



Newsletter - March 2022

To reach out to God and others that all may know and reflect Christ's love.

During March, we will enter into the season of Lent. Lent is a season running the forty days leading up to Easter (not counting Sundays: with Sundays, it is 46 days), and it is primarily a season of repentance and preparation for us. We repent of besetting sins that may be continuously present in our lives and our natural posture of rebellion towards God. During Lent, we remember why it is that Jesus needed to come to die: our sin. And it is this knowledge that sin and death are present in this world by our actions that demonstrate our need for a savior. Lent is also a season of preparation; we know where this story is heading, namely the cross and the empty tomb.

Scot McKnight, in his book on Fasting, says this:

During Lent, many of us give up something—a modern equivalent of “afflicting oneself.” Some abstain from all beverages besides water, while others (perhaps the majority) abstain from chocolate or desserts or candies or sugary drinks. These minor self-afflictions or abstinences, if done properly, can become iconic in that they can open us up to the larger themes of sin, the need for repentance, and the coming glorious celebration of forgiveness we discover during Holy Week.

My hope for each of us during Lent is to consider how we can focus our hearts and minds on Christ. One of the ways we can focus is to physically or mentally abstain from something we typically indulge in or something we use to find comfort. You can refrain from food, drink, entertainment, or something **we** use that competes with Christ. What could you give up for 40 days? Prayerfully considering what that could be. If you need any help thinking of something to give up, talk with someone about suggestions or talk to me after service.

Additional ways to help us prepare our hearts to remain in our identity for this season, we have several resources to help prepare you for Lent.

- ◇ King on a Cross Resource: We will have a Lent devotional available. We have printed copies available at church, available on the website for download, or mail it to you. If you like this resource, you can give a small donation to help cover the printing costs.
- ◇ Spotify Playlist We will also share a Spotify playlist of songs on our Facebook page to help turn our minds and hearts to reflect on the season. <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/6HA1xnIISUAMGJXnwIZp1b?si=4rFlutTNO66CvwDo1H9ocw>
- ◇ Ash Wednesday - We will host a Lenten service on Wednesday, March 2nd, at 7 pm to prepare our hearts for Lent.

Blessings,

Pastor Jeff



Caring Hands & Hearts

Serving our Community through Ministries of Redeemer



Church and Education Building

- Princeton Heights: meets monthly for Neighborhood Association meeting and monthly for their Board Meetings.
- Local 805 Theater Wardrobe for monthly meetings
- Kings Cross Community Church uses our Sanctuary for their Saturday Gatherings.
- All Souls Community Church uses our Sanctuary, Toddler rooms and pit area for the Sunday 11:15 gatherings.
- First Light Ministry - uses our Library on Wednesday evenings.
- Girl Scout Troop—uses our Library for their meetings and used Fellowship Hall for their Thanksgiving dinner hosting their families for a delicious meal they prepared.
- Al-Anon uses our Library for their weekly meetings and quarterly meetings.
- Gateway Science Academy-South School using a Classroom for 2021—2022 School Year for their Advance Math Students. Winter Concerts on Dec. 13, 14 & 15th.
- GSA-Middle School Choral Concert on 12/9
- GSA-High School Drama performance 1/28, 29 & 30th.
- GSA-Middle School - Musical “Lion King”. Begin rehearsals 2/7- performance on March 17, 18 and 19.

- Dartball league—our team uses our facility for their home field.

Affton Christian Food Pantry

A group helped to sort over 2600 canned food items on 12/11.

Food Pantry for GSA-South School

Monthly canned goods and Cash donations from the Quilters and others.

Women's Fellowship have donated

Sponsors a child from E.C.H. each month. Participated in the GSA-South Trunk or Treat with 2 tables and lots of candy to share with the children of the school and surrounding community.

November mission project -Collected items for gifts for the E.C.H. Store.

Church Wide- Mission projects

Dutchtown Outreach—Donations of items and gifts for their annual Operation Christmas Kid Shoebox Ministry Night and supplied a meal for all before packing the shoe boxes.

GSA-South School—We participated in their Giving Tree donations. We helped to make the season bright for over 30 different families.

Church Wide Mission Support through our Financial Giving

Local Ministries: Up Unleashing Potential; Emmaus Home; Every Child's Hope
Global Ministries: Mike & Becky Kuelker; Micah Project and AIM School (Christian Education)

Woman's Fellowship

March 3, 2022 - 10:30 a.m.

Please bring a sandwich, dessert and drinks will be provided.

Join us as we look forward expectantly to see what God has in Store for 2022.



March 2, 2022

7 pm Worship

Please join us in person or on Facebook live

GROWING IN PRAYER



The Lenten Season begins March 2, so this month we will be reflecting on CONFESSON AND REPENTANCE.

The season of Lent has a solemn nature to it. This reminds us of our sin and mortality and helps us remember to be repentant.

To aid you in this month's prayer topic, set aside some time to reflect on Jesus Christ and consider this:

How does it make you feel when you contemplate Jesus' suffering and sacrifice?

What thoughts come to mind when you think about Jesus' life on earth?

What do you feel when you reflect on Jesus' death and burial?

What thoughts are provoked when you reflect on Jesus' resurrection?

Let these reflections help to challenge you to recognize the sin of placing earthly affections higher than God. What in your life do you hold in higher affection than God?

The sheer greatness of Jesus' suffering, sacrifice, life, death, burial, and resurrection demands the point of our need to confess and repent of our sins.

Kuelker Missions . . . Your Missionaries to Mexico

Greetings from sunny México we pray that the weather is not too cold for everyone. As we enter in the month of March, we start hearing (at least when I was growing up) the luck of the Irish. I don't need the luck of the Irish because I have the blessings and protection of God over us. So, who needs the luck of the Irish when you have the anointing of God?

Becky: She did a great job with the ladies from the Breakfast Club in Pochotitan. They held a one-day ladies conference for the sisters that couldn't afford to attend last September. They had a great turn out and blessed the ladies in attendances with clothes. She had her monthly ladies breakfast meeting. Her English classes are growing because more people are asking her to teach English to them. What a great door, that God opened to teach English and incorporate His Word.

Mike: I have been staying busy with the villages that I visit every month. There is one pastor that would like me to come twice a month. In one of the villages people have been using the teachings to help reach the people, who are sitting on the middle of the fence. In another village the pastor has incorporated parts of the teachings in sermons and the church is growing. Now, God has opened a new door for me too. At the dam some of the boatmen have asked me to share with them the Word. The Fiscalia and the prison are doing well. I make two visits a month to share, to pray and to answer questions that they might have for me.

PRAYERS:

That it isn't really cold while travelling (Becky's arms)

The travel is fruitful

Travelling with the trailer that the roads are not icy or have lots of snow.

Travelling through México to the border

Safety for our daughter who is staying behind to go to school and watch the animals.

Remember to Keep C.O.O.L (Christ Over Our live)

Mike, Becky & Berenice

Thank you for partnering with us.

Act 2:42-45

The Fellowship of the Believers

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. **43** Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. **44** All the believers were together and had everything in common. **45** They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

Acts 4:32-33

They Had Everything in Common

32 Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. **33** And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

One of the beautiful aspects of the Acts account of the early church is how much they cared for one another. They sold everything they owned so that no one in their midst had need. This is a wonderful picture of how the church is an instrument to bless those that are in the radius of the church's care. Acts shows the impact of being a generous church.

I am not suggesting or asking for everyone to go out and sell all of their possessions to give to the church. The church leadership has established an account to donate for people who need help. The account is a benevolence fund and its purpose is to help those in our church and in our community who have need.



There are two ways to donate to this fund.

1. Donate in person. Using an envelope in the pews you can give cash or check and write on the envelope benevolence. You can also just write a check and write benevolence in the memo-line.
2. Donate on-line. You can give one-time donations and select benevolence as part of your donation.

VBS

Our Vacation Bible School is going to be Monumental! Redeemer, King's Cross, and All Souls churches will be working together to reach children in our church family and in the community.

June 13-17, mornings (approx. 9:30 am—12:00 pm TBD)

Preschool: Ages 3-5/PreK

School age: K-6th (during 2021-2022)

Please pray for:

- ◇ the children who will come and learn about God's love for them
- ◇ Adult and teen workers willing to serve others and how they show God's love



If you are interested in helping or would like more information please contact Jamie Pollard (314.327.3188) or by email: jp2n2007@gmail.com.

Church Council: February 7, 2022 Meeting

Opening prayer and Devotion/Leadership Development – Pastor Jeff opened with a devotional entitled “Saving Grace” based on Matthew 18:11-14. He then led us in prayer.

Minutes and Treasurers Reports: were reviewed and approved.

Worship: Pastor Jeff continuing the sermon series “Spiritual Disciplines”.

Worship Information - On line and in person

This information is from Facebook and YouTube and our Website. Each “view” represents one phone, computer, or television that watched the service (partially or in its entirety). It does not tell us how many viewers there were on each device.

November	Facebook	YouTube	Website - Sermon	
Average views/week	48	6	14	Average in person - 44

Music Ministry Update: We are continuing to look for a worship leader. We are coordinating from week to week with our musicians and song leaders.

Three different committees are continuing to meet. (Welcome; Vision and Children and Families)

Update from Children & Family Ministries – VBS will be June 7th through June 13th. Sessions will possibly be mornings from 9:30 to Noon. “Monumental” is the curriculum chosen. It has a Hiking/ Camping/Desert theme.

Princeton Heights Neighborhood Association - Thanked Redeemer Church for the many years of the use of Fellowship. Beginning with their March Meeting the group will be meeting at Bethel Church (which is handicap accessible).

Benevolence Giving— approved establishing a fund - helping individuals meet daily needs. Pastor Jeff and Patti will develop guidelines and procedures for the use of these funds.

Website Development: Goal is to refresh website with a go live date beginning of April.

Women’s Bible Study: Amber Hutchings will be leading a Women’s Study entitled “Sermon on the Mount” beginning February 15th and there are 11 participants.

House and Grounds - Northwest (back) wall of the balcony is water damage; Water issues near the outdoor elevator—parking lot; various plumbing issues; Bell Tower and fallen bricks; Sanctuary Projectors. Harry has developed a 5-year plan to prioritize and replace AC units which no longer work, Congregation will discuss at Annual Congregation Meeting in September. Currently there are 2 units which no longer work.

Study Items:

- Restroom - on the Sanctuary level in the rear of the church. Projected costs would be \$40,000 - \$70,000. We will continue to evaluate.
- Sound System— We are continuing to investigate possible options.

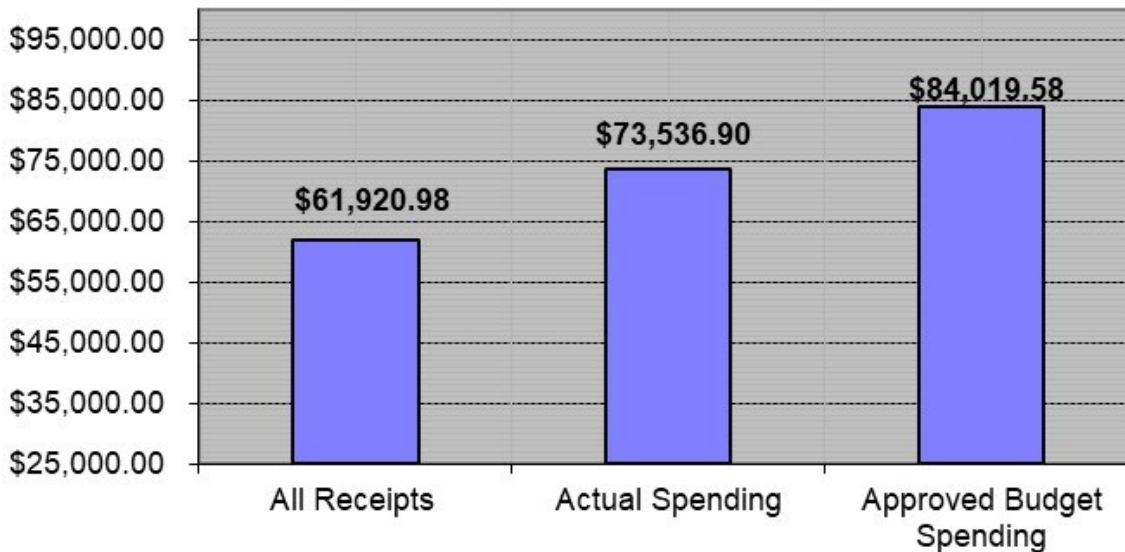
Action Item (Items to be acted upon)

- 1. Approved vacation request**—Patti will be gone May 1 - May 8.

IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER

and the necessity of canceling a worship service or church activity: If a worship service or church activity needs to be cancelled due to bad weather (snow and ice) the Trustees and Pastor Jeff will make the appropriate decision. We will then place a message “*That a Worship or church activity will be cancelled*” on the Church Answering Machine, email, Facebook and place on website; Television Stations (KSDK, KMOV and KTVI).

Year to Date
9/1/2021—1/31/2022



Tithes and Offerings:
As we continue through our fiscal year our prayer is that God’s tithes and our offerings will continue to be a blessing to the mission of the church. The Council is grateful for everyone who is continuing to strive to support God’s work through His Church!

Online Giving!

Stewardship and giving are a form of worship. We worship by giving our time, talents, and resources. We are excited to announce an additional way of giving: online. On February 1st we began offering people a way to give online using a platform called Planning Center Online (PCO).

Planning Center provides another convenient option to tithe each week. You will be able to set up a recurring gift, weekly or monthly, depending on your preference. We will continue to utilize our envelopes and collection box for people to bring their offerings to church each week. Whichever your choice of giving, we are thankful for your generous gift each week.



Scan the QR code or go to <https://redeemerstl.churchcenter.com/giving>
If you need help or clarification call the church office.

Church Office Hours: Pastor Jeff has been coming up on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday from 9 am to 2 pm —besides Saturday & Sunday.

If you need to contact Pastor Jeff contact him at 314-373-5862. Patti continues to come up to the church office on Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 2 pm; besides Sunday.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>English as a Second Language Classes are individually scheduled during the week.</p> <p>Women's Bible Study is off site</p>		<p>9:30 a.m. Al-Anon</p> <p>3:30 - 5 pm GSA-Middle School Rehearsal Stage in Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Women's Bible Study - 7 pm</p> <p>Dartball here 7 pm vs. St. Paul Oakville in the pit</p>	<p>Ash Wednesday 7 pm Worship</p> <p>6:30 - 9:30 p.m. FirstLightMinistry Small Group - Library</p>	<p>9:00 AM Men's Fellowship & Bible Study</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Women's Fellowship Meeting</p> <p>3:30 - 5 pm GSA-Middle School Rehearsal Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6 to 7 pm Girl Scout Troop 1386 Meeting - Library</p>	<p>2 pm to 3:30 pm All Soul's Church Staff Meeting Theater / Nursery</p>	<p>5:00 PM Kings Cross Community Church Sanctuary</p>
<p>"Bring a Meal" Sunday Family Worship, Communion Young People remaining in worship Social Distant Coffee Hour following worship in Fellowship Hall 10:15 am - Welcome Committee</p> <p>11:15 am All Soul's Church - Sanctuary</p>	<p>9:00 am Quilters</p> <p>3:30 - 5 pm GSA-Middle School Rehearsal Stage in Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:30 pm Wardrobe meeting - Theater</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Al-Anon</p> <p>3:30 - 5 pm GSA-Middle School Rehearsal Stage in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>6:30 - 9:30 p.m. FirstLightMinistry Small Group - Library</p>	<p>9:00 AM Men's Fellowship & Bible Study</p> <p>3:30 - 5 pm GSA-Middle School Rehearsal Stage in Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:00 PM District Al-Anon Meeting Library</p>	<p>2 pm to 3:30 pm All Soul's Church Staff Meeting Theater / Nursery</p>	<p>5:00 PM Kings Cross Community Church Sanctuary</p>
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9:00 a.m. Sunday

Family Worship

Names of officers of organizations and council members are available on request at the church office.