

THE REDEEMER REPORTER

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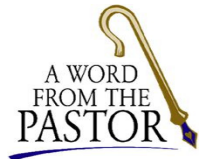
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Dear Fellow Redeemed,

Someone once wisely observed that the phrase life insurance is a bit misleading. He explained that the only thing that life insurance insures is payment of a fixed amount of money at the time of death. Life insurance cannot insure that life will continue for a single moment.

The only true life insurance is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, something that we have the great privilege of celebrating this month. In John 14, as Jesus is preparing his disciples for his upcoming death and resurrection, he tells them, "Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live."

And in John 11 Jesus tells his good friend Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."

Now having said this, I believe life insurance is still a good thing, especially if others depend on you for support. When you die, the proceeds of your life insurance policy will ensure that your loved ones are not left with difficult financial challenges in addition to their grief.

The best scenario is if we plan ahead to provide for our loved ones after we die with things like the proper amount of life insurance and, in addition, share with our loved ones our faith in God's eternal life insurance through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Pastor Griebel

REVITALIZATION PRAYER VERSE FOR APRIL: John 20:31 (NIV) but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may life in his name.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

6:30 p.m. - Lenten Worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

9:00 a.m. - Palm Sunday Worship

MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 13

6:30 p.m. - Worship with Communion

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14

6:30 p.m. - Good Friday Worship with Stripping of the Altar

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

6:30 a.m. - Easter Sunrise Service with Communion

7:30 a.m. - Youth Easter Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - Easter Worship with Communion

CAMP OMEGA CAMPAIGN FOR RETREAT CENTER –

Thank you to Redeemer members who have donated or pledged a total of \$11,275.00 to the "Rooted, Celebrating, Growing" campaign for a new retreat center. Those who have made pledges will be contacted by Camp Omega to follow up on their commitments. Thank you again!

BLESSING OUR SHUT-INS AT EASTER Our Hands At Work group has prepared Easter gifts for the shut-ins that will be delivered to them starting on Sunday, April 2. If you would like to help deliver the shut-in gifts please contact Pastor Griebel or call the church office.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES AT REDEEMER

Sunday Morning During the Education Hour (10:15-11:15 am) in Room 115. This class studies the Scripture readings used in our worship services.

Tuesdays at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. a women's Bible study is held in Room 115. Will be starting up again on April 11 with a study of Hosea.

Wednesday Morning from 9:30 to 10:30. This class meets in Room 109 and is studying "Jobelation" a side by side study of Job and Revelation.

Saturday Morning On the third Saturday of each month the Men's Club meets at 8:00 a.m. at the Whistle Stop Restaurant at Medford Senior Care for breakfast. After breakfast Gene Kispert leads us in a study of the life of Martin Luther. The next Men's Club meeting will be on Saturday, April 15.

FAITH STORY FROM VAUGHN KISPERT

Dear Redeemer Friends, I am writing to share my thoughts on how faith has improved my life.

I started out, other than having been baptized, with no religion at all. This continued most of my early years until I met my wonderful wife, Jeanette. She had me in church very fast. THANKS!

The next twenty years were spent having our children go through religious education. We did quite well, but I was not improving my own religion very much.

Then, into my life came Pastor Griebel, Sarah and Ashley. I felt that things were changing. After his first year, I told Pastor Griebel he was making a Christian out of me. We had a second chance to raise a couple great girls! Things were much easier with a second chance. We did quite well.

Now, our church is going through some trying times, loss of so many wonderful Christian members and work for fewer people to do. It would be wonderful if we used thought, deed, and prayer to help Redeemer continue to be our great institution. Vaughn Kispert

APRIL COMMUNION SCHEDULE Since Easter falls on April 16 this year, which would normally be a non-Communion Sunday, April's non-Communion Sunday will be April 23.

THE ALTAR GUILD is selling flowers to beautify our church for Easter. The prices are: Lilies - \$13.00, Cushion Mums, Daisy Mums, and Kolanchoe are all \$15.00 each. The deadline to order is Wednesday, April 5. This is a good time for memorials, remembering loved ones or personal donations. So stop by the table in the narthex to order some beautiful Easter flowers. Thank you!

ALSO, anyone who would like to help with the Altar Guild's annual stripping of the altar at the Good Friday worship service, contact Jeanette Kispert.

A NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY taught by Vicki Vannatta will be held on Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. starting on April 11th. and running until May 23, (7sessions) The title of the class is Hosea; Unfailing Love Changes Everything by Jennifer Rothschild. Please call the church office at 451-2720 to register. Registration deadline is April 6.

S.A.G.E.S. (Saints Alive! Growing, Ever Serving)
GATHERING will be held on May 1 and 2, at Best Western, Mankato, MN. S.A.G.E.S is a Minnesota South District LC-MS gathering of men and women over 50. Their gatherings feature workshops, speakers, wine and cheese reception evening dinner with entertainment, and a closing devotion by Rev. Dean Nadasdy, MN South District President.

For the last few years some Redeemer members along with Trinity Medford members have attended the gathering and are planning on returning this year. Transportation can be provided. Registration is open now thru April 18th. More information is available from Peg Ketchum.

TWO NEW GAS RANGES are being purchased for the kitchen. The new stoves are a lot more efficient and user friendly than the old units. This is a non-budgeted item so any contribution would be appreciated. If you would like to support the purchase, please place your gift in one of the pew envelopes, designated "for the stoves" and place in the offering plate or leave it at the church office. Thank you, Dallas & Peg Ketchum.

COOK'S CORNER -
TOMATO DILL WITH DUMPLINGS SOUP

4 Tbsp. butter 2 Tbsp. chopped onion
2 Tbsp. parsley 1 Tbsp. dill
Saute together
Add 2 quarts tomatoes (8 ripe) - Cook 10 minutes
Add 2 or 3 Tbsp. sugar
Add: 4 cups chicken broth
Add 4 cups with 4 Tbsp. flour added
1 cup sour cream - Cook 10 minutes

Dumplings

1 cup flour 4 Tbsp. sour cream
2 eggs ½ tsp. salt & pepper
Mix and drop by teaspoon into hot boiling soup, boil for 3 minutes.

CORRECTION Last month Delicious Ham & Potato Soup – 5 Tbsp butter was omitted by mistake.

REDEEMER ON THE INTERNET Our services can be seen anytime on the internet. Simply go to <http://www.owatonnalive.com/Church-services.html> and click on the picture of Redeemer.

REDEEMER ON THE AIRWAVES – Charter Cable TV broadcasts our services on Channel 181 each Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. & Friday at 3:30 p.m.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

As of March 19, 2017

Actual Receipts: \$37,665.09
Budget: \$40,497.96
Over (under) amount: (\$2,832.87)

PORTALS OF PRAYER devotional booklets are available on the register stand in the narthex.

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. except for the Noon hour.

PROVIDING THEIR TIME & TALENTS APRIL:

LAY MINISTERS & READER: Steve Frodl

ORGANIST: Janda Pitan

ALTAR GUILD:

April 2 & 5 – Vickie Vannatta & Willma Halbe
April 9-13 – Doreen Bogen & Judy Boe
April 14 – Everyone – Good Friday
April 15 – Everyone – arrange flowers

USHERS: Vaughn Kispert, Chris Blaker, Paul Kujath, Robert Grunklee

April 5 (Lent) – Marvin Worrell, Steve Strusz, Ralland Lurken, Dave Fjordbak, Tanner Strusz

April 13 (Maundy Thursday) – Steve Vannatta, Steve Frodl, Ralph Bos, Wayne Christofferson

April 14 (Good Friday) - Vaughn Kispert, Chris Blaker, Paul Kujath, Robert Grunklee

April 16 (Easter Sunrise 6:30) – Steve Schmidt, Tom Brage, Richard Grunklee, Jeff Dauffenbach

NEW ADDRESS

Harold & Jan Berndt
703 E. Wabasha, Winona, MN. 55987

DEATH

Patricia Luedtke 1-13-27 to 2-17-17

APRIL BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Emma Bieber	Brock Lee
James Blanshan	Richard Meixner
Jenna Bogen	Virgil Olson
Alex Burns	Jeffrey Ost
Linda Carlson	Natavia Rhoden
Nathan Carlson	Deborah Schiller
Alan Christofferson	Athena Schiltz
Harper Coleman	Claire Schwartz
Sarah Crosbie	Isabelle Schwartz
Dean Dauffenbach	Jennifer Volker
Jolene Dauffenbach	Kelley Voss
Kirk Griebel	Brian Worrell
Brett Grunklee	

NOTE: If you baptismal birthday is not on this list and it should be call the church office and it will be added.

