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For the South Side of Lansing

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Alleluia!

Worship With Us

Easter Sunday!

April 20, 2025 at 10:00 am

- *Holy Communion Celebrated
- *All are Welcome to share in God's Holy Meal
- *Special Music
- *Easter Breakfast, 8:45-9:45am, *Light Meal



“Easter Egg Hunt”...

Saturday, April 12, 2025 @ 10:00 am

Join us in our front lot for a great Easter EVENT. Fun will be had by ALL and free Treats will be Shared with Everyone!!

This event is open to the entire Lansing community and ALL ARE INVITED. There will be games, candy, and a special and SAFE way for everyone to understand the Easter Story. ALSO the Easter Bunny himself.

**ALL ARE INVITED.
PLEASE BRING A FRIEND OR TWO!!**

God's Helping Hands

Redeemer Church, E.L.C.A. “...your helping hands”

A Congregation of the *NorthWest Lower Michigan
Synod of Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America*

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Sunday Study Time at 9:00am
Sunday Worship begins at 10:00am
**Holy Communion is Celebrated Every Sunday and Open
To all of God's Children*
Sunday Luncheon follows worship
Wed. Adult Enrichment Hour, 7:00pm

CHURCH/SCHOOL STAFF

Jan Hite, Pastor
Tom Jones, Minister of Music
Jeanette Eastham, Guitar
Danielle Greene, Violin
Rachelle Williams, School Director
Sandra Walker, Council President
Vickie Crouch, School President
Also Various School Teachers

Church Council meetings are open to all members.
**Their normal meeting time is the 3rd Sunday of
each month @ Noon.**

Helping Hands Christian Learning Center Board
meetings are open to all to all members, parents and
community members. **Their normal meeting time is
the 3rd Thursday of each month @ 6:00pm**

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Redeemer Church
“Your Helping Hands Place”



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Teri Sand	March 08
Penney Shumway	March 13
Alison Sall	March 18
Harriet Salvaggio	March 25
Mary Burleson	March 26
Jan Hite	March 28
Geordie Zimba	March 28

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Carol Pierce	Apr. 03
Mike Rector	Apr. 10
Grace Engle	Apr. 11
Ann Hyde	Apr. 28

We are sorry if we missed your special day.
Please let the office know of your date by
calling the office, 882-8000, emailing,
janhite@sbcglobal.net or dropping your
name and Birth date or Anniversary date in
the offering plate. **Thank You!**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

**Both your NEW Church Council
and School Board have met and
chosen new Officers.**

Church Council:

- Sandra Walker, President;
- Jeanette Eastham, Treasurer;
- Chris Bilinski, Vice-President;
- Cindy Vogt, Financial Secretary.

School Board:

- Vickie Crouch, President;
- Jeanette Eastham, Recorder;
- Gena Hyde, Treasurer;
- Sandra Walker, Vice President.

A Big Thank You to each of you!





Please join us for these upcoming Events & Needs

“Easter Egg Hunt”...

Date: Saturday, April 12 @ 10:00 am.

Join us, at Redeemer Church, 2727 W. Holmes Rd., Lansing, 882-8000, in our Front Lot for a safe, fun event. This year’s Easter Egg Hunt will be a true Egg Hunt that will be done in a SAFE way. All who come will receive special treats that help them learn more about the Easter Story.



ALL ARE INVITED. TO ATTEND. More info can be found at: www.redeemerlansing.com

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***Please bring a friend or two!!**

“Mobile Food Pantry”...

Date: Various Dates Throughout March & April

****See Redeemer’s Website or the Lansing Food-bank’s Website for Locations.**

Distribution of FREE, fresh, non-perishable food items at ALL LOCATIONS

Who can participate?

- The disadvantaged and vulnerable.
- Senior citizens on fixed incomes.
- Families/individuals with limited/low income jobs.



ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BRING A VALID STATE IDENTIFICATION CARD OR DRIVER’S LICENSE

If you or someone you know must choose between buying food and filling prescriptions, please tell them about this important program. Participants should bring a box or bag to carry food, one distribution per household. For more information, call the City of Lansing Human Relations and Community Services @ 517-483-4477.

“Our Next Taco Dinner”...

Date: Thursday, April 24, 6:00-7:30pm

This will be an “in-house” sit-down event. There will be Tacos (hard and soft) rice, beans, drinks and dessert.

Suggested Donations are: *Adults: \$10, Seniors \$9, \$5 child 10 and under.*

Please join us for this fun and wonderful event. **Thank You!!**



“The Need For Blood Is Still GREAT”...

The American Red Cross is in dire need for Blood. The demand for blood is high and those donating blood are low.

Don’t wait — make an appointment today to give blood or platelets to help ensure people receive the care they need. Book now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Over the last 20 years, the number of people donating blood through the Red Cross has fallen by about 40%.



Due to this serious decline in giving since COVID, you and your gift are vital to the lives of others in need. Donating blood is SAFE!!! If you have been a regular donor, please return to donating blood. If you have never donated blood consider doing it. **Go to:**

www.redcross.com

To donate soon, you can find a blood drive or donate at the Red Cross Building on Saginaw St. Make a difference in the lives of those who need blood desperately. **It only takes 1/2 hour. Thank you.**

“Grief Recovery Support Groups”...

The need to work through Grief throughout our lives is great at different times. That is why we have different groups throughout our community to “be there” for you. *If you are willing to type into your browser on your computer:*

Grief Recovery Support Groups in Lansing Mi

You will find various locations, times and groups you can become a part of.

God does not what you to handle your grief alone, so give yourself a chance to “climb out of the hole of sadness” and find out there is help for you.

Yes, there is “light” on the other side of your Sadness & Grief. Give yourself a chance.





Helping Hands Christian Learning Center

Our Mission: to provide nurturing care to God's children through our helping hands, offering a safe haven for holistic growth.

When You Thought I Wasn't Looking

A message for all parents, grandparent and caregivers

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat, and learned that it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned we all have to help take care of each other.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I felt you kiss me good night and I felt loved and safe.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it, and learned we have to take care of what we are given.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you handle your responsibilities even when you didn't feel good, and

I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared, and I wanted to become everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked at you and wanted to say "Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking."

Author—Anonymous

10 Steps to Positive Parenting

- Show love and affection.
- When necessary, take a cool down.
- Compliment your child.
- Set basic rules and limits.
- Develop a set of shared meanings, values, and goals.
- Introduce your child to books.
- Listen and talk to your child.
- Be the kind of person you want your child to be.
- Offer guidance.

Tell your child
"I love you"
each and every day.



What's Happening

March/April 2025

- 3/7 Cole Half Day
- 3/13 & 3/14 Cole Half Day
- 3/14 LSD No School
- 3/18 Lewton Literacy Night 6:00pm
- 3/20 HHCLC Board Meeting
- 3/20 First Day of Spring
- **3/24—3/28 Spring Break All Schools, *HH open 7-6pm**
- April Fools Day
- 4/2 Staff Meeting
- 4/10 Picture Day, *Learning Ctr.
- 4/12 Redeemer Church Easter Egg Hunt
- 4/15 Tax Day
- 4/18 Holly Park No School
- 4/18 Good Friday
- **4/20 Easter Sunday**
- 4/22 Start of Passover
- 4/22 Earth Day
- 4/24 Redeemer Taco Dinner
- 4/25 Cole & LSD No School

Helping Hands Christian Learning Center is a ministry of Redeemer Church and has been servicing our community for 30 years now. Here we offer love and quality care to God's children. Come in today to see what we have to offer you and your family.



Sunday Schedule

- Worship: 10:00am
- Lunch and Fellowship: 11:15am
- Wed. Adult Enrich. Class: 7:00pm

We are a church of
this community
and ALL are welcome.

How Can God Die?

If you had been Peter, chances are you would have denied Jesus, too. Peter just couldn't understand what was happening.

If Jesus were the Son of God, Peter must have wondered, why didn't he stop the abuse and mockery Peter was witnessing in the high priest's courtyard? How could someone who was supposed to be divine put up with that?

Maybe it is just some tragic mistake, Peter may have thought. Perhaps, after all, Jesus is another sincere but misguided charismatic leader who has overwhelmed his followers with grandiose words and visions and thoughts of invincibility. And if that's the case, I'd better save my own skin while I can. "No," Peter insisted to the courtyard bystanders, "I don't know him."

Later that day, Peter watched Jesus, now brutally beaten, spiked to a cross, then jerked upright in the sun to hang, and gasp for air, and finally die. If Jesus were the Son of God, how could he die like that?

Peter was just as troubled the following Sunday when he ran to Jesus' tomb to find the body missing. The women told of angels' words that he had risen, but with his own eyes Peter had seen Jesus die. If he were a man--and he certainly died like a man--how could he return from death? Someone must have taken the body. Must have!

It is this quandary men and women

have struggled with for centuries. If Jesus is God, how could he die? And if he is man, how could he rise?

The Roman soldiers guarding the tomb early that Easter morning were troubled by no such ponderings. One moment they sat mesmerized by the fire flickering in the chilly predawn hours. The next they were stunned by a brilliance of arc-light proportions, as the tomb's stone lurched aside and the radiant Jesus walked out alive!

How can God die, and how can man live? Why, for that matter, was Jesus conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin? Because Jesus is God's Son, sent to earth to lead us to our Father, to die for our sins, and to rise from the dead to show us that he is the source of everlasting life. He is the God-Man.

And what is that to me? His shameful death that Good Friday was a direct result of my sins. And his resurrection Easter morning was for me, as well. He died and lived for me. For me--and for you.

Let this Easter Sunday be filled with thanks for all Jesus has done for you!!



Happy Birthday To You...

March/April

Logan C.	March 03	Ms. Giselle	April 01
Avanni A.	March 05	Abel P.	April 01
Layla P.	March 10	Vivienne S.	April 06
Nevaeh G.	March 14	Ms. Serita	April 08
Rodney G.	March 15	Grace E.	April 11
Nova R.	March 19	Logan S.	April 12
Kyri M.	March 25	Ariq B.	April 13
Dominick H.	March 28	Naz'er H.	April 13
Pastor Jan	March 28	Legend W.	April 14
		Gabriel J.	April 15
		Wallace M.	April 21
		Adalynn W.	April 21
		Ms. Amy	April 23

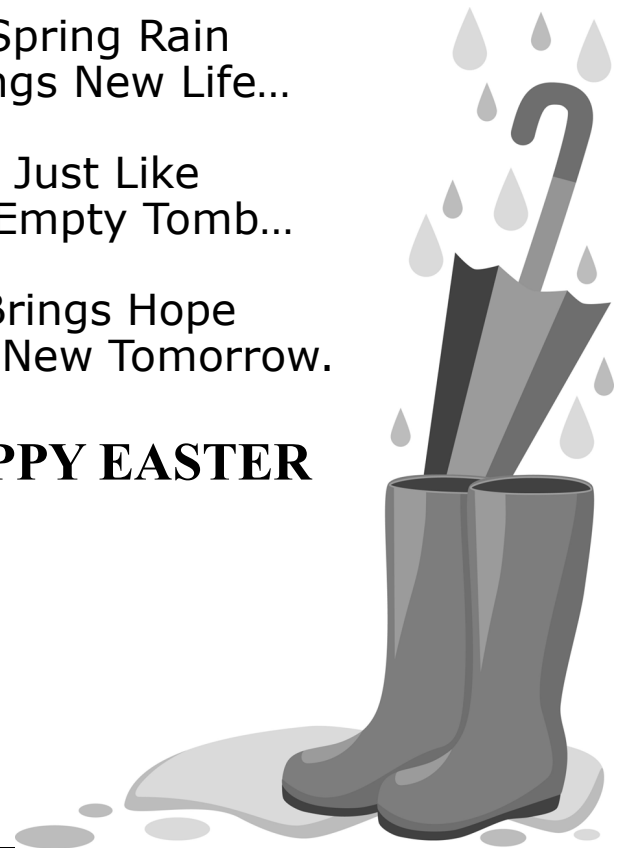


Spring Rain
Brings New Life...

Just Like
An Empty Tomb...

Brings Hope
For a New Tomorrow.

HAPPY EASTER



Summer Will Be Here Soon...

Place your Child in a Safe, Healthy Environment where they can have Fun and Learn.....and in return you will receive "Peace of mind." Remember we have care for infants, toddlers, Pre-Schoolers, Pre-K, a full time Summer Program (ages 5-12) and a Before & After School Program when school starts in the fall.

*All programs Include breakfast, lunch and various snacks. Meals are prepared by our licensed chef with an emphasis on "healthy living and eating" and the cost is included in your child's tuition.

**Also we have a bus that transports your child to and from school each day.

2727 W. Holmes Rd., Lansing—517-882-8622
Call (517) 882-8622 for more info

Enroll Now

Summer Program
Fills Very Fast.
Limited Space
Available.

****Begins the week after**
school ends in the summer.

Call 517-882-8622 to place your child on the reservation list. *One week's deposit required.

What Was In Jeremy's Egg?

Ida Mae Kempel

Jeremy was born with a twisted body and slow mind. At the age of 12 he was still in second grade, seemingly unable to learn. His teacher, Doris Miller, often became exasperated with him. He would squirm in his seat, drool and make grunting noises. At other times, he spoke clearly and distinctly, as if a spot of light had penetrated the darkness of his brain. Most of the time, however, Jeremy irritated his teacher.

One day, she called his parents to come to St. Theresa's for a consultation. As the Forresters sat quietly in the empty classroom, Doris said to them, "Jeremy really belongs in a special school. It isn't fair to him to be with younger children who don't have learning problems. Why, there is a five-year gap between his age and that of the other students!" Mrs. Forrester cried softly into a tissue, while her husband spoke. "Miss Miller," he said, "there is no school of that kind nearby. It would be a terrible shock for Jeremy if we had to take him out of this school. We know he really likes it here."

Doris sat for a long time after they left, staring at the snow outside the window. Its coldness seemed to seep into her soul. She wanted to sympathize with the Forresters. After all, their only child had a terminal illness. But it wasn't fair to keep him in her class. She had 18 other youngsters to teach, and Jeremy was a distraction. Furthermore, he would never learn to read and write. Why waste any more time trying? As she pondered the situation, guilt washed over her. "Oh God," she said aloud, "here I am complaining when my problems are nothing compared to that poor family! Please help me to be more patient with Jeremy!"

From that day on, she tried hard to ignore Jeremy's noises and his blank stares. Then one day, he limped to her desk, dragging his bad leg behind him. "I love you, Miss Miller," he exclaimed, loud enough for the whole class to hear. The other students snickered, and Doris' face turned red. She stammered, "Wh-why that's very nice, Jeremy. N-now please take your seat."

Spring came, and the children talked excitedly story of Jesus, and then to emphasize the idea children a large plastic egg. "Now," she said back tomorrow with something inside that Miller!" the children responded enthusiastically - his eyes never left her face. He did not even



about the coming of Easter. Doris told them the of new life springing forth, she gave each of the to them, "I want you to take this home and bring it shows new life. Do you understand?" "Yes, Miss ly - all except for Jeremy. He just listened intently; make his usual noises.

Had he understood what she had said about the assignment? Perhaps she should call his ing, Doris' kitchen sink stopped up. She called and unclog it. After that, she still had to shop lary test for the next day. She completely for-

Jesus' death and resurrection? Did he understand parents and explain the project to them. That even- the landlord and waited an hour for him to come by for groceries, iron a blouse and prepare a vocabu- got about phoning Jeremy's parents.

The next morning, 19 children came to school, laughing and talking as they placed their eggs in the large wicker basket on Miss Miller's desk. After they completed their math lesson, it was time to open the eggs.

In the first egg, Doris found a flower. "Oh yes, a flower is certainly a sign of new life," she said. "When plants peek through the ground we know that Spring is here." A small girl in the first row waved her arm. "That's my egg Miss Miller," she called out. The next egg contained a plastic butterfly, which looked very real. Doris held it up. "We all know that a caterpillar changes and grows into a beautiful butterfly. Yes, that is new life, too." Little Judy smiled proudly and said, "Miss Miller, that one is mine!" Next, Doris found a rock with moss on it. She explained that moss, too, showed life. Billy spoke up from the back of the class- room, "My Daddy helped me!" he beamed.

Then Doris opened the fourth egg. She gasped. The egg was empty! Surely it must be Jeremy's, she thought, and of course, he did not understand her instructions. If only she had not forgotten to phone his parents! Because she did not want to embarrass him, she quietly set the egg aside and reached for another.

Suddenly Jeremy spoke up. "Miss Miller, aren't you going to talk about my egg?" Flustered, Doris replied, "But Jeremy - your egg is empty!" He looked into her eyes and said softly, "Yes, but Jesus' tomb was empty, too!"

Time stopped. When she could speak again, Doris asked him, "Do you know why the tomb was empty?" "Oh yes!" Jeremy said, "Jesus was killed and put in there. Then His Father raised Him up!" The recess bell rang. While the children excitedly ran out to the school yard, Doris cried. The cold inside her melted completely away.

Three months later, Jeremy died. Those who paid their respects at the mortuary were surprised to see 19 eggs on top of his casket, all of them empty.

This Easter, never forget the GIFT OF CHILDREN, for it was a child who brought us the GIFT of Eternal Life.

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March 25, 2025

Celebrate!
**JESUS
IS ALIVE!**



TACO DINNER

Thursday, April 24, 2025
6:00-7:30pm

Includes: Tacos, Beans, Rice, Chips, Drinks, Ice Cream
*Guacamole & All the Fixings

Suggested Cost: Adults \$10/ Seniors \$9 (ages 65 and up)
Children \$5 (age 10 and under)

All are invited to attend. Bring your family, friends and neighbors.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE...

Palm Saturday

Saturday, April 12th

Community Easter Egg Hunt,

10 am. *All Invited

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13th, 10:00am

Procession w/Palms & The “Passion Story”

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 17th

Worship w/ Communion @ 7:00pm,

Good Friday

Tenebrae Worship (Service of Lights)

Friday, April 18th, 7:00pm

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 20th

Easter Breakfast, 8:45-9:45am

Holy Worship, 10:00am

****All Invited to be part these Events**

**Worship is available in-Person and Live on
our website.**

