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# *The*Visitor



Teacher in Residence:

**Fred Niedner**

*"Manna & Mercy  
in the Wilderness"*

A COMMUNITY IN THE MODEL OF CHRIST

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**God is limitless**

**you are here**

**Our community, our calling.**



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## FROM THE PASTOR...

***“O divine master,  
grant that I may not so much  
seek to be understood  
as to understand.”***

-Prayer of St. Francis

A few weeks ago, I gathered with friends at Wallingford United Methodist Church. We were there for our dear friends, whose older son (28 years old with 3 young children) had been violently killed due to mental illness. We were also there for ourselves, because it was just too much to take in. It was unfathomable, heavy, and tragic.

The sanctuary is small. A half circle of chairs facing the pews included the bereft parents. For many years, my friends have been active in this Native American circle, and also in the church. A man explained the Native American songs and rites he would offer.

I didn't know what to expect. But when the singing began, I was riveted and grateful. The words were foreign, but the sorrow the music expressed was raw and real and deep and human. Now loud, now softer, wailing and calling out, now asking, now angry, now spent, while the steady thump of the drum kept us grounded.

We poured out our overwhelming grief into the safe channel the chanting gave us. The music was simple enough that we could all sing together. As my friend said in thanking us for coming, “Our grief is too big to carry alone. Thank you for sharing it and helping us carry it.”

I'm grateful for my faith community and the core beliefs shaping my understanding and relationship with God. But that music and Native American ritual reminded me how much more there is to know about God, and ways of worshipping God. I think of Gene Fox, a beloved long-time member some of you will remember, who regularly said at Bible studies as he got older, with a note of exasperation in his voice, “The older I get, the less I know.” It's humbling, no question. But, also rich. Because we never exhaust what there is to learn and experience in faith.

That's why our theme during this Epiphany season is “God Is Limitless.” Revelations continue

and “Aha!” moments bring new insights, new awareness. Expect reminders of God's mysterious and ongoing unfolding in our hymns, preaching and prayers until Lent begins in March.

Like the magi following the star so far from their home, let us seek first to understand and learn from one another. Then, perhaps in a place beyond words and ideas, where the mystery of God abides, we can truly meet our sisters and brothers of different faiths.



May we all grow in humility and openness to our limitless God this Epiphany,

*Katharine Hawks*

Pastor Kathy Hawks



## BUILD THE VISION... SHARE THE VISION!



### Vision-Aligned Building (VAB)

As reported in last month's edition of The Visitor, the VAB Team recommended hiring SHKS Architects to provide architecture and design services as we continue to move our building renovation project forward. On December 18, the Church Council decided to accept this recommendation and called for a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 24 between services, including a congregational vote to expend funds to hire SHKS Architects to provide architecture and design services for the project.

### Congregational Meeting

*Sunday, February 24  
between services*

**Purpose:** Meet our new architect,  
David Strauss, and SHKS.  
Vote to expend funds to engage SHKS.

At its December meeting, the Council also approved spending no greater than \$10,000 on preliminary design work by SHKS in advance of the February 24 congregational meeting. A limited contract was signed with SHKS in early January, and the VAB Team met with principals from SHKS on January 23 to work on defining the scope of services for the project in detail. The full cost of architecture and design fees will be presented at the February 24 Congregational Meeting, and are expected to be in excess of \$200,000, but that rough estimate could change significantly pending SHKS's initial work and meetings with the VAB Team.

The VAB Team, after a brief Christmas hiatus, resumed meeting on an almost weekly basis on January 9. Feel free to direct questions to VAB Team members: Mike Hlastala, Pastor Kathy Hawks, Kirstin Malone, Jim Arnold, Ryan Mertes, Guy Michaelson, or Don Boelter, Parish Administrator ([administrator@ourredeemers.net](mailto:administrator@ourredeemers.net), 209-783-7900 x.107).





## LIVING GENEROUSLY



### Generous Judgement

*by Shannon Beck*

Many years ago I worked at the American Hotel, the women's division of the Union Gospel Mission in downtown Seattle. (It has since closed.) As a young university student learning about the world, I was touched by the needs of people on the margins. I wanted to be in solidarity with these women so I did what any good Christian would do: I babysat. And brought cookies. I shared a Bible study. Women came with babies and on their own, yearning for a sense that something better awaited them; that God was indeed at work in their lives and would deliver them to something beautiful.

One day I was caring for Nelta's 2 year old for the 3rd time. This particular time she returned to me, animated and thrilled. I had sat with her baby for an hour several weeks in a row while she took a break from parenting. I was still learning her story. She exclaimed jubilantly, "Shannon, I stole diapers today!!" I was quiet, concerned, confused. Clearly my Bible study had missed something important. She continued, "I didn't prostitute! I stole some diapers!"

I looked at her. Unbeknown to me, while I had watched her sweet, chubby-legged baby, she had left to earn money the way this homeless woman knew best: prostitution. To pay for her baby's diapers.

Justice and generosity. On the surface these may feel like incongruous words. Judgment is demanding in many ways. It requires action and a weighing out of what is right and wrong. It means we are seeking justice. Generosity, however, is an action of the heart. It is more of an overflowing offering. No strings. These two concepts can seem quite different but are both important in living a

life of generosity.

With and in solidarity with those on the margins, we serve with a generous spirit, knowing ourselves loved by God. We may feel conflicted when we are asked for food or money by someone we don't know. We rarely know what will be done with the money. We either give or we do not. We want to be faithful to God's call to us as the church and participate in the most effective types of ministry. We want faithful outcomes. But we know some of the struggles people face. We want to live generously, and also with justice.

I think Nelta has a lesson for us as we seek to live generously. Especially as we meet our neighbors in town, on the streets; and as we serve our homeless and under-homed sisters and brothers. We do not know anyone's entire story. We participate in just a tiny moment or two; perhaps longer. In a spirit of generosity, we can let go of judgments and love well. We can allow ourselves to celebrate small steps and let that be enough. It's hard work sometimes, but we can allow the overflowing love of God lead us.

Our Redeemer's Festival & Live Auction:

## **Meet Me by the Bayou!**

*a family friendly night of  
games, music, food, and fundraising*

*Saturday, March 2 @ 5pm*



**Sign up in the Fellowship Hall.**

*(no admission charge, just need an estimate of how many people will attend)*



# Our Redeemer's Auction Is...

- The most fun and exciting party of the year with families and friends joining us to support this great congregation.
- **NO admission charge!**
  - Food tickets start at \$5. Bid numbers are \$30 and can be purchased at the door.
- **KID friendly! Food and fun!**
  - Crafts, games, and a movie during the live auction for kids.
  - Be crowned "Life of the Mardi" as part of the celebration.
- **LIVE music!**
  - The Bendickson Brothers to sing us straight to New Orleans with jazz-influenced harmonies and great music! [www.seanbendickson.com](http://www.seanbendickson.com)
- **TWO food trucks to choose from!**
  - Creole catering from prize-winning food truck "Where Ya at Matt?" (<https://www.facebook.com/wheremyatmatt>) and a kid friendly food truck.
  - No-host beer and wine bar, fun low-sugar beverages for kids, and King Cakes for dessert!
- **AMAZING live auction items!**
  - Tickets to your favorite sports team- fun outings- music events- boating adventures- vacation getaways, and even some big surprise items! Tim Hunter is our returning "auctioneer of amazingness," and will have us laughing the night away.
  - All the items in the auction are donated by YOU!
  - Donations support our ministries, build relationships between members (almost all the items are experiences, not things!), and bring joy to givers and receivers!

This event is both a celebration of our congregation – the work and love and life we do together, and also an important source of income to keep the ministry of this church happening. As a congregation, we count on the live auction and its proceeds to bolster the goodwill and the budget of Our Redeemer's. It also happens to be a great way to introduce your friends to this place (who you've been meaning to invite to church anyway), and to hang out with your church family. Win-win-win-win!

Don't hesitate to contact Pastor Gretchen if you have questions, concerns, comments, or would like to volunteer with helping to set up or clean up.





## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

### Ash Wednesday

by Pastor Gretchen

*Wednesday, March 6 ~ 7pm*

March 6th is Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of our observation of the season of Lent. The word Lent comes from the Latin root meaning "to lengthen." It reminds us that during the season of spring, the sun takes a little longer each evening to settle beyond the horizon. With this, the weather grows warmer, and life emerges once more. Lent is our connecting point to the season of life.

But this is a messy season. In Wisconsin, where I was born, the snows of winter lie on the ground for months, and all sorts of things get covered. Winter brings with it chilling winds that push things over, mess things up and even break things. As the snow melts we discover

the trash, the litter, the mud and the branches beneath the snow.

It's much like our lives. Over time, our hearts and souls, when left unattended, get messy. Lent invites us to deal with the mess. This is not about quickly cleaning things up and pretending they were never there, nor is it about ignoring the mess. Lent invites to roll up our sleeves and sort through the debris of our lives.

On Ash Wednesday, we are confronted with our mess, and so on our foreheads we rub a little dirt reminding ourselves that one day, we will be ashes as well. Lent allows us to see the parts of ourselves we'd rather leave covered up. It asks us to drag our full self into the light of day no matter how long the shadows may be. I encourage you to begin Lent with this great uncovering of Ash Wednesday. Service is at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

### CENTERING PRAYER

*Thursdays, 6-6:35PM.*

- 10 minutes of calming (recorded) chant.
- 20 minutes of silence with a word or phrase you choose to remind you you want to be in God's presence.
  - A 2-4 minute spiritual reading.
- Then, leave or take in more quiet.

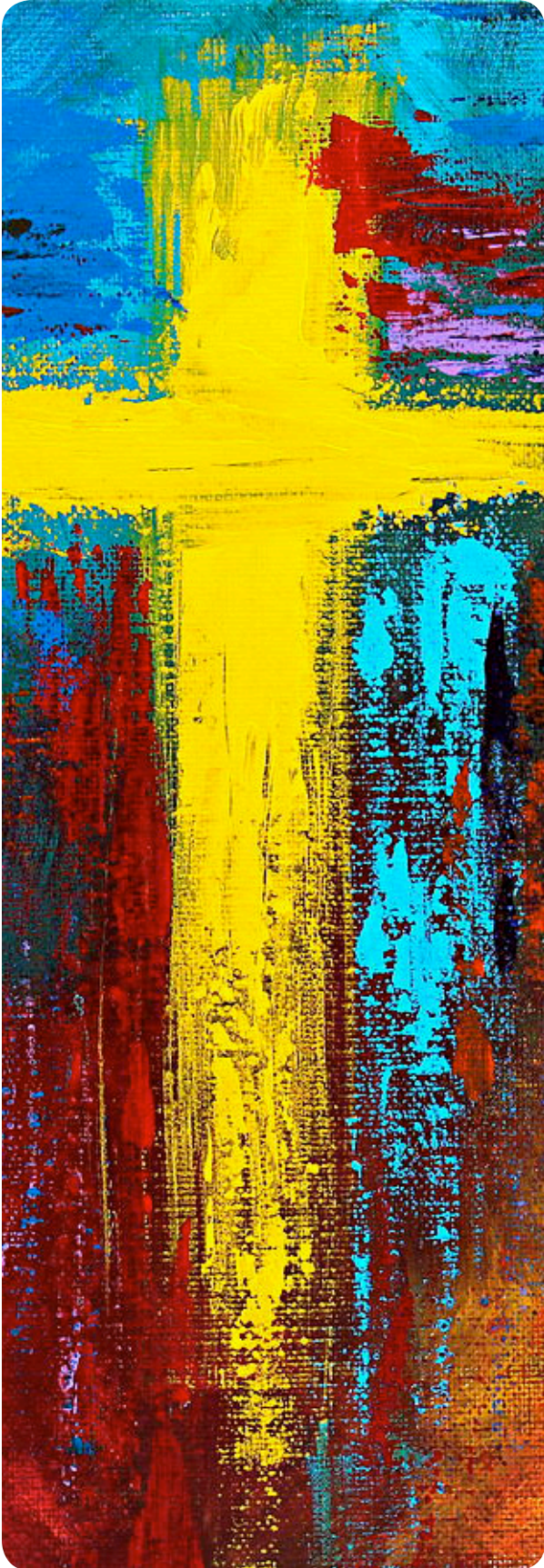
Enter candlelit quiet  
in our beautiful sanctuary.  
You do not need to speak or sing anything.



### Ashes to Go

*Wednesday, March 6*

Pastor Gretchen will be out in the parking lot during rush hour times with her alb and her ashes to impose on any willing passer-by. For people who work, have small children, or just can't make it to a service, this is a great chance for them to participate in this important annual ritual.



## Radical Love ~ Lenten Devotional

*Stories, Thoughts & Prayers from  
Our Redeemer's Community*

Last year, for the first time, the people of Our Redeemer's created a daily Lenten Devotional. Lent was much more meaningful. Our sense of community grew as we all read the same things throughout the weeks. We got to know each other better. And our faith was nourished. Our Advent devotional was equally powerful.

Lent begins again on March 6. Our overall theme is "Radical Love". Help us reach out to God and each other with the same honesty, insight, questions and personal reflections as before.

HAVE YOU WRITTEN BEFORE?

Please gift us again with your writing!

YOU DIDN'T WRITE IN THE PAST?

Please give it a try!

- Choose the verse that sparks you.
- Write 2-3 paragraphs prompted by the verse:
  - What situation does it make you think of? Who? Where?
  - What feelings or thoughts were you having?
  - What impact has this verse or this situation had on you and your faith?
- Write a poem, draw/paint a picture, take a photograph, if that fits better for you.

**SIGN UP** ON SIGNUP.COM(link coming soon) or ON THE FELLOWSHIP HALL BULLETIN BOARD SIGN UP.

ALL DEVOTIONS ARE NEEDED BY NOT LATER THAN SUNDAY **FEBRUARY 10**, so the Devotional booklet and emails are available by Sunday, March 3. Please send to Jonath at [communications@ourredeemers.net](mailto:communications@ourredeemers.net).

PREPARE TO BLESS OTHERS AND BE BLESSED by doing this!

Our pastors, Jim Arnold and Ellen Arrington are available for questions or support. THANK YOU!!





## FAITH FORMATION



### **Adult Faith Formation: “The Spirit of the Lord Is upon Me” Continues...**

*Sundays, Feb. 3, 17, 24 ~ 10am*

**Description:** This class centers on the meaning of Jesus’ announcement to his home synagogue at Nazareth that “the year of the Lord’s favor” had commenced. Dana Wright will draw upon Trocme’s amazing life and work as the backstory to his interpretation of Luke. The schedule is as follows:

**February 3.** The Incident at Nazareth: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me”

**February 17.** The Substance of Jubilee: What would it look like?

**February 24.** The Possibility of Jubilee in Twenty-First Century America

Dana Wright, profesor and pastor, leads this heart and head provoking class.

### **Next month...**

### **End of Life: Questions, Insights, and Decisions**

*Sundays, March 10 ~ April 14  
10am in the Library*

During Lent we face our mortality. The sign of the cross is placed on our foreheads with the words, “Ashes to ashes and dust to dust,” Our faith not only gives us courage and guidance in facing our sin and limitations, but also our physical mortality, because we believe God’s grace is stronger than death.

There are so many aspects to this physical, spiritual, relational, and personal journey-- for each of us and for those we love. In this series, we’ll dip into some of those things.

**March 10:** What does death mean to me? A chance to reflect.

**March 17:** What’s next? Heaven? Hell? What does the Bible say? Near death experiences?

**March 24 and 31:** Relationships. The experience of life drawing to an end. What choices and conversations do I want to have? Led by Eowyn Black, LICSW, oncology and hospice social worker.

**March 31 and April 7:** Medical Treatment, Care, and Choices. What hospice is and isn’t. The right to die. Resource: Five Wishes. Led by Julie Vannoy, RN, BSN, and Pastor Kathy.

**April 14:** Legal Considerations and tools. Funeral and Memorial Service planning and options.

Joins us -- For your own sake, and as a gift to your loved ones.





## TEACHER IN RESIDENCE: *Fred Niedner*



# “Manna & Mercy in the Wilderness”

Friday, Feb. 8 – Sunday, Feb. 11

### Friday, February 8:

- 6PM ~ Welcome Reception and Appetizers
- 7PM ~ Session 1: How to Recognize a Wilderness  
When You’ve Stumbled into One

### Saturday, February 9:

- 10AM ~ Session 2: Are We Alone Here? The Words  
and the Word in the Wilderness
- Noon~ Lunch – Provided; Free-Will Donation
- 1PM ~ Session 3: Following Christ through the Wilderness,  
Becoming Part of God’s “Backside”

### Sunday, February 10:

- 9AM & 11AM: Dr. Niedner preaches.
- 10AM: Adult Faith Formation Class

### FRED NIEDNER’S BIO:

Fred teaches regularly at Holden Village and was a professor of biblical theology for 40 years at Valparaiso University (Pastor Kathy and Pastor Gretchen’s alma mater.) He is beloved for his incredible gift of explaining the culture and context of Bible stories, to reveal how human they are, and the depth of grace existing within them.

*There is no cost for attending, thanks to the generosity of Our Redeemer’s Endowment Fund.  
\$10 free-will donation for lunch on Saturday.*

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## Bible Study on Wednesday Mornings at 10:30am

by: Carolyn Swanson

10:30am-noon ~ Church Library

Martin Luther's friend, Melancthon, calls the aftermath of the Reformation "THE RABID FURY OF THE THEOLOGIANS". That is the territory where our Wednesday class is taking us in the weeks to come.

We've all experienced someone questioning or even attempting to change a belief we are absolutely dedicated to. It seems, the more we are invested in an opinion, the harder it is to take criticism of it. So, Luther's absolute conviction on his reforms made his last years of defending them tempestuous. He takes on such things as predestination, politics, his "enemies" within and outside of the "new" church, and the Jews. In doing this, Luther is beset by tumultuous bouts of desolation as well as stunning moments of insight and clarity. Luther's theology would place an emphasis on spiritual simplicity, but his interior life was anything but uncomplicated.

Most importantly for Luther is the concern that his audience hear the Scriptures, think about them; wrestle with them, and ultimately believe the One who speaks his Word through them. We learn from him that the highest goal of the interpreter of Scripture is to bring together ancient text and the modern reader in such a way that the Word is alive and vital to those who hear and read it. Hence, Sunday worship and Bible studies in the church!

We'll end this 24-lecture course, Luther: Gospel, Law, and the Reformation, in March. Stay tuned.



## Life Masters (50+) Bible Exploration: Luke

4th Sunday of Each Month ~ Starting Sunday, Feb. 23, 12:30pm in the Library.

Bring a bag lunch, and an appetite for questions, exploration and getting to know others.

Why look at the Gospel of Luke? Because most of the Sunday gospel readings until December will be drawn from it. How are Luke and his community's perspective unique? What light might God shine on our own lives and current world through this gospel?

If you're 50 or older, jump in to this entirely new class!!

## COME TO THE JOURNEY!

- Explore your faith
- Restore your faith.
- Know more about Our Redeemer's
- Get acquainted with more folks here.
- Become a member

EACH OF THESE things take place during what we call "The Journey".

We'll gather Sundays in Lent (March 10 - April 14), 4-6:25pm. Expect "heavy hors d'oeuvres," honest questions, time to listen to the Bible and our own lives, more info about the Lutherans, and about ministries at Our Redeemer's. Child care? You bet, if you let us know you need it.

You'll receive a letter if we suspect you might have an interest, but EVERYONE is warmly welcome to participate. Please let Pastor Kathy Hawks ([kathyh@ourredeemers.net](mailto:kathyh@ourredeemers.net)) or Pastor Gretchen Mertes ([pastor.gretchen@ourredeemers.net](mailto:pastor.gretchen@ourredeemers.net)) know you're interested.



## 2019 Women's Retreat: A Sanctuary of Women

*May 3-5, 2019 ~ Camp Indianola*

*Registration \$50; Deadline: Sunday, March 17*

Women have always gathered to listen to, pray for, share wisdom, and bless one another. Today is no different. We need times and places of comfort and challenge with other women.

This spring our women's retreat will be facilitated by Pastor Kathy, and three or four inspiring women from past generations, starting with Eve. We'll use into Jan Richardson's wonderful book, *In the Sanctuary of Women*, as our guide.

And of course, we'll do what we always do at our retreats- sleep as much as we need to, move between conversation and solitude, share as much or as little of our life's joys and pain as seems right, let music, crafts, and art move us, mix in some beach walks and yoga, and place it all within the shelter of God's unfailing grace.

Comfortable beds, good food, kayaking, and beautiful scenery await at Camp Indianola, just a ferry ride from Edmonds to Kingston. We expect the cost to be \$135-\$150 for the week-end (depending on how many attend), with scholarships available. Registration deadline is Sunday, March 17 ~ \$50 registration fee. Willing to help plan the retreat? Please let Pastor Kathy know!





## Vacation Bible School! REnew:The Green VBS!

*July 29 – August 2*  
*VBS Sunday on August 4.*

Our curriculum this year is  
RE:new! The Green VBS.

We will be using the parable of the sower  
to look at how we care for the earth  
in a variety of ways.

Mark your calendars now!



## Young Families

*Saturday, Feb. 2 ~ 10am*

Join us for a playdate potluck at the Niedner's on Saturday Feb 2 at 10am. For the address and to answer any other questions, please email Pastor Gretchen ([pastor.gretchen@ourredeemers.net](mailto:pastor.gretchen@ourredeemers.net)).



## Confirmation Camp

*June 23-28 ~ Camp Lutherhaven*

Confirmation Camp this year is June 23-28, and open to all current 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. It is an expectation that you will attend confirmation camp at least once during your time in the confirmation process. We attend Camp Lutherhaven in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The cost is around \$300, and Our Redeemer's includes scholarships for each attendee based on fundraising confirmands do throughout the year. Please contact Pastor Gretchen as soon as possible for registration details.

I believe churches are meant for praising God. But so are 2am car rides, showers, coffee shops, the gym, conversations with friends, strangers, etc. Don't let a building confine your faith because we will never change the world by just going to church, we need to be the church.

## Update on Faith Formation Consultant

by Betsy McGregor

At Our Redeemer's 2018 auction, our "Fund a Need" campaign was used to provide funding to hire a consultant who can help us build a strong and sustainable Faith Formation program here at the church. While work began immediately on this, we hit some speed bumps along the way that made

it difficult to find the right person or group that matched our goals. One of our members, Betsy McGregor, has agreed to lead the effort to find a consultant that will best fit our Faith Formation needs.

A representative group of members met recently to discuss what we would like to gain from hiring a consultant. We walked away from the meeting with three key beliefs.

1. Faith Formation is heart of the church.
2. Sharing our faith is what we are called to do as people of God and especially as Lutherans.
3. We need to build sustainable Faith Formation opportunities to maintain the vitality of our church.

To that end we also came to consensus on what we need in a consultant to help us achieve and maintain a strong Faith Formation program, the chief asset being someone who can understand our church and the community we serve. This work is ongoing and will include all members of Our Redeemer's. We will continue to update you on the process as it continues.



EXPLORE FAITH & JUSTICE IN JANUARY





## SOCIAL JUSTICE / EARTH CARE



To honor our focus on racial justice this month,  
take some time and meditate on these important words from Martin Luther King, Jr.

*"We know through painful experience that freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor, it must be demanded by the oppressed."*

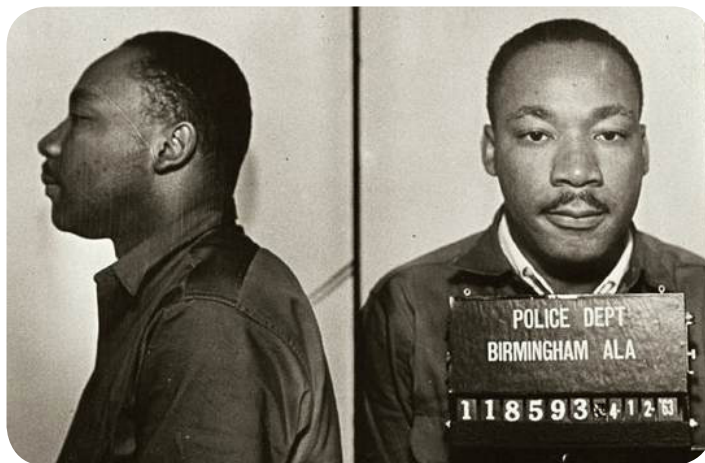
-from 'Letter From Birmingham Jail,' April 16, 1963

*"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."*

-Martin Luther King Jr., *I Have a Dream: Writings and Speeches That Changed the World*

*"There comes a time when silence is betrayal."*

-Martin Luther King Jr.





# EXPLORE FAITH & JUSTICE: ALL AGES!

FEBRUARY, SUNDAYS, 10AM

## February 3:

Race and the Bible: What the Good Samaritan can teach us. Join us as we consider Jesus' call to love well.

## February 10:

Race and Reconciliation: From chaos to wholeness featuring our theologian in residence, Dr. Fred Niedner.

## February 17:

A facilitated discussion with an inter-racial family: What is it like to be in a family with multiple racial identities? Hear stories from our own community.

## February 24:

What is privilege and how can I use mine well? What if I don't feel like I have white (or much of any) privilege? Participate in an exercise to help us understand.


EXPLORE IN FEBRUARY:

**RACIAL JUSTICE**



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*Troubling the Waters* for the Healing of the World

#EAD2019  
National Gathering & Congressional Lobby Day  
Friday, April 5 - Monday, April 8, 2019  
Washington, D.C.

**AdvocacyDays.org/2019**  
#ead2019 #GoodTrouble



## Interfaith Advocacy Days

**Jan 26 - Spokane Legislative Conference**  
9am-3pm, Spokane Valley UMC

**Feb 9 - Yakima Advocacy Day**  
10am-2pm, Wesley UMC

**Feb 14 - Interfaith Advocacy Day in Olympia**  
9am-3pm, The United Churches of Olympia and Capitol campus

Join advocates in your legislative district to bring voices of compassion and justice to our elected officials

206-625-9790 | FAN@FANWA.ORG | WWW.FANWA.ORG

## Interested in learning more about advocacy?

### Interfaith Advocacy Days in Olympia

February 14, 2019, Olympia, 9am – 3pm. Online Registration: Feb. 7

Join Our Redeemers members and friends and many other people of faith to learn about and engage community concerns as people of faith in this event sponsored by our partner, Faith Action Network. We will carpool to Olympia from the church at 7:30am. Are you in? Contact Shannon Beck outreach@ourredeemers.net <http://fanwa.org/interfaith-advocacy-day/>

Register online at [tinyurl.com/yb3mvhmn](http://tinyurl.com/yb3mvhmn) and click on the “REGISTER NOW” link by February 7 and pay \$15. Registration at the door is \$20.

### Ecumenical Advocacy Days in Washington D.C.

Washington DC, April 5-8, 2019

Troubling the Waters for the Healing of the World #GoodTrouble For the past 17 years, over a thousand people gather for inspiration, education, networking, and action. This event culminates in a trip to The Hill to visit our senators and congress people and their aids with a specific ask. Past presenters include Sister Helen Prejean, Jim Wallace, Rev. Dr. William Barber. ELCA is a contribution partner and sponsor in this exciting event. Contact Shannon Beck (outreach@ourredeemers.net) <https://advocacydays.org/2019-troubling-the-waters/>





## Ballard Sunday Dinner Continues to Need You!

*Sunday, Feb. 17 ~ Ballard First Lutheran*

Every month we serve a warm meal to our hungry and unhoused neighbors. Consider feeding our hungry and/or unhoused neighbors either date! This gift of hospitality has meaning not only in the literal sense of providing nourishment for bodies that are often hungry, but it is also a way to say to our neighbors who live on the margins that we see them and that we care. Sign up online at [www.tinyurl.com/ballardsundaydinner](http://www.tinyurl.com/ballardsundaydinner) to take a turn with a shift!

## Our Road to Housing Program Is Moving People to Permanent Housing

Our Road to Housing program continues to be a rewarding and helpful part of Our Redeemer's Ministry. We currently have 4 residents living here and have moved 4 people onto more permanent housing since July. In the winter months, this seems like such a critical ministry. Many of us heard from Jesus at Christmas time about what a blessing Our Redeemer's has been for him. We continue to enjoy partnership with the Urban League and are grateful to be called to this important ministry.



## Earth Care Hike

*Saturday, Feb. 23 ~ 9am*

When: Saturday, February 23, 9am – 3pm or so  
Where: Lime Kiln Trail: <https://www.wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/lime-kiln>. 7 miles round trip, elevation gain 625 feet.

Let's meet at the church parking lot at 9am to carpool and enjoy God's good earth! Contact Margaret Wetter for more info.

## EarthCare Team Meeting

*Feb 12 ~ 7pm ~ Shannon Beck's Home*

The Earth Care Team will be meeting February 12, 7pm at Shannon Beck's home. Please come if you have an interest in, ideas for, or just want to learn more about Our Redeemer's! RSVP to Shannon Beck ([outreach@ourredeemers.net](mailto:outreach@ourredeemers.net)).



## The Social Justice Quarterly Team Meeting

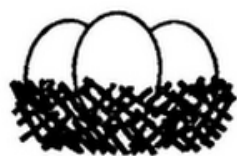
*March 3 ~ 1230pm ~ Room 9*

All are encouraged and welcomed as we look forward to the coming quarter together. BYOSnack to share!



## COMMUNITY

### *Patty's Eggnest*



#### **Men's Breakfast**

*Wednesday, Feb. 6 ~ 7am*

*Patty's Egg Nest*

*9749 Holman Rd NW*

Refresh your spirit in the new year with good company, coffee, and pancakes at Patty's Egg Nest.



#### **Caring Community Team**

*Feb. 16 ~ 12pm ~ Judy Chamber's Home*

Caring Community Team will have their February meeting on 02/16/2019 at 12am (note time change). The meeting will be at the home of Judy Chambers. Contact Linda Carbone (lindac19@comcast.net) for address information.

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Is How It  
Always Is**

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#### **Madonnas Book Group: *Before We Were Yours***

*Sunday, Feb. 24 ~ 3pm*

Our next gathering will be on Sunday, February 24 @ 3pm, place tba, to discuss *This is How It Always Is* by Laurie Frankel. The earlier time is to accommodate those of us who want to be home in time to watch the Oscar ceremony. Contact Margaret Wetter (margaretwetter@comcast.net) for more info.



## **Mark Your Calendar**

AUCTION  
*March 2*

WOMEN'S RETREAT  
*May 3-5*

CONFIRMATION CAMP @  
CAMP LUTHERHAVEN  
*June 23-28*

HOLDEN VILLAGE  
*July 14-20*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
*July 29- August 2*



## **Life Masters (50+): Taproot Theater**

*Wednesday, Feb. 27 ~ 2pm*

Life Masters is going to Taproot Theater to see ARSENIC AND OLD LACE, a comedy that takes protecting family to a comedic extreme. It is about protecting family, community, friendship and unconditional love.

One ticket remains at the discounted group price of \$16. After that, tickets are \$20.

Please respond to Lynne McNeil at  
[buckomcneill@yahoo.com](mailto:buckomcneill@yahoo.com).



## **Theology on Tap**

*Tuesday, Feb. 26 ~ 7pm ~  
Dinah & Ross Coble's Home*

Join us this month for the usual conversation, drinks, snacks, and friends! This month we'll be talking about love in the Bible generally. Don't worry this isn't a Valentines thing. Let's look at all the different ways and people the Bible teaches us to love - our neighbors, the environment, our friends and enemies, our partners, etc. We'll be at Dinah and Ross's place this month. Email or call/text Emilie Purvine for the address! [Emiliepurvine@gmail.com](mailto:Emiliepurvine@gmail.com), 608-347-9591

## MILESTONES

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### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Will Copeland	8	Cara Kiggins	20	Karen Lee
4	Tamara Anderson	8	David Schoolcraft	21	Karina Hlastala
4	Michael Hammett	9	Sydney Record	22	Patrick Johnson
5	Arne Anderson	10	Riley Cromwell	22	Weller Mertes
5	Hadley Duke	11	Miguel Maier	24	Sonja Vonheim-Condon
5	Henry Fowler	12	Guy Michaelson	25	Chris Ward
6	Harold Alley	16	Eric Johnson	26	Barb Dougherty
6	Raleigh Somm	17	Chad See	28	Kristine Leander
7	Gary Schulze	20	Karen Carlson	29	Owen Watkins

### THANKS BE TO GOD FOR...

#### *The Baptism of:*

Jacoby Wander on January 13; son of Jeremiah and Leslie.

#### *The Life of:*

Heather Cook's father, Chuck Cook, who passed away on Wednesday, December 12.

Long-time beloved member, Sissel Peterson, who passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 22. Memorial service TBA.

*Thank you Pastor Kathy and to all the church staff and members who through their generosity and warm hearts, supported me when I needed it.*

*Ryan*

*Former Road2Housing Guest*

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<b>SUNDAYS:</b> 9am - Informal Worship 11am - Traditional Worship		<b>FEBRUARY 2019</b> ourredeemers.net/calendar			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday Saturday
<b>3</b> 10am Adult Faith Formation 10am Explore Faith & Justice	<b>4</b> 9am Quilters	<b>5</b> 8am Generosity Team	<b>6</b> <i>Office Closed*</i> 7am Men's Breakfast 1030am Bible Study 6pm Youth Choir 630pm Children's Choir 7pm Adult Choir	<b>7</b> 345pm Staff Meeting 6pm Centering Prayer & Meal	<b>1</b> Church Council Retreat 130pm Folders <b>2</b> Church Council Retreat 9am Traditional Worship Team Meeting 10am Young Families Potluck
<b>10</b> Teacher in Residence: Fred Niedner 10am Explore Faith & Justice	<b>11</b> 9am Quilters	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10am Staff Meeting 1030am Bible Study 6pm Youth Choir 630pm Children's Choir 7pm Adult Choir	<b>14</b> 730am Interfaith Advocacy Day 6pm Centering Prayer	<b>8</b> Teacher in Residence: Fred Niedner 130pm Folders <b>9</b> Teacher in Residence: Fred Niedner 9am Finance Team
<b>17</b> 10am Adult Faith Formation 10am Explore Faith & Justice 5pm Ballard Sunday Dinner	<b>18</b> <i>President's Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>19</b> 630pm Church council	<b>20</b> 10am Staff Meeting 1030am Bible Study 6pm Youth Choir 630pm Children's Choir 7pm Adult Choir	<b>21</b> 6pm Centering Prayer	<b>15</b> 130pm Folders <b>16</b> 9am Finance Team 12pm Caring Community Team
<b>24</b> 10am Congregational Meeting 10am Adult Faith Formation 1230pm LifeMaster's Bible Exploration	<b>25</b> 9am Quilters	<b>26</b> 7pm Theology on Tap	<b>27</b> 10am Staff Meeting 1030am Bible Study 2pm Arsenic & Old Lace 6pm Youth Choir 630pm Children's Choir 7pm Adult Choir	<b>28</b> 6pm Centering Prayer	<b>22</b> 12pm LifeMaster's 130pm Folders <b>23</b>
					

\*Staff will devote the first Wednesday of each month to professional development and planning.



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**WEEKLY WORSHIP**

Sunday - 9 a.m. (Informal) ~ 11 a.m. (Traditional)

Thursday - 6 p.m. (Centering Prayer)

# Our Redeemer's Festival & Live Auction!

*a family friendly night of  
games, music, food, and fundraising*

*Saturday, March 2 @ 5pm*