

OUR REDEEMER MONTHLY NEWS

April 2021

Jesus, Bring the Rain

Somewhere in mid-October it comes out of my closet – that red hooded sweatshirt. Big, bulky, comfy, and warm. It is a fairly regular companion until it gets tucked neatly away in spring. But even during the summer months, it brings an assurance – knowing it is there... Yes, it guards against the winter winds and wraps me, comforts me, during those cold, dark nights. But there's something more – something it brings to mind, even during the months when I would not wear it.

You see, screen-printed on this sweatshirt are the lyrics of a song by Mercy Me, “*Bring the Rain*” an excerpt follows ...

*And I know there'll be days
When this life brings me pain
But if that's what it takes to praise You
Jesus, bring the rain*

Maybe you have a favorite piece of apparel, a favorite lyric, or a verse of scripture that helps you get through those tough times, those storms in life. Whatever it is for you, know that my prayer is that God would use it to wrap your heart with His abiding and steadfast love, like a big red hoodie.

As storms blow by, know that Christ is greater than the pain, that by suffering His destiny, He has made a way for you. So, what's a little rain, when you have eternity to praise Him?

While you experience showers, in April or other times, perhaps *Isaiah 45:8 (NIV)* might be a comfort to you:

*⁸“You heavens above, rain down my righteousness;
let the clouds shower it down.
Let the earth open wide,
let salvation spring up,
let righteousness flourish with it;
I, the Lord, have created it.*

Have a happy and blessed Easter Season!
In Christ,
Pastor Jim Kirschenmann



Voter's Meeting

The Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Voter's Meeting will take place Sunday April 25th at 10:15 am in the Sanctuary.

Wheeling Food Pantry Wish List

The Wheeling Township food pantry is in need of the following items: **Beans (Cannellini, Northern and Pinto), Flour, Mayonnaise, Rice (1 lb or 2 lb bags) and Sugar.** Items can be dropped off at Our Redeemer and placed beneath the preschool bulletin board.

Upcoming Summer Suppers Program Information

We will again be a host church for the Summer Suppers for the homeless on the 2nd Thursdays in the months of May, June, July, August and Sept. Unfortunately, due to continued Covid concerns, we will do the same as last year and offer a drive-up/pick-up meal. If interested in helping to assemble these meals, please let one of us know. Also, if you are a Thrivent member, you can help us by submitting an Action Team Request for funds to support this program. Please let one of us know if you are interested, so we can let you know which months to apply for. Thanks, Jim and Traudy Burmeister, Stacey Hall.

Wednesday Evening Pastor-Led Bible Studies

Pastor-Led Bible Studies will resume on Wednesdays, starting on April 21, 2021.

Worship

If you are planning to attend in person worship, please register each week using the link below.

<https://rsvp.church/r/PsLbwYgP>

The service will be livestreamed on YouTube Live and recorded and published on YouTube.

Please dispose of your worship bulletin (and Communion supplies) or take them with you. We are not recycling them.

We are resuming the use of the mailboxes upstairs, so please check yours for the March Monthly News and calendar.

Altar Flowers

We have resumed our Altar Flower program. Anyone interested in ordering flowers for the Church Altar, please contact Laurie in the Church Office at 847/537-4430 or [**office@ourredeemerprospectheights.org**](mailto:office@ourredeemerprospectheights.org)

Easter Lilies

If you are Interested in decorating our Sanctuary for Easter, please see Laurie on Sunday or call her in the Church Office. Last day to order will be Sunday, March 28. You will be able to take your lilies home after Easter Sunday service.

Good Friday Tre Ore Service

The words “Tre Ore” are Latin for three hours, in reference to the last three hours of crucifixion (out of six) when darkness covered the earth. Our Redeemer’s Tre Ore service this year will be from Noon until 3 pm on Good Friday, April 2, 2021.

This will be a sort of “open” service, allowing those who attend to come and go (in silence) as they choose. The focus will be on the “Seven Words of Life from the Cross” spoken by Christ. Each segment will have a short (2-3 min.) Homily with time for silent meditation between segments. There will be nine “segments” starting every 20 minutes (Noon, 12:20 pm, 12:40 pm, etc.).

We hope to livestream (and record) the Tre Ore service, so if you are unable to attend in-person, you may still take part online

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Questions – see Jim Burmeister

Email address for Pastor Jim

If you would like to send an email to Pastor Jim, please use the following address:

Pastor@ourredeemerprospectheights.org.

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.

Are you a Thrivent Member?

Have you directed your Choice Dollars? Please remember to check your Thrivent account at least on an annual basis and indicate where you would like to have them directed. Both Our Redeemer and Sonshine are included in the recognized recipients and would appreciate being designated. Thrivent provides this free of charge to members, so remember to take advantage of their generosity!



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 Events

April 1 7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday (Communion) – *Registration Required

April 2 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Good Friday Tre Ore - *Registration Required

April 4 9:00 am - Easter Sunday (Communion) - *Registration Required

April 11 9:00 am – 1st Sunday after Easter - *Registration Required

April 13 6:30 pm - Board of Directors Meeting

April 15 7:00 pm - Call Committee Meeting

April 18 9:00 am – 2nd Sunday after Easter (Communion) - *Registration Required

April 25 9:00 pm – 3rd Sunday after Easter - *Registration Required
10:15 am - Voters Meeting after worship



April 8 - Kathie Kirschenmann
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

