

March 2024 Newsletter

Sponsored by Andy & Mary Peterson—

In Gratefulness for Our Six Grandchildren

Important Dates:

Palm Sunday (3/24) commemorates Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Palm branches waved by the crowd to greet and honor Jesus. He rode in on a donkey, symbolizing peace.

Maundy Thursday (3/28) marks the night of the Last Supper. At the Last Supper, Jesus commanded that people should love one another. He washed the feet of his disciples as an act of kindness.

On **Good Friday** (3/29), Jesus willingly suffered and died by crucifixion as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins.

Easter (3/31) marks the resurrection of Jesus Christ and is a celebration of the triumph of life over death. Because Jesus died for our sins, we will live with him in heaven and have eternal life.



The lily has long been associated with Easter. A legend has circulated for centuries connecting the lily and the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed to the Heavenly Father while sweating drops of blood on the night that he was betrayed. According to the myth, Jesus' disciples found white lilies blooming all over the Garden of Gethsemane on Easter Day in every place that Jesus had walked, prayed, sat, or wept the night before his crucifixion. Wherever a drop of Jesus' sweat touched the ground, a white lily rejoiced in his victory. Today in the Christian church, centuries later, the white lily is still used to celebrate the joyous Easter event and signify purity, life, and renewal. Still today the trumpet shape of the white lily heralds the triumphant victory of Jesus' resurrection.

As we now stand at the turning point of the season of Lent into the season of Easter, the white lily also reminds us of the Lord's provision for our lives as Christians. In Matthew 6:28 Jesus says to his worry-prone disciples, "And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin."

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus' disciples looked toward the future worrying about the very necessities of life—food and clothing (Matthew 6:25-34). Jesus showed those who were his disciples then, and now, that this worrisome attitude is a symptom of a bigger, more serious problem—a lack of trust in God, their Father to provide for each and every one of their needs.

How easy it is for us also to live as orphans who think that we have to frantically fend for ourselves, rather than as God's adopted children who trustingly receive his gracious provision. This Easter season let us consider the lily and be moved to trust in our God of provision and new life all the more. For, God who raised Jesus from the dead is our God. He is our God of life. He provided for our reconciliation, redemption, and salvation by sending his Son in order to save us. Will he not provide for all of our earthly needs?

So let us go forth, like the lily, as a sign of our holy God of life and renewal. Let us go forth this Easter season to herald the triumphant victory of our God who provides and sustains life through our words, thoughts, actions and deeds. You were bought with a price and have been raised to new life in Christ. This is your identity. You need not be anxious about anything.

In Christ, Pastor Josh, Atonement Lutheran Church, Spring Valley, California April 2012 Newsletter (www.atonementspringvalley.org)

Monthly Bible Scavenger Hunt

Let's have some fun getting to know God's word a little better through a monthly Bible scavenger hunt. Each month there will be a different themed Bible scavenger hunt featured in the newsletter; with extra copies available at the church. Complete as an individual or as a family and place in the raffle box at church by the last Sunday of the month. A winner will then be drawn at random and will receive a prize. Answers will be printed in the next month's newsletter.

	March Scavenger Hunt: Name(s):
	Important Numbers—Bible Scavenger Hunt #47
1	apostles/disciples of Jesus – Mark 3:14
2	Total number from the tribes of Israel sealed for God in the book of
	Revelation – Revelation 7:4
3	sons of Jesse (including David) – Samuel 17:12
4	sons of Jacob/tribes of Israel – Genesis 49:28
5	age of Methuselah when he died – Genesis 5:27
6	pieces of silver paid to Judas to betray Jesus – Matthew 27:3
7	churches written to in Revelation – Revelation 1:11
8	rivers flowing out of Eden – Genesis 2:10-14
9	commandments given to Moses on the mountain – Exodus 34:28
10.	fruits of the Spirit – Galatians 5:22-23
11.	days/nights of rain in the Great Flood – Genesis 7:12
12.	books of the Bible – (see your Bible's table of contents)

Fun Fact: Question 11 on the quiz asks how long it rained on Noah and the ark. You might think that is how long he, his family, and the animals were on the amazing boat, but no! They had to wait for the water to go down. If you research the Hebrew calendar dates mentioned in Genesis chapter 8, you find out they were on the boat for a whole year! That's a long time to be cooped up with thousands of animals! Probably pretty smelly too! Did you ever have to wait a long time for something that seemed like it would never come? Don't give up! You won't have to

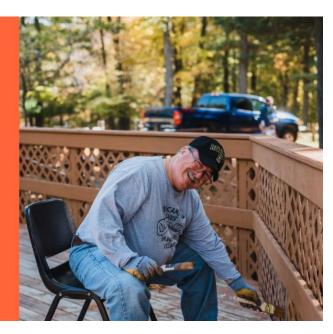


wait forever! "Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord." Psalm 27:14

Waypost Spring Work Weekend

Join us for a Spring Work Weekend April 26-28, 2024. Lend a hand alongside other volunteers to enhance and prepare Waypost! Meals and lodging provided to volunteers and fellowship available in the evenings. All skill levels are welcome!

RSVP online or email waypost@crosswayscamps.org with additional questions.



February Scavenger Hunt Answers from last month:

- 1. While Jesus was in what town, a woman poured ointment of nard on his head? Mark 14:3 **Bethany**
- 2. What festival did Jesus celebrate with his disciples? Luke 22:15 Passover
- 3. Where did Jesus go with his disciples to pray before he was betrayed? Mark 14:32 **Gethsemane**
- 4. Who cut off the ear of the high priest's slave when the soldiers came to arrest Jesus? John 18:10 **Simon Peter or Peter**
- 5. Who denied Jesus three times by the time the cock crowed? Mark 14:72 **Peter**
- 6. Who said, "I am innocent of this man's blood"? Matthew 27:24 Pilate
- 7. What time was it when Jesus was nailed to the cross? Mark 15:25 **9:00 in the morning or Third Hour**
- 8. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were told by an angel that Jesus was raised from the dead, and will meet you and the disciples where? Matthew 28:7 **Galilee**
- 9. What did the disciples think they were seeing when Jesus appeared? Luke 24:37 **a ghost or spirit**
- 10. Who took the place of Judas as the 12th disciple? Acts 1:26 Matthias

February Bible Scavenger Hunt Winner: Sandy Lang!

(Thank you to all who participated: Sandy L., Linda E., Kim T., Dianne L., Lori H., and Ruthie O.)



GriefShare

Supporting those who are grieving or hurting as a result of a death of a loved one (spouse, friend, neighbor or anyone close to you).

Suggested by Pastor Sharon for those who would like an in-person grief group instead of on Zoom.

Shirley J Ostrem, Lay Leader/Facilitator 715-359-5531

Mondays February 26 – May 20 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church 503 Schmidt Ave., Rothschild, WI

- Mondays for 13 weeks
- Each with a 30 minute video and a free workbook
- Discussion before and after the video

These conversations are held in confidence as we share with each other our loss.



THE POWER OF PRAYER WORKS!!

Please remember in your prayers the following members and loved ones...

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Grace Hartleben	Vian Kersten	Eugene Preuss
Gordon & Agnes Schlender	Donna Kubiaczyk	June Norrbom
Lorna Alberg	Jean Benz	Rollie Hendrikson
Kay & Reuben Carlson	Sharon Philipp	Travis Nunnery

Pray for healing for Nancy Pehlke, Betty Zeinert, Fay Rosenow, Andy Peterson, Marlee (niece of Mary Mattes), Allan Innerebner (brother of Lee Innerebner), and Dave Carlson (father of Lara). Pray for those who have recently lost their spouse. Pray for safety & guidance for Josie (Kari Zeinert's niece) as she continues her mission work in Osaka, Japan for 2 years. Pray for the family of Dick Hansen who passed away on Feb. 27th (cousin of Lee Innerebner).

Your calls and visits are greatly appreciated. If you'd like to add a prayer request to this list please call the prayer chain below or the church at 715-253-2590 and leave a message. Redeemer Prayer Chain....Please call anyone on this list with the name(s) of the person for whom you would like prayers. That person will call the next one on the list, etc. etc

1) Ida Brekke	715-253-2734	4) Lee Innerebner	715-253-2200
2) Gail Koehler	715-253-6275	5) Mary Netzler	715-253-6290
3) Faith Kristof	715-701-0300	•	

Redeemer Bible Study- during 9:30 am Sunday School. We meet in the Heritage Room downstairs.

There is an Adult Bible Study Breakfast 9 am at Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton (bring your Bible) the first and third Wednesdays of each month.



March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

Emily Norrbom	3-1
Paige Norrbom	3-1
Olivia Starr	3-5
Andrea Nelson	3-6
Evie Low	3-11
Izzi Schmalfus Clark	3-11
Jordan Hull	3-13
June Norrbom	3-14
Hank Andrew Peterson	3-14
Kayla Hanke	3-19
Mary Anderson	3-20
Tommy Froom	3-21
Faith Kristof	3-22
Rev Reuben L Carlson	3-26
Mike Mattes	3-29
Richard Olsen	3-31





Charlie & Bonnie Sparr 3-13 Rev Reuben Carlson & Karen 3-30

Our Monetary Discipleship for February 2024

Worship Date	Worship Attend	General Fund	Missions	Building Fund	Sunday School Offering	Other Income	Total
2-4	31	\$1,470.00				Newsletters:\$60 each Peterson's-March Olsen's-April Jean Benz & fam-Oct.	\$1,650.00
2-11	43	\$1,670.00				Nov. Newsletter \$60- Marlis Mathison	\$1,730.00
2-14 Ash Wed.	28	\$600.00				\$25 Greater Wausau Christian Services May Newsletter \$60- Fay Rosenow \$103 for Lenten meal	\$788.00
2-18	49	\$1,005.00			\$76.86	← Noisy Coin Offering	\$1,081.86
2-21	28	\$205.00				\$110.00 Lenten Meal	\$315.00
2-25	31	\$1,005.00					\$1,005.00
2-28	30	\$155.00				\$67.00 Lenten Meal	\$223.00
Total		\$6,110.00			\$76.86	\$606.00	\$6,792.86

Offering envelopes are available in the wall rack near the main entrance door in the Gathering Space.

Please use an envelope with your offering and write your name and amount on the envelope.

Using the envelopes insures you get credit for monies given to the church and helps with the accounting. Thank you!

Community Events!

Murder Mystery Dinner Show at the WOWSPACE by Crossroads Community Theatre March 1, 2, 8 & 9 Doors open at 5:30. Dinner at 6:00 pm "The Case of the Motorcoach Murders" \$40, tickets in advance from cast members-Lois A., Miriam N., ... or from Wittenberg Sentry or by calling 715-253-3525 Dinner catered by Hidden Valley Supper Club, Caroline

Meat Raffle, Saturday, March 30 starting at 6:00 p.m. at T&C Bowling Alley (407 S Howard St. Wittenberg)
All proceeds will go towards updating the WOW computer software and sound system.

Wine-Beer-Cheese Gala on April 12 at the WOWSPACE 7 PM-10 PM \$25

See a WOW member for tickets if interested.

(Lois A, Pehlke's, Ann H., Miriam N.)

WOW Spring Art Show-Artist's Free Play April 13-14, 20-21, and 27-28 at the WOWSPACE 11:00 am – 3 pm (Free!)

Monday, April 24: WBHS Band/Choir Spring Concert @ 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 12: WBHS/Community Variety Show @ 7:00 p.m. (fundraiser)

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

COUNCIL MINUTES February 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Norrbom

Members present:

President: Paul Norrbom Treasurer: Peggy Emmel
Secretary: Lois Anderson Vice President: Paul Pehlke

Education: Ann Hawley, Mary Peterson

WMA: Linda Evje

Parish Life: Kim Timm, Brianna Schmidt

Trustees: Jeff Lang, Sandra Lang

A quorum was present.

Opening Devotions: Sandra Lang

Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Mary Peterson, to approve the agenda. Carried.

Council Visitors: None

Motion made by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Kim Timm, to approve the January 11, 2024 minutes. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report shows an account balance of \$101,834.55. Of that, there is a budget balance of \$64,350.47 and a non-budget balance of \$37,484.08. Motion made by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Mary Peterson, to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills as presented to be paid. Carried. After a recommendation by our treasurer and discussion by the council, a motion was made by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Linda Evje, to move some of our funds to interest-bearing accounts with Edward Jones. Motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT Contracted Pastor Sharon Fox Bogen

- Made homebound visits and phone calls.
- Pastor Sharon wanted to share information about grief groups. There are booklets available from Ann in our church office. There is a Wings Grief Group online Tuesdays February 27, March 5,12,19 & 26. Those without Zoom can meet at Ann Hawley's house. You may register for the free online class or get more information on in-person groups at the Woodson YMCA in Wausau at wingsgrief.org/zoomgrief-in-person. Pastor Sharon will not be leading a grief group, but states she discusses grief at the regular sessions with our Rainbow and Homme get-togethers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parish Life

Will be helping with the Wednesday Lenten suppers

Trustees

- Received update concerning foundation leak/repair. A tarp is currently in place to control water
 away from the building. Motion by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Mary Peterson, to begin the process of
 fixing the outside leak. It is the recommendation of the council to begin this process with church
 members. Motion passed.
- Northbranch Electrical has updated our outdoor lighting.
- A motion was made by Jeff Lang and seconded by Sandra Lang to contact Alliant Energy and cancel the light currently rented from them. Motion passed.
- As requested by the audit committee, Paul Pehlke is working on a system to back up the office computer in a timely manner so back-up information can be kept safely off-site.
- Furnace filters were changed.
- Fire extinguishers were checked and emergency lights were checked. Motion by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Linda Evje, to convert our emergency lighting to LED style, with funds coming out of building maintenance. Motion passed.

Worship/Music/Arts

- Pastors have been booked into the New Year.
- Planned Lenten Services, to include meals on Ash Wednesday and the first two Wednesdays after that.
- We will be looking into ordering purple Lenten paraments and new white altar cloths. Motion by Kim Timm, seconded by Paul Pehlke, that we use memorial money to purchase additional paraments and altar cloths.

Parish Education

- There will be a first communion class on February 18 for grades 3-5+ starting at 9:30 am. First communion for most of them will be on Maundy Thursday. Eligible students are Alex Sanderson, Kaylee Baracca, Oliver Clark, Olivia Starr, Paisley Anderson, River Mattes, and at least one student from Zion.
- Children will sing, help with reading and ushering, and have a noisy coin offering on February 18th for our Compassion International child from Mexico Allizon.

OLD BUSINESS

- President Paul Norrbom will send another letter to the Synod requesting information on what our current status is concerning the MSP process.
- We are still looking for a Trustee. Anyone interested should please call Paul Norrbom.

NEW BUSINESS

• Bible scavenger hunt in the newsletters starting in February.

Next Council meeting, Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 5:30 pm. Paul Norrbom will have devotions.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Motion made by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Mary Peterson, to adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully submitted, Lois Anderson, Council Secretary

Reminder: If you can't make it to church, our worship services are taped and posted on our Facebook page and website.

On Facebook at: www.facebook.com/redeemer.lutheran.568

On the Web at: redeemerlutheranwittenberg.weebly.com (This Month at Redeemer)

Guidelines for a Safe Sanctuary:

- In an effort to keep everyone healthy and safe, we ask that you consider the wellbeing of those around you.
- Masks are not required, but feel free to wear one to reduce the spread of airborne illness.
- If you are not feeling well, please stay home. If you are a part of the service, we will find someone to fill in for you. You will be missed and we will most certainly pray for you.

VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED! Please sign up today! (Still an opening on council for a trustee!)

Our list is located on the table in the gathering space. Be an usher, greeter, reader, communion assistant, videographer, or bring treats. For those trained in counting collections after church, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the secretary's office.

We will have fellowship in the Gathering Space on the days that people bring treats. There is a signup on the table in the Gathering Space. **Thank you!!**

Zion-Redeemer Lutheran Parish Schedule of Worship Leaders 2024			
Date and Time	Name		
Sundays: Redeemer 8:30 a.m Zion 10:30 a.m.			
March 3rd, 2024	Pastor Nicole Behnke-Welke		
Wed. March 6, 5:00 p.m. Lenten Worship (Zion)	Ann Hawley		
March 10th, 2024	Pastor Dennis Nelson		
Wed. March 13, 5:00 p.m. Lenten Worship (Zion)	Lois Anderson		
March 17th, 2024	Pastor Nicole Behnke-Welke		
Wed. March 20, 5:00 p.m. Lenten Worship (Zion)	Ann Hawley		
March 24th Palm Sunday	Pastor Lois Graper		
Mar. 28th - Maundy Thurs. 5:00 p.m. R., 6:30 p.m. Z. First Communion	Pastor Nicole Behnke-Welke		
Mar. 29th - Good Friday 5:00 p.m. (Redeemer)	Lois Anderson		
March 31st - Easter			
April 7th, 2024	Pastor Nicole Behnke-Welke		
April 14th, 2024	Pastor Lois Graper		
April 21st, 2024	Pete Krolow		
April 28th -Confirmation	Pastor Nicole Behnke-Welke		

^{*}Lenten Meals at Zion following the 5:00 pm service on the following Wednesdays: March 6, 13, & 20.

All meals include soup & sandwiches.

The Rummage O'Rama will be the weekend of Mother's Day in May. We will have our sale on Friday & Saturday, May 10th & 11th from 8am to 3pm. When you do your spring cleaning, keep our rummage sale in mind. Please only bring clean & working items. Any remaining items after the sale will be donated to a charity. (Hopefully the VFW as last year).

The Wisconsin River Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present a series of Lenten Meditations. These 30 minute recitals, presented by area organists, will be held from 12:15 pm-12:45 pm at Zion Lutheran Church, 709 N. Sixth Street, Wausau, WI on the following Fridays:

March 1—Irene Beethe

March 8—Susan Schaefer & Susan Bender

March 15—Patrick Burkhart & Jim Holt

March 22—Bryan Higgins-Moe

The church is handicapped accessible. A free-will donation will be received. You are invited to come for a time of meditation and music during the lunch hour.



Pastor Sharon wanted to share information about grief groups with us. (We have grief booklets-just ask Ann for one.) There is a Wings Grief Group (How Grief Changes Your Life-5 Major Changes You Weren't Expecting) online Tuesdays Feb 27, March 5, 12, 19, & 26 from 6-7 pm. See Ann H if you would like to sit in on the online classes with her at her home. Register for the free online class or get more info on in-person groups at the Woodson YMCA in Wausau at wingsgrief.org/zoomgrief-in-person We also discuss grief at our regular sessions with our Rainbow & Homme get-togethers, and everyone is welcome.

Youth News

9:30 AM Sunday School and also Adult Bible Study in the Heritage Room 9:00 AM Confirmation (at Zion). The third Sunday of March (17th), the children will sing and help with reading, ushering, and being acolytes.) We will have a Noisy Coin Offering for our new Compassion Int. child, Allizon from Mexico. The following students completed their First Communion class on Feb. 18th: Alex Sanderson, Kaylee Baracca, Oliver Clark, Olivia Starr, Paisley Anderson, and Maddie Hull. Some will have their First Communion on Maundy Thursday and others will have it on a Sunday.

There will be no Sunday School, Confirmation, or Adult Bible Study on March 24 or 31 due to Witt-Birn spring break.

https://www.crosswayscamps.org/youth

Early Bird Deadline March 1st Take advantage of this savings for Youth Camp programs before March 1st. Enjoy a 5% Discount when you register for Youth Camp with a paid deposit before March 1st. We can't wait to have a spot on your calendar for summer! Register Today!

Redeemer has a camp fund (from Easter breakfast proceeds) to pay for camp fees for our youth. Contact Ann Hawley if your child is interested in going to camp through Crossways Camping Ministries.

Thank you to those who have signed up to be on the 2024 Altar Guild!

There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space. August, & October are still open.

The duties include set up and clean-up of communion, changing the altar cloths (when needed) and watering the plants.

ALTAR GUILD 2024:

January: Gail Koehler & Ruthie & Dick Olsen February: Gail Koehler & Ruthie & Dick Olsen

March: Kari Zeinert & Linda Evje

April: Kari Zeinert **May:** Kim Timm

June: Nancy Pehlke & Lois Anderson July: Lois Anderson & Nancy Pehlke

August:

September: Peggy Hartleben

October:

November: Lori Hartleben & Dianne Long

December: Linda Evje



Thank you to our 2024 Newsletter Sponsors

January
February
March
April
Ann & Erin Hawley—In Loving Memory of Calon Hawley
Linda Evje—In Honor of my Mother Verna's Birthday Feb. 14th
Andy & Mary Peterson—In Gratefulness for Our Six Grandchildren
Ruthie & Dick Olsen—In Honor of Our 65th Wedding Anniversary
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May Fay Rosenow—In Loving Memory of my husband Ron

June Jim & Mary Netzler—In Honor of our 55th Wedding Anniversary

July Melana Schlueter-In Loving Memory of my husband Ron August Lee Innerebner-In Loving Memory of my wife JoAnn and

my daughter, Jodi Behreandt

September Sharon Philipp & Family-In Loving Memory of John Philipp

October Jean Benz & Family—In Loving Memory of Carleton, Larry, & Brian

November Marlis Mathison—In Loving Memory of my husband Roger

December **Evelyn Low**—In Loving Memory of Curtis



There will be plants available for purchase again this year around the middle of March to decorate our sanctuary for Easter.

March 2024						
Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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3 8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion 9:00 am Confirmation at Zion 9:30 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study here	4	5	Adult Bible Study Breakfast 9 am at Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton (Bring Bible) 5:00 Lenten Worship at Zion Meal following	7 Church office hrs: 3-5 pm	8	9
8:30 am Worship 9:00 am Confirmation at Zion 9:30 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study here	11	12	13 5:00 Lenten Worship at Zion Meal following	Church office hrs: 3-5 p.m. Church Council 5:30 pm	15	Crossways Camping Ministries Annual Mtg. in Neenah
17 8:30 am Worship Children Sing & Help with Service Noisy Coin Offering! 9:00 am Confirmation at Zion 9:30 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study here	18	19	Adult Bible Study Breakfast 9 am at Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton (Bring Bible) 5:00 Lenten Worship at Zion Meal following	21 Church office hrs: 3-5 p.m.	22	23
24 Palm Sunday 8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion (No Sunday School or Confirmation)	25	26	27	Church office hrs: 3-5 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship 5:00 here, 6:30 Zion	29 Good Friday drama & worship here at 5:00 pm	30
31 Easter! 8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion Easter breakfast following (No Sunday School or Confirmation)				rt getting item ale on May 10	-	

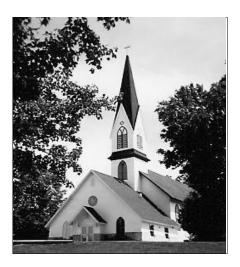
Communion: Communion will be given every Sunday that we have a pastor.

^{*}Worship time is 8:30 am for Redeemer for Jan.-April. (Zion meets at 10:30 a.m.)

***In case of inclement weather, be sure to check your email, Facebook, or our website
(or call the church. We'll try to leave a message on our voicemail if church is canceled).

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The mission of Redeemer Lutheran Church is to care for all people through the proclamation of the Gospel, celebration of the sacraments, and service to our neighbor.

We strive to accomplish this by our witness at church, home, school, work and play, all to the glory of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Bringing people to Christ ~ Bringing Christ to people