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ZECHARIAH 9:16

REMINDERS &
ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 8, 2019



REDEEMER

HELP, HOPE, HOME, IN THE BODY OF CHRIST.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

Reverend Frank C. Ruffatto, Pastor
Mr. Ed Booten, Music Director
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WORSHIP... All worship begins with God. He is our Creator and He desires us to be in relationship with Him. He reaches out to us, and, in worship, draws us closer to Him. Jesus whom we come to know through Word and Sacrament, is the way God reveals Himself to us. And more, it is in His name that we approach the throne of the Almighty. In worship the believer through Jesus Christ, reaches out to his heavenly Father. As the Holy Spirit works through Word and Sacrament, we become aware of our need for God, and seek fellowship with God in the company of fellow believers.

LUTHERAN... Originally a derogatory term for those who reminded the Church that it is **“by grace you are saved through faith; and that not of yourself; it is a gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”** (*Ephesians 2:8-9*) Now, we embrace Lutheran to mean we are disciples of Jesus Christ who agree with Dr. Luther’s teaching from the Bible as summarized in his Small Catechism.

...DECENTLY AND IN ORDER... (*cf. 1 Corinthians 14:40*) Whether the service is closer to what some would call “traditional” or others “contemporary” - whether we are using hymns that may even pre-date the Reformation or music written in our lifetimes - there is an order to worship comprised of three parts: the Service of Preparation, the Service of the Word, and the Service of the Sacrament. Together, these three sections make up the whole worship order.

HELP, HOPE, HOME, IN THE BODY OF CHRIST... If you have no church home of your own, we encourage you to get to know us and we invite you to participate in the other activities here. And more, we cordially invite you to join God’s family here at Redeemer.

Sunday Servant Team

THIS WEEK - December 8, 2019

Altar Prep:	Jackie Dolph
Communion:	J.K. Lilly & Scott Evans
Usher Team:	Steve Koepsel & Ron Reimert
Guest Connection:	TBA
Hospitality:	TEAM 3 (Beckman, Dolph, Henstock, McIntosh)
Readers:	Jim Siebel & Phil Gaarenstroom
Nursery:	VACANT
Clean Up:	Dawn Chandler
A/V:	Mindy Simmons & Ted Toler
Prayer:	John Eckerd

NEXT WEEK - December 15, 2019

Altar Prep:	Sara Shaver
Communion:	Jim Siebel & Kurt Dolph
Usher Team:	Phil Brooks & Alex McLaughlin
Guest Connection:	TBA
Hospitality:	TEAM 4 (Charnock, Giertz, Siebel)
Readers:	Ted Toler & Sheri Moore
Nursery:	Leslie Koepsel
Clean Up:	Alex McLaughlin & Mary Jo Hansen
A/V:	Phil Gaarenstroom & Dan Mead
Prayer:	Dan Mead

Jane Charnock maintains the Sunday Servant Team schedule. If you have a change to communicate, you can reach out to Jane (304) 541-2554

Budget

	12/1/19	YTD
General Fund Revenue	4,455.70	246,570.02
Budget	5,287.40	253,795.20
Difference (\$ / %)	(831.70) / (15.7%)	(7,225.18) / (2.8%)
General Fund Expenses		245776.32*
Revenues less Expenses		793.70*
Worship Attendance	77	83

* During the quarter, expenses fluctuate based on entry date. Quarter-end numbers are available through the Executive Leadership Team.

Prayer List | December 8, 2019

Sandy McKinney (mother of Kelly Gray) who is facing an as of yet undetermined procedure to clear a cardiac blockage .

Jim and Marlene Hanson Jim is in rehab from a very serious bout of pneumonia; Marlene has been released from in-patient rehab and is continuing with in-home rehab.

Young friend and her family (friends of the Shavers) who are experiencing tough times and in need of prayer for clarity and peace.

Terry (friend of Marcia Schwalm) recovering from successful kidney surgery.

Family and friends of Alma Chapman who passed into eternity Sunday evening, November 24.

Family of John Ruffatto (father of Pastor Frank) who passed into eternity Monday evening, November 25.

Reid Strader (friends of Rick and Sarah Shaver) recently moved into hospice care.

Family of Jennings Spinks (family member of Emily Mead) passed into eternity.

Others with health related issues or recovering from surgery, etc:

Andrea Akers, Liz Albitz, Ed & Kim Booten, Pastor Joel and Amanda Brandt, BiAndrea Akers, Liz Albitz, Ed & Kim Booten, Pastor Joel and Amanda Brandt, Billie Brisendine, Devona, Cosette Dickenson, Becca Dolph, Ethan, Jim Farley, Gus Evans, Doris Gerke, Selena Heise, Roy "Hutch" Hutchison, Susan Hutchison, Ike Ingraham, Sue Kautz, Sherman Lineberg, Roy and Betty Lindmark, Marie Marcum, Marian and Deby, Jeanneane Maxon, Jada McCallister, Bob Mitchell, John and Lisa Nazzaro, Lori Nettles, Herb Pauley, Marian Pauley, Terry, Thresa Robinson, Stu and Marcia Schwalm, Richard Selmon, Carmella Shaver, Karl Shaver, Todd Turpin, Taegan Witcher

All diagnosed with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia, and their caregivers; All diagnosed with any form of Cancer; All diagnosed with any incurable (even if treatable) disease.

For our congregation - that we would pursue God's will for us as His people gathered here to bring Him glory as we make disciples being help, hope, home in the body of Christ.

Email Prayer Chain Ministry

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. -Galatians 6:2

Currently 85 people are on the list. Many will pray for those in need.

If you wish to participate in this ministry, please send an email or text to Nila Johnson, nila.johnson@gmail.com, or 304-553-6414

Readings for Next Sunday, December 8, 2019

Psalm 40:6-8

Zechariah 9:14-17

Philippians 2:14-16

Matthew 5:13-16



Seven Questions with a Servant

1. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

Jennifer
Mcintosh

2. WILL YOU PLEASE SHARE A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF (WHERE YOU'RE FROM, WHERE YOU WORK, ABOUT YOUR SPOUSE, CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, PETS, ETC)?

I'm from Charleston, I'm married to Jim and have three sons, Phillip, Thomas and Anthony. I worked as a rehab counselor for years until Thomas was born in 1998 and have been a stay at home mom ever since. I love being home and taking care of my family.

3. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ATTENDING/SERVING AT REDEEMER?

We have been members of the church for about three years.

4. IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU OR HAVE YOU SERVE(D) AT REDEEMER AND WHICH IS/WAS YOUR FAVORITE WAY?

I help with mercy meals and community care. My favorite is taking the backpacks to Alum Creek Elementary School.

5. HOW HAS SERVING AT REDEEMER IMPACTED YOU?

I've learned a lot about the needs at Alum Creek Elementary School and it has been a blessing to know how much they appreciate our service.

6. WHAT'S SOMETHING ABOUT YOU NOT MANY FOLKS KNOW?

When my dad was in the service for two years I went to five different schools before I graduated second grade. Also, I have two younger sisters.

7. WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT REDEEMER?

It's small but mighty. I was just bragging to a girlfriend about how much Redeemer does for her size. But, the most important thing I like is having God's word as our foundation.





ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers this week are given by John & Barb Eckerd in memory of Bernice Eckerd



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS | DEADLINE: DECEMBER 18

Order your poinsettias to decorate the altar for the Christmas Eve Service!

Order your poinsettias (\$10 per plant - 6" pot) to decorate the altar for the Christmas Eve Service!

Plants may be taken home following the Christmas Eve Service.

HOW TO RESERVE YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS:

- 1. Complete the sign up form in the narthex indicating quantity.**
- 2. Make checks to Redeemer Lutheran Church with "poinsettias" in the memo.**
- 3. Drop your check in the offering plate.**

See Jackie Dolph if you have questions.



DEADLINE: Sunday, December 15

We are collecting donations of food to provide 10 area families with food baskets this Christmas.

Suggested items are listed below but any non-perishable items can be used.

Please have all donations to the church by **Sunday, December 15**. This gives us time to purchase items still needed to fill out the baskets.

Baskets/Angel Tree gifts/Towels will be handed out Sunday, December 22. If you would like to volunteer to help hand out the baskets or to deliver baskets to families who cannot come to Redeemer for pickup contact Barb Eckerd.

Thank you.

FOOD LIST

Christmas Candy
or Cookies

Canned Yams

Green Beans

Corn

Instant Mashed
Potatoes

Gravy

Corn Muffin Mix

Hot Chocolate Mix

Canned Pineapple

Macaroni and Cheese

Marshmallows



Redeemer provides Christmas gifts for the children of the families receiving food baskets. The child's name, clothing sizes and toy requests are listed on an angel hanging on the small Christmas tree located on a table in the Narthex. Please select an angel(s) from the tree and sign your name next to name of the child on the sign-up sheet. **Gifts should be wrapped and brought to the church by Sunday, December 15th.**

Questions: See Barb Eckerd.



Offering Envelopes

2020 offering envelopes will be issued soon.

If you are currently assigned envelopes you will automatically receive envelopes for 2020. Please see or email Teresa Siebel if you would like to be added to or taken off the list.

Her email is teresasieb@gmail.com.

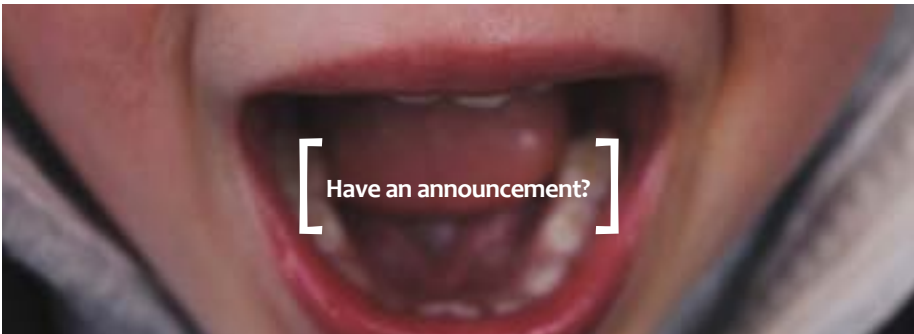
DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15

TOWEL

COLLECTION

We are collecting new towels and wash cloths to give to the families receiving Christmas food baskets from Redeemer. Our goal is to be able to give at least one towel and wash cloth per family.

Questions: See Barb Toler.



commdirector@redeemerwv.org
by Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. each week

This Week at Redeemer

SUNDAY, 12/8

9:30 a.m.	Sunday Study		Various classrooms
10 a.m.	Redeemer's Refuge		WCHS 580
10:45 a.m.	Divine Worship		Sanctuary

MONDAY, 12/9

6:30	Revelation Bible Study	JK Lilly & Dan Mead	Large Classroom A
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TUESDAY, 12/10

6:30	Siebel Share Group	Jim or Teresa Siebel	Church
6:30	Lilly Bible Study	Patricia Lilly	Lilly Home

WEDNESDAY, 12/11

8 a.m.	Men's Share Group	Dan Mead	304.541.3221
3:30 p.m.	Announcement Deadline	commdirector@redeemerwv.org	
7 p.m.	Dolph Share Group	Kurt or Jackie Dolph	Dolph Home

THURSDAY, 12/12

11 a.m.	2nd & 4th Thursday Share Group		Hackmans' Home
6 p.m.	Cub Scout Meeting		
7 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting		
7:17 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal		

FRIDAY, 12/13

5 p.m.	Troop 152 Lock-in begins		
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SATURDAY, 12/14

10 a.m.	Troop 152 Lock-in ends		
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SUNDAY, 12/15

9:30 a.m.	Sunday Study		Various classrooms
10 a.m.	Redeemer's Refuge		WCHS 580
10:45 a.m.	Divine Worship		Sanctuary

**To have your announcement or church-associated event added to the calendar or revised, please email the church office by Wednesday at 3:30
commdirector@redeemerwv.org**

On-going Reminders

DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

12/2 Rod Hackman
12/2 Marilyn Henstock
12/8 Liz Giertz
12/10 Michael Loos
12/14 Kris Kampsnyder
12/16 Sarah Shaver

12/19 Judy Knox
12/21 Melody Trierwiler
12/22 Teresa Robinson
12/23 Tina Clark
12/27 Jim Smallridge

Anniversaries

12/2 J.K. & Patricia Lilly
12/3 Steve & Janet Winans

DID WE MISS SOMEONE?

Please contact the church office with any changes or omissions

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Flower Chart is in the office for those who would like to sign up to fund the flowers for Sunday morning. The cost is \$25 per vase and we encourage you to note any special celebration or 'in memory of' designation.

LOVE FUND & PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Please consider in your giving, these two funds. Redeemer's Love Fund helps those within our congregation, as Scripture says: "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:10) The Pastor's Discretionary Fund supports ad hoc ministry needs and the needs of the greater community. You can find envelopes for your contributions in the Connection Center.

DECEMBER BER MARTHA MINISTRY TEAM

Leaders: Emily and Dan Mead – 304.951.8047

Jane Charnock – 304.342.3711 Sarah Shaver – 304.419.3808

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES

Assistive listening devices for use during the service are available at the media booth at the back of the church.

GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS & GRAPE JUICE

Both are available for communion. Check with an elder or the pastor.

NOTE: A portion of today's service may be broadcast or streamed live or shown via recording. By entering the area, your consent is given to be photographed, filmed or otherwise recorded. The cameras are expected to capture most activities within the sanctuary space.

IN AN EMERGENCY:

Pastor Frank Ruffatto	c: 704-608-4200	Jim Siebel, Elder	c: 304-541-3441
Don King, Elder	c: 304-421-2064	Mike Sisson, Elder	c: 304-550-3578
J.K. Lilly, Elder	c: 304-545-7668	Steve Winans, Elder	p: 304-757-3008

Concerning the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper was commanded by Jesus Himself. (**1 Corinthians 11:23-25**) It is celebrated at this altar in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. We are also called upon to examine ourselves before participating in this holy meal. (**Cf. 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:23-29; Mathew 26:28; John 6:53-58**)

Q. Do you acknowledge your sins and are you willing to turn from them with the aid and assistance of the Holy Spirit?

A. Yes, I acknowledge my sin and seek the Lord's mercy. (1 John 1:8-9)

Q. Do you believe that God, for Jesus' sake, has forgiven you all your sins?

A. Yes, Christ died for me and suffered the punishment that I deserved. (Isaiah 53:4-6; Romans 6:21-23)

Q. Do you believe that the Lord offers Christians His body and blood, in, with, and under the bread and the wine for the strengthening of faith and the forgiveness of sins?

A. Yes, I believe the Scripture which teaches, "Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?" (2 Corinthians 10:16)

Q. Why did Jesus willingly sacrifice Himself on behalf of lost and condemned sinners like us?

A. For His great love for the Father and for me and other sinners as it is revealed in John 3, John 11, Romans 5, and 1 John 3.

Q. Should Christians with weak faith receive the sacrament?

A. The Sacrament is especially offered for those of weak faith. (Isaiah 42:3; John 6:37)

Q. What conditions should cause a Christian to refrain from receiving the Sacrament?

A. Disbelief (Hebrews 11:6), unwillingness to forgive another (Matthew 6:14-15), hatred (John 4:19-21), a refusal to repent (Acts 17:30), and refusal to recognize the body and blood of the Lord in the Sacrament. (1 Corinthians 11:28-29)

Q. How then, does the Christian live?

A. The entirety of the Christian's life is offered to the Lord as a "living sacrifice." (Romans 12:1-2)

Members of the LCMS and Redeemer Lutheran Church believe that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior and affirm the statements above. If you agree, without reservation, to these statements above, you are invited to come to His Table. If you do not agree with one or more of these statements, please refrain from participating in Holy Communion. Our communion practice is not intended to offend or exclude, but is an expression of our concern for people and our high regard for the Sacrament as Christ instituted it. We encourage you to speak with our Pastor or Elders about any statement(s) of disagreement and/or regarding the Holy Supper and the process of joining our congregation.

Gluten-free communion wafers and grape juice are available. Speak with the pastor.