



Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

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Weekly Activities

Sundays-

Morning Worship

9:30 am

Coffee Fellowship

follows service

Adult Bible Class

8:30 am

Mondays-

Sew-n- Sews

Mondays 10:30-3:00 PM

Tuesdays-

Women's Bible Study

10:00 am

Wednesdays -

Advent Services/Lunch

11:00 am



- Congressional Meetings
Sunday,
Dec. 2 (special) & 16
- Decorate the Church
Saturday, Dec. 1
8am-12 PM
- Elders' Meeting
Wednesday, Dec. 5
6:30 pm
- Outreach Mtg.
Thursday, Dec. 6
10:00 am
- Wednesdays in Advent
Dec. 5, 12, 19
- Council Meeting
Dec. 9
- Christmas Eve Services
5 & 7 PM
- Christmas Day Service
10:00 am

I hope you all had a blessed Thanksgiving! At Redeemer, we have so much to be thankful for, and so much to look forward to!

On Nov. 18th, we welcomed 11 new members into the Redeemer family! After church we had a fantastic Thanksgiving Dinner/mixer, and we are thankful for all of the volunteers who helped to make that happen!

We also spent 3 weeks doing a worship and Bible study series on Stewardship, and conducted a Pledge Drive for the first time in many years. A group of Ladies decided to re-start an LWML group at Redeemer, and had a great first meeting with 11 people in attendance! On Thanksgiving Eve, we had a really fun worship service to celebrate all that God has blessed us with.

With Advent just around the corner, we will be starting our Midweek Advent Services (Dec 5, 12, 19, at 11:00 am). Our theme for this year will be 'Voices from the Edge' as we look at some of the lesser known characters of the Christmas story, and discover their message for us today. We will have lunch afterwards, and all the proceeds from the Free Will Offering will go to help one of our future pastors through Concordia Seminary's Adopt-A-Student Program.

On Sunday December 9th, we will be re-starting our Sunday School in the recently renovated classroom. Sunday December 16th will be a special Lessons and Carols service. It will be a fun opportunity to hear God's Word from the Christmas Story, and sing lots and lots of Christmas songs!

And last but certainly not least, we look forward to celebrating Christmas with you on Christmas Eve, at 5:00 and 7:00 pm, and Christmas Day at 10:00 am. And please invite a friend!

Blessings!

Pastor Chris

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Advent-Christmas

DECEMBER 2018

“O COME EMMANUEL”

We would like to invite you to be a part of the many opportunities for worship, fellowship and service that Redeemer will be offering this year in honor of the birth of our Savior Jesus. Holiday highlights, services and fellowship events are listed below.

Worship Opportunities

Sunday, December 2– Advent I

- Sunday School 8:30 am
- Worship 9:30 am

Wednesday, December 5

- Worship 11:00 am
- Lunch following the Service

Sunday, December 9– Advent II

- Sunday School 8:30 am
- Worship 9:30 am

Wednesday, December 12

- Worship 11:00 am
- Wednesday Lunch following the Service

Sunday, December 16– Advent III

- Sunday School 8:30 am
- Service of Lessons and Carols 9:30 am

Wednesday, December 19

- Worship 11:00 am
- Lunch following the Service

Sunday, December 23– Advent IV

- Sunday School 8:30 am
- Worship 9:30 am

Christmas Eve —Dec 24th

- Candlelight Services 5:00 & 7:00 PM

Christmas Day —Dec 25th

- Christmas Worship with Communion 10:00 am

Other Special Events

Saturday December 1 - 8:00 am - Church Workday—Decorating for Christmas!

Sunday December 2nd—Special Congregational Voters Meeting After Church

Tuesday, December 4, 11, 18 Ladies Bible Study at 10:00 am

- Dec. 18 - Movie “The Nativity” followed by sack lunch

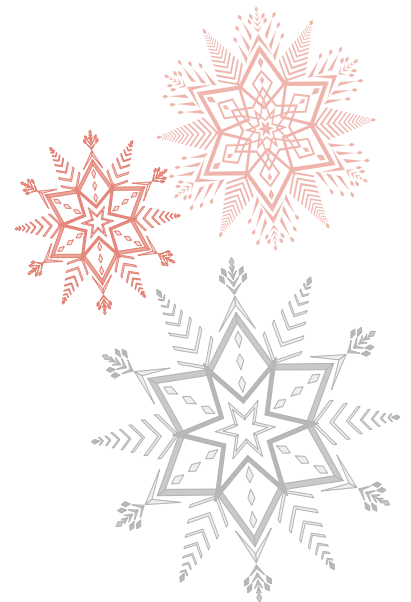
Saturday, December 8—LWML at 10:00 am

- Lunch at Roadside Café on 27th Street following the meeting

Sunday, December 16— Service of Lessons and Carols

- End of the Year Congregational Voters Meeting After Church

Saturday, January 12—8:00 am—Church ‘Un-decorating’ Work Day



Welcome to our New Members!

Elaine and Ray Harakh

Theresa and Bill Howard

Evan Loveland

John and Helen Prinos

Gary and Sheila Scott

Dave and Lynette Werner



New Member Welcome –

Sunday November 18th was 'New Member Sunday' at Redeemer. After the sermon, we asked our new members in attendance to come to the front of the church to be recognized, and officially welcomed in front of the congregation. We welcomed 11 new members into our Redeemer family on November 18th. Their names are listed below. If you don't know or recognize someone, now is a great time to introduce yourself!

After the service, we hosted a Thanksgiving Dinner and mixer, to give our new members a chance to get to know the rest of the congregation. We were excited to have so many people stay for the meal. Many thanks to all of the people who brought such wonderful dishes! Congrats to Kirsten Awe and Pat O'Neill for winning our Thanksgiving Trivia Game!



INTERESTED IN MEMBER SHIP?

If you want to become a member of Redeemer, you can do it in two ways. If you are a member of another LCMS congregation, you can simply let Pastor Chris or Elizabeth Morgan know that you would like to transfer your membership to Redeemer, and we can get that process started. If you are not a member of an LCMS congregation, Redeemer offers a brief new member class to teach about who we are and what we believe as Lutherans.

If you are interested, please contact Pastor Chris at PastorChris.lcr@comcast.net

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www.lwml.org

The LWML Meeting & Luncheon!

Saturday, December 8 at 10:00 am.

We will seat our 2019 elected officers:

Carol Fraher—President

Vice President—Sonja Goldsmith

Secretary—Lorelei Simons

Treasurer—Loretta Henderson

All ladies are invited to attend our meeting and Luncheon at Larry's Roadside Café on 27th Street. We will leave directly following our meeting. All ladies are invited!

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY "BIRTH OF CHRIST"

November 20— 10:00 AM

November 27 — 10:00 AM

December 4 — 10:00 AM

December 11 — 10:00 AM

December 18— 10:00— 12:00 Movie "The Nativity"



Ladies will share a lunch together after movie.

There will be no Women's Bible Study from, December 25 thru all of January, we are traveling to Minnesota for a Grandson wedding. We will resume Bible Study February 5, 2019 continuing with "Women of the Bible" 10:00 AM in social hall.

December 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Poinsettia sign up sheet posted in Narthex.					1 Decorating Church 8am-12 PM
2 1st Sun. in Advent Special Cong. Mtg	3 Sew-n-Sews Ministry 10am-3 PM	4 Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am	5 Elders 6:30 PM 11:00 am Advent Ser.	6 Outreach 10:00am	7	8 LWML 10:00 & Lunch Roadside
9 2nd Sun. in Advent Council Mtg. Youth 6-8PM	10 Sew-n-Sews Ministry 10am-3 PM	11 Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am	12 11:00 am Advent Ser. (Lunch)	13	14	15
16 Lessons & Carols Cong. Mtg	17 Sew-n-Sews Ministry 10am-3 PM	18 Movie (The Nativity) 10 am bag lunch	19 11:00 am Advent Ser. (Lunch)	20	21 	22
23 4th Sunday in Advent	24 Christmas Eve Service: 5 & 7 PM 	25 Christmas Day Service 10:00 am	26	27	28	29
30 1st Sunday after Christmas	31 					

Announcements



Midweek Advent Services are Back!

During the month of December, Redeemer will be having midweek advent services on Wednesday December 5th, 12th, and 19th at 11:00 am, followed by a lunch of soup and bread. Our theme for this year will be "Voices from the Edge," as we examine the surprising messages of some of the 'lesser known' characters in the Christmas story, and see how their stories challenge and transform us during this Christmas season, and beyond! We hope you will join us!

We Need Your Help!!

Do you love decorating for Christmas? On Saturday December 1st Redeemer is going to be having a special church Work Day to decorate the church for the Christmas season. And we need your help!!! We hope that you join us to help get us ready to celebrate our Savior!



Special Congregational Voters Meeting – December 2nd

On Sunday December 2nd after church, Redeemer will have a special congregational voters meeting. Redeemer has been discussing renting part of our vacant preschool space to a local behavior therapy company called 'Piece of the Puzzle' that works with kids with autism. The church council has spent the last few months getting feedback from church members, and working out logistical details. We would like the congregation to decide whether or not we think this partnership would be a good fit for Redeemer. We hope you all can join us!

Mission of the Month – Help Support a Seminarian!

Our mission for the month of December will be supporting a seminary student at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. All of the proceeds from Free Will offering taken during our Midweek soup and bread lunches will go to the 'Adopt-A-Student' Program at Concordia Seminary. The seminary uses money donated to this program to help keep the cost of tuition affordable for one of our future pastors. A generous friend of the Seminary has volunteered to match any donations from individuals and congregations that come in during the month of December, so your donations will count double!



Redeemer Youth Group

On Sunday December 9th from 6:00-8:00 pm we will be having 'Minute to Win It' Night at Redeemer. We hope you will join us for lots of fun and fellowship. And invite a friend!

Announcements Continued

End of the Year Voters Meeting – December 16th

On Sunday December 16th we will have our annual End of the Year Congregational Voters Meeting after church. During this meeting, we will be electing officers to various leadership positions for 2019. We will also be presenting and voting on the budget for the 2019 calendar year. We hope that you join us as we look backwards towards a fantastic year at Redeemer, and look forward to the exciting things that the Lord has in store for us in the future!



New This Year! – Dec. 16 Service of Lessons and Carols

Do you find it hard to pick a favorite Christmas hymn, because there are so many good ones? Do you love to hear the full story of Christmas? You're in luck! On Sunday December 16th Redeemer will be having a service of Lessons and Carols. We hope that you join us as we dive into the scripture behind the Christmas story, and sing lots and lots of Christmas hymns! And you might,

just might, get to be there for the shortest sermon of the year! We hope you can join us, and this will be a great day to invite a friend!

"Beautiful music ... is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us."

—Martin Luther

We Need Your Help!

Redeemer is excited to be making the switch back to two services (8:00 and 10:30 am) in the new year starting on Sunday January 6th. In order to do that, we need your help! We are looking for people who might be willing to serve as readers, greeters/ushers, communion assistants, and altar guild members. If you think you might be willing to serve, please sign up on the sheet next to the guest book in the narthex, in the Fellowship Hall by the kitchen window, or talk to Donny Larson. Thanks so much for your consideration and your willingness to serve!



New Items for Nursery and Sunday School

Redeemer is looking to update our nursery with new carpet, and purchase a new area rug and a few other items for our new Sunday School classroom. A generous donor has volunteered to match any contributions that we receive for those items. If you are interested in making a contribution make a check out to Redeemer and put 'nursery/SS' in the memo line.

Christmas Worship Times

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship – 5:00 and 7:00 pm

Christmas Day Worship with Communion – 10:00 am.





The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Stewardship Ministry

Throughout his epistles and his preaching recorded in the Book of Acts, St. Paul refers, in one way or another, to thanksgiving and thankfulness nearly 50 times. Whether vertically toward God, or horizontally toward the neighbor, thanksgiving is a major theme within St. Paul's body of work.

What does this mean? It means thankfulness is intrinsic to the life of those baptized into Christ. In other words, giving thanks is what Christians do as they live out their lives in this world.

The problem is that we often forget this. Consider your average, run-of-the-mill, normal day. When you get home, and your parents, your spouse or your children ask about your day, what first comes to your mind? After 99 percent of things went right, went exactly as planned, were enjoyable and blessings, we tend to focus on and remember the 1 percent of things that went poorly, that didn't go as planned, and that were nuisances.

We remember the bad things. We focus on discontent. And we fail to give thanks in all circumstances for everything (Eph. 5:20) and to rejoice in the Lord always (Phil. 4:4).

Thankfulness and contentment go together. We are content with things for which we are thankful. St. Paul could be content with having plenty or when in need because He gave thanks to the Lord for all things. He thanked the Lord for those who had prayed for him and listened to his proclamation of the Gospel. He gave thanks for their good works in and for the Church of Christ. He gave thanks for the grace of God in Christ Jesus and found that God's grace was sufficient for him.

So, give thanks for all things and in all circumstances dear brothers and sisters in Christ. For you have been saved from sin, death, and hell by the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. You have been added to the very family of God in an adoption of grace through Holy Baptism. God is your Father. Our Lord, Jesus Christ is your brother.

But He not only provides for your spiritual well-being, He cares also for this body and life. Your Father in heaven provides food and clothes, house and home, husband, wife, and children. He gives you reason and all your senses. He has given you the raw talents that you have developed into careers. Everything you are and everything that you have is a gift from His fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in you.

Give thanks for these things. Make a list – every morning if you must. Say them out loud. Sing about them within the congregation of the saints. And remember this: God has given you these things so that you may be of service to those around you – your family, your neighbors, your brothers and sisters in Christ. For to whom much is given; much shall be required (Luke 12:48).

While waiting ...

Advent does not lead to nervous tension stemming from expectation of something spectacular about to happen. On the contrary, it leads to a growing inner stillness and joy allowing me to realize that he for whom I am waiting has already arrived and speaks to me in the silence of my heart.

Just as a mother feels the child grow in her and is not surprised on the day of the birth, but joyfully receives the one she learned to know during her waiting, so Jesus can be born in my life slowly and steadily and be received as the one I learned to know while waiting.

—Henri J.M. Nouwen, *The Genesee Diary*





Birthdays and Anniversaries



Betty Bair	b.12/1	4285 12th Place	Vero Beach, FL 32960
Ray & Toni Wendling	w.12/3	1655 Ansley Way	Vero Beach, FL 32966
Elaine Johnson	b.12/5	P.O. Box 52	Sebastian, FL 32957
Wanda Simmons	b.12/11	902 Crown Street	Sebastian, FL 32958
Eugene & Patricia Hyden	w.12/14	P.O. Box 985	Sebastian, FL 32957
Mike Tupek	b.12/18	245 55th Avenue SW	Vero Beach, FL 32968
Connie Horn	b.12/20	7855 103rd Court	Vero Beach, FL 32967
Sharon Smith	b.12/20	23 Vista Gardens Trail #103	Vero Beach, FL 32960
Doug Doane	b.12/25	1186 Brigadoon Drive	Sebastian, FL 32958
Ray Harakh	b.12/26	991 Oyster Shell Lane	Vero Beach, FL 32963
Eugene Hyden	b.12/26	P.O. Box 985	Sebastian, FL 32957
Walt & Gladys Jagemann	w.12/28	736 Ocracoke Sq. SW	Vero Beach, FL 32968
Meg Johnson	b.12/29	463 E Tangerine Square SW	Vero Beach, FL 32968

Those Who Serve

December 2 Comm. Asst.: Roy Hopper, Gerald Lindstrom
 Reader: Karen Osborn
 Ushers: Don Larson, Becky Larson

December 9 Comm. Asst.: Roy Hopper, Gary Connolly
 Reader: Kathy Hopper
 Ushers: Don Larson, Becky Larson

December 16 Comm. Asst.: Ern Sheppard, Harry Robinson
 Reader: Sonja Goldsmith
 Ushers: Doug Doane, Carol Robinson

December 23 Comm. Asst.: Ern Sheppard, Harry Robinson
 Reader: Sheila Scott
 Ushers: Becky Larson, Carol Robinson

December 30
 Comm. Asst.: Ern Sheppard, G. Lindstrom
 Reader: Sandy Chapman
 Ushers: Don Larson, Becky Larson

Altar Elaine Rosnow

We need servers for the special services! If you are able or unable to serve, please contact Donald Larson (dotd5l@gmail.com). Thank you!

December 24

5:00 Service Reader: Sandy Chapman
 Ushers: Don & Becky Larson

7:00 Service Reader: TBD
 Ushers: TBD

December 25 Comm. Asst.: TBD
 Reader: TBD
 Ushers: TBD

Advent Wednesday Services

December 5
 Reader: TBD; Ushers: Doug Doan

December 12
 Reader: TBD; Ushers: TBD

December 19
 Reader: TBD; Ushers: Doug Doan



The Sanctuary Lamp Candle representative of the presence of God
 was given by Donald & Becky Larson in memory of loved ones.



SEW N SEWS HERE'S WHAT HAPPENING:

OH MY!! we can't believe we are going into December and pretty soon the year 2018 will be gone. But God is so good and we have a happy group of quilters in our midst as we look forward to another year of fellowship, stitching and cutting and sharing the love of Christ as well as the love of quilting every Monday from 10:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. (or whenever!!) We do sometimes get so involved in this "love of fabric" that we forget what time it is!!

We have all of our quilts for the Women's Refuge and the baby blankets for the Care Net all stacked up and ready for the "Blessing of the Quilts/Blankets" to take place in church on Sunday, December 2nd. We will deliver them day after. They will be a wonderful Christmas blessing to the Women's Refuge, as well the infants through Care Net.

We work solely on donations, and feel very blessed that we have been given funds in the past to support our Mission. We do appreciate all that is given to help support this very worthy local mission of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer.

Be with us on this first Sunday in December as our Pastor blesses these quilts and blankets before we take them to the Women's Refuge and the Care Net Association.

If you have a desire to sew, or learn to sew; cut or just come fellowship with us, please join us on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall West end of the building. The coffee/tea pot will be on and we do bring a bag lunch as we fellowship around the table beginning with a short devotion at our lunch break.

May God Bless you for your interest and participation in this most worthy Mission of LCOTR . "Love from the "Sew-n-sews" Don't forget Sunday, Dec. 2nd - Blessing of the Quilts/Blankets!!



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Worship Service at 9:30 am
Bible Study at 8:30 am