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The Enemy Hidden in Our Midst

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Dear friends in Christ! I begin this article with the scripture above because St. Paul reveals the great spiritual battles that we as Christians all face and endure. What we as Christians are day in, day out enduring, perhaps even silently and obliviously, is spiritual warfare. There is a true battle going on for our souls. As we enter into the season of Lent, I hope to remind you that we, as Christians, are engaged in a true battle for our souls. We do not see soldiers, weapons, artillery and tanks, but there is a true war going on in and around us for our soul. That’s what St. Paul reveals to us: ***For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*** We are engaged in this hidden battle and that’s why we hear the Apostle: **Put on the whole armor of God.**

As we look deeper into this text, I pray that we, with God’s help, will see that we Christians are engaged in a hidden battle for our very souls. It is a hidden battle because our enemy is hidden and our power, our weapons, and our armor with which we fight are also hidden; but in Christ ours is the victory, and now that, too, is hidden but will one day, that is, on the Last Day, be clearly revealed.

1. The vital thing for us to remember is that our enemy is hidden. Much like these drones the government has flying overhead firing its weapons to eliminate terrorists and various targets are not noticed by the target until they are hit, so are our spiritual enemies: they are around us millions times more than drones over terrorists. Just because the drone is not noticed doesn’t mean it’s not there; doesn’t mean it’s not lethal.

What, as Christians, are our enemies? Our “drones” against us are: ***The rulers, ... the authorities, ...***

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the cosmic powers over this present darkness, ... the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. All around us the devil has his evil angels ordered against us. Our battle is not against enemies that we can see, *against flesh and blood*, but ultimately against the devil and his evil angels. To be sure, we face hostility from the society and culture when we hold fast God's word and proclaim His truth. But our real enemy is not the anti-Christian culture or government. Behind the Church's earthly opponent, whatever form it takes, are the forces of Satan. And what we especially have to be on guard against is that the devil has an ally within each one of us – our old sinful nature.

Our old sinful nature that we were born with and which stays with us until our dying breath, works together with the devil and his evil angels to drive out the Holy Spirit and thus faith from our hearts, and so to bring us back into the devil's kingdom of slavery to him, to sin, to death and hell. The evil angels seek our life and soul. The battle we are engaged in is a matter of winning/losing heaven. Even though we are always in the midst of the battle, we do not/cannot see our opponent. They are created, yet invisible, spiritual forces.

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Because the enemy is a hidden enemy we should expect constant attack; let us never think that the devil and his evil angels are far away. That is why we pray and hold fast to the 6th Petition of the Lord's Prayer: *Lead us not into temptation* in which we pray that *God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice.*

The entire thought, effort, seeking of the devil and the evil angels is to destroy the works of God. And foremost among them is our Lord's dear Christians, you and me. In the waters of holy baptism God washed away our sins, brought us into His holy family, created that new self, the Christian, within us, gave us His Holy Spirit. In short, in baptism we have become a new creation. And especially this marks us as the devil's enemy and that work of God he wants to all the more destroy. Also notice, that once God has created us anew in the waters of Holy Baptism, He doesn't put a force field around us that deflects any assaults and attacks of the devil on us. In fact, it's just the opposite. Our baptism marks the true

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beginning of the battle.

We read something similar in our Lord's life. Right after St. John the Baptizer baptized Jesus in the Jordan River, the holy Evangelists record: *And immediately the Spirit drove [Jesus] into the wilderness.* And why? *To be tempted by the devil.* Jesus went right away into battle against the devil and his temptations. Jesus faced the worst temptations the devil could throw His way, and Jesus won, never once sinning. Our baptism begins the devil's battle against us with intensity. The Lord in His infinite, divine, holy wisdom allows the devil to attack us, wage war for our soul. So, yes, our enemy is hidden. We don't see him, but the battle is real and our enemies, the devil and his evil angels, have a terrifying power.

2. And that's why St. Paul speaks about our weapons for this battle. But, just like our enemies are hidden: *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places,* so too are our weapons for this battle. We don't use fists, swords, spears, guns, drones against our spiritual enemies. Instead, what does the Apostle here say: *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil ... Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day.* Our power, our strength for the victory in this battle for our souls, is not in ourselves but it is in the Lord.

Just as little as we can rely on physical weapons to defeat our spiritual enemies in this spiritual warfare, so, too, we dare not rely on ourselves and our own strength. Instead, the Apostle tells us to *be strong* or "to keep being strengthened" in the Lord, that is, to be connected with, in communion with the Lord. There, as we are intimately connected with the Lord, He gives us the strength and the weapons to defeat our spiritual enemies.

That close, intimate connection with the Lord is faith. Faith is what clings and holds the Lord and receives Him and all His gifts and strength to fight the spiritual battle.

That is why St. Paul uses the lovely, but direct phrase: *Put on the whole armor of God.* To put on, that's baptismal language. Elsewhere, for example, St. Paul writes: *For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.* In baptism we are clothed with Christ; we are in Him and He is in us. There is that glorious abiding, we in Christ and He in us. We are joined to Christ, the very Christ who after His baptism went into the desert to face the devil and his temptations and to defeat him, the battle He fought and won for us. In baptism we are joined to Christ's death. In baptism we died, Christ's death for our sin is also our death. But Jesus rose from the dead and as baptism joins us to His resurrection we have that new heavenly spiritual life. Our strength in this battle is Christ Himself. *Finally, be strong* [not in yourselves but] *in the Lord and in the strength of his* [not your] *might.*

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. That full armor of God is His gift to us and one which we by faith receive. What do we do in the battle? We stand *against the schemes of the devil.* "Standing" means that we stand as the devil attacks, as he throws his worst at us. Standing is a defensive position. Let the devil attack us. We have Christ. Christ defends us. *Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.*

The picture the Apostle paints for us is of the individual soldier withstanding the assault. Each of us will face *the evil day*; each day has its own many and varied assaults; the different trials, hardships, temptations, so in a sense, yes each day is an *evil day*. But when Paul talks here of *the evil day*, he is

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emphasizing that there will be times in our lives that it seems the devil is especially gunning for us, with temptations seeming so great, with trials seemingly beyond endurance, with times of such doubt and despair that it seems impossible to keep faith intact. But what are we to do especially in those times? ***Therefore take up the whole armor of God.*** Receive in faith, trust the weapons and armor the Lord has given you. And there is a promise here: ***and having done all, to stand firm.*** The promise is that holding to the Lord, ***being strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. [Having] put on the whole armor of God ... and having done all,*** that is, “having forced down or cut down” we will ***stand firm as victors.*** He, by His Spirit and strength protects us, gives us the victory. May we trust what He gives us for the battle.

3. Dear Christian friend, by virtue of our baptism and our Christian faith, know that we become the object of the hidden enemies’ attacks. So what are we to do? St. Paul says: ***Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.*** We don’t cower in fear at the battle; we don’t run from it. Instead, we Stand, upright and firm. We know the battle is coming and in the boldness of faith, with our strength in the Lord we know the victory is ours, already now.

We have ***fastened on [us] the belt of truth,*** that is, we have the true faith and are led by the Holy Spirit and take hold of God’s word and direct our lives by it. Strengthened and empowered by Him, we fight sin and strive to do the Lord’s will. We have on us ***the breastplate of righteousness,*** that is, a righteous life, that is, a good conscience. As we see our life of good works, we know the Holy Spirit is at work in us and that gives confidence and joy to our heart. A godly, pious life is vital in this battle. A godly life led by the Holy Spirit empowering us to strive, out of love, to do our Lord’s holy will, His Ten

Commandments.

In the midst of the fierce battle our Lord strengthens us, assuring us and giving us of His peace, the forgiveness of sins, ***the gospel of peace.*** That strengthens us to bear all things patiently and to continue on in the battle. ***As shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.***

The battle we fight against our hidden, invisible spiritual enemies – the devil and his demonic forces – is a real battle which is our duty to fight. If we don’t fight it, if we give in or surrender to the devil and his host, if we don’t by faith put on the spiritual armor the Lord gives us and stand, we will not obtain the treasure of heaven. The enemy is hidden but real; our weapons and armor are hidden to the naked eye but they are real and powerful; our victory is hidden under mounds of our sin. But in it all, remember, the victory is certain and sure for us. Christ won it for us by His holy life and His innocent suffering and death.

May this Lenten Season, on Sundays and Wednesdays and all through Holy Week, find you in His holy sanctuary receiving His Holy Word and His precious Sacrament. For in them He gives us His victory; the forgiveness of sin, victory over sin, death, devil and hell, peace and reconciliation with God, we are given heaven. That victory is ours through faith, no matter how much Satan throws our way and how much we may falter along the way, as long as that simple, humble Spirit-worked faith is in our heart, even if it is only a spark. The victory in this spiritual, invisible, hidden battle constantly going on in and around us is assured us as we continue in the grace of God and His holy Word and Sacraments. For then the Holy Spirit has opportunity to work in us with His divine power and continues to strengthen us in the battle that we may continue to stand and hold the field.

Equipped in Christ,
Pastor Jim Kress

HUMAN CARE BOARD



The Human Care Board will be making baskets for 9 shut-ins for Easter. We are requesting bags of candy and or cash donations to be delivered to the church Narthex by Sunday, March 29, so that we may put the baskets together Saturday, April 4, 2020 and have delivery take place during Holy Week. If you would like to provide cash donations for the baskets, please see Mindy Duncan, Sandy Tandy, Caitlin Tilton or Lisa Kress. If you have questions please feel free to contact Lisa at 941.889.8938 or email lisakress1968@gmail.com. We appreciate your kindness and concern for the members of our church!

Lent



ASH WEDNESDAY DIVINE SERVICE*
with the Imposition of Ashes
Wed. Feb. 26th – 4:30 & 7:00 PM

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Wed. Mar. 4th – 4:30 PM
*Divine Service**

Wed. Mar. 11th – 4:30 PM
*Divine Service**

Wed. Mar. 18th – 4:30 PM
*Divine Service**

Wed. Mar. 25th – 4:30 PM
*Divine Service**

Wed. Apr. 1st – 4:30 PM
*Divine Service**

SUPPER WILL BE SERVED AFTER
MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES
On March 11 and March 25
Between 5:30 – 6:30 pm

**Service of Holy Communion*



What's Your Reason for Investing in the Church?

Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) investors know they can invest for retirement, every-day needs, and emergencies, all while supporting worship opportunities and Christian development. So why aren't you an investor yet? There are a variety of reasons to join us, such as:

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Questions? Please feel free to contact me at 603-209-0733 or email rob.tilton1016@gmail.com.

Yours in Christ,

Rob Tilton
LCEF Congregational Advocate

Treasurer's Report

<i>As of January 31, 2020</i>			
	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>OVER/UNDER</u>
INCOME	26,598	14,586	12,012
<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>25,305</u>	<u>17,692</u>	7,613
+/-	1,293	(3,106)	
YEAR TO DATE			
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Respectfully submitted,
Jean Clappe-Mixell
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We are at the beginning of Lent. During the Lenten season, the church calls to our attention the sufficiency of what God gives. It points to the sufficiency of God's grace in the atoning work of Jesus. It shows us the sufficiency of faith in Jesus' work for us. It makes known the sufficiency of God's Word in faith and life.

But Lent doesn't just remind us of the sufficiency of God's spiritual gifts, the gifts that pertain to our redemption and salvation. Lent also reminds us of the sufficiency of the physical, temporal gifts of God, those that pertain to this body and life. In other words, it reminds us of the importance of godly contentment and of outward discipline and training of the body.

This outward training of the body teaches us not to give in to every desire of our flesh but to learn to say no to them. And it does this in such a way that if you fail, it is no sin. It is a way to practice without putting yourself into a compromising situation.

The easiest example of this is fasting. When you fast, you are practicing saying no to the desires of your body. But if you fail in this, if you break your fast, you have not sinned. You have, though, learned something about how your flesh works, how difficult it is to fight against it, and how you need help from above in order to do it.

There is another example of this. It is alms-giving. This is an increase in giving to the church and its mission during this time. We all know that our flesh finds security in money and stuff. By committing to give more to the church, you are training your flesh. You are, by this outward discipline, training yourself to be content with what God gives. You are practicing saying "no" to your desires. Again, if you fail, you have not sinned. But you've learned just how powerful your flesh is in leading you instead of you leading it. You've learned how you need help from above in being content with what God gives.

This is why St. Paul instructs young Pastor Timothy in this way:
"But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and [a] we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs." (1 Tim 6:6–10)

Our sufficiency is not of ourselves; it is in God. Let us learn this without sin by training our flesh this Lenten season.

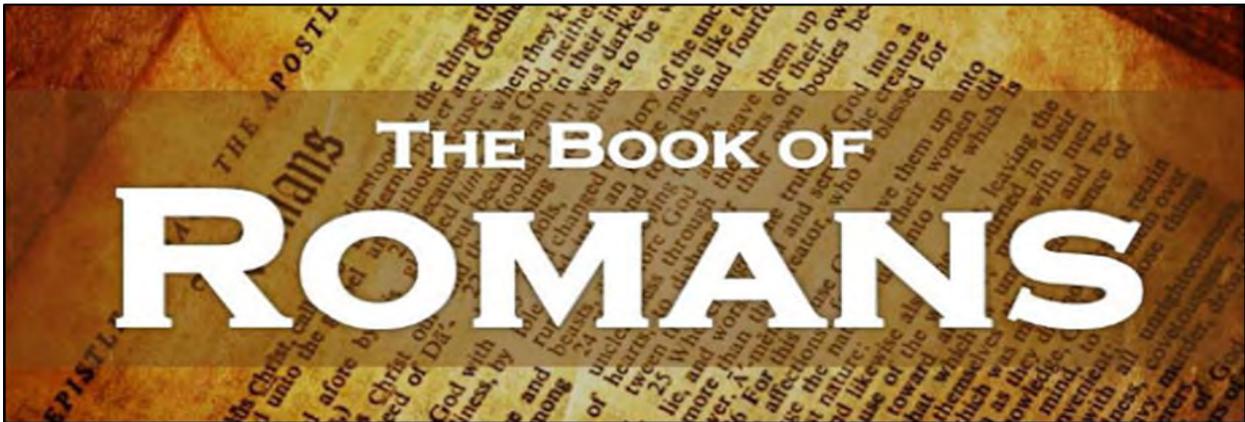


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SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS IS FOR EVERYONE!

In Paul's Epistle to the Romans, he writes to Christians he has not yet met but intends to visit soon. Since he has not preached in Rome, he writes a full and rich account of God's plan of salvation through faith in His Son and encourages the Romans to live as Christians in this sinful world. Martin Luther thought so highly of this letter he recommended that all Christians memorize the whole book. Although that is not the goal of our Sunday Morning Bible Class, we will nevertheless go through every chapter and verse in order to experience the richness of this impressive letter. There are so many "golden nuggets" to accumulate from this single New Testament book. Don't be shy, be intrigued. Come join in on the study Sunday mornings following Divine Serve and a quick stop at the coffee table.



WEDNESDAY MORNING TABLE TALK **Come Join Us on Wednesday at 10:15 AM**

On Wednesday morning, in the Church narthex, we 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 anything about everything. 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, March 21st at 8:00 am.**



The deadline for the April Newsletter is March 20th
Please have all your submissions sent to patchas123@gmail.com
OR drop them off at the church office by the date indicated above. Thank You!

PRAYERS

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Military Personnel: Mark Baranowsky, Michael Broughton, Joseph Garay, Thomas Francis Stynes II, 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!



ELDER & COMMUNION ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

Date	Elder & Reader	Communion Asst
Sun, Mar 1st	Collins Sita	Dave Giroux
Wed, Mar 4th	Mike Nagel	Bob Varone
Sun, Mar 8th	Mike Nagel	Bob Varone
Wed, Mar 11th	Mike Nagel	Bob Varone
Sun, Mar 15th	Collins Sita	Steve Horvath
Wed, Mar 18th	Rob Tilton	Bob Varone
Sun, Mar 22nd	Rob Tilton	Dave Giroux
Wed, Mar 25th	Mike Nagel	Bob Varone
Sun, Mar 29th	Collins Sita	Bob Varone

Presently, Elders of Redeemer are studying "The Sacrament of the Altar" in the Concordia. We get into wonderful discussions to understand God's Word.

Elders are also trained in assisting the pastor in the distribution of the sacraments and to read The Old Testament Reading and The Epistle during The Divine Service. Elders are there to welcome parishioners to worship, to distribute the service program, to assist in the Gathering of Tithes and Offerings and to bring parishioners to the Altar for Communion.

We are in need for Christian men that enjoy the church and find enrichment in God's word to become an Elder. Please speak to one of our Elders or Pastor Kress. Head Elder, Mike Nagel



Choir

Calling all voices! If you want to rejoice on Easter, come join the choir. Contact Collins Sita or come on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm and sing to your Risen King.

Acolyte

Gospel Bearer & Crucifier

Date	Crucifier	Gospel Bearer	Acolyte
Mar 1st	Ariana Miller	John Miller	Brianna Neef
Mar 4th	Alyssa Hancock		Therin McDowall
Mar 8th	Kamrie Evanicki	Kyleigh Evanicki	Kylee Payne
Mar 11th	Toby Hancock		Therin McDowall
Mar 15th	Mackenzie McDowall	Therin McDowall	Rylie Giroux
Mar 18th	Alyssa Hancock		Therin McDowall
Mar 22nd	Mykalina Sabol	Jayden Bishop	Bella Fisher
Mar 25th	Toby Hancock		Therin McDowall
Mar 29th	John Miller	Ariana Miller	Braeden Dolphin

ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE



Date	Set-Up	Clean-Up
Sun, Mar 1st	Mindy Duncan	Janet Lemesis
Wed, Mar 4th	Bob Varone	Lisa Kress
Sun, Mar 8th	Lisa Kress	Sandi Libke/ Carolyn Francis
Wed, Mar 11th	Bob Varone	Jean Cote
Sun, Mar 15th	Mindy Duncan	Gale Bakalik/ Catalina Bakas
Wed, Mar 18th	Bob Varone	Lisa Kress
Sun, Mar 22nd	Lisa Kress	Catalina Bakas/ Carolyn Francis
Wed, Mar 25th	Bob Varone	Joyce Schneider
Sun, Mar 29th	Mindy Duncan	Janet Lemesis

Lutheran School Week

January 27-31



Happy March!

In February, we celebrated Valentine's Day with a friendship lunch. We started out by making valentine cards for the congregation members that pastor goes and visits. We then did some special Valentine's Day writing and math activities. We try to do a cooking project in class at least once a month. Each student made their own personal heart shaped pizza. Second Grade made brownies that were turned into chocolate pudding parfaits. Third Grade made a spinach and strawberry salad. We had a great lunch together then played conversation heart bingo. Holidays are always a fun time in our classroom. We get a break from our normal everyday learning and get to have a little more fun while we are learning. Happy Valentine's Day!

We have been working hard on writing in class this month. Kindergarten is learning how to sound out words and put the words together to make a sentence. First and Second Grade are working on forming paragraphs. Third Grade is working on using a T chart to help them form a three paragraph paper. They all are working hard and we are seeing a lot of progress in their writing. We just finished our president reports. Each student picked a president, researched information, made a rough draft, and then completed their final project. Our class learned so much and had fun doing it. Each student presented their project to the class and our projects are now hanging on the wall in our classroom. Stop by and see all their amazing work.



Third grade has been learning about different types of animals in science. We have learned about mammals, amphibians, reptiles, fish, insects and birds. We have learned about vertebrates and invertebrates. We learned about their habitats, both land and water, and what each habitat needs. We have completed two reports on different types of animals. This month's field trip we went to Jungle Garden's to experience some of these animals. We were able to see a bird, reptile, and skunk show. We visited the petting zoo and brushed the goats. We fed flamingos and fish. Then we had lunch and played at the park. We had a flamingo join us for lunch and our students loved it. They loved seeing and feeding all the animals. What a great experience!

We are now getting ready for our open house on March 7th. Please spread the word and invite those that have children to visit us on that Saturday from 9-1. We will have information on our school, games, a bounce house, food, and crafts. We need them to see how great our school is! You are welcome to come and join us for lunch. Have a great month!

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!



Thank you for our new bikes! We got taxi bikes and the children LOVE them

Happy St. Patrick's Day

MARCH 2020

Bible Lessons

Chapel is on Mondays
at 4:00 pm

3/2 God's People Praise
Him

Matthew 21:7-11

3/9 God's People Honor
Jesus

Matthew 26:6-13

3/16 Jesus Saves Us
from Sin

Matthew 27:27-56

3/23 Jesus Gives Us New
Life

Matthew 28:1-10



Dear Jesus, I am so glad
You are alive. Help me tell
others this good news.
Amen.

Spring Photos

Teddy Bear Portraits
3/23/20

Birthdays

Shaun 3/2
Colton M. 3/3
Aiden T. 3/4
Kody 3/8
William 3/12
Chase 3/15
Natalie 3/19
Aubry 3/21
Adalynn 3/21
Ms. Emily 3/23
Cane 3/25
Jonathan D. 3/28
Blayke 3/29
Nova 3/29
Alya 3/30
Logan 3/31



Spring Break for VPK and After School

March 16-20
We will be having all day
care this week. Please
sign up!

Submitted by Wendy Horvath

Special Days in March

3/8 Daylight Savings Time
Begins
3/17 St. Patrick's Day
3/20 First Day of Spring

3/2 Dr. Seuss' Birthday



We will be dressing up
funny ways during the week
of 3/2-3/6 to celebrate Dr.
Seuss' birthday, and
reading a lot of good books.

Sick Policy

Please follow Redeemer
Child Care's sick policy.
We are experiencing a lot
of illness this flu season.
Please keep sick children
home and symptom free
for 24 hours.



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Divine Service: 9:15 AM
Bible Class: 10:30 AM
Sunday School: 10:30 AM

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).*