



Redeemer Lutheran Church

I rejoiced with those who said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1

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April 2019

I Need More... *STRENGTH*

After several attempts of twisting and tapping, the lid just wouldn't budge. "Honey, can you open this for me?" Her teenage son is eager to flex his muscles. He opens the jar and hands it back to his mother.

Life is sometimes like that jar, isn't it? Sometimes we just don't have the strength we need to tackle what's in front of us. Not the strength it takes to move a piano or change a flat tire, but the strength we need to raise our children or stay married to someone who is difficult to live with. We need the strength it takes to go to work and deal with people who are rude, inconsiderate, and lazy, or to walk to the mailbox that contains bills we'll have difficulty paying.

I need more strength!

“Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth... He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak... Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint” (Isaiah 40:28-31).

What should we do when we need more strength? Hand that jar over to the Lord. He has all the strength we need and so much more. After all, He is the One Who created the earth and everything in it. More than that, this strong, wise, loving God came to earth in the person of Jesus Christ. The all-powerful God came in human weakness to rescue us from sin and death. He was condemned and crucified. Weakness, right? No! Strength! Jesus used His strength to remain on that cross until every last sin of ours had been

paid for. His empty tomb proves it.

“Jesus was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead” (Romans 1:4). Death has been defeated! The guilt of sin before God has been removed! By trusting in Jesus, life in heaven is waiting for us.



Need more strength? The One Who created the earth has it. The One Who died and rose for you has it. He is the One Who gives us the strength to face each day with fresh confidence. Find that strength in His Word. And then be ready to soar. Be ready to soar on eagles' wings with renewed strength and through every challenge of life! Be ready to soar on eagles' wings to the home that Jesus has prepared for you in heaven!

Lenten Worship

Midweek Lenten services continue at 7 PM. The theme this year is: "Cross Words"

April 3: Atonement — Pastor Weber

April 10: Peace — Pastor Biedenbender

April 18: Covenant

April 19: Death

April 21: Resurrection

Congregational Meeting

The Spring congregational meeting will be held following the worship service on April 28. Reports will be given, as well as any business.

Spring Work Bee

The trustees will have a list of outdoor projects which will need attention (spreading mulch, etc.) Many hands will make quick work to keep the Lord's property in good shape.

Movie Night

The activities committee would like to find out if there is interest in holding a Christian movie night. If you would attend, please sign the sheet in the entry. Date and time will be determined by those interested in attending.

Upcoming Events

Apr 14 - Church Council at 8:30 AM

Apr 18 - Maundy Thursday communion at 7 PM

Apr 19 - Good Friday Tenebrae at 7 PM

Apr 21 - Easter Breakfast at 8:30 AM

- Easter Festival Worship at 10 AM

Apr 27 - Spring work bee (weather permitting)

Apr 28 - Congregational meeting at 11 AM

Lord's Blessings to You

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

07 – Harley Stegehuis

10 – Russ Kienitz

13 – Kathy DeRuiter

19 – Faith & Corky Hollister

22 – Alvie Lintemuth

22 – Cindy Plautz

24 – Larry Doerr

24 – Erin Stegehuis

29 – Keith & Bette Newell

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.

Attendance & Offerings

<u>Service</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>BS</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>SS</u>
2/24	33	\$1388.89	7	14	
3/3	49	\$1003.00	22	6	3
3/6	21	\$449.00			
3/10	27	\$1087.00	15	9	6
3/13	19	\$366.00			
3/17	49	\$2962.00	18	6	3
3/20	23	\$285.00			
3/24	48	\$2433.00	18	7	3
3/27	25	\$295.00			

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Come Worship With Us
Sunday Mornings at 10:00 AM



“Your word is a
lamp to my feet and
a light for my path.”

Psalm 119:105

Growing in the Word: Monthly Bible Reading Plan April 2019

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| April 1 - Luke 17:1-19 | April 20 - Genesis 41:14-57 |
| April 2 - Luke 17:20-37 | April 21 - Genesis 42 |
| April 3 - Luke 18:1-17 | April 22 - Genesis 43 |
| April 4 - Luke 18:18-34 | April 23 - Genesis 44 |
| April 5 - Luke 18:35-19:10 | April 24 - Genesis 45 |
| April 6 - Luke 19:11-28 | April 25 - Genesis 46:1-47:12 |
| April 7 - Genesis 27:1-45 | April 26 - Genesis 47:13-48:22 |
| April 8 - Genesis 27:46-28:22 | April 27 - Genesis 49 |
| April 9 - Genesis 29:1-30 | April 28 - Genesis 50 |
| April 10 - Genesis 29:31-30:43 | April 29 - Luke 19:29-46 |
| April 11 - Genesis 31:1-32:2 | April 30 - Luke 19:47-20:47 |
| April 12 - Genesis 32:3-32 | |
| April 13 - Genesis 33 | |
| April 14 - Genesis 34 | |
| April 15 - Genesis 35 | |
| April 16 - Genesis 36 | |
| April 17 - Genesis 37 | |
| April 18 - Genesis 38, 39 | |
| April 19 - Genesis 40:1-41:13 | |