

Redeemer Lutheran Church and School

The Messenger Newsletter

If you have questions about any of our ministries or would like to be involved, please contact the church office.

Thank you!

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Good To Know...



Table Talks

**Monday, January 13
6:00 p.m.**

Join us for another interesting and insightful discussion led by Pastor Stan. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served.



Women's Bible Study

Tuesday Women's Bible Study continues its study of Jennifer Rothschild's *Take Courage: A Study of Hosea* in the Conference Room **Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.** Contact leader Pam Storm (217-549-3387) for more information.



LWML

Next Meeting
**Saturday, January 11
9:00 a.m.**

Contact Cindy Heintz (772-287-0362) if you have questions.



Worship Team Schedule

Thank you for serving! Many additional servers are needed. Contact the church office to say you'll help!

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

**JANUARY 15, 2025
6:00-7:30PM
ALBRACHT HALL**

**RSVP to Miss Katie
by January 8th**

Also Good To Know...



Ringers Wanted

**Thursdays
7:00 p.m.**

Redeemer handbells has a couple openings for new ringers. Please contact Joy Beach if you are interested.



Praying Hands and Hearts

**Saturday, February 22
2:00 p.m.**

Join us for our next social when we bring our knitted and crocheted prayer shawls and baby blankets to hang in the sanctuary. Beginners are welcome! Contact Susan Rieke (772-919-1993) for information.



Trees Needed

VBS needs your Christmas trees! We would like to create a northern camp-like environment for VBS this summer. If you're planning on throwing away your fake Christmas tree this year, please consider donating it to Redeemer. Thank you!



School Open Houses

**Tuesday, January 21
5:00-7:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, January 28 &
Thursday, January 30
9:00a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

A Day in the Life of the Indian River Lagoon



Middle school students took a field trip to Sandsprit Park where they tested water samples and seined for living creatures. This was done to see what fish and other things were in the lagoon at this location of the river. They did the collections and then used the data to determine how the Lagoon habitat was doing at Sandsprit Park. After the field trip students returned to school and did some post-lesson work to determine how the health of the lagoon is here compared to other areas. This program is done with all students collecting the data and then working in conjunction with other companies around the area.



Bells of Praise Sharing Christmas Joy!





LCMS National Youth Gathering

July 19-25, 2025

New Orleans, Louisiana

Redeemer's Youth thank you for your support so that they can attend the National Youth Gathering!

Here are a few fun facts about our trip:

- **We have 4 students and 2 chaperones attending this year.**
- **The theme for the Gathering is ENDURE from Hebrews 12:1-2.**
- **The LCMS has hosted the Gathering in NOLA 4 other times.**

SMP Corner

The older I get, the faster the time flies by! Here we are, January 2025. A new year, a time to look to the future, with joy and thanksgiving! John's words from Revelation ring so very true: "behold, I am making all things new." Creation is being made new with the preaching of His Gospel by the power of the Holy Spirit. This year, and every year that we are granted to live in this life, be encouraged to Live and Love like Jesus. Be renewed through prayer and worship, be encouraged to serve you neighbors as He has served us!

God loves you and so do I!
Pastor Stan

Heartlifters spread Christmas Joy!



Thank you, Heartlifters, for sharing the good news of Jesus to all this season by creating homemade cards!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Ridgway Family

Volunteer Role

- Greeters, Lay Assistants, Acolytes, Event Helpers

Why Volunteer?

- Emily: It makes me happy to see others so happy because of what I do, I love helping others!
- Billy: I love helping kids with VBS, it's fun!!
- Holly: Being at Redeemer is a family and as a family we love to do things together. Helping any way we can at Redeemer has always been a family priority and we love it!!
- Samantha: Volunteering at Redeemer is easy!
- Charlotte: I love being around everyone, and volunteering is so fun.
- Mike: I like to be around people with the same beliefs as me. Volunteering is a great way to do that.





Our second graders have been busy! They enjoyed a trip to the St. Lucie Historical Museum and were able to learn about pre-colonial native American days through modern day living. Exhibits covered spanish treasure fleets, indian clothing, fishing and citrus farming. They even visited Cobbs' General store.

For our unit in science on force and motion, students created their own catapults to demonstrate how an object can transfer potential energy (stored energy) into kinetic energy (energy of motion) by applying force. The students were able to observe the relationship between force, mass, and acceleration of a projectile using applied force to see how far their pom poms would travel.

Our class also helped fill 75 baskets of food for families in our community. Before Thanksgiving, we learned about the relationship between the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians and how it led to the first Thanksgiving in America. We created turkey hats and crafts to round out the week of learning and had a wonderful feast with our elementary friends in K-4th grade!

Principally Speaking

Blessed New Year! We have had an amazing beginning to our school year and we trust that God will continue to lead us as we head into 2025.

On January 6, Redeemer will begin registration for the 2025-2026 school year for our current families. On January 20 we will begin accepting registration for siblings of current students and church members and on February 3 we will open registration to the public, inviting new students and families to join us in our ministry here. Please share this information with your friends and family.

This month we will celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week. We will be busy with various projects, school wide devotions each day, a book fair, grandparents' day, a talent show, and many activities to praise God for His blessings on us. We are excited to a part of more than 1800 Lutheran schools, 142,400 students, 21,200 teachers, and 3 international schools. There are also 1,600 early childhood and preschools, serving more than 100,000 children from infants to 5 yr. olds. Redeemer has been blessed to serve our Lord since 1979 when we opened with 1-3rd grades. Since then, we have been blessed to extend our programs to 2-year olds through 8th grade. Lutheran schools are raising up faithful disciples!

During each day our students spend time learning Bible stories, singing songs, and saying prayers as part of our growth in faith. Each classroom has an altar to help provide a focal point as we learn about Jesus and God's Word. The altars are covered with cloths that are changed as the seasons in the church year change. We thank Jan Hanssen for creating the altar cloths for us.

From the Church Records

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No changes this month

Memorials

None this month

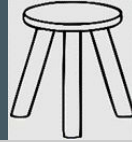
Treasurer's Report

	November	Year-to-Date	Expected YTD
Income	312,158	1,078,579	1,263,186
Expenses	243,703	1,100,606	1,296,338
Surplus / Deficit	68,455	(22,023)	(33,152)

Thank you for your generosity!



Stewardship



The 3-legged stool: a symbol of Stewardship...what does it mean? The big 'reveal' - in our interpretation, the legs of the stool represent **Time, Talent** and **Treasure**. We'll explore each of these in more detail in the coming months, but here's a quick overview or preview of how we define these three legs.

Time: attending worship services regularly, attending church events, attending bible studies, volunteering...not only when asked but stepping forward when you see an opportunity to assist.

Talent: teaching, hosting, singing, playing musical instruments, organizational skills, computers, marketing, accounting, construction & maintenance, project planning. Each of us has God-given talents...seek opportunities to use your talents to: take care of his church...facilities, congregation members & community of believers.

Treasure: financial resources - donations, often associated w/ pledging and/or tithing. Not only does Redeemer need money to meet our financial obligations (pay our bills); but we often need money to carry out activities to spread His word and demonstrate God's love for all.

In order to maintain a strong, stable, robust and balanced Stewardship Program AND vibrant, healthy, growing & thriving church all three legs are equally important. Every member can contribute as each and every one of us is blessed with some amount of each of these. Some members are retired and have more time than others who might still be working. Other members may have been blessed with a particular talent that would be very useful in His work in our church and or ministries and yet other members may have been blessed with financial resources that exceed their daily needs.

Each of these 'legs' are a gift from God, how will you choose to use them?

Psalm 24:1 "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it." We do not "own" the gifts and blessings we have received.

1 Peter 4:10 "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." So, we are called to use (steward) these gifts to further God's kingdom.

We want to foster a culture in Redeemer for stewardship to flourish, because when stewardship of God's gifts flourishes, Redeemer can better fulfill its mission.

January Birthdays

1/1	Rose Griffith Stephen Vendette Abigail Baker	1/21	Kathy LaBar Shannon Andersen
1/3	Bruce Larsen	1/22	Sue Wulf Jeremiah Shepard
1/5	Colton Gramenz	1/23	Tammi Langlois Dalton Pidcock
1/6	Dee Hudson	1/24	Dorothy Sell Don Moore
1/7	Cheryl Moschella Debbie Donahue		Will Oldehoff Chris Schiemer
1/10	Joan Guanzini Ricky Wennet	1/25	Steve Schultz
1/11	Malissa Bossio-Haines	1/26	Flo Owens Angel Calewaert
1/12	Charlene Bradley	1/27	Linda Kuhns
1/14	Abby McCarthy Sadie Snyder	1/28	Jerry Schaumburg Suzanne Gardner
1/15	Ellen Hamann Ralph Parks Samantha Satterfield	1/29	Barbara Salem Ricky Mercado
1/16	Walt Hanssen AnnMarie Milner	1/30	Cassie Mueller
1/18	Jeff Banks	1/31	Marlene Schaumburg
1/20	Kathy Hand		



1/7	Cody & Ashley Azzi
1/13	Monty & Rosanna Winningham
1/20	Jake & Ashley Jones
1/21	Dave & Donna Hascup
1/27	Jim & Debi Stroik
1/29	Gerry & Lisa Novarro

January Anniversaries

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

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