



# REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH



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# NEWSLETTER

## TURN OFF THE ALARM

A blaring alarm causes irritation at best, and panic at worst. Those who have endured safety drills know the relief that comes when that noise finally goes quiet. Those who have heard the words “This is not a drill!” know how this makes hearts race.

Alarms are good because they can warn us of danger. They prepare us to take defensive action. Maybe there was a time when that alarm was vital to our survival like a smoke alarm or carbon monoxide detector. However, a false alarm is counter-productive. Too many false alarms can lead us to ignore the real thing. Hearing the sound of the alarm whether it is real or false, it brings to us a state of stress and anxiety. Because we are programmed to think that something bad is happening.

While the Christian needs alarms to dangers in life, because of Easter, we can turn off the alarm warning about death. The thought of death can be very alarming. The sight of death, even more so. As we sing the hymn: “I walk in danger all the way...” we may not always feel that danger. But those who place themselves in harm’s way to protect others may live day and night with that feeling. We may feel that danger in sickness or battling a disease. We may sense it after walking away from a crash that totaled our car. Alarms go off in our heads when we see hints of possible danger. And they should. But for us, there is no danger in death. It is not merely like a poisonous snake with its fangs pulled out. It is like that snake with its head crushed.

Jesus of Nazareth has crushed the power of sin, death, and the devil. It’s not empty bravado that causes us to sing: “Satan, I defy thee; death I now decry thee; Fear, I bid thee cease.”

**“I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME WILL LIVE, EVEN THOUGH HE DIES.”**

Why, then, does the thought of death sometimes still alarm us? The answer is simple. We tend to forget about Easter. We overlook the words of the Lord of life and death who pro-claimed to us: “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.” (John 11:25)

Satan is an expert at producing false news. He projects for us a mental video that shows everything we love, gone. Every-thing beautiful, ruined. All joy faded, and all hope killed. Only a gravestone marks that we once were alive. For a true picture, look into the Easter tomb. See there, death defeated. See there, life triumphant. See there your own grave, vacant. One day angels can point to where your body was placed, and say about you, “He is not there. He has risen!”

God’s promise is clear—and he does not lie: “Because he lives, we will live also.” Because of this promise, we can confidently “Turn off the alarm.”

God’s Blessings,  
Pastor Tim Denney

## LORD'S BLESSINGS TO YOU

We join these members of Redeemer in thanking God as they celebrate their birthday or wedding anniversary.

- 5/5 - Charley & Christina Claffey
- 5/10 - Rob & Stephanie Lintemuth
- 5/13 - Amy & Rick Brennick
- 5/15 - Amanda Cornell
- 5/15 - Daniel West
- 5/16 - Millie Sandelius
- 5/21 - Ann Graves
- 5/21 - Caitlin Payne
- 5/23 - Polly Rampanelli
- 5/27 - Karen & Kelly Cushway
- 5/29 - Gary Raffel

May the Lord's blessings continue to flow in your lives and homes as you live for him. May his presence, love, and goodness be with you in another year of life and marriage.

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN MAY

- May 7th - Church Council Meeting 8:30 a.m.
- May 14th - Mother's Day Worship Service
- May 21st - Fish Fry Potluck @ Noon
- May 23rd—Women's Bible Study @ 7:30 p.m.
- May 29th - Memorial Day

## MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will have Women's Bible Study and fellowship. We will be continuing our Women's Bible Study: "Everyday Women, Ever Faithful God." On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will have Men's Bible Study at 5:00 p.m. We will be resuming our series: "Equipping Men for Impact". All the men and women of Redeemer are welcome to join us and encouraged to bring a friend.

## FAVORITE HYMN SUNDAY

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will have a special worship service dedicated to singing our favorite hymns. In the coming weeks, there will be an insert in the worship folder where you can write down your favorite hymns and submit them to Pastor. A number of the favorite hymns submitted will be put into this special service of praise to God.



## SERMON SERIES

### CHURCH WITH A HEART

Jesus has an amazing heart for a world of sinners and lost people. As disciples of Jesus, having enjoyed the benefits of his love, we get excited to share Jesus' heart with our world today. In our new sermon series "Church with a Heart" we focus on making that heart of Jesus our identity. Redeemer is a church that has a vision to love its guests, regulars, members, and community. The church that has the heart of Jesus will be a church that puts love, hospitality, service, and growth on display. We want to be that church—the church with a heart!

## APRIL ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

<u>Service</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
4/2	45	\$1,420.00
4/9	51	\$1,429.00
4/16	86	\$1,498.00
4/23	45	\$1,591.00

## ANNUAL FISH FRY AND POTLUCK

On Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will be having our church fish fry potluck. There is a list in the fellowship hall with some things that will be needed for the meal. Please sign up if you wish to bring something. There will be plenty of fish, fries, and other great food. Hope all of you can join us for the potluck and enjoy Christian fellowship with one another.



## MOTHER'S DAY WORSHIP



Christian Mothers are a blessing and privilege given to children from God. God has used faithful Christian women throughout history to serve him. On Mother's Day, May 8<sup>th</sup>, we will have a special service recognizing and thanking God for the Christian women he uses to prepare children for their future as well as transmitting faith to them. We welcome all mothers and families to join us in this opportunity to thank and praise God.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Cleaners Pastor & Dawn Denney	2	3 Midweek Bible Study 11:00 a.m.	4 Adult Coloring & Conversation Group 1 p.m.	5	6
7 Greeters: Mark Feindt Church Council 8:30 Worship 10:00 B. Study & Sun. School 11:15	8 Cleaners Ron & Millie Sandelius	9	10 Midweek Bible Study 11:00 a.m.	11	12	13
14 Greeters: Jack Zapfe Mother's Day Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:00 B. Study & Sun. School 11:15 Happy Mother's Day	15 Cleaners Larry & Fran Doerr	16	17 Midweek Bible Study 11:00 a.m.	18 Adult Coloring & Conversation Group 1 p.m.	19	20
21 Greeters: Ann Graves Worship 10:00 B. Study & Sun. School 11:15 Fish Fry Potluck @ Noon	22 Cleaners Rick & Dolly Blankstrom	23 Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	23 Midweek Bible Study 11:00 a.m.	24	25	26
28 Greeter: Gary Raffel Worship 10:00 No Bible Study or S. School	29 Cleaners Rob & Stephanie Lintemuth Happy Memorial Day	30	31 Midweek Bible Study 11:00 a.m.	1 Adult Coloring & Conversation Group 1 p.m.	2	3 Men's Bible Study 5:00 p.m.