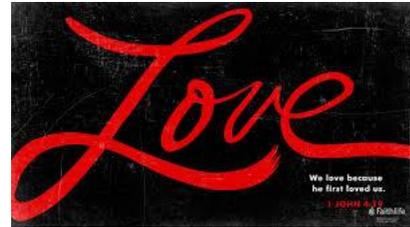


OUR REDEEMER MONTHLY NEWS

February 2021

I ♥ ... Transfiguration?

Not quite what you were expecting, eh? As we begin the month of February, many will be thinking of Valentine's Day. Well, due to an interesting feature of our 3-year lectionary calendar, February 14, 2021 is also the celebration of The Transfiguration of our Lord. What better way to transition from the season of Epiphany and into the Season of Lent than to remember that God is Love.



1 John 4:9-11 states it beautifully:

⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

True love is that which flows from God and through us to those around us. As we reflect on the sacrifice made on our behalf, we enter the season of Lent, beginning with "Ash Wednesday" on February 17, 2021. Due to concerns about COVID-19, there will be no imposition of ashes this year, but we will remember that [we] are dust and to dust [we] shall return (see Genesis 3:19).

As we proceed through the season of Lent, we will have devotions available for your daily meditations, as well as midweek devotions online on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. We will be focusing on the Gospel of Mark for our Sunday messages and recognizing that 'seeing is not believing.' May we continue to 'see' through the eyes of faith and share that gift of knowing God's love.

Peace and Joy in Christ Jesus,
Pastor Jim Kirschenmann

Wheeling Food Pantry Wish List

The Wheeling Township food pantry is in need of the following items: Condiments (ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard), Sugar, Kleenex, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper (individually wrapped rolls is preferred), Items can be dropped off at the Wheeling Township office located at 1616 N Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights. Questions can be directed to Julie Villarreal at 847-259-7730

Altar Flowers

Beginning February 1st we will be resuming 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

ORLC Ash Wednesday Worship Service

The Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Ash Wednesday Worship Service will be held 'in person' on Wednesday February 17th at 7:00 pm with Holy Communion. Due to Covid restrictions, the Imposition of Ashes will not be taking place.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

"Christ Plus Nothing, a study in Galatians" – 7pm Wednesdays

The 6-Session Bible Study is "**Christ Plus Nothing, a study in Galatians**". This study helps us remove the lens of performance-based rules we often feel we need to follow in order to be "accepted" by God or "approved" by others.

Details for accessing the Pastor-Led Bible Study are as follows:

Room name: **Galatians**

Event URL: <https://koinonia.clickmeeting.com/galatians>

Event ID: **874-983-134**

Event type: Permanent event

Access type: Open

Phone Bridge: Chicago: +1 **(312) 702-1380**

When prompted provide Participant's pin code followed by # key

Participant PIN **973294235#**

- The Pastor-Led Bible Studies on Wednesday evenings will be suspended during Lent, allowing for MidWeek Lenten Devotions on Wednesdays through the week prior to Holy Week (March 28-April 4). Pastor-Led Bible Studies will resume on Wednesdays, starting on April 21, 2021.

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.

15th Annual Sonshine Preschool Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser **Saturday February 27th 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm**

We will, once again, offer the annual spaghetti dinner, however, in a much different format than in the past. Unfortunately, due to Covid we cannot all meet together to enjoy an evening of fellowship, a good meal, an auction or a preschool presentation. However, we plan to still be able to offer you Jim's delicious spaghetti by giving you the opportunity to pre-order a meal and do a 'drive-up' for pick up.

The day for the 'drive-up' will be on Saturday February 27th, from 5:00-6:30 pm. The order forms will give you different options to pick from and will be due in by Tuesday February 23rd. (All food preparation will be handled only by Jim and the preschool staff, wearing masks and using gloves.)

*If you are unable to drive, please contact Traudy to make alternate arrangements.

If interested in continuing to support Sonshine Preschool (and enjoy a delicious meal at home), please contact Traudy Burmeister, Stacey Hall or Danielle Snyder to place an order. Order forms will be available after Church during the month of February and will also be available online with the Church weekly news.

Thank you in advance for all of your support. We truly do appreciate it.
The Sonshine Staff

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!

Attention Amazon .com users!

If you make online purchases from Amazon.com, you can help Our Redeemer. You can have a donation from Amazon sent to Our Redeemer based on your smile.amazon.com purchases.

Simply login to: smile.amazon.com with your normal login information and designate Our Redeemer as the recipient. Enter Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in the Search box and scroll down until you find us. Amazon does the rest. We get a 0.5% donation of eligible purchases.

Questions – see Jim Burmeister



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:

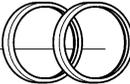
Kleenex (120 - 160 count), Birthday Cards, Pens, Pads of Paper, Games, Puzzles, Handkerchiefs, Bar Soap, Packaged Tooth Brushes, Tooth Paste, Deodorant and Lip Balm

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

Thank you!



February 19 - Tim Hartmann
20 - Beverly Chudy
27 - Jean Staffa

Celebrating 
An Anniversary This Month

February 14th - Richard and Charlene Schweigel

Whatever you do, do it with Love



OUR REDEEMER WORSHIP
REVISED GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES

Please read through this entire document as the procedures have been updated/revised to make the check-in process smoother.

You must pre-register to attend using the following link:

<https://reopen.church/r/PsLbwYgP> or

call the church office before 2:00 pm on the Thursday prior to the Sunday service to register.

Registration will be done weekly. Capacity will be set at 30 people.

Please review the following questions before you leave home and if you answer "yes" to any of them please stay home!

1. Have you been sick in the past 48 hours?
2. Have you had a fever in the past 48 hours?
3. Have you come in contact with anyone with COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
4. Have you or anyone in your household had a COVID-19 test in the past 14 days and are awaiting results, or tested positive?
5. Have you been told to quarantine for any reason in the past 14 days?
6. If you or any member of your household were out of state for more than 24 hours, we are asking that you follow the Cook County Dept. of Public Health recommendations to self-quarantine for 10 days upon your return.

Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the service to allow time for screening.

You do not need to pull up in the circle drive - just park your vehicle and enter the building.

You MUST wear a mask at all times while in the building.

Your temperature will be taken immediately upon entering, using a non-contact thermometer. If your temperature is 99.4 or lower, you may proceed up the stairs. You will receive a worship bulletin and Communion elements on Communion Sundays and your seating assignment.

Please use hand sanitizer before entering the sanctuary.

If you have a prayer request, please give it to the Elder or Email Jim Burmeister at elder@ourredeemerprospectheights.org prior to 8:30 am on the day of the service.

Please bring your offering envelope with you ... there will be no envelopes in the pews.

You may place your offering envelope in the plate provided before you enter the sanctuary or wait until you leave. We are not using attendance cards at this time.

There will NO singing. Responses will continue to be spoken by the Elders.

Social distancing must be observed whenever possible. Please do not congregate in the Narthex, Welcome Center, Parlor or Lobby by the entrance. (At this time, the Parlor, Welcome Center and Education Wing will not be used on Sunday mornings.)

We are not using the Hunger Jar at this time. If you wish to give money designated for the Hunger Jar, please put it in an envelope and place it in the offering plate.

Our Redeemer members will only be allowed to use the upstairs restrooms, with the usage of 1 person at a time.

The elevator will be available for use with the capacity of 1 person at a time. Those living in the same household may ride together.

You will be dismissed, following the service, from back to front.

We ask that you exit the building when the service is over. If you would like to greet anyone, please do so outside away from the front entrance.

Services will be available to be viewed via YouTube or Facebook!!!

These procedures will be updated as needed, with the hope of a return to some form of normalcy soon.

WELCOME BACK

PRAYING WE ALL STAY SAFE AND WELL