

The Herald

March 2018

Dates to remember....

3rd	Confirmation Class
4th	Food for the Poor Sunday
5th	Bell Choir Practice Pastoral Support Committee Vocal Choir Practice
7th	Community Lenten Svc. @ Redeemer
10th	Church Council Retreat
11th	Spring Forward! Flint House Church Comm. Mtg.
12th	Bell Choir Practice Vocal Choir Practice
14th	Community Lenten Svc. @ Christ Episc.
17th	St. Patrick's Day
18th	Pancake Breakfast
19th	Bell Choir Practice Vocal Choir Practice
20th	Church Council Meeting
21st	Herald Deadline Community Lenten Svc. @1st United Meth.
25th	Palm Sunday
26th	Pack & Deliver Easter Food Boxes Bell Choir Practice Vocal Choir Practice
27th	Men's Club
29th	Maundy Thursday Svc.
30th	Community Good Friday Svc. @ 1st Church Nazarene Good Friday Svc.

Palm Sunday, March 25th

Jesus's Triumphant Entry into

Jerusalem

Worship Services at 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, March 29th

Celebration of the Last Supper

Worship Service @ 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, March 30th

The Words of Jesus from the cross

Worship Services @ 7:00 p.m.

Easter, April 1st

Celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord

Worship Service @ 9:00 a.m. Will include a brass band,
The Redeemer Choir & The Redeemer Bell Choir

Breakfast (which is a fundraiser) will be hosted by the Men's & Women's Group & will be served from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. A free will offering will be taken.



Redeemer is hosting the Community Lenten Service on

Wednesday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Cal Emerson will be the speaker. Lots of snacks and goodies are needed for the fellowship time following the service. See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Refer your questions to Ardelle Rodgers.

The schedule for the remaining Community Lenten Services follows...

Wednesday, March 14th 7:00 p.m. @ Christ Episcopal Church.

Speaker: Debbie Grazier

Wednesday, March 21st 7:00 p.m. @ First United Methodist

Speaker: Lt. Jonathan Tamayo

Good Friday, March 30th 12:15 p.m. @ First Church of the Nazarene

Speaker: Pastor Cal Long

Forgiveness... Radical Re-creation of all Things Significant! Part I.

Again, we recall that in the foxholes of suffering the choice is to fight in order to “conserve” or to “transform”. In this newsletter, and the next, we look at yet another form of transformative action... “Forgiveness!” For indeed, forgiveness can be a total transformation of both, the way we see and do things.

Coping in the foxholes often means dealing with anger, fear, hurt, or resentment over what one has done to you. In this foxhole, we recognize that another is the cause of our suffering. And, the worry that they might do such again is a great cause of even further stress. With this in mind we can see that anger, resentment, fear, and hurt are more than just feelings. They are coping devices aimed at conserving what is left of our sense of security and significance. They are feelings that seek to protect us. For we use these strong emotions to communicate a lot to our offenders. We use them to prevent a repeat of mistreatment.

Thus, it is to be seen that in forgiving another, one is giving up the right to passively or actively threaten, the right to hurt in return, and the right to protect one's self through the use of anger and fear. This is a lot to give up. That's why forgiveness is so difficult to do at times. To give up the drive, the invigoration and the integrity of our anger and resentment -- especially when they are so well deserved -- seems to be an almost saint-like act. This is why forgiving feels like an unattainable ideal; an unrealistic possibility for us mere humans. And, this is why forgiving another is sometimes seen as one of the greatest of human achievements.

If these strong emotions of anger, fear, hurt and resentment help us to cope, then why forgive someone? Because these coping emotions are only partially and temporarily effective. Think about it.

Anger often only reminds us how powerless we are to change the past. Fear keeps us in the terror that the offense can happen again. To continue to feel hurt only serves to question our sense of self-worth. Beneath the surface of resentment and hatred are reminders of our own sense of shame over what has happened to us. With each of these strong emotions the pain of the



past continues to intrude into our present moments. With anger, fear, hurt and resentment comes the hauntings of powerlessness, terror and shame. Accordingly, there is a heavy price to pay for holding on to the limited protection afforded by such negative emotions.

The past cannot be undone, but the response to the past can be changed. In the act of forgiveness there is the hope that painful memories can be healed; and that we will no longer be held emotionally hostage by the acts of the past. We also then hope that doors will open to a future of more fulfilling relationships. Through the act of forgiving another we change, for the better, our ways of thinking, feeling and relating in regard to life, others around us, and ourselves. In this, in God's call to forgive, God not only heals the one who is forgiven, God also heals the one who forgives. Next newsletter will talk about forgiveness being unconditional and the need for working with accountability will be considered.

Gracefully Yours,
Pastor George



Thank you to all who donated money for the Church World Service "Blanket Sunday" collection. The amount collected was \$301 which will purchase 30 blankets.



- 1 Haley Sawyer
- Mary Isaac
- 3 Joe Dowd
- Bill Rann
- 4 Justin Stromer
- 7 Nathan Rodgers
- 8 Jeff Sawyer
- 9 Jean Schmiede
- Ed Kippe
- 10 Barbara Zizka
- Cy Bauer
- 12 Steve Hankins
- 17 Carol Lehman
- 18 Mary Ziegler
- Matthew MacFadden
- 21 Julie Sorenson
- 26 Mary Jozwiak
- 30 Brian Beaupre
- 31 Neil MacFadden

Pancake Breakfast Planned

A Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser to collect money to buy personal items for Project Connect will be held on Sunday, March 18th between services. A freewill offering will be taken up.



Food Collection

Help needy families have an Easter Dinner

We are again this year asking for donations for Easter food boxes. The boxes will be packed on Monday, March 26th at 6:00pm with delivery that evening. Please watch for the sign-up sheet which will be available in the Narthex by the 1st of March.

Walls of Warmth Update

Mark Criss of the Lansing City Mission continues to work with the idea of setting up a satellite mission for Clinton and Shiawassee Counties in Ovid.



As the conversation continues, talk with a group in St. John's and with people in Ovid have begun. Please keep this in your prayers!!



Relay for Life Team Members Needed

Anyone who would like to join Redeemer's 2018 "Relay for Life" team and help fundraise is asked to stop at the display table in the Narthex to sign up.

Luminaries will be available to purchase for a \$10 donation. They will be lit and placed around the track at the Shiawassee County Fairgrounds on the evening of June 15th during the event in memory of loved ones who lost their lives to cancer or in honor of cancer survivors.



Convocation Delegate Needed

We are looking for a volunteer to be a delegate to the North American Lutheran Church Convocation this August in Denver, CO. The dates of the convocation will be August 15-17. If you are interested, please let Pastor George know. The delegate will be formally elected at our May 6th Congregation Meeting.

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Sunday Worship Schedule:

8:00 a.m. Traditional Liturgy

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Liturgy

Sunday School:

For all ages at 9:30 a.m.

Deadline for copy:

*The third Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in
electronic form only.*



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The Redeemer Lutheran Church Women will have their Annual Rummage Sale for Thursday, April 20th and Friday, April 21st. Please keep us in mind if you

are downsizing or have items you no longer need or want.

If you wish to donate, please bring in items after April 1st and place them in either the far northeast or southeast corners of the fellowship hall. Please do not block the closet doors.

The women would also like to remind you to watch for clean, unstained, used baby items at yard sales this Spring. Items needed are always posted on the women's bulletin board in the fellowship hall. They will be used for our Lutheran World Relief baby kits in the Fall.

Tickets to Passion Play Available

Our Flint Church Group (headed by Dave & Anna Bartels) has a limited number of tickets available for a Passion Play on March 24th at 7:00 p.m. at the River Church in Holly.

If you are interested, please see Dave or Anna ASAP. The tickets are free, but limited. The group will meet in the Genesys Hospital lobby at 6:00 p.m. on March 24th and go together to the play, which runs about 2 hours.



Just a reminder.....Remember Pastor's Dream?

I dream, I pray, that there be as many, if not more, people attending the Good Friday service as people who attend for Easter or Christmas. Why this dream? Simply because it is Good Friday, the Cross of Jesus, that gives Christmas and Easter their true meaning. Thus, we preach, Christ Crucified. In Him and His Cross we find the true meaning of life!