



# Redeemer News

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Redeemer Lutheran Church

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What happens when our pastor preaches and teaches about a tithe (10% of income) for the support of the Lord's work through the local congregation? Some people view that as an impossible expectation. Others may view that as a good starting point and rejoice that they are able to move beyond the tithe because they want to respond generously from what God has graciously bestowed upon them.

Is giving a tithe of the financial blessings that God has given to us an impossible expectation? For most of us it probably isn't if we practice discipline and good judgment in managing our financial resources. Some have learned to use the 10-10-80 plan. This plan involves giving the first 10% to the Lord, using the next 10% for saving and investing and then learning to live on the remaining 80%. It is not the perfect plan or the only plan, but it is a good one to start with if you find that you have not been disciplined in your handling of money.

Is giving a tithe a command for Christians? No, it isn't, because to make the tithe into a command would make it more like taxes and tips. The big spiritual question about Christian giving is this one: ***"What percentage of the financial blessings that God has entrusted to me do I believe He is calling me to give?"*** We do not give in order to meet the church budget, or do our fair share or because someone puts a guilt trip on us. 2 Corinthians 9:7 gives us this wise counsel: ***"Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful [literally, hilarious] giver."***

The key is to talk to God in prayer, asking for His guidance regarding giving, and then moving forward empowered by His Holy Spirit to be free and joyful in our Christian giving.



Many people dread April 15<sup>th</sup> because it is the deadline for filing 2008 tax returns. Others may not be all that concerned because they had so much withholding tax that they will actually get a refund.

Most Americans would be thrilled if they had to pay only 10% of their income for taxes. But we know better. In many places the state sales tax alone is 8%. Social Security tax is another 7.65% (15.3% if you are a pastor, professional church worker, or others who are considered self-employed for tax purposes). State and federal income taxes are in addition to these other taxes. It doesn't take long to figure out that we are paying "double and triple tithes" for state and federal taxes.

And how about tips when we go out to eat at a nice restaurant? 10% used to be the standard tip, but in most people's minds it has moved up to 15-20%.



Blessings to you from the Sunday School staff!

The flowers will soon be in bloom and warm days will soon be here to stay, it just may take a little

longer now that we have so much new snow! "Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them." Psalm 111.2

Thank you to the children for sharing their wonderful voices with the congregation in song throughout the month of March.

This month we will continue to learn more about Jesus, as we walk with Him to the cross. Our stories include, The Widow's Mite, Zacchaeus, and The Passion of Christ.

**Please note the children will again sing on Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.** Please have your child to the church by 8:30 for a short practice. There will be no regular Sunday school on Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, but an Easter video will be shown to those who come to services.

Please continue to work with your child(ren) on their class memory work assignments. Students will be reciting to listeners from the congregation in mid-May and that will be here before we know it. Thank you for helping your child commit God's word to memory.

If you would like to help with any part of our Sunday school, we welcome the extra hands!

The Sunday School Staff



April showers will bring a rainbow of flowers here at preschool. Have you seen our rainbow garden in the hallway? Come and check it out!

April is a busy month with Easter celebrations, a day at the farm, and our chickies hatching! We can't wait for all the fun. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate with all of our plans.

We will be studying Holy Week in Jesus Time this month. We will start with our Savior's entry into Jerusalem and continue our walk with Jesus through Gethsemane, his death and resurrection, and finally his ascension back to his throne in heaven. We will stress what Christ has done and continues to do for us, and the best gift that He gives us... the gift of the forgiveness of sins.

There are still openings for this fall. We have a couple of 3-day morning openings and openings in all of our afternoon sessions. Contact Ms. Nikki if you are interested or have any questions.

Thanks for your continuing prayers and support of our ministry here at Redeemer Lutheran Preschool. Please pray that we can continue to serve the community to the glory of our Lord.

**Ms. Nikki, Ms. Kathy & Ms. Marni**

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### Acolyte Schedule

Apr 5 - Kelsie Tyrrell	974-3959
Apr 9 - Tayler Johnson	483-8866
Apr 10 - Josh Brevik	575-4030
Apr 12 - Shayna Monson	483-7916
Apr 19 - Lindsay Tyrrell	974-3959
Apr 26 - Kacy Schaper	483-6715
May 3 - Kelsie Tyrrell	974-3959
May 10 - David Brevik	575-4030
May 17 - Shayna Monson	483-7916
May 24 - Emily Tyrrell	974-3959
May 31 - Reed Johnson	483-8866

Please make arrangements with someone else on the list if you are unable to serve for your assigned Sunday.



**LCMS WORLD RELIEF**...is providing assistance for those affected by floods in North Dakota. If you would like to show Christ's love by aiding them in their work, gifts may be sent to: **LCMS WORLD RELIEF, 1333 S. Kirkwood Road, St. Louis, MO 63122-7295.** You can also give on-line and/or learn more about their work at [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org).

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**April 9 Maundy Thursday – 6:30pm**  
**April 10 Good Friday Tenebrae Service w/ Holy Communion – 6:30pm**  
**April 12 – Easter – 9am**

## April

- 3 - Glee Grau
- 5 - Faith Heim  
Chantel Zeller
- 8 - Roger Gegelman
- 10 - Harley Krein
- 11 - Duane Wolf
- 12 - Arley Olson  
- Zach Carattini
- 14 - Aaron Berg
- 15 - Lorna Carow  
- Elena Wolters
- 17 - Brandon Rodacker
- 19 - Clark Biel
- 21 - Kara Krueger
- 24 - Candace Lachenmeier
- 25 - Travis Hellickson
- 26 - Dick Silkey
- 28 - Jan Schaper  
- Ken Weisenberger
- 30 - Dynae Zubke



- 11 - John & Janice Schaper
- 12 - Dan & Marion Weidner
- 18 - Larry & Ann Witt
- 22 - Jessie & Cory Twordoski
- 25 - Erv & Lu Abel
- 28 - Mike & Kara Krueger



