



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.

PTO:

In time for celebrations at Easter, our RRLS PTO is making a candy sale available with [Sarris Candies](#). All orders can be placed online, now - April 2 (page 3 for instructions). Bless RRLS and enjoy the sweet treats to come! Don't forget to sign up for the [Spaghetti Dinner](#) too, coming up, on March 26 (page 4).

Spring Sports:

Girls on the Run—practice begins next week, Monday & Wednesday from 3:45-5:00pm.

Softball—[intent survey](#) for grades 5th-8th is now open. (*now including 5th grade).

Athletic Update:

Tonight our Lady Rockets head to the All-Ohio Tournament in Marysville, Ohio. They play Saturday at noon and again on Sunday at 1pm (for 3rd place) or 4pm (for 1st or 2nd). Help us cheer loud and proud: "Go Rockets!"

Parent Corner:

Royal Redeemer's Family Ministry now has Lenten devotional resources available. If you would like a set, stop by the Church Entrance or contact the school office to have a set sent home with your student!

Ed Choice:

Open Registration continues for the 2023-2024 school year. Register to secure your spot today, as classes are filling quickly or are already full!

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

March

- 3/10 No School—In-Service Day
- 3/14 & 3/15 Preschool Grandparents day
- 3/15 K-8 Grandparents day
- 3/22 RRLS Open House 9-2
- 3/26 PTO Spaghetti Diner (to-go & dine in)
- 3/27-3/31 Assessment week

April

- 4/3-4/5 NLSA Validation Team Visit
- 4/7-4/16 Easter Break

Chapel News

Thank you Family Ministry team for leading our chapel this week. Next week Chapel will be led by Pastor Zahrte at 9:10am in the Sanctuary. You are welcome to join us in Lent!

Mission of the Month:

March Mission Madness! Did you know RRLC supports a number of mission teams, including the Dominican Republic Team returning this week (special prayers for traveling mercies, including one of our RRLS students, Jack M.)! This month, we will give to the RR mission teams through our offerings and we will also collect unsealed greeting cards (homemade or purchased) you've prayed over and/or written blessings or Scripture verses in for encouragement, to those serving on our teams. Let's go "mad" supporting our Mission Teams!

Next week's lunch menu:

MONDAY

Breakfast Burrito
(sausage & cheese)

Diced Potato
Orange Juice
Fruit
Milk

**** Grilled cheese option is available**

TUESDAY

Cinnamon French
Toast Sticks

Sausage
Hash Browns
Fruit
Milk

WEDNESDAY

BLT Pasta Salad
Bowtie pasta, bacon bits
Yogurt
Lettuce & Tomato
Fruit
Milk

THURSDAY

Hot Dog on a bun
Chips
Celery
Fruit
Milk

FRIDAY

No School

Stay connected with us!



March 3, 2023

PASTOR Zahrte's Weekly Update

March 2, 2023

GOD BLESS!



a message worth sharing...

This week in our Lenten series, "God of Wonders", we will be looking at "The Wonder of God's Transforming Power". In particular, we will be learning about the supernatural change that only God can carry out and accomplish within us as His children. Infused by the power of God's Word and the Holy Spirit, we are able to be transformed into people who can do extraordinary work for the Lord and His Kingdom. See you in worship this Sunday!

mark your calendars...

MARCH

- 3 Mission team returns from the DR
- 3-5 RRLS girls' varsity bball team, All Ohio
- 7 King's Men Brosketball, 6:30-8pm
- 12 Daylight Saving Time, "spring ahead"
- 13 Ken Braun's study resumes; 10:30am in Rm 102 or 7pm in the Gathering Rm
- 20 Candy due at church for Easter Egg Hunt
- 21 King's Men Brosketball, 6:30-8pm
- 22 5th & 6th grade Summit Night, 7pm
- 23 Pinochle resumes; 1pm, Multi-ministry Rm
- 26 RRLS PTO Spaghetti dinner

APRIL

- 1 Easter Egg Hunt, 10am (no reg. required)
- 2 Palm Sunday
- RRLS PTO pancake breakfast
- 6 Maundy Thursday services
- 12 & 6:30pm (Sanctuary) | 7pm (CAC)
- 7 Good Friday services
- 12 & 6:30pm (Sanctuary) | 7pm (CAC)
- 9 Easter Sunday (regular worship times)
- 23 R.E.A.L. Women's Worship Night, 7pm

YTD AMOUNT GIVEN

YTD AMOUNT SPENT

Budget

Actual

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\$1,074,466 \$1,096,473 \$1,118,833 \$1,037,040

(Does not include school finances)

opportunities to serve & connect...

- **5th & 6th grade Summit Night:** Join us on March 22 for fellowship, faith, and food! [Register here](#)
- **Royal Seniors Pinochle:** Resumes Thursday, March 23. Thereafter, each 2nd & 4th Thursday; 1pm in the Multi-ministry Room. Questions? Call Joy Dobson at (440) 628-9069. Come join us!
- **Ken Braun's Bible Study:** Resumes with studying the Book of Matthew on March 13 at 10:30am in Rm 102 OR 7pm in the Gathering Rm. Zoom available for the 7pm class. Questions? Contact Ken at kjbraun@zoominternet.net
- **Easter To Go Fundraiser:** Let Royal Redeemer and our youth make Easter a little easier! Order an Easter Egg Hunt to Go, Large Prize Egg, or Medium Prize Egg! [Order here](#)
- **Easter Egg Hunt Volunteer:** Opportunities include hiding eggs, running different hunts, managing the bounce house, and clean up. (Registration to attend the event on April 1 is not required.) [Sign up to volunteer](#)

For additional details: ROYRED.ORG/UPCOMING

DONATE NUT-FREE CANDY FOR EGG HUNT BY MARCH 20

march mission spotlight...

H.A.R.P. (Helping Appalachian Rural People) and Local Repair teams help Cleveland-area and Caldwell, OH residents with one-day or weekend light construction projects. Visit harp.caldwell.org for more details. **How can you support the mission?**

- Join us. Donate your time and talents. Don't have construction skills? No worries, we can teach you.
- Contribute to mission work with cash or check made payable to RRLC; write "HARP/Local Repair" on memo line. **Donation boxes will be out Sunday.**
- Pray for our teams and those we help.

Interested? Contact Terry at tclose@royred.org.




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Help Support Our **Online Ordering** *fundraiser*

We are fundraising with  **Sarris**
CANDIES to raise
money for our organization! If you would like
to help support our sale, you can go online to

SarrisCandiesFundraising.com

**All orders must be placed by 11:59 PM EST on April 2nd.*

OUR ORGANIZATION'S NAME

Royal Redeemer

OUR GROUP ID#

21-3994

HOW TO ORDER

- 1 Access the Sarris fundraising website on your computer or mobile phone.
- 2 Select the Online Ordering tab in the navigation bar or the Online Ordering banner to have access to all of the available products.
- 3 Enter our Group ID# and your family member's or friend's name and select Continue.



TIP: Use the drop-down categories under the Online Ordering tab to look for specific types of products.

TIP: Use the search bar to look for specific products.

FREE SHIPPING

\$5 packaging and handling fee will be applied. Orders ship directly to your home!

**Please note: warm states may incur a warm weather packaging charge. Warm weather shipping is required if you live in a state where temperatures are above 70 degrees.*

POPULAR CATEGORIES

HOLIDAY: EASTER



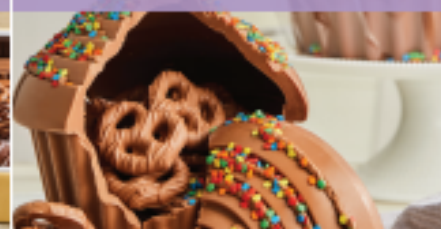
PRETZELS, SNACKS & MORE



BOXED CHOCOLATES



BASHCAKES*





SPAGHETTI Dinner

SUNDAY MARCH 26, 2023

TO-GO- After church-4pm
Fellowship dine-in served from
4-5:30pm

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SPAGHETTI, SALAD, BREADSTICKS,
DESSERT, AND BEVERAGES
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EVENT SPONSORED BY
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To Order your To-Go meal or Reserve your
Dine-In seat, go to this QR code



or
<https://forms.gle/sqvGf5ZoPeDmqF9M9>

Contact PTO@ROYRED.ORG
with any questions



did you know?

March is National Reading Month

Special book display & family Lenten devotions are available at the Family Ministry counter in the Commons

Dear Royal Redeemer Family:

We've begun our 40-day Lenten journey so I thought I'd share some facts with you about...

using the **color purple**...

You may notice the use of the **color purple** in various ways, whether it be on the altar or the pastor's stole. But do you know why? In ancient times, the dye used to make purple was difficult to find. It was attributed to royalty, and adorned Christ only once - as He was mocked and ridiculed as the "King of the Jews" prior to His crucifixion. This deep hue has come to represent solemnity, penitence, and prayer as we reflect on the agony Jesus willingly endured for us.

giving something up...

From the perspective of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, "giving something up for Lent" is entirely a matter of Christian freedom. Whether you do this or not, understand that the Bible never requires this. However, if you choose to give something up as a way of remembering the great sacrifice of Christ who gave up His life on the cross for your sin, then feel free to do so. Actually, I would suggest that, instead of giving something up, you commit a certain amount of time each day to connect with God in His Word.

During your Lenten journey, may God bless you as you experience the depth of Jesus' obedience and the wonder of His love to a world that so desperately needs to be saved!

See you in worship!

Pastor John Zahote

Upcoming Sermon Series



GOD OF WONDER: Pondering the Majesty of God

Whether it's contemplating our unique DNA structure or the complex structure of a single leaf, the wonder of God's creative work is amazing. However, there is more about God that fills us with wonder than just His creative abilities. The Bible reveals numerous traits about our God that leave us wonder-filled. Join us this Lent as we refocus on our amazing God and what it is that truly makes Him a God of Wonders.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

- 8:30** Traditional - Sanctuary ^
- 9:30** Contemporary - CAC ^
- 10:00** Traditional - Sanctuary
- 11:00** Contemporary - CAC

UPCOMING

* Registration required
^ Watch our livestream
+ Volunteer opportunity

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JUNE

- 7** RRLS last day of school
- 19** VBS begins * +
- 25** HS youth gathering, Mackinac Island

FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATES

DONATE NUT-FREE CANDY FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT BY MARCH 20

Easter is around the corner. Let Royal Redeemer and our youth make Easter a little easier! Order an **Easter Egg Hunt to go!** You'll receive 50 colorful and fun-filled Easter eggs in an easy-to-go box. All you have to do is hide them! You can even add on large or medium eggs for an added surprise. Are your kids too old to hunt for eggs? Consider purchasing a box to donate to our food pantry clients. Proceeds will go to Youth Ministry. Watch for purchase details in the weekly update.

It's about that time...plans for **VBS 2023** are well underway, and we can't wait! The year's theme, **Stellar**, will launch kiddos on a week-long cosmic quest, June 19-23, where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light.

Registration opens on March 15!



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Christian leaders...there are many ways coming up that you can help us in carrying out our mission!

- **Chapel** - you're welcome to join us on Wednesdays in Lent: March 1, 8, 22, or 29 at 9:10 in the Sanctuary.
- **Open House** - March 22 from 9-2 to tour, meet the teachers & more. Registration continues. For more info, visit rrls.org.
- **Lady Rockets** - competing at St. John Lutheran School in Marysville, OH March 3-5, in our state basketball tournament! The national tournament is in Fort Wayne, IN, March 24-26. Keep watch on our RRLS Facebook Instagram pages for updates. Go Rockets!
- **Spaghetti Dinner** - join us on March 26 for to-go (between worship) or dine-in (4-5:30pm) for spaghetti (meat or meatless), salad, breadstick, dessert & drink). See flyers in the Narthex and Commons to sign up.
- **Singing in Worship** - our RRLS students look forward to praising God with you on March 26.

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CARE SPOTLIGHT Helping Hand Fund

Did you know...

that we have been blessing others through our Helping Hand fund for 22 years? And what's even more awesome is your generosity. To date, RRLC has distributed \$251,955.45 – on average, that's \$11,400/year. This fund has provided us with avenues to interact with people within our congregation and in surrounding communities in ways we may not have been able to otherwise. When you give a monetary gift to this fund, we share the love of Jesus in tangible ways – from sending a Bible to a prisoner to providing lodging for someone escaping domestic violence.

We often partner with the City of North Royalton and other faith-based organizations and civic groups, like the Salvation Army and Love, Inc., which allows us to bless more individuals with financial assistance. When we assist those facing major life crises, we also offer ongoing spiritual support in the aftermath. We generally offer financial assistance one time to an individual.

Our donation boxes will be out soon to help replenish the fund. On the first Sunday of each month, the money collected in the boxes goes to a specific mission of the month project. The label on the front of the boxes will help you know where your dollars are going.

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Because of your generosity...

We can make a significant impact in His Kingdom!

Thank you!