## **Good News**

# Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Weekly Announcements February 7, 2024

### Ash Wednesday is Coming

What is Ash Wednesday and why do we were ashy crosses that day? The day is named for the practice of "imposing" or marking one's forehead with a cross of ash. It's an ancient practice – in the Bible, ashes were a sign of penitence (wanting forgiveness of sins). On Ash Wednesday Christians are reminded that we are from dust and to dust we will return. The reminder of our mortality is a check on our human inclination for pride and hubris. It's a reminder that no matter who we are and how big or small we are – we are all made from the stuff of the earth and will return to the same stuff.

The sign of the cross is a reminder that even so, God loves us. And God has something to say about our mortality. We were marked at baptism with the sign of the cross, and the ashy cross reminds us of God's promises. Ash Wednesday is a shadow of Easter and resurrection. We will die, yes. But God promises to raise us to eternal life in Jesus Christ.



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#### **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:

- BRITISH SWIM SCHOOL rescheduled their presentation at Christ Our Redeemer to next Friday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Come and support them!
- ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT: Ash Wednesday service will be here on Wednesday, February 14 at 6:30 p.m. Joint supper/worship with area churches begins on Wednesday, February 21 at Grace, Bayonne. Meal begins at 6 pm and worship begins at 7 pm.
- COUNCIL MEETINGS: Our February council meeting will be held Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> after worship, and our March meeting will be on Tuesday, March 12th. Please note the date changes!
- LENTEN DEVOTIONS are available for pick up in either regular or large print at the church. Take yours home today.
- OFFERING ENVELOPES: See Wanda Fluellen if you don't have your envelopes. Please note - your envelope number may have changed.
- BIBLE STUDY: Join us each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. for study and conversation on "Daily Discipleship". See Pastor Kimberly for details.
- HOLY BAPTISM: If you or your child are interested in being baptized, please see Pastor Kimberly.
- FIRST COMMUNION: Do you have a child ready to receive the Sacrament of Holy 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.

#### NJ Synod and Community:

· The 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering will take place July 16-20, 2024 in New Orleans. Registration fee is \$425 through February 14th. Late fee (Feb. 15— April 15) is \$475. MYLE and tAble registration fee is \$190 (Waived

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restriction apply). A \$150 nonrefundable and registration fee are due at sign-up.

#### Worship Assistants for TBD 2024

	2/4	2/11	2/18	2/25
Lector	Joan Narain	Janasia	Toni Mabry	Jameka
		Carter		Carter
Counters	TBD	Carla Parker	Janasia	TBD
		and TBD	Carter and	
			TBD	
Ushers	Corey	Corey	Corey	Corey
	Brooks/Joy	Brooks/Joy	Brooks/Joy	Brooks/Joy
	Griggs	Griggs	Griggs	Griggs

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