



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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† Mission Statement †

“We are called to be a family of faith, sharing the love of Jesus Christ.”

Greetings Members and Friends,

There is hope on the horizon. Each month the Church Council is provided a spreadsheet of the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases and deaths for Luce, Mackinac, and Chippewa counties.

Based on this information, they determine what necessary precautions must still be taken.

Since the numbers have drastically **decreased**, the Council voted to relax some of these precautions as noted below.

There are many things happening in the church now and it is the perfect time to resume monthly correspondence. While we aren't quite ready to start up the Lamplighter, the very professional newsletter Jerry Stimac put together for the church, it was felt that we should send an abbreviated version to keep our members and friends informed of special services and events. Some of you will receive this via email and some of you will receive this in the mail. If you prefer to not receive correspondence from the church, please contact Robynne in the church office at (906) 293-8331.

Psalm 31:24: "Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD."

Have a Blessed Day!

Pastor Melinda



Effective March 6, 2022

Due to the decrease in confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the tri-county area, on February 17th the Church Council voted on the following:

- Masks are optional for all persons entering the building; vaccinated and unvaccinated. Masks are available inside, if you prefer to wear one.
- Hand sanitizer will still be available at the door.
- Hugging or shaking hands should be upon mutual desire.
- Social distancing is not required at this time. Please be courteous to those who may still wish to social distance.
- Fellowship is still suspended at this time. It is hoped that this will resume in the near future.



There will be a
Joint
Ash Wednesday Service
held at

First Presbyterian Church
113 West John Street
on

Wednesday, March 2nd, at 7:00 pm.
Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes
will be celebrated.

All are welcome!



A Joint Sunday School is held every Sunday from 10:15-10:55 am for K-6th Grade. This is held at Our Redeemer and includes children from both congregations.

We encourage all youth to participate!



Wanna Build A Snowman?

The Sunday School Youth will be meeting at the Newberry Assisted Living Facility on Sunday, March 13th, at 12:30 pm to build snowmen for the residents!

They will have hot chocolate and goodies waiting to warm them up back at ORLC.

All kids are welcome!

Utilities/Heating Fund

Due to an increase from Semco, the church's heating supplier, the utilities fund has been depleted. This is very unusual – and especially for this time of the year.

Due to generous contributions from our members, the church rarely has had to tap into the General Fund. However, Semco increased their price from .22 to .45. This, along with experiencing colder temperatures this winter, has led to a 50% higher invoice for the month.

We ask that you prayerfully consider making a special contribution to the Utilities Fund.

Thank you!

Church Council Members

Are you interested in serving on the Church Council?

The Council typically meets once a month, though there are times additional meetings are necessary. If you would like a copy of what the Constitution says are the duties of the Congregation Council, please see Pastor Melinda.

However, during these past two pandemic years, the Council has also:

- Delivered offering envelopes to members
- Delivered Holy Communion elements and bulletins for Christmas and Easter
- Been asked to call members to keep in touch

If you are interested in serving, please contact Paul Gaberdiel or Pastor Melinda. Thank you!



**NOISY SUNDAY
March 20, 2022**

Bring your change and make some noise!
The Noisy Sunday Offering helps to end world hunger!

Noisy Sunday is the third Sunday of each month.



Want the ease of online giving? It is very easy!

Go to www.redeem-me.org and click on the myEoffering button.

For assistance, please call Paul Gaberdiel and leave a message at (906) 293-8331.

Thank you!



The offering plate will remain in the narthex. You may place your contribution in it before or after the service.

Thank you for your contributions!

Thank you to our Council Members who have continued to make difficult decisions during the pandemic: Paul Gaberdiel, Chris Ison, David Kihm, and Bob Moody. We also wish to thank Penny Obey and Joe Hilliard for their many years of service on Church Council!



Evergreen Living Center: Angie Nelson
 1140 N. State St. Bldg B
 St. Ignace, MI 49781

Golden Leaves Living Center: Bill Kingren
 Anna Marie Miller
 502 West Harrie Street
 Newberry, MI 49868

Gordon Family Home: Cris Kihm
 Pearl Schnorr
 6614 Parker LN
 Newberry, MI 49868-7749

Newberry Assisted Living: Lucille Adler
 Jo Ann Hautala
 7966 Pamela Lane
 Newberry, MI 49868

Robin's Nest: Arlene Hill
 13780 CR 438
 Newberry, MI 49868

Brookridge Heights Assisted Living: Lois Anderson
 1901 Division St.
 Marquette, MI 49855

Melvina Amble, Wanda Dahn, Evander Green and his parents-Carly & Zachary Green, Mark Hill, Ruth Hill, Art Kanne, Cristyne Kihm, Christine Monk, Sharon & Mike Painter, John Rahn, Towanna Rovenko, Trina Schueller, Ken & Jan Uhlbeck, Linda Wacek (Melvina Amble's Daughter).

If you would like to add or update anyone on the prayer list, please contact Robynne or Pastor Melinda.

Robynne is in the office three mornings a week. Her contact info is: orlcsec@yahoo.com or (906) 293-8331.

Pastor Melinda continues to work out of the office at Our Redeemer. She may be contacted at: orlcrev@jamadots.com or at (906) 291-0897.

If you have something for the church, please mail it to:

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 Thank you!



- 1 - Lucille Adler
- 3 - Jerry Stimac
- 4 - Barbara Miller
- 5 - Kelsey Miller
- 6 - Madelynn Hilliard
- 9 - Joseph Harris
- 11 - Laverne Haggart
- 11 - Jerry Mattson
- 19 - Tevey Cox
- 19 - Jack Gordon
- 23 - Joshua Bristow
- 24 - Natosha Gordon
- 26 - PJ Costa
- 29 - Nicholas Rovenko



- 5 - Mike and Marty Needham
- 28 - Jim and Lavina Mattson

If you know of any additions or corrections, please contact Robynne or Pastor Melinda.



Not everyone knows that Our Redeemer hired a new Secretary!

Kim Anderson resigned last fall as secretary to take another job. The Church Council hired Robynne Djurdjevich (formerly Legault).

Here is Robynne's introduction to the church: I was born and raised in Newberry and recently moved back to the area after being in Indiana for quite awhile. When I am not working at the church, you can usually find me kayaking or on an adventure exploring places in the local area or working on homework (I am working on completing my Bachelor's degree in Biomedical Science).

Robynne is doing a wonderful job for the church! I hope you will get to meet her sometime!

Worship SCHEDULE

- 3/1 3:30 pm Christian Education Ministry
- 3/2 7:00 pm Joint Ash Wednesday Service AT First Presbyterian Church
- 3/6 *First Sunday in Lent*
9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion
10:15-10:55 am Joint Sunday School
- 3/12 SPRING FORWARD ONE HOUR
- 3/13 *Second Sunday in Lent and Daylight Saving Time Begins*
9:30 am Worship
10:15-10:55 am Joint Sunday School
12:30 pm Sunday School "Wanna Build A Snowman"
- 3/17 6:00 pm Church Council Meeting
- 3/18-3/20 Pastor Melinda on vacation
- 3/20 *Third Sunday in Lent and Spring Begins*
9:30 am Worship w/Pastor Paul Raappana
10:15-10:55 am Joint Sunday School
- 3/27 *Fourth Sunday in Lent*
9:30 am Worship
10:15-10:55 am Joint Sunday School



Lent



What can fill up this elongated space on a church newsletter? How about jotting down some of your favorite Bible verses! And go!

Pastor's:
Ephesians 2:8-9

We will once again be offering Easter plants at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.



If you would like to help beautify the sanctuary for Easter and order Easter plants, please fill out this order form and return it to the church with your payment **by April 3, 2022.**

You may place it in the offering plate, place it in the church secretary's mailbox in the church narthex, or you may mail it to:

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church - Attn. Church Secretary
P.O. Box 473, Newberry, MI 49868

Please make your check payable to **Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.**

- Number of Lilies _____ X \$15.00 each = _____
- Number of Daffodils _____ X \$ 8.00 each = _____
- Number of Hyacinths _____ X \$ 8.00 each = _____
- Number of Tulips _____ X \$ 8.00 each = _____

(Circle One)

In Honor Of:

In Memory Of:

Dedicated to the Glory of God

You may take your plant(s) after the Easter Service. All plants left in the church will be planted in the Meditation Garden.