In Touch

November 2026

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'The Giving Challenge Recap'

In week one we discussed the H.E.A.R.T. of the Matter. In that week, we heard Jesus' simple but powerful words from Matthew 6:21: *"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

We discovered how generosity is not just about what we give — it's about where it leads our hearts. We looked at ways in which the world tells us to use or spend our money and learn about the journey we're taking together.

In our second week of this spiritual campaign, we talked about **Giving Happily: Trading Comfort for Contentment:** In that week we looked at of our H.E.A.R.T. journey — *Happily.* We confronted our culture's endless appetite for comfort and explored how Jesus invites us to discover true contentment through joyful giving. Acts 20:35 reminds us, *It is more blessed to give than to receive.*

Our third week we talked about **giving Eternally: Trading Ownership for Stewardship:** The second letter or our acronym, H.E.A.R.T. was — *Eternally* — we explored how our giving can have an eternal impact. Jesus teaches that our treasure can be stored up in heaven when we invest in people, the Gospel, and things that outlast this world.

During week four, we learned about **giving Abundantly: Trading Scarcity for Abundance:** The third letter — *Abundantly* — tackled the scarcity mindset that keeps so many from giving freely. Scripture reminds us that we serve a God of abundance, not lack. When we truly trust His provision, we're freed to give generously out of what we have, big or small, because our source never runs dry.

The final week of our sermon series will be **–Giving Regularly: Trading Control for Obedience:** The fourth letter — *Regularly* — reminds us that generosity is more than random acts; it's a lifestyle shaped by habit. We'll look at how giving consistently, not just occasionally, trains our hearts to be open-handed people who reflect the steady, faithful generosity of our

Heavenly Father.
If you had opportunity to read the devotion book, the final part was **– Giving Today: Trading Grasping for Gratitude:** Finally, the *T* in HEART stands for *Today.* The devotion book closes our series with a call to daily generosity — to see ourselves as conduits, not containers, of God's blessings. As St. Luke wrote in his gospel, ***"What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?"*** (Lk. 14:27)

I hope you enjoyed our spiritual campaign. It was enjoyable to be reminded about what scripture says concerning giving to the Lord.

Blessings,

Pastor Senstad

Thanksgiving Baskets and Food Collection

We give thanks to the Lord for all the blessings that He has given to us. Especially, we thank God for an abundance of food. However, not everyone has abundant food. So, we will once again take a food collection in November for those in need. Especially helpful are items like Turkeys and Hams.



If you know someone who needs a Thanksgiving Day basket, please let us know. If you can donate to help us supply food baskets, please bring the food items to the church. Your help is truly appreciated.

Join Us For Thanksgiving Eve Worship Services
11:30 AM & 6:30 PM, Wednesday, November 25

Soup Supper, Christmas Caroling, Fellowship, and more!

The board of elders invites you to join us for food, fellowship, and caroling on **Monday evening, Dec 7th.** We will gather at church at 5 pm for a soup, dessert, and hot chocolate. Then at approximately 6:30 pm, we will head out to visit some of our member's homes to do Christmas caroling! We are making this a joint effort with Redeemer's Thrivent committee as they will again be assembling some gifts to be delivered to some of the homes we visit. We look forward to this opportunity to reach out to many of our members whom we do not get to see as often as we would like.



In order to plan for the meal and transportation, please either sign up on the sheets that will be at the back of the nave, or let our church office know. We look forward to having many of you join us! God's Blessings.

Redeemer News & Events

Quarterly Giving Statements for members have been mailed. If you did not receive one, if you need an additional copy, or if yours has errors or omissions, please see Angie in the office. Thank you!



Offering Envelopes for 2027 are now available. They are located in the hallway under the coat rack next to the Office.

GriefShare: Calvary Lutheran Church will Host *GriefShare* for the Holidays November 5 from 5:30-7:30 PM. Calvary is located at 4400 Central St. Sioux City, IA 51108. To register, go to www.griefshare.org and search "51108" under the "Holidays" tab; The cost is free.

Church members are invited to join us for a Thanksgiving meal on Tuesday, November 10, at noon. We prefer that you come at noon; however, if noon doesn't work for you, you can come at 5 p.m. We'd love to share this time of fellowship and a delicious meal with you. A free-will donation is appreciated for the meal. We hope you can join us! ***Please RSVP to the office by November 8.***

Craft Fair—Saturday, November 14th, 9:00AM-2:30 PM. Mark your



calendars now and join us for our annual craft fair. With a wide selection of vendors, it's the perfect time to shop for the upcoming holiday season. Shepherd of Peace Youth will be having a Food & Bake Sale: Taverns, coney dogs, hotdogs, chips, assorted drinks, & desserts. (903 Topaz Dr, Sergeant Bluff, IA)

Pulpit Flowers can be available for Thursday night service.



You can call Pam Naylor to order. Pam will call the Florist, and the Atlar Guild member on duty for that month will pick up the flowers from the Florist and bring them to Church before the evening service, and also let the office know who the Pulpit flowers are for so they can put it in the bulletin. You will be able to take your flowers home that night. Price will remain the same, $35.00 payable to 'Redeemer Altar Guild'. Thank You ~~ *Pam Naylor* ***(No Altar Guild meeting in November)***



Redeemer Family News & Events
Questions: see DCE Jonathon Bailey

Youth Silent Auction Fundraiser: The youth will be hosting their **annual Silent Auction Fundraiser!** Baskets and other items may be dropped off starting Sunday **November 1st**. Bidding will begin on **Sunday, November 8th** and will end on **Sunday, December 6th, following the 10:45 worship service**. All proceeds from the auction will go directly toward supporting our youth and their activities. Thank you to everyone who continues to generously support our youth ministry. Your generosity and encouragement make a difference!

Join Redeemer Youth and LWML for a Mercy Meals Service Event! Redeemer Youth and LWML invite all members of the congregation to join us on **Saturday, November 21, at 8:20 a.m. at *Faith Lutheran Church***. We will be volunteering with Mercy Meals to package meals that will be distributed to people in need around the world. Come be part of this wonderful opportunity to serve others and share Christ's love through a simple act of kindness. We hope you can join us!

Youth Christmas Program! With Christmas just around the corner, it's time to start preparing for our annual **Youth Christmas Program!** We will begin having **1-hour practices** on **Sunday afternoons starting November 8th at 1:00 PM.**

Practice Schedule:

- **November 8** – 1 hour @ **1:00 PM**
- **November 15** – 1 hour @ **1:00 PM**
- **November 22— 1 hour @ 1:00 PM**
- **No Practice November 29**



REDEEMER ENDOWMENT AND LEGACY GIFT

The Endowment and Legacy Committee of Redeemer established an endowment fund in 2022, with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Foundation. This fund is named *Leaving A Legacy For Future Generations.*

The original investment was $50,045.00. The current balance as of September 21st was $67,128.45.

From the period of January 1st, 2025 through June 30, 2026, this account yielded earnings. In accordance with the committee's bylaws, we are pleased to announce that we were able to deposit $2,675.07 into Redeemer's general fund as of October 1st.

Going forward, from July 1st of the current year through June 30th of the following year, earnings from the LCMS Foundation *Leaving a Legacy for Future Generations* fund will be eligible for a minimum of a 4% disbursement to the general fund.

If you would like to contribute money to the *Leaving a Legacy For Future Generations* account, now or in the future, please contact either pastor or Rhonda Camarigg for more information.

Join Us for the 3rd Annual Tour of Steeples 2026!



The event this year spans over two days beginning on **Friday, December 4 from 3pm-7pm and on Saturday, December 5 from 9am-3pm.**

20+ Sioux City metro churches will be open to the public for you to come and go. This 2-day event is free to the public. A free-will donation can be made at any participating church on the tour to benefit the Siouxland Soup Kitchen and The Warming Shelter (each church will have a map with the list of churches to take on your tour). For a full list of participating churches, check out *'Tour of Steeples'* on Facebook. Questions contact Michelle Smith 712-898-9349 or tourofsteeples@gmail.com



Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. ≈ Psalms 100:4

Nov 2026

Lutheran Women in Mission

- **Tuesday, November 3rd 6:00 PM** ≈ LWML Planning Session ≈ Conference Room: All are invited to attend!
- **Saturday, November 7th 9:30 AM** ≈ Mercy Meals District Packaging Event ≈ Faith Lutheran
- **Wednesday, November 11th, 10:00 AM** ≈ Women's Bible Study ≈ Conference Room ***Gifts, Chosen For You***
- **Wednesday, November 11th, 5:30 PM Evening** ≈ Women's Bible Study ≈ Oscar Carl Vineyard ≈ ***Unshakeable by Donna Snow***
- **Saturday, November 14th, 9:00 AM** ≈ Jesus and Java ≈ Hawks Coffee Shop, 110 Gaul Dr, Sergeant Bluff, IA
- **Thursday, November 19th, 1:00pm** ≈ Women Serving in Christ ≈ Fellowship Hall
  - ⇒ Bible Study: "When Service Isn't Sparkly" page 18 Fall 2026 Quarterly. Bible Study Leader: *Bonnie Rossman*
- **Saturday, November 21st, 8:30 AM** ≈ Mercy Meals LWML and Youth Packaging Event ≈ Faith Lutheran
- **Wednesday, November 25th ,10:00 AM** ≈ Women's Bible Study ≈ Conference Room *Gifts, Chosen For You* ≈ ***Cancelled for Thanksgiving Week***
- Wednesday, November 25th, 5:30 PM Evening ≈ Women's Bible Study ≈ Oscar Carl Vineyard ≈ *Unshakeable by Donna Snow* ≈ ***Cancelled for Thanksgiving Week***

All women of the congregation are invited to participate in any of the events.

Please join us as we "Serve the Lord with Gladness" Psalms 100:2

Save the Dates • Dec 2026 – Mar 2027



Cantata Refreshments – December 13, 2026
Bake or serve refreshments between performances

Game Night – January 10, 2027, 2:00 PM
Bunco and ice cream at Redeemer

Ash Wednesday Soup & Pie Meal – February 10, 2027
Serve soup and pie on Ash Wednesday – lunch & dinner

Soup Kitchen Service – March TBD
Support our community – meal prep and serving

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

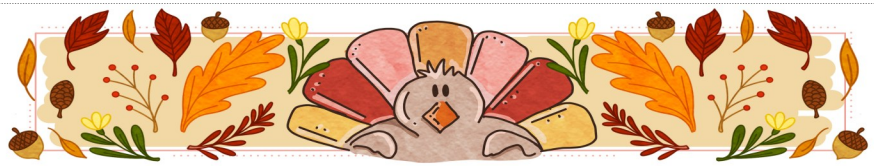
Thank you for giving us the honor of celebrating "our church's" centennial with you. It was a great day of sharing memories and catching up with families and longtime friends.

The Centennial Committee did a great job of planning and organizing the entire day. The meal and cake reception were so good. The worship services and the music were outstanding. The videos and displays were filled with important historical events that needed to be preserved and celebrated. Well Done, Redeemer!

While we celebrated the past, we also looked to the future. "Rooted in Christ," Redeemer remains a very vibrant congregation and a leader in the Siouxland area. The support for mission work in the community and throughout the world remains strong. "Rooted in Christ" Redeemer has every reason for hope. Her future is secure!

We brought home with us a piece of the cross, an ornament that will adorn our Christmas tree, and wonderful memories of our time together. Thank you.

God's Continued Blessings,
~~ Sue & Paul Sieveking



Thanksgiving Bake Sale

(Benefit for Missionary JJ Wolf)

Order by: Monday, November 16th

Pick-Up at Redeemer: November 22nd—25th
****Alternate Pick-Up Date/Time-Call Pastor Zirpel**

Pies and Cheesecakes: 10"--$20

Pies 10"		Cheesecakes 10"	
Apple	____	Blueberry	____
Blueberry	____	Cherry	____
Cherry	____	Plain	____
Chocolate Mint	____	Triple Berry	____
Coconut Cream	____	Turtle	____
French Silk	____		
German Choc	____		
Pecan	____		
Pumpkin	____	German Chocolate Cake __	
Rhubarb Strawberry	____	(Whole – 9"x13" Cake - $20)	
Strawberry	____		
Triple Berry	____		

TOTAL: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Pick-up November 22nd — 25th _____
****Alternate Pick-Up Date/Time: _____**
(Call or Text Pastor Zirpel to schedule alternate date/time)
Cash or Checks Written to 'Redeemer Lutheran Church'



Assorted varieties of pies, small and large are available, Thursday and Sunday mornings. $20 for large & $10 for small! Thanks for your purchases and for all your help.

During the month of November, sales will go to the JJ Wolf Missionary Family of Africa. Small jars of jams, jellies, and pickles are $6 each or 5 for $25. Large jars of pickles are $8 each or 5 for $35.



Aronia Jam
Aronia Berry Rhubarb
Aronia Blueberry Jam
Aronia Berry Jelly
Aronia Jalapeno Jam
Aronia Peach Jam
Aronia Rhubarb Jam
Blackberry Jalapeno Jam
Blackberry Jam
Blackberry Jelly
Blueberry Jam
Blueberry Rhubarb
Cherry Jalapeno Jam
Cherry Rhubarb Jam
Choke Cherry Jelly
Elderberry Jelly
Fruit Juice Jalapeno Jam
Fruit Juice Jelly
Ginger Rhubarb Jam
Gooseberry Jam
Gooseberry Jelly
Gooseberry Rhubarb Jam
Jalapeno Jam
Peach Jam
Peach Jelly
Pear Jam
Red Currant Jelly
Red Raspberry Jam
Red Raspberry Rhubarb Jalapeno Jam
Red Raspberry Rhubarb Jam
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Rhubarb Jam
Rhubarb Jalapeno Jam
Strawberry Jalapeno Jam
Strawberry Jam
Strawberry Rhubarb Jalapeno Jam
Strawberry Rhubarb Jam
Tart Cherry Jam
Wild Grape Jelly
Wild Plum Jalapeno Jam
Wild Plum Jam
Wild Plum Jelly
Wild Plum Rhubarb Jam
Wild Raspberry Jam
Wild Raspberry Rhubarb Jalapeno Jam
Wild Raspberry Rhubarb Jam

PICKLES



- *Dill*
- *Hamburger Sweet Dills*
- *Sweet Pickles*

NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
1 ✝ **Giving Challenge-Sunday** 8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship 9:30 AM Adult Confirmation 9:30-10:30 AM ROCK Sunday 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study 1:00-3 PM Sudanese Worship ***Daylight Savings Time Ends**	**2** 5:30 PM Adult Fitness	**3** *No Preschool* 10:00 AM Devotions at *Bickford Assisted*; 10:45 AM at *Bickford Memory* w/Pastor Zirpel. 1:30 PM Staff/Bible Study Mt 6 PM LWML Board Mtg 7 PM *Life Light* Bible Study
8 Giving Challenge Sunday 8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship 9:30 AM Adult Confirmation 9:30-10:30 AM ROCK Sunday 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study 1:00-3 PM Sudanese Worship 1:00-2 PM Christmas Program Practice starts ***Youth Silent Auction Starts!**	**9** 5:30 PM Adult Fitness	**10** 1:30 PM Staff/Bible Study Mtg 5 PM *Thanksgiving Meal* for Aktion 7 PM *Life Light* Bible Study
15 ✝ **Giving Challenge-Sunday** 8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship—*100th Anniversary Recap* 9:30 –10:30 AM ROCK Sunday 9:30 AM Adult Confirmation 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study 1:00-3 PM Sudanese Worship 1:00 -2 PM Christmas Program Practice	**16** 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6:30 PM LWML Board Mtg	**17** 11 AM Retired Educators *Thanksgiving Meal* 1:30 PM Staff/Bible Study Mtg 7 PM *Life Light* Bible Study
22 FOOD SUNDAY 8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship 9:30 –10:30 AM ROCK Sunday 9:30 AM Adult Confirmation 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study 1:00-3 PM Sudanese Worship 1:00-2 PM Christmas Program Practice	**23** 5:30 PM Adult Fitness	**24** 1:30 PM Staff/Bible Study Mtg
29 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT/MITES SUNDAY 8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship 9:30 AM Adult Confirmation 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study No ROCK Sunday 1:00-3 PM Sudanese Worship No Christmas Program Practice	**30** 5:30 PM Adult Fitness	

Redeemer Lutheran Church & KinderCottage Preschool
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E-mail: redeemerchurchsc@gmail.com ❖ Website: redeemersiouxcity.com

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9:30 AM Lamplighter's meeting at *Faith* 5-5:40 PM Midweek Meal– *- Chicken Sandwich* 5-7 PM Midweek & ROCK Wed. 5:45 PM Midweek Bible Study 6:15 PM Handbell Practice 7:15 PM Adult Choir Practice 7:30-9 PM Youth Group	**5** 5:30 PM- Adult Fitness 6 PM BSF Bible Study 6:30 PM Worship	**6** 9-noon Food Shelf	**7** 7:30 AM Red M&M's Bible Study & Breakfast 9:30 AM Mercy Meals at *Faith*
11 10 AM Women's Bible Study in *Conference Rm* 5-5:40 PM Midweek Meal *- Pigs in a Blanket* 5-7 PM Midweek & ROCK Wed. 5:45 PM Midweek Bible Study 6:15 PM Handbell Practice 5:30 PM Women's Bible Study at *Oscar Carl Vineyard* 7:15 PM Adult Choir Practice 7:30-9 PM Youth Group	**12** 5:30 PM- Adult Fitness 6 PM BSF Bible Study 6:30 PM Worship w/ Holy Communion 7:30 PM Leadership Council Mtg.	**13** 9-noon Food Shelf	**14** 9 AM LWML - Jesus & Java 9 AM-2:30 PM Craft Fair at *Sergeant Bluff Community Center*
18 10:30 AM Devotions with Pastor Senstad-*Whispering Creek* 5-5:40 PM Midweek Meal *- Chicken Noodle Soup* 5-7 PM Midweek & ROCK Wed. 5:45 PM Midweek Bible Study 6:15 PM Handbell Practice 7:15 PM Adult Choir Practice 7:30-9 PM Youth Group— *Thanksgiving Dinner*	**19** 10 AM Thrivent Choice Mtg 1 PM Women Serving in Christ Mtg 5:30 Adult Fitness 6 PM BSF Bible Study 6:30 PM Worship 7:30 PM Elders Mtg	**20** 9-noon Food Shelf	**21** 8:30 AM LWML & Youth Mercy Meals at *Faith*
25 *Preschool Extended Day Out at 1:15 PM* *No Midweek Meal, No Midweek, No ROCK Wednesday* *No Handbell Practice, No Adult Choir Practice, No Youth Group* ***11:30 AM & 6:30 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship***	**26** *Office is closed* *No Preschool* No Worship Service 	**27** *Office is Closed* *No Food Shelf* No Preschool	**28**

EVERY SUNDAY: (✞ = Holy Communion Sunday)
8:15 AM: Traditional Worship;
10:45 AM: Contemporary Worship
9:30 AM: Adult Bible Study;
9:30 AM: ROCK Sunday
1:00-3 PM: Sudanese Worship Service
Website: redeemersiouxcity.com



KinderCottage Preschool

A Ministry of Redeemer Lutheran Church
3204 S. Lakeport Sioux City, IA 51106 (712)276-1123
KinderCottage Direct line (712)224-2273

Where is this school year going? Hard to believe it is November already! Don't forget to "Fall" back 1 hour for daylight savings time on Sunday November 1st!

Mr. Ryan with Reynold's Studio was here on October 8 & 12 to take our individual & class pictures! All the kids brought their best smiles to school! Amazes us every year how many he gets looking at the camera for our class picture!

We all had lots of fun learning about spiders and bats from Miss Jody of Adam's Homestead & Nature Preserve October 26 & 27! Everyone got to wear their costumes to school on October 28 & 29 for our class party & trick or treating the church offices! It's always fun to see all the costumes the kids wear for our party!

The students in the MWF classes will have parent/teacher conferences on **Tuesday, November 24th from 1:00 to 6:00.** There will be a sign up list for a 15 minute conference sent out on BrightWheel. Please see Tara if you have any questions or need to make other arrangements to meet!

The MWF classes will be working on the letter's "R", "P", "F" and "Q", as well as the colors red and orange, the numbers 10 and 20 and the shapes octagon and circle. The T/Th classes will be working on the colors pink, purple, white and brown, as well as the shapes of a diamond & star

Both classes will hear the Bible stories of *The Burning Bush*, *10 Plagues*, *The Red Sea & Food from Heaven.*

Blessings* Tara & Sara

November Dates to Remember

1 Daylight Savings Time

24 Parent/Teacher conferences for MWF students

26 & 27 **NO SCHOOL** Thanksgiving Break



November Birthdays

12 Lucas DeVall

25 Charlotte Diediker

Support Kinder-Cottage with our Hy Vee Receipts

*Please save your Sioux City & South Sioux City Hy Vee receipts for the preschool!

*Receipts must be dated **Sept.1, 2026 through April 15, 2027** from any of the Sioux City & South Sioux City stores!

*Please place any receipts in the basket in the church office!

Cooking with Pastor Senstad

In the name of fun, not in the name of healthy, I found this delicious recipe. It's called an ***'Old-Fashioned Blackberry Cobbler'***. The author of this recipe wrote, "This homemade blackberry cobbler is the kind of old-fashioned dessert that tastes like a warm hug!"

Ingredients

For the blackberry filling:

- 4 cups fresh or frozen blackberries
- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tbsp cornstarch
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

For the cobbler topping:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- 1½ tsp baking powder
- ¼ tsp salt
- ¾ cup milk
- ½ cup unsalted butter, melted
- 1 tbsp sugar, for sprinkling



Directions:

1.Preheat your oven to 350°F (175°C).

2. In a bowl, gently toss the blackberries with sugar, lemon juice, cornstarch, and vanilla. Set aside.

3. In another bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. Stir in the milk until just combined.

4. Pour the melted butter into a 9-inch square baking dish.

5. Spread the batter evenly over the melted butter. Do not stir.

6. Spoon the blackberry mixture evenly over the batter. Sprinkle the top with a tablespoon of sugar.

7. Bake for 40–50 minutes, until the topping is golden brown and the blackberry filling is bubbling.

8. Let the cobbler rest for 10–15 minutes before serving.

Enjoy and eat well! God bless.

- Pastor Senstad



Give Thanks to the Lord For He is Good!

Redeemer Library Committee:
CJ Bailey, Michelle Callahan, Lisa Gottburg, & Andrea VanPeursem

Redeemer Church Library

Struck Down But Not Destroyed:

Finding Hope in the Maze of Suffering
by Roxanne M. Smith

At 27, at a time when everything was going right, Roxanne Smith had it all promising career, great health, engaged to a wonderful man then suddenly, without warning, it all changed. Smith was suddenly and unexpectedly struck down by degenerative disc pain, a debilitating condition that rendered her almost paralyzed in excruciating daily back pain. As her pain progressed, Smith vowed that when God had healed her of her condition, she would write a book, praising Him and His miraculous powers. This is not that book. Instead, this is the story of a woman who is still in pain a woman who spends the majority of her life as a horizontal member of society lying down but who is still able to live, raise a family and still gives glory to God in the midst of her suffering.

The Messengers:

Discovered
by Lisa M. Clark



Everything about fifteen-year-old Simon's life is decided by his government: his curfew, his meals, even his fun. When Simon begins to notice nighttime visitors and hidden messages, he realizes that his nation is even dictating what he's allowed to know. There's a truth out there to be discovered, a truth the government will stop at nothing to eliminate. Join the Messengers as they risk their lives to protect it.

Summer's End

by Lyn Cote

Kirsi Royston is a doctor and now she must tell the town she is leaving at summer's end. Family responsibilities demand she return to California. She promises she'll find a replacement and all will be well. Doug Erickson, M. D. doubts that. However, meth is creeping into the county, poisoning students at the local high school. But all is overshadowed by a teen who nearly dies and then vanishes from the hospital, an anonymous dead body turns up. Summer's End is the story of two very good people, trying to please everyone but themselves. In the midst of a dangerous new situation in town, will they take a moment to discover what God wants for the town, and for them.

Until the Mountains Fall

by Connilyn Cossette

Rivkah refuses to submit to the Torah law compelling her to marry her husband's brother and instead flees Kedesh, hoping to use her talents as a scribe to support herself. Without the protections of her father and the safety of the city of refuge, Rivkah soon discovers that the cost of recklessness is her own freedom. Malakhi has secretly loved Rivkah for years, but he never imagined his older brother's death would mean wedding her himself. After her disappearance, he throws himself into the ongoing fight against the Canaanites instead of dwelling on all he has lost. But with impending war, Rivkah's father comes to Malakhi with an impossible request.

The Tea Chest
by Heidi Chiavaroli
Emma Malcolm's father is staunchly loyal to the crown, but Emma's heart belongs to Noah Winslow, a lowly printer's assistant and Patriot. But her father has promised her hand to Samuel Clarke, a rapacious and sadistic man. As his fiance, she would have to give up Noah and the friends who have become like family to her. After Emma is drawn into the treasonous Boston Tea Party, Samuel blackmails her with evidence that condemns each participant, including Noah. Emma realizes she must do whatever it takes to protect those she loves, even if it means giving up the life she desires and becoming Samuel's wife.



Ark Fever: *The True Story of One Man's Search for Noah's Ark*
by Robert Cornuke
tells the story of his search for the remains of Noah's ark. Using investigative skills learned during his years as a police officer, Bob investigates all the clues, from ancient Scriptures to modern-day eyewitness accounts. His quest to learn the truth about Noah's ark leads him from his safe home in the foothills of Colorado to the dangerous mountain ranges in Turkey and Iran. Follow Bob as he risks his life climbing icy peaks, dodging bullets, evading capture, and much more. As you follow the trail of tantalizing clues to the place where Noah's ark may lie, you just might catch "ark fever" too!

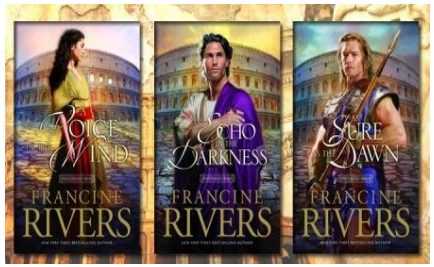
Relic Quest: *The True Story of One Man's Search for the Lost Ark of the Covenant*
by Robert Cornuke
Does the near-mythical Ark of the Covenant still exist today? Countless people have thought so, dedicating their lives to finding this holy relic, all to no avail. Now Robert Cornuke, a modern-day adventurer, using the Bible as his guide, thinks he may know the exact location of the Ark. Join Cornuke as he embarks on this exciting and breathtaking adventure.

FEATURED AUTHOR
Francine Rivers

Francine Rivers is a bestselling American author known for writing inspirational Christian fiction. She began her career writing romance novels before becoming a Christian and later focused on faith-based stories that explore themes of redemption, forgiveness, and God's love. Her most famous novel, *Redeeming Love*, is a retelling of the biblical book of Hosea set during the California Gold Rush and has touched millions of readers around the world.

Stop into the Library for the book Redeeming Love. We have many books from this author, including:

Mark of the Lion Series
Voice in the Wind
Echo in the Darkness
As Sure of the Dawn



Bibi's Hope Update

Baby Abdul
Baby Abdul was brought to the orphanage when he was 3 days old. He was abandoned shortly after birth, with no known family or information about his origins. He was referred to the orphanage for care by the Children's Court.



The children in Bamako are truly blessed to have the love, care, and support of this orphanage. Please pray for all of the dedicated workers who care for these children, as well as for each and every child. May God strengthen, guide, and bless them all.

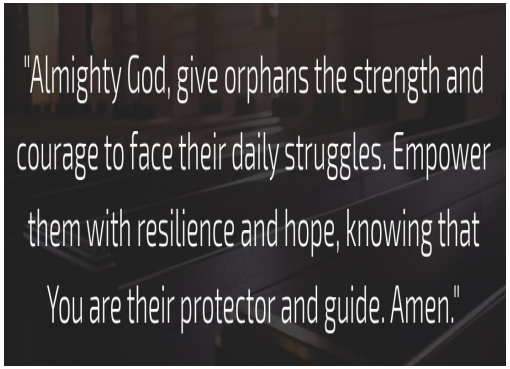
James 1:27 *"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."*



Please include the orphanage in your daily prayers....*Please send prayers* for everyone at ASE-Mali orphanage. Please pray for peace and the spread of Christian faith in Mali, in the United States, and all over the world.

In Christ, **Bibi's Hope Committee**
#HopefortheChildren

If you have any questions about Bibi's Hope Committee or the orphanage, please feel free to contact President Kyle Schutte or Pastor Zirpel.



LEADERSHIP COUNCIL — SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Thursday, October 8th, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 P.M. Opening devotion was led by Pastor Senstad.

Financial report reviewed and accepted. We are down about $47,000 to budget; expenses look good so far.

Pastor Senstad: Could use another organist or two, the giving challenge has started, the devotion book is good.

Pastor Zirpel: Teachers state convention went well.

Jonathon Bailey: Trunk-or-Treat on the 18th from 1pm – 3pm, Jr. High Youth Gathering on October 24th & 25th.

Elder's Report: Prayer vigil on October 18th from 2pm – 4pm.

Have started the search for a new facilities supervisor.

Reviewed options for a new copier lease, current lease is up at the end of 2026.

A change in Endowment & Legacy By-laws was voted on and approved. A deposit of $2,675.07 will be distributed to the general fund.

Reviewed and discussed proposed budget numbers for 2027.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:23 P.M.

NEW THRIVENT CHOICE CHANGES!

In Mid-April, Choice Dollars were designated up front as a single annual lump sum. Members can now direct their full amount anytime between now and December 31, instead of after each quarter. Now, ALL Thrivent members receive Choice Dollars, expanding the reach of generosity. Call 1-800-847-4836 or go online to direct your Choice Dollars. Thank you for your support for this program at Redeemer.

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November 2026 Missionary

The Rev. James and Angela Sharp serve the Lord as missionaries in Puerto Rico. He will be at Mission Central on November 21 at 1:00 p.m.

November Bible Verse

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"
Thessalonians 5:16-18 ESV

OFFICIAL ACTS

September 2026

Transfer to other LCMS Church:
✞ Deb Chellow

Transfer from other LCMS Church:
✞ Karen Ebeling

Death:
✞ Mike Albright

Inactive by Elders:
✞ Helen Jacobe

September 2026 Statistics

Date	Church Attendance	Communion Attendance	Bible Study	Children Church	Sudanese Attendance
9/6	270	247	16	N/A	6
9/13	260	N/A	14	39	11
9/20	542	310	N/A	41	6
9/27	303	N/A	32	39	5
TOTAL	1,375	557	62	119	28
AVG.	344	279	21	40	7
PERCENT	32%	26%	2%	4%	1%
PRIOR YR.	30%	25%	3%	4%	1%

Membership:	9/2025	9/2026
Communicants	892	879
Baptized	220	219
TOTAL	1,112	1,098

Loss of 5 people (+.4%)

Treasurer's Report Jan.1– Sept. 30, 2026

Actual Income: $544,496
Budgeted Income: $623,971
Difference: $79,475
Percentage: 87%
Actual Expenses: $591,595



Serving in November 2026

ACOLYTES:

Nov. 1: 8:15 AM– *Evan Shrauner & Sierra Zellmer*
10:45 AM– *Brody Goldsmith & Camden Doscher*
Nov. 8: 8:15 AM– *Evan Shrauner & Logan Cain*
10:45 AM– *Harper Marlow*
Nov. 15: 8:15 AM– *Evan Shrauner & Jase Fisher*
10:45 AM—*Caleb Amick & Camden Doscher*
Nov. 22: 8:15 AM– *Evan Shrauner*
10:45 AM– *Caleb Amick & Camden Doscher*

Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Eve:
6:30 PM– *Jaiden Thomas & Zayden Thomas*

Nov. 29: 8:15 AM– *Jase Fisher*
10:45 AM– *Caleb Amick & Camden Doscher*

ELDERS

Bret Lyon & Jeremy Schram

ALTAR GUILD:

Pam Naylor, Drenda Onken, Eileen Bumsted: No Meeting

COUNTERS:

Nov. 1 & 29 - Team 3 *(Bobolz & Schmith's)*
Nov. 8 Team 4 *(Fink & Buckley)*
Nov. 15 Team 1 *(Buckley & Lessmann)*
Nov. 22 -Team 2 *(Mack & Hermelbracht's)*

PROP. CHECK:

Scott Ernst

USHER TEAMS:

Thurs. 6:30 PM: *Harlan & Mary Feddersen (Al & Melissa Joens, Shelly Fergen, Mike Searls)*

Sundays: 8:15 AM-TEAM 4 *(Gary Kitzmann, James Bailey, Dick Braun, Dale Henningsen).*
10:45 AM-TEAM 8 *(Dave Schlotman, Scott & Beth Bowman, Paul Schlotman, Brian Owens)*

Thanksgiving Eve Nov. 25:
6:30 PM– *TBD*

SUNDAY GREETERS:

Nov. 1: 8:15 AM– *Bruce & Roberta Timmons*
10:45 AM: *Jane Edwards*
Nov. 8: 8:15 AM— *Justin & Emily Wulf*
10:45 AM: *TBD*
Nov. 15: 8:15 AM– *Dave & Lori Albrectg*
10:45: *TBD*
Nov. 22: 8:15 AM– *Tawnya & Aaron Becker*
10:45: *Shirley Stokes*
Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Eve:
6:30 PM— *TBD*
Nov. 29: 8:15 AM– *Shirley Barth & Loralee Fink*
10:45: *Scott & Beth Bowman*

COFFEE & ROLLS SERVERS:

Nov. 1- John & Anita Stansell
Nov. 8- Loralee Fink & Karen Vock
Nov. 15– 100th Anniversary
Nov. 22- Paul & Cindy Fleckenstein
Nov. 29- TBD

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Thursdays - 6:30 PM
Sundays
8:15 AM Traditional
10:45 AM Contemporary
1:00-3:00 PM Sudanese Worship Service
Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month
Youth (9-12 grade) Bible Study: 9:30 AM Sunday
ROCK Sunday (2yr-8grade) 9:30-10:30 AM Sunday
Adult Bible Study: 9:45 AM Sunday

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