- 1- Matthew Berry
Linda Ulery
- 2- Leigh Ann Henline
- 4- Sylvia Crawford
- 6- Richie Ulery
- 9- Laurye Davis
- Denise Varble
- 15- Connie Custer
- 18- Alfonso Sasieta
- 19- Joshua Jacobsen
- 22- Kendra Davis
- 23- Eric Thaxton
- 28- Kristie Cook
Sofia Droste

April:

- 1- Jody Woods
- 6- Carolyn Ommen
- 7- Samuel Droste
- 10- Margaret Varble
- 12- Paul Spencer
Alex Baker
- 13- Kathy Mattis
- 14- James Custer
- Katera Ulery
- 18- Emily Strubble
- 20- Jessica Jones
- Lillie Purcell
- 21- Hannah Lesemann
- 24- Lisa Jacobsen
- 25- Cash Kaufman
- 30- Kris Lehr
Tammy Lehr

March:

- 1- Nadia Berry
- 2- Brittney Lehr
Betty Reno
Paul Spencer
- 3- Martha Bland
Tamara Kessinger
- 5- Gordon Rahe
- 7- Cain Tittsworth
Kaydince Tittsworth
- 12- Brian Darr
- 15- Kathleen Travis
- 19- Vicky Vetter
- 20- Kelsey Howland
Terri Howland
- 24 - Dalton Varble
- 26- Matthew Berry
Donna Childress
Mark Childress
Joshua Jacobsen
- 29- Jessica Reno

April:

- 1- Dave Thompson
- 2- Jim Reno
- 6- Emily Carroll
Tyler Jones
- 8- Mary Lou Lehr
- 9- Zachary Jones
- 10- Cody Rief
Ashli Lee
Angela Lott
- 12- Linda Ulery
- 14- Laurye Davis
- Nancy Reno
- 18- Kendra Davis
- 25- Sylvia Crawford
Hannah Lesemann
- 26- David Reno
- Carolyn Ommen
- 29- Alex Rahe

This January through March, we celebrate the Sanctity of Human Life and support the work of Mosaic Pregnancy & Health Centers with our quarterly mission project donations. Mosaic PHC provides a wide variety of free pregnancy & health services that help women value their life and the life of their babies.

Our goal is to help women experience compassion, support and the love of Jesus. For Jeremiah 29:11 says, "I know the plans I have for you, plans to give you hope and a future".

Join us in declaring that more women and their babies deserve hope and a future by donating to support the ministry of Mosaic Pregnancy & Health Centers. Our District has expressed its support for this ministry in a letter available in the church entryway. Thank you!

Congregation Member Address and Phone

information needs to be updated for a new church directory (especially since Greene County no longer has Rural Route addresses). If you haven't yet checked your listing with the office directory in the entryway, please do so. Feel free to simply E-mail your current information to pastor (see the first page of the newsletter for E-mail address).

Ladies Aid – (President Sandra Purcell)

At our January meeting, Kathy Harms opened the meeting with a devotional based on Matthew 9:22 entitled “Faith has made you well”. We discussed plans for the Prayer Breakfast on March 7th starting at 8:30 AM. We are planning to serve breakfast casseroles, rolls and coffee cake, drinks, and fruit. Please plan to join us for food, fellowship and an inspiring service Living in Love, Bearing Fruit. We collected funds from our Christmas stockings and Mission Mites. We closed the meeting with the Lord’s Prayer. Sandy shared the Mission Muse by Diane Grebing entitled “From Generation to Generation”.

In February Kathy Harms opened the meeting with a devotional “Gray skies now, blue skies coming”. We finalized plans for our Prayer Breakfast. We discussed the district Spring Retreat “Grab your bag and go!” on March 21 in Collinsville, IL. A container is in the back of the church containing information about in-gathering items needed for abuse centers. When women are fleeing an abusive situation a purse is filled with these items and given to them.

Evelyn Thompson reported that we have over \$160 in our mission fund. We decided to donate funds to KFUC, Braille Workers, Church Scholarship Fund, and Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch.

We closed the meeting with the Lord’s Prayer.

Evelyn shared a newspaper article.

“I can do all this through him who gives me strength.”
Philippians 4:13

Food Pantry

We can always use more help when we host the Carrollton Food Pantry from 1-3 PM. There is still a need for cold & hot cereals, saltine crackers, jelly, peanut butter, juices (apple, orange, etc.), pancake mixes & syrup as we stock the shelves. There is a collection box is at top of basement stairs, near coat rack. Thank you!

March 2019

1	2	3 9 A.M Ladies' Study	4 7 PM Lent Service 7 :45 PM Church Voters Meeting	5 1:30 PM Mt. Gilead Service	6	7 8:30 AM LWML Prayer Breakfast at Our Redeemer
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins – forward 1 hour	9	10 9 A.M Ladies' Study	11 1-3 We Host Food Pantry 7 PM Lent Service	12	13	14 No Saturday Service
15	16 1 PM Ladies Aid	17 9 A.M Ladies' Study	18 7 PM Lent Service	19	20	21
22	23	24 9 A.M Ladies' Study	25 7 PM Lent Service 7:45 Elders	26 2pm White Hall Service	27	28
29	30	31 9 A.M Ladies' Study	Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Services with Holy Communion Every Saturday at 5:30 PM & Sunday at 9 A.M. Sunday School for all ages every Sunday at 10:15 A.M.			

April 2020

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5	6	7 9 A.M Ladies' Study	8	9 7 PM Maundy Thursday Service	10 7 PM Good Friday Service	11 6:30 PM Easter Candlelight Vigil Service in Fellowship Hall
12 Easter Sunday 6:30 AM Sunrise Service 7:45 AM Easter Breakfast 9 AM Celebration Service	13	14 9 A.M Ladies' Study	15	16	17	18 No Saturday Service
19	20 1 PM Ladies Aid	21 9 A.M Ladies' Study	22	23	24	25 8:45-1:30 LWML Spring Rally at Emmaus in Dorsey
26	27	28 9 A.M Ladies' Study	29 7:30 Elders Meeting	30 2 pm White Hall Service		