



You have a place at God's table.
You have a place here.

MARCH 2023

A Note from Pastor Sara

LOOKING FORWARD

During Lent, I tend to be a little more introspective. I like to focus inwardly, and slow down, much like Advent. However, also like Advent, there is a lot going on in the life of the church. As we were supposed to do on Ash Wednesday, we will be partnering with First Congregational church for our worship services. Each week on Wednesdays at 11:00am and 6:30pm we will gather at First Congregational church (1405 S. Milwaukee St.). A soup meal will be provided after the 11:00 service and prior to the 6:30 service. Some of the ways we will be slowing down during these services include not using bulletins, but instead relying on screens. And conversing with one another about how these themes intersect with our daily lives, instead of having the pastors preach another sermon. I invite you to come with an open mind and heart as we get to know more of our neighbors and seek out what God is doing in our lives together.

LOOKING BACK

Youth programming is slowly getting back on track. While things aren't happening as they used to, I think we're off to a great start. The Sunday school students are full of energy every time we gather, and challenge me with their wonderings and ideas. The Confirmation students are inquisitive, and while reserved also have a lot of energy. The high school students are so incredibly talented, and so busy, but when they're here, they're engaged and ready to go. I am enjoying seeing them in their element, and invite you to join me or cheer them on at another time.

The intergenerational event in February was so fun, and I thought was a great way for us to connect with each other in a less formal setting. To hear so much laughter was so encouraging, and makes me wonder what other fun we can have together. I also hope you learned something new about someone else in our community. I sure did! Thank you for showing up and making our first big event of the year such a success!

Blessings,

Pastor Sara

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Grace and peace from the New Redeemer Church Council.

With the new church year under way and Lent right around the corner, Pastor Sara and your council got our first meeting completed with all the old and new members joining us on a very blustery and snowy night. I like to thank all the members who have joined the Church Council for 2023. It is my pleasure to introduce everyone: The Executive council will consist of myself, as church President - Dan Birschbach, Vice president - Jay Bailey, and Secretary - Jessica Nelson. The rest of the council consists of Sharon Davis, Doreen Salkowski, Kristin Schneider, Bill Immich, Julie Overby, Sherrell Dean, and Peggy Hansmann. So please welcome the new Church Council...

There is a lot on the agenda for this council and the ministry teams. If you would like to help or have any questions for any one of the Ministry Teams, please reach out to the chairpersons for that Ministry Team:

- **Christian Life** – Kristin Schneider, Jessica Nelson, or Peggy Hansmann,
- **Worship & Music** – Doreen Salkowski, Julie Overby, or Peggy Hansmann,
- **Property/Tech** – Jay Bailey or Dan Birschbach,
- **Finance** – Pam Rauwerdink, Dave Hellestad, or Bill Immich,
- **Compassion/Outreach** – Sharon Davis or Sherrell Dean.

If anyone has any questions or feedback please reach out to any of us and let us know any of your concerns and/or ideas you may have for Redeemer's future.

Dan Birschbach
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2023 Chili Cook Off



2023 Chili Cook Off Results

The reigning chili cook-off winner is Kate Lehn! We had 14 chili entries on February 19 and a good number of tasters!

Thank you to everyone who was involved in this fun event: Our cook-off coordinator, Jessica Nelson; Pastor Sara, who provided games; John Loehrke was the emcee; Patti Zuelke was our hostess and secured Thrivent Funds and Ken Pannier who was our official photographer.

Thank you to all the entrants who came up with tasty and creative recipes for all to sample. Other members provided sides and desserts to make this event a great time!



Lent Worship



seeking:
honest questions
for deeper faith

Lent Collaboration

We are doing a new thing! We will be worshipping with our neighbors from First Congregational United this Lent! Pastor Sara and Pastor Kristal will guide us as we worship and learn together on Wednesdays and Holy Week. We will share a meal after the morning service and before the evening midweek service.

Holy Week services will be at Redeemer and the remaining midweek services will be held at First Congregational (1405 S. Milwaukee St.)

Join us as we seek and explore questions that will expand our perspectives this Lent.



First Congregational United Church
1405 S. Milwaukee St., Plymouth

Lent Wednesdays

- Wednesday, March 1—11:00am & 6:30pm
- Wednesday, March 8—11:00am & 6:30pm
- Wednesday, March 15—11:00am & 6:30pm
- Wednesday, March 22—11:00am & 6:30pm



Redeemer Lutheran Church
1808 Eastern Ave., Plymouth

Holy Week

- Palm Sunday, April 2 — 9:00am
- Maundy Thursday, April 6—11:00am & 6:30pm
- Good Friday, April 7—1:00pm
- Easter Sunday, April 9 — 9:00am



Redeemer Activities



Like the characters in our Lenten scriptures, we are also seeking many things: clarity, connection, wonder, justice, balance. We are seeking our calling, the sacred, and how to live as a disciple. Throughout this season, we hope you will continually ask yourself: what am I seeking? What is God seeking?

This Lent, we invite you to engage in the spiritual practice of seeking. We encourage you to stay curious, open, and nimble. We hope you will soften your assumptions and expand your perspectives. We pray that these questions will create a safe space to explore—to be drawn more deeply into the fullness of life, into the heart of God.

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Children & Youth

Children's Sunday School

Sunday, March 5, 10:15am

Sunday, March 19, 10:15am

Meet in the Gathering Room

Middle School Confirmation

Wednesday, March 8, 6:30pm

Wednesday, March 29, 6:30pm

Worship at First Congregation

High School Youth Group

Sunday, March 19,

1:00pm

Palm Sunday April 2nd	Maundy Thursday April 8th
At Redeemer Lutheran 8:00AM Worship	At Redeemer Lutheran 11:00AM Worship & 5:30PM Worship
Good Friday April 7th	Easter Sunday April 9th
At Redeemer Lutheran 1:00PM Worship	At Redeemer Lutheran 9:00AM Worship

Christian symbol

SHAMROCK — St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach people about the Godhead. Holding up a shamrock, he challenged them, "Is this one leaf, or three?" Inevitably, people replied that it was both, prompting St. Patrick to draw the analogy that so, too, is God: one God in three Persons — the Holy Trinity.





March Birthdays



1st Kristin Schneider
Samuel Uraynar

2nd Rev. Sara Gorman

4th Jay Bailey
Jerome Beeck
Amy Gilbertson

6th Karen Simonson

10th Holly Francis
Joliena Seehaver

11th Noah Russell

12th Chris Madgwick

13th Casey Wittkopp

16th Taylor Dirks

17th Wendy Lueck



19th Sarah Britt
William Krebsbach

20th Sherrell Dean

22nd Gretta Leider

24th Tara Gilbertson

25th John Nelson

27th Julie Overby

28th David Hellestad
Zack Miller
Char Nelson

29th Dawn Hundt

30th Vivian Iseler



Lighthearted blessings

- May the hinges of your friendship never grow rusty.
- May the luck of the Irish lead to happiest heights and the highway you travel be lined with green lights.
- As you slide down the banister of life, may the splinters never point the wrong way.
- May you be in heaven a full half-hour before the devil knows you're dead!
- May good luck be your friend in whatever you do, and may trouble be always a stranger to you.
- May the good saints protect you and bless you today, and may troubles ignore you each step of the way.

This & That

Come be energized



After some time away from the church, author Donald E. Miller returned to the fold. He writes: "One thing that brought me back ... was asking simply: What are the alternatives to the church? Where are the communities that sanction the pursuit of

meaning and truth as a legitimate enterprise? that have material and personal resources to assist in this search? that provide regular occasions for confession of failures? that renew and inspire? that provide a setting where children are nurtured? where family members can be buried? where births can be celebrated? where social issues can be debated?"

Miller concludes: "There are a number of institutions that deal with one or several of these questions, but historically the church has demonstrated its ability to energize all of these activities."

Limiting distractions

Getting a cell phone is a major milestone for kids — and a huge decision for parents. Despite our boys' complaints, we made them wait longer than most of their peers. We emphasized accountability, monitoring and time limits. Out of curiosity, I checked my own phone usage. It was more than double the limit we set for our kids! I came up with reasons (excuses, really) why I needed more time.

But God stopped me in my tracks and prompted me to use a "time's up" notification. It helps me be intentional about removing distractions. What diverts you from God's best? Are you listening to him and then redirecting your attention? God, speak clearly — and prompt us to listen!

—Janna Firestone

PLYMOUTH FOOD PANTRY

HELP LOAD

OUR SHELVES

MARCH: Pancake Mix & Syrup



Each month churches will collect one item to replenish the shelves at the Plymouth Food Pantry. This month the food items are **pancake mix and syrup**. There will be a Food Pantry bin across from the member mailboxes to place the items you bring.

Thank you for helping with this local mission!



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Help ease the financial strain on our local crisis programs and those they serve!

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- Kitchen Trash Bags
- Bathroom Tissue
- Deodorant
- Paper Towels
- Diapers/Baby Care
- Face/Bath Wash

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

It's still winter ... but spring is near.
It's Lent ... but we're pointed toward Easter.
Keep us hopeful, Lord.



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