



REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

JANUARY 5, 2020



REDEEMER

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

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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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 - January 5, 2020

Altar Prep:	Jane Charnock
Communion:	JK Lilly & John Eckerd
Usher Team:	Phil Brooks & Alex McLaughlin
Guest Connection:	Teresa & Jim Siebel
Hospitality:	TEAM 7 (JK's Pancake Guys and Gals)
Readers:	Ted Toler & Sheri Moore
Nursery:	Claire Walker
Clean Up:	Dawn Chandler, Dan Mead & Jane Charnock
A/V:	Mindy Simmons & Ted Toler
Prayer:	JK Lilly

THIS WEEK - January 12, 2020

Altar Prep:	Sarah Shaver
Communion:	Jim Siebel & Scott Evans
Usher Team:	Judy Knox & Dan Mead
Guest Connection:	Elaine Hackman & Bill Henstock
Hospitality:	TEAM 8(Corey, Hackman, Johnson, Knox, Moore)
Readers:	Alex McLaughlin & Dan Mead
Nursery:	Leslie Koepsel
Clean Up:	Alex McLaughlin & Mary Jo Hansen
A/V:	Phil Gaarenstroom & Dan Mead
Prayer:	Diana St. Charles

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

	12/24/19	12/29/19	YTD
General Fund Revenue	3,446.46	9,578.55	270,842.87
Budget		5,287.40	274,944.80
Difference (\$ / %)		4,291.15 / 81.2%	(4,101.93) / (1.5%)
General Fund Expenses			251,730.32*
Revenues less Expenses			516.90*
Worship Attendance	130	73	83

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

Prayer List | January 5, 2020

Chris Akers (friend of Pastor Frank and Kelli) diagnosed with pneumonia.

Caroline White. She has some health issues she is working on with her doctor.

Ron Sheets recovering at CAMC Memorial following foot surgery.

Jo Hartley underwent surgery for a kidney stone

Linda (acquaintance of Kelly Reimert) several prayer requests for family experiencing health challenges.

Marian (step-mother of Tina Clark) has been discharged from the hospital and is now in rehab at a skilled nursing facility.

Nila traveling to spend holidays with family. Nila has requested prayers for safe travels

Tom Janicki (father of Jennifer McIntosh) suffered a fall and a hematoma on his head

Betty (friend of Marcia Schwalm) has a heart problem and is experiencing rather serious depression.

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

Cosette Dickenson is recovering at home. Awaiting treatment plan. Requesting privacy from social media posts.

Meagan (daughter of Hutch Hutchison) is in an undisclosed crisis, but in desperate need of our prayers for her salvation.

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.

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

Andrea Akers, Liz Albitz, Ed & Kim Booten, Pastor Joel and Amanda Brandt, Billie Brisendine, Catherine, 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, Sandy McKinney, Bob Mitchell, John and Lisa Nazzaro, Lori Nettles, Herb Pauley, Marian Pauley, Terry, Thresa Robinson, Donna Ruffatto, Stu and Marcia Schwalm, Richard Selmon, Carmella Shaver, Karl Shaver, Reid Strader, Terry, Todd Turpin

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

ABOUT THE KEYBOARD

From Phil Gaarenstroom:

Parishioners attending the Sunday, December 29 worship service noticed that all the worship music was played on the piano. This is because the Kurzweil keyboard instrument is “kaput”. The music played at the Christmas Eve service was its finale. In fact, both the church’s 1997 and 2007 Kurzweil keyboard instruments are non-functional and not repairable.

A search for a replacement instrument has been underway for several months and in October the church council designated money in a special fund be used to purchase a replacement instrument.

A Yamaha keyboard instrument is being brought into the church for a 30-day trial. If we like it, we will complete the purchase of it. If it is not a good fit, other instruments will be evaluated



CUB SCOUT PACK FOOD COLLECTION

The Cub Scout Pack at Redeemer collected 1335 items of food and donated them to a local food pantry. The food collection is an annual event for the Pack and is part of the national event called “Scouting for Food”

SAVE THE DATE CONGREGATIONAL SUMMIT

Saturday, February 1

beginning at 9 a.m. | Lunch provided.

Stay tuned for more details.

This Week at Redeemer

SUNDAY, 1/5

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

MONDAY, 1/6

Epiphany

6:30 p.m.	Revelation Bible Study	Large Classroom
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TUESDAY, 1/7

6:30 p.m.	Lilly Bible Study	Lilly Home
6:30 p.m.	Siebel Share Group	Large Classroom

WEDNESDAY, 1/8

8 a.m.	Men's Share Group	Redeemer
3:30 p.m.	Announcement Deadline	commdirector@redeemerwv.org
7 p.m.	Dolph Share Group	Dolph Home

THURSDAY, 1/9

11 a.m.	2nd & 4th Thursday Share Group	Hackman Home
6 p.m.	Cub Scout Meeting	Redeemer
7 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting	Redeemer
Hiatus	Choir on hiatus until 1/16	

SATURDAY 1/11

11 a.m.	Tentative DAR Meeting	Cafe, Kitchen, Large Classroom
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SUNDAY, 1/12

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

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

1/4 Sue Reed	1/18 Frank Ruffatto
1/8 Stephanie Daly	1/19 George Mitchell
1/9 Claudia Simmons	1/22 Ike Ingraham
1/13 Stu Schwalm	1/22 Angie King
1/15 David Simmons	1/22 Klaus Mangold
1/17 Michael Henderson	1/26 Roman Fredeking

Anniversaries

1/4 Frank & Kelli Ruffatto
1/20 Steve & Leslie Koepsel
1/23 David & Mindy Simmons
1/23 Jim & Angie Henderson

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.

MARTHA MINISTRY TEAM

January Leader: Elaine Hackman – 304.543.3279

Holly Evans – 248.765.3563, Judy Knox – 304.546.6741, Barb Toler – 304.550.8265,

Cosette Dickenson – 304.541.8683, Theresa Robinson – 304.531.6363

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.