



REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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REDEEMER

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

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

First Reading: Isaiah 63:7–14

I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord·
the praises of the Lord·
according to all that the Lord has granted us·
and the great goodness to the house of
Israel
that he has granted them according to his
compassion·
according to the abundance of his
steadfast love·
For he said: “Surely they are my people·
children who will not deal falsely.”
And he became their Savior·
In all their affliction he was afflicted·
and the angel of his presence saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all
the days of old·
But they rebelled
and grieved his Holy Spirit;
therefore he turned to be their enemy·
and himself fought against them·
Then he remembered the days of old·
of Moses and his people·
Where is he who brought them up out of
the sea
with the shepherds of his flock?
Where is he who put in the midst of them
his Holy Spirit·
who caused his glorious arm
to go at the right hand of Moses·
who divided the waters before them
to make for himself an everlasting name·
who led them through the depths?
Like a horse in the desert·
they did not stumble·
Like livestock that go down into the valley·
the Spirit of the Lord gave them rest·
So you led your people·
to make for yourself a glorious name·

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4–7

When the fullness of time had come,
God sent forth his Son, born of woman,
born under the law, to redeem those who
were under the law, so that we might receive
adoption as sons. And because you are sons,

God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our
hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no
longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an
heir through God..

Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:13–23

When [the wise men] had departed,
behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to
Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the
child and his mother, and flee to Egypt,
and remain there until I tell you, for Herod
is about to search for the child, to destroy
him.” And he rose and took the child and
his mother by night and departed to Egypt
and remained there until the death of Herod.
This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken
by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my
son.”

Then Herod, when he saw that he had
been tricked by the wise men, became
furious, and he sent and killed all the male
children in Bethlehem and in all that region
who were two years old or under, according
to the time that he had ascertained from
the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was
spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

“A voice was heard in Ramah·
weeping and loud lamentation·
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted· because
they are no more.”

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of
the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in
Egypt, saying, “Rise, take the child and his
mother and go to the land of Israel, for those
who sought the child’s life are dead.” And he
rose and took the child and his mother and
went to the land of Israel. But when he heard
that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in
place of his father Herod, he was afraid to
go there, and being warned in a dream he
withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he
went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that
what was spoken by the prophets might be
fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

Sunday Servant Team

THIS WEEK - December 29, 2019

Altar Prep: Jackie Dolph
Communion: Steve Winans & Don King
Usher Team: Steve Koepsel & Ron Reimert
Guest Connection: TBA
Hospitality: TEAM 6 (Chandler, Gaarenstroom, Toler)
Readers: Matt & Zachary Giertz
Nursery: Claire Walker
Clean Up: Dawn Chandler
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

	12/22/19	YTD
General Fund Revenue	3,952.19	261,264.32
Budget	5,287.40	269,657.40
Difference (\$ / %)	(1,335.21) / (25.3%)	(8,393.08) / (3.1%)
General Fund Expenses		251,730.32*
Revenues less Expenses		516.90*
Worship Attendance	90	83

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

Meet & Eat resumes in February.

Since the first Wednesday of the month falls on New Years Day, we will not have our regularly scheduled Meet and Eat in January. Watch the bulletin for our February Meet and Eat time and place!



Prayer List | December 29, 2019

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

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.

Marian (step mother of Tina Clark) injured her wrist and hit her head in a fall.

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

Selena (daughter of Annette Sherman) underwent a lumpectomy that went well. The pathology markers were clear and no cancer cells were revealed in tested lymph nodes. Will be treated with a few weeks of radiation.

Sandy McKinney (mother of Kelly Gray) underwent a successful heart catheterization.

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, 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, 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, January 5, 2020

Psalms 119:97-104; 1 Kings 3:4-15; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

This Week at Redeemer

SUNDAY, 12/29

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

WEDNESDAY, 1/1

Happy New Year - No Meet & Eat

THURSDAY, 1/2

6 p.m.	Cub Scout Meeting
7 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting
Hiatus	Choir on hiatus until 1/16

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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

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET COLLECTION UPDATE



The Community Care Team thanks all who participated in the Christmas food and gift distribution this year.

The families were very grateful for the food, and many expressed the sentiment that their children will have a better Christmas.

Thanks to all who donated, bought, and organized the food baskets. A special thanks to those who gave their personal time and resources to buy gifts for the children. It was readily seen both from deliveries, and pickups, that the parents were most grateful for the effort of those providing the gifts.

On-going Reminders

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

12/27 Jim Smallridge
1/4 Sue Reed
1/8 Stephanie Daly
1/9 Claudia Simmons
1/13 Stu Schwalm
1/15 David Simmons
1/17 Michael Henderson
1/18 Frank Ruffatto
1/20 George Mitchell
1/22 Ike Ingraham
1/22 Angie King
1/22 Klaus Mangold
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

December Leaders: Emily and Dan Mead – 304.951.8047

Jane Charnock – 304.342.3711 Sarah Shaver – 304.419.3808

January Leader: Elaine Hackman – 304.543.3279

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

Don King, Elder c: 304-421-2064

J.K. Lilly, Elder c: 304-545-7668

Jim Siebel, Elder c: 304-541-3441

Mike Sisson, Elder c: 304-550-3578

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.