



REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY 2, 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

Reverend Frank C. Ruffatto, Pastor

Mr. Ed Booten, Music Director

Mrs. Kelli Ruffatto, Communications Director

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.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:21–28

The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, “As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the LORD and dwell there forever.” Elkanah her husband said to her, “Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the LORD establish his word.” So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. And the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, “Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD.”

And he worshiped the LORD there.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14–18

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22–40

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to

present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation
that you have prepared in the presence of
all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.”

And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

Sunday Servant Team

THIS WEEK - February 2, 2020

Altar Prep: Jackie Dolph
Communion: Don King & John Eckerd
Usher Team: Judy Knox & Dan Mead
Guest Connection: Elaine Hackman & Bill Henstock
Hospitality: TEAM 3 (Beckman, Dolph, Henstock, McIntosh)
Readers: Barb Toler & Dave Simmons
Nursery: Claire Walker
Clean Up: Alex McLaughlin & Mary Jo Hansen
A/V: Mindy Simmons & Ted Toler
Prayer: J.K. Lilly

NEXT WEEK - February 9, 2020

Altar Prep: Jane Charnock
Communion: J.K. Lilly and Scott Evans
Usher Team: Steve Koepsel & Ron Reimert
Guest Connection: Fred & Candy Joseph
Hospitality: TEAM 4 (Blessing, Charnock, Giertz, Siebel)
Readers: Jim Siebel & Phil Gaarenstroom
Nursery: VACANT
Clean Up: J.K. Lilly & Phil Brooks
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

	1/26/2020	YTD
General Fund Revenue	4,858.00	20,306.50
Budget	5,369.46	21,477.84
Difference (\$ / %)	(511.46) / (9.5%)	(1,171.34) / (5.5%)
General Fund Expenses		17,972.71*
Revenues less Expenses		2,333.79*
Worship Attendance	80	85

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

Prayer List | February 2, 2020

Cosette Dickenson hospitalized due to an injury suffered in a fall at home.
McNabb Family (family friends of Melody Trierwiler), specifically Melody's friend Jay, whose military son, Mark, died from suicide Sunday.
Aunt Jo (elderly aunt of Susan Hutchison) recovering at a rehab facility following a fall.
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.

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, Peggy Corea, Donnie, Ethan, Jim Farley, Gus Evans, Doris Gerke, Hadlee, Mary Jo Hansen, Jim and Marlene Hanson, 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, Elloise Tallman, Terry, Tina, Todd Turpin, Caroline White

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

**MEET & EAT
 Wednesday, February 5 • 11 a.m.**

**Olive Tree Cafe
 333 2nd Ave SW, South Charleston**

**Please RSVP to Jackie or sign up
 in the connection center to make sure
 we have a good headcount.**



A NOTE FROM THE HANSONS

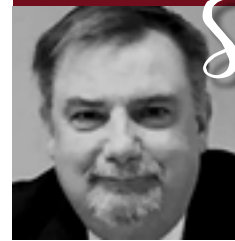
WE WANT TO THANK OUR FRIENDS AT REDEEMER FOR THE BEAUTIFUL CARDS AND THE PRAYERS GIVEN FOR HEALING.

WE MISS WORSHIPPING WITH ALL OF YOU AND HOPE TO BE BACK EVENTUALLY. WE ARE MAKING SLOW PROGRESS.

-Pastor Jim and Marlene



Welcome New Members David Rossman and Ron & Sheila Sheets



Seven Questions with a Servant

1. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
Mike Sisson

2. WILL YOU PLEASE SHARE A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF?

I grew up in St. Albans and will always consider it home, regardless of where I reside. I am married to Amy and we have 3 grown boys, all with two children each. We have a sweet but yappy little dog name Shadow, because wherever you are, she is right behind you.

I am a former police officer in St. Albans, former Union Carbide (Dow) employee and former Process Deputy for the Kanawha County Sheriffs Dept. I am currently an elected Magistrate in Kanawha County nearing the end of my second 4yr term.

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

A little over 20 years. My brother in law became the Director of Music in 1997 and recruited Amy for the choir. Our life as we knew it was over.

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

Currently serving as Elder, Leader of the Drama Ministry and the Safety Team.

5. HOW HAS SERVING AT REDEEMER IMPACTED YOU?

I feel like I am a more caring and compassionate person about how I treat others. Not nearly as cynical as I once was.

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

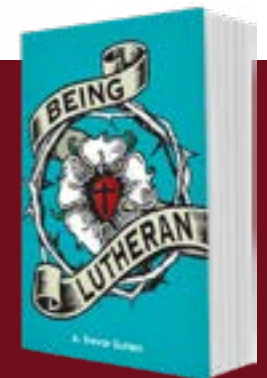
In my day, I was very good at basketball. Can still hit 8 out of 10 foul shots on most days. Oh, and... I was in a movie.

7. WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT REDEEMER?

The camaraderie. People can be themselves without worry of being judged or ostracized.

It's NOT too Late! SUNDAY MORNING BOOK STUDY CONTINUES 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. Books available in the Reading Room





COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES
Deadline: February 9

February may have fewer days than other months but cold, dreary weather and no holidays off can make it seem longer to college students away from home. You can help us let them know their Redeemer “family” is thinking of them by donating items to sent in care packages.

We currently have 7 students. Donations can be placed in the grocery cart in the narthex. Monetary donations to help pay for postage can be put in the offering plate (marked “College Care Packages”).

We will continue to collect items through Sunday, February 9th. See Jackie Dolph if you have questions. Suggestions include:

- Cereal bars and other grab and go breakfast items
- Sweet or salty snacks
- Single serve microwave soups/pastas, etc
- Single serve drinks packets (Hot chocolate, etc)
- Toiletries (tissue packs/cough drops/chapstick, etc)
- Cards/Notes of encouragement

BE CREATIVE!

QUESTIONS? See or contact Jackie Dolph (kadjmnd1@aol.com)



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This Week at Redeemer

SUNDAY, 2/2

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

MONDAY, 2/3

6:30 p.m.	Revelation Bible Study	Large Classroom
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TUESDAY, 2/4

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

WEDNESDAY, 2/5

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

THURSDAY, 2/6

6 p.m.	Cub Scout Meeting	Redeemer
7 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting	Redeemer
7:17 p.m.	Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary

FRIDAY, 2/7

6:30 p.m.	F3 - Carnival- Mardi Gras Theme	Redeemer
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SATURDAY 2/8

10 a.m.	Freeze Out Disc Golf Tournament	Coonskin Park
1 p.m.	Congregational Summit	Sanctuary

SUNDAY, 2/9

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

Tee Boyd 2/2	Mary Jo Hansen 2/13	Cheryl Ingraham 2/20
Alex McLaughlin 2/8	Kaitlin Pickens 2/14	Cameron Smith 2/22
Susan Hutchison 2/9	Zach Giertz 1/18	Fred Joseph 2/26
Nancy Shelor 2/11	Ron Reimert 2/18	Elaine Hackman 2/28

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

February Leader: Jackie Dolph – 304.345.4313

Lindsey Beckman – 304.549.0082, Marilyn Henstock – 304.343.0907,
Jennifer McIntosh – 304.541.7588, Barb Eckerd – 304.344.9309

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.