

April

2019 NETWORK

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Why did Christ have to die?

If you have been around a faithful Lutheran Church for a while, I would hope you would have an idea of the answer. "He died for our sins to be forgiven!" would be the immediate answer. Ok, but no more? Could not God have forgiven us without Christ dying for us? This is a bad question because the Bible does not answer it and because the only way God forgives our sin is through Christ's blood. As our Lord says: *"this is my blood of the covenant which is poured for the multitude for the forgiveness of sins"* (Matthew 26:28). He gives us His blood and forgiveness in the Eucharist. Who are we to debate with God on how He could have forgiven us? Believe His promise, and drink it in faith and joy!

Yet, there is much more to the death of Christ on the Cross. The sin of Adam and Eve separated them and us from God and His love. Because of this, we were all born without the life-giving and transforming presence of God. Without God, the source of all life, we become mortal. God had warned them: *"For the day that you eat of the tree you shall surely die"* (Genesis 2:17). Without the life of God in us, we turn inward and rot in our sin from the inside. We are like a dying person slowly losing his blood and growing weaker as time goes by. Sin and death oppress us until they kill us completely and the devil is more than happy to accelerate the process. We are like slaves in chains with merciless tyrants. And we got into that situation by our sin.

Christ dies because death was the consequence or punishment of sin both for our first parents and for us. Christ became man to die for us. He is God made flesh. He is Life in person who became one of us. He is our substitute - He dies the death we deserve. All of humanity is represented or assumed in Christ. It is like being connected to an IV at the hospital. If you disconnect the patient, he will die. Christ connected Himself to us as our new Adam (Romans 5). Just as Adam gives us death and took God's life away from us, Christ gives us life again. He filled human nature with His divine life and connected all human beings to Himself. By death He conquered death because His divine life overcame it. *"Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on last day"* (John 6:54). *"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 6:23). Since we are connected to Him in baptism and by faith, we receive this life and are restored in our communion with God. Instead, of *"you will surely die"*, we are told by Scripture that Christ surely died for us and that we will surely have life through Him.

So, contrarily to films like Mel Gibson's "The Passion", which is almost a horror movie, the Passion and Cross of our Lord bring us joy. For it means that we are truly free from sin, death and the devil's tyranny through Christ's Almighty and life-giving power. We are restored in our original communion with God. Now we slowly grow in that communion and in being holy like our Father in heaven is holy (1 Peter 1:15-16; Matthew 5:48). We'll only fully experience this union with God on the other side of eternity. So, during Lent as we meditate on the Passion of our Lord, we cry out in joy with Luther: *"I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and delivered me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, in order that I may be wholly His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true"*. (Small Catechism)



Pastor Jason

Easter Sunday Floral Arrangements

We will once again be ordering three large "lily themed" arrangements for this year's Easter Sunday service.

Sheila Ginn will be at a table in the church foyer on Sunday, April 7th & Sunday April 14th for anyone who would like to contribute. Anyone making a \$10 contribution towards our Easter floral arrangements will be recognized in our Easter worship bulletin.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to Gary Whitson, Director of Worship or any member of the Board of Directors.



Easter Sunday Reception



Following Easter Sunday Service, coffee and light refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall.

Please join us on this special day!

Anyone wishing to donate muffins, fruit or other Easter treats or if you are able to set up or cleanup, please contact Sheila Ginn at 519-542-3663 or email her at sginn@cogeco.ca.



5th ANNUAL NEIGHBOURHOOD BBQ

Our 5th annual neighbourhood barbecue is scheduled for **Saturday, May 25 from noon until 2:00 p.m.** A team is already in place, but more volunteers are needed. Please contact Sheila Ginn at 519-542-3663 or sginn@cogeco.ca if you can be of assistance. **Your participation will make this event happen!**



Excerpt from the Inn of the Good Shepherd Winter/Spring Newsletter ...

Imagine

Having only enough food in your cupboard for 1 meal each day.

Getting less hours at work next week - now you don't have enough for the rent.

Having to choose between buying milk for your kids' cereal and laundry soap.

Your hours have been reduced at work ... how can you possibly get something for your child's birthday next week?

Your part-time job has no benefits so that means no medicine when someone gets sick.

While it may be hard to imagine yourself in any of these situations, too many people in Sarnia-Lambton have to make these types of gut-wrenching decisions too often! Now imagine yourself as a caring hand reaching out to help these folks. *It's easy to do that because you are!* Thanks to your support and generosity, The Inn is able to, **every month**, feed over 1800 people through the food bank and serve over 3000 meals, shelter 50 people and help 50 households stay housed, and carry out any of our other programs - mobile market, summer snack packs, back to school kits, income tax clinics, winter coats, Christmas memories and much more!

Should members of your congregation wish to make a food donation we would be truly thankful. We currently have lots of beans, soup, and dry pastas. We are in need of **canned pasta, canned fruit, hygiene items, juice boxes, school lunch items, baby food, canned milk, side dishes, cereal and peanut butter.**



Thanks to those in our congregation who faithfully give support to The Inn with monetary and food donations!

W.O.R.S.H.I.P. NEWS **(Women Of Redeemer Sharing** **Helping In Prayer)**

Thank you to the 8 women and Pastor who attended the March soup lunch. Thanks to those who contributed to the lunch: Marcella Folkmann, Sheila Ginn, Wanda Hansen, Jennie McPhail and Grethe Pedersen. A devotion entitled "Curious" was followed by a brief business meeting. An outline for the remaining meetings before the summer was established. Our **April meeting** will be held on the regular date, **April 24** (fourth Wednesday of the month). The date and time of **Wednesday, May 22 at 2:00 p.m.** was set for the assembling of the **Handy Hand Bags** for the Women's Interval Home. The annual "**Ladies Night Out**" will take place on **Wednesday, May 29** at the home of Sheila Ginn. All women of Redeemer are welcome.

Please save your gently used hand bags for collection **after Easter**. Toiletries and other useful items for the filling of the hand bags are also needed. Lists of needed items will be available when the collection basket is placed under the coat rack in the foyer.



Student Encouragement Program



Our final mailing for the school year has gone out to our students away at college or university. They will receive them in time for end of school year support and to be reminded of the joy of Easter.

Funeral Receptions

If you would like to be a part of the Funeral Reception Team, please contact Sheila Ginn at 519-542-3663 or by email. Volunteers are necessary so that we can provide families with caring service during their time of need. Both men and women are part of this group. A new protocol for Funeral Receptions has been approved by the Board of Directors and put in place. If you have any questions in this regard, please contact Sheila Ginn.



Kitchen News

Please refer to the user-friendly maps posted in the kitchen to locate dishes, utensils, etc. When working in the kitchen, please return items to their proper places and ensure that all used items are cleaned and emptied before being put away. Clean

up in the kitchen is being done on an ongoing basis. An inventory and reorganization has yet to be done. If you can be of assistance, please contact Sheila Ginn. **Anyone wishing to donate items to the kitchen should first contact Sheila Ginn.**



Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be a soup lunch on **Wednesday, April 24** at noon. All women of Redeemer are welcome.

Annual "Ladies' Night Out"

Mark the date, **Wednesday, May 29 at 5:30 p.m.** at the home of Sheila Ginn. A sign up poster will be available in the foyer closer to the date.



Our Sunday School children will again be processing into worship with palm branches on **Palm Sunday, April 14**. Please have your children meet in the church hall at 9:50 a.m. to be part of the procession.

SERVICE SCHEDULE DURING LENT

Holy Communion will also be celebrated each week at our Wednesday evening Lenten services, and on Maundy Thursday.



There will be no Communion on Good Friday. The following is the Lenten season schedule:

Wednesday, April 3	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 10	6:30 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Service Thursday, April 18	6:30 p.m.
Good Friday Service Friday, April 19	10:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday Sunday, April 21	10:00 a.m.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

Directory addition and welcome to Redeemer!

Ken, Phyllis & John Lockrey
470 Maxwell Street
Sarnia N7T 5E5
519-344-5507

Address change:

Ruth Machan
Vision Nursing Home
229 Wellington Street, Room 7
Sarnia N7T 1G9

Phone number left out of directory:

Henry & Dian Nyp
519-337-1806



CHURCH STATISTICS

DEATH

Debra Ann Rayson

October 13, 1959 – March 5, 2019
Service held at D.J. Robb Funeral Home
on March 20, 2019.



DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS



If you would like to donate altar flowers in 2019, please check the flower chart on the hall bulletin board and sign up there.

There are many Sundays still available beginning after Easter.

We have no flowers during the season of Lent.

If you have never donated flowers and would like more information, please speak with Jane Anne in the church office.

Thank you to the Barraclough family for the donation of a wheelchair for use in our church. It is now available in the front foyer for anyone who needs assistance on a Sunday, or while attending Redeemer events.



Prayers for safe travels for any or our "snowbirds" who will be making the trip home this month! We hope to see you again soon!

MEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERINGS



It has been suggested that the men of Redeemer schedule their breakfast events on a more regular basis. Ron Steinman has selected that the group meet the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at Nick's Restaurant (London Line) in Sarnia. The dates for the next six months are as follows:

April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10 and September 14.

The reservation will be made under the name "Lutheran Men's Group" at Nick's.

If you have any suggestions or would like more information about these gatherings, please contact Ron Steinman at rsteinman45@cogeco.ca.

Hope to see you there!



The SWEET Truth of Easter

These candies tell a story-
the best news you'll ever hear.
-It's about Jesus dying on the cross
so that we could be brought near.

So hold them and turn them and you will see...
the "M" become a "W" an "E" and then a "3"

The "E" stands for... Easter....
God's everlasting love and His eternal plan.

It reminds us of the cross
and the way God rescued sinful man

The "3" represent the 3 days Jesus spent in the grave....
By His death, His children He did save

The "M" reminds us of the mercy the Messiah showed
as He died in our place.
and the miracle of the resurrection
so we can see Him face to face.

The "W" reminds us... that He alone
is worthy of our worship and praise
and calls us to be His witnesses
around the world for all of our days.

by Bethany Tapp

<http://ministry-to-children.com/easter-poem/>

SERVING AS WE WORSHIP IN APRIL 2019

APRIL 7, 2019



USHERS: F. Brown, B. Loerke,
 G. Laucek, H. Wygergangs
LECTOR: Michel Poliquin
COMMUNION: A. Bork, R. Honke
ALTAR: B A. Pounds, I. Wygergangs,
 S. Cooper, L. Kleinsmith
ALTAR LINENS: Carolyn Kutz
COFFEE: George Laucek

APRIL 14, 2019



USHERS: B. Cadman, J. Cadman,
 T. Yarc, J. Mutis
LECTOR: Bill Cadman
COMMUNION: J. Burchill, T. Jackson
ALTAR: : B A. Pounds, I. Wygergangs,
 S. Cooper, L. Kleinsmith
ALTAR LINENS: Carolyn Kutz
COFFEE: Bill & Jane Cadman

APRIL 21, 2019



USHERS: I. Lough, B. Bork, B. Rose
LECTOR: Dana Heno
COMMUNION: T. Cooper, P. Kleinsmith
ALTAR: J. McPhail, D. Cook, J. Schooley,
 J. Behm, G. Behm
ALTAR LINENS: Carolyn Kutz

Please join us for an Easter reception in the fellowship hall following worship.

APRIL 28, 2019

USHERS: R. Steinman, J. Roszell,
 R. Honke, S. McPhail
LECTOR: Jeff Burchill
COMMUNION: D. Barraclough, L. Kleinsmith
ALTAR: : J. McPhail, D. Cook, J. Schooley,
 J. Behm, G. Behm
ALTAR LINENS: Carolyn Kutz
COFFEE: Kelly Mutis & Kristian Barraclough

Maundy Thursday (April 18) Communion Assistant: Alysha Bork

BIRTHDAYS
IN
APRIL



April 1 – Jim Henrikson,
 April 2 – Sue Candy
 April 4 – Niru Gidla
 April 8 –
 Joanne Huzevka,
 Alexis Rose,
 Jacqueline Rose,
 Tenley Rose
 April 9 – Kelly Saul

April 11 –
 Ken Lockrey,
 Scott McNabb
 April 12 – Dan Dion,
 Donald Pyne,
 Loretta Wagner
 April 17 –
 Jordan Huzevka
 April 18 – Judy Kirk
 April 19 – Ken Burchill,
 Sylvia Devingt
 April 24 – Kathy Brown
 April 25 – Art Dunlop
 April 26 – Erika Klemm
 April 29 – Linda Hahn



ANNIVERSARIES
IN
APRIL

Bob & Maureen Jordan
April 2, 1966

 Ken & Judy Kirk
April 15, 1967

 Doug & Kathy Darrach
April 19, 1986



Please inform Jane Anne in the church office if there are any missing or incorrect dates.

We are continually updating our information to make sure that the information we have in our data base is current and correct.

April

"He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 9:30 am Living Way Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Sewing & Knitting 	3 6:30 pm Lenten Service with Holy Communion 7:30 pm Redeemer Choir Lent 	4 9:00 am Men's Bible Study 	5	6
7 Lent 5 8:45 am Bible Study 10:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School LENT 	8	9 9:30 am Living Way Bible Study 11:30 am Sewing & Knitting 	10 6:30 pm Lenten Service with Holy Communion 7:30 pm Board of Directors meeting 	11 9:00 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Redeemer Choir  		13 9:00 am Men's Breakfast 
14 Palm Sunday 8:45 am Bible Study 10:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School	15 Holy Week 	16 9:30 am Living Way Bible Study 11:30 am Sewing & Knitting 	17	18 9:00 am Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service 7:30 pm Redeemer Choir 	19 10:00 am Good Friday Service	20
21 He is Risen! 10:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 11:30 am Easter Reception	22	23 9:30 am Living Way Bible Study 11:30 am Sewing & Knitting 	24 12:00 pm WORSHIP Soup Lunch 	25 9:00 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Redeemer Choir  	26	27
28 8:45 am Bible Study 10:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School Worship With Us	29	30 9:30 am Living Way Bible Study 11:30 am Sewing & Knitting 			 HAPPY EASTER!	