



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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February 2020

More Than Mere Roses

***“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life”
John 3:16***

“What can I give to prove my love?”

With Valentine’s Day approaching you may want to consider this question. Maybe you will give a card—perhaps one that plays a song about love. Maybe you will give flowers—red roses still seem like a good way to say I love you. If you’re a romantic, you might plan something special—maybe a candle-lit dinner without the kids or a surprise get-away.

In the Bible, we hear about what God gave to prove His love for us. In the book of John it says, *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

God didn’t just pick out a cute card or buy some roses for us. To prove His love, He gave His Son for us. And the greatness of God’s love is seen in what He gave His Son to. When Jesus came to

earth, He was given to a world that hated Him;

He was given to humiliation and torture, and ultimately, to death on a cross. As a parent, to give my child to suffer all of this is unimaginable. It would be nearly impossible to give so much for someone else. Can you relate? Yet God willingly gave His one and only, dearly loved Son for us.

So why did God do it? Because in the suffering of God’s Son we see the penalty for our sins. God chose to punish His Son instead of us.

God did this to prove His love for you. He loves you so much that He gave His Son to die your death. He loves you so much that He will give eternal life to you and all who believe.

This Valentine’s Day please reflect on the One who proved His love by giving more than mere roses; He gave His Son.



Festival of Friendship

You have friends, relatives, or acquaintances who need to meet Jesus, or need to be invited to come back to Jesus. We are planning an effort to reach out to these friends of ours, showing them the love of Jesus in our lives.

We will have a “Festival of Friendship” on February 9 with a worship service specially designed for guests. Join us in the exciting adventure of true Christian friendship — purposefully seeking to bring others to meet our BEST FRIEND, Jesus Christ!

Chili Cook-off

On Sunday, February 9, there will be a chili cook-off for our pot luck lunch at noon. If you would like to participate in the competition, you can sign-up on the sheet at church. There is a sign-up sheet for other things to bring as well.

Women’s Bible Study

On Monday, February 17, at 5 PM, we will hold a Women’s Bible Study. Our topic for study will be the fifth commandment.

Lenten Worship

Midweek Lenten services begin with a communion service on February 26 at 7 PM. Be sure to set this time aside.

Soup/Sandwich Suppers

Before each of our mid-week services, there will be a soup and sandwich supper, beginning at 6

PM. There will be a sign-up sheet to indicate what you would be able to bring for each supper.

Lord’s Blessings to You

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

- 02 – Sarah Rich
- 05 – Bette Newell
- 05 – Mary Rogers
- 06 – Elizabeth West
- 10 – Rachel Payne
- 18 – Alvie & Diane Lintemuth
- 20 – Russ & Deb Kienitz
- 21 - Joshua West
- 24 – Larry & Fran Doerr
- 27 – Keith Newell
- 27 – Frank West

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

- February 9 - Festival of Friendship at 10 AM
- February 16 - Church Council at 8:30 AM
- February 17 - Women’s Bible Study at 5 PM
- February 26 - Ash Wednesday worship at 7 PM

Attendance & Offerings

<u>Service</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>BS</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>SS</u>
12/29	27	\$899.00			
12/31	14				
1/5	42	\$2301.00	17		5
1/12	32	\$1188.00	16	13	
1/19	47	2345.00	13	11	

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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 February 2020

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| February 1 - Luke 1:1-25 | February 20 - Luke 8:4-21 |
| February 2 - Luke 1:26-38 | February 21 - Luke 8:22-39 |
| February 3 - Luke 1:39-56 | February 22 - Luke 8:40-56 |
| February 4 - Luke 1:57-80 | February 23 - Luke 9:1-17 |
| February 5 - Luke 2:1-20 | February 24 - Luke 9:18-36 |
| February 6 - Luke 2:21-40 | February 25 - Luke 9:37-56 |
| February 7 - Luke 2:41-52 | February 26 - Genesis 1, 2 |
| February 8 - Luke 3:1-22 | February 27 - Genesis 3 |
| February 9 - Luke 3:23-4:13 | February 28 - Genesis 4, 5 |
| February 10 - Luke 4:14-30 | |
| February 11 - Luke 4:31-44 | |
| February 12 - Luke 5:1-11 | |
| February 13 - Luke 5:12-26 | |
| February 14 - Luke 5:27-6:11 | |
| February 15 - Luke 6:12-36 | |
| February 16 - Luke 6:37-49 | |
| February 17 - Luke 7:1-17 | |
| February 18 - Luke 7:18-35 | |
| February 19 - Luke 7:36-8:3 | |