



**Redeemer Lutheran Church of Leisure World and
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Message from Our President...

Dear Members and Friends,

I'm praying this message finds you all in good health or recovering quickly from any recent illnesses, falls or surgeries. Please be sure to let us know when you are having any health challenges so we can include you in our prayers, and offer spiritual support.

Our congregation was delighted to welcome Cathy Boufford, Donna Michelson, and Emil Miorelli as they officially joined our congregation during a special service on March 23. Some of the benefits of church membership include eligibility to vote and hold office, as outlined in our by-laws. We encourage regular attendees to consider becoming members so that you can formally share your thoughts and opinions on the administration of our church, as we work together to meet the needs of everyone who attends. Reverend Finck will be offering another opportunity to join after Easter for anyone who would like to take that step. Whatever you decide, everyone who attends is a welcome and integral part of our church family, and we are grateful that you have chosen Redeemer Lutheran and St. Theodore's Episcopal as your place of worship.

On a bittersweet note, the Memorial Service for our dear Dee Sessa was both beautiful and deeply appreciated by her family and friends. We are grateful to Juanita Townsend who generously hosted the luncheon, Barbara Long for providing a luscious display of desserts, and Carmen Leslie for decorating the tables with such lovely flower arrangements. Many thanks also to the volunteers that setup on Saturday, and served and cleaned up on Sunday. It was truly a meaningful day of remembrance.

A heart felt thank-you to Reverend Finck for leading a beautiful Ash Wednesday Service, which was well attended. We have been having very successful Lenten Reflections and Suppers at 4:00 on Wednesdays through Lent. Members have been sharing reflections on the crosses that have touched their lives offering us all deep and thoughtful inspiration.

We are grateful to those who have signed up to provide the main dishes, bread, salads and desserts, including Barbara Long, Dale Diesslin, Julia Watson, Rod Scidorski, Carol Costella, Betty Lucero, Elaine Lee, and Doris Weinert. Your contributions have been truly delicious! There are still a few openings for those who may want to help, and we are always thankful for

the many hands that setup, serve and cleanup each week. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and generous congregation.

Our Lenten evenings will continue on Wednesday at 4:00 through April 9. Please mark your calendars for these upcoming Holy Week services.

+**April 13** Palm Sunday Service at 10:30 am.

+**April 17** Maundy Thursday Service at 10:30 am.

+**April 18** Good Friday Service at 10:30 am.

+**April 20** Easter Sunday Service at 10:30 am, followed by a time of fellowship.

Our Spring Bazaar will be held in the Fellowship Hall on May 1 and May 2 from 9:00-2:00. Lunch will be sold starting at 11:00. Come and bring a neighbor. You must be sure to see all of Reverend Finck's treasures. They were a hit at the Fall Bazaar. We still need donations of cookies, hangers, boutique items, clothing, green tea, and bags for sold items. Any questions, call Carmen Leslie @ 562 430 6950.

Thanking you all for the trust you place in me as your president. May God be with you always.
In faith,

Kay Pushman
Council President