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He is risen!

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A Community in the Model of Christ

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Cover Photo: Easter Sunrise Service 2019 at Carkeek Park. Below: Looking back at Easter 2019 festivities. Join us in-person for a COVID-safe Easter Sunrise Service this Sunday April 4, 6:30am; at 11am, celebrate Easter online – see page 6 for details. (Photos by Jonath Ochs)



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From the Pastor...



We're in phase three! We're in phase three! People are getting vaccinated! The numbers are going down! We're on the path to normal! And even more, ... It's EASTER!

Sweet Jesus, it seems like we too might be actually rising from the grave. The flowers are up, and the daffodils seem brighter this year. My yard is full of witch hazel and green sprouts and mud. The children are starting back to school, musicians are planning concerts. We might be able to go to a sporting event! We might be able to worship together. As a matter of fact, we will worship together in person Easter Sunday at Carkeek Park at 6:30am.

One of the deepest theological underpinnings of Christianity in general and Lutheranism in particular is the cycle of dying and rising, of ending and beginning. In the small catechism, Luther writes that through our baptism, "The old Adam [human] in us should... be drowned and die... and that a new person should daily come forth and rise." His inspiration comes from Romans 6, where Paul writes that "We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:4)

I love that this concept can give us hope throughout our lives. With every "small" death we suffer – loss of job or career, illness, loss of a loved one, while not completely ending our lives, brings us misery and chaos. However, we can remember that God brings new life out of every death. When we are in the grave, when we are buried in grief or depression, it can be hard to imagine what good could possibly come, but our God is a God of new life and resurrection, and I do know that new life does always come.

Shelbe Kukowski, our council president, and I, have put together a strong transition team to talk about what our new life following COVID might be like. This resurrection will be slow, intentional, and well-thought out. We have invited health care professionals, event planners, lawyers, and organizers from within our congregation to help us make sense of our situation. We have a complex path forward between state requirements, county requirements, synod requirements, and our own construction timeline and path. We have to consider things like: will we be inside or outside? Will we sing or not? Will we have communion? How do we maintain our online presence for those who need to worship from home? What can our staff handle, and what do we need volunteers to do?

My dear friends in Christ, we will be together soon, and God is faithful in all this.

I am so grateful for our continued worship life together through this period of separation, and I yearn so much for us to be together and pass the peace. I pray for your continued patience as more and more of us are vaccinated, and the curve toward normal keeps bending homeward.



In peace,

Pastor Gretchen Mertes

(The photos above are from my yard of daffodils, camellias, and witch hazel.)



LIVING GENEROUSLY

Generis Consultants to Help Us Open Our Doors! by Pastor Kathy Hawks

On the evening of that first day of the week,
when the disciples were together, **with the doors locked...**
John 20:1

*Only now, after a year of pandemic life, when we have all been
cooped up inside, keeping our distance from one another...*

*Only now, after a year with our church building undergoing
renovation...*

*Only now, as we begin the wonderful conversation
about what our renovated building can offer our community*

*Only now, have I connected the disciples' locked doors on the evening of
Christ's resurrection, with God's call to us to OPEN our doors as an invitation to
new life, not just within our own faith community, but for our neighbors.*



I am so grateful God has provided us with capital campaign consultants who are first and foremost about the vision and mission our new building will bring into being. Jennifer Perrow (who lives just around the corner from the church building) and Pastor Kris Capel (who interned in West Seattle, but now lives in Minnesota), have already met twice with me, once with our council, and are scheduled to meet with our Generosity Team in early April. For quite a while, most work will be behind the scenes like this.

Jennifer and Pastor Kris not only bring expertise, an amazing commitment to service, attention to who we are, vibrant faith, but genuine enthusiasm for what is ahead for Our Redeemer's! I share their excitement! Stay tuned!

Giving Options

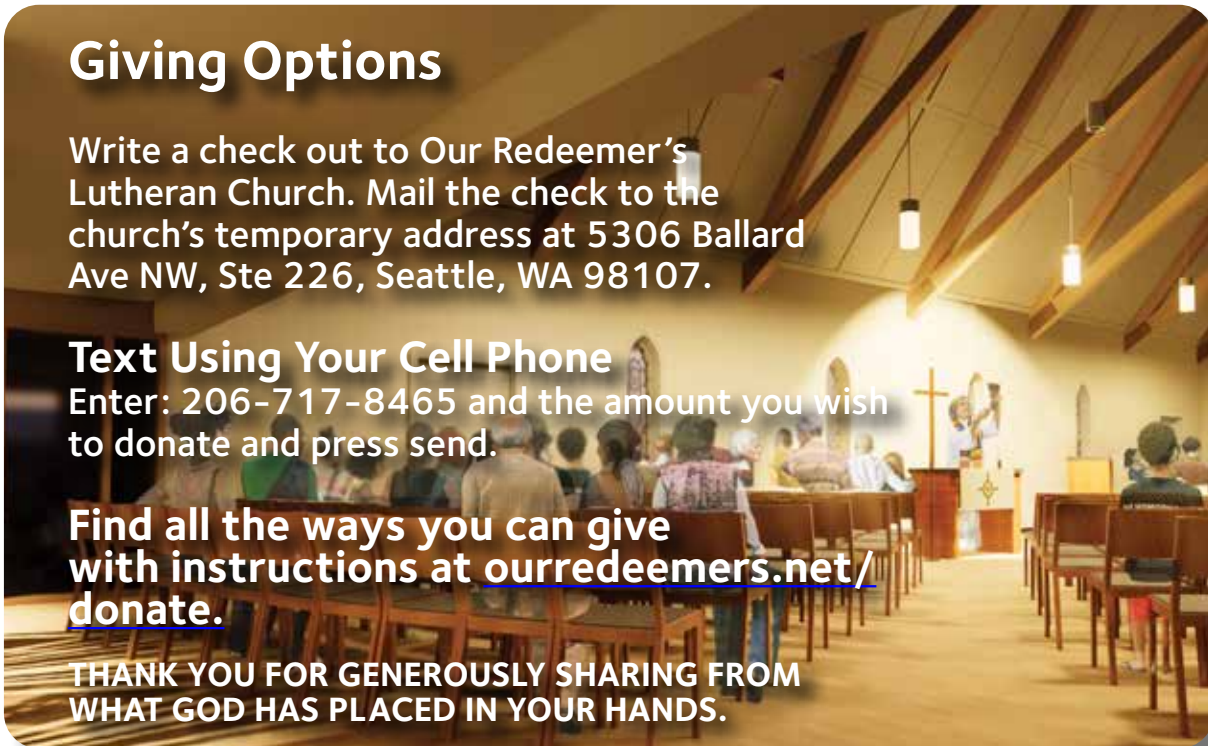
Write a check out to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church. Mail the check to the church's temporary address at 5306 Ballard Ave NW, Ste 226, Seattle, WA 98107.

Text Using Your Cell Phone

Enter: 206-717-8465 and the amount you wish to donate and press send.

Find all the ways you can give with instructions at ourredeemers.net/donate.

**THANK YOU FOR GENEROUSLY SHARING FROM
WHAT GOD HAS PLACED IN YOUR HANDS.**



WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Centering Prayer

Silence can be one of the most healing realities there is. When we're not used to it, we may feel awkward or uncomfortable, but even so, the quiet of a night without jets in the sky or Netflix in the background is often just what our souls need.

Every Wednesday, the gift of 30 minutes of quiet prayer is yours.

Zoom Information:
<https://rb.gy/djll3o>

Join by phone call:
+1 (206) 337-9723

Meeting ID: 984 1700 9634
Passcode: 132934



a cross MARK 15:21	a leafy branch MARK 11:8	something broken MARK 14:3	the sound of a bird MARK 14:72
water JOHN 13:5	a heart JOHN 13:34	a table LUKE 22:14	twelve of something MARK 14:17
something sharp or thorny MARK 15:17	something purple JOHN 19:5	something hiding JOHN 20:19	a stone MARK 15:46
something empty MARK 16:6	something springing to life LUKE 24:5	a sweet or spiced scent JOHN 19:40	each letter of Alleluia! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

You may also download and print this graphic at <https://rb.gy/faelpv>.



During Holy Week we tell the story of Jesus' last week, from the triumphal entry to the Last Supper, cross, and empty tomb. Take a walk and use all your senses to find the things listed above. Take a photo or check it off, then look up the verse.



WORSHIP AND MUSIC

HOLY WEEK CONTINUES

Go to <https://ourredeemers.net/holyweek> for details.

Maundy Thursday – April 1, 2021 @6pm

Celebrate Jesus' last supper with his friends and his washing of their feet. We encourage you to have:

- A washbasin and a towel,
- A simple meal of soup and bread prepared for your household,
- Communion elements of bread and wine

The service will include a "Circles of Connection" time where we discuss the scriptures and pray together during our meal, and we will conclude with Holy Communion and chanting Psalm 22.

Good Friday Seven Last Words – April 2, 2021 @7pm

Together we will pray and listen to reflective music from members of our congregation, as we extinguish seven candles and enter into the darkness of Christ's death. You are encouraged to have seven candles. [Link Here for Information.](#)

EASTER SUNRISE WORSHIP!

April 4, 2021 @6:30am – in-person in Carkeek Park

He is risen!! We rise early to celebrate Jesus' resurrection - in person - on Easter Sunday! You will need: a chair, a blanket, your own coffee, and a mask. We will provide pre-packaged communion elements, and bulletins. (We are very mindful that we are still in a pandemic. We ask everyone to maintain strict social distancing, and refrain from hugging, or singing, or touching each other.)

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION!

April 4, 2021 @11am

Our special Easter worship is with orchestra, brass, handbells, and choir. Celebrate together as we will sing and pray and let our alleluias ring! Our service will include a special children's message and Holy Communion.

Online/Phone Worship Instructions

We gather each Sunday online at 11:00 AM. Here are three ways to connect.

By Facebook Live. Go to www.facebook.com/ourredeemers. You don't have to have a Facebook account – it's a public channel.

By Phone. Call 1 206 337 9723, and then enter this number when prompted: 822 691 346. This method only lets you listen, but it works well.

By Zoom. Click this link: <https://zoom.us/j/822691346>. The link works from 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM every Sunday.

Our Welcome Minister will be monitoring the chat and make sure that our worship leaders get your questions. The bulletin each Sunday will be available on our website for download at www.ourredeemers.net/virtual-worship/.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

In Gratitude for Music and the Musicians Who Create It

by Karen Lee, Our Redeemer's Traditional Worship and Music Director

As I write this, Choir rehearsal is about to start. I always look forward to gathering with these caring, talented, giving people – whether in person, or for the past year, online.

One constant blessing throughout this really challenging year has been the desire for musicians to still create music. And we have needed to figure out new and creative ways to sing and play together though physically apart.

I want to thank all the people who have contributed to Our Redeemer's music this past year, and the extra effort that is involved in learning new technologies to record. As we approach Holy Week and Easter, so many musicians have stepped up to offer their gifts of singing, as well as playing a wide variety of instruments – from strings to woodwinds, brass and bells.

And I especially want to express my gratitude to my music colleague and friend, Pastor Gretchen. Planning music together is a rich, energy-filled, fun, and meaningful experience, and I am so thankful we get to partner together in this ministry.

To all who sing, play, listen, and enjoy, Thanks be to God.

With Easter Blessings,
Karen



BUILD THE VISION... SHARE THE VISION

What Happened Last Month: Renovation Update

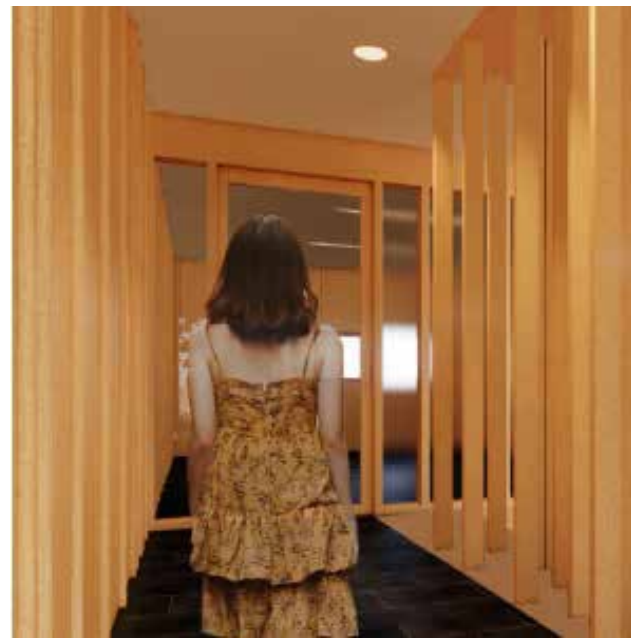
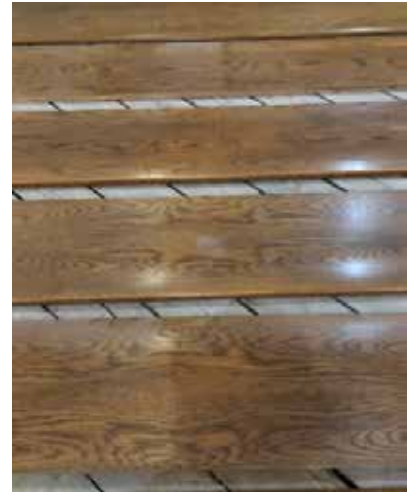


March 3, 2021 - The structural steel column work for seismic improvements is complete. The last four columns were installed adjacent to and between the tall stained-glass windows on the east end of the Sanctuary. While the process was a little slower than anticipated, everything fit, is secure, inspected, and approved.

Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing rough-in is nearly complete with final inspections planned over the next week. This is called a "cover inspection" and is required prior to closing walls. Once approved, these framed walls can be insulated, drywall will be installed, and the finishes (paint, ceiling, flooring) can begin. LZL Construction, the general contractor for the project is working the building in three zones: The lower level, administration, and the sanctuary. The Narthex falls between and will be worked primarily with the Sanctuary since it provides access to the full main floor of the Church.

LZL laid out all salvaged pew material so it could be inspected, measured, and cataloged. While the pews looked similar, there are subtle but important difference in how they were constructed and how the wood can be reused. For example, some of the seats were contoured and some were flat. The contoured seats are veneer glued to a pine core and they have to be cut and prepared differently than the larger flat pieces of solid oak.

After cutting, planing, sanding, and sealing, the wood from these pews will be re-purposed for use in the sanctuary; it will flank the Chancel on each side, extending into the Chapel and it will clad the south wall and extend north into the small meeting room. There are various other areas in the space that will use the wood seats/backs, the pew ends, and the hymnal holders that were located on the back of each pew.



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BUILD THE VISION... SHARE THE VISION

March 17, 2021 - LZL continues to make measurable progress. Insulation of exterior walls, ceilings, and partition walls is complete at the lower level, administration, and Narthex. Drywall was stocked on site this week and inspections for cover are complete. Drywall installation and joint prep will occur over the next two weeks throughout the building. This is milestone for the project and allows finish work like paint, wood trim, and cabinets too move forward.

The next significant milestone for the project will be the removal of the library (and stair) portion of the building. LZL has been working to separate the structure from the main building to facilitate the demolition and required structure reconfiguration for the roof line. As you can see in the photo above, the entry roof has been re-framed and new beam extended out to carry the roof load. Full removal of the structure is planned for mid-April and will include the lower-level basement room. The new foundation walls and water proofing is in place to allow backfill of the area immediately following removal.



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SEE MORE OF WHAT'S HAPPENING FOR YOURSELF... Visit our [renovation website page](#) for the most current construction videos, pictures, and more!

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PROJECT STATUS

Schedule: No Change - Church access late summer 2021

Date	Construction Contingency	Project Contingency
7/12/20	\$217,854	\$67,153
9/1/20	\$217,854	\$57,415
9/30/20	\$217,854	\$57,415
10/15/20	\$199,609	\$57,415
11/14/20	\$170,121	\$61,719
12/1/20	\$167,164	\$61,719
12/15/20	\$160,570	\$61,179
1/15/21	\$142,045	\$61,179
1/31/21	\$142,045	\$61,179
2/15/21	\$142,045	\$61,179
3/4/21	\$145,724	\$54,518
3/17/21	\$143,940	\$54,518

Changes affecting the Project Cost Contingency:

- Credit card charges for piano storage and moving expenses.
- Land sale attorney invoice (from September '20 – missed during move)

Charges against the Construction Contingency to date include:

- Lowering the Chapel floor to bring it to the same level as the Chancel and provide full ADA access.
- Providing a portable toilet with hand-washing facilities for the Road to Housing clients for the duration of construction.
- Providing internet access to the site during construction due to removal required for service at new Ballard temporary finance office.
- Added framing and footing due to hidden conditions in framing at Narthex/Restroom area.
- Replace electrical conduit and wire that were in the Chancel floor framing.
- Chancel floor framing changes to due as-built condition.
- Replace insulation in Administration area ceiling that was damaged by removal of asbestos popcorn ceilings.
- Add foundation and concrete costs due to lower-level concrete walls at south addition.
- Modification to Fellowship Hall Operable Wall to hang from beam vs. ceiling.
- Credit of \$400 for changing lower-level storefront and door to aluminum and adding electric strike.
- Revise Chapel north wall design.
- Raise hydronic pipes in basement to eliminate damage potential.
- Wire replacement to meeting current codes and ensure warranties on new equipment.
- Electrical conduit and added outlets to support A/V systems and use in the building.
- Glaze two windows with opaque glass at lower level adjacent to new entry door.
- Reconcile bid allowance for improvements in Sacristy (credit).
- Delete acoustical panels in Fellowship Hall (credit).
- Reconcile bid allowance for drinking fountains (credit).
- Lighting fixtures – change due to ceiling configurations and availability of fixtures.
- Added cabinets and built ins for reception and office 119 (in lieu of furniture).
- Credit for permitting fees not used in LZL's contract.



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Update by Betsy McGregor, Faith Formation Team Lead

The Faith Formation Team is in the process of planning Our Redeemer's Children's Program for the 2021-2022 School year. We are planning our program with the hope we can meet in person again in our newly remodeled building. Even if we are not able to meet in person, we will be ready to launch a robust and engaging program for our littlest members all the way through high school. We are busy planning classes, as well as easy to do activities that promote daily faith practices at home for the entire family.

Our Vision as a team is to deepen children's connection to Christ, uncover their place in God's story, and embolden them to live as transformed, beautiful Children of God in the church and beyond. We will create an engaging children's program that seeks to include our children to be active participants in worship as well as provide classes and fellowship between services. Along the way we will be seeking volunteers to assist us in this very important work. Our first priority we will be recruit those who feel called to this work. If you would like to help, please contact Pastor Gretchen or myself at bemac7309@gmail.com.



Theology on Tap

Tuesday, April 27, 7 PM

Join us for Theology on Tap on Tuesday, April 27th at 7:00pm. Grab your favorite beverage and snack and join us as we talk about the big theological questions or maybe the small ones, too. Whatever we choose as our topic, lively conversation will be had! Use the Zoom link below and please join use for conversation and fellowship.

To connect with our event, use this Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/688478249>
All are welcome. We hope to see you there!

Wednesday Bible Study by Carolyn Swanson, Study Leader

Every Wednesday, 10:30 AM - Noon

via Zoom Passcode: bible

Our Wednesday Bible class invites you. The Great Courses has joined with National Geographic to present The History and Archaeology of the Bible, which takes you on a multidimensional journey through the Bible from Genesis to the Crucifixion, seen through the lens of the latest historical and archaeological findings, and accompanied by vivid video footage of many of the sites where the stories of the Bible unfolded. Having just completed the March sites, we offer in April the following:

These are the places we will visit in April:

- The Settlement in the Promised Land – April 7
- The Rise of the Israelite Monarchy – April 14
- The Kingdom of David – April 21
- The Temple of Solomon – April 28



It is a pretty special opportunity to see these lessons free of charge. If you would like to join us, or try it, please email me at cdkswan@gmail.com or call 206-390-7732. We meet at 10:30am each Wednesday morning and end promptly at noon. Our media is Zoom. I send the contact link each week to participants. You would be very welcomed by our present class of about 10-12 faithful students.



FAITH FORMATION

Renovate - Our Faith

Adult Forum: How Do I Read the Bible?

Sundays April 18 through June 13

1:00 - 2:30 PM (New Time!)

Passcode "Adult" Meeting ID: 945 4145 3039 [Zoom Link](#)

Taught by Dr. Judy Stack

Do I Really Want to Read The Bible?

- Ancient. Confusing.
- Some parts so offensive.
- I'm not a Bible scholar! I don't want to be one.
- So much WORK to understand it!

But What If...

- ...I were confident about reading it for myself?
- ... I picked it up found and I was surprised?
- Intrigued?
- Touched?
- ...I found it speaking into my own life?



Does any of this resonate for you?

Then, come! Learn how to enjoy curiously exploring the Bible. Come, whether you're a seasoned reader, or just beginning. Discover how scripture opens up who God is for you, and opens your eyes to where God is moving in today's changing, challenging world.

How Do I Read the Bible doesn't aim to give you a huge amount of information ABOUT the Bible. It will help you read the Bible confidently for yourself, and with others. We will take the Bible off the shelf, out of the classroom, and put it in YOUR hands, your life...connecting with God's living grace for you.

This 8-week course is an invitation to come and curiously explore the Bible. Professor Judy Stack zooms in with years of experience and passion to help us all discover, hear, and be blessed directly by the Bible.

All classes start April 18th on Sunday afternoons

1:00-2:30pm

(this is a new time for the Adult Forums)



FAITH FORMATION

HOW DO I READ THE BIBLE?

Schedule of Topics/Readings

Week 1 (April 18): Made in God's image: created to care for the world (Genesis 1-3)

Week 2 (April 25): Called into the unknown to be a blessing (Abraham and the Forbearers, Genesis 12-50)

Week 3 (May 2): Being the people of the God who is "I AM" (Exodus 1-20)

Week 4 (May 9): A people established and addressed: struggling with "chosenness" and God's challenge to be faithful (the Kings and Prophets)

Week 5 (May 16): Jesus comes to initiate the Reign of God (Gospel of Matthew)

Week 6 (May 23): Jesus shows us who God is (Gospel of John)

Week 7 (June 6): The work of Jesus frees and unites those who were divided (Book of Acts and Letters of Paul)

Week 8 (June 13): God's triumph over evil and death to renew the creation and reign (Book of Revelation)



Dr. Judy Stack has worked as a faith formation, and outreach specialist in Episcopal and Lutheran congregations, with an emphasis on how the Bible creates space for conversations that are cross-cultural and cross-experiential, and lead to deepened faith and discipleship. Her approach is imaginative, inviting and engaging. She holds a PhD in New Testament from Princeton Theological Seminary and has taught Bible at the undergraduate and masters levels for over a decade. She loves dancing, classic movies, and is an avid fan of art museums.



COMMUNITY

Madonna's Book Group by Lynne McNeill

Sunday, April 18, 4pm [via Zoom](#)

Madonna's Book Group meets monthly on Sundays at 4pm to review books, support each other, and share personal journeys. All women are welcome! Our next meeting is on April 18, at 4pm. We will again be discussing interesting books we have read and want to share - there are so many ideas for books we want to read! On April 18th we will decide on one book for us all to read and discuss in May. Stay tuned... If you are new to the group and have questions, contact Lynne McNeill buckomcneill@yahoo.com.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Susan Hanson	4 Connor White	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 Jeanne Gersten	12 Sienna Seyler	22 Connor Osborn
2 Aden Michaelson	13 Christina Forssen	26 Mandy Neill
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 Maren Rindler	17 Candace Todd-Robbins	30 Nora Jancola
4 Nicholas White	18 Hazel Prentice	

WE GIVE GOD THANKS FOR THE LIVES OF
 ERNIE TEMPLIN - MARCH 4, 2021 (B. 5/13/1929)
 JIM VOSS - MARCH 14, 2021 (B. 12/4/1930)
 PETER PAULSON - MARCH 22, 2021 (B. 8/31/1926)

Well done, good and faithful servants. Enter into the joy of your master.

Matthew 15:21



Caring Community Team

Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 10:30 AM [on Zoom](#).

Dedicated to sharing comfort and support through visits, meals, cards, communion, and prayer shawls, the Caring Community Team is meeting next month on May 8th. Contact [Linda Carbone](#) for more information or if you want to take part.

All are welcome!



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Meet Elizabeth Dickinson, Our New Social Justice Coordinator!

Our hard-working search team's long efforts have finally been blessed with a new partner for Our Redeemer's social justice ministries. Please come to one (or more!) social justice meetings or events in the near future, and meet Elizabeth by Zoom and eventually, in person. She brings a wealth of experience, insight, and along with love for God's justice, a real delight in growing relationships. Many thanks, Ronda Andrews, Tom Bernard, Marie Brissette, Eric Running and Leslie Wander, for your good work.

About Elizabeth by Elizabeth Dickinson (she/her pronouns)

I am delighted to join the community of Our Redeemers Lutheran Church as Social Justice Coordinator! I felt invited in by your commitments to service and justice, your warmth, and your longing to create strong mutual relationships with others in the wider community.

I believe passionately that our faith calls us to social justice, as Jesus embodied hospitality, sharing, healing and liberation from systems of oppression. Much of my life's work has come out of that belief, most recently as manager of a faith-based internship program for young adults to engage in social change. I'm deeply influenced by theologians from the global south and disempowered communities in the U.S., as well as by people I meet every day who act for a more just world. My partner Joe is a physician at Harborview Hospital who focuses on pain and addiction, and we have two adult children, Hannah and Nat.

I look forward to collaborating with you in ministries of caring for the most vulnerable, embracing racial and economic equity, sustaining our earth, and walking alongside others seeking justice.



COVID-19 is Having a Devastating Impact on Global Hunger and Poverty Our Redeemer's is helping. You can, too.

Join our Social Justice team in giving generously to ELCA World Hunger. To give, make your check out to Our Redeemer's, noting LWH Lent, or online www.ourredeemers.net/donate, or by text using the LENT fund line. Want to learn more? The Social Justice team invites you to study, pray, reflect and give with us during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving — www.elca.org/40days.



Be a Volunteer for Monthly Ballard Sunday Dinner

Every third Sunday of the month members from Our Redeemer's head over to Ballard First Lutheran Church to prepare a meal for the community's population in need. We always need at least 6 volunteers to put together around 50 meals to go, hand them out, and then clean up after ourselves. You can sign up for meal prep and serving, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM, or clean up from 5:00 to 6:30 PM or so. The next dinner is April 18th. Sign up online at [this LINK](#) or email Emilie Purvine, emiliepurvine@gmail.com if you have questions.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Support the Duwamish Tribe in Receiving Federal Recognition

Our neighbors and ancestral inhabitants of the land on which we stand, the Duwamish Tribe, are still not recognized as a tribal nation by the federal government. This recognition is critical to preserving the tribe's heritage and rights as well as allowing the tribe to self-govern, negotiate directly with the federal government and receive access to resources through the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Duwamish are asking for a show of support for federal re-recognition so that the tribe can be reinstated legislatively, administratively, or judicially in 2021.

Our Redeemer's Social Justice team asks that you consider [signing their petition](https://rb.gy/wdmkz4) and devoting your support to help the Duwamish Tribe receive federal recognition, a step toward righting a great injustice. Link to: <https://rb.gy/wdmkz4>.



Interrogating Privilege in Church and Our Lives

The Racial Justice Committee invites lay leaders of Our Redeemer's to this 6-week course, "Interrogating Privilege in Church and Our Lives", beginning April 14, 6-8:30pm, co-facilitated by Rev. Priscilla Austin and David Hahn. It's a great opportunity for individual lay leaders already engaged in the conversation, as well as those who have, or looking to form, anti-racist, diversity, inclusion and equity congregational teams. Registration and details in the link. Please contact Lars Sveum-Hanson at larssveum@gmail.com or John-Otto Liljenstolpe at jotto15@gmail.com if you plan to participate.

Help with Vaccination Appointments

Jennifer Seyler and Valerie Tung are offering their assistance to people having trouble using their computers to set up COVID-19 vaccination appointments. Contact either of them if you need help.

Jennifer: jenniferseyler@mac.com

Valerie: valolin@gmail.com



Thank Yous



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BallardFoodBank.org

March 12, 2021

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Dear Friends at Our Redeemers Lutheran Church,

You have made a difference giving to Ballard Food Bank! Because of your commitment, we can meet the increasing need of food and resources for our neighbors.

With your help, we have recently expanded our services to include our neighbors in the 98133 zip code and we have doubled our financial assistance budget! This means we can offer more healthy food for families and rental assistance to folks who are greatest in need at this critical time.



We are grateful for your gift of \$500 on 3/5/21. Your donation means we can continue offering our drive-thru food bank, home delivery program, and no-cook food options each week to our neighbors.

There are more families in need of Ballard Food Bank services now than ever. Because of you, we are providing healthy meals to more households than ever before, double the number we were serving before the pandemic. Thank you for being an important part of our support network.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Colleen".

Colleen Martinson
Director of Development & Communications

A handwritten note in black ink that says "Thank you!" with a small flourish at the end.

The congregation of New Hope Presbyterian Church in La Feria, Texas thanks you for your wonderful version of "The Lord Is My Light"! We are a small congregation, worshiping on Zoom, and your music was a great blessing for us last Sunday.

We praise God for your pianist, your guitarist, your choir director, all your singers, and all those who helped in sharing this music! We know how much work is involved in putting together a virtual choir performance like this and putting it online to share with the world.

We pray for safety for your choir and your congregation in this time of pandemic.

- Mary Breden, La Feria, TX

I just commend the
vitality you witness to
each month!

- Jim McEachran

Thank You



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Thank you!

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Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
2400 NW 85th St
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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$500.00, which we received on 3/9/2021.

As we enter this new year facing many of the same challenges as last year, your gift ensures that we are there every day for the most vulnerable families in our community. You are making it possible for families to find shelter tonight, to move from cars and tents directly into housing, and to keep families in their hard-won homes.



You are helping moms like Kari, who had to leave her home with her infant daughter, Aliah, to escape domestic violence. She was alone and homeless, trying to manage Aliah's medical condition, spina bifida, and working full-time. Scared and losing hope, Kari found Mary's Place, and thanks to you, she got the support she and Aliah needed.

*Last year your support helped
over 570 families find stable
housing!!*

Thanks to gifts like yours, Kari and Aliah found housing and were able to celebrate the holidays with a toy that helps Aliah's ability to stand – and today she is standing!

Last year, nearly 30% of families who called our intake line had to leave their homes due to domestic violence. Your donation is what allows us to work with families like Kari's, wherever they are, to move forward out of homelessness. We could not do this work without you!

Thank you for helping to ensure that no child sleeps outside!

With deep gratitude,

Brianna Voigt
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Individual Giving Manager

Gift Receipt Details
Gift Date: 3/9/2021
Gift Amount: \$500.00

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NO ONE'S CHILD SHOULD SLEEP OUTSIDE

Our Redeemer's values our
community partners. Your
contributions keep our
connections strong.
Thank you!

Note: The events on this calendar are online meetings or events; all groups may choose to meet online. Check with your group leader or email office@ourredeemers.net for Zoom info

APRIL 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4</p> <p>EASTER</p> <p>6:30am Sunrise Service @Carkeek</p> <p>11am Easter Sunday Celebration</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>7pm Faith Formation Team</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10am-1pm Pastoral Online Office Hours: Pastor Gretchen</p> <p>7:30 Generosity Team</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Office Closed#</p> <p>10:30am Bible Study</p> <p>6:30pm Centering Prayer</p> <p>7pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>1</p> <p>MAUNDY</p> <p>9am-12pm Pastoral Online Office Hours: Pastor Kathy</p> <p>6pm Maundy Service</p>	<p>2</p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY</p> <p>12pm 24-hour Prayer Vigil Begins</p> <p>7pm Good Friday Service</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9:30am Sprouts</p> <p>11am Worship</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:15pm Racial Justice Team</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10am-1pm Pastoral Online Office Hours: Pastor Gretchen</p> <p>7pm Executive Team</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:30am Bible Study</p> <p>1pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm Centering Prayer</p> <p>7pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9am-12pm Pastoral Online Office Hours: Pastor Kathy</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9:30am Sprouts</p> <p>11am Worship</p> <p>1pm Adult Forum</p> <p>2pm Ballard Sunday Dinner</p> <p>4pm Madonna's Book Group</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Newsletter Content Due</p> <p>7pm Capital Campaign Team</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10am-1pm Pastoral Online Office Hours: Pastor Gretchen</p> <p>7pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:30am Bible Study</p> <p>1pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm Centering Prayer</p> <p>7pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>22</p> <p>ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY</p> <p>9am-12pm Pastoral Online Office Hours: Pastor Kathy</p> <p>2:15pm Community Engagement Task</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:30am Adult Forum</p> <p>9:30am Sprouts</p> <p>11am Worship</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10am-1pm Pastoral Online Office Hours: Pastor Gretchen</p> <p>7pm Theology on Tap</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:30am Bible Study</p> <p>1pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm Centering Prayer</p> <p>7pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9am-12pm Pastoral Online Office Hours: Pastor Kathy</p>	<p>30</p>	

#Staff devotes the first Wednesday of each month to professional development and planning.



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HOLY WEEK CONTINUES

Maundy Thursday
April 1, 6:00 PM - Online

Good Friday Seven Last Words
April 2, 7:00 PM - Online

Easter Sunrise Worship
IN-PERSON CARKEEK PARK
April 4, 6:30 AM

Easter Sunday Celebration
April 4, 11:00 AM - Online

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