



Redeemer Connection April 2017

The Day that *Really* Changed the World

Ask people what day they think changed the world, and you will get all sorts of answers. An older person might say December 7, 1941, when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor. Or when the USA dropped two atomic bombs in 1945. A radio broadcaster claimed that September 11, 2001, was the day that changed our world.

What was the day that changed our world? The day that *really* changed the world was the day that Jesus was raised from the dead, when Jesus came out of the tomb.

There were no news reporters, no lights, and no cameras. A news anchor didn't suddenly flash on the screen. There were no interviews on all the talk shows. Life didn't come to a screeching halt. Governments were not called into emergency session. There were no shockwaves that reverberated around the world as they did on September 11. No, Resurrection Day was not an international event like September 11, but it changed the world forever.

Yet unlike September 11 or other historic days, many do not believe that Jesus rose from the dead. The idea of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ has been relegated to the world of mythology right up there with Homer's Iliad and The Odyssey. Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ are just fairy tales.

Skepticism about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is nothing new. There were scoffers in Paul's day just like today. In 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Paul boldly declares that the Resurrection is the gospel truth! He tells us how we know it is the gospel truth. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 and see that the resurrection of Jesus *is* the day the *really* changed the world.

Have an awesome Easter! Celebrate the Resurrection! Pastor Kevin



**Wednesday Morning Bible Study
meets on the first and third Wednesday
of each month in the conference room
at Saint Anne Extended Healthcare.**



**The next
Church Council
Meeting is 6:30 pm
Monday, April 10, 2017**

Attendance Record

Feb 26--54
Mar 1--55
Mar 5--70
Mar 8--31
Mar 12--44
Mar 15--30
Mar 19--57
Mar 22--37



**Communion is held on
1st , 3rd & 4th Sunday**

There will be a potluck dinner at 5:30 pm
on Maundy Thursday, April 13.

Fellowship committee will be serving a Easter breakfast of
French toast, sausages, fruit and coffee cake at 8:00 on Easter
morning, April 16. Please sign up by Thursday, April 13 if you
plan to attend. There will be a free will donation.

April Preschool Chatter
Heidi Braun, Director/Teacher
Jessie Erdmann, Teacher
Jenifer Clemons, Paraprofessional
Carly Lass, Paraprofessional

Happy April! It's hard to believe that we only have two months of school left. We've got lots to squeeze in before the end of the school year. Coming up this month is Dads and Donuts, one of our favorite events. Dads can hang out at preschool and enjoy donuts with the children.

On Thursday, April 13 Life Touch Photography will be here to take pictures of the children. If you would like to have your picture taken, please let us know. They are open to church members getting their portraits taken while they're here.

Our Book Walk will be Saturday, April 22 from 9:00-11:00. This event is open to the community and is geared toward families with young children. Children will walk through the pages of the storybook, *Stuck in the Mud*, collecting little tokens along the way. Amanda Grace will be here from 10:00-10:45 engaging and entertaining us with her music.

This month during Praise Time we will focus on the Easter story. Some children only know about the Easter bunny and baskets full of goodies, so it's really exciting when they listen to the stories about Jesus' death and resurrection and discover the true meaning. We review the Bible stories a few times so the children are able to retell the stories at home.

Almost two years have passed since we received our four-star rating from Parent Aware. The first year a few children were awarded scholarships. Currently in our second year, six children are receiving full scholarships plus we were awarded additional funds to help pay for staff, field trip transportation, and snack. Since the rating is only good for two years, the past few months I have been going through the re-rating process, and we should receive a new rating by this summer. We hope to earn four stars again in order to remain eligible for the extra funding. The state always has the right to cancel awards, so any funds we get is a blessing.

New registrations for next fall have started coming in. If you know any families who are looking for preschool for their children, please tell them to check us out. Grab a brochure for them, direct them to our website, or encourage them to schedule a visit.


We wish you all a glorious Easter!

Dear M.C.

In this article, congregation members pose questions to M.C. (our Music Coordinator) who thus responds with whatever words of wisdom the Lord chooses to give him.

Dear M.C., What changes can we expect in the music ministry now that you are Music Coordinator?

MC: Many of the duties of the position, such as music selection, musician scheduling, and music inventory and maintenance are spelled out in the position description. And since many of these jobs were already being addressed prior to my assuming the role, and are merely being transitioned to my supervision, there will be very few visible changes in the music ministry at Redeemer initially.

 That being said, as the responsibilities are better understood and become more routine, there will be opportunities for changes and enhancements to the music program. Feel free to offer ideas on new musical happenings and on areas needing improvement, but please realize that the limited number of hours devoted to the position each week will dictate how quickly these suggestions might be implemented.

Your prayer support of this work is vital! Please continue to pray for me, for the musicians, and for all things music-related at Redeemer, that God would provide time, energy, and vision to accomplish those things that He has laid out before us. Thank you!

If you have a question you would like addressed, please feel free to ask our Music Coordinator personally, send an email to paklemp@hotmail.com, or call him at 507-312-4784.

SUPPORT for the WARMING CENTER

Plate offerings from the Lenten midweek services are designated to the Winona Warming Center. The Winona Warming Center provides temporary emergency shelter for the adult, 18 and over, homeless population of Winona County and is located at the Community Bible Church on 69 E. Third St. in downtown Winona. This project is the work of concerned community members and Catholic Charities. Community Bible Church have agreed to provide the place for this shelter with supervised by volunteers.

People using the shelter will be given a safe, warm overnight place to sleep, nutritious snacks, opportunities to shower, and laundry facilities. The Center is open from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. through March.

The Winona Community Warming Center works with the Winona Police, Winona County Community Services and Winona Health to help meet the needs of their guests. Information on resources is be available to guests. On certain dates, volunteers will be available to help with requested referrals and forms.



CHOCOLATE STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

Heart Healthy Recipe: No one will know this decadent dessert recipe—rich chocolate shortcake filled with a fresh raspberry sauce—has less than 150 calories per serving. This healthy chocolate recipe is romantic, delicious and low calorie.

Shortcakes

- 2 Tbsp unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup whole wheat flour
- 2 Tbsp granulated sugar
- 3/4 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp baking soda
- 1/8 tsp salt
- 2 Tbsp cold reduced-calorie, trans fat free margarine, cut into bits
- 1/4 cup skim evaporated milk

Raspberry Sauce and Topping

- 1 1/2 cups raspberries
- 1 tsp granulated sugar
- 3 Tbsp low-fat vanilla yogurt
- 1/4 tsp confectioners sugar
- Mint sprigs, for garnish

Preparation

For the shortcakes: Preheat oven to 425°. Lightly coat a baking sheet with nonstick cooking spray. Into a bowl, sift together cocoa powder, flours, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add margarine, and blend the mixture until it resembles coarse meal. Add evaporated milk and stir mixture with a fork until it forms a dough. Divide the dough in half, arrange each half in a mound on baking sheet, and bake for 10 minutes, or until a tester inserted in the centers comes out with crumbs clinging to it. Transfer the shortcakes to a rack and let them cool.

For the raspberry sauce: In a bowl, mash 3/4 cup of the raspberries with a fork. Add sugar and stir until sugar is dissolved. Gently stir in the remaining 3/4 cup raspberries.

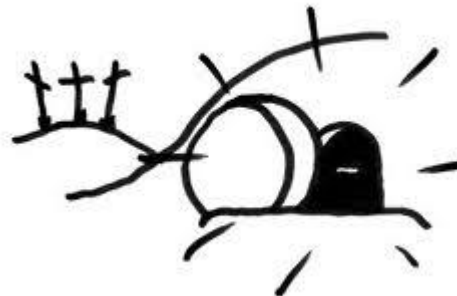
Assemble the shortcakes: Cut the shortcakes in half horizontally. Top each bottom half with half the raspberry mixture and 1 1/2 tablespoons yogurt.

Top with the top half of a shortcake. Sprinkle shortcakes with confectioners sugar and garnish with mint sprigs, if desired.

Yield: 2 servings



The Greatest Man in history is Jesus. He had no servants, yet they called Him Master. He had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher. He had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer. He had no army, yet kings feared Him. He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world. He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him. He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.



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Redeemer Church ...

Welcomes you to come praise His Love for Us!

Sunday at 9 am.

The 1st and 3rd Sundays are Communion Sundays.

Office hours are:

Mon-Thurs 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Fri 9 am— noon

