

April 2022  
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For the South Side of Lansing

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*Alleluia!*

**Worship With Us On  
Easter Sunday!**

**April 17th, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.**

- **\*Masks Required**
- **Worship begins at 10:00 am**
  - \*Holy Communion Celebrated
  - \*All are Welcome to share in God's Holy Meal
  - \*Special Music
- **Easter Breakfast, 8:45am, \*Light Meal**

**“Easter Egg Hunt”...**

**Saturday, April 9th @10:30am**

Join us in our front lot for a great Easter EVENT. Fun will be had by ALL and 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 STAFF

Jan Hite, Pastor  
Tom Jones, Minister of Music  
Jeanette Eastham, Guitar  
Bill Hart-Davidson, Bass  
Carla Fitzgerald, School Director  
Sandra Walker, Council President  
Vickie Crouch, School President  
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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hands**



### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Carol Pierce	April	03
Grace Engel	April	11
Julie Fitzgerald	April	27

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Kay LaMar	April	21
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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](mailto:janhite@sbcglobal.net) or dropping your name and Birth date or Anniversary date in the offering plate.

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

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

**Church Council:** Sandra Walker, President; Teri Sand, Recorder; Jeanette Eastham, Treasurer; Harriet Salvaggio, Vice-President.

**School Board:** Vickie Crouch, President; Vice President; Jeanette Eastham; Paula Gartung, Recorder; Gena Hyde, Treasurer.

**A Big Thank You to each of you!**





## Please join us for these upcoming Events & Needs

### “Easter Egg Hunt”...

**Date: Saturday, April 9th @ 10:30am.**

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 true Egg Hunt that will be done in SAFE way.



All who come will receive special treats that help them learn more about the Easter Story. **ALL ARE INVITED. TO ATTEND. The Egg Hunt Begins @ 10:30 am. More info can be found on our Website:**

**[www.redeemerlansing.com](http://www.redeemerlansing.com)**

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

### “Mobile Food Pantry”...

**Date: Saturday, April 9, 2022 @ 9-11am**

Distribution of **FREE, fresh, non-perishable food items** at **Lansing Catholic High School 501 Marshall St.**

**Lansing, Mi 48912**

**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.

### “Drive-Thru Taco Dinner”...

**Date: Saturday, May 21st, @ 10:45am till 1:00pm**

This will be a “Drive-Thru” Event. Orders will be taken and made to order. There will be Tacos (hard and soft) rice, beans, drinks and dessert. Suggested Donation will be \$8 adult/ \$3 child 10 and under.



**This is our 1st Taco Dinner in over 2 years. Please support this great fundraiser. Thank You!!**

### “The Need For Blood Is GREAT” ...

The American Red Cross is in dyer need for Blood. Due to Covid-19 the demand for blood is high and those donating blood are low.



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](http://www.redcross.com)**

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

### “Are You In Need Of Food?”...

Food Finder is a map of food pantries nationwide. Go to their website and enable your current location or search around your Zip Code to learn about free food assistance programs near you.

It will show you what is available that day and week. Their website is:

**Go To: [foodfinder.us](http://foodfinder.us)**

This is a GREAT tool to help with what is current available to meet your need for food.



### “Safe Family Event That is Outside-”Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival”...

**Date: Fri-Sun. April 22-24th. Recurring Daily.**

Since 1940, the local syrup producers place themselves throughout the village to sell syrup, candies, crème, and other treats like the ever-popular maple syrup cotton candy. The weekend offers something for everyone — carnival rides, a talent show, arts and crafts, a flea market, two parades, a petting zoo, a princess pageant, various displays, games, free entertainment, a pancake derby, and arm wrestling.

We invite you to join us and enjoy pancakes with real maple syrup offered by the Maple Valley Band Boosters and the American Legion. **Hope to see you there!**

**Check our web: [syrupfest.org](http://syrupfest.org) for more details.**



# 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.

## 5 Ways To Help Children Become More Independent

As children grow older, they should be given more responsibility. You're not doing your children any favors when you perform basic tasks for them. In fact, children can develop learned helplessness. Learned helplessness is when a child lacks independence and cannot or will not do age-appropriate tasks. In order for your child to gain confidence and become more responsible, follow these five tips.

### Make a List

Create a list of tasks that your child should be able to do on their own, such as getting dressed or putting their toys away. Talk to them about which tasks they think they can do. If they're unsure, have them practice in front of you. Eliminate any tasks that they don't seem to be ready for. Keep in mind, children perform better when they know what's expected of them.

### Don't Expect Perfection

Children are still figuring out their motor skills, so some mishaps may happen, such as spilling juice when they want to pour themselves a drink. If they mess up, try not to criticize them. Instead, gently show them the correct way to do things. Explain that everyone makes mistakes, and no one is perfect.

### Allow Enough Time

Children tend to need more time to finish tasks compared to adults. Give them the time they need to prevent them from becoming stressed. For example, if it takes your child ten minutes to put on their clothes in the morning, start your daily routine earlier. As they practice, they will get faster at their tasks.

### Develop a Routine

Children need routine to manage their responsibilities. If their daily schedule is constantly changing, they'll become confused. Explain to them when they have to complete specific tasks. For

example, you can tell your child that they need to pick up their toys before getting ready for bed. When it gets close to their bedtime, remind your child that they need to clean up before they put on their pajamas.

### Offer Praise

Children love to be recognized for the things that they do. Give your child praise when they do something on their own, especially if it's something they needed help with before. You can even turn mistakes into praise. For example, if your child puts their shirt on backward, you can acknowledge that they were able to pick out clothing and dress themselves. Give your child encouragement when they're feeling frustrated.

In short... It might seem easier and quicker to do things for your children instead of allowing them to do it themselves. However, when you give children the opportunity to perform tasks on their own, they begin to develop a sense of responsibility and accomplishment. As they grow older, they will be able to use their problem-solving skills to tackle new situations with ease.

In the larger scheme of development, fostering independence and responsibility results in a person who is self-confident, resourceful, respectful, and able to recognize needs and meet them.

By Robert Myers, PhD



## What's Happening

- 3/25—4/1—Spring Break
- 4/01—April Fools Day
- 4/08—Preschool Vision Testing
- 4/07—HHCLC Staff Meeting
- 4/09—Redeemer Church Easter Egg Hunt, 10:30am
- 4/14—Preschool Hearing Testing
- 4/15—Good Friday
- 4/15—No School—Cole Academy
- 4/17—Happy Easter, \*All Invited
- Easter Breakfast, 8:45am
- Worship, 10am
- 4/21—HHCLC Board of Directors Meeting
- 4/22—Earth Day
- 4/29—No School for Cole of Academy



Helping Hands Christian Learning Center is a ministry of Redeemer Church and has been servicing the community for 26 years now. Here we offer love and quality care to God's children.



### Sunday Schedule

- Choir Rehearsal: 8:30am
- Adult & Youth Study Time: 9:00am
- 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. Come as you are!

# Redeemer Church Celebrates 100 Years In Lansing, Michigan

On September 26, 1922, what is now Redeemer Church started its journey with Reverend Weiskotten walking the streets of downtown Lansing with plans to organize a Lutheran congregation. The first worship service was held in the Y.W.C.A. parlors on South Capitol Avenue. Soon after, property near Pennsylvania Avenue and Jerome Street was purchased, and an old house on the land was remodeled to serve as the congregation's temporary meeting location. The church began its tradition of caring for the needs of the surrounding community.



In 1939, plans were drawn for a new building. Final services were held in the old building on Easter Sunday, April 9, 1939. During construction, services were held in the small auditorium of Eastern High School on North Pennsylvania Avenue. 17 years to the day of the first service conducted by Pastor Weiskotten at Redeemer Church, the congregation held its first worship service in the basement of the new edifice. The congregation was ready for their next venture of taking the good News of Jesus Christ out into the surrounding community of downtown Lansing near Pennsylvania/Michigan Ave/ Jerome St.

Soon, Redeemer Church needed more room. It was during this time, 1950-1960's that the city of Lansing had plans for developing I-496, a by-way throughout the city, so that people could reach the then growing East and West sides of the city quicker and easier. Also, Oldsmobile was building a plant near that new expressway what is now Martin Luther King Blvd. Residents in that area were offered the opportunity to move to the South side of Lansing, an area that was just developing. It was with all this growth and change that Redeemer Church purchased land and relocated to the southwest side of Lansing, at 2727 W. Holmes Road (between Pleasant Grove and Waverly; between Mt. Hope and Jolly).

For two years, Redeemer again worshiped in auditorium of Pleasant Grove School at Holmes Road and Pleasant Grove, just one block from their new

location. On Thanksgiving Day 1962, the congregation moved into their new quarters for their first service of worship. A few years ago, Redeemer Church purchased the property next door, and their current undertaking includes an Outdoor Learning Center that will be used by both Helping Hands Learning Center and the surrounding Community. All who have been served by Redeemer Church's "helping hands" are encouraged to help celebrate this centennial anniversary.

The festivities will begin with the annual Ice Cream Social, which will be held Saturday August 28 from 3-6pm. The theme, ***"Helping Hands Helping Others: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow,"*** will be explored during worship services on August 29 (outdoors under a tent), Sept. 11, 18, and 25. A commemorative video and celebratory meal will be shared with worship attendees following the service on Sept. 25. Dress for the weather August 28 and 29; dress as you feel comfortable for the other dates. Based on where Covid-19 is at that time in our lives, ***COVID safety protocols will be in place if need be.***

**Please mark your calendars NOW, for these festive and exciting events. Great fun will be had by all!!**



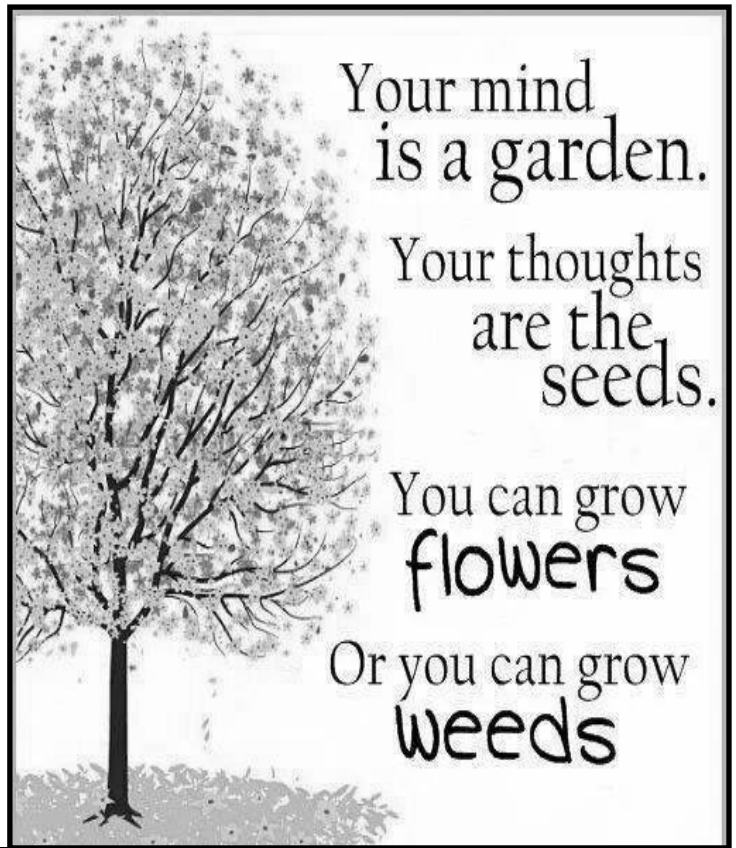
**Redeemer Church**  
*"Your Helping Hands Place"*



# Happy Birthday To You...

## April

April 01st	Abel P.
April 03rd	Ms. Carol
April 08th	Ms. Serita
April 11th	Grace E.
April 13th	Ariq B.
April 23rd	Ms. Amy



## 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 5-11) and a Before & After School Program when school is enrolled.

\*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**

**The need is great.** Can we count on you? **Helping Hands** is supported by donations from individuals throughout our community committed to blessing and serving our children/families in need with the love of Jesus.

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Enclosed is my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

To Give a Gift in honor or memory of someone, please give the name, reason for gift, and the name and address where we may send an acknowledgement of your gift.

*\*Helping Hands Christian Learning Center of Redeemer Church is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. All contributions are completely tax-deductible.*



You can go to: [www.hhclearningcenter.com](http://www.hhclearningcenter.com) and donate your gift from there if you wish. Thank You!!

# What Is the Meaning of Easter?

While Easter has largely become a mainstream holiday, its roots are in Christianity alone. With the commercialization of Easter — including candy sales, egg hunts, and appearances from the Easter bunny — it's easy to overlook the true meaning of the holiday. Let's explore the origins of Easter and the real meaning behind it.

## What Does the Bible Says?

In many streams of Christianity, Easter is even more important than Christmas. Why? Because it celebrates Jesus' divinity and the purpose of His coming to the earth. The Easter holiday commemorates Jesus' resurrection from the dead and His promise of eternal life to all who believe in Him.

The account of Jesus' resurrection can be found in all four of the Gospels — Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Each book (**Matthew 28**, **Mark 16**, **Luke 24**, and **John 20**) tells a slightly different account of the story from the authors' differing perspectives. What's consistent across all books is that Jesus was previously in the tomb where He was buried after his crucifixion and that His body was mysteriously gone after three days.

In some accounts, Jesus Himself appears; in others, it's angels that bring the news of His resurrection. But in any case, Jesus' body has been removed from the tomb without explanation. The Biblical accounts then tell of Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalene, the disciples, and other followers (**Acts 1**) before finally ascending into Heaven.

For three days following His crucifixion, believers at the time questioned whether Jesus really was the Son of God. By all appearances, it seemed death had defeated Him. But upon His resurrection, He proved that He was not just a human but divine. The apostle Paul summarizes the sequence of events in **1 Corinthians 15:3-8** when he says, "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also..."



This account is a declaration of what Christians believe: that Jesus Christ came to earth, died for the sins of humanity, and defeated the powers of death through His resurrection. Easter is the yearly celebration of this miracle and the hope for believers of their life in Christ, which includes the forgiveness of all their sins and the promise of their eternal life.

What would happen if you & I embraced the possibility that the God of the Bible really did create the world, all it's people and really does care for us?

If we did, it is possible that the Easter of 2022 could become more than the Easter Bunny, candy, eggs and a great family dinner. Remember God created each and every one of us and loves all of us and sent his Son to free us from our Sins. **So, this Easter let us come together as God planned and truly UNITE as ONE! HAPPY EASTER!!**

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# TACO DINNER

## Drive-Thru

Includes: *Tacos, Beans, Rice, Chips, Drinks, Ice Cream*

**Saturday, May 21st**

**10:45am till 1:00pm**



**Suggested Donation: Adults \$8/Children \$3** *(age 10 and under)*

**\*\*Meals are Made to Order**

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

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE...

### **Palm Saturday**

Saturday, April 9th

Community Easter Egg Hunt,

10:30 am. \* All Invited

### **Palm Sunday**

Sunday, April 10th, 10:00am

Procession w/Palms & The “Passion Story”

### **Maundy Thursday**

Thursday, April 14th

Worship, 7:00pm, with Holy Communion

### **Good Friday**

Tenebrae Worship (Service of Lights)

Friday, April 15th, 7:00pm

### **Easter Sunday**

Sunday, April 17th

Easter Breakfast, 8:45am

Holy Worship, 10:00am

**\*\*All Invited to All Events!!**

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

