



NEWSLETTER

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Jesus is...Redeemer

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and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.” (Job 19:25)*



In the Star-Spangled Banner, Americans sing about living in the “land of the free and home of the brave.” But do we always feel free? Aren’t there times when we feel as if “chains” were shackling us? There are the chains of responsibility at work and home, the pains we face or the financial strains that come our way. There are the chains of guilt that press us down as we look back at our past wrongdoings.

This month we celebrate Easter. What is Easter all about? In the Bible Job tells us, *“I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth”* (Job 19:25). Easter celebrates the reality that our Redeemer lives. A redeemer is someone who delivers others out of trouble by paying a great price for their freedom. Jesus, the Son of God, came into this world to be our Redeemer. From what did he redeem us?

The story is told of the devil, Satan, who once met Jesus. Satan had a caged wagon that was crammed full of people. And you were in it. “Who are these people?” Jesus asked. “They are the sinners of the world. I am taking them to hell with me,” Satan replied.

Jesus looked at Satan and said, “I don’t want that. Can I buy these people from you?”

“You don’t know what you are asking. The price is very high. And these people won’t always love you. They will doubt you, complain against you and even curse you at times,” responded Satan.

“I don’t care,” said Jesus. “I want to buy them back from you.”

“Okay, but it will cost your life” Satan said.

Jesus answered right back, “I’m willing to do that because I love them.”

And that is what Jesus did. He paid for your release, your freedom from sin’s punishment, by dying on the cross for you. He rose from the dead on Easter to prove that his payment was complete and you are freed. *“Because I live, you also will live,”* Jesus says to you (John 14:19). Rely on Jesus your Redeemer. By his blood he bought you for a life of glory in heaven. As your Redeemer he is always present to help as you deal with the “chains” of living in this world. Trust him for he loves you.

CHURCH NEWS

Ministry Advancement For St. John's The Ministry Advancement Team is currently discussing and preparing for the upcoming Summer Bible School Soccer camp which will be held June 9 to June 13. The students from last year, **FIDE** will be conducting the camp again this year. Because of FIDE's limited schedule, we are partnering with St. Paul's, Arlington to conduct a joint camp. We are preparing logistics and give-aways to make the event as successful as possible. The Soccer-Bible Camp will be held at Oscar Olson Park, 1:00pm – 4:00pm. We hope to promote the soccer camp to both communities via newspaper ads. We are also prepping for an evening concert by FIDE sometime during that week. Look for more details in the coming weeks.

Lenten Worship Lenten worship continues at Millie Beneke Manor in Glencoe at 2:00PM on Wednesdays and our regular mid-week Lenten service will be at church at 7:00PM. The theme for our Lenten and Holy Week series this year is **"From Garden To Glory"**. As we look ahead to celebrating the glory of our Savior's resurrection and the glorious life that awaits us in heaven, we are reminded that we are still on a journey in this world. So for this Lenten season, walking along with our Savior, we will be stopping at a number of 'Gardens' or places as we travel toward our destination of glory.

From Garden To Glory

April 2: "The Garden of Passion" (Luke 22:39-44)

April 9: "The Garden of Peace" (John 19:38-42)

April 17: "The Garden of Good Works" (John 15:1-5)

April 18: "The Garden of Golgotha" (Mat. 27:33)

April 20: "The Garden of Glory" (Mat. 28:1-10)

Lenten Suppers are being served before each mid week service from 5:45 – 6:45PM. Free-will donations are accepted. Come and fill up your stomach ahead of the service with a meal and then stay for worship to get soup for your soul. See you there! The serving schedule is below:

April 2 Congregational Potluck

April 9 Pizza Night

2014 National Summit on Senior and Disability Ministries will be held, May 2-3 at the Mystic Lake Conference Center in Pryor Lake. See the bulletin board for more information.

Jesus Cares Bible Class We continue our ministry to people with developmental disabilities. Bible class is scheduled here at church on Thursday, April 3rd and April 24th at 6:30PM. Congregation members are always welcome!

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YOUTH NEWS

Our Youth Group is sponsoring our Easter breakfast here at St. John's, along with several new cooks. The breakfast will be served on April 20th from 7:15-8:30am. Come for the breakfast then stay for our 9:00am Easter Worship Service. **Reminder to the youth:** we will be setting up for the breakfast on Saturday, April 19th at 9:00am. Also, youth members and parents, no activities have been planned yet for May and June. Please share ideas with Pastor Reichow. Look for more info on future activities in the Sunday bulletin.

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LADIES AID

Members of the Ladies Aid are reminded of their meeting on Monday, April 7th at 6:30PM.

The MLC Ladies' Auxiliary spring area meeting will be held at St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Jordan on Thurs, April 10th from 11:15am to 2:30pm. Please RSVP by Wed., April 2nd to Ruth Lange if you plan to attend.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 nd	Dennis and Charlotte Dittmer (8 th Anniversary)
4 th	Allan Ganson
5 th	Isaac Rabe
6 th	Marshall Rabe
9 th	Matthew Schuth
10 th	Judy Schwartz and Tim Schuth
11 th	Darrell and Myrna Dahlke (44 th Anniversary)
13 th	Carol Dammann and Elynn Lepel Bryan and Joyce Koepp (29 th Anniversary)
15 th	Cassandra Bratsch
18 th	Lester and Corky Milbrand (55 th Anniversary)
19 th	Dennis and Tanya Reichow (17 th Anniversary)
20 th	Tyler Willmsen
21 st	Sandi Dammann and Leah Roush
22 nd	Logan Goette
23 rd	Howard Dittmer
26 th	Gene Roush