



REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

JANUARY 19, 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.

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 19, 2020



INTROIT *Ps. 19:1–4a, b; antiphon: Ps. 19:14*

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable | in your sight,*

O LORD, my rock and my re- | deemer.

The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,*

and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.

Day to day | pours out speech,*

and night to night reveals | knowledge.

There is no speech, nor | are there words,*

whose voice | is not heard.

Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words
to the end | of the world.*

In them he has set a tent | for the sun.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable | in your sight,*

O LORD, my rock and my re- | deemer.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL *Ps. 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all | nations!*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*

bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

DAILY READINGS

January 19: Ezek. 44:1–16, 23–29; Rom. 9:1–18; **20:** Ezek. 47:1–14, 21–23; Rom. 9:19–33; **21:** Joel 1:1–20; Rom. 10:1–21; **22:** Joel 2:1–17; Rom. 11:1–24; **23:** Joel 2:18–32; Rom. 11:25–12:13; **24:** Joel 3:1–21; Rom. 12:14–13:14; **25:** Zech. 1:1–21; Rom. 14:1–23.

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First Reading: Numbers 11:24-30

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

Holy Gospel: John 1:29-42a

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

Sunday Servant Team

THIS WEEK - January 19, 2020

Altar Prep: Diana St. Charles
Communion: Mike Sisson & Kurt Dolph
Usher Team: Steve Koepsel & Ron Reimert
Guest Connection: Fred & Candy Joseph
Hospitality: TEAM 1 (Joseph, Ruffatto, Wojcieszak)
Readers: Matt & Zachary Giertz
Nursery: Claire Walker
Clean Up: J.K. Lilly & Phil Brooks
A/V: Mindy Simmons & Ted Toler
Prayer: John Eckerd

NEXT WEEK - January 26 2020

Altar Prep: Barb Eckerd
Communion: Steve Winans & Alex McLaughlin
Usher Team: Phil Brooks & Alex McLaughlin
Guest Connection: Jim & Teresa Siebel
Hospitality: TEAM 2 (Clark, Mead, Reimert)
Readers: Jim Siebel & Sarah Shaver
Nursery: Leslie Koepsel
Clean Up: Dan Mead & Jane Charnock
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

	1/12/2020	YTD
General Fund Revenue	\$7,751.50	\$12,021.50
Budget	\$5,369.46	\$10,738.92
Difference (\$ / %)	2,382.04 / 44.4%	1,282.58 / 11.9%
General Fund Expenses		\$8,633.30
Revenues less Expenses		\$3,388.20
Worship Attendance	84	90.5

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

Prayer List | January 19, 2020

Selena (daughter of Annette Sherman) recovering from cancer surgery. Markers and lymph nodes tested clear. Radiation began Wednesday.

Steve (relative of Ron Reimert) passed into eternity.

Hadlee (great-granddaughter of Candy and Fred Joseph) hospitalized at CAMC Women & Children with a respiratory infection.

J.K. Lilly attending training in Orlando to become a Stephen Ministry Leader for our congregation. He has requested prayers for endurance and an open heart and mind to absorb the information.

Mary Jo Hansen recovering at home from hospitalization.

Jim and Marlene Hanson recovering at home with the help of home health and personal care services. Prayers and well wishes are appreciated. Their updated address is 105 Weatherholt Drive, Ona, WV 25545.

Cosette Dickenson began treatment last week.

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

Tina (daughter-in-law of Sue Reed) was to undergo a GI scope on Monday.

Elloise Tallman (sister of Janet Winans) bitten by a dog and concerned for infection.

Peggy Corea (friend of Patricia Lilly) undergoing cancer treatment.

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

Andrea Akers, Liz Albitz, Betty, Ed & Kim Booten, Pastor Joel and Amanda Brandt, Billie Brisendine, Catherine, Cosette Dickenson, Becca Dolph, Donnie, Ethan, Jim Farley, Gus Evans, Doris Gerke, Jo Hartley, Selena Heise, Roy "Hutch" Hutchison, Susan Hutchison, Ike Ingraham, Tom Janicki, Sue Kautz, Sherman Lineberg, Linda, Roy and Betty Lindmark, Makayla and Brook, Marie Marcum, Marian and Deby, Jeanneane Maxon, Jada McCallister, Sandy McKinney, Meagan, 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, Ron Sheets, 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



Seven Questions with a Servant

1. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

Patricia Sherman-Lilly

host a Tuesday luncheon and Bible study for a group of Redeemer ladies at The Lilly Pad (as J.K. and I fondly call our home).

2. WILL YOU PLEASE SHARE A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF?

I have lived in West Virginia my entire life, specifically Williamson, Morgantown, and Charleston. I love learning and sharing knowledge; thus, I was in school for a long time. I have undergraduate degrees in English and Psychology, master's degrees in Counseling and Education Administration, and a doctorate degree in Reading and Education Administration. For seven years, I was a professor at West Virginia University. Then, I moved to Charleston where I met the love of my life, J.K. I come from a large Italian/Hungarian family. I have four sisters, and my mother had 12 siblings. As a result of this, I grew up with a profusion of cousins and doting aunts and uncles.

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

J.K. and I have attended Redeemer since July 2015.

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

God has blessed me with the spiritual gifts of exhortation and administration. I am happy to serve on and coordinate the Hospitality Team and Martha Ministry. Also, I

5. HOW HAS SERVING AT REDEEMER IMPACTED YOU?

Serving with others on Hospitality, Martha Ministry, and congregational dinners has helped me form a closer bond with my Redeemer family. What a blessing for me to serve Jesus with my brothers and sisters in Christ as we have fun and encourage one another in our faith walks!

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

Several things! First, I am a certified etiquette consultant trained by The Etiquette Institute in St. Louis, Missouri. Years ago, as an etiquette consultant, I held week-long summer etiquette camps in Charleston called "The Art of Etiquette" for children ages 6 through 18. Second, I am writing a 365-day daily devotional book with Bible art graphics, commentary, and prayers. It's a long process. If God wants me to publish, it will happen. In the meantime, God has me where He wants me - studying His Word every day for hours.

7. WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT REDEEMER?

I love that the church is all about Jesus and that it is scripturally sound. Also, I appreciate the close fellowship of the faithful. It is always a loving, engaging, homey feeling when I enter the doors of Redeemer.

TODAY

LEADERSHIP

INSTALLATION

JANUARY 19



NEW SUNDAY MORNING BOOK STUDY BEGINS NEXT WEEK

The adults Sunday study class will begin a study of “Being Lutheran” on January 26. The class begins at 9:30 a.m., and we will be working through the book one chapter per week.



BAKERS NEEDED!

Cookies are needed to add a sweet treat to disc golfers’ lunches following the annual Freeze Out Hunger Disc Golf Tournament. The event is February 1 and benefits our Feed My Sheep Supplemental Feeding Program.

Please reach out to Steve Koepsel at 304-546-8398 for details of where and when to leave cookies.



[Have an announcement?]



commdirector@redeemerwv.org or 304.345.6251

FIRST FRIDAY REVAMP HUDDLE - TODAY!

If you are one (or more) of these:

- a member (incoming or sitting) of the Christian Education or Evangelism Board
- a passionate person who will share that passion with folks in our community. Incidentally, we’ve had geologists, bee keepers, chess whizzes (we’re especially looking for Cheez Whizzes™), pizza dough mavens, Twister champions, craft paper addicts, etc).
- or, simply, a disciple of Jesus who wants to pass on hope and the love of Jesus,

you will want to join this meeting on Sunday, right after church (likely in the large classroom).

This Week at Redeemer

SUNDAY, 1/19

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

MONDAY, 1/20

6:30 p.m.	Revelation Bible Study	Large Classroom
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TUESDAY, 1/21

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

WEDNESDAY, 1/22

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, 1/23

11 a.m.	2nd & 4th Thursday Share Group	The Hackmans
6 p.m.	Cub Scout Meeting	Redeemer
7 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting	Redeemer
7:17 p.m.	Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary

SATURDAY 1/25

10 a.m.	Community Care meeting	Redeemer
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SUNDAY, 1/26

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.