

# OUR REDEEMER MONTHLY NEWS

## April 2019

### “Treasure God’s Word”

***I have not departed from the commands of his lips; I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my daily bread.***

***Job 23:12***

The Spirit of God makes us like the Son of God, through the Word of God! That’s why Satan will put 101 roadblocks in your way to keep you from reading the Bible. Paul writes, *‘[God’s]...Word can make you into what he wants you to be and give you everything you could possibly need’ (Acts 20:32)*. Underscore that word ‘everything’. God’s Word is like seed; it’s filled with potential. Jesus said, *‘The words that I have spoken to you...are life’ (John 6:63)*. An amazing thing happens when you study the Scriptures. Your mind illuminates, your heart resonates, and the truth comes to life in you. The Bible is more than just a doctrinal guidebook. It creates faith, produces change, causes miracles, heals hurts, builds character, transforms circumstances, imparts joy, overcomes adversity, defeats temptation, builds hope, releases power, cleanses minds, brings things into being, and guarantees your future. You can’t survive without it. It’s as essential to your life as food. That’s why Job said, *‘I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my daily bread.’* God’s Word is the spiritual nourishment you need to fulfil your life’s purpose. The Bible is described as milk, bread, solid food, and sweet dessert (see *1 Peter 2:2; Matthew 4:4; 1 Corinthians 3:2; Psalm 119:103*). This four-course meal is the Spirit’s menu for daily strength and growth. Peter writes, *‘Crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up’ (1 Peter 2:2)*. So make a commitment to spend time each day reading God’s Word.

### **Prayer**

*Heavenly Father, thank You for Your Word that nourishes me and helps me grow in my relationship and understanding of You. In Jesus’ Name, Amen*

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### **Celebrate March Birthdays at “Coffee And” Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

Come and celebrate God's gift of life during “Coffee And” immediately following church on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. We'll sing “Happy Birthday” and share in some tasty birthday treats.

### **Bulletin Correction**

The Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup> bulletin listed flowers being placed to the Glory of God by Wallace and Eydie Olson. Their flowers will be placed on Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **One Christ, Many Creeds Bible Study, Wednesdays 11 AM:**

Wednesday morning Bible Class will meet each Wednesday during the month of April. We will continue our study of Christian denominations. See you on Wednesdays at 11 AM in the parlor.

### **Wheeling Food Pantry Wish List**

The Wheeling Township food pantry is in need of the following items: **Carrots, Pancake Mix, Pasta Sauce, Potatoes (boxed, mashed, canned, whole, flavored etc), Ramen Noodles, Cup of Soup.** Items can be dropped off at Our Redeemer and placed beneath the preschool bulletin board.

### **Worship Service at Aspired Senior Living**

On Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. Our Redeemer will lead a Worship Service at Aspired Senior Living in Prospect Heights. Volunteers are needed to assist Pastor and the residents during the service. If you would like to volunteer, please speak with Pastor Rod.

### **“Places of the Passion” Lent Midweek Series and Bible Study**

This series is drawn from Luke's Account of Christ's passion (suffering, death, and resurrection). Each week during Lent we will focus on a different section of the Gospel, each week Luke will take us to a different place, the places of the passion. However, the focus won't be of those physical places. Instead, our focus will be on the spiritual work that Christ does in these places. When Jesus enters a place, He never leaves it as He finds it. The most troubling places in our lives become the most amazing places of God's grace when Jesus visits them. Come and enter the places of the passion this Lenten Season, and find Jesus waiting. **Join us on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, Holy Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, and Easter Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. All services are at 7 PM, except Easter Sunday which is 9:30 AM!**

### **Sunday Morning Bible Class studying “Places of the Passion” during the season of Lent:**

In the sessions of this study you will be invited to see a stark contrast between the ways of sin, manifested in all the variety of human life, and the way of salvation, made known in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. By listening closely to these texts, by meditating on the work of God revealed in and through them, we will learn to bring our sins to Jesus that He might save us with his powerful and passionate love. **Join us Sundays at 8:30 AM.**

### **Voter's Meeting**

The Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Voter's Meeting will take place Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am in the Parlour.

### **Help Wanted Community Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM**

On Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> Our Redeemer and Redeeming Grace will host a Community Egg Hunt. The Egg Hunt is a great opportunity to share Christ with the children and families of our preschool and community. Volunteers are needed to help with craft activities, refreshments, set up, clean up and more. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor, Traudy or Stacey. Look for Sign-up sheets coming soon on the "What's Happening" board.

### **Confirmation Sunday at Our Redeemer will be Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

On the 14<sup>th</sup> Ben Krueger will participate in the Rite of Confirmation during our Sunday morning service. Following service on that Sunday everyone is invited to join us in the parlor for a coffee and cake reception.

### **Easter Breakfast @ Our Redeemer:**

Easter is coming Easter is coming, Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> and with Easter comes Easter Breakfast. Easter Breakfast will be served from 8 to 9 AM on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. **Please watch the What's Happening bulletin board for sign-up and donation information.**

### **Game Night at Our Redeemer**

On **Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 PM** Our Redeemer will host a game night. Everyone is Welcome to attend. This an opportunity to unplug from our electronic age and spend some time with people. **Come and Join us for this night of fun and games and bring a friend along with you. Snacks will be provided. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor.**

### **Attention Amazon .com users!**

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Questions – see Jim Burmeister

### **Summer Suppers**

It's almost time for Summer Suppers. We begin another season of providing a meal to those in need on Thursday May 9, 2019 and continuing on the second Thursday of the months of June, July, August and September. Watch the "What's Happening" bulletin board for information and sign up sheets. Any questions, speak to Traudy, Jim, Stacey Hall or Pastor Rod.

### **Student Ministry**

#### **Take your kid(s) to lunch April 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Take Your Kid to... lunch.** Join Pastor and Laurie for "take your kid to lunch" Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the Welcome Center at 11:15 am.



## Gifts of Love for the Lutheran Home



The Auxiliary of Lutheran Home and Services is collecting "Gifts of Love" to be used as gift items to cheer residents as they help them celebrate their birthdays. The following new items are suggested:

Kleenex (120 - 160 count), Birthday Cards, Pens, Pads of Paper, Games, Puzzles, Handkerchiefs, Bar Soap, Packaged Tooth Brushes, Tooth Paste, Deodorant and Lip Balm

A box for these donations is available across from the Welcome Center.  
Thank you!



April 13 – Erich Beer  
18 - Gayla Isaacson  
24 – Donald Campion

## **Celebrating** *An Anniversary This Month*

April 4 – Kent and Betty Greenholt  
10 – Fred and Judith Vosecky  
11 – Wallace and Eydie  
28 – Gary and Sue Schroeder

