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### From the Pastor...

Romans 6:3-5 - Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

As I've been pondering the transition (upon transition, upon transition) that Our Redeemer's has been going through, and even now has embarked on yet another transition this month with Pastor Kathy's retirement, the same image keeps coming up in my prayers for us – that of a chrysalis.



When a caterpillar creates its chrysalis, it does so without knowing that it is completely dismantling itself, turning to unrecognizable goo, only to re-emerge as something it may not have even dreamed about.

A well-known symbol in Christianity as a symbol of the resurrection, the butterfly represents new life emerging from death. And this is something we can look forward to in the future, but we are definitely not there yet – thus, the chrysalis. How fitting for us to be entering our congregational transition time in Lent! Perhaps this 'in-between time' could be thought of as being cocooned in God's love, changing from one thing to the next, not knowing what will come, but trusting in the process.

There are many things we don't know about the future, and this congregation's path. But I'd like to speak to what we do know:

1. **God is faithful,** and we are called to this community for a reason – to be "in the model of Christ for the life of the world." That looks like:

- social justice and advocacy, caring for those who are hurting, praising God at every opportunity, and spending time together at table. We are good at this and will continue to grow in service to God and others.
- 2. We are strong in God's love. This is a devoted community that holds each other together through change and growth. I've seen it, time and again! This period of transition will be one that creates fear and worry, but it can also be a time of great anticipation and hope. God has abundant plans for us that include JOY and STRETCHING. We will be STRETCHED in this interim and while that may be uncomfortable, like an adolescent with long legs they're not used to, it will lead to blessing. I pray that when we get worried or find ourselves mired in fear, that we can release those burdens, and ask for JOY in its place.
- 3. We have a great staff, council, and teams working hard to keep the congregation shipshape. They could use your help! If you have the capacity or desire to serve on a team, or in senior leadership, this is a great time to step up. We will be forming two new teams soon a transition team and a call team. In your prayers, ask God to open your heart to serving at church especially in the next year.
- 4. Our synod is working hard on our behalf to find us a great interim, and then a great new pastoral leader. It's a very involved process, and we have strong advocates in our bishop and her staff. Thanks be to God!

As we move through this season of yet more transition, it is my prayer that we have grace for each other in the messy goo of the chrysalis, knowing that our time of new life is on the horizon!

Peace to you,



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Pastor Gretchen

#### This Month at Our Redeemer's

March 1, Tuesday 7 PM - Executive Team 7:15 PM - Racial Justice Advocates

7 - 9 AM - Ashes to Go I Church Parking Lot Corner March 2, Wednesday ASH WEDNESDAY 10:30 AM - Wednesday Bible Study | Zoom

1 PM - Staff Meeting

4 - 6 PM - Ashes to Go | Church Parking Lot Corner

7 PM - Ash Wednesday Worship

March 3, Thursday 7 PM - Informal Ensemble

March 5, Saturday 9 AM - Liturgical Arts Team

March 6, Sunday

Sprouts: 9 AM | In-Person, 10 AM | Zoom LENT 1 **6 FAITH FORMATION** 

10 AM - O-ROCK Youth Classes | Downstairs

10 AM - Confirmation | Library 10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall

11 AM - Traditional Worship

9 AM - Informal Worship

4 PM - THE JOURNEY

7 PM - Faith Formation Team March 7, Monday

March 9, Wednesday Staff Goal Development Day - Staff Unavailable 10:30 AM - Wednesday Bible Study | Zoom

4 PM - Centering Prayer 7 PM - Choir Practice

March 10, Thursday 12:30 PM - Staff Meeting 7 PM - Informal Ensemble

March 12, Saturday 10:30 AM - Caring Community Team

9 AM - Informal Worship March 13, Sunday LENT 2

Sprouts: 9 AM | In-Person, 10 AM | Zoom 10 AM - O-ROCK Youth Classes | Downstairs

10 AM - Confirmation | Library 10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall

11 AM - Traditional Worship

4 PM - THE JOURNEY

March 15, Tuesday 7 PM - Council Meeting 7:15 PM - Racial Justice Advocates

March 16, Wednesday 10:30 AM - Wednesday Bible Study | Zoom

1 PM - Staff Meeting 4 PM - Centering Prayer 7 PM - Choir Practice

March 17, Thursday 7 PM - Informal Ensemble Rehearsal

March 20, Sunday 9 AM - Informal Worship

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Sprouts: 9 AM | In-Person, 10 AM | Zoom 10 AM - O-ROCK Youth Classes | Downstairs 10 AM - Confirmation | Library 10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall

11 AM - Traditional Worship 2 PM - Ballard Sunday Dinner 4 PM - THE JOURNEY

10:30 AM - Wednesday Bible Study | Zoom 1 PM - Staff Meeting 4 PM - Centering Prayer 7 PM - Choir Practice

March 27, Sunday 9 AM - Informal Worship

March 23, Wednesday

Sprouts: 9 AM | In-Person, 10 AM | Zoom 10 AM - O-ROCK Youth Classes | Downstairs LENT 4

10 AM - Confirmation | Library 10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall

11 AM - Traditional Worship 4 PM - THE JOURNEY

7 PM - Theology on Tap | Reuben's Brews March 29, Tuesday

March 31, Thursday 7 PM - Informal Ensemble Rehearsal

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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.



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In this season of transition, the more connected we are to each other, the more connected we are to God.

## Lent: Created for Community

Lent begins Wednesday, March 2

The invitation to Lent spoken on Ash Wednesday reminds us that we enter this season together "with the whole church." Though many common Lenten practices rightly invite us to individual acts of "repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love," Lent is also a time for deepening of community.



Peace to you in your Lenten journey, and may we find that we are indeed "Created for Community." (Please see the Lent calendar on the back page.)

#### ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 2, 2022



### 7 PM Worship on Ash Wednesday

We will gather at 7 PM in the sanctuary to receive ashes on our heads, confess our brokenness, and begin our Lenten journey. This annual reminder of our mortality gives us the humility to remember that we are dust, and it is by the grace of God that we have breath and life. In this moving service, through word, song and prayer, we will draw close to God, who is our source of life and hope. Holy Communion will be celebrated as well, and we leave the sanctuary in silence.

#### Ashes to Go

Wednesday, March 2, 7–9 AM & 4–6 PM Corner of NW 85th & 25th NF

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. Many in our community don't have a church home, don't feel safe for health reasons, have small children at home in the evenings, or work long hours and can't attend our regular service. 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!

#### Can you help with Holy Week this year (April 10 - 17)?

- Meal set up and clean up on Thursday and Sunday.
- Worship set up on Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday
- Help with worship roles: reading, communion, torch bearer, playing music or singing, altar care.
- Preparing for new visitors and guests: straightening and preparing the building, bulletin preparation, tending to the peace garden and parking lot.

Email or call the church office if you can help. A link to sign up is coming soon!



## Worship and Music



#### Palm/Passion Sunday | 9am

**& 11am.** To begin Holy Week, we celebrate with palms Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and then transition to a telling of the Passion Story of Jesus' Journey to the Cross.

#### Maundy Thursday | 6pm Soup Supper – 7pm Communion. We

gather for a simple meal and story, and then communion in silence and the stripping of the altar, remembering the last supper.

#### Good Friday 24 Hour Prayer Vigil | 12pm Friday- 12pm

**Saturday**. Our community prays each of the hours of the vigil either at church (in the prayer chapel), or at home. You can sign up for an hour, available soon.

#### Good Friday Worship | 7pm Tenebrae & Prayer Around the

**Cross.** We pray, sing, and reflect on the last words of Jesus in the Tenebrae, and then offer our prayers and song in the darkness around the cross, lighting candles

#### Easter Sunrise Worship |

**6:30am @Carkeek Park.** Bring your blanket, chair, and coffee to celebrate Christ at the crack of dawn with a bonfire and communion at Carkeek Park. New members and baptisms are part of the celebration.

**Easter Breakfast | 8am-10:30am @Fellowship Hall.** We return to church to hot coffee and delicious food to celebrate together!

#### Easter Festival Worship | 9am &

**11am.** Strings and Choir! Flowers and light! Trumpets and joy! We celebrate the risen Christ with glory and honor.

# Lenten Devotional: Give Something Up? Or... Take Something On!

Each year we enter into the season of Lent. The tradition of Lent is to fast, give offerings, and pray excessively. Many Christians make a daily sacrifice in Lent. Some people give up eating meat, or having caffeine drinks or alcohol. The idea of self-sacrifice is meant to help people notice something more important than food, or drink. We remember that Jesus went to the wilderness for forty days without eating.

### There is another way to honor Lent. Instead of "giving up" something – or in addition to "giving up" something – you can ADD something.

Every day of Lent can be a time of new options. Our Redeemer's will provide a daily email devotion. There will be a Bible Verse, a Word for the Day, a Question, and a Prayer. These will not be long. But you may spend all day thinking about these things, if you choose.

The next steps, if you have time or energy, is to: Take a picture of something you discover that goes with the Bible Verse or Word. Do some exercises while thinking of the Question or Prayer. Cook something and give it away. Make a card or write a letter and send it to someone who needs to hear from you. Watch a really inspiring movie\* or listen to wonderful music\*\*. Take time to rest. As a challenge, write a better HAIKU than the one I wrote about Lent:

Prayer and Fasting Generosity Abounds For God's sake and mine.

Look for your devotional emails during Lent. To make sure you're on the mailing list, email communications@ourredeemers.net and let us know you want to be included.

\*Movies I like: Jesus Christ Superstar, Godspell, The King of Hearts, Brother Sun Sister Moon, Babette's Feast, Tender Mercies, Camelot, or Lilies of the Field.

\*\*Music I like to hear: Handel's Messiah, Cat Stevens' "Tea for the Tillerman" and "Buddha and the Chocolate Box" albums, Andrew Lloyd Weber's Requiem, Faure's Requiem, (any Requiem).

-Stephanie Running



### Your generous pledges and faithful giving are making these things possible at Our Redeemer's!

On Sunday, March 20, you'll get financial updates to see how your generous giving is helping us meet our goals of strengthening our annual mission budget and retiring our building renovation debt.

Remember to give faithfully towards your pledges. And **Thank You** for everything you do to strengthen our community.



### The Journey Starts March 6

You are welcome, and invited!

Ask any member of this congregation what the most formative part of their involvement at Our Redeemer's was, and first they'll tell you that they felt welcomed. The next thing they'll say is, "I loved being part of The Journey." Many folks have participated more than once!

For the five Sundays of Lent, from 4–6 PM, we are all invited to gather to share teaching, scripture, story, and serious snacks. 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 what they do with us, how they do it, and how you could be a part of it.

Using grace as our anchor, we will delve into the following emphases:

Week 1: God's Grace: Keeping the main thing the main thing

Week 2: Grace in the Flesh: Jesus Christ

Week 3: Grace Made Sensory: Baptism & Communion

Week 4: God's Grace is a Living Word: The Bible

Week 5: Living in Grace: Faith Practices - Generosity, Worship, Community

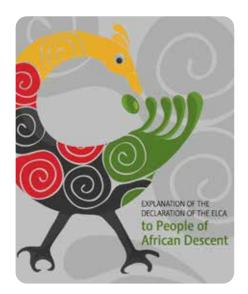
At the end of the Journey, we extend an invitation to those who are not yet members of Our Redeemer's to join us at the Sunrise Service on Easter morning at Carkeek Park.

## 4 PM SUNDAYS MARCH 6 - APRIL 3

Regardless of whether you join or not, the Journey is a wonderful way to become more fully involved in this church family. No strings attached.

Especially for those who are new, the Journey is an excellent place to bring your questions, to find your people, to explore how faith might ground you, and how God might call you into action.

To register to participate, contact Mandy Neill, our Welcome Minister, at welcome@ourredeemers.net.



#### **Lent Adult Forums**

Sundays, 10:10 AM | Fellowship Hall Now Is the Time: A Study Guide for the ELCA Declaration to People of African Descent

This Lent, we are going to take an intentional deep dive into the ELCA's new social statement on race in America. This study quide provides an avenue for the "realization, self-examination, and accountability required to 'apologize to people of African descent for the church's complicity in slavery and its enduring legacy of racism in the United States and globally."

As the community of Christ in our neighborhood, we are being offered an opportunity to read, discuss, learn from, and struggle with this statement and everything it implies for us as a primarily white Lutheran congregation. This social statement is available for you to read and download here - LINK.

We recommend that you read it, print it out, mark it up, and bring your thoughts and questions and feelings with you to this study. The sessions will be led by Elizabeth Dickinson, Marie Brissette, and Pastor Gretchen. We hope that you will enter in to this transformative study with an open heart.

**Elementary O-ROCK**We are back! After taking January and much of February off, our O-ROCK classes for elementary are back! For those 6 to 10-year-old kids who join us in person between services, our class will include snacks, stories, and crafts all to help our youngest learn about Lent and the meaning of Easter. Our weekly Children's Bulletin will also be available for download and printing, online at our website and through the link provided during services on Zoom. Each bulletin provides easy to understand bible stories and activities to help children learn about Lent and Easter, and mirrors what we are learning in person.



#### Sprouts - Ages 3-5

Mr. Dana and Ms. Kari continue to teach our littlest members both in person and on Zoom. In person Sprouts is with Mr. Dana and Lake at the 9 AM service. And Ms. Kari holds Zoom Sprouts at 10 AM. Email Betsy McGregor at bemac7309@ gmail.com if you want to be added to the email list for this age group.

#### O-ROCK for Middle School

Our 6th and 7th graders will have the opportunity to have fun and socialize once a month through June. We are planning our first social event on Saturday March 19th at the church in the evening. Details will follow via email to parents and kids of this age group. Among the things we're planning are Pizza and Movie Night, Capture the Flag with Nerf guns; Pool Party in June, Games Night with prizes. All these events are purely social and will include food. We are also extending the invitation to our Confirmands as well! These events will be in lieu of Sunday morning classes.



### VBS Save the Date

July 11-15, 9 AM - 12 PM

Vacation Bible School is coming! We need kids and volunteers of all ages to have a GREAT time this summer!

We are hosting vacation bible school the mornings of July 11-15. The curriculum will come from ELCA World Hunger. It's a great opportunity for children to learn how to help kids from around the world, and build a strong foundation in God's love.

Save the dates. Invite your kids, grandkids, neighbors, and friends – VBS is for EVERYBODY.



### **Celebrating March Birthdays**

1	Marcia Cayton	5	Jolyn Mason	14	Espen Sterner	22	Tom Bernard
1	Max Germann	7	Mike Jancola	15	Shannon Parks-	22	Chauntae Kukowski
1	Steve Rystrom	8	Evan De Turk		Beck	24	Gilliam Knight
2	Kris Rogness	8	Joseph Gibson	17	Nancy Paulson	25	Diana Myers
3	Addi Mertes	9	Pauline Sigurdson	18	*Patsy Baker	27	Mary Peters
3	Latife Neu	10	Mary Simpson	19	Elena Malone	27	Dave Skar
4	Kyra Ege	13	Elena Thompson	19	Kara Niedner	28	Marilyn McKenzie
4	Julie Vannoy	14	Adam Frantz	21	Jim Arnold	31	JD Forssen

\*BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO PATSY BAKER WHO IS CELEBRATING 90+ YEARS OF LIFE.

We give God thanks for the life of Carol Alley - February 5, 2022 (b. 11/21/1933). We pray that God will bring comfort to those who grieve.

### A Note Concerning Contacting Pastor Kathy in Her Retirement

As we enter in to our time of congregational transition, and to respect Pastor Kathy's boundaries surrounding her departure, the Synod asks us to refrain from contacting her regarding personal issues or pastoral care needs. We are also requested to allow a year before contacting her personally. This allows us as a congregation to move fully into the next phase of our life, and to bond fully with the next pastor.

Pastor Kathy, although much beloved, is no longer serving this congregation as a pastor, and we are all asked to respect this new stage in her life. This is not easy for us or for her, but it is essential for the overall health of the congregation.

Pastor Gretchen is more than happy to help with whatever pastoral care needs you might have in the interim and moving forward together in ministry. Please don't hesitate to reach out to the office with questions or to clarify what is appropriate. May God's peace be with us all.





#### What to Expect in the Transition

Here's is what we currently know about the transition process. A more precise timeline will be forthcoming:

- An Interim/Transition Pastor arrives to oversee the transition process and help provide pastoral leadership.
- A Transition Team will be formed to clarify our mission, strengths of congregational temperament, demographics, etc.
- A Call Committee Formed: Using what the Transition Team has discovered, the Call Committee interviews the candidates will be forwarded to us by the Synod.
- The Assistant to the Bishop will also be assisting and guiding us through this process.





### **Boots & Pearls Festival and Auction**

7 PM, Saturday, April 30 | Fellowship Hall

It's time to gear up for a hootenanny! Get out your pearls and pull on your boots for a rockin' good time raising funds and honoring our ministry together! Here are some highlights to look forward to:

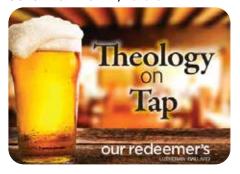
- Live Music from "The Feels" a rockin' vintage country duo!
- Two delicious food trucks to choose from!
- Fantastic live auction items from our community from vacation getaways to fun classes!
- A Fund-A-Need: upgrade our sanctuary piano to a STEINWAY for a STEAL! A concert-worthy sanctuary deserves a world-class piano.

We invite your donations to the live auction from the community – contact Pastor Gretchen with ideas, or if you know someone she should ask about it! When you're ready to donate you can <u>USE THIS ONLINE DONATION FORM</u>.

We would also love to have volunteers who can assist in getting ready, cleaning up, and helping to run the actual event. Thank you so much for being willing to make it all happen!

### Theology on Tap

March 22, 7 PM | Reuben's Brews, 5010 14th Ave NW. Ballard



Our 3/22/22 topic: "Women's History Month: What's the Deal?" Aren't we past gender yet? What does God/ Theology say about this? Join in on the discussion!

#### **Facilities Task Force Members Needed**

Now that we have successfully completed a beautiful building remodel, we want to keep it looking beautiful and and we're looking to you to help!

There are three areas related to the building where facility teams are needed:

- 1. A group that carries on where the VAB left off, taking the recommendations from VAB, following through on those and looking to the future of what we need. This is higher level and would involve some meetings, all of which can be virtual.
- 2. **On-the-ground help.** We do not have a custodian and need help with building tasks such as: lightbulb replacement, basic fix-it projects, picking up the grounds when there is need (litter), help getting quotes for any work that needs to be done. This team would most likely not involve any meetings and would be working directly with the Parish Administrator.
- 3. **Rentals task force.** We are looking to utilize the building for congregational and community needs. We need help creating a presence on the website for rentals with pictures, FAQs, rental agreements, pricing, etc., and could use your help. This task force might attend a few meetings but isn't obligatory. The rentals task force will be a short term obligation. Once we have met the 3-4 goals, the task force's obligations are complete.

If you would be willing to serve in ministry to Our Redeemer's to keep our building beautiful and further its resource potential, please reach out to Parish Administer Karie Stearns, <u>administrator@ourredeemers.net</u>, or by calling the church at 206-783-7900.

#### **Caring Community Team**

The Caring Community Team will have their next meeting on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 10:30 AM. Please contact Linda Carbone for more information or if you want to take part (lindac19@comcast.net).

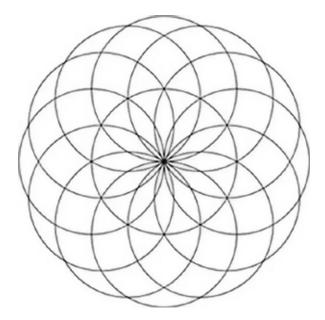




#### Looking Back on Our Stories of Faith and Social Justice

"Faith bears fruit in love. To me, faith is taking action."

Sonja Braasch shared this in one of the four Sacred Storytelling – Social Justice conversations held in the past two months. These rich conversations are part of the process to shape our congregation's social justice goals for the next five years. We hope that identifying our church's social justice plan will both reinvigorate our commitments and strengthen the effort to find a new pastor and create a church profile.



Here's a peek at some of what we shared in these conversations. **We** hope these ideas inspire you, and encourage you to share your own thoughts.

We began by asking participants to tell a story about a meaningful way they have chosen to "act justly, love kindness, and walk humbly with God" (Micah 6:8). We heard about:

Reading to children at a school that has many immigrants, bringing mass to a Washington State penitentiary, making community meals for those without homes or enough to eat, trail work at Carkeek Park and the beach clean-up, serving Thanksgiving dinner, book groups on racial justice, teaching literacy to adults, Habitat for Humanity in Nicaragua, advocating for bills with the state legislature, and trading stories with people we are serving through Safe Parking or at Thanksgiving.

We also wondered: what do you appreciate about Our Redeemer's social justice and direct service ministries?

We heard these appreciations:

- Ministries are rooted in love, justice, respect, equality in God's eyes, dignity, compassion, and humility.
- Faith calls people into relationships with each other. The church nurtures members and helps members nurture others.
- When our children hear the prayers of the people, they hear us praying for the whole world and all of humanity. That will impact their frame of reference for a lifetime.
- Helping with Ballard Sunday Dinner gives me a sense of hope instead of dread when encountering those without homes.
- Being a Reconciling In Christ congregation is wonderful! It feels good to walk into our church that welcomes anybody and everybody.
- Bible study and The Journey helped me understand what faith means and how it inspires action toward social justice.
- Doing social justice activities with others at church has been a significant way for me to build community.
- I got to watch Thanksgiving guests begin to let down their guard and relax.
- The earth care retreat provides connection and the feeling of being alive.
- We have been privileged to receive the gift of sacred encounters: deeply meeting other children of God and gaining understanding and insight from hearing others' stories.
- Being outdoors taking care of the Earth helps me grow in faith as I think about God, pause, and reflect.

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### In the April newsletter, we will share more:

- How have you/we grown and changed through our social justice engagement?
- What is breaking your heart in our communities right now?
- How are you feeling inspired to take action for God's realm in this moment?

- Communion at an open table where "all are welcome" is a statement of faith and a political/cultural statement about the worth and dignity of all.
- Doing social justice as a church enables me to get involved in causes that would be difficult to begin or do alone. It creates a sense of making a difference.
- Taking action is an expression of hope. Opportunities to practice faith as a community offer me hope.

### We hope these ideas inspire you, and encourage you to share your own thoughts.

We look forward to more Sacred Storytelling sessions, including special guest speakers in May.



#### Gifts for the World - Inviting Your Input

We are a generous congregation, tithing our church giving for "Gifts for Our World". Three percent of our giving goes to organizations that are "doing justice and loving kindness," as chosen by the Social Justice Team.

### This year we are inviting your input about organizations we can fund.

If you have an organization in mind, let us know by March 6th. Submit the name of the organization, why you believe we should support it, and how it fits with Our Redeemer's vision and priorities. Drop it off at the church office or send to Elizabeth, our Social Justice Coordinator, at <a href="mailto:outreach@ourredeemers.net">outreach@ourredeemers.net</a> by Sunday, March 6

Last year, our church supported 26 organizations including the Ballard Food Bank, Black Lives Matter -Seattle/King County, Earth Ministry, Lutheran Immigrant and Refugee Services, Lutheran World Relief, Mental Health Chaplaincy, Paths to Understanding, Reconciling Works, and the Urban Rest Stop, as well as making possible our participation in Ballard Sunday Dinner. If you hope we will continue support for any organization, please let us know!

### **Community Thank Yous**

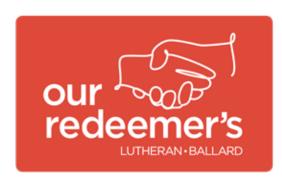
"Thank you so much for your donation in 2021 to the **Mental Health Chaplaincy!** As you know, the Chaplaincy provides an important compassionate presence in our city of spiritual care and companionship. This gift is used to directly assist those we serve through the Art Heals Project and the Pizza & Coffee Chaplaincy." - Kae Eaton, MAT, Chaplain, Director,

"Thank you for providing a safe place for me to share my struggles, find housing for my daughter and me, and a chance to meet new friends. **This supportive community makes my heart happy!**" – Tanya, Mary's Place

"We are so excited to share that **Kennedy is now cancer** free and we believe your love and prayers helped contribute to this great news. We will be forever grateful to you all!" - *The Stearns* 

"Thank you for your gift of \$224.47 which we received on 1/10/2022! Your support is so critical as the days get colder and darker, and our community faces the impacts of the end of the eviction moratorium. This past year has shown us that we are all stronger together." - Mary's Place

**"We so appreciate your partnership.** Thank you! Blessings for 2022." - Pastor Cara, Emmaus Table, Kitchen Renovation Project



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return service requested

SUNDAY WORSHIP 9 AM - Informal 11 AM - Traditional In-Person or Online: Facebook:

facebook.com ourredeemers and Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/822691346

REMEMBER TO TURN YOU CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR ON MARCH 13TH





