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A Community in the Model of Christ

### Seeking a Future

The activity of seeking is a pursuit with energy toward a particular end. How that pursuit is explored and what energy is driving it may, in fact, vary. Each of us is seeking something in our lives, whether socially, economically, and yes, even politically. Each of us is motivated differently by what is that we seek. For instance, some of us seek meaning, significance, recognition, companionship, control and/or stability. What we all share similarly is a path of seeking amid uncertain futures. **This seeking activity betrays a longing of restless hearts for some semblance of security and predictability about our futures that may resolve if not minimize anxieties.**

One author speaks of a new norm of organizational life as "living in the vulnerable present, amid our uncertain future, is now our permanent condition." This captures well the current state and challenge of organizational life, including churches, and what it is that we seek greater clarity about.

Seeking is not only motivated and bound, however, by unpredictability of uncertain futures. It can also be playful as in the game. **The playfulness of seeking finds its life in the discovery of one hidden, and who is found.** In our life together as a Christian community we are well served by this reminder, that is not only our own efforts of seeking a future where the future is actually discovered. For the Christian community, it is in the discovering that God is seeking us even in our seeking of God.

Years ago, Mother Theresa was interviewed about prayer. She was asked what she prays for. She replied that prayer for her is listening to God. To which the interviewer followed up by asking what it is that God is saying. Mother Theresa, profoundly replied, 'silence, God is listening as well.'

**How will we seek? How can we seek appropriate to our identity as God's children, as God's promised community where Christ assures us of his unconditional presence and movement in our world?**

Sure, there are certainly plans and organizational policies and procedures to be responsibly pursued. And yet, let us also proceed with a view to the God in Christ who is both the object and subject of our seeking. **For without a sense of the Spirit guiding this ship that is the church, we become an unmoored sailboat carried by cultural currents that may, in fact, resemble nothing of the God who is leading us.**



Pastor David

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David'.

## Celebrating February Birthdays!

2	Judy Carrier	8	David Schoolcraft	20	Karen Lee
4	Tamara Anderson	9	Carleigh Bedell	20	Jessica Parrott
4	Michael Hammett	9	Sydney Record	21	Karina Hlastala
5	Thea Fidis	11	Miguel Maier	22	Weller Mertes
5	Henry Fowler	12	Guy Michaelsen	24	Sonja Vonheim-Condon
6	Raleigh Somm	13	Earl Ecklund III	26	Barb Dougherty
7	Gary Schulze	16	Eric Johnson	28	Kristine Leander
8	Cara Kiggins	20	Karen Carlson	29	Owen Watkins

*We give thanks for the lives of Harold Alley - January 19, 2023 (b. February 6, 1933) and Ann McIntyre - January 25, 2023 (b. August 10, 1933)*

# This Month at Our Redeemer's

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OUR VISION: In the model of Christ and for the life of the world, we are an inclusive, devoted, caring, and spiritual community that accepts challenges, takes risks, and grows.



February 1, Wednesday	6:30 PM - LiVE Project: Interrogating Privilege   Zoom 6:30 PM - Kid's Choir 7 PM - Choir Rehearsal
February 2, Thursday	7 PM - Ensemble Rehearsal
February 4, Saturday	9 AM - Liturgical Arts Team 7 - 9 PM - Middle School Nerf Dart Gun Wars
<b>February 5, Sunday</b>	<b>9 AM - Informal Worship</b> Sprouts: 9 AM   In-Person 10 AM - O-ROCK Youth Classes & Confirmation 10 AM - Adult Forum   Fellowship Hall <b>11 AM - Traditional Worship</b>
February 7, Tuesday	12:30 PM - Staff Meeting 1 PM - Bible Study-Epiphany Psalms   Our Redeemer's 6:30 PM - Synod-Wide Acts Study   Zoom 6:30 PM - Executive Team
February 8, Wednesday	6 PM - Facilities Team 6:30 PM - LiVE Project: Interrogating Privilege   Zoom 6:30 PM - Kid's Choir 7 PM - Choir Rehearsal
February 9, Thursday	7 PM - Ensemble Rehearsal
February 11, Saturday	9 AM - 3 PM - LiVE Winter Retreat: The Spirituality of Disruption   St. Andrews Bellevue 5 - 8 PM - One Love Festival & Auction   Our Redeemer's
<b>February 12, Sunday</b>	<b>9 AM - Informal Worship</b> Sprouts: 9 AM   In-Person 10 AM - O-ROCK Youth Classes & Confirmation 10 AM - Adult Forum   Fellowship Hall <b>11 AM - Traditional Worship</b> 4 PM - Madonna's Book Group   Our Redeemer's
February 13, Monday	7 PM - Adult Faith Formation Book Study   Zoom
February 14, Tuesday	12:30 PM - Staff Meeting 1 PM - Bible Study-Epiphany Psalms   Our Redeemer's 6:30 PM - Synod-Wide Acts Study   Zoom 7 PM - Church Council
February 15, Wednesday	6:30 PM - Kid's Choir 7 PM - Choir Rehearsal
February 16, Thursday	7 PM - Ensemble Rehearsal 6:30 PM - LiVE Project: Interrogating Privilege   Zoom
<b>February 19, Sunday</b>	<b>9 AM - Informal Worship</b> Sprouts: 9 AM   In-Person 10 AM - O-ROCK Youth Classes & Confirmation 10 AM - Adult Forum   Fellowship Hall <b>11 AM - Traditional Worship</b> 2 PM - Ballard Sunday Dinner   Ballard First Lutheran
February 20, Monday	President's Day   Office Closed
February 21, Tuesday	12:30 PM - Staff Meeting 1 PM - Bible Study-Epiphany Psalms   Our Redeemer's 6:30 PM - Synod-Wide Acts Study   Zoom 7 PM - Council Meeting
February 22, Wednesday	<b>7 PM - Ash Wednesday Worship</b> ASH WEDNESDAY
February 23, Thursday	6:30 PM - LiVE Project: Interrogating Privilege   Zoom 7 PM - Ensemble Rehearsal
<b>February 26, Sunday</b>	<b>9 AM - Informal Worship</b> Sprouts: 9 AM   In-Person 10 AM - O-ROCK Youth Classes & Confirmation 10 AM - Adult Forum   Fellowship Hall <b>11 AM - Traditional Worship</b> 4 PM - The Journey
February 28, Tuesday	12:30 PM - Staff Meeting 1 PM - Bible Study-Epiphany Psalms   Our Redeemer's 6:30 PM - Synod-Wide Acts Study   Zoom



# Worship and Music



**seeking:**  
honest questions  
for deeper faith

Lent imagery key: What do you see?



**eye-** The eye holds all of the logo's imagery and summarizes the theme of seeking, while referencing various narratives from the scriptural texts: Adam & Eve's eyes are opened, Jesus rubs mud on the blind man's eyes, Jesus asks Mary, "Who are you looking for?" The circles that create the pupil and iris can also represent: an aerial view of the well, the water basin at the footwashing, or the stone and tombs of Lazarus and Jesus.



**veil-** This curved line and the shape it creates repeats throughout the Seeking branding. The veil references the confusion and revelations that occur in a journey of seeking.



**mud / garden soil-** The drop of mud represents the dirt and garden imagery that is found throughout the scriptural texts: the Garden of Eden, the mud that is rubbed in the blind man's eyes, the garden of Gethsemane. It also references when Jesus is mistaken as a gardener at the empty tomb.



**water-** The drop of water references the many times water is mentioned in the texts. Jesus tells Nicodemus he must be born of water and spirit. Moses strikes a rock to find water. At the well, Jesus asks a Samaritan woman for a drink and offers her living water. Jesus meets the blind man at the pool of Siloam. Jesus washes the disciples' feet. The water drop can also reference a tear; Jesus weeps at the mouth of his friend Lazarus' tomb, and Mary weeps at the mouth of Jesus' tomb.



**vessel-** The shape of the vessel can be seen as a cup or a jar poured out. The vessel represents: the jar the woman leaves behind at the well after meeting Jesus, the jar of sour wine offered to Jesus while on the cross, and the communion cup present at our remembrance of Christ's sacrifice.



**star / night-** The star references a couple of the narratives that take place under the veil of night. Nicodemus finds and questions Jesus at night, and Mary comes to the tomb while it is still dark. In reference to the logo's overall eye composition, the star represents the glistening of recognition in one's eye.



**leaf-** The leaf represents the foliage present throughout the texts, and further supports the repetition of garden imagery. Adam & Eve create fig leaf coverings in the shadow of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, and upon Jesus' humble entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the crowds wave palm branches.



# Worship and Music

## Lent: Seeking Honest Questions for Deeper Faith

by Pastor Gretchen Mertes

Our Lenten scripture readings offer us many stories of Jesus encountering people who are seeking:

- Nicodemus comes to Jesus in the veil of night,
- He approaches a Samaritan woman at a well,
- He heals a man born without sight.

**In these stories, each person is seeking a new beginning, a different life, a deeper faith. What unfolds is an exchange filled with questions and exploration. Often, an unveiling occurs—assumptions are disrupted, a new perspective is revealed, mystery grows.**

And so, we've found a Lenten series founded on questions from "A Sanctified Art." Many of the weekly questions feel restorative ("Can these bones live?"). Some feel like a charge or challenge ("Who will you listen to?"). Some questions are hopeful and curious ("How do we begin again?"). Our questions won't necessarily lead to answers, but they can help us find clarity and a new perspective. Ultimately, we pray they lead to a new beginning, a restoration, a wider grace.

**Like the characters in our Lenten scriptures, we are also seeking many things: clarity, connection, wonder, justice, balance. We are seeking our calling, the sacred, and how to live as a disciple.** Throughout the turbulence of the past few years, many of us are asking big questions about our lives and our faith. If you are returning to church, you are probably returning with more questions and a critical lens. We hope this theme will help us unpack some of those big questions in ways that are honest and faithful.

**Throughout this season, we hope you will continually ask yourself: What am I seeking?  
What is God seeking?**

This Lent, you are invited to engage in the spiritual practice of seeking. We encourage you to stay curious, open, and nimble. We hope you will soften your assumptions and expand your perspectives. **We pray that these questions will create a safe space to explore—to be drawn more deeply into the fullness of life, into the heart of God.**

## Ash Wednesday Worship

February 22, 7 PM

Our Lenten journey begins with questions: Is this the fast that I choose? Do our actions match what we profess? As we practice seeking this Lent, what kind of fast will you choose? How will you live your faith? How will you live the questions of your faith?

Ash Wednesday is the first day of our journey to the cross with Jesus in the season of penitence. We will practice confession and forgiveness, and receive ashes on our foreheads as a reminder of our mortality, and a call to remember that each breath of life is a gift from our Creator. At our worship service at 7:00 pm on the 22nd, we will begin with this call to worship:

**We gather together at the edge of a new season.  
We stand together on the cusp of something new.**

**Will we wade into self-reflection?**

**Will we invite honesty to dance?**

**Will we listen for God's invitation?**

**Will we seek deeper faith?**

**What kind of fast do we choose? What kind of faith will we build?**

**We gather together at the edge of a new season.**

**Listen, God is speaking.**

**You are invited. Bring your questions.**



## Ashes to Go

February 22, 7-9 AM, 4-6 PM | Corner of NW 85th & 25th NW

Pastor Gretchen will be on the corner of 85th and 25th (by our parking lot) offering ashes and blessings from 7-9 am and 4-6 pm on Ash Wednesday. This is a chance to share the grace of our community with folks who just happen to be walking by. Make sure you come by and say hello!



# Worship and Music



## What is Liturgical Arts?

by Phillipa Dugaw with Marie Nordquist-Lessard

### Tell us a little about yourself and your involvement with Our Redeemers.

My name is Marie Nordquist-Lessard and I'm a "cradle roll" Lutheran, raised in the congregation of Bethany Lutheran Church, Greenlake. Joe and I have been married 42 years and have 7 children (4 + 3 partners) and 4 grandchildren. I've been a member of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church since 1999.

I love the openness of the members of Our Redeemer's and our willingness to be forward looking, serving and being a part of the greater community. Plus, it's also great to live just around the corner!

I have served on the church council and taught Sunday School. I co-lead the Kids' Choir with Karen Lee, sing with 11 am Adult Choir, coordinate Luciafest, serve as lead on the Liturgical Arts team, and I've helped with various other events.

*I've had the opportunity to work side by side with Marie Nordquist, and the greater privilege of learning from her. She is a special human and she does so much for our church. Here's a little of her story and how you can become a part of her team. - Phillipa*

### Can you share more about the Liturgical Arts Team?

The Liturgical Arts (LA) team plans and implements the use of our sanctuary for worship and celebration. We meet monthly to plan the visual space for the seasons, using our seasonal theme to guide our creative ideas for visually enhancing the worship space.

Our mission is to create a worship space that enhances the worship experience through color, symbols, and space orientation.

LA also includes Altar Care. Altar Care is preparing the altar for communion, maintaining our communion vessels and linens. LA is also responsible for maintaining our paraments. This year want to replace our worn paraments. It's our fund-a-need at the auction!

Members of the LA team can serve by being on the planning team, creating window decor or banners, lending a hand when we make changes for major seasons like Christmas, Lent, and Easter, and preparing the altar for communion on Sundays.

Anyone can get involved: Families, confirmands, men, women are all welcome to become a part of the Liturgical Arts Team. The best part is that Marie will be the one to teach you. If interested in learning more please contact Marie at [lutequist@yahoo.com](mailto:lutequist@yahoo.com) or Phillipa at [volunteer@ourredeemers.net](mailto:volunteer@ourredeemers.net).



Our January 6 Organ Dedication concert was a wonderful event!



# Living Generously

## Carolyn Swanson - An Appreciation

by Stephanie Running

**When the dictionary wrote the definition for “generosity”, they must have been thinking of Carolyn!**

Carolyn is from a seriously LUTHERAN family. Her father was an ordained pastor. She started teaching Bible studies more than 60 years ago. She taught the Bethel Bible Series in Burlington, WA and went to Madison, Wisconsin to get the training. She was even prepping for Bible study in the hospital just before her baby girl, Karen, was born in 1965. When I first joined this church in 2008, Carolyn was an office volunteer. She made sure that there were people to read scripture, help with Communion, and take care of the important tasks that keep church happening.

In 2010 Carolyn started leading weekly Bible study. Every Wednesday morning, she was ready. She brought two canvas bags of papers and books and materials to share with us so that we could learn all about the topic. Carolyn did hours of research for every class. And she made copies for each person for every class. Over the years we studied the Old Testament, the Books of Wisdom, the Kings of ancient Israel, the Prophets, the Gospels, the travels of Saint Paul, the Epistles of Saint Paul. And also, to the agony of some of us, the Book of Revelation.

When the Covid 19 pandemic began, Carolyn learned how to use zoom to teach. Carolyn was having difficulty walking, but she was still able to teach from home. The last class she taught focused on the history and architecture of the Bible—from the Great Courses and National Geographic.

**Carolyn has decided that she is not able to be the leader of the Wednesday morning Bible Study any longer.** Her health and the challenges of technology have made it too much for her. Carolyn needs our prayers now. We thank you for Carolyn, who is the perfect definition of Generosity.



\*Special Giving denotes a one-time gift that was outside of regularly giving.

\*\*The income line associated with the auction is removed as it will happen in February, the anticipated income from the auction is reflected in the total income budget.

Regular giving is below budget. Expenses are also below budget and are mostly attributed to understaffing while we work through the transition process. Removing the special one-time gift, the church's expenses and income show a positive net profit of \$34,435. Christmas and year-end giving likely contributed to this high net profit.

For questions/concerns—please contact Parish Administrator, Karie Stearns, and Treasurer, Erin Miller, at [administrator@ourredeemers.net](mailto:administrator@ourredeemers.net).

For your information: Our Redeemer’s current Fiscal Year 2022-2023 financial report.

Income	2022-2023 Approved Budget	Year to Date Income as of 12.31.22	% of Budget Year to Date	Over (Under) Budget
Envelope & Loose Offerings	520,073	239,593	46.07%	(20,443)
Church Use	85,000	51,266	60.3%	8,766
*Special Giving	-	202,282	-	-
Total Regular Income (without Special Giving)	\$632,073	291,088	46.1%	(24,948)
<b>**TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$632,073</b>	<b>493,370</b>	<b>78.1%</b>	<b>\$177,333</b>
Expenses	2022-2023 Approved Budget	Year to Date Expenses as off 12.31.22	% of Budget Year to Date	Over (Under) Budget
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$642,688</b>	<b>\$ 256,653</b>	<b>39.9%</b>	<b>(64,691)</b>



# Faith Formation

## Be a Part of “The Journey”

In this time of getting closer to “back to normal,” many families and folks have been exploring Our Redeemer’s as a faith community. **We are so excited to have new people among us, finding life and faith together.** If you are one of those new people, or if you’ve been here for years but never attended, we encourage you to be a part of The Journey. The Journey is a class and a conversation, as we learn more together about what being Lutheran and a part of Our Redeemer’s means. Participants meet in large and small group settings during the season of Lent (February 26 – April 2nd) each Sunday at 4 – 6 pm.

**Each week, we focus on a different area of ministry, theology, and growth as people of faith.** From the basics of how Lutherans interpret scripture and why we worship the way we do, to an introspective look

at our individual faith stories, this experience presents an opportunity to explore this community from the ground up. Representative people from the many different areas of ministry in our congregation will come share with us. We’ll get to know other participants in small groups, as well as each being paired with a long-time member of the congregation.

**At the end of the Journey, we extend an invitation to those who are not yet members of Our Redeemer’s to affirm their faith at the Sunrise Service on Easter morning at Carkeek Park.** Regardless of whether you become a member or not, the Journey is a wonderful way to become more fully involved in this church family. No strings attached.

**To register to participate, please contact Mandy Neill, our Welcome Minister, at [welcome@ourredeemers.net](mailto:welcome@ourredeemers.net).** Childcare will be made available if the need is indicated.



## LiVE Project Learning Opportunities

### Interrogating Privilege

Class meets weekly 6:30pm – 8pm on Zoom

Wednesdays – February 1, 8, Thursdays – February 23, March 2, 9, 16

This 8-week mini-course is designed specifically for lay leaders to open up transparent, and honest conversations around the ways privilege shapes and impacts our lives and communities of faith. **If you’ve read anti-racist books, and are looking for the next, best steps as an individual or congregation, this course offers additional ways to move forward.** Participants will also have an option to explore their own bias through the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI).

Participants must register through the following link to receive zoom access: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkc-Cupj4uGNlOk1c9c9G4fEd4DO1kOa\\_N](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkc-Cupj4uGNlOk1c9c9G4fEd4DO1kOa_N)

### Synod-Wide Acts Study

Class meets weekly on Tuesdays 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm on Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting: ID – 822 0985 0836, Passcode – Acts

### Winter Retreat

Saturday, February 11, 9 AM – 3 PM | St. Andrews Lutheran Church, Bellevue

Collectively disruptions shape the human experience. As people of faith, we are also experiencing a disruption as the people of God within our local churches. Amid these various disruptions, and in light of the journey of Lent before us, how we can think of and practice our way faithfully through disruption as led by the Holy Spirit among us? This winter retreat invites us into how we think about and engage in the discernment of the spirits, Creator and created, and how God calls us to faithful and focused witness as God’s people. Lunch will be provided. Registration Sign Up: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdONziORxm2vjPIEn\\_RvyyTviT\\_jTXSrICTCWs9hu5tsa97Hw/viewform?usp=pp\\_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdONziORxm2vjPIEn_RvyyTviT_jTXSrICTCWs9hu5tsa97Hw/viewform?usp=pp_url)



## THE LiVE PROJECT

living into vocational engagement

**The LiVE Project** is a ministry of the NW WA Synod, and Proudly engaged in emerging partnership with Trinity Education Foundation who provided a generous grant of \$50,000 for the 2023 calendar year.





# Faith Formation



## Sprouts Grow in Faith by Dana Wright

Sprouts continues to be a delight to Kari Guddal, Mr. Dana, and Red Bird. Our numbers remain rather small (2 to 6). Our unit for Fall 2022 centered on stories featuring children in the Old Testament (i.e. Isaac, Moses, Samuel, Jeremiah, etc. leading up to prophecies of the Christ child and the birth of Jesus).

Our class experience features prayers, songs, a Bible story, and crafts. This year I gave children three olive wood gifts made in Bethlehem, including a communion cup, a peace pin, and a Christmas tree ornament.

The photo at left is of our Christmas tree decorated by the Sprouts, featuring wooden bulbs they decorated with pictures of the children we studied leading up to Christmas. We are now looking at stories of children in the New Testament.



## Middle School Nerf Dart Gun Wars Saturday, February 4, 7–9 PM | Our Redeemer's

All Middle school students and confirmands are invited to join in a little friendly fire, healthy competition, and a lot of fun. Join us in the youth room downstairs at 7 pm for every kind of game you can imagine involving Nerf dart guns (Nerf weaponry provided). Questions? Email our new volunteer Middle School leader: Andrew Shimer ([ashimer528@gmail.com](mailto:ashimer528@gmail.com)).

## Council Member Corner - Diana Myers

**Be Kind.** Remember those yard signs Pastor G ordered a few years ago? I had to have one and placed it on the corner of our property. People stopped by, conversations happened, where can I get one, they asked? **Our little neighborhood community was talking to each other because of the 'Be Kind' sign.**

**Our family consists of three and one furry cat.** While we are a small family, my husband and I both come from large extended families. I was raised in Kent, WA and my family attended Kent Lutheran Church. I Graduated from WSU (Go Cougs), got married (34years!) and like many young adults, didn't really attend church for a while.

Fast forward.... **we found out about this great church through friends and started attending around 2008.** Our son was part of a huge group of kids that year and Miss Charlotte said, "I need you parents to volunteer!" A great way to meet other parents, I thought. Little did I know.... This is when I first started to volunteer. I'm just helping out I thought. **My volunteering began as a Sunday School teacher in tandem with Pamela Altman, Heather Cook and a few other parents** ( I loved making crafts with the kids), and progressed to 9am Coffee maker, sandwich maker, crafts person, chaperone at camp and confirmation events and eventually, I find myself on the Church Council.

**Community. That is what I feel when I attend Our Redeemers, a sense of place and a feeling of belonging.** While I do not know everyone, I strive to find a kind word and smile at everyone I meet (I might be wearing a mask though). Please reach out and say "Hi" – I'm usually at the 9:00 am service. *Blessings to all - Diana*





# Faith Formation



Travel photo from Dana and Judy Wright's tour of Israel and the West Bank

## Adult Forums in February

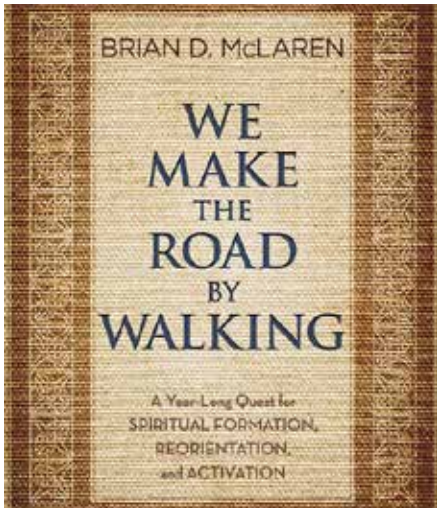
Sundays, 10 AM | Our Redeemer's

**February 5** - The **Transition Team** will offer updates and receive feedback on the transition process. All are invited to come and be a part of the conversation.

**February 12 & 19** - **Deepening Our Callings: Listening for an Ear Toward God**  
For the next two Sundays, Feb. 12 and 19, we will explore together how we attune our ears and hearts to listening to God. We will delve into Scripture, and explore through the lens of our experiences to seek God's presence and movement among us.

**February 25 & 26** - The Racial Justice Team presents **Palestinian Pilgrimage: Encounters with Palestinian Places and People Suffering under Occupation.**  
This event will feature a pictorial tour of Israel and the West Bank from Dana and Judy Wright's recent pilgrimage there. They will show photos of Palestinian Jews, Christians, and Muslims from Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Hebron, the desert, the Dead Sea, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, and more. Learn what Palestinians say about their lives under the punitive occupation of Israel, and how they are seeking reconciliation and healing with Israel. This "tour" will give you a chance to hear voices from people whose concerns don't often get publicized accurately in the United States.

There are two parts to this event: **Saturday, February 25, 9:00 am to 12 noon:** The pictorial tour of Israel/Palestine/West Bank, featuring commentary by **Rev. Charlie Lewis**, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Snohomish. Charlie is a long-time student of the plight of Palestinians and has developed many personal relationships with the people featured in the pictorial pilgrimage. **Sunday, February 26:** Both services, 9:00 am and 11:00 am will feature sermons by Rev. Charlie Lewis. A short film will be shown at 10:00 am.



## Monday Book Study

Mondays, 7 PM | Zoom

Continuing our conversation from the fall on how and why we read the Bible, we are studying **Brian McLaren's book "We Make the Road by Walking."** McLaren's book provides a generous overview of the whole Bible, as well as teaching us new and surprising details found in the common Bible stories we think we've heard a hundred times, all in McLaren's very accessible writing style. We meet via Zoom on Mondays at 7:00 pm for 45 minutes in a discussion of the week's short chapter, **facilitated by Mandy Neill.** You can purchase your book ahead of time in order to read along by [CLICKING HERE](#). Contact Mandy ([welcome@ourredeemers.net](mailto:welcome@ourredeemers.net)) for the Zoom link.

### Madonna's Book Group

Sunday, February 12, 4 PM at Our Redeemer's

The book to be discussed in the new year is **THE HIGHEST TIDE** by Jim Lynch.

All are welcome to join in! Madonna's Book Group meets to review books, support each other, and share personal journeys. Contact [buckomcneill@yahoo.com](mailto:buckomcneill@yahoo.com) (Lynne) if you wish to join in.

## Epiphany Psalms

Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 1 PM

On Tuesday afternoons meet at the church to read and discuss—using the LECTIO DIVINA style—a Psalm each week. . We will teach each other, as the Holy Spirit guides us. This is an in-person class that will meet at the church. Just show up, or if you have a question, contact [Stephanie Running](mailto:ewrunning@earthlink.net) ([ewrunning@earthlink.net](mailto:ewrunning@earthlink.net)).





# Social Justice



## Save the Date: Recycling Roundup May 13

**Styrofoam, packing peanuts, mobile phones and laptops, oh my!**

Start collecting Styrofoam and electronics for our Neighborhood Recycling Roundup May 13, 2023.

**It's an Earth Day and Mother's Day celebration with our neighborhood and Northminster Presbyterian Church, too.**

Electronic items include: laptop, desktop and monitors, mobile phones and tablets, servers, cables, software and accessories, modems and routers, office phones, telecom systems, game consoles, iPods and MP3s and printers and Ink toners.

Questions or a day of event volunteer? Please contact Connie Sandstrom, [conniesandstrom05@gmail.com](mailto:conniesandstrom05@gmail.com).



## Lutheran World Relief

Please drop off donations at the church. Thank you!

## LWR Spring Health Care Kit Needs

Health care kits will be collected and assembled for LWR Spring loading and distributing to those in need globally. The following items are requested:

- Lightweight, dark colored bath towels.
- Target has a great one, Everyday Living brand for only \$3.00 each.
- 4oz size bath bar soaps
- Ivory is preferred, or other brands with light scent
- Nail clippers -sturdy
- Amazon has bulk for a good price
- Sturdy combs
- Again, Amazon has good bulk price. Sturdy is key
- Toothbrushes- individually wrapped.
- No toothpaste is accepted.

**One Love**

**Auction**  
SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 11  
5-8 PM

**BENEFITTING  
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### SUNDAY WORSHIP

**9 AM Informal Service**

in-person

**11 AM Traditional Service**

in-person & online

Stream Online at 11 AM

Facebook: [facebook.com/OurRedeemers](https://www.facebook.com/OurRedeemers)

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### Church office hours:

Monday-Thursday

10 AM - 3PM

# Ash Wednesday

## February 22

### 7 PM Worship

As we practice seeking this Lent, what kind of fast will you choose? How will you live your faith? How will you live the questions of your faith?

### Ashes to Go, 7-9 AM, 4-6 PM

Corner of NW 85th & 25th NW

Pastor Gretchen will be on the corner of 85th and 25th (by our parking lot) offering ashes and blessings from 7-9 am and 4-6 pm. Make sure you come by and say hello!.



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