

OUR REDEEMER MONTHLY NEWS

April 2024

The Resurrection of the Body

Having celebrated the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and His promise that where He goes, we shall go, we have this in our future: The resurrection of each of us. There have been many things said about this, some considered in thought, some blasphemous, some just silly. What it is not, and what it is, is always of interest. I'm going to share with you C. S. Lewis wrote about ninety years ago.

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The old picture of the soul re-assuming the old corpse – perhaps having been blown to bits, or long since usefully dissipated through nature once again – is absurd. Nor is it what Saint Paul's words imply. And I freely admit that if you ask me what I substitute for this, I have only speculations to offer.

The principle behind these speculations is this: we are not, in this teaching of the faith, concerned with matter as such at all; not with waves and atoms and all that. What the soul cries out for is the resurrection of the senses. Even in this life, matter would be nothing to us if it were not the source of sensations.

Now, we already have some feeble and intermittent power of raising dead sensations from their graves. I mean, of course, in the memory.

You see the way my thought is moving. But don't run away with the idea that when I speak of the resurrection of the body I mean merely that the blessed dead will have excellent memories of their lives and experiences here on this earth. That's not what I mean at all. I mean that it is a dim foretaste, a mirage even, of the power which the resurrected soul and body, in Christ, will exercise hereafter. It need no longer be intermittent. Above all, it need no longer be private to the person to whom it once occurred...

At present, we tend to think of the soul as somehow "inside" of the body. But the glorified body of the resurrection – the senses of life raised from the dead – as I conceive of it, and this is my speculation, will be inside of the soul. As God is not in space, but space is inside – in some sense – of God...

I don't say that the resurrection of the body will happen at once. It may be, again speculation, that this part of us rests until the time when Christ returns, and until then the soul resides in Lenten lands where it fasts in naked spirituality – a ghostlike and imperfect humanity until the final redemption of the world. I don't imply that an Angel is a ghost. Rather, I say this because the naked spiritual life is part of the Angel's nature, not of ours. (A two-legged horse is a crippled creature, but not a two-legged man.) Yet, from that fasting and rest my hope is that we shall return and re-assume the wealth of body and soul together which is who we are.

Then the new earth and sky, the same yet not the same, will rise up in us, as we have risen up in Christ. And once again, after who knows how long, through what eons of silence and darkness, the birds will sing and the waters will flow, the lights and the shadows will move across the hills of the recreated world, and the faces of old friends will laugh with us upon our joyful recognition. Restored.

Guesses, of course, all guesses. If they are not true, then something better will be. For "we know that we shall be made like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."

C. S. Lewis

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Website

Our website: **ourredeemerprospectheights.org** contains links for Livestream online worship, Bible Studies, Bulletins, Monthly News, and Online Giving. Check it often.

Email address for Pastor Leichman

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Prayer Request Information

If you have a prayer request, please notify Jim Burmeister via text at (847) 343-3798, Phone (847)934-5963 home or (847)343-3798 cell; or via email at elder@ourredeemerprospectheights.org.

Bible Study

Join us in the Parlor on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm or Wednesday mornings at 11:00 am for Bible Study.

Hunger Jar

Please remember the **Hunger Jar**. The jar is located on a stand at the top of the steps.

Coffee and...

Please join us for our special April Birthday celebration at 'Coffee and...' following Worship on Sunday April 7th.

Voter's Meeting

Thank you for joining us for the March Voter's Meeting that was on Sunday March 24th.

Pastoral Visits

AFTER EASTER, I will begin making house calls on the members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, or phone calls to those who feel more comfortable that way. I'll be calling you during the rest of this Lenten Season to make appointments for those visits. Though it seems we are a small congregation, it will still take some time to get to see you all, but I wish to do so, so you can ask me about me, and I can learn something about you.

Pr. Jeffery H. Leichman

Easter Lily Thank You

Thank you to all who helped beautify the Sanctuary and building with your generous donations.

Easter Breakfast Thank You

Thank you to all who donated, cooked, prepared and attended our Easter Breakfast. It was a lovely time of great food and wonderful fellowship. Happy Easter!!!

Sonshine Preschool News



You are invited to join us for a Taco Night on Thursday, April 25th at 6:00 pm hosted by the Sonshine Preschool staff. While enjoying your meal, our Preschool students will entertain you with a small Spring Program. No tickets are required – it is not a fundraiser. We would love to have you just come to enjoy some fellowship with other Church Members and with the Sonshine Preschool families.



Patricia Bach – 9th
Erich Beer – 13th
Gayla Isaacson – 18th
Donald Campion – 24th



Kent and Betty Greenholt – 4th
Fred and Judy Vosecky – 10th
Wally and Eydie Olson – 11th
Gary and Sue Schroeder – 28th





April	1	7:30 pm	Bible Study
	3	11:00 am	Bible Study
	7	9:30 am	2nd Sunday of Easter With Communion Coffee and... April Birthdays
	8	7:30 pm	Bible Study
	9	4:30 pm	BOD Meeting
	10	11:00 am	Bible Study
	14	9:30 am	3rd Sunday of Easter No Communion Coffee and...
	15	7:30 pm	Bible Study
	17	11:00 am	Bible Study
	21	9:30 am	4th Sunday of Easter With Communion Coffee and...
	22	7:30 pm	Bible Study
	24	11:00 am	Bible Study
	28	9:30 am	5th Sunday of Easter No Communion Coffee and...