

OUR REDEEMER MONTHLY NEWS

March 2021

The Lion and the Lamb

Are you familiar with the old adage regarding March – the one that says, “if March comes in like a lion, it will go out like a lamb”? Many also follow the converse as a prediction of the weather this time of year. So, which will it be? ‘In like a Lamb / Out like a Lion,’ or ‘In like a Lion / Out like a Lamb’? Only time will tell...



In the fullness of time, God sent His Son... and in Him we are to behold BOTH the Lion and the Lamb. A couple of scripture verses may be helpful here:

1. [*John 1:29*](#) “The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”
2. [*Revelation 5:5*](#) “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

In this season of Lent, we remember that the King of Kings came down from his throne to live as one of us, to bear our sins and take the full punishment of God that we deserve. We watch as the one who is the Lion of Judah is tortured, beaten, scourged, and mocked... led silently to slaughter like a lamb – the Lamb of God...

The vision that was given the Apostle John in the Revelation of Jesus Christ is one that takes place in the heavenly realm – outside of time. He sees the Lion of Judah, the Root of David, as having conquered – victorious – worthy to open the scroll... At the same time, the vision reveals that, “between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders ... a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain” (*Revelation 5:6*). That the powerful Lion and the meek, sacrificial Lamb can both refer to the Lord Jesus Christ is a wonderful mystery to us in the here and now. He is both transcendent and WITH us. He is just and merciful. He fulfills the reign of God by doing what only the Son of God can do.

And yet he Reigns! And every knee shall bow at the name of Jesus Christ – the Lion and the Lamb – as He has conquered sin, death, and the devil, and rose victorious on the third day. After ascending once again to His throne, we await the day when he will return – like a Lion – to bring us to eternal life in Him, as He has promised.

May this Lenten Season bless your meditations.

Grace and Mercy in Christ Jesus,
Pastor Jim Kirschenmann

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

Wheeling Food Pantry Wish List

The Wheeling Township food pantry is in need of the following items: Body Wash, Cleaning Products (dish soap, spray for counters, etc.) Detergent, Shampoo and Conditioner and Shaving Cream. 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

Wednesday Evening Pastor-Led Bible Studies

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.

Midweek (Wednesday) devotions through Lent:

Schedule: Wednesdays February 24 – March 24, 2021

7:00 to 7:45 pm: Devotions Online, with discussion following

Website: <https://Koinonia.ClickMeeting.com>

Look for: Lenten Midweek Devotions and click the button to [Join]

Phone-in Chicago: +1 (312) 702-1380

Participant PIN: 817491474#

Event ID: 877-837-975

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!

Sonshine Preschool

Annual Spaghetti Dinner Update

Thank you, thank you, thank you for all your support and generosity for our annual Sonshine spaghetti dinner fundraiser. We hope you enjoyed a delicious meal at home with your family. We missed being able to gather together to enjoy a meal, bid on auction baskets and for our Sonshine students to perform for you. We hope and pray you are all staying safe and we can once again meet indoors next year.

Danielle, Traudy and Stacey



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!



March	1 – Laurie Drake	18 – Robin Reschke
	5 - JoAnn Clow	20 – Mario Santiago
	9 – Marissa Krueger	22 – Raymond Clow
	12 – Laurel Merges	29 – Beth Hartmann
	13 - Sallyann Bacchiere	Fred Vosecky
		31 – Betty Greenholt

Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month

March No Anniversaries this month

It's not Luck...

It's God's Favor

"From the fullness of his grace, we have all received one blessing after another."

John 1:16

