

# Redeemer Lutheran Church and School



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**Welcome to worship with the Redeemer family on the third Sunday in Advent, December 12!** In ministry since 1955, Redeemer is a Christ-centered church “reaching out into our community to do what’s best for our community” by sharing God’s love. If you would like to know more about our church and school, we would like to meet you. If children become restless during worship, you are welcome to use the parent’s room, located in the narthex. Children’s quiet bags for use during church services are available by the rear sanctuary door. A family restroom is located in the parent’s room in the narthex. Gluten-free communion wafers are available; please tell a pastor if you require one. We pray you are blessed by today’s worship.

**Don’t miss the next Congregational Meeting today at 12:30 p.m.!**

**Contact the church office (286-0911 or [church@redeemerstuart.com](mailto:church@redeemerstuart.com)) or Pastor Dave to participate in any of these Zoom Bible Studies:**

Sundays @ 10:00 a.m. also in Albracht Hall – *The Chosen*

Tuesdays @ 7:00 a.m. – Men’s Study

Wednesdays @ 2:00 p.m. – *Genesis*

**Children’s Sunday school** meets in the Conference Room after the early service each Sunday.



**Advent Food Drive:** Once again, let’s be a blessing to others! Take a bag located at the sanctuary exits and add one item to the bag each day throughout Advent. Return your full bags on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to be given to the House of Hope. Questions? Call the **church office (286-0911)**.

**Redeemer’s Nativity at the Carnival of Lights:** This year we will literally “reach out into our community” to share the love of Jesus! Please sign up to volunteer at the Martin County Fairgrounds to greet guests and hand out material from Redeemer this weekend. Shifts are 2-3 ½ hour blocks **Thursday – Sunday, 5:30 – 9:00 p.m.** Call the church office or visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aca72ba2f85-redeemer>.



**School Advent Services:** Redeemer’s Kindergarten – 4th grade will present *The Names of Jesus* **Wednesday, December 15 at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**, and the preschool department will present their Christmas program **Friday, December 17 at 9:00 a.m.** Don’t miss these fun, heartwarming services.



**Giving Tree:** This year we will bless three local charities (CareNet, Guardian ad Litem, and Safe Space) with gift cards that they can use to bless those they serve or use them to purchase much-needed items. Please take an envelope from the tree located in the rear of the sanctuary (next week ☺) and return your gift card by **December 19**. Suggestions for cards (\$10 or \$25) include Publix, Walmart, Target, Amazon, etc. Be creative and bless your neighbor! Don’t forget to purchase your cards from the scrip program!



**Our Christmas Parade float** was a big hit with the parade goers! We heard so many comments on how they loved our float! A big thank you goes out to Jennifer and Josh Evans and their patient and tolerant children who spent many days (and nights) working on the float. Chrissy Gold and her children Aden and Garrett were a big help with painting. We want to thank Jason Tyrrell and Jeff Fereshetian and Paul Hendricks of Stormtroopers Home Improvement for their help with rebuilding the trailer and Eric Cruz and Onshore Roofing for donating the plywood for the deck. Our thanks also to Johnny Ford for his tireless painting, Joy Beach, Bill Erdman and Scott Niebling for our great sound and Anthony Hanvey for all his help! We couldn't have done it without you!

**Redeemer's Quilters** have a beautiful 69" x 78" quilt available for silent auction. The quilt will be shown in the courtyard between services and will be on display in Albracht Hall during the week. This quilt will make a lovely Christmas gift. Deadline to bid is **December 15**.

**Café Conversations** meet at Bagel Break across from Redeemer **Fridays at 10:00 a.m.** All are welcome to join Pastor Stan for conversations about any and everything!

**Greeter Help Needed:** We need more greeters at both services. If you are able to assist, please contact **Linda Young (418-0552)**. Families with children are welcome and encouraged to serve!



**Altar Guild Volunteers:** Sign up in the Sacristy to serve our Lord preparing His altar for worship in 2022. No experience is necessary; you will be scheduled with an experienced team who will lovingly guide you through the weekly routine. You will experience how rewarding this act of service to our Church family and our Lord will be for you. Please prayerfully consider serving in this capacity. Please contact **Debbie Fowler (486-1669)** or **Sylvia Gray (485-2605)** with questions.

**Additional Altar Guild help** is needed for the holiday services. Please contact **Debbie Fowler (486-1669)** if you are able to help with one or two services throughout December.



**Pecans are here!** Get yours in the church office during business hours. Not just for cooking, they make great gifts, too! Prices are \$12 for 1 lb. of fancy mammoth halves, \$11.50 for 1 lb. of fancy large or small pieces, \$11 for 12 oz. of milk chocolate clusters. Checks should be made payable to "Redeemer Lutheran LWML."

**2021-2022 Enjoyment Books Are Here!** See Cheryl or Kristen in the church office during business hours to purchase your book (\$35).

**Women's Bible Study** on *The Chosen* continues **Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.** in Albracht Hall.



**Many thanks to those who actively participate in the AmazonSmile program** to support Redeemer. Please continue to do so! If you aren't familiar with this easy, FREE program, please see Cheryl or Kristen to find out more! Remember, always shop <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-1273436> to support Redeemer!



**2022 Offering envelopes** are available at the rear of the sanctuary. If you have switched to online giving and no longer require envelopes or if you do not have printed envelopes and would like them, please contact the **church office (286-0911)**.

**Save the date** for Redeemer’s 2022 Auction, **Saturday, February 26, 6:00-10:00 p.m.** at the Florida Oceanographic Center in Stuart. Have an item to donate to help raise funds for sprucing up Redeemer? Pick up a donor form in the church or school office today. Some things to look forward to: class baskets, experience packages, adventure trips, and more. For more information, contact **Kristin (286-0932)**.

**✠ ✠ ✠ Our Christian Stewardship ✠ ✠ ✠**

Sunday, December 5 attendance: 278      Worship offering: \$18,583.14      Tuition: \$50,788.00

**✠ ✠ ✠ This Week at Redeemer ✠ ✠ ✠**

**Sunday, December 12, 2021**

<b>Worship with communion (S)</b>	<b>8:30 &amp; 11:00 a.m.</b>
Fellowship, Bible Class & Sunday School (AH & CR)	10:00 a.m.
Congregational Meeting (AH)	12:30 p.m.
AA (AH)	6:00 p.m.

**Monday, December 13**

AA (AH)	12:00 p.m.
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**Tuesday, December 14**

Men’s Bible Study (Zoom)	7:00 a.m.
Quilters (AH)	9:00 a.m.
Praise Team/Christmas Cantata (MR)	6:00 p.m.
Elders (CR)	7:00 p.m.
Women’s Bible Study (AH)	7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 15**

K – 4 <sup>th</sup> Advent Service (S)	9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
AA (AH)	12:00 p.m.

**Thursday, December 16**

Finance Committee (CR)	3:30 p.m.
His Servants’ Place (CFC)	5:00 p.m.
Women’s Ensemble (MR)	7:00 p.m.

**Friday, December 17**

Preschool Christmas Service (S)	9:00 a.m.
Al-Anon (AH)	9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Café Conversations (Bagel Break)	10:00 a.m.

**✠ ✠ ✠ In Our Prayers ✠ ✠ ✠**

**Hospitalized, Ill, or Special Requests:**

2021-2022 school year  
 Military men & women and their families  
 Afghan families, Emily Banks, Patti Doolan,  
 Gary Voorhees

**Homebound or in Nursing Homes:**

Charlene Bradley, Phyllis Brown, Gretchen  
 Dirr, Marlene Keene, David & Carolyn Marion,  
 Ginny Moore, Margaret Noe, Carol Novak,  
 Helen O’Brien, Elaine Shoup, Ruth Utgard

✠ ✠ ✠ **Order of Worship** ✠ ✠ ✠

*Pre-Service Music*

“Christmas Meditation” Krug – Bells of Praise Two (8:30)  
“Gentle Mary” Roth – Bells of Praise Two (8:30)  
“Mary’s Song” Frazier--Leanne Mitchell (solo)/Lawrence Mirman (guitar) (11:00)

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Processional*

*Call to Worship* “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” LSB #357 st. 1 & 5

*Invocation*

*Song of Praise* “Joy to the World” green book hymn #39 st. 1

*Confession & Pronouncement of Forgiveness*

*Song of Praise* “Even So Come” Tomlin (8:30)  
“Hark the Glad Sound” hymn #35 st. 1 & 4 (11:00)

*Prayer of the Day*

*The Scripture Readings* Genesis 3:8-24, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 1:26-38 ESV

*Children’s Message*

*Sermon Song* “The Holly and the Ivy” English folk carol

*Message* “Christmas Flora: Holly and Ivy”

*The Apostles’ Creed & The Prayers of the People*

*Gathering of the Tithes and Offerings*

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” Eithun – Bells of Praise Too (8:30)  
“Where Shepherds Lately Knelt” Redeemer’s Grade 4 (11:00)

*The Offering Prayer*

*The Lord’s Prayer & The Words of Institution*

*Distribution Songs of Praise*

“Lamb of God” Marty Haugen (8:30)  
“Mary’s Song” Frazier--Leanne Mitchell (solo)/Lawrence Mirman (guitar) (8:30)  
“While I Wait” Brewster (8:30)  
“Wonderful Merciful Savior” Rodgers/Wyse (8:30)  
“Lamb of God” green book p. 92 (11:00)  
“On Jordan’s Bank” green book hymn #36 (11:00)

*The Communion Blessing & Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*The Benediction*

*Closing Song of Praise* “There Is Joy in the Lord” Keaggy (8:30)  
“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” hymn #551 (11:00)