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**LOVE HAS EVERYTHING TO DO WITH IT**

Before I began my January Pastoral State of the Parish Address, I spoke from the heart stating, “Upon returning from my Texas Pastor’s Conference, seeing all of you, and hearing the wonderful sound coming from the choir loft, my eyes welled up with tears of joy in knowing I am the most blessed pastor of all pastors in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. I love you all so very much.” I didn’t add but should’ve added, that I also know I am loved not only by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, a faithful and supporting wife, our loving children, their spouses, and all our grandchildren, but I know I am loved by you, the members, associate members, teachers, staff, children, parents and grandparents of Redeemer Lutheran Church, School & Child Care. Then, after my eyeglasses were retrieved so I could deliver my address, I read the following:

If the state of the parish, that is, the condition of the parish were determined by the attendance records of her members, the parish would be marked absent more times than present. If the state of the parish, that is, the condition of the parish were measured by the weekly offerings of her members, the state of the parish would be fiscally delinquent in meeting financial demands. Good thing the state of the parish, that is, the condition, the status, and shape of the parish isn’t determined by the things provided by man. The state of the parish isn’t determined or measured by her sinful pastor. Rather, the state of the parish is determined and measured by the things provided by God and in the shape of His Son: His Holy Word and the Holy Sacraments instituted by Him. The Word of God is preached in its truth and purity. The Sacraments of our Lord are distributed according His institution. The body of Christ, that is, the Church remains cruciform, that is, is the shape of the cross. Redeemer Lutheran Church is Christ-centered and cross focused.

When individual members of the body of Christ, the church, are tempted to measure the condition of their beloved church based upon their own work and contributions, the members of the body of Christ walk down a dangerous path. Believing in one’s own effort rather than believing and trusting in the One who supplies and provides their every need and delivers them from all harm and danger, will end with catastrophic results. The greatest danger to the body of Christ is false teaching and practices contrary to the Word of God and the Confessions of the Lutheran Church.

The state of the parish isn’t determined through membership of the Florida-Georgia District or the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Redeemer Lutheran Church is the body of Christ, a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church by the grace of God, in what is believed, taught, and confessed by her members at this altar and from the pulpit in accordance to His most precious Word. The members of the Church, which bears Christ’s name, should follow the example of John the Baptist when he correctly said, “*He must increase, but I must decrease*” (John 3:30).

Through the means of Word and Sacrament, the Lord dispenses His love and grace into the hearts,

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minds, and lives of His people – you and me and all believers. It is through these means God the Father and the Son through the sending and work of the Holy Spirit bestows upon the baptized and the confirmed that in which the state of the parish is measured – His love.

The Apostle Paul writes, *“If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing”* (1 Cor. 13:1-3). Therefore, it is crystal clear, love is necessary as a child of God to live life in this world in preparation for the world to come.

However, love is not found from within a person, rather from outside a person. Love comes from Him who is Love. God is Love. The divinely inspired words of God through the pen of St. John are most appropriate here: *“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us”* (1 John 4:7-19).

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## SERVING THE LORD

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## LOVE HAS EVERYTHING TO DO WITH IT (CONT'D)

The work accomplished here in the vineyard of the Lord is produced through the motivating word of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Love moves her members to work together. Love moves her members to offer tithes with a joyful heart. Love moves her members to pray for one another. Love moves her members to serve on boards and committees. Love moves her members to bake goods, pick up sticks, paint walls, empty trash, mop floors, wash windows, trim trees and bushes, fill pot holes, and whatever else is needed for the body of Christ here at Redeemer Lutheran Church, School, and Child Care.

The Apostle Paul concludes for us writing, *“Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love”* (1 Cor. 13:4-13).

The state of the parish is determined and measured by the Lord’s love for His people. Therefore, the state of this parish is in great shape – cruciform shape – and in perfect condition seen by the Father through the lens of the life, suffering, death, and resurrection of His Son. The Lord speaks to you through the prophet Jeremiah saying, *“I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued My faithfulness to you”* (Jeremiah 31:3).

Your Beloved Servant in Christ,  
Pastor Jim Kress

## Treasurer's Report

### *As of December 31, 2020*

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>OVER/UNDER</u>
INCOME	17,762	14,617	3,145
<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>17,978</u>	<u>17,651</u>	327
<b>+/-</b>	(216)	(3,034)	
<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>			
INCOME	215,908	175,469	40,439
<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>219,136</u>	<u>211,845</u>	7,291
<b>+/-</b>	(3,228)	(36,376)	



Respectfully submitted,  
*Jean Clappe-Mixell*  
North Star Bookkeeping LLC

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Today I would like to introduce a new matter to you, the members of Redeemer Lutheran Church. This was first brought up to the church leaders over 5 years ago and has since been thoughtfully considered by several different boards, always examined and never rejected. This consideration has not been entered into with haste, rather prayerful thought, meditation, and careful restraint. This consideration will take much time to accomplish and will be given all the time necessary in order to answer your questions. There will be no motion on this matter today, nor in the near future. Instead I will only introduce the consideration and the facts for you to review and contemplate over time. As has the current boards, the Elders and the Church Council, and previous boards before them, the congregation is invited to consider this request.

The request that was addressed in 2015 was a simple one, "Should Redeemer Lutheran Church change district affiliations?" Sounds simple enough, doesn't it? But in considering this request many other questions arose that needed answers. "Why would we need to?", "What choices do we have available to us?" "Can we even do this?" "How do we do it?" "Has it ever been done before?" "What would be the result if we do?" "What would be the result if we don't?" In the coming weeks and months we will examine these questions and other questions - questions you may have or may develop along the way - and we will examine, seek, and explore answers and ultimately share them with you.

First I must point out and stress to you this consideration is a district change only, not a synodical change. We are not considering leaving the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. The past and current leadership of Redeemer Lutheran Church, along with her pastor are grateful to be a part of an orthodox church body such as the LCMS. Redeemer Lutheran Church and Pastor Kress are members of the Missouri Synod and desire to remain members of the Missouri Synod. We are only considering a change in district relationship, that is, districts within the Missouri Synod, which by the way, has 35 different districts.

So lets start there, with the 35 different districts. There are 33 geographical districts and 2 non-geographical districts. We are currently a member of the Florida-Georgia District. The geographical districts are drawn up by arbitrary geographical boundaries, such as state lines or congregations in proximity to districts of another state. For example, the panhandle of Florida is not in the FL-GA District, it is part of the Southern District. Here are some other facts you may find useful for comparison within the FL-GA District: there are 203 congregations; 22 circuits (a smaller division within the district, composed of 7-20 member congregations); with approximately 53,800 baptized members. The FL-GA District was formed in 1948 and is headquartered in Orlando.

There are two non-geographical districts, the English and the SELC (Slovak Evangelical Lutheran Church) Districts. These two districts are not bound by borders or district lines. Historically the English was formed because most of the Lutheran Church spoke German and their services were in German, so the English speaking churches actually formed their own synod in the late 1800's. In 1911 the Missouri Synod accepted the English Synod as a separate district within the Missouri Synod.

The English District has 163 congregations in 17 different states and also in Ontario and Quebec, Canada. There are 25 circuits with 48,600 members. They are headquartered in

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Farmington, Michigan. Currently there are 4 congregations in Florida belonging to the English District - Celebration Lutheran Ch. in St. John's, Trinity Lutheran Ch. in Ocala, Faith Lutheran Church in Naples and Tree of Life Lutheran Church in Inverness. Interestingly one of our own members accepted a call at Tree of Life about 18 months ago, Rev. Mark Steinke. Another interesting side note; the Lutheran Witness which was originally published by the Cleveland District in 1882 was taken over by the English Synod in 1888 and became an LCMS publication upon the 1911 merger between the English and Missouri Synods.

The SELC District was formed in 1902 in Pennsylvania. They merged with the LCMS in 1971. They are located in 11 states with 52 congregations, 4 circuits and have 17,000 members. In my research I could only locate 3 of the four churches, St Luke's in Oviedo, Holy Cross at Lake Mary and Faith Vieira in Rockledge, Florida.

We know that the process of changing districts can be possible as other churches have done so before us. This procedure is not foreign in the Missouri Synod. We will give you an example of this and how it was recently done in another congregation. The process involves written requests to be accepted into a district and an accompanying request to leave a district.

The reason why a local congregation would seek to leave one district for another is complex. A congregation looks to the district and the circuit within that district for fellowship and ecclesial support. In the same way you would with your closest friends. You would want to have as much in common with them, to be like minded, and similar in purpose. You would expect their interests and practices to be similar to yours.

Such is the case with districts and circuits within the districts. Although congregations are represented at the District Convention with two voting delegates, at the National Convention, voting delegates are elected within each circuit - at the Circuit Forum - to represent their circuit of congregations at the National Synodical Convention. There they cast their votes on many important issues facing churches, schools, and auxiliaries within the LCMS. If a congregation is not of the same mind as the rest of the circuit, delegates from that congregation will most likely never have representation at the National Convention. The voting at the National Convention often affects the direction of the church.

We, as a congregation within the FL-GA District and our Circuit, are not always in agreement with regard to practice. In another example, if we were to be in need of a vacancy pastor, should we ever be without a pastor, that pastor, supplied at the request of district/circuit leadership, may not be in agreement with our current practices. So in trying to put the best possible construction on this we have more in common with the English District than we currently do with the FL-GA District. This isn't over theological issues but more on practices performed by many of the churches in the FL-GA District and our circuit. Furthermore, with sister churches in Naples and Inverness, pastoral fellowship would not be sacrificed with this change either.

It is at this point that the Board of Elders and the Church Council recommends consideration of changing from the Florida-Georgia District to becoming members of the English District. We will be considering questions and discussions of this matter throughout the year until all questions are answered. May the Lord grant us guidance as we consider this venture peaceably and in a godly order.

Christ calls Peter and Andrew, James and John to be fishers of men. To be sure, he calls all of us, but the call to apostleship, and to the ministry is a different thing. Zebedee remained in the boat, but surely loved the Lord Jesus through his generous financial support of Christ and the apostles.

The Office of the Ministry is not well understood in our American context. People call themselves ministers, not having been called at all. Or they say everyone is a minister. Many do not understand the Office of the Keys, that the minister offers, or withholds, forgiveness by the stead and by the command of Jesus, that people may hear the word of God in a living voice.

What's involved? Well, there is what we might call the initial call, and it's often an uneasiness, a recognition of necessity, a sleepless night, like the Lord calling the boy Samuel while resting. And it's often encouraged by a fellow Christian or pastor who says you would make a great pastor. Then it's off to instruction, a time away, usually at the seminary. There is much preparation, ideally the study of Hebrew and Greek for the reading of the Bible, as well as church history, conduct of service, practical stuff, dogmatics and doctrine and more. Its culmination is ordination, the laying on of hands, where the ministry is publicly given and certified.

Why so much study? Because pastors are called to be physicians of the soul. All are called to learn what our Lord has to teach, but a pastor is specifically tasked to teach others to observe all things whatsoever our Lord has commanded. And that's no small thing. Like a watchman on the tower, he is called to warn his people against those who would teach false doctrine, and undermine the faith once delivered by the saints. Pastors are stewards of the mysteries of God, and their ultimate judge or boss will not be the congregation, but the Lord himself.

Yes, pastors hold a job, but it's a calling like no other. There's no switching in midstream. I know of a local evangelical minister who was the leader of a large flock, and right in the middle of it, he took a high paying job at prosperous company. The ministry is not a side job, or something that can be put down. It's for life. Once ordained always ordained. A pastor can never really retire, but instead simply fulfills his pastoral role in other ways. He never really stops preaching and teaching.

So, honor your pastors. Encourage them in their faithfulness. And if your pastor cannot speak the truth, will not speak the truth, then find another pastor, another church. If your minister is a lady, your minister is not really a minister. If your minister does not speak in the stead and by the command of Christ, forgiving you all your sins, then you should find one who does. If your minister does not keep as sacred, and offer the very body and blood, then you are both missing out.

The ministry is a joy and burden, full of heartache, but also hope. It's a yoke placed on you for life, a lifelong commitment, but there is nothing more meaningful. Sending your son out into the ministry today might seem crazy. Faithful pastors are in for a lot of trouble. But then, Peter was crucified upside down, and I can guarantee you he did not regret a single minute of his ministry, as his words, which were nothing other than the words of Christ, brought so many, and still bring so many, to everlasting life.

So today, give thanks for faithful pastors, and pray that our Lord continue to call workers into the harvest field, shepherds for his flock.

"I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:8-9).

Without commands or even arm-twisting, St. Paul encourages, even challenges, the Church in Corinth to demonstrate the sincerity of their faith by their generosity in giving. He does this because giving generously is a gift of the Spirit given to us through the Gospel.

St. Paul wrote: "But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving" (2 Corinthians 8:7). In other words, just as we grow in faith and speech and knowledge of eternal things by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God, so also do we grow in giving from the same Spirit through the same Word.

The problem is that the grace of generosity often grows cold in us. It's not so much that we stop giving, but we don't put it first. We treat it like all the other bills that must be paid. It becomes a chore, just one more thing to check off a list of things to do. That empties it of its spiritual power and robs us of the joy that Christ and the Scriptures assign to it.

On top of that, since this generosity is linked to faith and knowledge of divine things, a lack of excelling in giving is sure sign that our faith and knowledge of God are under attack as well.

Thus St. Paul points to the foundation of generosity: the generosity of Christ Himself. Even though He was rich, He became poor so that we who are poor might become rich. Thus, the incarnation, suffering, and death of our Lord on the cross is the reason, source, and driving force for our generosity in giving to the church.

And since Christ who was rich became poor so that we might be rich in His grace—of which generous giving is part—so we also who are rich in His grace can excel in pressing His grace into service toward the gracious work of the church.

Pay attention to what you give to the church so that you may excel at it. And if you find that your heart has grown cold or indifferent toward it, immerse yourself in God's Word. Read it at home. Attend Bible Class. Hear and listen to it preached in the Divine Service. Be reminded of what Christ has done for you in His incarnation, suffering, and death. For this will strengthen your faith and knowledge. And where that excels, so will the grace of giving excel also.



## Choir

The choir has resumed. All are welcome and encouraged to join. Contact Collins Sita or come on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm and sing to your Risen King.



**Redeemer Lutheran Church** is now registered at Amazon Smile.

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#### **What do I need to do?**

1. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and sign in with your Amazon credentials. Click “Get Started.”
2. This will take you to a page asking for your favorite charity. Type in “Redeemer Lutheran Church” and click “Search.”
3. Scroll down the list and find Redeemer Lutheran Church in Englewood, FL. Please double-check to make sure it’s **Redeemer Lutheran Church** in **Englewood**, because there are several Redeemer’s listed. Then click “Select.”
4. Follow the prompts and you are now registered.

From now on, when you shop with Amazon, you will need to go to smile.amazon.com **FIRST** and then do your shopping in order for Redeemer to receive the charitable donation.

Once you are registered, you will also need to change your settings in the mobile app to use that to shop. Open your mobile app, go to Settings, and tap on “Amazon Smile” and follow the instructions. (You may need to install a different icon on your home screen to shop with your mobile phone.)

Shopping at Amazon Smile will generate income for us at no cost to you! Thank you!

Please contact Mindy Duncan or call Caitlin in the church office if you need help with any of these steps.

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## INSPIRATION

Faith doesn't always take you out of the problem,  
Faith takes you through the problem.  
Faith doesn't always take away the pain,  
Faith gives you the ability to handle the pain.  
Faith doesn't always take you out of the storm,  
Faith calms you in the midst of the storm.

## PRAYERS

**SHUT-INS:** Susan Jahns, Rita Kaufmann, and Donna Weston

**HEALING for Members:** Neva Aldene, Carl Bertka, Bill Bowers, Sr., Jean Cote, Kathryn Demma, Ed & Jan DeTrow, Charlie & Pat Finkenbine, Don Garay, Mike & Judy Guastella, Bud & Jane Harty, Kitty Hill, Mark Horvath, Marva Jonas, Jan Lindberg, Chuck Malecki, Angela Mannato, Ken Mielke, Lillian Miles, Glenn Mossner, Mariana Murray, Michael Nagel, Tom & Sue Poyer, Myra Schaub, Dorothy Sinowetski, Russ & Carol Spooner, Sandy Tandy, Caitlin Tilton, Bob Varone, Robert Vickey, and Sally Zierdt.

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Manson, Dave & Roberta McMullan, Pete Mogg, Mike Morrissey, Mike Moyer, Ron Mullins, Esther Murphy, Louis Nanni, Bill & Jean Nesbitt, Riley Emilia Paquette, the family & friends of Bob Payne, Charles Pentecost Jr., the friends & family of Anne Perise, Bill Pinkston, Robin Potts, Rob Powers, John Purdy, Mary Raines, Joyce Redding, Elaine Reebe, Paul Rollo, Sandra Scheel, Ed Sheahan, Nancy Sly, Don Stewart, Celeste Stromberg & her newborn baby, Juliette Renee, Caitlin Thompson, Charles Tolley, Gwyneth Tolman, George Vespa, Jim & Judy Wahl, Steven Walker, Christy Wallace, Helen Weishaar, Gene & Donna Wensel, Gordan Winkel, Wava Zeitlow, and Martha Zimpfer.

**Military Personnel:** Mark Baranowsky, Michael Broughton, Joseph Garay, Brian Jackson, Jonathan Koen, and Charles D. Weishaar



**Pastor and members of the church are always willing to pray for you, family members and friends. If a loved one appears on our prayer list above, please call Pastor or the church office to give us a health update so that we may either keep or remove their name. Thank you!**

## REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL

We are back from Christmas Break and we have been busy! It's officially the third quarter of the academic year. When we got back from the holiday break, we jumped right back into practicing for our Christmas Program. It had been postponed from December and took place on the evening of January 10<sup>th</sup>. Our students worked hard to learn their songs and lines for our Christmas program: Jesse Tree. It all came together well and we are so proud of our students.

We also had to reschedule our Gingerbread Day with VPK to January. VPK students from the childcare came over to our building to work with a small group of our students and help them learn about Kindergarten and what a day of school here at Redeemer is like. Mrs. Nicole read them *The Gingerbread Girl* and we watched a video of *The Gingerbread Boy* story being read aloud. They got to decorate gingerbread cookies for a snack, paint gingerbread ornaments, find and count gingerbread items around the room, decorate a gingerbread person to take home, practice putting gingerbread alphabet in order and writing their letters correctly, and even got to make their own gingerbread houses to take home.

Our Kindergarten and First Grade students have been learning all about different countries in Social Studies. They learned about Peru and how they make clothing. Mrs. Pam also ordered some candy that was made in Peru that the students were excited to try. They also learned about Mexico and got to make and try cheese quesadillas. For Art, our class made piñatas using papier mache. They each got a balloon blown up and tied for them, then wrapped it in three layers of paper with flour and water mixture to act as glue. It dried and hardened over the weekend then the students popped the balloon and decorated it with tissue paper. They even got to help stuff and break one as a class.

Second and Third Grade has also been working on their animal unit. They have been learning about animals and their habitats. Both grades chose an animal and checked out books on it from the library. They worked on a report and learned about topic sentences, concluding sentences, and writing strong paragraphs. The students wrote about the appearance, habitat, diet, and behavior of their animal. Our class worked hard on their reports and they turned out great! We are so proud of their hard work.

Our class also celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of school in January. The students came to school dressed as if they were 100 years old and we made a 100 Day trail mix! We did 100 Day Math and Reading center activities such as writing 100 words, counting to 100 by 1,2,5, and 10.

Lutheran Schools Week was at the end of January as well. We will be making a craft for residents at Brookdale, having a Blue and Gold Day, making a coffee and muffin bar for parents during drop-off with prepackaged muffins and coffee, making breakfast for the students at school, and holding a food drive for the food bank. The students will take a class trip to the food bank to drop it off on Friday.



Verse of the week: *Little children, you are from God and have overcome false teachers, for Jesus who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.* 1 John 4:4

REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Arts & Crafts





COME JOIN OUR  
**BIBLE**  
  
**Study**

**Wednesday Morning Table Talk:** Join us in the Church Narthex on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m., to gather with Pastor Kress around tables to talk theology, ask a wide range of interesting questions, and witness our own theology shaped by the Word of God. No one is required to know everything about anything. If you have questions or are interested in listening in on our Table Talk, you are welcome to join us in some engaging and thought-provoking conversations.

**PROPERTY APPRECIATION DAY**

We sure could use some help on our Property Appreciation Days every month. There is outside work to do and cleaning and dusting that needs done inside the Church. If you can help, please come to the church and we will put you to work. **Our next Property Appreciation Day is Saturday, February 20th at 8:00 am.**





**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**

**February 2021**  
**Bible Lessons**

Chapel is on  
Mondays at 4:00

2/1 Jesus Tells His Children to Come

Mark 10:13-16

2/8 Jesus Says to Show Mercy

Mark 10:25-37

2/15 God Provides for His Children

Mark 21:1-4

2/22 Jesus Came to Save Sinners

Mark 19:1-10



Dear Jesus, Thank You for pastors and teachers who tell me of Your love. I rejoice that my name is written in heaven.

Amen

**President's Day**



Closed February 15, 2021

**Birthdays**

Judith 2/3

Parker 2/10

Ms. Bianca 2/5

Bailey N. 2/21

Ms. Paige 2/24

**Class Dojo**

If you are not on Class Dojo download the app and ask your child's Teacher for the class code to connect with your class!

**Toys**

Please keep toys at home or in the car. Handbook Policy. Thank you.

**Ash Wednesday**

On 2/17 The After School Children will be attending Church Service at 4:30 and then we will be having dinner. Please sign up with Ms. Emily in order to schedule a pick up time before or after.

*Submitted by Wendy Horvath*

**Valentine's Day Parties!**



Please check with your Child's Teacher about any party plans for Valentine's Day.

**Pancakes For Breakfast**

All classes will have Pancakes for Breakfast to celebrate Valentine's Day on February 12, 2021



**Celebrating the Super Bowl**



Wear your favorite Football Jersey or tee on February 5, 2021 and we will be having pizza for lunch.



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Sunday School: *temporarily postponed*

*The Redeemer Lutheran Church, School & Child Care Family are called into the service of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by His command (Matthew 28:18-20) to:*

- ◆Disciple all nations, that is, all people;*
- ◆Baptize in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;*
- ◆Proclaim the Gospel and teach His Word in its truth and purity; and*
- ◆Never be ashamed of the Gospel—it is the power of God unto salvation (Romans 1:16).*