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REDEEMER REPORTER

The newsletter of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Boise, Idaho

A graphic for an Easter event. The background is a sunset over a mountain range. The text is centered and reads: "Easter" in a large, white, serif font; "Celebrate the Resurrection!" in a smaller, black, italicized serif font; "WORSHIP - 10AM" in a black, sans-serif font; "followed by an" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font; "EASTER BRUNCH - 11AM" in a black, sans-serif font; and "Bring a dish to share and celebrate together!" in a white, sans-serif font at the bottom.

**Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

I love how much symbolism is baked into the liturgical calendar. Like the rhythms of the Ordinary Time season, a time of growth, and a season of holy days and festivals, where we are grounded in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. One of my favorite details within the liturgical calendar is that while the season of Lent, a time of repentance and fasting, is 40 days long, the season of Easter, a season of celebration and feasting, is 50 days long. During the season of Easter we are reminded through all of the lectionary readings, the Easter hymns, and even the length of the season, that abundant life in Jesus is always greater than sin and death. As we remember that Christ is risen, he is risen indeed, during this season of Easter, may we hold onto this incredible truth: that the abundant and eternal life that is found in our Savior Jesus the Christ is beyond even the powers of death. For the powers of death and sin have been defeated through Christ's glorious resurrection. Thanks be to God!

In Christ,

Pastor Mariah Mills

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Watch Bishop Eaton's Easter Message

<https://youtu.be/7PcfM141gIQ?si=H59enoF2cFHR34dM>

from Church Council

Happy Easter season! Here are some days to mark on your calendar:

- Sunday, April 21: **Sam LaBoeuf and Owen Preboski will be confirmed** and we will celebrate with a reception following the service. Blessings to Owen and Sam!
- Saturday, May 4 : **Synod Regional Gathering** in Twin Falls, Redeemer has registered so please sign up and plan to participate. (see below)
- Sunday, May 19: **Recognition of graduates** and celebration following service. Please let the office know if you have graduates to celebrate!
- Sunday, May 26: **Joint service with Grace Lutheran** in Horseshoe Bend with potluck picnic to follow. Details will be coming/
- Sunday, June 2: **Semi-annual congregational meeting and potluck**

As we wish Lin Carlson well on her next adventure, we are looking for volunteers to help fill in until we have found the best person to be our office administrator. If you have some time and would like to help please let Pastor Mariah or Bonita Hammer (208-841-9563 or bonitahammer@icloud.com) know. We need some in person office coverage, help with the bulletin preparation (using Publisher or MSWord), preparation of the newsletter and website maintenance. And other duties as they come up! Thanks !

Council is working to assess the current needs of our buildings and determining how to support those so we can continue to do ministry from here.

Blessings to all!
Bonita Hammer, President

*Sign up in the
Fellowship Hall*



Fellowship



We love the time we spend together in fellowship after services. Please join us to visit, catch up and enjoy some treats. If you would like to share your baking (or shopping) skills please sign up in the fellowship hall or let Bonita Hammer know when you'd like to bring treats. There are always additional snacks and beverages to add to yours. Thanks!

ELCA Youth Gathering

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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the table Young Adult Gathering

If you haven't donated yet to Owen and Sam's fundraising for the ELCA youth gathering and would like to contribute, please donate money to Redeemer by Sunday, April 28th, and designate *youth gathering* on the envelope/check.

Car Show at All Saints Episcopal Church



Join us for the hottest car show on the Depot Bench on May 18th from 10-2! Our local first responders will have a Touch-A-Truck event at noon, the Boy Scouts will have a cool activity for the kids, & spectators get to vote for the People's Choice Award! We'll also have four food trucks to keep you fed and hydrated. The car show is a free event for spectators. Keep updated on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/759907168904980!> To show your vehicle email churchoffice@allsaintsboise.org or scan the QR code on flyer: \$20 pre-registration/\$25 day of. All proceeds go towards resurfacing our parking lot. Our show is powered by Tamarack Grove Engineering.

STUDY GROUPS

Esther Circle

Esther Circle will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall on
Wednesday, April 10 at 1:00 PM
We'll be using the March/April Gather magazine.

Anyone is welcome!

Creation Care Conversation Group



If you have an interest in being a part of a Creation Care Conversation Group at Redeemer, please contact Keith Hammer at 208-376-7265 (text or voice) or email: rkeithhammer@icloud.com.

Everyone is welcome and you do not have to be a member of Redeemer to join us in this group. The group itself will create the agenda and actions of the group.

Here are some Creation Care related activities that are happening in April in our community and congregation:

- **City of Boise Earth Day Celebration: April 13**
- **Boise Plogs 2024: April 21-27**
- **“Braiding Sweetgrass” Reading Group: April 30**

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Earth Day



Celebrate Earth Day with the City of Boise and over 40 community partners on a mission to preserve and protect our favorite place on the planet! Ride, roll or walk to Kristin Armstrong Municipal Park to for food, music, games, gifts and an electric vehicle car show. Come celebrate with our community partners and discover how together we are conserving and protecting our clean air, water and open spaces.

COST- Free

DATES - April 13, 2024

TIME - 12:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

LOCATION

Kristin Armstrong Municipal Park
500 S Walnut St

See a list of the Community Partners and more information here.

<https://www.cityofboise.org/events/public-works/2024/april/city-of-boise-earth-day-celebration/>

What is Plogging?



Plogging is a combination of running or walking and picking up trash you see on your route. It is an up-and-coming fitness trend that brings variety to your workouts while helping to keep the environment clean and healthy. Anyone can register for this event, no matter your ability, and **thanks to our sponsors, your plogging materials will be provided.**

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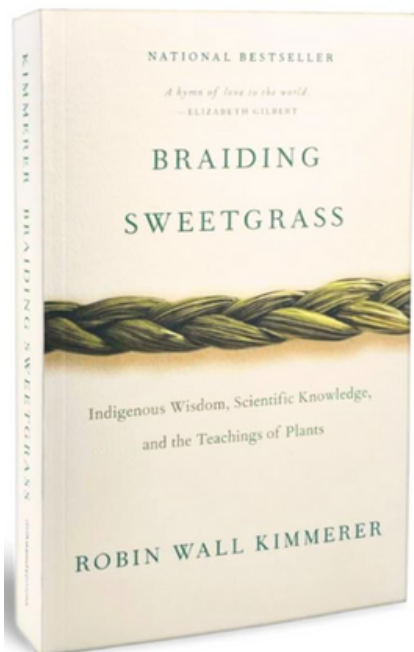
There are 6 suggested areas around the Treasure Valley where you can choose to plog, OR, you can plog wherever you like! See the 6 suggested areas and other information at the link below. There is no time requirement but plogging for at least 30 minutes is suggested.

Go to this link below to sign up, learn about the plogging supplies provide free, and get more information. <https://runsignup.com/Race/ID/Boise/BoisePlogs>

You can pick up your plogging supplies on April 17th and 18th at Zamzow's, 6208 W State Street, Boise, between 3:00 and 6:00 PM

Once you register, be sure and sign up for the end of Earth Week celebration on April 27th from 1:00 to 4:00 at the Green Acres Food Truck Park!

Welcome to Redeemer's Book Reading Group!



You are welcome to join our Book Reading Group as we begin reading our next book: Robin Wall Kimmerer's Braiding Sweetgrass. Our first meeting for this book will be Tuesday, April 30, 10 AM (to 11:30 AM) in Redeemer's Fellowship Hall. You may order a copy from Amazon or wherever you get your books. If you have questions or need more information, you may contact our facilitator for this book Roxanne Wasson at phone (208) 571-7860 or email roxrt@aol.com.

If you cannot attend a weekday daytime meeting and have an interest in being a part of a book reading group to read this book and others to come, we will establish another group that meets in the evenings or other time chosen by its members if we find enough persons who have an interest in such a group. Please contact either Pastor Mariah at email pastor@redeemer.org or Keith Hammer at email rkeithhammer@icloud.com.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

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Celebrations

Anniversary
Carolyn & Dick Rapp

Birthdays

Kelly Preboski	3	Austin Kidd	21
Jon Faber	8	Lynne Mattison	23
Arielle Arnold	10	Jack Cramer	24
Jean Pollock	17	Sandrina Uwajeneza	26
Kiera May	19	Ethan Norris	28
Carl Finstuen	19	Gary Makovsky	29

*Keeping in
Prayer*

CARES AND CONCERNS

Cheryl Wadams
Neva (DeMayo) Mahon & family, William
Dirk Alexander

GRIEVING

Family of Shirley Olson
Family of Laura Stetter (Woodall)
Family of Ed Blakeslee
Family of Judi Ratzleigh (Anderson)
Family of Kathryn "Kitty" Patton, McCaskill/Patton

MILITARY

Seth Erickson
Devan Irons
Jonathon Negrón
Jon Savage
Jim Schmeits
Brian Waybright

OUTREACH

WWW - Wash, Wipe, Wear

Spring has sprung, and the weather was lovely for our WWW distribution day.

Dawn M and Marija P helped hand out items to the community. I saw a fair number of new faces coming through our door who are new to our handouts. It is great to see how the word has spread! We handed out products to 89 families. We gave out:

- 2175 diapers
- 356 rolls of toilet paper
- 89 bottle of body wash
- 89 bottles of detergent.

Thanks to Gale F. for picking up the diapers, and thanks to helpers on Thursday: Linda A, Ruth M, and Martina N.

Ministry of the Month

April-May
MOM
Ministry of the Month

South Jr. High
Your donation helps refugee and low income students with extra fees needed for elective classes and activities.



FINANCE REPORT

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

	Jan 2024 Actual	Feb 2024 Actual	Monthly Budget	Annual Budget
Income	\$16,426	\$9,737	\$13,087	\$157,046
Expenses	\$14,127	\$11,115	\$15,371	\$184,697
Net Gain (Loss)	\$2,300	(\$1,378)	(\$2,284)	(\$27,651)

	Feb 2023 YTD Actual	Feb 2024 YTD Actual	2024 YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Income	\$21,837	\$26,164	\$26,174	\$157,046
Expenses	\$16,597	\$25,241	\$30,992	\$184,697
Net Gain (Loss)	\$5,240	\$922	(\$4,818)	(\$27,651)

BALANCE SHEET AS OF FEBRUARY 29, 2024

	As of 2/2023	As of 2/2024
Women's Checking	\$1,261	\$748
Good Samaritan Fund	\$1,692	\$894
Regular Checking	\$73,414	\$67,632
Regular Savings	\$102,346	\$30,111
Mission Investment	\$22,818	\$23,748
Endowment Fund	\$249,631	\$303,147
Total Assets	\$451,161	\$426,280

Total Income for the month of February 2024 was below budget by \$(3,350). Offering income for February was \$(3,010) below budget. Total income YTD through February is above 2023 total income by \$4,326. Total expenses for February were below budget by \$4,256. Total Net Loss for February was \$(1,378) and YTD gain was \$922. February YTD gain was below 2023 gain by \$(4,318) and \$5,740 better than budget YTD. Note that a Balance Sheet comparative of 2023 and 2024 account balances through February has been included again this month (see above). Thank you for your continuing financial support of Redeemer's mission. Please note that as we head further into 2024 there are still some financial concerns regarding the fact that the parsonage balance is now in the negative following all the recent upgrades to the facility. There are also multiple needs to the basic infrastructure of the church and grounds that will need to be addressed in the near future. As we all plan our budgets and contribution levels for 2024 please consider bumping your current giving levels to help achieve these necessary maintenance items for the church.

Submitted by Larry Kidd, Redeemer Treasurer