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Baptized in Christ's Resurrection!

"We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life ..."

So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness." Romans 6: 4, 11-13

"For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Galatians 3: 27

Just as God wiped out sinful people from the earth by the flood (Genesis 5 to 9), so was our sinful nature wiped out clean by the gracious flood of baptism in Christ's death for the forgiveness of our sins. Noah came out of the Ark alive with his family to start a new life of service to God and to renew the world to God's glory. But this did not last, and the old world of sin was back quickly. We died with Christ to sin, to the old world, to our old way of living and we come out of the tomb alive with Him. Now that we are alive, we are called to live a new life. For just as water gives life to everything on earth, the grace-filled water of baptism gives us life with God. The Israelites crossed through the water of the sea and miraculously came out alive on the other side (see book of Exodus). They were baptized in the sea (1 Corinthians 10:2). Pharaoh and his armies were submerged and dead forever. But they came out alive on the other side and left behind their old lives of slavery and suffering. We come out alive of baptism on the right side of eternity, pulled out from our slavery to sin under the sad tyranny of the devil. We now live our new life of service to God as His free and beloved children! We are baptized in Christ's resurrection indeed! We have put on Christ as our vestment, as our forgiveness, life and salvation!

My dear friends, since we are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, let us be clothed with Christ, with God. And let us not resist the work of the Holy Spirit in us. Our old mortal ways too often come back just like they did for the Israelites who wandered in the desert 40 years because of it. Feed daily on Christ and His Words of life and don't go back to our old slavery. The joy and peace we have in Christ by the Holy Spirit is infinitely worth more than all the false pleasures of this world. Love for God and others, being like Christ, our God and Saviour, is the goal of our very existence. All the goals of our earthly lives will pass. But the fact that we have put on Christ, our God in baptism will remain forever. For He is alive forever, and we live in Him forever. Sharing in His divine nature is the meaning of our life (2 Peter 1:3-4); it is the life that lasts. Becoming like God, becoming the true children of our heavenly Father, children of the divine light in Christ is the meaning of our baptism in Christ's resurrection.

May His Spirit have free course in our hearts and lives.
Christ is risen! Amen. Alleluia!

Pastor Jason



APRIL/MAY PRAYER CALENDAR
LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS CANADA



The April/May prayer calendar for Lutheran Bible Translators Canada is now available in the display area in the hallway for you to pick up and take home. When Pastor Mohr visited with us earlier this year, he stressed how important and appreciated our prayers are for the work they do. We had some difficulty receiving this publication earlier and apologize that you have not received the April prayer requests until now.

From the President of our Congregation...

Members of Redeemer,

You may have heard or are personally aware that we have had two recent incidents involving a street preacher who caused disruption during our Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services. Unfortunately, events such as these are occurring more frequently in Christian places of worship everywhere. Our recent events are a real and present concern that the church leaders of Redeemer are not taking lightly, and we have been in contact with Sarnia Police Service concerning these matters.

On April 24th we filed a report with Sarnia Police Service so that they are now aware of the circumstances of our two intrusions, and the responses we took. I was surprised to find out that Redeemer is not the first church in Sarnia where this has happened, and I was assured that Sarnia Police Service wishes to be informed whenever activities such as these occur. Going forward, we were advised on the appropriate actions we should take if we have any future disruptions of this nature. This information was provided to our Board of Directors and our Usher Team the following day, and we are now prepared to properly respond if this happens again.

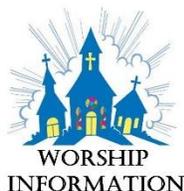
In the event that we experience a future disruption of this nature, I would ask members of the congregation to please not intervene directly but let a church leader or usher confront the individual. We will let the intruder know that their behaviours and actions are not condoned at Redeemer and the intruder will be requested to leave the premises immediately. If there is any hesitation on their behalf they will be notified that the police are being contacted and we will place a 911 call immediately. The Sarnia Police considers intrusions such as these a threat on our freedom to worship and they will respond accordingly.

On a final note, we have also been advised that we are not to try to engage in discussion or reason with them, as this could be considered as an act of welcoming them to stay and talk. This could then be perceived as though they are not really being disruptive, or disturbing our freedom to worship, or that they are trespassing.

It is disturbing that events such as these are on the rise and it's even harder to believe that they would find their way to Redeemer. However, we are now better informed and prepared to deal with such events going forward.

Dan Hansen

MONDAY WORSHIP SERVICE RESUMES



Beginning **Monday, May 6**, our Monday worship services will resume at **6:30 p.m.** We will celebrate Holy Communion each week.

Please feel free to join us if you have been unable to worship with us on Sunday morning.

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

Thank you to the women and Pastor who attended the April soup lunch and to those who prepared the meal. A devotion entitled "Two Ways to Look at Jesus" based on Revelation 1:12-18 was followed by a brief business meeting.



Plans for the **Handy Hand Bag** project were finalized. Collection of the purses and other items will commence this week. Lists of required items will be available in the church foyer at the collection basket under the coat rack.

Assembly of the hand bags will take place on **Wednesday, May 22 at 2:00 p.m.**, and then the filled bags will be delivered to the Women's Interval Home. **Please note the time change for the monthly meeting and the work bee.**

Please save your gently used hand bags for this collection and pick up a list so that we can fill these bags with essential items. Jane Anne Rose is the contact person for the collection of hand bags and donations.

Ladies' Night Out Friendship BBQ

The annual "**Ladies' Night Out Friendship BBQ**" will be held on **Wednesday, May 29 at 5:30 p.m.** at the home of Sheila Ginn. All women of Redeemer are welcome. The cost for the prepared three course meal is \$15.00. Beverages will be provided. A sign up poster will be available shortly in the church foyer. **Please sign up and join us.**
This is our last gathering until September.



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.**



Thank you to all who assisted with the reception and fellowship time following our Easter Sunday service. Your donations and volunteer time were greatly appreciated.

Sheila Ginn
Director of Fellowship

On behalf of the Redeemer members, thank you to Sheila for all her "behind the scenes" work to make sure our events are well planned and run smoothly!

Easter Floral Arrangements

Thank you to all who made donations for the floral arrangements for Easter Sunday. Your contributions and memorial tributes helped enhance our Easter celebrations. He is Risen!



NEIGHBOURHOOD BARBECUE

Our 5th annual Neighbourhood BBQ is scheduled for **Saturday, May 25 from noon until 2:00 p.m.**

A team is already in place, but more volunteers are welcomed.

Please contact Sheila Ginn at 519-542-3663 or sginn@cogeco.ca if you can be of assistance.

We encourage our members to attend this event and make our neighbours feel welcome!

Your participation will make this event be a successful one!



CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

Add email address for:

Ken, Phyllis & John Lockrey
klockrey@cogeco.ca

Praise God! Ruth has been able to move back to her home.

Ruth Machan
#502 – 11 Derby Lane
Sarnia, Ontario N7T 7V2
519-336-2744



New email and phone number:

Sharon McPhail
Cell 519-466-7580
Email sharon.mcphail@cogeco.ca

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.

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

Thank you to Sue Downey for storing and caring for our altar flowers each week at her shop.

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 five months are as follows:
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, contact Ron Steinman at rsteinman45@cogeco.ca.

Hope to see you there!



Ideas for your Spring garden ...

Plant three rows of Peas -
Peace of mind
Peace of heart
Peace of soul



Plant four rows of Squash -
Squash gossip
Squash indifference
Squash grumbling
Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of Lettuce -
Lettuce be faithful
Lettuce be kind
Lettuce be patient
Lettuce really love one another

No garden is complete without Turnips -
Turnip for meetings
Turnip for service
Turnip to help one another

To complete our garden we must have Thyme -
Thyme for each other
Thyme for family
Thyme for friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.



EVENTS IN JUNE 2019

- Sunday, June 9** 84th Anniversary Sunday with evening Potluck & entertainment.
- Sunday, June 16** Father's Day – Georgian Singers at morning worship, followed by reception.
- Sunday, June 23** Spring General Assembly Meeting following morning worship.
A light lunch will be served.

SERVING AS WE WORSHIP IN MAY 2019

MAY 5, 2019

USHERS: F. Brown, B. Loerke,
G. Laucek, H. Wygergangs
LECTOR: Kim Soeder
COMMUNION: J. Cadman, B. Smith
ALTAR: B. Smith, K. Mutis,
D. Paisley, J. Huzevka
ALTAR LINENS: Connie Yarc
COFFEE: George Laucek

MAY 12, 2019

USHERS: B. Cadman, J. Cadman,
T. Yarc, J. Mutis
LECTOR: Barb Barraclough
COMMUNION: B. Cadman, G. Laucek
ALTAR: B. Smith, K. Mutis,
D. Paisley, J. Huzevka
ALTAR LINENS: Connie Yarc
COFFEE: Bill & Jane Cadman



MAY 19, 2019

USHERS: I. Lough, B. Bork, B. Rose
LECTOR: Barbara Ryder
COMMUNION: M. Poliquin, R. Klages
ALTAR: M. Jackson, D. Nyp, V. Gidla,
C. Kutz, E. Emrich
ALTAR LINENS: Connie Yarc
COFFEE: Sheila Ginn

MAY 26, 2019

USHERS: R. Steinman, J. Roszell,
R. Honke, S. McPhail
LECTOR: Daphne Whitson
COMMUNION: R. Steinman, P. McPhail
ALTAR: M. Jackson, D. Nyp, V. Gidla,
C. Kutz, E. Emrich
ALTAR LINENS: Connie Yarc
COFFEE: Kelly Mutis & Kristian Barraclough

**BIRTHDAYS
IN MAY**



May 3 – Dennis Loerke
May 4 – Elizabeth Hay,
Craig Soeder
May 5 – Dennis Halsall,
Julie Wolfe,
Marcella Folkmann
May 6 – Taylor Murphy,
Ingrid Wygergangs,
Greg Klatt
May 7 – Charlene Lorerke,
Barbara Ryder,
Lila Stefanik
May 8 – Daphne Whitson,
Mary Ann Buntrock
May 11 – Linda Townson
May 12 – Rose Cooper
May 14 – Cheryl Rivait

May 15 – Stuart Blunt,
Brian Fielder,
Terry Townson,
May 16 – Cody Webster
May 17 – Vicki Westlake
May 18 – Cordell Kendal,
Lorne Behm
May 19 – Doug Lamont
May 20 – Brayden Klatt
May 21 – Kayla Darrach,
Diane Steinman
May 22 – Richert Bischoff
May 23 –
Cole Westlake
May 26 – Jenna Wilkins,
Blair Herron, Jason Herron
May 27 – Tom Wolfe,
Modris Zandbergs
May 31 – Michael Paisley,
Kristian Barraclough



**ANNIVERSARIES
IN MAY**

Ian & Connie Lough
May 1, 1963

Rob & Jill Myllyoja
May 14, 1994
25 years!

Tom & Julie Wolfe
May 14, 1988

George & Nadina Krause
May 16, 1964
55 years!

Steve & Carolyn Kutz
May 19, 1973

Art & Kathy Dunlop
May 20, 2000

Dale & Corinne Patterson
May 20, 2006

Ivan & Lila Stefanik
May 21, 1965

Jason & Julie Kouri
May 22, 1993

Jeff & Allison Zilinek
May 24, 2003

Brian & Cathy Fielder
May 27, 1978



CONGRATULATIONS!

PLEASE INFORM JANE ANNE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE OF ANY MISSING OR ANY MISSING OR INCORRECT DATES.

“Sing to God, sing praises to His name:

Lift up a song to Him who rides through the deserts;

His name is the Lord; exult before Him!” Psalm 68:4



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 9:00 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Redeemer Choir  	3	4
5 8:45 am Bible Study 10:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 	6 6:30 pm Worship 	7	8 7:30 pm Board of Directors 	9 9:00 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Redeemer Choir  	10	11 9:00 am Men's Breakfast 
12 <i>Mother's Day</i> 8:45 am Bible Study 10:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School	13 6:30 p.m. Worship 	14	15	16 9:00 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Redeemer Choir  	17	18
19 8:45 am Bible Study 10:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 	20 <i>Victoria Day</i> 6:30 p.m. Worship 	21	22 2:00 pm Assembly of "Handy Hand Bags" 	23 9:00 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Redeemer Choir  	24	25 <i>Neighbourhood Barbecue</i> 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. 
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