



Good News

Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Weekly Announcements April 17, 2024

Chased By Grace

“They keep chasing me!” said a friend once. When concerned bystanders asked her who was chasing her, she replied, “Goodness and mercy! They keep chasing me!” Once their confusion dissipated, they burst into joyous laughter.

What a way to re-phrase 23rd Psalm (“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life”). It’s already something to personify these blessings as beings that follow closely behind us through life. But to imagine them as chasing us sounds as if they are in active pursuit and on a mission.

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We can't shake them. We can't lose them. We can't hide from them. They stick close by, never giving up on us, all the days of our lives.

God's goodness and mercy are determined to bless us, to comfort us, to restore us. God won't let us go into this world alone. Rather than scaring us, Goodness and Mercy only want to care for us. Thanks be to God!

Announcements

Here you will find the most recent church announcements. If you have any questions, please call the church at 201.433.1836 or email at contact.redeemerlutheranjc@gmail.com.

Congregational:

- **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS:** The Emma & Anna Eckhardt Scholarship application is now open for college students. Please consider applying.
- **COUNCIL RETREAT:** The church council will be in retreat on Saturday, April 27th from 10:00—2:30 p.m. at Christ Our Savior's building. Please mark your calendars.
- **COUNCIL MEETING:** The church council will hold its monthly meeting after worship on Sunday, April 21st. Please mark your calendars.
- **BIBLE STUDY:** Join us Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. for conversation on "Daily Discipleship". See Pastor Kimberly for details. Bible study is offered both in-person and on Zoom. (NOTE: There will be no afternoon or evening bible study on Thurs. April 18th.)
- **HOLY BAPTISM/FIRST COMMUNION:** If you have questions about receiving the Sacraments of Holy Baptism or First Communion, please see Pastor Kimberly.
- **LOOSE CHANGE:** Got any spare change? Drop it in the jar after worship—all monies go towards the building fund.
- Please see page 9 for the list of upcoming worship assistants. We are in need of worship assistants for April and following months.

NJ Synod and Community:

- The 2024 New Jersey Synod Assembly will take place on Saturday, May 11th at the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton Township. Along with Pastor Kimberly, our voting members are Ed Price, Desiree Persaud and Janasia Carter. Please keep them in your prayers.

Worship Assistants for April 2024

	4/7	4/14	4/21	4/28
Lector	Jameka Carter	Toni Mabry	Janasia Carter	Joan Narain
Counters	TBD	Corey Brooks & TBD	TBD	Joan Narain & Corey Brooks
Ushers	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

Readings for Sunday, April 21, 2024:

Acts 4:5-12 - Salvation in the name of Jesus

Psalms 23 - The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

1 John 3:16-24 - Love in truth and action

John 10:11-18 - Christ the shepherd

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