

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

Our Redeemer's Voice

February 2024



SCOUT SUNDAY

02-04-2024

Scout Sunday, is a day to recognize to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. (www.scouting.org)

We invite all children enrolled in a Scout Program to wear their uniforms to service on February 4th and take an active part. If your child has achieved the Rank of Eagle please notify Peter G. so they can be recognized. For any questions email us at office@lcor.org.

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 9:00 - 2:00 pm.
Please be advised Pastor Sarah's hours may defer from our new office hours.

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February 14th
7:00 pm



Remember in Your Prayers

Remember in your Prayers: Ana, Ann, Binista, Claudia, Craig, Jamie, Mark, Pat, Scott, Taylor, Pat B., Judy C., Lilly D. & family, Mary F., Evy H., Ted J., Adam and Blaire J., Karl-Heinz W., R. Wuschke, The Glover Family those homebound, in nursing homes, recovering and/or taking treatments, those serving our country both home and abroad, those who face difficult situations or problems, and those who are hurting or struggling or have lost loved ones.



Prayer requests can be made by emailing Alice W.. Names will remain on the list for three months, unless otherwise indicated. Requests must be resubmitted to continue an additional three months.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jim & Brenda R. 02/08

Lenny & Joanne H. 02/15

Dave & Cindy M. 02/28

02/02 Sean R.

02/19 Lenny H.

02/05 Caroline V.-C.

02/22 Lucien S.

02/13 Maryanna B.

02/24 Sallie B.

02/14 Brayden B.

02/25 Edgar R.

02/14 Brandon D.

02/26 Steve M.

02/15 Jeffrey S.

02/27 Jessica C.

02/15 Judy S.

02/28 Gregory R.

2/18 William T.

From the Pastor's Desk

HARMONY LINES

Years ago, the St. Olaf Choir visited the town I was working in at the time. In the middle of the concert, the conductor turned to the audience and highlighted the variety of individuals that made up the choir. He noted how incredible it was to have this group of people with different interests, majors, faiths, heritages, and nationalities all pulling in the same direction to create something remarkable—their music.



He then turned back to the choir and began their next selection. It was an amazing piece—and it wouldn't have been the same without each of those people working together.

There is something to hearing a musical arrangement that can make us wonder how something like this exists.

If we let ourselves wonder, there is a lot we can learn. First, there has to be the cooperation of a community. To create anything, the group must agree on what's being created and how to get there. Everyone needs to know which key the piece is in and who is singing or playing what.

We will quickly notice that not everyone is singing the same note—and it's supposed to be that way.

There is a purpose for each of the lines that enriches and completes the sound and direction of the music. Ideally, all of the parts would hear the bigger picture even as they hold their part of it.

The bass note serves as an anchor for everything that goes on around it. No matter what else is happening, these notes hold the foundation of the piece and allow something to be built.

Then there are the middle tones. These parts often fill in what's needed, but they're also the parts of the music that truly define what it is. Based on the movement of these middle parts, a chord can change from major to minor, can hold tension or dissonance, and find solutions to it. Sometimes the role of these tones is to add depth to an otherwise thin sound. Sometimes it is to hold that tension—to push against another note in order to make the resolution more powerful.

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From the Pastor's Desk (continued)

The melody line generally has the spotlight—and it needs to be solid and carry the theme—but it would sound hollow without the rest of the ensemble to fill out the sound. This support makes the music purposeful, powerful, and meaningful. If the melody doesn't hear or acknowledge what those other parts are doing, the overall song loses some of its impact. Similarly, if the other parts don't know what's happening in the melody, it can result in a very disjointed piece.



In our lives, there will be different parts to play depending on the situation. Sometimes it will be your role to carry the melody line, to keep the theme visible while understanding the roles that support it. Sometimes it will be your role to hold tension or add depth to what is already happening. Sometimes you will need to just fill in with what's needed. Sometimes you will be the one to maintain the foundation so that something new and different can be tried. Sometimes you will need to try that new and different thing.

When it all comes together, though, and all the parts understand the bigger picture and the role they play in it, something truly amazing has a chance of being created.

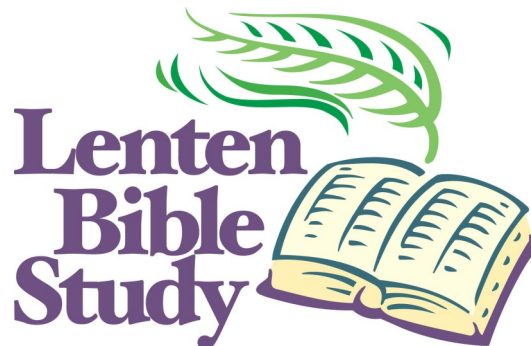
Worship and Music

LENTEN SERIES – SOUP & SCRIPTURE

Wednesdays February 21st - March 20th

LCOR's Lenten Series this year will focus on the Gospel of Mark. This Gospel is a simple and to-the-point account of Jesus' ministry, and our study will use the passage read on the Sunday prior as our base for discussion. Please join us on Wednesday evenings, February 21st through March 20th, as we cover a passage in Mark and discuss how the lesson applies to us in 2024. Steve and Stacy M. are our facilitators for this study.

Soup is served at 6:30 pm – feel free to bring your own salad or sandwich. Our study will begin at 7:00 pm.



Worship and Music (continued)



LENTEN CALENDAR

Sunday Worship Services

Contemporary Worship 8:30 am

Traditional Worship 10:30 am

Wednesday, February 14th - Ash Wednesday

7:00 pm

Wednesdays February 21st through March 20th - Lenten Series

6:30 pm Fellowship Meal

7:00 pm Scripture Study

Midweek Soup & Scripture during Lent- As has sometimes been done in the past, our Lenten Series Study will be preceded by a light meal/fellowship. If you would like to bring a soup or dessert to share with the group, please sign up in the church hallway bulletin board with your choice (check mark soup or dessert). One crockpot of soup will be enough for the gathering. The same person/family does not need to bring both soup and dessert. The soup and dessert can be easy, non-fancy, or even store bought! The point is to share fellowship. Feel free to bring your own meal as you wish.

HELP WANTED: Palm Sunday Services

Our veteran coordinator for the traditional reading of the Passion Story for both services on Palm Sunday, March 24th, is not able to handle those duties this year. Besides recruitment of the reading volunteers, who handle the main roles of the Gospel, minimal stage direction may be involved. If interested in captaining this unique Gospel rendering for the service you normally attend or for both services, please contact the church office by March 1st for further details.

Stewardship

The Stewardship Team is hard at work revamping the Stewardship page on the LCOR Website. Such an important page as it can be the first thing a visitor sees before attending. We are working on being very welcoming to all.

We are also developing the next Stewardship Campaign for October. Our last few presentations have been successful, thanks to the awesome participation of our congregation. Thanks to all!

We are happy to report that the pledge count is up from the last few years and the total pledged is also. We are working to get as many engaged in our church programs as possible. If anyone would like to receive envelopes, or make a pledge for 2024-it is not too late. Please let me, Pastor, or anyone on Church Council know of your choices.

Another important topic is events for the coming year. If anyone has ideas for welcoming events- please get in touch with a member of Stewardship. The more ideas the greater the success. We will be creating new Welcome cards to be placed in the pews in the near future. Please keep an eye out while attending service. Our first impressions are important.

God's Blessing
Your Stewardship Team

Social Ministry

The Gilly's House Angel Tree was a great success and we have received lovely thank you notes from them!



Additionally, we have confirmed the dates for this year's Food'n'Friends:

March 16th

May 18th

September 21st

November 16th

An invitation...

Ladies of LCOR

I'd like to invite you again this year, if you are so inclined, to join sisters in the faith at Emmanuel Lutheran in Norwood, (where I work) to put together quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR).

This will be the 15th year that ladies get together on **Saturday mornings**, from **9 to noon** (or some portion of that time period) to assemble quilts. Assembling quilts involves placing fabric on a table, followed by a layer of batting, and then a quilt top. The 3 layers are then pinned and tied with crochet cord and the edges are pinned to form a hem so that the quilt can be finished by one of their "hemmers." There are usually about 4 folks working together assembling a quilt, so there's always at least 1 person to coach any newbie along. Several LCOR members have attended over the last two year's seasons and enjoyed it a lot!

The "piece makers" will be meeting Saturdays in **February** and continue through **March 23rd**. No sewing is involved for assemblers, there is no obligation to go for the whole morning – or attend more than once. Over the years their numbers have dwindled a bit, due to people moving away, the pandemic, and the fact that sadly, some of their older members have passed away. They are looking for more people to join in the fun, knowing that many people around the globe will find comfort and warmth in one of these quilts. And, the quilts are distributed via LWR without any expectation from the recipients. A person does not need to be a member of their church or, indeed, of any church in order to join the quilting group. (Also, you can go once – or as many Saturdays as you like—and if you can't make the whole 3 hours - that's ok too, come a little later or leave a little early – as your schedule allows.)

LCOR members who have gone: Linda D., Cindy M., Patty S., and me—Alice W.. Any one of us, I am sure would be happy to tell you more. If anyone would like to go with me on a Saturday, feel free to speak with me or email the church office and we can pick a Saturday and go together. *Alice W.*

Alice W. & Cindy M. working on a quilt at Emmanuel Lutheran in
2023.



Community Life

The Community Life Ministry is creates, plans and offers opportunities for Fun and Fellowship outside of Church Services. For more information on upcoming activities, review our calendar, bulletins and church bulletin board.

First Sunday of the Month Lunch



LCOR Game Day

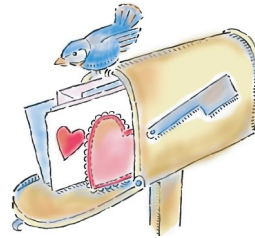


Community Life

Upcoming Events!

February 4th -

- ♦ **First Sunday of the month Lunch** to enjoy food at a local restaurant while also enjoying each others' company. There is a sign up sheet in the church hall bulletin board to sign up.
- ♦ **My Secret Valentine-** Valentine cards will be available in the entry way. Church members will draw each other's names from a basket in the narthex and can mail the cards before Ash Wednesday which is Valentine's Day. It will be fun to see who you get a valentine from that goes to our church.



- ♦ **February 11th - Super Bowl Sunday Party** at Pam and Gary's house. There will be games and prizes before the football game as well as quarter during the game. Everyone can also wear their favorite football team attire if they choose. Sign up sheet for food and guest count can be found on the church bulletin board.
- ♦ **March 3rd- First Sunday of the month Lunch at Mick Morgans.** to enjoy food at a local restaurant while also enjoying each others' company. There is a sign up sheet in the church hall bulletin board to sign up.
- ♦ **March 17th - St. Patrick's Day** we are hosting Fellowship hour. Join us as we wish everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day!
- ♦ **March 31st—Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt.** More details to follow.

Book Club

Did you know about **LCOR's Monthly Book Club**?? Join a group of members and friends to discuss the book of the month. If you'd like more information email us at office@lcor.org. February's choice is

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Grams.



Sunday School Schedule

- ♦ 02/04/2024 - Jesus Heals. Mark 1:29-39
- ♦ 02/11/2024 - The Transfiguration. Mark 9:2-9
- ♦ 02/18/2024 - No Sunday School
- ♦ 02/25/2024 No Sunday School



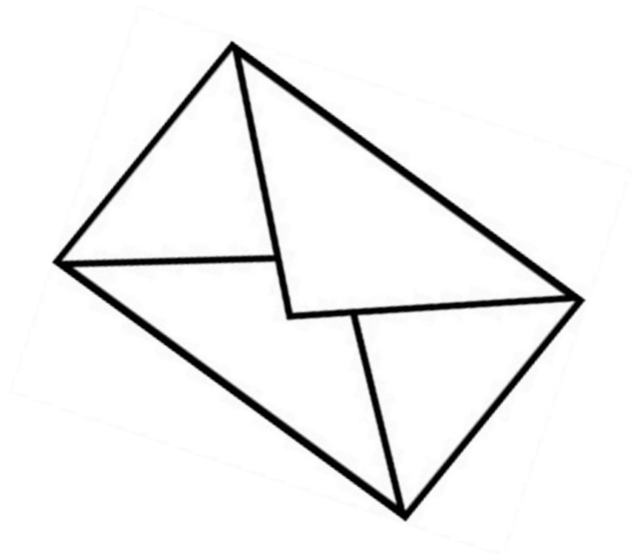
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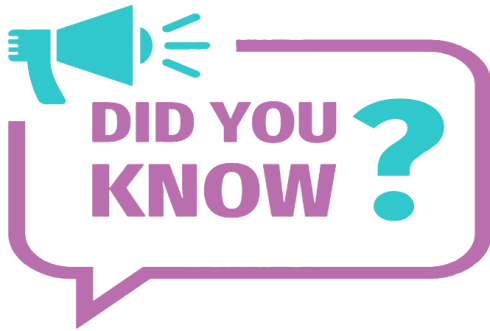
Adult Sunday School Schedule

- ♦ February 4th, Revelation: The Prophetic Message, the second vision
- ♦ February 11th, Revelation: The Prophetic Message, the third vision and epilogue

2024 Giving Envelopes

Your 2024 Giving Envelopes are available to be picked up. Please take your envelopes home with you on your next visit. If you do not see your envelopes, please let the church office know at office@LCOR.org and we will get you some. If you are e-Giving or no longer wish to receive envelopes, please let us know. These will be available until Ash Wednesday (02/14/2024).





LCOR has an Online Member Directory
To sign up or update your info Contact
office@lcor.org



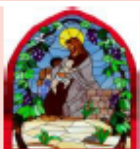
Follow us Online!!

Visit us at www.lcor.org to see what is happening by checking out our monthly calendar and newsletter for upcoming events and services.

You can also find us on Facebook and follow our page Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer. Share with your friends and family!!

Inclement Weather Announcements are posted on our website and Facebook page.





February 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 7:15 am - 8:15 am Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom	2	3
4 8:30 am Cont. Service 9:30 am Fellowship; Christian Ed. 10:30 am Trad. Service 12:00pm Com. Life Lunch/ Secret Valentine 6:30 pm Conf. Class	5 7:15 am - 8:15 am Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom	6 ORCCC Board Meeting 6:00 pm	7	8 7:15 am - 8:15 am Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom	9	10
11 8:30 am Cont. Service 9:30 am Fellowship; Christian Ed. 10:30 am Trad. Service Super Bowl Party 6:30 pm Conf. Class	12 7:15 am - 8:15 am Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom Worship and Music Meeting 6:30 pm	13 Finance Meeting 6:30 pm	14 Ash Wednesday Trad. Service 7:00 pm	15 7:15 am - 8:15 am Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom Church Council Meeting 7:00 pm	16	17 
18 8:30 am Cont. Service 9:30 am Fellowship; Adult Sunday School Only. 10:30 am Trad. Service	19 7:15 am - 8:15 am Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom	20	21 Lenten Series Begins 6:30 pm	22 7:15 am - 8:15 am Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom	23	24
25 8:30 am Cont. Service 9:30 am Fellowship; Adult Sunday School Only. 10:30 am Trad. Service	26 7:15 am - 8:15 am Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom	27	28 Lenten Series 6:30 pm	29 7:15 am - 8:15 am Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom Book Club 7:00 pm		

For more details, visit our website, www.lcor.org; and check out our weekly bulletins and mid-week announcements.

February 2024 Server Schedule

							
Altar Guild	Eucharistic Minister	Ushers	Lay Reader	Acolytes	Greeters	Projectionist	Tellers

February 4, 2024

8:30 AM	Cindy M.	Rich B.	Peter G.	Jen D.	Alex R.	Karen G.	Greg R.	Bob B.
10:30 AM	Loni I.	Loni I.	Bob B.	Loni I.	X	Carol B.	X	

February 11, 2024

8:30 AM	Judy S.	Linda M.	Chris V.	Paul B.	Michael V.	Linda M.	Elsa S.	Patty S.
10:30 AM	Sallie B.	Sallie B.	Gary D.	Sallie B.	X	NEED	X	

Ash Wednesday - February 14, 2024

7:00 PM	Karen D.	Alice W.	Bob B.	Alice W.	X	X	X	X
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February 18, 2024

8:30 AM	Patty S.	Marla A.	Joanne & Lenny H.	Marla A.	Jenny M.	Paul B.	Colin F.	Patty S.
10:30 AM	NEED	Caroline V.	Pete D.	Caroline V.	X	NEED	X	

February 25, 2024

8:30 AM	Jessica C.	Jon P.	Paul B.	John P.	NEED	Lynne H.	Daniel E.	NEED
10:30 AM	NEED	NEED	NEED	Don J.	X	Don J.	X	

Server Volunteers Needed—All roles come with appropriate training and we don't expect people to be scheduled more often than once a month. If you can help in any of these roles or if you are just looking for more information, contact Karen DiCanzio at dicanzio@comcast.net. Tellers do not need to be just from the second service, tellers can come from the first service as well.

Service Need/Opportunities

St. Pauly's Textile Shed

The problem: An EPA study says that 85% of clothing in the U.S. is ultimately thrown away instead of donated. Also, did you know that textiles of any kind (clothing, linens, etc.) can no longer be discarded in a landfill.

A potential solution: LCOR was recently approached by a group called St. Pauly Textile, Inc. This is an organization that partners with organizations (like LCOR!) to collect clothing and other textiles in a uniquely clean and community friendly way. They set up a beautifully constructed, wood frame, clothing drop-off shed in a community. The organization hosting the shed receives funding for all of the clothing donated to the shed. (These are not the metal bins that you've seen overflowing in various places)

The congregation council has discussed this and is inclined to proceed. Frankly, it's a win-win! St Pauly provides the shed, maintains it (even if it's hit by a snow plow!), distributes the donations (wearable textiles to appropriate places, non-wearable textiles to recycling facilities). LCOR receives money based on the textile donations received. Congregation council members have talked with churches that already participate with St. Pauly Textile, Inc and the response has been fully positive.

LCOR's responsibility is pretty minimal... Allow placement of the shed on our property (we've already been in contact with our insurers about this and they're also positive), and have someone(s) from our congregation be willing to check the shed 2-3 times/week. Specifically, to move things from inside the shed away from the "chute" to be sure that things can freely flow into the shed and that there will never be a backup to the outside.

The council views this as a good opportunity for not only revenue but for an environmentally friendly activity and service for those without adequate clothing. We've done our due diligence on the organization and they seem quite reliable.

What can you do?

We are in need of 3 "shed monitors". A shed monitor would commit to checking on the shed once a week on their own schedule.... To move things away from the inside of the chute. If there is a backup outside, call St. Pauley Textiles and they'll come to empty the shed. Being a shed monitor involves very little time per week (10-15") but is crucial to the success of this endeavor.

Service Need/Opportunities (continued)

What a shed monitor does not do:

- *Maintain the shed in terms of painting, etc.
- *Empty the shed or sort/transport the donations
- *Advertise the project.

Who can help? All of us!! Any one of any age can be a shed monitor. This is an excellent opportunity for someone to volunteer to help out on their own schedule... You decide when you'll check on the shed (along with your fellow shed monitors). No meetings.... No other responsibilities.

A teen looking to help out and fulfill community service hours for church or school... An adult looking for an opportunity to contribute to community and church on their own time that doesn't interfere with work or family time.... And again, all of us.... to donate our textiles.

If you are interested in learning more about being a shed monitor, please contact the church office at office@lcor.org.

Worship Assistant Needs:

If you are available/interested in volunteering 15-20 minutes of your time on Sundays, please contact the church office. We can always use help with all roles, especially altar guild at the 10:30 service.

We especially need more tellers. This is an easy task that can be done when most convenient for you.... after either service, or during the week if that is more convenient. It involves counting/recording the offerings/envelopes. There is a very specific process to follow and training will be provided. If you're interested in learning more let us know, and we will connect you with the right people to answer your questions and provide your training.

Training is provided for all roles!

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Altar Flowers

If you'd like to put flowers on the altar, simply sign up on the large flower chart on the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the education wing.

They may be given in honor of someone, in memory of someone, an event (anniversary birthday etc.), or simply to the glory of God! If the flowers are being given in honor or memory of someone, please write that on the flower chart. If no reason is stated on the chart then flowers will be given to the "Glory of God."

You must sign up a minimum of 7 days in advance. Flower arrangements are **\$35 each**. Please place your payment in the offering plate and be sure you designate the payment as "altar flowers." These flowers belong to you, after the flowers adorn the altar area for both services, please take your flowers home.

Fall, Winter, and Spring Worship Schedule Starts 9-10-2023

8:30 am – Contemporary Worship

9:30 am – Fellowship Time;
Christian Education

10:30 am – Traditional Worship

Summer Worship Schedule

8:30 am – Contemporary Worship

9:30 am Fellowship Time

10:00 am – Traditional Worship

