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Our community, our calling.



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FROM THE PASTOR...

Beginning. Middle. End.

That's always the order. Of course.

BEGINNINGS: Well, babies. New ventures. First day of school. So often full of hope. Excitement! Anticipation! Dreams! Though probably mixed with anxiety. Awkwardness. Trepidation.

THE MIDDLE: Well, everything's that's not the beginning or the end. It covers a lot of ground. Ups. Downs. Sideways. The same old thing day after day. Surprises. Strategies. Accomplishments. Setbacks. Worries. Temptations. Growth. Losses. Gains. Being stuck.

The middle is where it all happens.

THE END: There's only one of those. Finally.

Beginning. Middle. End. Not always welcome. But always predictably in that order.

EXCEPT...when they aren't. Which is the Easter disruption.

The resurrection of one Jesus of Nazareth doesn't quibble about whether the end--death--is real. But it DOES utterly dispute any conviction that the end--death--is ultimate.

And that means we've had the order wrong. Tragically wrong.

It's actually: *MIDDLE. END. BEGINNING.*

Can you even? Think about it. If you dare to. It messes with your head.

To expect beyond the end. Beyond our powers. Beyond our knowledge. Beyond our screw-ups. Beyond the love we've known so far. To lean into radical love.

What would life look like, if we lived assuming MIDDLE...END...

And then.....BEGINNING?

In this life? In this world that seems to be digging itself deeper and deeper into the painful, less humane dimensions of existence?

Those who believe in the immortality of the soul believe life after death is as natural a function as digestion after a meal. The Bible instead speaks of resurrection. It is entirely unnatural. [We] do not do on living beyond the grave because that's how [we] are made. Rather, [we] go to [our] grave as dead as a doornail and [are] given [our] life again by God (i.e., resurrection) just as [we] were given it by God in the first place, because that is the way God is made.*

MIDDLE. END. BEGINNING.



Alleluia!

Katharine H. Hawk

Pastor Kathy

*Frederick Buechner, *Wishful Thinking*, pg 49



WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Holy Week: Middle, End... Beginning!

This Holy Week, we are going to take our story of Jesus death and resurrection in its liturgical order, rather than its chronological order.

We start with the middle ...

Palm Sunday, also known as Passion Sunday. We celebrate Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem waving palms and singing songs, and then hear the narrative of Passion of Jesus, interspersed with hymns and songs that also tell the story.

We then move to the end...

The celebration and betrayal of Maundy Thursday, and the beauty and pain of Good Friday and the Mozart Requiem.

Finally, we come to the BEGINNING!

On Easter Sunday, we will gather at 630am at Carkeek Park for a Sunrise Service. (Don't forget to bring a camp chair and a blanket!) Together, we will bear witness with Mary and all the saints that in the morning of the third day the tomb was empty! We will have baptisms, coffee, and hot-crossed-buns. Our traditional worship will be at 9am and 11am in the Sanctuary with orchestra, hand bells, choir, communion, and the children's glad ringing of resurrection bells.

We will also gather for Easter Breakfast in the fellowship hall, with donations benefiting the youth group, and an Easter Egg Hunt at 10:10 on the front lawn for little kids – don't forget a basket!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm/Passion Sunday ~ April 14. Procession with palms and the story of the passion.

Maundy Thursday ~ A NEW COMMANDMENT: LOVE ONE ANOTHER

6:30pm ~ Middle Eastern Meal

7:15pm ~ Simple Communion and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday ~ AT THE CROSS: RADICAL LOVE

7pm ~ Mozart's Requiem and Prayer Around the Cross

Good Friday Noon to Holy Saturday Noon ~ 24-Hour Prayer Vigil

Easter Celebrations! LOVE WINS!

630am ~ Sunrise Service @ Carkeek Park

730-11am ~ Easter Breakfast

9am & 11am ~ Festival Worship, Choirs, Instruments

10:10am ~ Easter Egg Hunt



Mozart Requiem – Good Friday

Friday, April 19 ~ 7pm

by Karen Lee, Traditional Worship & Music Director

Through the reading of Christ's Seven Last Words,
Through the extinguishing of seven candles, one by one,
Through silence in the growing darkness,
And through the powerful music of Mozart's Requiem,
You are invited to experience Our Redeemer's
Good Friday Tenebrae service.

This year's Holy Week theme is Middle...End...Beginning... The days from Palm Sunday to Maundy Thursday describe the Middle events of what was happening in Jesus' life and ministry. And while we know that Easter Sunday celebrates Jesus' resurrection and our new Beginning, the disciples clearly didn't understand that Easter was coming. Jesus' death on the cross brutally marked what they must have thought was the End of their time with him, and all they had hoped for.

For several years, our choir has prepared selections from a Requiem Mass to present on Good Friday as we gather to ponder Christ's death. Faure and Rutter have been two featured composers, and while both of their Requiems portray the solemnity of a funeral mass, they also paint a picture of hope. During a worship planning session last summer, Pastor Kathy asked me what Requiem music came to mind as most signifying a sense of the End, especially the End in the way the disciples would have experienced Christ's death – alone and void of all hope.

Mozart's Requiem was my immediate answer. One of the features in this music is the uncertainty and fear it connotes. Examples of this include powerfully written word paintings of a day of wrath and being consigned to death. While our Christian faith embraces Jesus' resurrection, portions of Mozart's Requiem sound much more like the fear I'm guessing the disciples would have felt when Jesus died.

A couple of the movements end on an open 5th chord. Many chords in music include an interval of the 3rd – a note which can make music sound major when raised (generally a happy chord) or minor when lowered (a sad chord.) The significance of the open 5th chord, which leaves the 3rd out, is for the listener to hear the uncertainty – the end is not resolved.

Mozart wrote his Requiem in 1791, the same year of his own death, but the work was left as unfinished. The final movement, *Lacrymosa* (meaning "Weeping,") was reportedly completed by one of his students.

Our selections from the Mozart Requiem will feature our Choir, Guest Organist, Martha Freitag, Violinist, Jonath Ochs, and Soprano Soloist, Stephanie Running. At the conclusion of the Good Friday service, all are welcome to gather for "Prayer Around the Cross" where Taize chants will be sung and candles will be lit – beginning to bring light back into the darkness.

We hope you're able to come and experience this powerful service. And it will make Easter Sunday all the more meaningful!



Everyone Can Be Part of the Good Friday, 24-hour Prayer Vigil

Noon, April 19 to Noon, April 20

Once again, Our Redeemer's community members will keep a vigil of prayer in our sanctuary as part of our Holy Week observance. The vigil will begin at noon on Good Friday and continue throughout the night until noon on Saturday. During the evening and night, candles on the cross from the Good Friday service will still be burning. Some folks sit by those candles and pray. Inside the prayer chapel, there will be prayer requests, Bible passages, thoughts on prayer, and more candles you can light. If you cannot be at the church, you can also pray at home during your hour.

Spending an hour in these settings is truly worthwhile and will add meaning to your Easter joy. To participate, look for the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall or at signup.com/go/zanRfmz. Sign up early so you can get your favorite hour.

Another way to participate is making a prayer request for someone or something important to you on one of the purple prayer requests on the Sunday Count-Me-In clip boards. These written requests will be gathered so that they will be remembered in prayer during the vigil.



NEW! Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 21 ~ 630am ~ Carkeek Park

This year during holy week, we are trying a new (but actually old) thing. As a congregation, we are hosting a sunrise Easter service at the overlook at Carkeek Park. There will be music, communion, baptisms, and hot coffee! At 630am, we will gather with blankets and chairs around the fire circle and watch as the sun welcomes Easter morning and we celebrate Jesus' resurrection. This service will be in place of the Easter Vigil on Saturday night, which traditionally is a 3-hour service celebrating the arrival of light and the story of God's people throughout history, culminating at midnight with a resurrection celebration. Our Redeemer's vigil service has not been nearly that lengthy, but enjoys the same roots!

Fun Facts about Easter Sunrise services: Did you know... In 1773, America's first Sunrise Service — an Easter Mass held early enough for congregants to witness the dawn's first rays together — was held in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, organized by the Moravians — a church with its roots in the present-day Czech Republic. The service is held to mark the empty tomb that greeted Mary as dawn broke on Easter morning. Since then, such celebrations have been held in such diverse and scenic venues as the Hollywood Bowl (which celebrates its 88th service this year), the Lincoln Memorial and Colorado Springs' Garden of the Gods. (Source: Time Magazine)

CENTERING PRAYER

Thursdays, 6-6:35PM.

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

- 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.



Give Spring Flowers for Easter!

You can honor a loved one by making a donation toward spring flowers that will grace our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Envelopes are in the pews and clipboards. Just fill one out and place it in the offering basket.

Summer Worship Schedule Preview

Summer Sundays at the Park ~ 7pm

Join us in person or on Facebook Live for worship this summer. We will have music, prayer, communion, and a brief message each Sunday from a different park in North Seattle. It's a great way to stay connected over the summer when so many of us are out and about on adventures. If you choose to join in online, know that you will be able to make prayer requests and they will be included.

Traditional worship will be at 10am in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings from July 7 through September 1. The informal service will meet Sunday evenings, offsite, from July 7 through September 1.

July 7 – Golden Gardens

July 14 – Sunset Hill Park

July 21 – Carkeek

July 28 – Green Lake

Aug 4 – Golden Gardens

Aug 11 – Sunset Hill Park

Aug 18 – Carkeek

Aug 25 – Green Lake



LIVING GENEROUSLY

Fund-A-Need Project: Band Recording a Record

Thanks to the generosity of the people of Our Redeemer's at the "Meet Me by the Bayou" auction, we have funding to make a professional-grade studio recording of the original music written and sung at the informal service! This is an exciting time to be a musician at Our Redeemer's. This music will be available to everyone to listen to themselves, share with their friends, and to inspire the larger church in their new and creative worship practices as well! We will be able to make a mini-documentary of the recording process that will be sharable on our website and via social media. Hopefully, it will be a great way of bringing our music, our message of radical love and grace and acceptance, and the great sounds we make outside of our Fellowship Hall and out into north Seattle. I mean, who knew that some of the best music we've ever sung was happening in that little brick church on the corner on Sunday mornings at 9am? You did. And thank you for that!

We are so excited to be working with Lacey Brown, an amazing producer and prolific recording artist. She is the worship curator at Church of the Apostles in Fremont, as well as a percussion profession and member of the Lutheran supergroup, Sparklemotion.

In fun news, your informal ensemble is looking for a name (besides the informal ensemble) to put on this recording, and we would love to hear your suggestions! Email them to Pastor Gretchen.

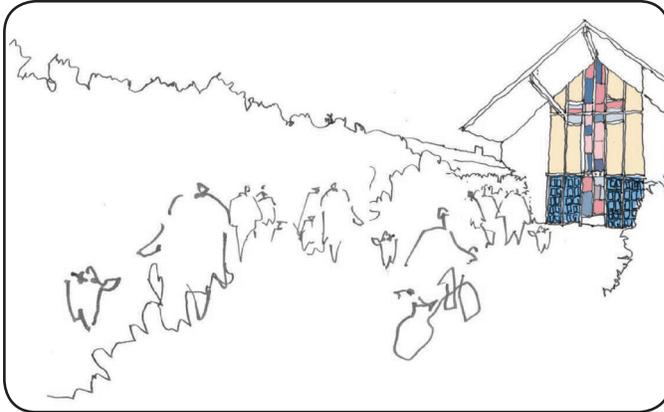


Thank you to our Generosity Team who put together this bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall recognizing all of the volunteers who help this community thrive. Check it out! It also offers an opportunity to see all the ways you might get involved.

Meet Me by the Bayou! Annual Festival & Live Auction



BUILD THE VISION... SHARE THE VISION!



Vision-Aligned Building (VAB) Update

As reported in last month's edition of *The Visitor*, Our Redeemer's voted overwhelming (67-4) to hire SHKS Architects to provide architecture and design services for the full scope of remaining Vision-Aligned Building (VAB) project, up to \$265,000. See the March newsletter for more information about SHKS and the members of their team that will be working on our project.

Throughout March and April, members of the Church Council will be going to existing congregational groups to discuss options for additional funding for construction costs of code upgrades for the project, including the possible sale of the P-Patch property. For those of you unable to attend one of these small group gatherings, here are some the points that will be covered:

BRIEF HISTORY OF VAB PROJECT

- Starting point: A building that hinders Our Redeemer's vision
- Felt needs include: need for more practical meeting space, greater accessibility, lighting and sound deficiencies in sanctuary, confusing entrance, life and safety concerns,

worship space flexibility (ability to worship in one common space for both services)

- VAB Team assembled early 2014--four plus years of time, effort, care and passion
- First effort: attempted to minimize significant structural changes in order to avoid substantial alteration determination AND hoped to create a striking design
- City of Seattle: substantial alteration determination that increased project costs approximately \$1.5 million!!
- Second effort: "right-sizing" and adaptive re-use
- Funding? VAB Team had informal fact-finding meetings with land-use attorney and church property developers; commercial appraisal of property conducted
- Assessment of rezoning property in order to substantially increase property value
- All architectural studies included keeping parking at or close to current capacity
- Conclusion: No rezoning. Risks clearly outweighed potential rewards. A contract rezone would be a long, expense process and success not close to guaranteed

WHERE WE ARE AT NOW

- Projected construction funds available: \$765,000
- Available funds include: Calvary sale proceeds, Capital Campaign Pledges, Designated Capital Improvements giving (including Fellowship Hall auction fund-a-need), and Designated Strategic Future Giving

- Funds not available: Strategic Plan Staffing expenses (to date and remaining), Fellowship Hall construction expenses, VAB architecture and related expenses (to date and recently passed SHKS expenses for full scope of remaining project), or Strategic Planning and new website development start-up costs
- [contact Don Boelter, Parish Administrator (administrator@ourredeemers.net for detail report of above funds information)]
- Assessing alternative funding options to cover required code upgrades:
 - Mortgage: \$2 million 30-year fixed loan would add \$7,000 to \$7,500 per month to regular budget; only realistic way to pay for this would be significant staffing cut backs
 - Another Capital Campaign. Time-consuming, expensive process that probably would reap limited reward; last capital campaign will not conclude until end of 2019
 - Sell parking lot property. Losing parking could have dramatic negative impact on church attendance/membership and ongoing programming. Even if we went through the process of up-zoning the property and were successful (see above), potential higher sale value would be almost completely gone if we attempted to replace lost parking stalls with an underground lot

[contact Don Boelter, Parish Administrator (administrator@ourredeemers.net for detailed map of P-Patch and additional parking lot property boundaries]

- Any potential sale of P-Patch property would require a) church council approval, and b) Congregational approval
- To date, there have been no meetings with any land developers in re: possible sale of P-Patch property
- Instead, we are actively working to sell P-Patch property to non-profit that would maintain land as garden or other community space
- VAB Team has had preliminary discussions with GROW, a local non-profit that owns and maintains community gardens, along with Ballard P-Patch leadership and City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, to this end.
- However, we cannot commit to that as the sole possibility we will explore, and we will also likely look into what the sale of that property might generate on the open market

POTENTIAL P-PATCH PROPERTY SALE

- Assessed value of P-Patch Property (April 2018) = \$1.35 million. Three lots at current zoning with a value of \$450,000 per lot
- Would gain an additional lot –increasing total value to \$1.8 million-- by selling approximately 6,200 SF or 15% of parking lot (probably would lose 15 stalls at far north end of lot parallel to P-Patch space replaceable with reconfiguring landscaping.)

The VAB Team will continue to meet on an almost weekly basis as SHKS continues their pre-design work.

Questions about the project can be directed to any of the Team members:

Jim Arnold

Mike Hlastala

Pastor Kathy Hawks

Kirsten Malone

Ryan Mertes

Guy Michaelsen

and Don Boelter, Parish Administrator

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FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation Consultation Research Underway!

Thank you for your patience with our team as we continue our work evaluating our faith formation programs for children and their families at Our Redeemer's, and as we research possible consultants that will help us to create a church that is focused on the faith formation of all members. Currently our leads on this, Pastor Gretchen and Betsy McGregor are researching consultants who they believe will lead us towards our goals.

Sunday school participation has been in the decline for several years at Our Redeemer's. Revitalization of this essential part of faith formation presents our biggest opportunity for growth as a faith community. Among many issues, is creating a vibrant children's program which fits with the current culture of young, busy Seattle families. It is a bit daunting but we believe that with the right consultant and the energy of our team, we can meet this goal. To test the waters, we are going to offer a children's program for ages 4-10 that will offer creative, (read crafty) ways for children to explore what it means to be a child of God.

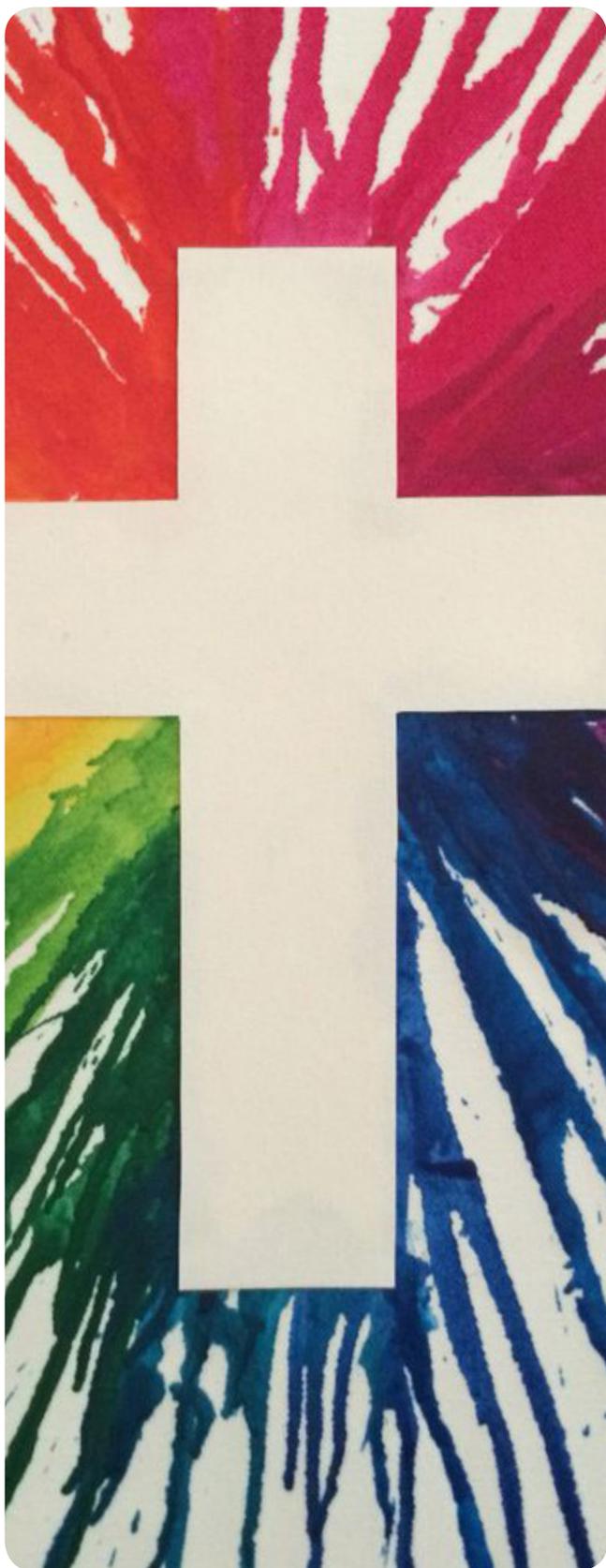
This has been a gradual process, as we are stepping into somewhat uncharted waters, especially for a church our size, to really unearth what our families, the dominant culture in the Pacific Northwest, and the church itself on a larger scale needs to continue to thrive. That being said, we have a great team, and are confident that we can lead Our Redeemer's to adaptive change that leads to a flourishing program. Our underlying goal is to create a church culture (an ethos, even) where both kids and adults learn not just Bible stories, but develop a relationship with God, and discover how completely and totally loved they are, even when they aren't so sure.

We will keep you posted on our progress. Your prayers and concerns are expected and welcomed.

Peace to you!

Betsy McGregor and Pastor Gretchen Mertes, team leads.





Kids and their Families: Exploring Faith through Arts and Creativity

At 10am, between services we have been exploring faith and justice with all ages since September. It has been a fun, informational, and invigorating study! Now we are shifting gears to a more kid-oriented arts & crafts time, based on the Easter stories we will hear in church each Sunday.

Kids of all ages and their families (and really, anyone who wants to come) are invited to sign up to participate in a meaningful artistic session from 10:05-10:55 in room 10 upstairs, or other spaces as assigned. There is no cost for these amazing classes.

May 5 – Jesus Makes Breakfast: Let's Make Breakfast! Katie Eggs & Cinnamon Toast – with Chef Bob Carlson

May 12 – My Sheep Hear My Voice: Let's Write a Song – with Pastor Gretchen! Lyrics, melody, and fun dance moves you can take home with you.

May 19 – Love One Another As I Love You: Painting hearts and love. Watercolors are amazing.

May 26 – The Holy Spirit, The Advocate: Art using feathers exploring the symbols of the spirit.

June 2 – May We Be One: Friendship bracelets that are braided with beads.

June 9 – Pentecost: The Birthday of the Church! Make fun fleece Holy Spirit pillows.



Confirmation Update!

Have you thanked a confirmand today? Our confirmation students work hard assisting in worship, volunteering at our meals and events, helping the nursery, and generally being awesome members of this great community. It is all of our jobs to make them feel like this is their church – that they are an important, full-fledged part of this community with a role and a voice, and that we value them! So go on! Strike up a conversation with a middle schooler. It's good for you, too!

Our confirmands are really getting to the study of the creed we've been working on, and are looking forward to camp this summer! Here's the updated class schedule, and a few service events too.

Wed 4/3 3:00-4:15

Sun 4/21 EASTER BREAKFAST service event

Wed 4/24 3:00-4:15 NEW

Sat 4/27 E-CYCLING service event.

Wed 5/8 3:00-4:15

Wed 5/22 3:00-4:15 NEW



Vacation Bible School

July 29 – August 2

VBS Sunday on August 4

Calling all kids! You are invited to VBS at Our Redeemer's this summer. We have groups for kids ages 4-4th grade. Students 5th-12th grade are invited to volunteer as helpers and junior counselors. There's room for everyone!

ReNew is an environmentally-focused VBS program that inspires kids and adults to grow in faith, have fun, and change the world as they practice stewardship of creation!

You can still expect many of the things you love about VBS—kids learning about Jesus, exploring

God's Word, singing and celebrating, and engaging different intelligences—but we have modified and simplified the program to make it green, centered on stewardship of creation, and action-oriented for a big impact on the participants, your community, and the world.

Upcoming Summer Events!

VBS – *July 29- August 2, and August 4 is VBS Sunday!* We need tons of volunteers! Please contact Pastor Gretchen if you are interested.

Confirmation Camp – *NEW DATE!* August 11-15 at Lutherhaven in Ceoer D'alene ID! Now registering kids in 6-9th grade this fall for camp! We have room for a few elementary kids too if there is interest. Scholarships are very much available!

Holden Village – *July 14-20, or July 13-19.* Check with Margaret Wetter for availability.



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.

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.

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



Recovery & Spirituality

*May 19 - June 30
10:10-10:55am ~ Library*

Explore ancient, traditional spiritual practices that align the work of recovery and the work of faith. Since all of us are bound up in some way, tending to forget God has power beyond our own, we live with broken or strained relationships, and often ongoing shame and hopelessness.

During May and June, we’ll use the time between worship services to see what we can learn about some of the following practices: Powerlessness, Surrender, Waking Up, Living Transparently, Service, Silence, Deep Listening.

Our conversations are NOT just for people in 12-step recovery groups, but for all who want to grow in freedom, faith, and compassion.

Sharon LeVan, who is a spiritual director and member of Our Redeemer’s, along with Bruce Jenkins (member and retired pastor), Intern Katlin Dickinson-Laurence, and Pastor Kathy will team lead this conversation.

More details coming. Join us and invite your friends!



TEACHER IN RESIDENCE: *Fred Niedner*



“Manna & Mercy in the Wilderness”

Friday, April 26 – Sunday, April 28

Friday, April 26:

630PM ~ Welcome Reception and Appetizers
7PM ~ Session 1: How to Recognize a Wilderness
When You’ve Stumbled into One

Saturday, April 27:

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, April 28:

9AM & 11AM: Dr. Niedner preaches.

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.*



Life Masters Plans: Coming Up!

Don't miss out! Upcoming activities for the group were discussed at our Friday, March 8, meeting.

BROWN BAG LUNCH ~ APRIL 12: Please plan to join us at the April 12 brown bag lunch from Noon until 2 PM as we have our meal and more discussion on the below events and for an opportunity to express your interest. We'll also talk over the proposed sale of the P-Patch property.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER: There was a unanimous agreement that the progressive dinner held last August was very successful with about 35 attendees. We have scheduled this year's progressive dinner for June 29th. The main course and dessert will be at Sunset West Condo and more details and signups will be posted soon for venues and provision of food.

MOVIE NIGHTS: We are also investigating providing in-house "Movie Nights" at Our Redeemer's with a simple meal. What movie would you recommend we watch?



LifeMasters' Bible Exploration with Dr. Fred Niedner

*4th Sunday of Each Month ~
Sunday, April 27, 12:30pm-1:45pm*

This group always brings great questions and insights, as we move quickly through the Gospel of Luke, learning enough to make our Sunday gospel readings this year much more interesting and understandable. In April, we have a treat: Teacher in Residence, Pastor Fred Niedner, will be leading the exploration!

Don't miss it! And remember to bring some lunch.



Bible Study on Wednesday Mornings at 10:30am

Elijah and Elisha are described as the Conscience of the Kingdom (Israel). These two prophets stood fearlessly against the pagan priests and kings who opposed the God of Israel. With fiery words and powerful miracles, the prophets were the voice of God. This is our next topic of study at the Wednesday morning Bible Class. We will be viewing a DVD from the series, The Footprints of God, put out by the Ignatius press. Questions? Contact Carolyn Swanson (cdkswan@comcast.net) for more info.



Gather at Camp Indianola for the Women's Retreat

May 3-5, 2019

Watch for details about program, car-pooling, snacks in the very near future!



NO ONE'S CHILD SHOULD SLEEP OUTSIDE

I love my bed and my friends at Mary's Place. Thank you for helping my family!

-Joshua, age 12





SOCIAL JUSTICE / EARTH CARE



Community Engagement & Social Justice Coordinator Search Team Forming

Marie Brissette, Candace Todd-Robbins, Leslie Wander, Sheila Carey and 1-2 others are forming a search team to find our next Community Engagement and Social Justice Coordinator.

The job description for this position was slightly altered as a result of the Church Council's winter retreat. Council's review of our strategic plan clarified Our Redeemer's' original third strategic objective from "Inviting People In/Ministry-based Partnerships" to "Engaging the Community". Council also clarified that generally, when we use the word "community" we will be referring to our geographical neighborhood; when we refer to the community of Our Redeemer's, we will use the word "relationships", or specify we mean the community OF Our Redeemer's.

Most of the job description remains the same, but public relations skills and experience with community engagement and outreach are now specifically included in this position.

We will keep the congregation current, as the search team moves forward.



Help Ballard Sunday Dinner Make a Difference!

Sunday, April 21 ~ Ballard First Lutheran

This month Ballard Sunday Dinner falls on Easter Sunday, so plan ahead to participate. Let's make sure our homeless and underhomed family receives a good meal and some resurrection hope! Bring Aunt Peggy, cousin Marshall, uncle Remos, whoever has a big heart! Call Shannon 502-443-3544 or email outreach@ourredeemers.net

Road to Housing

Our safe housing program has had a good month. Our residents are in process with some housing options and have appreciated being able to cook and sleep here. All of our residents are currently working or on disability for a medical condition. If you've been at church, you've probably seen Jesus C. recently. He continues to come on Sundays to see folks he has grown fond of. Continue to remember him and this program in your prayers!

Social Justice Meeting

Sunday, April 13 ~ 12:30pm ~ Library

Bring a snack to share!



Recycle Your Electronics, Styrofoam, Clothing, and Bicycles at Our Redeemer's!

Saturday, April 27 ~ 10am-2pm

Clean out your basement and garage and get rid of all those unwanted electronic items, styrofoam and clothing. Our Redeemer's is partnering with Living Green Technology, BikeWorks, Styrotec, Mary's Place and The Bridge Center. This, as usual, open to the public.

We will be on hand to collect clean, dry styrofoam (please remove all tape and labels; sorry we cannot accept hot tub covers, insulating foam or anything that is dirty, wet or has been left outside). For e-cycling laptops, phones, software accessories, and more. PLUS gently used clothing will be collected for donation to Mary's Place and the Bridge Care Center.

Recycling is FREE. We need many hands! Please sign up here for a shift. <http://signup.com/go/CkAUNqO>



Remembering Jim Mulligan, Earth Ministry Co-Founder

Many of us are fortunate to have a relationship with the founders of Earth Ministry, Jim and Ruth Mulligan. Few have had a more important legacy in faith communities than Jim and Ruth. He died February 14, 2019 and there will be a celebration of his life on March 9 at St. Mark's Cathedral. We know that Jim would want us to honor him by honoring the "Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer" by taking care of God's creation, our earth. Following is the announcement of his passing and information about his service.

"It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Earth Ministry co-founder Rev. Jim Mulligan. Jim was a wise and loving person who brought his commitment, experience, and energy to Earth Ministry. His care for God's creation and the human and natural communities of our common home set the standard for our mission and programs.

Jim and his wife Ruth have long been the heart of Earth Ministry and we will miss Jim greatly. We invite all of you to join the Earth Ministry community for a celebration of Jim's life at 1pm on Saturday, March 9 at St. Mark's Cathedral in Seattle. Contributions in his honor can be made to Earth Ministry's Jim Mulligan Memorial Fund."

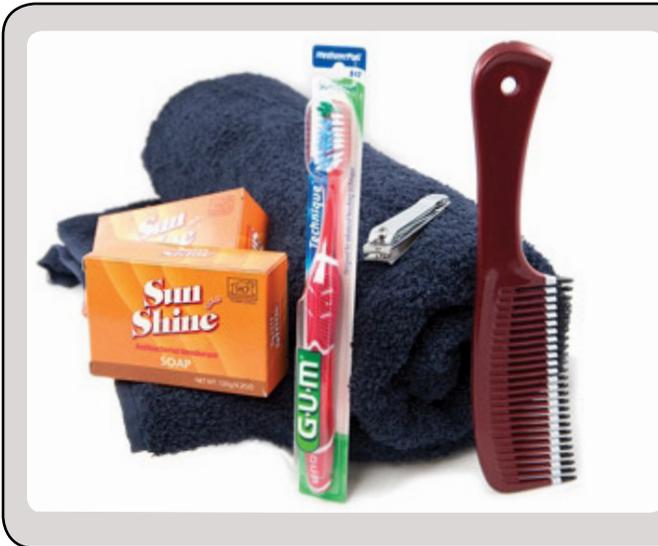


Vacation Bible School Preview Between Services on Sundays





Earth Care Hike Last Month at the Lime Kiln Trail



Lutheran World Relief Quilts & Care Kits

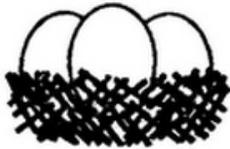
Drop off donations in the Narthex until Mid-April (in order of need):

- Individually wrapped tooth brushes
- 4oz. bar soap (Ivory preferred)
- Towels
- Bed sheets (dark colors preferred)
- Nail Clippers
- Bigger toothed combs



COMMUNITY

Patty's Eggnest



Men's Breakfast

Wednesday, April 3 ~ 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

Apr. 6 ~ 11am ~ Judy Chamber's Home

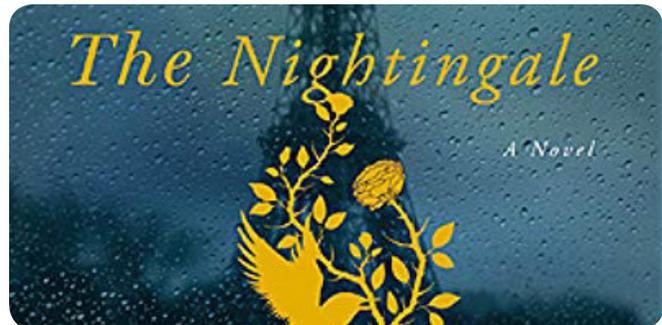
Caring Community Team will have their April meeting 04/06/19 at 11:00 am (time change). The meeting will be held at the home of Judy Chambers. Contact Linda Carbone (lindac19@comcast.net) for address information.



Theology on Tap

Tuesday, April 23 ~ 7pm ~ Ellen Arrington's Home

On April 23 we will gather at Ellen Arrington's home. We will be talking about resurrection. Literal, figurative, and all the different ways that new life can come after death. Come, and raise a glass to new life together! Email or call/text Emilie Purvine with any questions! Emiliepurvine@gmail.com, 608-347-9591



Madonnas Book Group:

The Nightingale

Sunday, April 28 ~ 4pm

Our April book is The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah. We will meet on Sunday, April 28th @ 4pm at Janet Woodfield's home. Contact Margaret Wetter (margaretwetter@comcast.net) for more info.



Meet the Member: America Mejia

by Nancy OldenKamp

1) What drew you to attend Our Redeemer's?

I was drawn to Our Redeemer's because of the loving way they treated everyone and their joyful way of worshipping!

2) Where did you live as a child? How many brothers and sisters do you have?

I lived in Moses Lake Wa. as a child and I have 2 sisters and 3 brothers.

3) Favorite childhood memory? What did you like to play with as a child?

My favorite childhood memory is riding my "Miss America" bike while wearing pink snap together curlers. For some unknown reason I thought they were pretty cool and I wanted everyone to see me wearing them! What was I thinking! As a child I was always outside riding bikes with friends and exploring.

4) What are your interests/passions/hobbies?

I love being out in nature with my pup and working in the garden. Creating is my passion. I love watercolor painting, making jewelry, sewing, knitting and I enjoy the challenge of mastering new crafts.

5) Something you look forward to this year?

I look forward to seeing what the future holds for me.

6) Favorite thing about attending Our Redeemer's?

The favorite thing I like about attending Our Redeemer's is my church family!



Prayer Shawls Needed: Help Wrap the Assembly in Prayer

We are seeking donations of prayer shawls to share with each of the nine nominees for the office of bishop and for each of the 400 voting members attending the assembly.

We appreciate your gifts of either full-sized prayer shawls or pocket-sized prayer shawls to wrap warmth, color, and prayers around the nominees and members of the assembly as they do their work.

Please contact Janice Stepp 425-210-2733 or wmpjms@gmail.com to let her know how many you or your congregation are able to share - or if you have any questions.



CONGRATULATIONS to Sydney Record, who was just awarded her Doctorate from the U.W. School of Nursing! She and her mom, Kari Guddal, will walking the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route for 10 days later this spring!

Donate Your Offering Safely by Text

Enter: 206-717-8465 and the amount you wish to donate, then press send. You will receive a registration link. Click the link and enter your contact and payment information. Tap "Process."

You will receive a verification text and a receipt via email. The 2nd time you do this, just send a text with the amount you wish to give. It will process automatically. To give to a designated fund, text "Funds" and you'll receive a list of currently active funds. Questions? Contact Don Boelter (administrator@ourredeemers.net).

MILESTONES

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1	Susan Hanson	6	Britta Wallstrom	19	Earl Ecklund
1	Kirsten Malone	7	Joanne Marson	20	Philip Dovich
1	Ken Prentice	9	Peter Richmond	21	Laurie Soine
2	Stephanie Fowler	10	Tyler Glover	22	Pamela Altman
2	Aden Michaelsen	13	Christina Forssen	22	Connor Osborn
3	Torin Ege	15	Morgan Fowler	26	Jan Ward
3	Lucas Frantz	16	Genevieve Knight	27	Jacoby Day Wander
3	Carolyn Swanson	17	Ava Haroldson	29	KC Carroll
4	Kris Templin	17	Candace Todd-Robbins	30	Nora Jancola
4	Connor White	18	Hazel Prentice		
4	Nicholas White	19	Benjamin Dovich		

THANKS BE TO GOD FOR...

The Life of:

Eva Vonheim, who passed away on Monday, March 25, 2019. Memorial service information coming soon.

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SUNDAYS:

9am - Informal Worship
11am - Traditional Worship

APRIL 2019

ourredeemers.net/calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 1 9am Quilters	2 9am Quilters	3 <i>Office Closed*</i> 7am Men's Breakfast 1030am Bible Study 3pm Confirmation 6pm Youth Choir 630pm Children's Choir 7pm Adult Choir	4 10am Staff Meeting 6pm Centering Prayer & Meal	5 130pm Folders	6 9am Traditional Worship Team Meeting 9am Finance Team 11am Caring Community Team 3pm Handbells	
7 10am Adult Forum 10am Explore Faith & Art 4pm The Journey	8 9am Quilters	9 9am Quilters	10 1030am Bible Study 3pm Confirmation 6pm Youth Choir 630pm Children's Choir 7pm Adult Choir	11 10am Staff Meeting 6pm Centering Prayer	12 130pm Folders	13 230pm Handbells 3pm Orchestra Rehearsal
14 PALM SUNDAY 10am Adult Forum 10am Explore Faith & Art 1230pm Social Justice Team 4pm The Journey	15 9am Quilters	16 9am Quilters	17 1030am Bible Study 3pm Confirmation 6pm Youth Choir 630pm Children's Choir 7pm Adult Choir	18 10am Staff Meeting 6pm Centering Prayer 630pm Maundy Thursday Middle Eastern Meal 7-15pm Maundy Thursday Worship	19 130pm Folders 7pm Good Friday Worship	20 230pm Handbells 3pm Orchestra Rehearsal
21 EASTER 630am Easter Sunrise 8am Easter Breakfast 10am Easter Egg Hunt 5pm Ballard Sunday Dinner	22 <i>Office Closed</i> 9am Quilters	23 7pm Theology on Tap	24 1030am Bible Study 3pm Confirmation 6pm Youth Choir 630pm Children's Choir 7pm Adult Choir	25 10am Staff Meeting 6pm Centering Prayer	26 12pm LifeMaster's 130pm Folders 630pm Niedner: Teacher in Residence	27 10am Recycling Event 10am Niedner: Teacher in Residence
28 Quilt Blessing 10am Explore Faith & Art 10am Adult Forum: Niedner 1230pm LifeMaster's Bible Exploration	29 9am Quilters	30 630pm Church Council				

*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)

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm/Passion Sunday ~ April 14. Procession with palms and the story of the passion.

Maundy Thursday ~ A NEW COMMANDMENT: LOVE ONE ANOTHER

6:30pm ~ Middle Eastern Meal

7:15pm ~ Simple Communion and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday ~ AT THE CROSS: RADICAL LOVE

7pm ~ Mozart's Requiem and Prayer Around the Cross

Good Friday Noon to Holy Saturday Noon ~ 24-Hour Prayer Vigil

Easter Celebrations! LOVE WINS!

630am ~ Sunrise Service @ Carkeek Park

730-11am ~ Easter Breakfast

9am & 11am ~ Festival Worship, Choirs, Instruments

10:10am ~ Easter Egg Hunt