

MARCH 2024



TheVisitor

Welcome
Pastor Thomas Voelp!



Easter and *Holy Week* *Preview*

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A Community in the Model of Christ

From the Pastor...

Hello! I am Pastor Thomas!

What a time to begin a new call, made even more remarkable by the fact that we are in the middle of Lent, and well on the way to a very early Easter. I am very excited to be here, and I am beyond grateful for your overwhelming generosity with me, and helping me in my move to Seattle! It has been a whirlwind after a long year of discernment, growth, and rest after my previous term call was complete. It moves me deeply that you have called me, and I hope and trust our ministry will deepen, strengthen, and grow as we work in faith to heal, inspire, and form our community through the love of Christ.

As much as I am excited to get to know you all, I am sure you are a little curious about me. I've spent most of my life in or around San Diego, California, with my home in Temecula. I've been up and down the coast too many times to count, and went first to PLU and then PLTS. Western Washington has always felt like home, though, and I am simply stunned at this opportunity, and that I get to make my home here, now!

That said, I have always had a sense of calling and direction, even since childhood. My experiences have always led me towards self growth and exploration outside of my comfort zones. I have had opportunities to do ministry with communities accompanying and advocating for those living with mental illness as well as dealing with homelessness in San Francisco and San Diego, and I have worked in ministry towards those seeking refuge and asylum. Strangely, most of my friends are either a-religious or agnostic, although I am very comforted coming home to our Lutheran community. (To be fair, it's Lutheran theology with a good helping of English hymnody, and a few garnishes of Episcopal practices that are my personal genre.)

I am a big believer in sarcasm and dark humor, and usually these illustrate the deeper truths which I hold dear. I am a feeler instinctively, and I think to seek to understand those feelings. And often, thought and feeling are tied together for me; I feel deeply committed to what I think and therefore value.

I am definitely an historian. It is not just facts and figures, and dates and events, but how the coincidence of those things imply and implore us to understand the why of our being, and the purpose

and meaning encompassing the stories we tell of our past and our sense of the present. Going to London and Dublin last month was almost like a pilgrimage for a history nerd such as myself! I love to travel, and I would love to do more!

I am a lover of music. I can go from metal to folk to polyphony to classical to bluegrass and beyond in one hour. I can listen to one song for days on end, as if in meditation. And I reflect often on the sequence of sound, as well as any lyrics that might resonate within the tapestry of pieces. My original entry into college was based on Music Composition and Psychology, and the call to ministry made these things part of the whole. In fact, I am very much a big-picture person, and this affects my ministry and approach.

Lastly, I enjoy entertaining at home and trying new restaurants. I am a dog and rabbit person, and although cats are cool, I am deathly allergic to them! My favorite drink depends on the day, but every day requires an acrid and dense espresso, and I am always down for seafood. Going to concerts, ballet, being on the water, hiking in the woods, walking in the cities, kayaking... these are luxuries I often take for granted. I have golf clubs, and I promise I can use them, though not well. I take a lot of comfort singing to myself and organizing my home. You can find me happiest when I am cooking, doing laundry, and washing my dishes - I know that's weird! Your new pastor is weird.



Pastor Thomas Voelp

Dear Our Redeemer's, thank you again for calling me to lead and accompany you in this exciting new thing God is doing!

Pastor Thomas Voelp and Pastor David Hahn will conduct a Mutual Blessing - for sending and welcoming - on Sunday, March 3rd. Please join us on that day to welcome our new Pastor and bid a farewell to Pastor David Hahn, who nimbly served throughout this transition.

Everyone is invited to a special "Thank You & Goodbye" reception for Pastor David in the Fellowship Hall that day.

What's Happening in March 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.



March 3, Sunday WELCOME PASTOR VOELP

9 AM - Informal Worship
9 AM - Sprouts In-Person | Downstairs
10 AM - O-ROCK Youth Classes | Downstairs
10 AM - Thank You Reception for Pastor David
10 AM - Confirmation | Library
11 AM - Traditional Worship

March 4, Monday

5 PM - A Women's Gathering | Obec Brewing, Ballard

March 5, Tuesday

7 PM - LiVE Synod-wide Bible Study | Zoom

March 6, Wednesday

6:30 PM - Kid's Choir, 7 PM - Choir Rehearsal

March 7, Thursday

7 PM - LiVE Project: Lent w/ Baldwin & Bonhoeffer
4:15 - All Staff Meeting

March 10, Sunday

9 AM - Informal Worship
9 AM - Sprouts In-Person | Downstairs
10 AM - O-ROCK Youth Classes | Downstairs
10 AM - Confirmation | Library
10 AM - Adult Forum: Art Church | Fellowship Hall
11 AM - Traditional Worship
2 PM - Easter Hand Bells Practice | Sanctuary

March 12, Tuesday

7 PM - LiVE Synod-wide Bible Study | Zoom
8 PM - Executive Team Meeting

March 13, Wednesday

6:30 PM - Kid's Choir, 7 PM - Choir Rehearsal

March 14, Thursday

7 PM - LiVE Project: Lent w/ Baldwin & Bonhoeffer

March 16, Saturday

2 PM - Easter Hand Bells Practice | Sanctuary
3 PM - Easter Orchestra Practice | Sanctuary

March 17, Sunday

9 AM - Informal Worship
9 AM - Sprouts In-Person | Downstairs
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 | Ballard First Lutheran

March 19, Tuesday

7 PM - LiVE Synod-wide Bible Study | Zoom

March 20, Wednesday

6:30 PM - Kid's Choir, 7 PM - Choir Rehearsal

March 24, Sunday PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

9 AM - Informal Worship
9 AM - Sprouts In-Person | Downstairs
10 AM - O-ROCK Youth Classes | Downstairs
10 AM - Confirmation | Library
10 AM - Adult Forum-Sonja Braasch | Fellowship Hall
11 AM - Traditional Worship
2 PM - Easter Hand Bells Practice | Sanctuary
3 PM - Easter Orchestra Practice | Sanctuary
3 PM - Madonna's Book Group | Members' Home

March 26, Tuesday

7 PM - LiVE Synod-wide Bible Study | Zoom

March 27, Wednesday

6:30 PM - Kid's Choir, 7 PM - Choir Rehearsal

March 28, Thursday MAUNDY THURSDAY

7 PM - Maundy Thursday Worship & Communion

March 29, Friday GOOD FRIDAY

12 PM - 24 Hour Prayer Vigil Begins
7 PM - Tenebrae & Prayer Around the Cross

March 31, Sunday EASTER

6:30 AM - Sunrise Service | Carkeek Park
8:30 AM - Easter Breakfast | Our Redeemer's
9 AM - Easter Festival Worship
10:10 AM - Easter Egg Hunt | Front Yard
11 AM - Easter Festival Worship



Living Generously

To view the Financial Snapshot spreadsheet for Our Redeemer's thru Jan 2024, visit this [LINK \(https://rebrand.ly/quduayl\)](https://rebrand.ly/quduayl). If you have questions or concerns about Our Redeemer's financial status, contact Karie Stearns, administrator@ourredeemers.net.

Our Redeemer's Mission Budget				
Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (Thru 1.31.24) 58.33% thru the fiscal year				
Income	2023-2024 Approved Budget	Year to Date Income as of 1.31.24	% of Budget Year to Date	Over (Under) Budget Year to Date
Envelope & Loose Offerings	511,100	282,857	55.34%	(15,284)
Church Use	88,506	50,659	57.2%	(970)
Fundraising (Auction)*	38,000	0	0.0%	N/A
Interest	1,000	81	8.1	(503)
Special/One-Time Gifts	-	31,000	N/A	31,000
Total Regular Income (without Special Giving)**	638,606	333,597	44.6%	(38,923)
TOTAL INCOME	638,606	364,597	57%	(7,923)
Expenses	2023-2024 Approved Budget	Year to Date Expenses as off 1.31.24	% of Budget Year to Date	Over (Under) Budget
Social Justice/Outreach	74,549	31,536	42.3%	(11,951)
Pastoral Staff	172,820	56,290	32.6%	(44,522)
Worship & Music	38,382	25,704	67%	3,315
Fellowship & Caring	2,750	2,135	77.6%	530
Faith Formation	22,517	16,890	75%	3,755
Stewardship	11,419	4,751	41.6%	(1,911)
Communications***	55,667	44,271	79.5%	11,798
Facilities	108,978	67,161	61.6%	3,591
Administration	150,615	73,589	48.9%	(14,270)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$637,697	322,327	43.1%	(49,665)

Regular giving is below budget by \$38,923. However, we are currently operating with a net positive of \$11,271 when comparing regular income to expenses and a net positive of \$42,271 when comparing total income to total expenses. This is primarily due to being nearly \$50,000 under budget in expenses due to planned understaffing as we work through the call process.

*The auction is scheduled to occur later in the fiscal year, skewing the total over/under budget year to date numbers.

**Special Giving denotes a one-time gift that is outside of regular giving.

***Communications expense line will continue to be overbudget for the 23-24 FY due to staffing backpay.

Celebrating March Birthdays!

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

* Birthday blessings to Patsy Baker who is celebrating a 90+ birthday this month.



Worship and Music

Holy Week at Our Redeemer's

Holy Week this year will continue to be framed by our Lenten theme, "Restore Us." As we search for our place in the story of Jesus' death and resurrection, we pray for new insights into where we might find a new life where we thought there might only be suffering and death. Thanks be to God!

March 24: Palm/Passion Sunday

Beginning outside with palms and processing, we will then move into the sanctuary for the telling of the passion narrative and remember the story of Jesus' journey to the cross in love and loyalty to God and all of humanity. This service contains many emotions from joy and elation at the procession of the Humble King, to the agony of his death in the crucifixion.

March 28: Maundy Thursday – 7 PM

7:00 pm – The liturgy starts with foot-washing, followed by communion and the stripping of the altar. This is a wonderful interactive service remembering the last supper of Jesus and his disciples.

March 29: Good Friday

7:00 pm – Our service of Tenebrae (Shadows) is a candlelight service remembering and reflecting on the last words of Christ through prayer, music, and silence. This moving service is deeply rooted in the tradition of the church, and is beautiful and moving.

March 29–30: Good Friday – 24-hour Prayer Vigil

Beginning at **noon on Good Friday, and continuing until noon on Holy Saturday**, we invite individuals to sign up to pray for an hour in our prayer chapel or online. It is a time to remember the world, pray for mercy and healing, and to find solace. There is a deep sense of the sacred when one is praying in the dark and quiet of the middle of the night while we remember Christ's death and burial.

March 31: Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service – 6:30 am in Carkeek Park

Join us in the early hours of the morning for a service of light and resurrection! Celebrate holy communion, and rejoice and be glad. He is risen indeed! Contact Phillipa Dugaw (phillipasara@gmail.com) to help make this service happen – we need many hands.

Festival Easter Worship – 9:00 am & 11:00 am at Our Redeemer's

He is risen! Come and blow the trumpets, ring the bells, and spread the Good News! We worship with joy and thanksgiving at the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Contact [Karen Lee](mailto:karen@ourredeemers.net) (karen@ourredeemers.net) to be part of the choir, handbells, or orchestra!

Easter Breakfast – 8:30 am – 10:00 am at Our Redeemer's

Warm yourself after the sunrise service with a hearty breakfast at Our Redeemer's! Volunteers are needed and welcome to help make this meal happen. [Please make a contribution](https://rebrand.ly/gl3gsyy) (<https://rebrand.ly/gl3gsyy>) to defray the cost of the breakfast. Thank you!

Easter Egg Hunt – 10:10 am at Our Redeemer's

All children are invited to bring a basket and hunt for eggs on our front lawn (weather permitting).





Worship and Music



Continuing Our Lenten Journey

As we journey the Lenten landscape, you are invited to resonate through your heart and echo in your prayers to “Restore Us.” The journey of restoration finds its culmination in the joy of Easter. The resurrection of Christ assures us that God’s restoring love is not only possible but promised.

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May this Lenten season be a time of blessed restoration, a journey where we collectively echo the psalmist’s plea, “Restore to me the joy of your salvation” and, “Restore us, O God, and let your face shine upon us.” Together, let us continue to walk in the assurance that God’s redeeming love has the power to heal, renew, and restore.

“A light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.”

You may be wondering what a little bit of Advent and a hint of Epiphany are doing in a message during Lent. Simply, we cannot know the way of the cross if we do not see the consequences of fervent hope in God shining light into the world – what is hidden away is brought out into the light of day, and the reality of the world can never be hidden from view again. We see the world and ourselves differently. Hope and joy meet their completion in seeing for what we have hoped. And for us, it is not just a risen Lord, but a crucified one, too.

If Advent is a waiting for light, and Epiphany signals the light of God coming into the world through Christ, then Lent is walking in the shadow of the cross, and in light of it, the places that cast shadows of their own in the world.

Lent is about seeing clearly where the cross stands as a marker in places where the suffering and sin-submerged world is met by a God who exposes the realities of this world as those which God also suffers alongside and with us. Lent is about God’s revelation that it is the darkness of the world that God has come to bring to light.

We are so exposed to information and crisis daily that it can seem like this “light” is shining too bright – it is casting too many shadows – and we may want to shield our eyes. These days, when the world seems especially chaotic, it

is easy to get angry and sad, frightened, and anxious. It is overwhelming. It is hard to find levity when our hearts and minds are captivated by what pains and alarms so many throughout our nation and beyond.

It is sometimes challenging for us to feel at ease while going about our daily lives, taking time to rest, or enjoying even a moment of fun. This difficulty arises when we compare our lives to those who experience a level of suffering to which many of us have never been subjected and may never face. We may believe any distractions from solidarity even for a moment is a cause for shame.

In the past, recollection of suffering – especially on the suffering of Jesus – was practiced during Lent through fasts and marked modesty. Every week was meant to mirror Holy Week, with some more celebratory feast days punctuating an otherwise somber and dour season. Anything that could bring about a sense of enjoyment or levity would often be seen as ostentatious or luxurious and was discouraged.

Fasts do have their place and can still be helpful practices. Humility, though, can be practiced even in acknowledging our limitations and need for moments of rest, or on a day when the shadows seem a little too

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Worship and Music



Easter Hand Bell Ensemble and Orchestra by Karen Lee, Traditional Worship and Music Director

You are invited to play an orchestral instrument or hand bells for both the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Easter services at Our Redeemer's on Sunday, March 31! Even if you've never played hand bells before, I can arrange an easy part for you to learn how – it's fun! And if you play an instrument, it's wonderful to play in a group – join us! Rehearsals will be as follows:

Sunday, March 10
Hand Bells only
2:00 – 3:00 pm

Saturday, March 16
Hand Bells
2:00 – 3:00 pm
Orchestra
3:00 – 4:00 pm

Sunday, March 24
Hand Bells
2:00 – 3:00 pm
Orchestra
3:00 – 4:00 pm

Let's make a joyful noise for Easter!
Please contact me to let me know you're interested in participating. Karen Lee:
karen@ourredeemers.net



Donate Tulips in Memory/In Honor of a Love One

Please consider flowers given in memory of - or to honor - a loved one in your life, and help us to decorate our sanctuary on Easter with your donated flowers. Your loved one's name will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletins. (We also except donations just for the joy of tulips to beautify our sanctuary for Easter. Thank you!).

Donate any amount you wish in the flower envelopes located at church or use the QR Code.



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thick. Accepting the reality of the world means being aware and sensitive, but it does not mean always denying ourselves what we need to be comforted in troubling times.

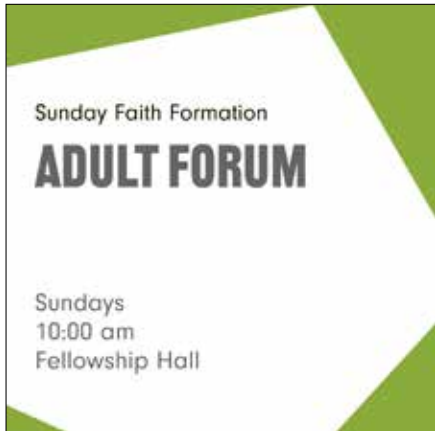
This Lent, maybe the light of Christ can offer us a glimpse of the joy of living and the joy of the answer to our hopes, while it also can reveal the truth that hope sees inequity and pursues justice.

There is light in this current moment of darkness, and it is having our eyes opened to the truth beyond the tragedies that anger, frustrate, and sadden us – that a world that holds the cross and a world that has its shadows also has a light that shines in the places that seem darkest. Those places that are darkened and marked by the cross of Christ are places of hope and comfort, insight and wonder, and reveal the way of our life in light of Christ's cross.

- Pastor Thomas Voelp



Faith Formation



Adult Forums in February

Sundays, 10 AM | Fellowship Hall

Join us in March for Adult Forums:

March 3 - Thank You & Goodbye Reception for Pastor David

March 10 - Art Church with Mary Peterson

March 17 - "The Last Week of Jesus": How did Jesus choose to spend his last week and what does it reveal about his priorities/ purposes?

March 24 - Sonja Braasch's Tanzania trip presentation (see description below)

ALL are welcome!



Sonja Braasch Tanzania Vision Trip Presentation

Sunday, March 24, 10 AM | Fellowship Hall (rescheduled from 2/25)

Church member Sonja Braasch is back from her trip to Tanzania trip ready to share her experience and take your questions about her vision trip. Sonja will present photos of that country's beautiful scenery and wildlife taken on her safari to Ngorongoro Crater and the Serengeti region. Learn first-hand from Sonja about the culture of Tanzania and what she learned about the ELC ministry.

The presentation is Sunday, March 24 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. This talk will be in lieu of the Adult Forum that Sunday. Everyone is welcome!



THE LIVE PROJECT
living into vocational engagement

The LiVE Project is a networked lay learning community discerning God's call; theologically thoughtful, culturally responsive, and communally engaged; connecting churches and forming Christian public leaders; a flexible, hybrid model of learning: Zoom and face to face. Learn more and keep in touch and watch for what's coming up: [LINK \(https://rebrand.ly/fa8203\)](https://rebrand.ly/fa8203)

Synod-Wide Bible Study

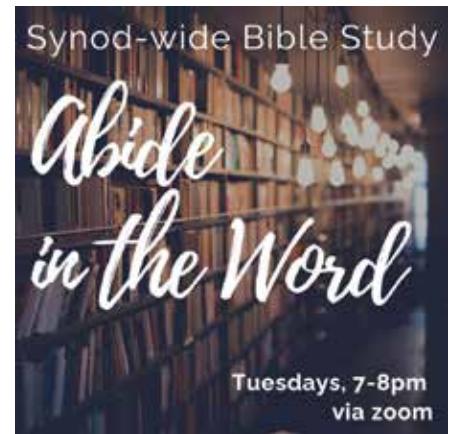
Tuesdays, 7-8 PM | Zoom

This year-long, Synod-wide weekly Bible Study takes participants on a deeper dive into the following Sunday's Lectionary text.

Participants will have the chance to experience the diverse perspectives and voices of various guest facilitators from across the synod.

This is a FREE LiVE offering! No registration needed.

You can find the zoom link [HERE: \(https://rebrand.ly/546a22\)](https://rebrand.ly/546a22).





Social Justice



Earth Care Beach Cleanup Retreat

April 19-21, 2024 | Pacific Dunes Resort

Our Redeemer's is coordinating with Washington CoastSavers again this year to remove debris from coastal beaches on Earth Day! We had a great event last year with 60 participants, and we currently have all of Pacific Dunes Resort reserved again this year for both Friday and Saturday nights (April 19 and 20). Come and enjoy both the fellowship and the stewardship of caring for the earth! Please contact Paul and Maria Kalina (paukalina@hotmail.com, maria_damico@yahoo.com) if you are interested in participating.

Save these dates to care for the Earth alongside your Our Redeemer's Lutheran community!

April 19-21
EarthCare Beach Cleanup

Saturday - May 11
Neighborhood Recycling Roundup

Recycling Roundup - May 11

Styrofoam, packing peanuts, mobile phones, laptops, bikes, bike parts, and more!

Start saving your electronic recycling, clean Styrofoam and bikes for the May 11th Neighborhood Recycling Roundup in Our Redeemer's parking lot!

Consider volunteering to meet some of the 250 neighborhood households that participate in this event! If you're interested in helping launch this event with some work prior and day of please contact Connie Sandstrom at conniesandstrom05@gmail.com.



Personal Care Kits Items Needed

You are invited to consider a hands-on Lutheran World Relief project. Personal Care Kits are one of our most requested items and make a simple yet profound difference for impoverished families. Thank you for what you can contribute.

The goal is to collect and assemble at least 50 kits. Here are the most needed items by priority:

- 4 oz. bars of Ivory soap - 100 bars needed. (Fred Meyer sometimes has packages of ten bars on sale.)
- Bath towels-dark colors and lightweight - 50 needed. (Target has "Room Essentials" towels for \$3 each.)
- Sturdy combs, nail clippers, and toothbrushes.

Please purchase and drop off the items at the church office in the basket next to the front doors as soon as you can but no later than mid-April. Contact Sharon Longaker if you have questions: slongaker@msn.com.

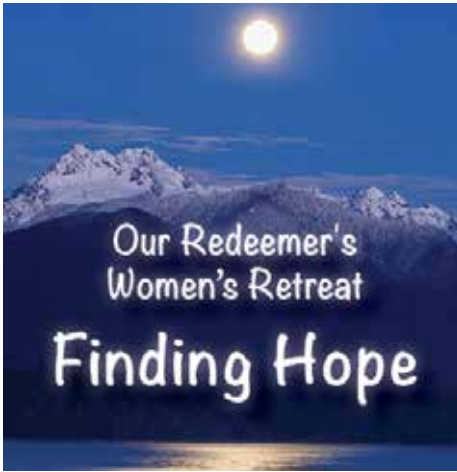
Help Feed Our Neighbors in Need at Ballard Sunday Dinner

Consider helping out at Ballard Sunday Dinner (BSD) on the third Sunday of each month! BSD is a ministry in which we partner with local churches to feed our hungry neighbors. All roles have lots of availability, and we partner up with you until you're comfortable!
The next three dinners are on March 17, April 21, and May 19.

Please make the commitment to help and sign up for a few months in advance by using this link: <https://rb.gy/ea817>. Amy Borgmeyer (amy.borgmeyer@gmail.com) is available to contact if you have any questions. Thank you for all that you do!



Community



Women's Retreat - "Finding Hope"

Friday - Sunday May 3-5 | Seabeck Conference Center

Register: <https://rebrand.ly/pytax06>

Anyone identifying as female is invited to the beautiful Seabeck Conference Center on Hood Canal May 3-5. The theme is Finding Hope. Our guest speaker is Pastor Deanna Wildermuth, an engaging and creative retired Lutheran pastor. The cost is \$270 for the entire weekend (full or partial scholarships available by request). A \$58 deposit due at time of registration. Paper registration forms are available in church office or fill out a Google form: <https://rebrand.ly/pytax06>. Please pay a deposit by check to the main office or through online giving on Our Redeemer's website. Questions? Contact Mandy Neill, welcome@ourredeemers.net or Connie Sandstrom, conniesandstrom05@gmail.com.



Council Member Corner - David McBride

David grew up in Spokane, WA and attended Washington State University, where he received a bachelor's degree in Engineering. Following graduation from WSU, David moved to Southern California to begin his career. David enjoyed rock climbing, camping, backpacking and skiing with his friends in SoCal.

In the 90s, David reconnected with his college sweetheart, Pamela, and they were married in 2000. A few years later, David and Pamela's son, Colin was born.

Wanting to be nearer their extended families in Washington State, David and Pamela relocated to Seattle in 2007 and became members of Our Redeemer's, where Pamela's great aunt was a member. A year later, David and Pamela's second son, Kyle was born.

David and Pamela and Kyle live in the Wedgwood neighborhood of northeast Seattle, while Colin is attending the Digipen Institute of Technology in Redmond, studying digital arts and animation. Kyle is a freshman at Roosevelt High School and is currently going through confirmation at Our Redeemer's.

Council Member David McBride enjoys fly fishing, camping and hiking with Pamela, film and television, as well as cooking and good restaurants.



New Railing Installed in Sanctuary

Have you noticed the new railing on the ramp in the sanctuary?

The railing was installed by Matt Neill, who is the husband of our very own Welcome Minister, Mandy Neill. Matt generously donated his labor for the project.

The metal railing was designed by Ryan Mertes, who used his contacts to have it fabricated locally. Matt and Ryan selected wood from an old Our Redeemer's pew, which Matt then shaped and polished for use as a cap on top of the metal railing.

Matt came to woodworking after he graduated from high school. He was attending community college and trying to figure out what he wanted to do for a career. He landed a summer job at a woodworking shop in Ballard. Initially, it was just a job, but as he learned the craft, he fell in love with it, and it's been his trade for the past 24 years. He worked in several shops around Ballard before striking out on his own in 2023. He's been his own boss now for about a year.

Matt and Mandy live in Ballard with their two sons, Lake and Richie.

Are you thinking about a cabinet or furniture project? Please consider Matt Neill at Springboard Woodworks. His email is matt@springboardwoodworks.com.



Community

Bloom & Grow Together Auction

Saturday, April 27, 5-8 PM | Fellowship Hall

Join us for an enchanting evening of bidding and blossoms at our "Bloom and Grow Together" Auction on Saturday, April 27. Immerse yourself in a world where every bid helps cultivate community and fosters growth!

We are procuring items for both the live and the silent auctions! If you have a vacation home, gift baskets, or other experiences, services, or items that you can offer for a good cause, let us know by emailing auktion.ourredeemers@gmail.com. There are forms at church for you to take and give to businesses you might donate an item or service. Thank you for helping out!



A Women's Gathering - You're Invited!

Monday, March 4, 5 PM | Obec Brewing, 1144 NW 52nd St.

What's not to love? An evening of great conversation and belly laughs with other Our Redeemer's women! Come join the next lively first Monday monthly 5-7 pm gathering, February 5 at Obec Brewing, 1144 NW 52nd St. Non-alcoholic beverages are available and there's a good Mexican food truck for dinner if you'd like. Sometimes the group is only a few and other times 12+. No matter the size of the gathering, the attendees always walk away with a full heart and a smile. Do you have questions or maybe need a ride? Call Connie Sandstrom, 206-375-5449, or email Kari Guddal: kari_guddal@outlook.com.



Madonna's Book Group

Sunday, March 24, 3 PM

The Madonna's will meet next on Sunday, March 24th, 3:00 pm at a member's home (location TBD). The book the group is reading and discussing THE ROARING DAYS OF ZORA LILY by Noelle Salazar. You are invited to join in! Contact Lynne at buckomcneill@yahoo.com with questions or to be added to the contact list.





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return service requested

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9 AM Informal Worship
11 AM Traditional Worship

Stream Online (11 AM)
Facebook: [facebook.com/OurRedeemers](https://www.facebook.com/OurRedeemers)
Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/822691346>

Church office hours:
Monday-Thursday
10 AM - 3PM

Holy Week

March 24, 9 & 11 AM >>Palm/Passion Sunday

March 28, 7 PM >>Maundy Thursday

March 29, 7 PM >>Good Friday Worship

March 29-30, Noon-Noon >>24-hr Prayer Vigil

March 31 Easter Sunday:

6:30 AM >>Sunrise Service, Carkeek Park

8:30-10:00 AM >>Easter Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

9:00 & 11:00 AM

>>Festival Easter Worship, Sanctuary



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