“Why Lent? Why Ashes?”

Ash Wednesday, March 6th, marks the beginning of Lent, the 40-day period (not counting Sundays) leading up to Easter, the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. If you just want to know what the word “Lent” means, you’ll be disappointed: “Lent” means “spring” (June in Minnesota!) Over the centuries, its purpose has changed. In the ancient church, Lent was a time of intense instruction for baptismal candidates, in preparation for their baptism on Easter Sunday.

Later, Lent morphed into a time of repentance and reconciliation. And why 40 days? Lent used to be 40 hours, lasting from Good Friday afternoon to Easter Sunday. Today the 40-day observance reminds us of Jesus’ 40-day temptation in the desert by Satan.

And why ashes? Ashes on the forehead during Ash Wednesday worship remind us of God’s words to Adam after Adam and Eve sinned: “You are dust, and to dust you shall return” (Genesis 3:19). Because of our sin, we are all marked for death; one day each of us will die. But ashes in the shape of the cross remind us that we are also marked for eternal life through faith in Jesus, who died to take away the penalty of our sins.

God doesn’t command Lent. You won’t find it in Scripture. We have freedom to observe it, or not. Freedom to fast, or not. Freedom to give up something, or not. That freedom is ours through Christ. In Lent, we see the price He was willing to pay to give us that freedom.

Join your brothers and sisters on Wednesday, March 6th, 7 p.m., as we begin our journey to Easter through ashes and repentance. Look inside this newsletter to learn about our special midweek Lenten worship series.

God’s Lenten peace,

Pastor Steve
REDEEMER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT REDEEMER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY YET?

We proudly offer preschool 3-year-old through grade 8 classes in a traditional setting. We offer half and full-day kindergarten, and partner with home school families, too. Check us out! Take advantage of 50% off first year tuition for full time grade K-5 students.

Contact: Linda Wiebold, School Administrator at lwiebold@redeemerwayzata.org

HERE’S WHAT A CURRENT RCA STUDENT SHARES ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Redeemer is a great school for a lot of reasons. First reason is because it has small classes. I think that is good because you know the kids who are going to be in your class each year. At Redeemer we also get to talk about Jesus. We have chapel once every week. You also get to play sports for your school. Sports include cross country, basketball, volleyball, and flag football. Your parents get to walk you in each day. I think Redeemer is the best school, and I think you should, too. I love Redeemer Christian Academy.

FUN FEST (CARNIVAL) THANK YOUS AND Recap

Our event was a night filled with fun, food and fellowship! We saw many current families, past families, and many new families. We even had several families contact us for a tour the following week.

We had a great turnout and we thank the many volunteers who helped to cover each of the stations. We especially thank all of the donors who supported the Fun Fest, allowing us to keep our expenses down and raise more money for our school:

† Wayzata High School Club Y.E.S. for providing us with 20 volunteers to manage the individual game stations;
† Fun Services for subsidizing the cost of the inflatables;
† Domino’s (Long Lake) for subsidizing the cost of the pizza;
† Cub Foods (Hwy 101 in Minnetonka, Vicksburg in Plymouth, and Hwy 55 & 169 in Plymouth, locations) for donating items for concessions;
† HyVee (Cty Rd 24 in Plymouth) for donating 200 2L bottles of soda for the Pop Bottle Ring Toss;
† Lunds & Byerlys (Wayzata, Ridgedale, and Plymouth locations) for donating items for concessions and cake walk donations.

In total, we netted around $2,085 with 10 percent going to IOCP and the remaining funds going into the scholarship fund.

BIBLE FAIR APRIL 29
5:00 – 6:00PM

Come and see our academic fair - this year it is a Bible Fair. Our students have a unique opportunity to use their God-given talents as they search the Holy Scriptures for facts to use in projects that show an expression of their faith. Students will be prepared to guide you through their individual projects and activities.

Come and see what sets Redeemer Christian Academy apart from other schools. Join us for one huge Bible study!

REDEEMER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
Teachings for a Lifetime: Learning ... Integrity ... Faith ... Excellence

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**LUTHERAN BRaille MINISTRY**

We are still collecting those plastic bags your Sunday newspaper is delivered in. Thanks to all who have brought them so far. They mysteriously appear in the basket by the Braille press each week. We do appreciate your efforts very much.

Our Braille volunteer group has been asked to serve at a Servant Event for the LCMS National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in July. **What we know:** 40 youth and their chaperones will be bussed from the Minneapolis Convention Center to Trinity First Lutheran Church, 1115 E. 19th St., arriving at 9:00 a.m. The Servant Event runs from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at which time the youth and their chaperones will be bussed back to the Convention Center. More details to follow as we learn them. The LCMS National Youth Gathering runs from July 11-15, with an Opening Worship Service on Wednesday evening (open to the public) July 10th. What a wonderful Outreach event!

**Ash Wednesday**

**March 6**

**LUTHERAN HOUR RALLY**

**MARCH 17 IN MANKATO**

If you would like to be part of a mass choir directed by Dr. David Mennicke, Concordia University St. Paul, contact Music Director Dan Oie.

Singers will be part of a mass choir experience singing at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Mankato for a service with Dr. Michael Ziegler, Lutheran Hour speaker.

Rehearsal is at 2 p.m. with a service at 4 p.m.
**Music & Worship “Notes”**

Dan Oie, Director of Music and Worship

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**Midweek Lenten Worships Begin March 6**

“The Power of the Cross”

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**Ash Wednesday, March 6**

9:00am—Chapel with Ashes, Holy Communion

7:00pm—Ashes and Holy Communion

Pontius Pilate, the Governor

**Wednesday, March 13**

7:00pm—Thomas the Doubter

**Wednesday, March 20**

7:00pm—Nicodemus the Seeker

**Wednesday, March 27**

7:00pm—Mary the Mother of Jesus

**Wednesday, April 3**

7:00pm—Simon of Cyrene, the Cross Bearer

**Wednesday, April 13**

7:00pm—Judas Iscariot, the Betrayer

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**“The Mercy Tree” Good Friday Choral Project**

Singers (from Redeemer and the community) are invited to participate in the music of Good Friday melded together as a service of Tenebrae (Service of Darkness).

Singers are invited to attend five rehearsals in March and April to learn these special songs, along with songs for the Easter services. (A rehearsal CD will also be available.)

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**Rehearsals:**

- Sunday, March 24, 6:00–7:30pm
- Sunday, March 31, 6:00–7:30pm
- Sunday, April 7, 6:00–7:30pm
- Sunday, April 14, 6:00–7:30pm
- Wednesday, April 17, 7:00–8:30pm (with Orchestra)

**Good Friday Service**

April 19, at 7:00 p.m.

**Easter Worship Services**

Sunday, April 21

9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
**Music in Worship**

**March**

**Sunday, March 3**

8:15am  Ava Lambert, Cello  
10:30am  JoySound Band, Cello  

**Sunday, March 10**

8:15am  Redeemer Handbells and Flute  
10:30am  JoySound Band  

**Sunday, March 17**

8:15am  Nicholas and Theodore Jantzen, Strings  
10:30am  JoySound Band, Jennifer Larson, Redeemer KINGDOM KIDS to Our Saviors, Excelsior  

**Sunday, March 24**

8:15am  Solo TBA  
10:30am  JoySound Band  

**Sunday, March 31**

8:15am  Redeemer Brass  
10:30am  JoySound Band, Redeemer Brass  

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**Lent and Easter Worship Services (2019)**

**Ash Wednesday, March 6**

9:00 a.m.  Chapel Worship with Ashes  
7:00 p.m.  Worship with Holy Communion  


5:30 p.m.  Supper  
6:00 p.m.  WINGS and Adult Classes  
7:00 p.m.  Lenten Worship with Portrayals  

**Palm Sunday Worship, April 14**

8:15/10:45 a.m.  Children and Palms  

**Maundy Thursday, April 18**

6:30 p.m.  Seder Meal (First Communion)  

**Good Friday, April 19**

7:00 p.m.  Good Friday Worship – Choir and Orchestra  

**Easter Sunday, April 21**

9:00/10:30 a.m.  Easter Festival Worship – Choir and Brass  

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**Volunteer for the 2019 Youth Gathering**

The 2019 LCMS National Youth Gathering is happening in five months. Register with the Minnesota South District office (www.mnsdistrict.org/nyg) to volunteer! Dates are July 11-15 right here in Minneapolis.
Redeemer Music Director Dan Oie will co-direct THE ADDAMS FAMILY musical at 4CT Theater at Orono High School July 19-21 and July 26-28. Open to children, youth, and adults. Auditions are May 16, 17, and 18. Contact Dan Oie.

**Summer Music Camp Is Coming**

“SOLID ROCK CAFE”

Monday - Friday
JUNE 24—JUNE 28
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Open to students completing Grades 1 – 6; student and parent helpers (Registration forms coming soon)
Dan and Cheryl Oie, Directors

**Redeemer Vacation Bible School**

Monday—Friday
JUNE 10 – 14
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
(save the dates)

Volunteer to help as teachers, small group leaders, snack servers, recreation helpers, craft leaders, worship leaders.
Contact Dan Oie or Laura Brinkman.
Our next meeting topic is entitled "Fraudulent activity against Seniors." In today’s world, senior people, whether they be Christians or non-Christians, are subject to ever-increasing fraud and deceit. (Jesus, himself, was a victim, that led to His earthly death on the cross). This meeting is to identify ideas and practices to prevent fraud against seniors and the wise stewardship of all the gifts God has given us.

In addition to Redeemer seniors, for this session, family and friends are invited to attend, to become aware of senior vulnerability to today’s innovative frauds, and how to take preventive action. Senior members will have a chance to share their experiences. Come and enjoy fellowship and relevant learning!

Questions? Call Rolly or Al Heitkamp at 952-540-6471 or e-mail, alrolene@aol.com

Wednesday nights are special for the Redeemer family. We call them “Faith and Family Nights,” to emphasize our focus on building our faith and offering activities for the whole family.

We start with dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by the WINGS children’s program for ages K – 5th grade, youth group for grades 6-12, and nursery for children under age four.

For adults, we have multiple groups that start at 6 p.m. as well:

- A Sermon Discussion Small Group is held in ESC room. Dive deeper into the weekly sermon themes with this additional content provided by Pastor Steve. We’ll all learn from each other as we add our thoughts and voices to the conversation!

- New this March is a service small group meeting in the Gathering Room, led by Laura Brinkman. Check out new ways to serve with others in this brand new Wednesday night group!

- A Parenting/Family Small Group is in the planning stages for Wednesday evenings. Your ideas and input are valued as we talk about the vision for a new life group for families! Contact Deb Wagner at thewagners@comcast.net with your thoughts or if you are interested in joining us!
PRAYER REVIVAL FOR REDEEMER

THE POWER OF PRAYER CALL -- MONDAYS AT 8:00PM

We would like to invite and encourage everyone to join us for the Monday Evening Prayer time. It begins at 8:00pm on Monday evening and lasts for 30 minutes. It is very easy to dial the number and then put in the code number. You can participate or just be there and pray along quietly. The half hour is always closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Beginning this week, a text was sent about three minutes before the start, so all you have to do is tap on the number in the text and you are automatically called in for the prayer time.

In Matthew 18:19-20 Jesus talks about agreeing together in prayer with others: “Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in Heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”

Jesus made this statement to emphasize the power of prayer together with a prayer partner or a group. Although Jesus earlier told us to pray in private to God, he goes further to highlight the power or prayer with others as a form of spiritual agreement in prayer. When we pray with others, we are availed of the benefit of their point of view that we will see the issue we are praying about in a slightly different manner. When several people are listening for God’s answer, being able to confirm or agree together in Spirit that what they are each individually sensing is a means through which God works to confirm His will and direction for us.

Call in Monday night at 8:00pm at: 605-472-5440, then use the access code: 972429.

NEW WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY STARTS MARCH 27TH

Our images of God are critically important to our spiritual well-being. Often our images of God influence us more powerfully than our ideas or conviction about God. Our images of God affect both how we feel about God, and how we live in relationship to God.

In our new study, Distorted Images of God, we will take a look at eight different distorted images of God, and compare them to what the Bible says about God, thereby displacing these distortions with biblically accurate images of God.

You are invited to join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 in the Gathering Room. And bring a friend! For more information contact Mary Sund at 763-233-2417 or Linda Krantz at HeyLindaMom@aol.com.
Thank you all for your generous support of the Redeemer Youth Group and the ASP Mission Team!

With your support, ten youth and three leaders were able to attend the Arctic Blast Winter Retreat at Camp Lebanon in January. Our group was made up of a number of 6th graders, a couple of 7th graders, and a couple of high school students that proved to be great leaders of the relatively young group! Even in the below-0 temperatures, we competed in a broom ball tournament (only losing to the tournament champions), went snow tubing, and somehow managed to stay warm as we moved between the main building and our cabins over the course of the weekend. Along with all of the activities we were blessed to learn about "Identity" from guest speaker Jim Johnson. He spoke of how we each have a unique identity that is not defined by the world's perspective and the labels that have been put upon us. At each session he stated boldly "YOU are a Child of God!" He also reminded us to "Love people and use things, not love things and use people."

Our ASP mission team has been fundraising and completing monthly study sessions as we prepare for our trip to Kentucky in July. You may have noticed a new display in the cafeteria. There are 100 envelopes, each with a dollar amount from $1 to $100. The idea is for people to choose an envelope or two, fill it with cash or a check for the amount on the envelope and turn it in to the office. If ALL of the envelopes are filled, we will have raised $5,500. This is about one-third of our current fundraising goal. So, if you feel moved to do so, please take one or more envelopes and help us reach our goal. To raise the remainder of the funds, we have sent out letters to friends and family asking them to prayerfully and if possible financially support us. And we continue to host babysitting nights and do grocery carry-out at local grocery stores. We are also available to help with any household chores or spring cleaning in exchange for a financial contribution to our trip, so let me know if there is something we can help you with. If you want to learn more about ASP, please check out our information board in the hallway by the nursery, check out ASPhome.org, or contact me by phone or email.

Annette Vetse
Youth Leader
Cell: 612-245-1409

YOU are a Child of God!
HOT DISH COOK-OFF AND GAME NIGHT
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2019
**Hot Dish and Game Highlights**

We had a delightful turn of people, hot dishes, and games to play.

Linda Krantz took first place for her yummy Spaghetti Hot Dish (recipe to the right) and Laura Brinkman’s delicious Chicken Pot Pie took 2nd place. A surprise to some….was how popular the Jell-O dish would be!

The evening was packed full of fellowship, small groups of people talking about this and that, and the game of Spoons was clearly the most popular. Our Youth Group offered childcare as a fundraiser for their ASP mission trip, and over 40 kids went sledding, played games, ran, laughed, and acted silly under the mindful care of our Youth students, Youth Group Leader Annette Vetse, and her two dedicated volunteers, Addie Isenberg and Ben Oie.

Till next time,

**Cheryl Oie and Wendy Krause**
Fellowship Committee

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**Spaghetti Hot Dish**

*Recipe Submitted by Linda Krantz*

1 lb. spaghetti  
1 medium onion chopped  
1 1/2 lb. Mild Italian Sausage  
1 sweet pepper: green, orange, yellow, or red  
40 oz. canned diced tomatoes (1 large can, plus 1 - 14oz can)  
1/2 tsp. sugar  
3/4 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. soda  
1/2 lb. grated cheddar cheese  
1 pkg. mushrooms quartered  
1 med. jar stuffed green olives, drained  
1 tsp. chili powder  
1 1/2 cups half and half  
5 Tbsp. butter

Melt butter in large cook pot. Add chopped onions and chopped sweet pepper. Cook until onion is transparent (about 4 minutes). Add meat and brown.

In a separate kettle, cook tomatoes, sugar, salt, and soda until mixture boils up foamy.

Add tomato mixture to meat. Stir in chili powder. Simmer for 20 minutes, covered. Remove cover if too soupy towards the end.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees.

Break spaghetti into halves or thirds and boil according to package directions. Drain.

Add spaghetti, stuffed olives, mushrooms, and half and half. Mix together.

Dump into large oven-safe serving bowl and bake at 325° for 1 hour, uncovered. Remove from oven, stir in the cheese, and return to oven for another 15 minutes.

OR: Dump into several baking dishes and bake at 325° for 45 minutes. Remove from oven, stir in cheese, and return to oven for another 15 minutes.

Serves 8-10
Dear Friends,

I hope this message finds you well. You may have seen recent news reports about the situation in Haiti. I wanted to share the following updates with you all and shed some light on the urgent needs. I humbly request your prayers and support for our Haitian friends.

Haiti is on the brink of a humanitarian disaster. In what some are calling the worst catastrophe since the 2010 earthquake, civil unrest is resulting in great disruption throughout the country. Roads are blocked, businesses can’t open, and people are trapped in their homes with the inability to purchase supplies. As a result, innocent Haitians do not have access to food and are resorting to drinking contaminated water. Our feeding center in Port-au-Prince (where we typically feed 15,000 people six days a week) had to be closed for most of last week due to safety concerns. It is likely that there will be resurgences of waterborne diseases and some hospitals have also had to close.

Things in Haiti have been turbulent for several months. Temporary peace and calm may settle over the country for a few days, but the issues at hand have not been resolved and things can escalate and unravel quickly. As our Executive Director said this morning, many in Haiti are on the brink of starvation all the time. Dire, unpredictable situations like this simply push them over the edge.

On Saturday, February 16th, Food For The Poor organized a fleet of 20 trucks, escorted by a police force stretched to their limit, to distribute goods at local churches. Earlier in the week, we were able to supply some of those suffering with rice, beans and clean water. We will continue to assist, but supplies in our warehouse are depleting quickly. If your church may be able to help financially in these coming weeks, please let me know. Every gift can make a difference as we purchase, replenish, and distribute supplies to those in desperate need. Should you be able to support this effort, please leave your donation in Redeemer’s church office with Haiti in the memo line, this will ensure funds are designated to the relief work.

I ask each of you to keep the people of Haiti in your prayers. May there be peace in this country we all love so dearly.

God bless you all,

Cydney Hartner

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Please check your weekly bulletin. Calendar dates are subject to change.
SUNDAY WORSHIP & PRAISE: 8:15am and 10:30am, COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: 9:15am, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION-All Ages: 9:30am

Let's Be Healthy Together!

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2019 at Wayzata Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; Carotid Artery (plaque buildup—a leading cause of stroke), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), Peripheral Arterial Disease (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a Heart Rhythm Screening (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation—irregular heartbeat) and an Osteoporosis Risk Assessment for men and women.

Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early.

Register online TODAY at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle and receive your “Community Circle” discount and your Preferred Appointment!