



ROYAL REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL COUNTDOWN

*Learning for Life,
Leading for Christ*

Royal Redeemer Lutheran School exists to equip each student to achieve educational excellence, inspire a lifelong love of learning, and grow Christian leaders.

Yearbook Pictures: Calling all parent paparazzi!! Do you have any fun photos from sporting events, class parties or other school related events that would be great to include in this years yearbook? Please send any pictures to yearbook@royred.org.

Athletics: We're cheering on our Varsity Girls Basketball Team at the All-Ohio Tournament this weekend at Lutheran West! Game 1 starts at 9 AM and we'll post updates all weekend on Facebook & Instagram. Sports Pictures are 3/18/22, too! Go Rockets!

PTO Meeting: Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 8 at 3:45 in room 110. We will meet to talk about teacher appreciation week and end of the year fun events for the kids. Would you like to attend virtually? Email school@royred.org and we'll send the link! Don't forget to order your sweet treats with Sarris Candies [LINKED HERE](#) (group ID 21-3994).

Financial Aid update: Applications for K-8 families are set up for the 2022-2023 school year, please go to the [Family Portal login page](#). Applications are due by May 1, 2022, and require a \$55 processing fee. If you need help call the family support center at 800-344-8328 or email sssandtadsfa@communitybrands.com.

Eager Engineers: Due to Snow Day cancellations we have some updated dates on the Winter Session Dates:

- Winter Session II (Mar 18—Apr 29, no class 4/15, 4/22)

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

March

- 3/11 No School, Teacher in service day
- 3/12 Capes & Crowns Event, sign up at Royred.org
- 3/20 Pancake Breakfast, hosted by 7th & 8th grade
- 3/21-4/1 State testing dates
- 3/21 Open House, 9am-2pm

April

- 4/15-4/22 Easter Break

May

- 5/16 & 17 Preschool Graduation
- 5/19 NEW Spring Concert Date*
- * this is a required event for all 5-8th grade & band students

Chapel News

Thank you Pastor Zahrte for our Ash Wednesday Chapel message this week. Our students were able to participate in the imposition of ashes to help us look to Jesus and His great love for us shown on the cross. This week is led by 5th Graders! Join in virtually at 9:05, [linked here](#).

Mission of the Month:

This months donations will go to support the RRLC Food Pantry. Current food items needed are: canned corn, canned pasta, chunky soup, canned fruit and macaroni and cheese.

Next week's lunch menu:

MONDAY

French Toast Sticks
Sausage
Tater Tots
Juicy-Juice
Milk

TUESDAY

Cheese Pizza Bites
with Marinara
Salad with dressing
Gogurt
Fruit
Milk

WEDNESDAY

Beef Nachos with
Cheese
Veggies & Dip
Fruit
Milk

THURSDAY

Cheeseburger on
Bun
w/ lettuce & tomato
Sweet Potato Fries
Fruit
Milk

FRIDAY

NO SCHOOL

Stay connected with us!



March 4, 2022



Dear Royal Redeemer Family:

I have some important announcements to share...there are some big changes underway!

As of March 1, **Pastor Mark Rein is a full-time Assistant Pastor** at Royal Redeemer! We are incredibly blessed to have him available to assist in all areas of ministry. Some of his responsibilities will include providing support for our care ministries and mission opportunities, hospital visits, adult Bible studies, teaching religion and leading RRLS chapel as needed. Please join me in praying for Pastor Rein as he begins this full-time pastoral position. Congratulations!

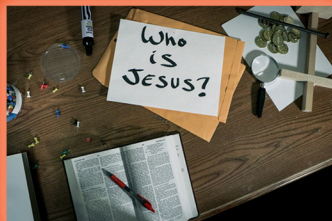
Next, we are very excited to share that we will be launching a two-phase **"refresh/renovation" project!** Design plans are underway to make some much-needed aesthetic improvements to the Sanctuary and portions of our HVAC system in the Narthex (which lacks AC in the summer) and the offices throughout the west wing of the church. The project scope includes new pews, removal of wood planks along the walls, new carpet, replacing dated finishes, new LED screens, and light, sound & visual technology upgrades.

I'm sure you have lots of questions, and we'll do our best to provide information and updates along the way. For the time being, a Q&A sheet is available outside of each worship space. Our communications team is creating a web page dedicated to this project. Questions? Email Rus Morley, our Facilities Manager, at rmorley@royred.org.

Lastly, THANK YOU to our church and school families for generously supporting the Cleveland Pregnancy baby bottle drive in January. We collected **\$5,720.05!**

Pastor John Zahrt

Upcoming Sermon Series



March 2 - April 17

WHO IS JESUS?

Jesus Christ is the most extraordinary figure of all time. His incredible life has impacted history in a way like no one else. But, who is Jesus? Some people see Him as a miracle worker, a prophet, a great teacher, a holy man. Yet, even then, the question still lingers throughout the world: who is Jesus? Fortunately, the Gospels give us a great glimpse into the person and life of Jesus of Nazareth to help answer that question and point the world to the truth of God's Son.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

- 9:30 Contemporary - CAC ^
- 10:00 Traditional - Sanctuary ^
- 11:00 Contemporary - CAC

(Worship times are subject to change.)

UPCOMING

* Registration required
^ Watch our livestream
+ Volunteer opportunity

MARCH

- 2 Ash Wednesday
12:00pm & 6:30pm, Traditional
7:00pm, Contemporary
- 12 Capes & Crowns event, 9:30am * +
- 13 Mini-Gathering Youth Event, 1:00pm *
- 20 RRLS pancake breakfast
- 27 Women's Worship Night, 7:00pm *

APRIL

- 6 Pre-ordered Easter Egg To-Go pick-up,
7:00pm - 8:15 *
- 9 Onsite Easter Egg Hunt * +
- 10 Pre-ordered Easter Egg To-Go pick-up,
8:30am - noon *
- 14 Maundy Thursday
12:00pm & 6:30pm, Traditional
7:00pm, Contemporary
- 15 Good Friday
12:00pm & 6:30pm, Traditional
7:00pm, Contemporary
- 17 Easter Sunday, times TBD



R.E.A.L. WOMEN'S WORSHIP NIGHT

You may have seen this graphic floating around. R.E.A.L. Women's Ministry is sponsoring a Women's Worship Night, God's Faithfulness, on Sunday, March 27 at 7pm.



Prior to entering the Sanctuary for worship, the group will assemble "Comeback Kits" for Laura's Home. Please consider donating the following: razors, deodorant, full-size shampoo/conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, body wash, body lotion, shaving cream, new underwear/socks, and women's hygiene products. Collection baskets are located outside of each worship space.

The event is free, but we do ask you that you register online at royred.org/upcoming. Ladies, come be blessed!

There's still time to **register for the Capes & Crowns event** on March 12 at 9:30am for children ages 3-9 (with an adult). Come dressed as your favorite princess, superhero, or prince. Cost is \$15/person. We also need lots of **VOLUNTEERS!** Email Liz at lwaldron@royred.org.



REALM(inistry)

If you're a member of RR, we encourage you to claim your profile if you haven't done so. For specific questions, email Bennie at blevy@royred.org. For general information, visit our website: royred.org/realm/

RRLS SPOTLIGHT

- RRLS is excited to host our district's **Early Childhood Director's Conference** on March 11.
- We're also hosting another **Open House** for preschool 3s through grade 8 on Monday, March 21 from 9am-2pm. Invite your friends!
- The **RRLS pancake breakfast** is March 20 before and after worship services. Freewill offerings will be gratefully accepted to help bless the 7th & 8th grade Washington D.C. trip in May. Come hungry!

God's blessings to you. Happy Spring!



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March Care Spotlight: The Caring Café

Every other month (or as needed), our Caring Café volunteers whip up a new batch of meals in Royal Redeemer's kitchen. Meals are frozen and stored for later delivery to people who are:

- Sick or recovering at home
- New parents
- Dealing with the death of a loved one
- Struggling with other issues

We've also made it much easier to take a meal to someone. The Caring Café freezer has been relocated to the back entrance hallway near the CAC. There are bags available for you to package a meal which should include: one casserole, two soups, and one loaf of banana bread. Bless someone in need of a meal!

Questions? Contact Terry at tclose@royred.org.



Have you ordered your
Easter Egg Hunt To-Go?
royred.org/upcoming

March Mission Spotlight: H.A.R.P. & Local Repair

The March mission of the month is **H.A.R.P. (Helping Appalachian Rural People) & Local Repair**. Teams help Cleveland-area residents and Caldwell, Ohio seniors, disabled adults, victims of domestic assault, natural disaster victims, and low-income families on one-day or weekend-light construction projects (visit harp.caldwell.org for more details). How can you support the mission?

- Join us and donate your time and talents. Don't have construction skills? No worries, we can teach you.
- Contribute to mission work with a check made payable to RRLC; write "HARP/Local Repair" on the memo line.
- Pray for our teams and those we help.

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LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

March 3, 2022

Dear Royal Redeemer Family,

a love worth demonstrating...

Today we find ourselves in a very different world than the one we lived in just a week ago. It appears the quest for global political power has once again surfaced. Let us remember that this hunger for power is not a new concept. We've seen it repeated throughout history, including in the pages of Scripture. Without a doubt, this is a sad, dark and scary time, and these situations leave us desperate for hope and assurance. However, our God has been faithful and remains sovereign throughout all of history, working through these devastating circumstances in the Ukraine, as well.

While we all continue to pray for God's hand of protection over the innocent, we can also help monetarily to provide tangible provisions for those in desperate need. In these dark times, let's respond with gestures of faith, hope and love. We suggest the following:

- [Lutheran World Relief](#)
- [Samaritan's Purse International Relief](#)

Transitioning from the Ukraine to what's going on at Royal Redeemer is difficult, but we do so knowing we are doing God's Kingdom work here at home.

On **March 20, we are resuming the 8:30am traditional worship service** in the Sanctuary. We'll remind you over the course of the coming weeks. We're also **bringing back donuts this Sunday**.

Parents with kiddos...**Capes & Crowns** is less than two weeks away. Have you registered yet? Join us on **March 12** for a fun, family-centered event. Capes & Crowns is for children ages 3-9, with a parent. I've provided a registration link towards the end of this week's update.

Throughout January, our church and school families certainly demonstrated the love of Christ by supporting the Cleveland Pregnancy Center through the annual baby bottle drive. Through your generosity, we collected **\$5,720.05** in change!

a message worth sharing...

Jesus Christ is the most extraordinary figure of all time. His incredible life has impacted history in a way like no one else. But who is Jesus? Some people see Him as a miracle worker, a prophet, a great teacher, a holy man. Yet, even then, the question still lingers throughout the world: who is Jesus? Fortunately, the Gospels give us a great glimpse into the person and life of Jesus of Nazareth to help answer that question and point the world to the truth of God's Son. This week, we launched our Lenten sermon series entitled, **"Who is Jesus?"**.



Jesus provides direct access to God the Father. Because of this, we don't have to make sacrifices, find the correct holy man, or do "required" religious activities. It also means we benefit from all the riches of heaven like forgiveness, peace, hope, joy, and more. This Sunday, as we work through our Lenten sermon series, Pastor Mark will share a message about Jesus and **"His Extraordinary Accessibility"**.

truth worth holding...

In the letter to the Hebrews, we read, "God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'" (**Hebrews 13:5**) God, in His grace, has given us many blessings and has promised His constant presence no matter the circumstances, the trials we face, or the hurts we experience. With that knowledge, we can be content knowing that God is with us in all the changing scenes of our lives.

service opportunities...

- Two (2) people are needed to join the **coffee/donut team** to clean up and put away supplies. Serve once/month after the 9:30 or 10:00 service for about 45 minutes. (blevy@royred.org)
- We are in significant need of **Care Callers**, those willing to contact someone in our church family who is ill, facing surgery or recently had surgery, undergoing treatments, etc. (tclose@royred.org)
- Redeemer Kids needs **lead teachers and classroom helpers** on Sundays from 9:15 – 10:45. (lwaldron@royred.org)
- Help with **set-up and decorating** for Capes & Crowns on March 11 or 12 and/or for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 9 (lwaldron@royred.org)
- Paid **nursery staff positions** are available. We need help from 9:15 – noon on Sundays. (llebaube@royred.org)

upcoming events...

These events are on the [What's Going on at Royal Redeemer](#) page and/or **Realm**. Sign-up online!

- [Capes & Crowns](#) is for children ages 3-9 (with a parent). The event is **March 12**; \$15 per person.
- Sign up to attend the [R.E.A.L. Women's Ministry Worship Night](#) as we celebrate "God's Faithfulness" on Sunday, March 27 at 7pm in the Sanctuary.
- Consider ordering an [Easter Egg Hunt To-Go!](#) All proceeds support our youth on their trip to the LCMS National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas this summer.
- The **Easter Egg Hunt** is Saturday, **April 9**. (Registration link coming soon.)

May God bless you,
Pastor John Zahrte