

# FAITH MATTERS

A monthly publication of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota

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## Easter Celebrations

### **4/9 Palm Sunday**

Prayer & Praise, 10:00 am,  
Worship, 10:30 am

### **4/13 Maundy Thursday**

Worship, 7:00pm,  
Westwood Lutheran

### **4/14 Good Friday**

Worship, 7:00pm

### **4/16 Easter Sunday**

Sunrise Service, 7:00am  
Breakfast: 8:00-9:30am  
Worship, 10:00am \*  
(note time change!)



## **FROM THE PASTOR Kelly Chatman**

Do you know the saying, “What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas!” Well thankfully that is not true about the Holy Land. This is particularly important to me because April 23rd, immediately following our worship service, I will be heading to the airport for a twelve-day journey to Israel and Palestine.

Yes, that’s right I am going to the Holy Land. During the past twelve months I have been blessed to be in a cohort of fifteen pastors who meet each month. This month we will be traveling together to the Holy Land. Our cohort of pastors is sponsored by Macedonian Ministries out of Atlanta, Georgia. We have been meeting for the past year and a half and we meet each month to study, pray and encourage each other in our ministries. Thanks to the support of Macedonian Ministries, we will soon be off to the Holy land.

Wanna support me in my trip? Please allow me to share with you information about the trip and my experience traveling to locations like Jerusalem, Bethlehem and the Dead Sea. Gather with me Sunday May 7, following worship and share a special potluck meal. I will be excited to show pictures and share reflections from my Holy Land journey. I might even share stories about some of the pastors traveling with me. What happens in the Holy Land won’t stay in the Holy Land!



# COMMUNITY UPDATES



## FROM THE INTERN **Alissa Kretzmann**

Throughout the season of Lent, folks from Redeemer and the community have been gathering on Wednesday nights for soup, singing, prayer and conversation. These have been really meaningful gatherings where we've talked about our journeys of faith and shared stories about the moments of crisis, grief, confusion, joy and transformation that have shaped how we see the world and how we think about God. I've been thinking about how these conversations have felt unique. It's not everyday that people get a chance to talk about the questions and stories that have shaped their life of faith!

Why is that? Perhaps it's because faith communities have historically done a really lousy job at letting people have honest conversations. Too often faith communities have made it hard for people to talk about sexuality, politics, grief, mental illness, traumatic experiences, doubt and faith crises. It's unfortunate that the things that weigh most on our minds have sometimes been 'unwelcome' topics of conversation in Christian communities. I know that I definitely grew up in an environment where this was the case. If you have ever felt this way in a church or faith community, I'm really sorry. But, as I hope you know, church doesn't have to be like that. Faith communities have a capacity to be places where we can be honest about what matters most to us, and about the experiences of doubt, crisis and grief that have dramatically shaped and informed our lives.

But we have to keep working at it! In this day and age, there are a lot of people and systems that want us to stay silent about the things that matter most to us. There are a lot of people who do not want us to be in honest and beloved communities. But this is the exact right time to be doing that. Because in this time of fear, we need places of community, relationship and honesty perhaps more than ever. We need places where people can gather and bring their pain and questions and doubts.

As we get closer to celebrating Holy Week, we'll be remembering the journey that Jesus went on before his death. We'll be remembering that Jesus endured torture and violence, that he was mocked, betrayed and abandoned by his friends and then killed. We'll be reminded that the experiences that Jesus had in his life and on his journey were by no means clean or tidy. As we continue to walk through Lent, I hope that you might join us for our final Lenten Wednesday night Soup Supper and Worship services to continue the conversation about our messy journeys of faith. Remember, as the Church, we are at our best when we make space for those around us to be honest. Church, how can we keep doing that?

## **Easter Pop-Up Choir**

Redeemer Music Directors, Kent Goodroad and Alyssa Schwitzer, are organizing another Redeemer pop-up choir for the Easter Service on Sunday, April 16 at 10:00a.m.

The choir will be rehearsing on Sunday, April 2nd and Sunday, April 9th after worship service. The choir will also be rehearsing on Easter Sunday, April 16th BEFORE church.

**Everyone is welcome to join the choir!**



Redeemer singers with conductors Sanford Moore and Philip Shultz, who participated in the Northside Celebration Concert

# ARTICLES & NEWS

## **Race & Healthcare Reflections**

On Tuesday March 14th, community members from Redeemer, Edina Lutheran Church, and Westwood Church gathered for the monthly “Race and…” Forum. This month, pediatrician and adolescent medicine specialist Dr. Julia Joseph-DiCaprio spoke on the topic of healthcare. Check out some reflections from different audience members who were there.

“Julia Joseph-DiCaprio is a woman of great warmth and concern about the inequity healthcare. She did an excellent job of speaking to the need for greater diversity among healthcare professionals and community healthcare workers so that better communication and understanding may develop between healthcare receivers and their practitioners. We still need lots of work on awareness of personal bias and use of stereotypes in our society.” - Cathy Benson Cook, Edina Community Lutheran Church

“As I reflect on the presentation by Dr. Julia Joseph-Di Caprio, what comes to mind is an affirmation to the job that I was chosen for and agreed to take as a community outreach health worker with the Childhood Teen Checkup Program. Dr. Joseph-Di Caprio celebrated community health outreach workers and said that she wished there were more outreach workers in the community assisting with preventative care. That's exactly the kind of job that I've been selected to do and that is what I decided was the right choice for me through a lot of prayer. I felt like I was being moved in this direction and now it has been affirmed!” -Cheryl Branch, Redeemer Lutheran Church

“The speaker was very knowledgeable and encouraging of questions. It was very interactive and candid.” -Steven Hobert, featured performer

“It was an enlightening look into a dark system for so many. The questions and community passion gave me hope that change can happen on a systematic and individual interaction level.” -Ali Wolfe, Redeemer Lutheran Church

“As a white person, I am grateful for this space where we can confess our ignorance, name our role as perpetrators and allow to the change together. We can do all things through God who strengthens us!” -Cheryl, Edina Community Lutheran Church

## **Spring Fling: Redeemer Women's Gathering**

Once, every other month, the women of Redeemer join for conversation, laughter and pure joy. Our next gathering will be April 27th from 6:00-8:00pm at 1716 Glenwood Ave. This gathering will be hosted by Jane Friendshuh. Treats will be provided! If you are interested in more information, hosting, or would like to get your name on the Redeemer Women's ministry email list, contact the women's ministry coordinator: Mali Jensen 651.346.8609/ mjenseno8@gmail.com.



## **Do Justice Youth Retreat**

On March 3-5th, 15 youth from the Northside, joined with youth from 10 other churches from around the Twin Cities for the Do Justice retreat.



Khadejia, Angela, Kendrick and Alissa accompanied the youth. The main focus of the retreat was to examine how stereotypes impact and shape how we see one another. Youth from all kinds of backgrounds had a chance to tell their stories and to think about how

our faith calls us to re-examine the harmful stereotypes that perpetrate injustice and oppression. Ask a youth about their experience at the retreat!

# ARTICLES & NEWS

## **Lent Reflection** *Jia Brown*

Wednesday, March 15, 2017 was my first Lent service at Redeemer. I don't know many congregation members; I wasn't sure what to expect. I was greeted warmly when I entered the Fellowship Hall, and I sat at a table with people, of all ages, whom I didn't know. We talked about the history of Redeemer, and their relationships in the community. It was nice to be included in these conversations, and to learn more about the church. There were people at the table who have been members for more than 30 years! They shared their experiences with racism and important changes in Minneapolis. I learned so much!

After dinner, two people sang songs from Holden Worship. It was nice to sing and hum songs together - it was simple and special. In between songs, we watched two videos of families from Redeemer who shared their journey of faith. At our tables, we spent several minutes talking about our own stories, and learning about each other.

My "takeaway" from this Lent service was the community gathering around the table. It was awesome to sit and talk with people of different ages and different backgrounds! I feel like there is a special place just for me at the table. I look forward to Lent service in coming weeks!

## **Easter Celebrations This Month**

This month is filled with worship celebration beginning with Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Maundy Thursday and Easter! With all these wonderful opportunities for worship you might want to stick this announcement on the refrigerator door.



### **Palm Sunday: Sunday, April 9, 2017**

10:00a.m. Prayer and Praise                      Regular Worship Time                      10:30a.m.

On Sunday, April 9th, we celebrate Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday. This is the day we remember Jesus entering into the city of Jerusalem as palm branches is being laid out before him.

### **Maundy Thursday: Thursday, April 13, 2017**

(Westwood Lutheran Church, 9001 Cedar Lake Rd. St. Louis Park)                      7:00p.m.

This is an interactive and creative worship, including a children's sermon and washing of feet and hands. Throughout the service live art will be created by Katherine Parent. Pastor Mark Hanson will preach and David Scherer (Agape) will offer spoken word during service. Redeemer musicians (Alyssa and Kent) will be sharing music leadership with Westwood music staff throughout the service.



### **Good Friday: Friday, April 14, 2017**

Redeemer Lutheran Church                      7:00p.m.

The focus on this worship is remembering God's sacrifice in the death of Jesus, God's son. This service ends with the stripping of the altar and Jesus' death on the cross.

### **Easter Sunday: Sunday April 16, 2017**

Sunrise Service 7:00a.m.                      Easter Celebration 10:00a.m.

We begin with the Easter Sunrise Service outside in the courtyard. The Sunrise Service is followed by breakfast hosted by the men of Redeemer. The Easter Celebration Worship begins at 10:00a.m. This service will include choir, dance and the liberation we share in the witness of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ



# ARTICLES & NEWS

## Support the Youth Programs!

Would you like to find a way to support the youth program? Are you interested in providing a meal? We are looking for people who are willing to provide or cook a meal for our youth as they come to Redeemer.

If you are interested, please select the date you would like to in the doodle below. Day options on Tuesdays will be at Redeemer. Any other days could be at Redeemer or hosted in your home. Please contact Angela with any questions. For now the calendar goes from March - May. <http://doodle.com/poll/s75actz4gr3we53s>



## Upcoming H-Cubed: April 21st

H-Cubed is a monthly family-friendly open mic community space where all are welcome to share art, poetry, music, and conversation around the systemic issues that impact us most. H-cubed is rooted in the Harrison neighborhood and hopes to promote healing and harmony. Our next H-cubed event will be Friday, April 21st, beginning at 7:30pm. Find out more information on Facebook! All are welcome!

## Live Generously!



What's your passion? Is it gardening or working in the yard? Maybe it's spending time with youth. Do you enjoy hosting a meal for neighbors? You might want to provide community education about an issue or a "how-to" class. Perhaps you would like to raise funds for a Redeemer project or program. Thrivent Action Teams provide \$250 in seed money for you and your team of volunteers to do a service, education, or fundraising project. Thrivent members can apply for two Action Teams each year. Even if you are not a Thrivent Member, we can help you become an Associate Member who can apply for one Action Team. For more information and ideas, please go to [Thrivent.com/actionteam](http://Thrivent.com/actionteam) or contact Mary Simonson Clark at

[development@redeemercenter.org](mailto:development@redeemercenter.org) or 612.636.5104.

## Give Your Bike New Life



As you clean out your garage, please donate your used bicycles to Venture North and receive a 20% off coupon for a tasty beverage from the coffee shop. Venture North needs your tax deductible bike donations for its mechanic training and youth Earn-A-Bike programs. Once refurbished, bikes sell at reasonable prices for transportation and recreation. Please remember, Venture North, the StarTribune's 2015 Best Bike Shop for a Cause, is a full service bike shop. Bring your bike in for a tune-up now so it's ready for your first spring ride!

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Bike Shop Hours: Monday – Friday, 11 am – 7 pm; Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm

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	<b>April 2</b>	<b>April 9 Palm Sunday</b>	<b>April 14 Good Friday</b>	<b>April 16 Easter Sunday</b>	<b>April 23</b>	<b>April 30</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	Stephanie Holloway	Stephanie Holloway	Jordan Taylor	Stephanie Holloway	Stephanie Holloway	Stephanie Holloway
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# REDEEMER APRIL CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m. . Men's Group
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9-10a.m. Adult Gathering 10:00 a.m. Worship & Praise 10:30a.m. Worship Liturgy	3:00-6:00p.m. Harrison Health Commons, Living Room 4:00-6:00p.m. RAP 7:00p.m. Open 12 Step Program	9-12pm: Busy Fingers 11:30a.m.-1:00p.m. Pastor Text Study 3:00-7:00p.m. Harrison Health Commons, Living Room 7:30p.m. Teen Cafe	4:00-6:00p.m. RAP 6:00p.m. Lenten Soup Supper 7:00p.m. Lenten Holden Prayer	6:00-7:00p.m. Zumba, Fellowship Hall 7:00p.m. Black Lives Matter Gathering	6:00-7:00p.m. Yoga, Living Room 6:00p.m. Open 12 Step Program	10:00a.m.-12:00p.m. Men's Group
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<b>Easter Sunday</b> 7:00a.m. Sunrise Service, Courtyard 8:00-10:00a.m. Easter Breakfast 10:00a.m. Easter Service, Sanctuary	3:00-6:00p.m. Harrison Health Commons, Living Room 4:00-6:00p.m. RAP 7:00p.m. Open 12 Step Program	9-12pm: Busy Fingers 11:30a.m.-1:00p.m. Pastor Text Study 3:00-7:00p.m. Harrison Health Commons, Living Room 7:30p.m. Teen Night	4:00-6:00p.m. RAP	6:00-7:00p.m. Zumba, Fellowship Hall	6:00-7:00p.m. Yoga, Living Room 6:00p.m. Open 12 Step Program 7:30p.m. H-Cubed, Living Room	10:00a.m.-12:00p.m. Men's Group
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## JOIN US!

### SUNDAYS:

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 A.M.

Prayers & Praise: 10:00 A.M.

Worship: 10:30 A.M.

\* Sunday School

\* Nursery

### Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 9:00-4:00 P.M.

Friday: 9:00 A.M.- 12:00 P.M.

