



Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Redeemer Review

January 2019

Pastor

Rev. Chris Kollmann

President

Donald Larson

Head of Elders

Ray Harakh

Church Office Manager

Elizabeth Morgan

Weekly Activities

Sundays-

Morning Worship

8:00 & 10:30 am

Adult Bible Class

9:15 am

Mondays-

Sew-n- Sews

10:00 am- 3:00 PM

Wednesdays -

Bible Study

10:00 am



- **Trustees Meeting**
Wed Jan 8th 5:30 pm
- **Elders' Meeting**
Wed., Jan. 8
6:30 pm
- **Un-Decorate the Church**
Saturday, Jan 11
8:00—12:00 Noon
- **LWML**
Sat. Jan. 11
10:00 am
- **Council Meeting**
Thurs Jan 16, 6:00 pm

I hope that you all had a Merry Christmas, and wonderful start to 2019!

December was an exciting month at Redeemer. In early December, we had a playground workday, where a group of volunteers cleaned, powerwashed, and added a few new pieces. It looks great, and will be a blessing as we continue to have more younger families on our campus.

On Sunday December 8th, we were excited to welcome 12 new members into our congregation. For the calendar year 2019, we have been blessed to receive 30 new members and 5 new associate members.

Advent was a lot of fun. Our theme was Symbols of Christmas, and we got to learn all about how the different symbols (tree, lights, ornaments and many more) all point to Jesus. Our midweek Advent services were well attended, and we raised over \$400 from the Advent meals to support a Carol Fraher's granddaughter on her mission trip to Kenya.

Saturday December 14th was our first Breakfast with Santa, and it was a great success! We were excited to welcome 70 people to share the story of Jesus through a variety of Christmas-themed activities, and invite them all to worship with us for Christmas.

We have two Christmas Eve services again this year, and we were blessed to have 167 people join us to hear the story of Jesus, the highest Christmas Eve attendance we've had in the last 10 years. Many thanks to everyone who invited friends and family to attend with you! Every family that came received a nail ornament, to remind them each year that Jesus was born to go to the cross.

Thank you all for a wonderful year at Redeemer, and I am excited to see how the Lord uses us to connect more people to Jesus in 2020.

Pastor Chris

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January



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Two Service Times: Worship 8:00 & 10:30 Bible Study 9:15 am			1	2 Clean Church Kitchen 9 am	3	4
5 2nd Sunday a. Christmas	6 Sew-n-Sews 10:00 am – 1:00 PM	7	8 Trustees Mtg 5:30 PM Elders 6:30 pm	9	10	11 Church Work Day 8:00 am LWML 10:00 am
12 Baptism of Our Lord	13 Sew-n-Sews 10:00 am – 1:00 PM	14	15	16 Council Mtg. 6:00 PM	17	18
19 2nd Sunday a. Epiphany	20 Sew-n-Sews 10:00 am – 1:00 PM	21	22 Bible Study 10:00 am	23	24	25
26 3rd Sunday a. Epiphany	27 Sew-n-Sews 10:00 am – 1:00 PM	28	29 Bible Study 10:00 am	30	31	

Winter New Member Welcome—Sunday December 8th

New Members

Sandra Dekker

Marshall and Kim Hay

Cheryl Horvath

Charlie and Chris Kiersch

Alan and Joan Koch

Paul and Linda Ott

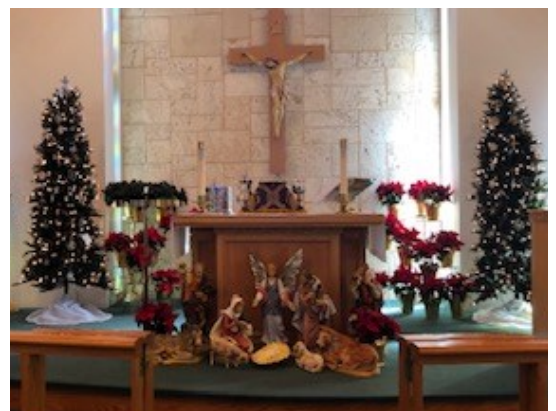
Steven and Gwen Wurster

Sunday December 8th 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

This Winter, God has blessed Redeemer with 12 new members, Their names are listed to the left. For the year 2019, we were blessed to receive 30 new members and 5 new associate members.

If you don't know or recognize someone, now is a great time to introduce yourself!

Many Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped to decorate the church for Christmas, as well as everyone who helped to assemble the nail Christmas ornaments to give out on Christmas Eve. And thanks to a Thrivent Action Teams Grant for the funds to cover the cost of the ornaments!



Breakfast with Santa Recap!



One of the highlights of our December at Redeemer was hosting our first ever Breakfast with Santa Event. This was such an incredibly fun day, thanks to so many people volunteering their time and talents. It was wonderful to see the congregation working together, whether it was for baking egg bakes, cutting fruit, prepping decorations, and/or volunteering the day of the event.

Redeemer hosted over 70 people on our campus who came not just to see Santa and have a fantastic breakfast, but also to learn about the Real meaning of Christmas- Jesus! We used Pastor Chris' sermon series of "Symbols of Christmas" as another way to point people to Jesus. At each station, the kids got to complete an activity, pick up a tangible symbol to take home to help remember, and pick up a Bible verse to go along with the item. For example, the children could decorate cookies shaped as a bell to learn about why bells are a symbol that reminds of the birth and ultimately the love of Jesus. We used the Candy Canes, Holly and Berries, Stars, and

Christmas trees to teach the kids and families about the Christmas stories.



One of the best parts of the morning was when Santa came into the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am to read everyone the Nativity story straight from Luke 2, and remind everyone that his favorite part of Christmas wasn't cookies, or presents, but hearing the story of Jesus!



We also collected an entire box of food donation for the Treasure Coast Food bank.



We also want to say a huge Thank You to so many people for helping make this a success! We had more than 30 volunteers from Redeemer who helped! We could not have done it without you!

Thank you to our awesome planning committee, who met to make plan the whole event, prep activities, make decorations, set-up, and clean up, along with anything else that needed to be done.

Thank you to all who came out to work-days to prepare for the day, cutting, painting, setting up, etc.

Thank you to all who donated your time donating, baking and/or prepping food. Thank your also for those who donated supplies such as boxes, craft supplies, etc. And thanks for everyone who made financial donations!

Thank you for all who helped set-up and clean up, we had a great group to set things up on Friday so we were prepped and ready for the event on Saturday morning, even with the changes we needed to make with the possibility of rain. Thank you for all who helped clean up Saturday, this could have been an all day activity, but we worked together and got it done in less than an hour!

Thank you for all the prayers for a successful day, but also an opportunity to show people how much Jesus loves them. We had several families attend Christmas Eve service due to the prayers and friendliness of our members. God is so good!

I am reminded of what 1 Corinthians 12: 4-6 says, "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work." God surely blessed Redeemer with many gifts and talents and we are grateful to be working together for the same Lord, Christ Jesus! Blessings on the new year!



Playground Workday!!!

In early December we had a playground workday at Redeemer. We wanted to make sure that our playground looked friendly and inviting for families with Breakfast with Santa, and Christmas approaching.

We had a variety of projects that we worked on throughout the day, including powerwashing all of the plastic pieces, as well as the stones, and eventually the shed and the side wall of the building. We also reassembled the Merry-go-round that was formerly used by the pre-school, and added another plastic play structure that we recently acquired used. We had a great group of volunteers come out, and we really appreciate all of their hard work. We included some photos of the work that was done. Thanks again to all who came out to help!





News & *Announcements*

Offering Envelopes for 2020

2020 Offering Envelopes are available for pickup on the white shelf by the window in the narthex. If you do not currently have offering envelopes, but you would like some for 2020, please talk to Lou Dilks, or email the church office at redeemerverobeach@comcast.net

Wednesday Bible Study

We will resume on Wednesday January 22nd. We will be studying the Book of Hebrews. Join us on Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am.

Thank You!!!

Many thanks to all of you for the pastoral Christmas gift. Your generosity and thoughtfulness is really appreciated. We are truly blest to be serving here at Redeemer, and we are excited to see what the next year will bring! – Pastor Chris, Stephanie, Micah, Jacob.

Remember Your Nametags

With more of our winter visitors arriving, and some new members who have joined the congregation, now is a great time to remember to wear your Redeemer nametags! If you don't have a nametag and would like one, let Pastor Chris know, or email the church office at redeemerverobeach@comcast.net

Shopping Online? You Can Help Redeemer!

'Amazon Smile' is a simple and automatic way to support Redeemer every time that you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection, and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase (0.5%) to Redeemer. To start, just go to smile.amazon.com and search for "Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Vero Beach"



Help Cleaning up Coffee Hour

We are looking for some volunteers who might be willing to help clean up the cookies and coffee after the late service is over. We hope to get a few people to rotate, so that the same person does not need to clean up every week. If you might be interested in helping, please talk to Lou Dilks or Pastor Chris.

Calling All Bakers

We are looking for people who might be able to bring some treats for coffee hour during the month of January and February. If you are interested in helping, you can sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

We need Sunday School Teachers/Helpers

With the transition to two services, we are trying to put together a schedule of Sunday School teachers/helpers. If you are interested in helping with Sunday School, you can sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, and pick up the lessons in the folder below.

Donate Your Old Glasses

LWML will be collecting prescription glasses and non-prescription sunglasses. This project will help M.O.S.T. Ministries in their distribution to those in need around the world. Check out their website at mostministries.org. Please contact Sheila Scott for more info.

Those Who Serve

If you are able to serve in an 'open' spot, or if you are unable to serve and need to reschedule, please contact Ray Harakh <rayharakh@gmail.com>. Thank you!

Date/Time		Readers		Ushers	Altar Assistants
Jan. 5					
8:00am		Kathy Hopper		Carol Robinson Terri Lebell	Harry Robinson Don Larson
10:30am		Sheila Scott		Carol Truitt Teri Bell	Ray Harakh Bill Walz
Jan. 12					
8:00am		Sheila Scott		Carol Robinson Becky Larson	Harry Robinson Don Larson
10:30am		Sandy Chapman		Kay Roth Lorelei Simons	Gary Simons Mike Tupek
Jan. 19					
8:00am		OPEN		Roger Hagedorn Carol Truitt	Ernie Woschnik OPEN
10:30am		Alan Koch		Karen Osborne Phil Osbourne	Alan Koch Bill Walz
Jan. 26					
8:00am		Kathy Hopper		Roy Hopper Roger Hagedorn	Mike Tupek Gary Connolly
10:30 am		Ray Harakh		Ken Brinley Lorelei Simons	Ray Harakh Gary Simons



Birthdays

- 1 Ted Dyer
- 3 Stephanie Kollmann
- 5 Zachary Kollmann
- 5 Evan Loveland
- 9 Norm Stemm
- 10 Sharon Amstutz
- 11 Toni Wendling
- 13 Roger Hagedorn
- 14 Patricia Hyden
- 18 Sandra Hochella
- 19 Reginald Hartman

Wedding Anniversaries

- 7 Mike & Jean Wills

WE WELCOME OUR LEADERS FOR 2020!

President: Donald Larson

Vice President: Gary Simons

Secretary: Karen Osborne

Financial Secretary: Lou Dilks

Treasurer: Becky Larson

Elders: Ray Harakh (head elder), George Rumba, Mike Tupek, Bob Tabor,

Trustees: Alan Koch (head trustee), Donny Larson, Sheila Scott, Gary Scott, Roger Hagedorn, Mike Wills

Outreach: Sheila Scott

Fellowship: Vacant

Christian Education: Carol Fraher

Stewardship: Roger Hagedorn



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