

Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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The Reverend Paul Gregory Alms, Pastor

APRIL NEWSLETTER



LIVE STREAMING

WORSHIP

Due to the pandemic face to face gatherings at Redeemer have been suspended until further notice. There are other ways you can be a part of our Wednesday Midweek Lenten service at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday morning worship at 10:00 a.m. We are live streaming these services to keep us all together in God's Word and safe during this time. If you do not have access to these live streams please let us know and we can mail you the worship bulletin or perhaps one of your family members can share via their Smartphone or tablet. Videos are available during and after the Live Stream:

LIVE STREAMING VIA

www.redeemercatawba.com and on our **Facebook** page.

Pastor Alms is providing the Lord's Supper by appointment Tuesday-Friday to members and family. Call the church office to setup an appointment with Pastor Alms.

A Message from Pastor Alms

Brothers and Sisters,

As you all know I have a call to be pastor of St. Paul in Catonsville, MD. I have talked to leaders there at St. Paul and to Kelly Matthews (Elders) and JT Rufty (Chairman) and we have decided to put the call on hold for a few weeks. With the cancellation of services and the disruptions to personal and congregational life it is impossible to properly consider and decide a call at this time.

So for now let us all put aside that call. Hopefully, we will be able to take it up again in a few weeks. Keep St. Paul and Redeemer in your prayers that we may all concentrate on caring for one another and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ anyway we can. Thank you for all your prayers.

"Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

That Scripture is from Romans 8. St. Paul writes that God has given his Son for us and will give us all things. He makes a long list of things which cannot separate us from the love of Christ: tribulation, distress, persecution, famine; the list goes on and on. We could add another thing that cannot separate us from God's love in Christ: coronavirus. It cannot overcome Christ's victory on the cross. No isolation, no lack of normal church gatherings, no missed school, economic uncertainty, worry, the news. None of it can separate us from the love of God. Christ brought that love of God to us in the flesh, he bled that love for us, washed us in it in our baptism and speaks that love into ears in His word.

For the time being, we cannot gather as the church normally does, this is painful and difficult. Painful to me more than anything else I can imagine as your pastor. Yet we are not afraid. We do not despair, we carry this cross with patience and trust. We will come together again. It will be the biggest grandest, most joyful Easter Alleluia we have ever sung, we will gather at the Resurrection Feast of the Supper as one body, one family. Until then we trust. Christ is still the Crucified and Risen One, His word still speaks to us. We are his.

If you are in need of anything during these very difficult times, please call the church office, your elder or Fran Little. Let us keep each other, all of us, in prayer every day. God's peace be with you!

GIFTS – SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES - CELEBRATIONS

MEMORIALS

In loving memory of Joanna Wilson
Bob Fertig



In loving memory of Thomas Rashan
Bob Fertig

In loving memory of Eugene Medlin
Ken and Nancy Edwards
Keats Thackston, Jennifer Wilson
Jen and David Detton
Jim and Jane Yoder



YTD TOTALS as of March 22, 2020

Average Sunday Attendance

Budgeted Needs	\$48,423.48
Contributions/Receipts	\$45,424.71
Over (Short) Budget	(\$ 2,998.77)

HOW CAN I MAKE MY REGULAR OFFERING TO REDEEMER?

There are several ways to continue to give your regular offerings to Redeemer.

You can bring your offering to the church:

The building will be open from 9 to 5:00 p.m. DAILY. There will be a small table in the front of the sanctuary with an offering plate there for you to give your offering.

You can mail your offering:

Redeemer Lutheran, PO Box 187, Catawba, NC 28609

You can use the Tithe.ly app.

Or Redeemer's webpage (www.redeemercatawba.com)

CLICK the "Online Giving" icon in top right hand corner of page and follow the instructions.

Thank you for your continued support of the Lord's work here at this beautiful place we call Redeemer.

CELEBRATIONS

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

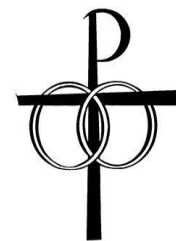
4-01 Michael Medlin
Heidi Peltó
4-03 Taylor Laney
4-04 Doris Nagle
4-06 Michael Hedrick
4-07 Patricia Parker
4-10 Nancy Edwards
Cindy Pray
4-12 Peyton Laney
4-15 Cody Ledbetter
4-17 Jill Ervin
Lynn Shook
4-18 Stephen Clodfelter
Mark Eury
4-19 Eileen Cole
Ashley Eury
4-20 Tyler Bratton
Carolyn Galloway
4-21 Nicholas Littlejohn
4-22 Sarah Wright
4-25 Bill Little
Deanna Lowrance
4-27 Jesse Bruns
4-30 Kevin Medlin

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2nd Tina Cloninger
3rd Glenna Johnson
4th Bobby Matthews
Vance Readling
Rodney Westray
5th Janice Ervin
8th Michael Isenhour
10th Jeanne Sigmon
14th Johnny Laney
15th Lewis Dufault
17th Angela Isenhour
20th Andrew Lowrance
21st Marietta Burke
Jaxton Lail
Derran Medlin
26th Michael Frazier
Angela Chandler
Aaron Nota
27th Joshua Bruns
28th John Eagle
29th Mark Wesson
30th Micheal Bumgarner
Tara Everett
Steven Peltó

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4-08 Mr. & Mrs. Bob Bratton
Mr. & Mrs. Bryant Isenhour
4-27 Mr. & Mrs. Tony Johnson



If your April celebration is not listed please drop a note in the basket on the church office door.