

MARCH 2025



# The Visitor



*God's People  
are formed in  
the Wilderness.*

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SUCCESS!**

**A Community in the Model of Christ**

### Formed in the Wilderness

With Lent fast-approaching this year, our Liturgical Arts Team met early this month to consider the liturgy for the season. Reflecting on the lectionary, practices and traditions, and our needs as a community, we sensed that the Spirit was calling us to reflect on the theme of **wilderness**. For us concept of wilderness as a place of growth and experience of God is poignant for such a time as this. Being called, gathered, sheltered, nourished, led, and transformed in the wilderness means that, for this Lent, how we are being formed and equipped as the people of God—what our identity and life together is now and will become—is founded in listening for God’s voice and direction, having trust in the process of growth, and actively participating in that process.

Wilderness as a place of call is not unusual for the Hebrew Bible; going into the wilderness is less about seeking rest and solitude, and instead about being reformed or transformed. The Hebrews wander the desert for generations until they are formed by the covenant, God’s covenant transforms the people of God in relationship to God’s world and other peoples and nations, God’s hand of shelter and providence transforms wild and parched deserts into arable land for settlement and stability, God reforms the people by sending them into the wide and wild world. Wilderness itself is a place where human limitations and God’s creativity and dependability are revealed. A people that walks in the wilderness must listen and discern. A people that does not settle lives by what resources can be found, and depending on the rhythm and ways of life that it cannot control.

In our own time, nature excursions are about getting away from the noise and hurriedness of our ways of life. This is often how we understand the wilderness in Scripture; we may consider this more comfortable way of viewing nature, instead that we ought to remember “wild” can mean outside of human control. We have the Romantics and Victorians to thank for this way of seeing nature as something to be respected in its vastness, but also a place to exert control. Humans must control the

wilderness if it is to be habitable. Our sense of nature in a controlled environment—that it yields gifts for our wellness is not out-of-step with the more ancient views, but it is influenced by our own sense of the fact that nature is a tamed or an ordered wilderness, where we take what we seek from it, not necessarily that we go to hear and attend what God seeks from us.

We carry our provisions to get us through. Depending on God to feed us and nourish us and give us direction—not taking what we want, but only what God gives us is a matter of trust. For a world constantly in need of hope, and, which can look at the “civilized” world as unnatural and even wild, the church offers a place to grow out of the ways of life that distort the reality of not only our dependence on God, but each other. That Christ’s church is a place of wildness and wilderness, speaks not to our common understanding of nature as isolating, but full of connections and relationship-building. That the wildness of God’s grace widens the eye and allows us to see how little control we exert in this life without consequences. And, that we are drawn together means that growing in the wilderness means depending on each other and throwing off self-serving love for the love of Christ.

This Lent, we can walk together through this wilderness season in worship, by receiving, praying, and connecting ourselves in devotional practice (sign up to receive Devotions), by connecting beyond ourselves with Thursday-night LIVE Project courses and discussions, and

joining for Friday-night dinners and low-stakes conversations that build our community. Lent can be a time to commit to growth, even if it is not necessarily letting go of the mainstays of life during other seasons. In this wilderness season, let’s lean into our formation as God’s people.

–Pastor Thomas



Daylight Saving Time starts on Sunday, March 9. Please remember to set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night. Let’s welcome the longer days together!

# What's Happening in March

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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 1, Saturday

9 AM - Liturgical Arts Team

**March 2, Sunday**  
**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

**9 AM - Informal Worship**  
9 AM - Sprouts In-Person | Downstairs  
10 AM - O-ROCK Youth Classes | Downstairs  
10 AM - Confirmation | Library  
10 AM - Embodied Church Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall  
**11 AM - Traditional Worship**

March 3, Monday

5 PM - Church Ladies Beer Night | Old Stove Gardens

March 4, Tuesday

7 PM - Executive Team Meeting

March 5, Wednesday  
**ASH WEDNESDAY**

7-9 AM & 4-6 PM - **Ashes to Go** | Our Redeemer's Curbside  
11 AM - Staff Meeting  
**7 PM - Ash Wednesday Worship**

March 6, Thursday

7 PM - Informal Worship Band Rehearsal

March 7, Friday

6 PM - F(e)asting Together Lent Dinner | Soprano's Pizza

**March 9, 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**  
6 PM - Breaking Bread Dinners | Various Locations

March 11, Tuesday

7 PM - Church Council Meeting

March 12, Wednesday

11 AM - Staff Meeting  
5 PM - B.A.T. Meeting  
7 PM - Choir Rehearsal

March 13, Thursday

7 PM - Informal Worship Band Rehearsal

March 14, Friday

6 PM - F(e)asting Together Lent Dinner | Soprano's Pizza

**March 16, Sunday**

**9 AM - Informal Worship**  
9 AM - Sprouts In-Person | Downstairs  
10 AM - O-ROCK Youth Classes | Downstairs  
10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall  
**11 AM - Traditional Worship**  
2 PM - Ballard Sunday Dinner | Ballard First Lutheran  
3 PM - Madonna's Book Group | Our Redeemer's

March 19, Wednesday

7 PM - Choir Rehearsal

March 20, Thursday

7 PM - Informal Worship Band Rehearsal

March 21, Friday

6 PM - F(e)asting Together Lent Dinner | Soprano's Pizza

**March 23, Sunday**

**9 AM - Informal Worship**  
9 AM - Sprouts In-Person | Downstairs  
10 AM - O-ROCK Youth Classes | Downstairs  
10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall  
**11 AM - Traditional Worship**

March 24, Monday

10 AM - Monthly Volunteer Grounds Crew

March 26, Wednesday

11 AM - Staff Meeting  
7 PM - Choir Rehearsal

March 27, Thursday

7 PM - Informal Worship Band Rehearsal

March 28, Friday

6 PM - F(e)asting Together Lent Dinner | Soprano's Pizza

**March 30, 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**



# Living Generously

## Mardi Gras Auction: A Success!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's successful fundraising auction! Over \$22,500 was raised to support Our Redeemer's ministries in the coming year! Special thanks to auctioneers Tim & Victoria, the Big Easy Bartenders, and the Gumbo Shack staff for enjoyable evening. (Donations still welcome using this QR code.)



**Fundraising Highlights:** Dessert Dash: \$1,630; Raise the Paddle/Fund a Need: \$3,950 (earmarked for a Holden scholarship, 4 new tables, and a mural in the O'Rock room); Heads or Tails: \$595; Raffle: \$225 (winner received Niels Running's Valentine's Day basket); Wine Grab: raised \$370; Gumbo, Cornbread & Mac n Cheese: raised \$813 (and received rave reviews). Big Easy Bar: \$280 raised. **Our heartfelt gratitude to the following volunteers:** Cindy Anderson, Carolyn Davis, Phillipa Dugaw, Jodi & Aaron Duke, Joanna Elizondo, Paula Hlastala, Tim & Victoria Hunter, Debbie Lematta, Betsy McGregor, Annie McGrew, Diana Myers, Chris Odell, Kris Rogness, Connie Sandstrom, Kim Smith, Candace Todd-Robbins, Pastor Thomas Voelp. And a big thank you to everyone who helped with cleanup, basket preparation, and item donations!

## The (Fiscal) Times They Are A-Changin'

by Emilie Purvine & Carolyn Davis, Council Treasurers

For as long as anyone can recall our fiscal year has been July - June, stewardship is in October/November, and the pledge year is January - December. This mismatch has been confusing to many people and the main reason it has remained this way for so long seems to be so that we can pass the budget at our annual meeting in June. **At the June 2024 Our Redeemer's Annual Meeting a request was made for the treasurers, finance team, and council to look into changing the fiscal year** (a.k.a. spending or budget year) to align with the giving and tax years; either propose to make the change or explain why it's best kept as is. Over the months since June we have considered this question, looked at the church's constitution, and weighed the pros and cons. We arrived at the conclusion (with a recommendation from the finance team and a passing motion from council) to move the fiscal year to January - December starting in January 2026. Here we will provide answers to a few questions you may have. We want to hear from you about this if you have additional questions or comments. You'll find our contact details at the end of the questions.

**Our current budget ends June 2025. What happens between then and January 2026?** Great observation! We will create and present a July 2025-December 2025 six-month budget to vote on at the annual congregational meeting in June 2025.

**There's already a lot going on in the church around Christmas and New Year. When will we vote on a January - December budget?** After receiving advice from a congregation member that has worked in non-profit accounting for several years we understand that it is common practice (and thus our recommendation) to pass the new budget at an annual budget meeting at the end January or beginning of February. Payroll and other expenses that need to be paid in January before this vote will be paid at the monthly rate of the prior year. Assuming the budget passes with increased salaries and other expenses, back-pay will be

added to the February payments to make up the difference between what was paid in January and what is passed.

**So we'll meet in January/February. What will we do at that meeting? And will we still have an annual meeting every June?** The constitution requires that we "designate one regular meeting per year as the annual meeting of this congregation" but allows that "two additional regular meetings of the congregation may be held." Further, the constitution states that "The Congregation Council shall submit a comprehensive report to this congregation at the annual meeting" and that "[members of the council's] terms shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected." Having all of that happen in January, with all the required preparation necessary around Christmas, does not seem feasible. Therefore we propose to continue designating our June meeting as "the annual meeting" where we present the state of the church, elect new council members, honor volunteers, and celebrate the work of the church. The January/February meeting will be solely budget-focused and, we hope, quick(er). The treasurers will give a financial report of the prior budget year, present the current budget, and invite a vote to pass it. That's it.

**You've anticipated a lot of my questions, but I still have more. How can I ask them?** We're happy to answer any questions to ensure we have the best plan going forward. Some questions may require us to think more about the proposal. Others we'll have a quick answer to. Please feel free to reach out to the treasurers Emilie Purvine ([emiliepurvine@gmail.com](mailto:emiliepurvine@gmail.com)) or Carolyn Davis ([ckd98117@hotmail.com](mailto:ckd98117@hotmail.com)). If you'd rather speak with us in person or via phone you can find us on Sunday at church or get our phone numbers from the church office. We also plan to hold a between services meeting for more discussion (date TBD). We want this transition to be as transparent and smooth as possible!



# Worship and Music



## Easter Hand Bell Ensemble and Orchestra by Karen Lee, Traditional Worship 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, April 20th! 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! One hour rehearsals will be as follows:

**Saturday, April 5**  
Hand Bells only - 2:00 pm

**Sunday, April 19**  
Hand Bells - 2:00 pm  
Orchestra - 3:00 pm

**Saturday, April 12**  
Hand Bells - 2:00 pm  
Orchestra - 3:00 pm

Let's make a joyful noise  
for Easter!

Please contact Karen Lee if you're interested in participating: [karen@ourredeemers.net](mailto:karen@ourredeemers.net).

## Liturgical Furniture "Altar" Task Force Update

(More 9:00 am representatives wanted; contact chair, Marie Nordquist or council partner, Pastor Thomas to join!)

This month, the council confirmed the members of the new Altar Task Force. The task force's goal is to guide the renewal of Our Redeemer's sanctuary, focusing on designing new furnishings that center our liturgical practices. The main task is to design a new altar, followed by a lectern or ambo and baptismal font, which will be presented to the council for approval. The aim is for these pieces to form a cohesive set that complements the renovation and emphasizes the importance of Word and Sacrament in our worship.

Currently, the altar is a borrowed table, and the lectern has been called a "fancy music stand." While these items still serve, the goal is to create more fitting, permanent pieces. The task force, working with Pastor Thomas, will help select options that reflect the significance of the sacraments and our faith community.

This is exciting, meaningful work, and we encourage regular attendees of the 9:00 am service to get involved! Meeting times and dates will be set soon.

### Task Force Members to Date:

Thomas Voelp, Council Partner  
Marie Nordquist, Chair  
Tamara Anderson

Joshua Liljenstolpe  
Charles Mckenzie  
Judith Malmgren

Guy Michaelsen  
Stephanie Running



## Celebrating March Birthdays!

1 Max Germann  
2 Kris Rogness  
4 Kyra Ege  
4 Julie Vannoy  
5 Jolyn Mason  
7 Mike Jancola  
8 Evan De Turk  
8 Joseph Gibson  
9 Pauline Sigurdson  
10 Mary Simpson

13 Elena Thompson  
14 Adam Frantz  
14 Espen Sterner  
15 Shannon Parks-Beck  
17 Nancy Paulson  
18 Patsy Baker\*  
19 Judy Chambers  
19 Elena Malone  
19 Kara Niedner  
21 Jim Arnold

22 Tom Bernard  
22 Chauntae Kukowski  
24 Gillian Knight  
25 Diana Myers  
27 Dave Skar  
27 Mary Peters  
28 Marilyn McKenzie  
31 JD Forssen

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



# Faith Formation



## Faith Formation: Grace, Faith, and Justice

*This is the second in a series I was asked to share examining our leadership's vision and approach to Faith Formation and Justice for Our Redeemer's. – Pastor Thomas*

As Lutherans, we teach that we are justified by God's grace, by faith in Christ Jesus, producing hope, active in love.

**Sola gratia (grace alone).** It is only by God's gift/grace that we have salvation (cognate, "salve") in Christ. God reconciles the world and heals the divisions between God and us, and our neighbors and us, which is the result of sin in the world.

**Sola scriptura/verbum (scripture/Word alone).** God's Word alone in Christ has power to save and heal and it is by that word that we hear God's promises of deliverance from the world as it is, gathering of all creation in the reign of God, and renewal of all that is. We hear in this promise the good news (gospel) of God's vision of the world God's goodness. We therefore are given the faith of Christ to trust in God's promise of new and unending life, even in the face of suffering, injustice, and death.

**Sola fides (faith alone).** Faith helps us to reason with the world in which we live beset by sin, however trusting that God is active by the power of the Holy Spirit. Faith empowers us to recognize and hear the good news (gospel) in Christ Jesus and it is faith alone ("sola fides") that discerns, trusts, believes, and therefore hears and sees the good work of God in the world. Faith alone therefore saves the world from being constrained by sin which ultimately brings death and flouts the eternal and everlasting life God created. Faith frees us to live according to the good nature God imbued in creation. We therefore have new life according to what God empowers us to see, hear, and experience through the eyes of faith.

**Everything in the world as we know it has life because of God's gift, and our trust in God is the mainstay and source of our relationship with God, and thus also all other of God's creatures.** Thus, we are made a new creation in Christ, being raised with him by the power of the Word in the waters of Baptism, and nourished with the power of the Word made flesh, in Christ Jesus in the wine and bread which are his body and blood—God's word of promise to heal us and signs of Christ's presence with us. Therefore, this faith has the power alone to transform our lives and our communities.

**It is the ethic and source by which we understand God to be working in us, as the person of Christ.** And, as the Apostle Paul describes, Lutherans believe that we are recreated to be new, good works of God, which was our way of life before sin. By grace, God declares our goodness, and God, who is just, brings to justice the power of sin, by giving us a restored relationship with God and others. We, "prepared for good works," are freed as a gift to do them by faith.

**Sometimes, I think we get too waylaid by the concept of "doing right things" or "taking right actions" in our pursuit of justice.** Instead, we ought to think on it in the same way we understand our teachings about faith. Martin Luther offered good advice regarding our works. Works do not save, it is God alone, made present to us in the person of Christ, the word of God in Scripture and in the life of that Word in us, nourished by the presence of Christ to, with, and in us by the power of the Sacraments. Luther advises that it is not our good works we should be concerned about; our actions cannot affect the good that only God can do, and instead faith focuses us on the good works that God does.

**God chooses to do good through us for the sake of Christ.** Luther's advice? "Sin boldly"—that is, understand that nothing we do without God doing it through us or for us can affect the good that God desires. Only God does not sin—that realization allows us to see us and our world for what it is: created for good, kept and frustrated from being what God created it to be by the power of sin. And yet, Luther advises, "still more boldly have faith, and rejoice in Christ"—that is, recognize that God is doing and will do good through us because God holds sin accountable, but releases us from the burden of undoing sin and instead gives us the life of Christ as our own life.

**I believe Lutherans have a special perspective in this framework to understand how faith is active in us.** Justice is done only by the justified. Justice is only done when the action that is taken is fully just for all—it clings to the tenet that it is by grace alone—not by our own workings—that we can do more than sin in this world. It is tough for us as humans to accomplish God's will and justice in our current circumstances, but in grace, God gives us the will and the power to live in light of God's Word and to act out of faith, even if that means we fall short. The gifts of hope and vision, and the love and relationship are in imitation of Christ; Faith-in-Action is life and work that hopes for God's fulfillment and clings to the vision God gives in the word of Scripture, while it is also life and work in care of all creation and our neighbors, trusting our constrained good is transformed and completed it God's goodness.



# Faith Formation



## Embodied Church

Sunday, March 2, 10 AM | Fellowship Hall

All ages are welcome to our "Embodying Celebration" version of Embodied Church. Together, we'll recognize Transfiguration Sunday and Fat Tuesday as we talk about God's surprising mandate to the Israelites to prioritize celebration and how we can embody that today. Our practice of embodying celebration will even include eating delicious King Cakes! You don't want to miss it!



## Half Day Contemplative Retreat

Saturday, March 15th, 9 AM - 1 PM | Our Redeemer's

All are invited to another contemplative retreat- this time ushering us into the season of Lent and the Lenten theme of Wilderness. You may find yourself in a wilderness period right now, not only liturgically, but with all that is happening in our country. Come find out how Biblically, the wilderness was actually the place where God spoke and where people were prepared for action. Then learn contemplative practices that aid us in our wilderness experiences. More details to come!

## F(e)asting Together: Fellowship on Fridays in Lent

6 PM | March 7, 14, 21, 28 & April 4, 11 | Soprano's Pizza & Pasta

Join us for fellowship and community meals every Friday during Lent at Sopranos! We'll meet at 6:00 pm, and parking is available in the neighborhood. The menu offers a variety of options for both adults and children.

Lent has traditionally been a time of fasting, but it has also been a time of communal sharing. Fasting, historically, has been practiced as a communal activity rather than an individual one. From the shared meals at the end of Ramadan to seasonal eating within communities, the focus has often been on togetherness, humility, and acknowledging our dependence on each other and God's creation. Lent gives us the opportunity to practice humility and community, not just individually but together as a church family.

Fasting and feasting are both a part of our faith journey. We may fast to reflect on our need for God, but we also come together to feast and celebrate the presence of God in our lives. During these meals, we'll have table conversations focused on faith formation, deepening our relationships and building community.

Come for fellowship, reflection, and discussion. The first Friday gathering is on March 7th.

For more information or questions, contact Kenna ([faithformation@ourredeemers.net](mailto:faithformation@ourredeemers.net)) or Pastor Thomas ([pastorthomas@ourredeemers.net](mailto:pastorthomas@ourredeemers.net)).





# Community



Sign up today to host or attend a Breaking Bread Together Dinner and share a meal in community.

## Breaking Bread Together March Dinners - Sign Up to Host or Attend

Sunday, March 9, 6 PM | Various Congregant Homes

Do you have a desire to get to know more people at Our Redeemer's and foster a deeper sense of community? Our Breaking Bread Sunday evening dinners are just the ticket! Six people gather at various hosts' houses for a potluck dinner and conversation. Our next Breaking Bread Group is set for Sunday, March 9th. We are seeking hosts as well as dinner participants.

**SIGN UP TO HOST OR ATTEND** (Link to <https://bit.ly/4hviKTc>). Questions? Email Cindy Anderson ([cindyrowananderson@gmail.com](mailto:cindyrowananderson@gmail.com)) or Anne McGrew ([annemcgrew@msn.com](mailto:annemcgrew@msn.com)).



## Church Ladies Beer Night

Monday, March 3, 5 PM | Old Stove Gardens Brewery

Looking for a fun, welcoming group to connect with? Join the women of Our Redeemer's for a casual evening of good company, food, and drinks! This monthly gathering is a chance to socialize, offer mutual support, make new friends, and strengthen our connections with each other and Our Redeemer's.

If you identify as female, we'd love for you to join us at 1550 NW 49th St, near the Ballard Bridge.

Enjoy a variety of delicious food and beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic options available). Free parking is available nearby. If you have questions or need a ride, feel free to contact Kari Guddal at [kari\\_guddal@outlook.com](mailto:kari_guddal@outlook.com). We look forward to seeing you there!



## Church Grounds Work Party

Monday, March 31, 10 AM - Noon | Our Redeemer's Gardens

Join the effort to care for our gardens with the Our Redeemer's Grounds Crew. We meet the last Monday of every month, from 10 am- noon (in April we'll begin). Our next gardening day is March 31st.

Questions? Contact Carol Hurlburt, [chtd015@gmail.com](mailto:chtd015@gmail.com) or Connie Sandstrom, [conniesandstrom05@gmail.com](mailto:conniesandstrom05@gmail.com).





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## It Might Be Wet Outside, But It's Dry Inside!

by David McBride, Church Council President



You may recall that in the fall and winter of 2023–2024, we had water leaking into three of the basement classrooms on the south side of the church. The water seeped through the foundation when the water table rose during heavy rainfall, and preschool classes had to be moved due to the incursion.

The Building Advisory Team (BAT) began studying the problem in late 2023. Our Administrator, Karie Stearns, interviewed several contractors about the issue and presented their proposals to the BAT.

We were particularly impressed with the proposal from Ryan Winders, owner of PermaDry. Unlike the other contractors, he spent a substantial amount of time studying and diagnosing the problem. His proposal also relied on gravity—installing a footing drain with gravity discharge rather than a sump pump—eliminating the need for future maintenance and repair. Although he's not a member, Ryan demonstrated genuine care and commitment to helping Our Redeemer's resolve the issue. By the summer of 2024, the BAT recommended that the Council accept his proposal.

PermaDry, and particularly Ryan Winders, worked closely with our Karie, answering questions and ensuring satisfaction at every phase of the work. By late summer, the footing drain had been installed and the moisture barriers hung. Unfortunately, the moisture barrier covered the wonderful Dr. Seuss murals in the preschool classrooms.

We decided to build a stud wall in front of the moisture barrier to create a more aesthetically pleasing appearance and to protect the barrier. Rather than hiring a contractor, we chose to build it ourselves using volunteer labor from the congregation and staff—all 60 feet of it!

By mid-to-late September, the wall was completed, the mess was cleaned up, and the preschool and Suzuki reoccupied their classrooms just before the fall rains began. All through October, November, and December, we held our breath. Would the drain work?

Now, five months after installation, we are delighted to report that the drain works! No water has been detected in the classrooms throughout the fall and winter, even though precipitation was about 10% higher than during the same period when we experienced the leaks.

Many thanks to Ryan and his crew from PermaDry, as well as to the congregation, staff, and preschool volunteers.

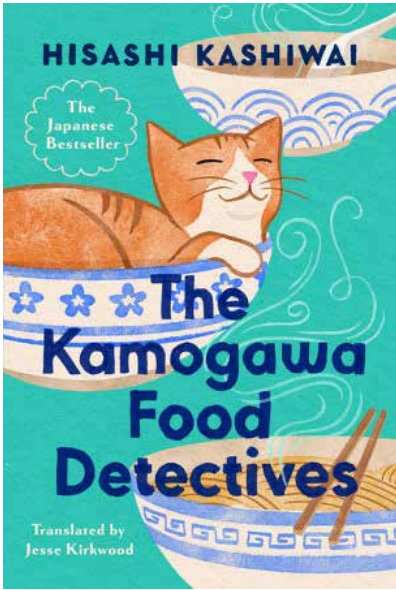
If you have questions about this project or are interested in getting involved with the BAT, please contact me.

David McBride  
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## Madonna's Book Group

Sunday, March 16, 3 PM | Our Redeemer's

This month the Madonna's are meeting on March 16th, 3:00 pm at church to discuss the book **KAMOGAWA-FOOD DETECTIVES**, BY HISASHI KASHIWAI. Everyone identifying as female are welcome to Contact Lynne at [buckomcneill@yahoo.com](mailto:buckomcneill@yahoo.com) to get on the group's mailing list.

*"Down a quiet backstreet in Kyoto exists a very special restaurant. Run by Koishi Kamogawa and her father Nagare, the Kamogawa Diner serves up deliciously extravagant meals. The father-daughter duo are 'food detectives'. Through ingenious investigations, they are able to recreate dishes from a person's treasured memories... The restaurant of lost recipes provides a link to vanished moments, creating a present full of possibility. A bestseller in Japan, The Kamogawa Food Detectives is a celebration of good company and the power of a delicious meal."*

## It Takes a Community at Easter!

This Easter we are having a separate sign up for you to get involved or volunteer to help out for Easter Sunday services and events: Lent Devotions, Good Friday Prayer Vigil, Easter Sunrise service at Carkeek Park, Easter Worship at 9 AM and 11 AM, Easter breakfast, etc. If you want to be involved in Easter, they should sign up at these links (rather than the regular Sunday service sign up). Thank you for what you can do!

- Lent Devotion Sign up: <https://bit.ly/4k7yUUY>
- Prayer Vigil Sign up: <https://bit.ly/4bhUaDB>
- Easter Sunday Volunteer Sign up: <https://bit.ly/41vPOAq>



Join Our Redeemer's for a special week at Holden Village, July 13-20 for a wonderful opportunity to connect, reflect, and learn in the beauty of the Cascades.

Self-register directly through Holden Village: <https://www.holdenvillage.org>.

Questions?  
Contact: Tad Anderson – [tadand99@gmail.com](mailto:tadand99@gmail.com) | (206-445-5052) or Cindy Anderson – [cindyrowanderson@gmail.com](mailto:cindyrowanderson@gmail.com) | (206-351-4098).



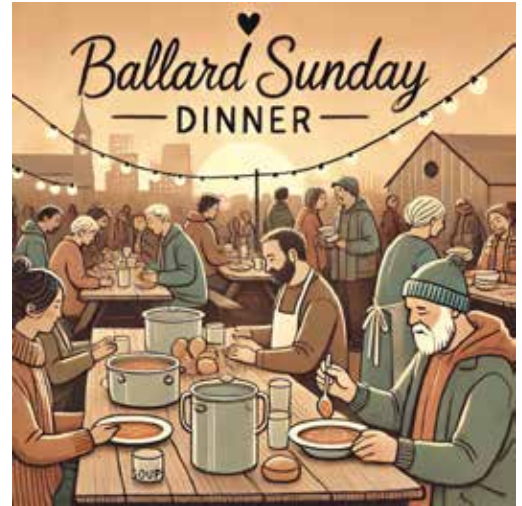
# Faith in Action

## Join Us for Ballard Sunday Dinner!

Every third Sunday, Ballard Sunday Dinner teams up with local churches at Ballard First Lutheran to serve a warm, nourishing meal to our neighbors in need. A simple meal can make a world of difference, especially during the colder months.

**Our next dinner is on March 16th**, and we'd love your help! No experience? No problem—our team will be there to guide you. Come be part of something meaningful!

We'd love to have you join us in making a difference! Sign up here: <https://rb.gy/ea817>. Have questions? Reach out to Amy Borgmeyer at [amy.borgmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:amy.borgmeyer@gmail.com). Thank you for helping us spread kindness in our community!



## Personal Care Kits & Quilts Collection

**It's time to gather supplies for Lutheran World Relief's Personal Care Kits and Quilts!** With the impact of California's fire season, the LWR warehouse is likely to be running low, and your contributions are needed more than ever! For Personal Care Kits, we're collecting the following (drop donations off at the church):

- Lightweight, dark-colored bath towels (Target recommended)
- Sturdy toothbrushes
- 4oz. bars of Ivory or other non-scented soap
- Sturdy nail clippers
- Large-size combs

**If you're interested in creating quilts for LWR, we'd love to have you join us!** We've teamed up with the Queen Anne Lutheran quilting group to craft beautiful quilts for those in need. Everyone is welcome to participate! Please contact Sharon Longaker at (206) 393-2881 for more information.

## Vacation Bible School

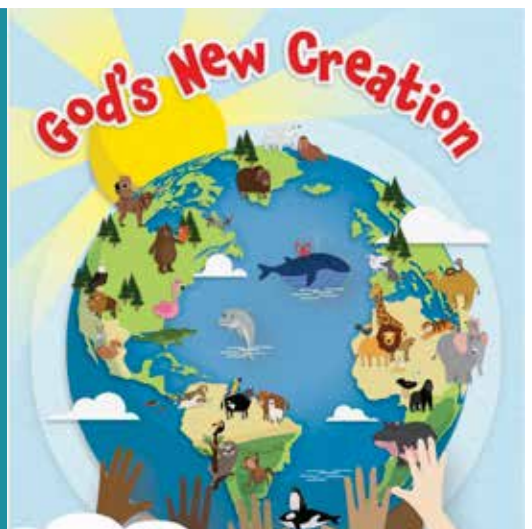
July 28-Aug 1, 2025

9:00 am - Noon Daily

Registration is Open!



Cost: \$75 thru May 31  
\$90 after



Register your kids for VBS anytime and save \$15 if you register by May 31!



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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

9 AM Informal Worship  
11 AM Traditional Worship

Stream Online on Sundays (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

# Ash Wednesday March 5

## 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 Thomas 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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