

Connection

Redeemer Lutheran Church

April 2024





Pastor Chip Winter

Senior Pastor

Christ is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed! Hallelujah!

That is the best possible news that we have to share! Our Savior has suffered and died to forgive our sins and then risen from the grave to promise us life with God now and forevermore, simply by faith in Jesus. Isn't that worth sharing?!

In Revelation we have the passage: And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new" (Revelation 21:5). We generally think about this in terms of heaven and the kingdom of glory, but that newness is taking place even now. Here are the ways in which we want to capitalize on it and bring it to flourish among us!

- We will offer a Bible class on *Living in the Resurrection*. We will look at how, despite the troubles we face in this world, we are a new creation with even more to come at Jesus' return. This will begin Sunday, April 7th, during the Bible class hour.
- A class for anyone wanting to know more about the basic Christian Faith, entitled Discover Redeemer, will be held on Sunday afternoons from 1:00-2:30 on April 7th, 14th, and 21st. This is a pathway to becoming a member of Redeemer.
- Confirmation is Sunday, April 28th at the 10:45 service. On that day young men and women will have an opportunity to express their understanding of God's love and the congregation will confirm them in that truth.
- Opportunities for young families to get together for play and singing is being planned for some Saturdays in the summer.
- We will hold worship out in the Pavilion on Sunday, June 2nd, during the 10:45 service. This will be followed by a community-wide picnic featuring a hog roast!
- Family Camp, for young families, will be held on Sunday nights, June 30th through July 21st. Come share in this brand new offering!
- More community events are being planned, details to follow.
- A number of the missionaries serving in foreign fields and supported by Redeemer will be visiting throughout the fall.
- And the next school year will begin with a sermon series meant to open our eyes to our spheres of influence and how we can bring what we know of God's love in Christ Jesus to the people around us.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ Jesus, we look forward to these gatherings with you!

Discover Redeemer

A new Discover Redeemer Class will be held on April 7, 14, & 21 at 1:00 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church or if you would just like to learn more about Redeemer and the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, this class is for you. This three-week course will be led by various members of our staff.

If you are interested in participating, please RSVP at 691-2333 ext. 110 or johanna.harms@redeemerlutheran.com. If you need childcare during the classes please indicate this so that we can make those arrangements.

Because We Belong

**WE WORSHIP
WE WITNESS
WE SERVE**

The following people have given lillies which adorn the chancel area this Easter

Carolyn & Ryan Allgaier *in memory of loved ones*
Carl & Carolyn Arrenius *in memory of our son, Tim*
Aaron & Kathy Buchko *in memory of parents and grandparents*
Pete & Lois Carmody *in memory of Art & Polly Mateer*
Les & Terry Clemmer (2) *in memory of Ed & Gerry Levene and Alison Clemmer*
Don & Ruth Fleming (2) *in memory grandson Charlie Fleming, and in honor of grandchildren*
Gloria Harms *in memory of Leroy, husband*
Verna Hartmann *in memory of Bill & Lenese Hartmann*
Cheri & Jerry Huffman *in memory of Mom*
Shirley Johnson *in memory of Chuck Johnson and Melinda Bohls*
Mark & Kim Klokkenga (2) *in honor of our children Austin & Megan and in honor of family*
Jim & Nancy Matheis *in honor of our grandchildren*
Heather & Sara McCarthy (3) *in honor of all who serve and protect our freedom of religion*
Bonnie & Ed Meints (3) *in memory of Booma Jass, our Troy's godmother and in thankfulness of our three daughters*
Bill & Karen Moser *in memory of Karen's parents, Gerald & Wilma Kruse*
Bob & Gail Muir *in memory of Karen and Steve*
Reed Family *in memory of Art Mitchell*
Donna & Jeff Schlatter *in memory of our parents*
Judy Simpson *in memory of Bruce Simpson*
Connie Steffen *in memory of loved ones*
John & Cindy Steinwedel *in memory of loved ones*
Ken & Barb Stoppenhagen *in honor of Mom, Grandma, and Great-Grandma (99 years old)*
Gary & Pam Streitmatter *in memory of Milford, Danny, and Jon Streitmatter*
Ann Vipond *Blessings!*
Phyllis Walbaum *in memory of parents & brother*
Gail Williamson *in memory of family members who have passed*
Jamie Wisely, Austin, and Jared *in memory of Dad & Grandpa, Jim Arrington*



Mother/Daughter/Friend Event

Women of Redeemer's Mother/Daughter/Friend Event is on Tuesday, April 16th, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., hosted by our very own Jennifer Anders. Rather than a traditional speech, she plans on coordinating a dynamic celebration on Love Languages. The program will be fun for everyone, entertaining the young while educating and engaging the young at heart. Please RSVP by April 14th by signing the sheet at the welcome desk, sending an email to rsvp4wor@gmail.com, or calling/texting Lynn Bivens at 309-697-2626.

Childcare will be available for children that are not at least in first grade. Send an email with names and ages to rsvp4wor@gmail.com by April 12th.

50s & 60s Dinner Get-Together

All 50s and 60s aged are invited to join us at Grand Prairie Pizza and Tavern on April 17th from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Appetizers will be provided. (Order food/drinks on your own if you wish). RSVP to Gail at gwilliamson@liahbee.com or Jeff Shoumaker at jeff.shoumaker@redeemerlutheran.com.

Confirmation Month!

Redeemer's second-year confirmation students will be wrapping up their classes and projects in preparation for Confirmation Sunday on April 28th at the 10:45 service! All are invited to attend and support our youth in this very important milestone of faith. Please pray for them in this time to do as the Proverbs say: not forgetting God's teaching but letting their hearts keep His commandments. -Proverbs 3:1

Eyeglass Collection

The LWML CID ladies are collecting eyeglasses and cases for part of their *Gifts From the Heart* at the LWML convention on April 27th. Prescription glasses and cheaters are accepted. These glasses and cases will be given to MOST Ministries (Mission Opportunities Short Term). Please donate your unused glasses in the white basket located at the Welcome Desk. Glasses and cases will be collected through Sunday, April 21st. Thank you! Questions? See Rhonda Kruse.



Jr High will have a Glow Bowling Night at the Christian Center on Friday, April 12 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 and includes bowling, shoe rental, and snacks. Bring money if you want to play in the arcade. Friends are welcome to join us! Sign up at www.redeemerlutheran.com/events.



Jr High Ministry will be going to Camp Great Oaks for Jr High Camp, June 10-12. Jr High Camp is offered for our youth (and their friends) going into 6th, 7th and 8th grade. We partner with Trinity Lutheran in the planning and running of this camp. These days at camp are fun and meaningful for our youth!

We will spend time and conversation in God's Word, prayer and singing. Our theme this year is "Tested" from 1 Peter 1:7.

Additionally, youth are provided with free time to choose between swimming (with a blob and zipline), boating, fishing, disc golf, archery, hiking, outdoor games, crafts, board games, and time to relax with friends. We also have individual and group challenges on the high ropes course, zipline, and low ropes course. These challenges are by choice and there are options to pick at a level that each youth is most comfortable with. The cost of camp is \$110 per child- Redeemer covers the rest. This includes all the camp amenities, meals, and snacks. Please contact Jennifer Anders if further financial assistance is needed or if you have any questions.

Sign up at www.redeemerlutheran.com/events.



Family CAMP

Redeemer is excited to offer a fun new family activity this summer for our families and friends of Redeemer- Family Camp! Family Camp will take place on Sunday evenings from 5:00 - 7:30 pm on June 30, July 7, July 14, and July 21.

Family Camp is designed for families with children of all ages and allows parents, grandparents, and other adults to study God's rock-solid truth together in a world of shifting sands. The world gives children and families lots of different messages, but God's truth never changes. Together we will learn to recognize the difference between what the world tells us and the Truth from God's Word, the Bible.

Family Camp will start with dinner at 5:00 pm and the activities will begin at 5:30. We will learn Bible stories from our Bible Storytelling Team, do crafts and activities, and play games. This will be fun for the whole family!

Each night will offer a different Bible story and activities. Come every night or any of the nights that fit into your schedule. Nursery care will be provided for children ages two and under if that works best for your family.

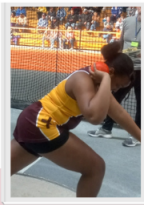
Visit www.redeemerlutheran.com/events for registration.

We are looking for kids between the ages of 11 - 15 who would be willing to act out the stories of the Bible. Recruit a friend and have fun together!

During Family Camp this summer, we will dress up and re-create four different Bible stories. Scripts, costumes, and props provided. We need 5 - 8 young people and one adult helper. Let's bring these characters from the Bible to life and share the love of Jesus!

Contact Lisa Mack at (309) 360-2669

APRIL @ CONCORDIA



6 CLS TRACK & FIELD MEET

Concordia will be hosting a Track & Field Meet at the EastSide Centre. Be on the lookout for volunteer opportunities.

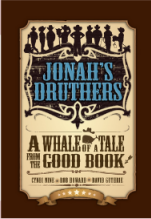
13 CLS FUNDRAISER GALA

Celebration OF THE Eras

A NIGHT OF YESTERYEARS & TOMORROWS

Join us for an evening of fellowship to include dinner, music and a silent auction. This night will be a vibrant testament to the enduring legacy of the Christ-centered education of Concordia.

If you would like to attend or donate:
Contact the school office at 309-691-8921 OR
Visit: <https://www.concordiapeoria.com/eras>



19 3RD & 4TH GRADE MUSICAL

Friday @ 7:00pm in the Concordia Theater

Yee haw & Howdy partners!
This is a story straight outta God's Word;
but we'll tell it to ya like you've never heard!
So... saddle up, settle in, sisters and brothers,
'cause this is the story we call "Jonah's Druthers!"
No Tickets Required

26 KIDS HEART CHALLENGE



The Kids Heart Challenge focuses on whole body well-being, helping students improve their own health and better their character while raising life-saving donations for the American Heart Association to help kids with special hearts. Plus, we have the chance to earn PE equipment for our school! To help with this fundraiser service project please reach out to a Concordia Student.



27 BAND & CHOIR STATE COMPETITION

Thank you for your continued support of Concordia and its mission to provide families with a Christ-centered education.



Concordia Crop

April 27, 2024
from 8am to 8pm
at Concordia Lutheran School
2000 W Glen Ave, Peoria

Calling all scrapbookers! Join us for a fun day of crafting and fellowship at Concordia Lutheran School and help raise money for our PTC.

donation
\$40

Bring a project to work on and a snack to share. The PTC will provide bottled water, ice and a few treats. Concordia is located on Glen, close to several restrurants and craft supply stores.

Register by Monday, April 22nd. See second page for registration details.

Concordia Crop Registration

Registration forms can be dropped off at the Concordia Lutheran School office or you can email all information to Amy Becker. Payment is required in advance and all donations are final. Cash, checks made out to Concordia Lutheran PTC. or Paypal at ptcconcordia@gmail.com accepted. Registration and payment due by Monday, April 22nd.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Do you need access to an outlet?

No / Yes

Are you attending with other croppers?

No / Yes (please list names)

*Ages 16 and up only
Have a question? Email
amyjobecker16@gmail.com



Join us for dinner & a celebratory evening with **Pastor Mark Eisold** of **Pelican Lutheran Church**

April 15th at 6:00 pm in Miller Hall

Going on a mission trip is always an adventure, but never more so than when you are trying to keep up with Pastor Mark Eisold, who is filled with energy and passion to reach people outside of the church who are not in a relationship with Jesus yet. He is one of Redeemer's longest standing mission partnerships that has taken many surprising turns over the years from the country of Peru to ministry at the Pelican church in Naples, FL:

October 2010 *Pastor Mark visits Redeemer for the first time.*

January 2011 *Pastor Mark moves to Lima to establish a Lutheran church body in Peru.*

June 2013 *Redeemer sends a mission eyeglass team to Lima, Peru.*

January 2016 *The Eisold family returns to the US & settles in Naples, Florida.*

December 2016 *Pastor Mark is called to reach out to Hispanic immigrants.*

September 2017 *Hurricane Irma hits Florida & Redeemer reconnects with Pastor Mark.*

December 2018 *Redeemer sends high school youth over Christmas break to teach English at the Pelican. Other youth teams follow in December 2019, July 2021, and July 2023.*

February 2020 *Pastor Mark begins mentoring men to become deacons.*

March 2020 *Covid pandemic hits & church outreach takes many new forms to teach, baptize, confirm, and mentor members.*

May 2022 *The Pelican thrives and grows and becomes a chartered congregation of the LCMS.*

September 2022 *Hurricane Ian pummels the area. Redeemer sends funds to help.*

June 2023 *Pastor Mark and the Pelican adopt the defunct Amigos ministries of Southwest Florida.*

February 2024 *Pastor Mark begins training 11 women as deaconesses.*

July 2024 *Pastor Aaron plans to lead the fifth trip of 15 high school youth and four adults for another exciting ESL camp.*

Whatever the future, we know the Lord has a plan. Hopefully God He invites us to join Him! Come and celebrate with us these 14+ years of this wonderful mission partnership and catch a vision for the future! Stay tuned to the midweek newsletter for further details to RSVP for April 15th.

Tithes & Offerings YTD as of February

Actual \$335,887.86

Budget \$291,342.58

493

February Average Attendance

Important Dates

April 6: Men's Bowling

April 7: Discover Redeemer Begins

April 12: Jr High Glow Bowling

April 16: Mother/Daughter/Friend Event

May 4: Appalachia Mission Trip

May 5: Voters' Meeting

June 10-12: Jr High Camp

June 30-July 12: Sunday Nights Family Camp

Submissions for *Redeemer Connection* are due on the 20th of each month. Articles may be submitted by emailing katie.lunzman@redeemerlutheran.com or by using the Communication Request link at redeemerlutheran.com.



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Sunday worship is at 8:15 a.m. (traditional) and 10:45 a.m. (contemporary) with Bible study hour and Sunday school at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday evening worship is at 5:30 p.m. The church office is open 8:30 - 4:30 M-F

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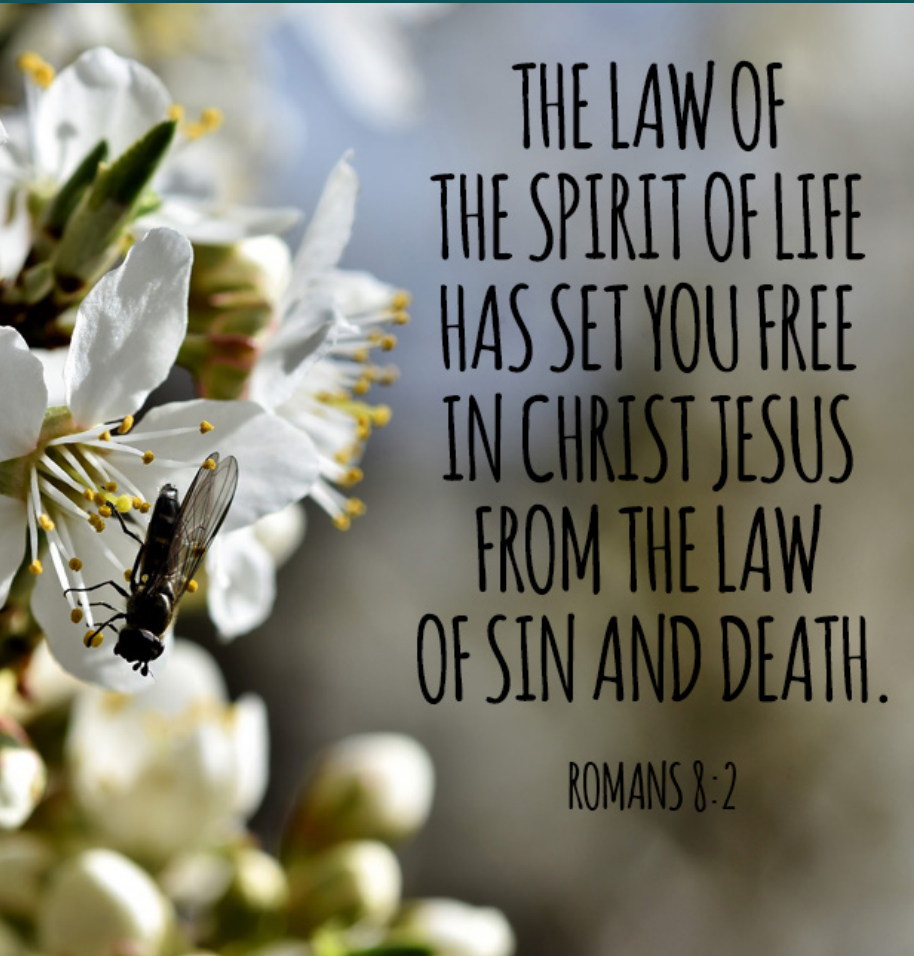
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THE LAW OF
THE SPIRIT OF LIFE
HAS SET YOU FREE
IN CHRIST JESUS
FROM THE LAW
OF SIN AND DEATH.

ROMANS 8:2