



"God has made Good on All His Promises"

January 1 is a day for promises. Countless people will be making some type of promise. So many promises will be made, and the overwhelming majority will be broken. Native American Chief Black Elk stated eloquently one hundred years ago that the white man "made us many promises and broke them all." A former professor, Leonard Sweet, lists the number one personally broken promise as "I'll start dieting/ exercising today."

However, on a more profound level, the most broken promises are offered to our God. We have made promises to him and broken them, and we now stand without excuse or the power to change.

The Lord set a king over his people. In and through that king, God sought to bless his people with hope, life, blessings, contentment, and strength. God sought, in return, the promise from his people to serve and obey the Lord and their king. If they failed to obey the Lord, and they rebelled against him, then the Lord's hand would be against them. As with so many of our promises, the Israelites failed to obey. Therefore, the Lord's hand was against them.

When it comes to promises, our comfort is that God has made good on all his promises, especially those that are centered in Christ. Christ our Savior was promised, and he was sent. He offered the complete sacrifice for sin, the offering that no human king could have brought. The Lord has placed his king over us; Jesus Christ is that king. May he reign in your hearts today and throughout the New Year!

Lord, give us the courage, endurance, and strength to live our lives focused on you and your grace until, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, we claim the crown you earned for us on the cross. Amen. ~ Pastor Zirpel



BENEFIT FOR TOM KLUNKER

Our member, Tom Klunker, has recently suffered a major health crisis requiring three surgeries, prolonged hospitalization, and extensive, ongoing rehabilitation.

Tom's health issues began on September 27th when he was driving truck and doing deliveries in Colorado. Upon the 2nd stop of his delivery, he began feeling very ill. He got out of the truck and found that he couldn't walk. He was taken by ambulance to a hospital in the Denver area. Upon admission, he was found to have a high fever which the medical personnel determined was caused by an infection in his body but were not sure where. Antibiotics were started but were not effective. Cindy made plans and flew out to Denver with their son Tommy. Son, Josh, stayed at their house and took care of their elderly dog and checked on Cindy's dad. After an exhaustive amount of testing, the doctors determined that Tom's lower spine and cervical spine were infected. He was taken to surgery to scrape the infection from his lower spine and the next day from his cervical spine. Post-operatively, Tom was still not responding to treatment. After further testing, doctors and surgeons found that his spine was infected another 18" up the spine. Tom underwent a third surgery to scrape the infection from his spine. He then began responding to the antibiotics. Cindy and their sons kept in daily contact by phone and made trips to see him. During his lonely stay away from home, Pastor Zirpel was successful in contacting an area pastor, Pastor Murphy. Pastor Murphy, who is also an Airforce Chaplain, and Vicar Doak visited Tom and called and texted him. God worked through them to give Tom the peace, hope and assurances he needed to be strong and endure his pain and loneliness.

Tom was moved to a rehabilitation center in Denver after weeks in the hospital. Tom was very weak, lost strength and 40#. When it was time to get Tom home, good friends Bob and Pam Naylor, graciously

2022 Annual Voters' Meeting Results

Redeemer's new members of the Leadership Council, elected to two-year terms at the Dec. 4, 2022 Annual Voters Meeting are Jim Arends, Michelle Callahan, Steve Ebsen, Steve Dirks & Mike Koehler. They join current Leadership Council members Gerry Judd, Gary Flammang, Ann Schauer & Jerry VanPeurse, all of whom were elected to two-year terms in December 2021.

The 2023 Leadership Council will be introduced at worship Thursday, Jan. 12th at 6:30 PM and Installed on Sunday, Jan. 15th.

The Leadership Council typically meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month in the Conference Room. Meetings are open to the congregation. To have an issue placed on the agenda, contact any council or staff member.

The 2023 Budget, as approved at the Voters' Meeting, is below.

410.000 · BUDGET INCOME ITEMS	
415.245 · Interest	700.00
415.253 · Sudanese Offering	3,300.00
415.101 · Envelopes Regular	726,842.83
415.102 · Loose Plate Offerings	14,000.00
415.237 · KC Preschool Income	46,000.00
415.233 · Mom's Day Out Income	6,000.00
421.110 · Facility Rental Fees	5,000.00
415.122 · New Year's Eve Offerings	2,300.00
415.128 · Lent Offerings	3,400.00
415.108 · Ash Wednesday	2,100.00
415.133 · Maundy Thursday Offerings	1,100.00
415.136 · Good Friday Offerings	1,400.00
415.114 · Advent Offerings	2,000.00
415.117 · Christmas Day Offerings	2,000.00
415.251 · VBS Registration	400.00
Total 410.000 · BUDGET INCOME ITEMS	816,542.83
570.100 · ADMIN SALARIES EXPENSE	
570.434 · Extended Day Concordia	1,366.82
570.433 · Extended Day Helper	12,425.60
570.505 · DCE Salary Other	15,088.32
570.205 · Associate Pastor Salary Other	16,582.08
570.105 · Senior Pastor Salary Ohter	23,939.76
570.852 · IRA Match	4,300.00
570.101 · Senior Pastor Salary	56,292.15
570.103 · Senior Pastor Housing	24,046.97
570.104 · Senior Pastor Utilities	3,169.82
570.107 · Senior Pastor FICA Offset	6,388.44
570.109 · Senior Pastor Concordia	21,510.24
570.201 · Associate Pastor Salary	27,273.63
570.203 · Associate Pastor Housing	48,000.00
570.204 · Associate Pastor Utilities	3,169.82
570.207 · Associate Pastor FICA Offset	6,000.93
570.209 · Associate Pastor Concordia	20,143.82

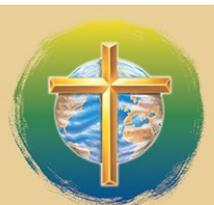
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offered to drive out and bring Tom home. With their help and patience, the PT reluctantly agreed to his travel home in the Naylor's F150 pickup. At 3 p.m. on the 9th of November, Bob, Pam, and Cindy arrived at the rehabilitation center for the PT to evaluate the pickup and make sure it would work for Tom. Tom made it up into the pickup, surprising the PT. He (along with the Naylor's) had told the PT that he was getting into the truck, one way or another!

When Tom was dismissed, Pastor Murphy and Vicar Doak were there to say goodbye, give hugs and blessings for the journey home. It took 10 hours to get everyone home, stopping little along the way. Tom and Cindy were so thankful for the ramp that friends had built to get Tom into the house and to see their son Josh.

Tom has in-home therapy and nursing and will be going to outpatient therapy soon. He is seeing local doctors for continued care and continues to slowly improve. He doesn't know how quickly the therapy will work. Tom is so grateful to God for sending Pastor Murphy and Vicar Doak to comfort and encourage him when he needed it most. He is grateful to God for his family, friends, medical personnel and everyone's prayers and concern.

A benefit will be held on Saturday, January 21st, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lawton Community Building. Spaghetti dinner, bake sale and silent auction are being planned. With the mounting medical bills and inability to work, we hope that all will turn out for Tom's benefit in January.



LifeLight

UPCOMING LIFE LIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Just a reminder that we are planning on having Life Light on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, starting January 17, at Whispering Creek Senior Living. More information will be in the upcoming bulletin.

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2022 ELDERS REPORT

The members of Redeemer Lutheran Church continue to be faithful in worship, service, and mission, remaining steadfast in Word and Lutheran doctrine. We offer a traditional, as well as a contemporary style of worship service on Sunday mornings, and a traditional service on Thursday evenings to best accommodate people's preferred style and time of worship. We continue to be blessed with so many faithful members who love to serve our Lord in many different ways. The number of mission and service projects that we perform each year are too numerous to list. We also maintain a high priority in supporting mission work assisting in the advancement of the Gospel that reaches out all around the world!

We continue to be concerned about our overall worship attendance by our members, as well as our Sunday School and youth program involvement numbers. We know that these alarming trends are not unique to Redeemer, and as societal values have changed there are many distractions and temptations that keep people from being regular worshippers. These value changes within our society impact how people live, educate and entertain themselves, and even worship. Competition from recreational activities, youth sports on Sundays, or just a lack of people prioritizing the importance of gathering together for worship is impacting Redeemer's attendance, member involvement, and tithes. We ask that each and every one of you(us) would pray for and encourage our neighbors, family members, or friends who have not been regular in their worship, and to welcome and remind them of the importance and benefits we have from worshipping together with other believers as well as giving of our time, talents, and treasure while serving our Lord.

Last spring we held an Every Member Visitation event. Although there were some flaws in the execution of this task, there were many positive elements that came out of it. Many new acquaintances were made that would not have otherwise happened. In addition, some helpful ideas and suggestions were given regarding various topics. Shortly after this event we began live-streaming our services which is much appreciated by many, especially for our home-bound members, those out of town for the weekend, or members who might be ill. We want to continue to emphasize that even though we have our services available to watch on-line, it is very important for people to gather together and worship with fellow believers in Word and Sacrament.

570.501 · DCE Salary	24,537.20	570.002 · EDUCATION EXPENSE	
570.503 · DCE Housing	18,000.00	540.310 · Family Fellowship	800.00
570.504 · DCE Utilities	2,000.00	540.216 · KC Continuing Education	275.00
570.507 · DCE FICA	3,407.10	540.201 · KC Advertising	300.00
570.509 · DCE Concordia	16,249.68	540.207 · KC Cooking Supplies	350.00
570.401 · Receptionist	19,375.20	540.204 · KC Miscellaneous	1,500.00
570.409 · Receptionist Concordia	2,131.28	540.302 · Sunday School Materials	2,000.00
570.601 · Office Manager	32,656.00	540.305 · Midweek Materials	1,100.00
570.602 · Office Manager Vacation	1,600.00	540.308 · Vacation Bible School	2,400.00
570.609 · Office Manager Concordia	10,883.04	540.311 · Bible Study Materials	500.00
570.701 · Custodian Salary	52,370.76	540.317 · Library	800.00
570.702 · Custodian Vacation	1,600.00	540.328 · Christmas Eve Treat Bags	100.00
570.709 · Custodian Concordia	15,451.68	540.340 · Conventions & Seminars - Staff	400.00
570.802 · Music Director	22,560.72	540.611 · Continuing Education/Training	200.00
570.809 · Music Director Concordia	2,481.84	Total 570.002 · EDUCATION EXPENSE	10,725.00
570.811 · Choir Accompanist Salary	1,470.42	525.002 · SHEPHERDING EXPENSES	
570.821 · Organists Salaries	6,526.31	530.302 · ConnecTeam	1,000.00
570.841 · Exalt Director Salary	0.00	530.301 · Elders Supplies	500.00
570.851 · Exalt Keyboardist Salary	2,551.64	530.306 · Communion Supplies	1,500.00
570.411 · KC Director Salary	28,459.44	530.349 · Worship	4,800.00
570.419 · KC Director Concordia	3,130.68	530.309 · Guest Speakers	0.00
570.421 · KC Teacher 2 Salary	10,335.24	530.312 · Taxi Service	750.00
570.438 · KC Preschool Sub Salary	1,000.00	530.327 · Lutheran Witness Subscription	1,400.00
570.431 · Mom's Day Out Salary	6,000.00	530.332 · Portals of Prayer	2,200.00
570.902 · Children's Ministry Asst	6,318.00	530.339 · Miscellaneous	1,000.00
570.901 · Worship Technology Operator	1,620.60	530.503 · Choir Music	400.00
570.903 · Volunteer Coordinator	11,013.60	530.511 · Exalt Music	300.00
Total 570.100 · ADMIN SALARIES EXPENSE	593,428.83	530.519 · Copyright Fees	550.00
570.003 · PROPERTY EXPENSES		Total 525.002 · SHEPHERDING EXPENSES	14,400.00
560.603 · Maint & Operations-Building	10,600.00	570.012 · LYF YOUTH-BUDGETED	
560.621 · Equipment & Improvements	2,400.00	530.601 · Senior LYF	1,500.00
560.624 · Grounds	5,500.00	530.604 · Junior LYF	1,300.00
560.643 · Custodial Supplies	3,000.00	530.610 · District Gathering Youth	1,300.00
560.627 · Utilities - MidAmerican Energy	25,000.00	530.612 · National Youth Gathering	1,000.00
560.633 · Utilities-Water - City SC	3,500.00	530.613 · Camp Fees	1,000.00
560.630 · Telephone Service	1,200.00	Total 570.012 · LYF YOUTH-BUDGETED	6,100.00
560.636 · Service Contracts	7,500.00	570.005 · OUTREACH EXPENSE	
560.646 · Waste Management	1,800.00	580.801 · Iowa District West	55,000.00
560.655 · Snow Removal	3,000.00	580.531 · Mom's Day Out Expenses	0.00
560.651 · Insurance - Property	20,545.00	580.804 · Missions	5,000.00
Total 570.003 · PROPERTY EXPENSES	84,045.00	580.807 · Lutheran Family Services	750.00
570.001 · ADMIN OTHER		580.819 · Advertising & Publicity	2,000.00
572.420 · Payroll Services	2,000.00	580.821 · Missionary Expense	1,000.00
572.110 · Mileage- Pastors	3,000.00	Total 570.005 · OUTREACH EXPENSE	63,750.00
572.112 · Mileage-DCE	450.00	105.000 · ACCOUNTING	
572.113 · Mileage-Office	500.00	105.300 · Credit Card Services Fee	900.00
572.115 · Assessment-Synod/District	1,500.00	Total Expense	816,542.83
572.413 · Internet Service	2,200.00		
572.419 · Technology	1,900.00		
572.422 · Office Supplies	3,000.00		
572.425 · Paper	2,000.00		
572.428 · Postage	4,000.00		
660.000 · Payroll Taxes	17,300.00		
572.434 · Offering Envelopes	1,900.00		
572.437 · Worker's Comp Insurance	3,444.00		
Total 570.001 · ADMIN OTHER	43,194.00		

In the summer we spent some time working on updating our membership. We focused on removing primarily those members who had not been in attendance for several years and who live greater than 50 miles away. We will continue to try to make this effort each year to try to keep our membership as up-to-date as we possibly can.

We are currently in search of a new DCE. We plan on having some in-person visits with some candidates in January, so we are very much looking forward to meeting with them. Please pray that God will soon lead the right person to serve us in this ministry. We would like to extend a huge thanks to Tara Van Meter for helping with our youth programs since the time when Madi left for her new calling in Minnesota.

May God continue to bless the members of Redeemer Lutheran Church as we work together within the Holy Christian Church all throughout the world, spreading the good news of salvation made available by God's free gift of Grace through Faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

*"16 Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you."
2 Thessalonians 3:16.*

God's Blessings,
Jeremy Schram



*"Where is the Babe who has been born?
We saw his star in the East and
have come to worship him."*



Redeemer Library Committee:

Michelle Callahan, Lisa Gottburg, Jeannette Johnson,
Sylvia Johnson, & Andrea VanPeurse



Looking Up When Life is Looking Down

by Beth Moore

Life can be hard...sometimes to the point of feeling as though your struggles will never end and God isn't anywhere near. In *Looking Up When Life is Looking Down*, Beth Moore shares a prosaic message of hope and deliverance taken from Psalm 40, helping readers discover they indeed are not alone and that God's gracious provision of love and faithfulness is at work in their circumstances.

Winter is Not Forever: Seasons of the Heart #3

Janette Oke

"What are you gonna do after graduation?" Everybody's been askin' me that question. With graduation only a month away, it seems like I'm the only one in our little school who doesn't know what he's gonna do after the big day. I've been prayin' about it, but I still don't have an answer. Is God nudgin' me to become a minister? A farmer? A husband? Life is filled with choices. The hard thing is figurin' out what to do."



The Family of Jesus: The Heart of the Story

by Karen Kingsbury

Bestselling novelist Karen Kingsbury will make you laugh, cry, and ultimately care more deeply about the Bible by helping you grasp the truths in Scripture not just with your mind, but with your heart. The characters in these short stories were among those closest to Jesus—Mary, Joseph, Jesus' brother James, John the Baptist, Zechariah, and Elizabeth. Each has a compelling tale to tell. Kingsbury intersperses fictional emotionally gripping details anchored in Scripture with historical and theological insights and questions that will guide soul-searching and reflection.

Happiness is a Lifestyle: Choosing to Make a Positive Change

By Martin Minirth, M.D.

Dr. Frank Minirth, best-selling author of *Happiness Is a Choice*, renowned Christian psychiatrist, Minirth is back with more hope for those in the grip of pressing emotions. The first step for finding happiness is to realize that powerful choices exist, he says, and determining to make them comes next. In *Happiness is a Lifestyle*, Dr. Minirth brings an encouraging blend of medical, behavioral, and biblical principles to bear on such issues as discouragement, stress, difficult relationships, aging, loneliness, depression, and grief. Each chapter offers positive, achievable steps to help readers determine how to move past negative emotions.



The Fifth Avenue Story Society

By Rachel Hauck

An invitation to join
The Fifth Avenue



Story Society gives five New York strangers a chance to rewrite their own stories. When all five New Yorkers receive an anonymous, mysterious invitation to the Fifth Avenue Story Society, they suspect they're victims of a practical joke. No one knows who sent the invitations or why. No one has heard of the literary society. And no one is prepared to bare their deepest secrets to a roomful of strangers. Yet curiosity and loneliness bring them back week after week to the old library. And it's there they discover the stories of their hearts, and the kind of friendship and love that heals their souls.

Winter Grief, Summer Grace:

Returning to Life After a Loved One Dies

by James E. Miller

Compassionately explores feelings that come with a loved one's death. Discover renewal in the midst of grief with simple, affirming activities. Includes inspiring passages of comfort and hope from the Bible, poetry, and literature. Beautiful full-color nature photographs reflect peace and quiet assurance.

Humor for a Woman's Heart

By Martha Bolton, Patsy Clairmont, Heloise, Nancy Kennedy, Mark Lowry, Mark Twain, Tim Wildman, etc.

Chicken soup books are the gold standard, but this is a close silver/gold. Little snippet chapters leave you wondering and thankful. Little prayers and illustrations break up the text and will bring you a good chuckle.

The Salt Garden

by Cindy McCormick Martinusen

Three women's lives converge around the century-old mystery of a shipwreck. There's Sophia, a reclusive author who retreated from the world after a tragic loss, Claire, a young journalist who's reluctantly returned to her home town, and Josephine, a passenger from the ill-fated ship. As they discover the truth about lost love and buried secrets, each woman finds hope, healing, and strength to face the future.

Footprints in the Ash: *The Explosive Story of Mount St. Helens*

By John Morris and Steven Austin

In the aftermath of the Mount St. Helens eruption and the subsequent glacier slide and mudflows, there remained a geologic gold mine for earth scientists. No natural disasters in recent history could compare with the variety of processes which resulted from this tectonic and volcanic event. As creation scientists have carefully studied this geological phenomenon, they have concluded that Mount St. Helens accomplished the same sort of geologic work that biblical creationists attribute to Noah's flood. While this explosion was certainly much smaller in scale and intensity, many lessons were learned through this occurrence that help us understand the unobservable past. Journey back to this catastrophic event and see what was discovered as they reconstruct the sequence of earthquakes, eruptions, avalanches, mudflows, and other geologic processes and unveil their fascinating research findings!



Redeemer Family News & Events See Tara VanMeter with any questions



❖ January 1st - No Rock Sunday School or Youth Bible Studies.



❖ January 22nd - Youth Start selling Soup and Subs for SUPER BOWL FUNDRAISER. Soup and Subs will be available to pick up on February 12th.

~ Celebrating Monthly Birthdays ~

Redeemer's ConnecTeam would like to help celebrate the birthdays of our 6th-8th graders, as well as our confirmed High School youth members. Each youth will receive a 12" decorated cookie. This project is funded with the help of a Thrivent Action Team Card.



For the month of January we want to wish a very Happy Birthday to **Jayden Goldsmith (1/16), Valerie Magnuson (1/17), Talan Willson (1/19), Jordyn Marlow (1/24), and Alexys Jones (1/30).**

Happy Birthday & God's Blessings from Thrivent Financial and the Redeemer ConnecTeam!

Dear Redeemer Members & Friends

We would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, well wishes, and cards during Tom's illness and time away from friends and loved ones. We are so thankful to be a part of the Redeemer family. ~ Tom and Cindy Klunker



Thank you to my Redeemer friends for their prayers, cards, and well wishes during my stay in the hospital and care center after my fall. Thank God for a caring congregation! ~ Ruth Simon

My wife and I would like to thank you for all the prayers, cards and calls from our Redeemer Church Family throughout my battle with pancreatic cancer. Your support and prayers made the difference. God has blessed me greatly. I'm very happy to say I'm now 6 months cancer free. Blessings to All and thank you again. ~ Harlan and Mary Frances Feddersen

A huge THANK YOU from Mid-Step Services and LWML to everyone who gave to the Angel Tree. Your gifts are very much appreciated.

Dear Members of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Mid-Step Services would like to thank you for the wonderful Christmas gifts. Your continued generosity makes the Christmas a memorable one for the members of Mid-Step Services. It is a pleasure to work with you on this project. With friends like you in the community, Mid-Step Services can continue to provide residential, vocational, educational and recreational services to people with intellectual disabilities. Thank you again for all you do. Sincerely~~ Mary Bertram, Development Director

SUMMARY OF MINUTES LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The Leadership Council met on Sunday, December 18, 2022 at 12:00 P.M.

Jim Arends was elected as Chairman of Leadership Council.

Steve Ebsen was elected as Vice Chairman of Leadership Council.

Ann Schauer was elected as Secretary of Leadership Council.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 P.M.

JANUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
1 † <u>SEE EVERY SUNDAY</u> 8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services No Rock Sunday 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Adult Confirmation 4-6 pm Pickleball 	2 <i>Office is Closed</i> 11:30 AM Members Luncheon at Olive Garden 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6:30 PM Pickleball	3 <i>Preschool classes resume for T/TH</i> 10 AM Devotions at Bickford Memory; & 10:30 AM Bickford Assisted w/Pastor Zirpel
8 <u>SEE EVERY SUNDAY</u> 8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services 9:30 AM ROCK Sunday 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Adult Confirmation 2-4 LWML Fleece Blankets- Center Rm 4-6 Pickleball	9 9 AM Quilting Starts 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6:30 PM Pickleball	10 5 PM Aktion Meal/MWM 6:30 PM ConnecTeam Meeting
15 † <u>SEE EVERY SUNDAY</u> 8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship 9:30 AM ROCK Sunday 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Adult Confirmation 4-6 PM Pickleball	16 9 AM Quilting 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6:30 PM Ruth/Naomi Circle 6:30 PM Pickleball 7 PM Compassionate Friends Mtg	17 11 AM Retired Educators Meal / MWM 7 PM Life Light Bible Study Starts
22 <u>SEE EVERY SUNDAY</u> 8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services 9:30 AM ROCK Sunday 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Adult Confirmation 4-6 PM Pickleball High School Youth Selling Subs- Superbowl	23 9 AM Quilting 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6:30 PM Pickleball	24 5 PM Aktion Meal/MWM 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 7 PM Life Light Bible Study
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Preschool classes resume for M/W/F 9:30 AM Lamplighters at Hope Lutheran in South Sioux City 1-3 PM Pickleball 1:30 PM Staff Bible Study/Mtg 5-5:40 PM Midweek Meal– Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Jello 5-7 PM Midweek 5-7 PM ROCK Wednesday	5 5:30 PM-Adult Fitness 6:30 PM-Worship	6 9-noon Food Shelf	7
11 1-3 PM Pickleball 1:30 PM Staff Bible Study/Mtg. 5-5:40 PM Midweek Meal– Hot Dogs & Mac-n-cheese 5-7 PM Midweek 5-7 PM ROCK Wednesday 6 PM Handbells 7:15 PM Adult Choir	12 12:15 Siouxland MOMS Group 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion 7:30 PM Leadership Council Mtg.	13 9-noon Food Shelf	14 7:30 AM Red M&M's Bible Study & Beakfast
18 1-3 PM Pickleball 1:30 PM Staff Bible Study/Mtg. 5-5:40 PM Midweek Meal– Pizza 5-7 PM Midweek 5-7 PM ROCK Wednesday 6 PM Handbells 7:15 PM Adult Choir	19 10 AM Thrivent Choice Mt 1 PM Esther/Lydia Circle 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6:30 PM Worship	20 9-noon Food Shelf 6 PM- Midnight Confirmation Lock-In	21 11 AM– 3 PM Benefit for Tom Klunker at the New Community Center in Lawton
25 1-3 PM Pickleball 1:30 PM Staff Bible Study/Mtg. 5-5:40 PM Midweek Meal– Hamburgers & Chips 5-7 PM Midweek 5-7 PM ROCK Wednesday 6 PM Handbells 7:15 PM Adult Choir	26 1 PM Altar Guild 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6:30 PM Worship 7 PM Elders Mtg	27 No Preschool (Staff attending Workshop!) 9-noon Food Shelf	28 6:30 PM Supper Club at Red Lobster

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

Website: redeemersiouxcity.com;

Facebook: RedeemerLC;

YouTube: Redeemer Lutheran Church Sioux City

Redeemer News and Events

Monthly Luncheon

The monthly Get-Together Luncheons continue, 11:30 am: January 2, Olive Garden; Bring a friend; everyone is welcome. Pre-register on the Attendance/Involvement card, please. ~~ConnecTeam

2022 Giving Statements

Giving statements for the 2022 calendar year will be mailed on or before Friday, Jan. 20. Look for yours to arrive by mid-month. If you have any questions about your statement, please contact Angie in the main office. Thank you!

Quilting

Quilting starts January 9th. We would welcome any new quilters— just show up at 9:00 am on Monday mornings in basement center room. Also, if anyone has any material, blankets, or anything we can use for quilting, you can drop them off in the basement any time. Thank you for your continual support.

Please sign up to help with

- Bringing baked items for the Tom Klunker spaghetti fundraiser on Jan. 21
- Help solicit donations for the Silent Auction for the T. Klunker fundraiser
- Help with serving food at the Tom Klunker Fundraiser on Jan. 21

Supper Club

Supper Club will be at Red Lobster, 6:30 pm: January 28. Bring a friend; Pre-register on the Attendance/Involvement card. ~~ConnecTeam

Have an interest in assisting our young members of our congregation?

ROCK Wednesday has a place for you. We are in need of more adult volunteers to help. If you would like to help, please contact Christy at 712-899-2064 or come check us out on a Wednesday night downstairs at the church 5:45 – 6:45 PM.

Sunday School Teacher

We are in need of a Sunday School Teacher for grades 1st and 2nd, from 9:30-10:30 AM. If you are interested, please contact Tara Van Meter 712-389-4182 or email tvmrhdh@gmail.com.

Cooking with Pastor Senstad

'Cheeseburger Soup'

A family favorite is Cheeseburger soup. It's simple and tasty. It's perfect for these cold days. Give it a try and see what you think!

Ingredients:

- 1/2 pound ground beef
- 4 tablespoons butter, divided
- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 3/4 cup shredded carrots 3/4 cup diced celery
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes
- 1-3/4 pounds (about 4 cups) cubed peeled potatoes
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 to 4 cups shredded Velveeta
- 1-1/2 cups whole milk

- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 cup sour cream



Directions:

1. In a large saucepan over medium heat, cook and crumble beef until no longer pink, 6-8 minutes; drain and set aside. In same saucepan, melt 1 tablespoon butter over medium heat. Saute onion, carrots, celery, basil and parsley until vegetables are tender, about 10 minutes. Add potatoes, ground beef and broth; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, until potatoes are tender, 10-12 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, in a small skillet, melt remaining butter. Add flour; cook and stir until bubbly, 3-5 minutes. Add to soup; bring to a boil. Cook and stir 2 minutes. Reduce heat to low. Stir in cheese, milk, salt and pepper; cook until cheese melts. Remove from heat; blend in sour cream. If desired, serve with onion rings and green onions.

Enjoy and eat well, God Bless,
Pastor Senstad

KinderCottage Preschool

January 2023

A Ministry of Redeemer Lutheran Church
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KinderCottage Direct line (712)224-2273

Happy New Year and praying that 2023 is a BLESSED year for everyone!

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and we are ready to start a whole new year! It is the first anniversary of our extended day program & we pray that it continues to grow!

The MWF classes will be working on the letters, "K", "J", "T" and "W", as well as the colors purple and green, the numbers 3 and 7 and the shapes of a hexagon and triangle. The T/Th classes will be working on the letters, "L", "M", "N" and "O" and a color review of red, brown, blue & yellow

As a reminder to all parents, KinderCottage Preschool follows the Sioux City Community Schools for weather cancellations. If they have a 2 hour late start our morning preschool class is cancelled and those enrolled in the extended day program can arrive at 10:45 AM. If a 2 hour early out is called extended day kids would need to be picked up at 1:15 PM. If they are closed for the day so is KinderCottage Preschool.

Both classes will hear the Bible stories about An Angry King, Jesus' First Miracle and Jesus Teaches On a Mountain.

New Year Blessings*
Tara, Michelle & Tina

January Dates to Remember

1-2 Winter Break-
NO SCHOOL

3 Classes resume
for T/TH students

4 Classes resume
for M/W/F
students

Enrollment for Fall 2023

Is now being
accepted! Please
call 224-2273 for
more info.

Christmas Show and Tell

Our first days back to preschool is in January. **EVERY-ONE** is encouraged to bring **ONE** item they received for Christmas to show their classmates. The only rules are that they bring just **ONE** item and it **MUST** fit in their back pack!
Thank You!

SUMMARY ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING

The Annual Voters' Meeting of Redeemer Lutheran Church was held on Sunday, December 4, 2022, at 2:00 P.M.

50 members were present.

Jim Arends, Michelle Callahan, Steve Dirks, Steve Ebsen, and Mike Koehler were elected to serve on the Leadership Council for 2023 -2025.

The budget for 2023 was amended and approved.

Approval was given for Redeemer's 'Power' Resolutions for 2023.

Pray: That Redeemer continue its rich tradition of praying for missionaries, especially the missionary of the month as found in the newsletter. And resolve it to work on supporting new and existing outreach efforts.

Obey: The adult members of Redeemer will make it a point to be involved in at least one Bible Study during the year of 2023, learn a Bible verse of the month, and attend worship services at least 3 times a month through the year.

Witness: That we continue to show our love in our actions. Especially for those in need. That we receive a monthly offering for the Orphan Grain Train hunger appeal with part of the money used locally to purchase food for the Food Bank or wherever deemed necessary. Furthermore, that we continue to help serve at the Soup Kitchen.

Encourage: That we resolve to show our love for our inactive members. Both by personally inviting our inactive members back to worship, and supporting our elders when they are called upon to remove those extremely inactive members.

Remain: That we remain committed to use our time, talent, and treasure to further God's kingdom. In particular that we would use 50% of the income that exceeds our budget for missions. The Leadership Council will decide on what mission activities are supported.

Woody Gottburg presented the Elders annual report for Jeremy Schram. The full report will be in January's newsletter.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

A full copy of this meeting may be reviewed in the Church Office.

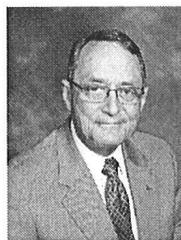


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Christ's Mission!

January 2023

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WE ARE ALL MISSIONARIES!



That's the message of Christmas and Epiphany! The first people that the Lord called to tell others about Jesus were the lowly Shepherds and then the Wisemen were sent to bring the message of Jesus to people from far away. When the shepherds came to the manger, the Bible says in Luke 2:17: "When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child." Then the Wisemen came and "Having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route" (Matthew 2:12). Yes, the Wisemen went back to their country and told the amazing story of Jesus!

If the Lord can use shepherds, strangers from another country, fishermen, tax collectors, and even the Samaritan woman at the well...HE CAN USE EVERY ONE OF US TO WITNESS TO THE PEOPLE AROUND US EACH DAY ABOUT OUR DEAR JESUS! The very last words of Jesus on ascension day as He was ascending into heaven...He gave a command...and HE said, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation" (Mark 16:15). It starts at home and then goes ALL OVER THE WORLD!

Gary Thies, Mission Development Counselor
gary.thies@lcms.org

~ SPECIAL OFFERINGS ~



Special Offerings for January will go to support missionaries *Pastor Adam and Christine Lehman and their four children* who share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the people of Puerto Rico. Pastor Adam serves as a church planter throughout the island, assisting other church leaders to grow the church in Puerto Rico. Special offerings for



January will also go to support missionaries *John and Jenn Wolf and their five children (Wolf pack)* who serve in Africa. John provides oversight and support for projects and grants, with a particular focus on mercy works. He also trains the local people and church partners to develop, manage

and sustain projects that support Christian growth and congregational needs across Africa. **Please clearly mark your "special offering"** so that the office can make sure that you are credited properly.



We are thankful for a \$750 matching gift for our canned items. So for now, all canned jars, no matter size, will be 5 for \$25. This includes pickles, jams, jellies, etc. Thanks so much for your support for the JJ Wolf missionary Family of Africa. Redeemer is in the 8th year (out of a 10 year commitment) of support.

Aronia Jam	Choke Cherry Jelly	Rhubarb Ginger Lime
Aronia Jelly	Red Current Jelly	Jam
Aronia Jalapeno Jam	Wild Raspberry Jam	Strawberry Jalapeno
Mixed Berry Jam	Plum Jam	Jam
Elderberry Jelly	Gooseberry Jelly	✧ Sweet Pickles
Wild Grape Jelly	Mixed Fruit Jelly	



CALENDAR OF EVENTS—January 2023
Circle Bible Study: "Dilemmas and Decisions"
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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

- Sun. Jan 8 12:15 Lower Level—Center Rm**
 LWML Epiphany/Christmas Gathering...Soup & Salad Luncheon served. Program will focus on devotion, service, & fellowship. A soup and salad luncheon will be served. Service projects tying of fleece blankets for the Unity Point NICU (2 – 1 1/2 yards of fleece per blanket). Second project to be announced.
- Mon. Jan 16 6:30 Ruth/Naomi Circle Redeemer Parish Hall**
- Thurs. Jan 19 1:00 Esther/Lydia Circle—Redeemer Conference Rm.**
 Lorelee Fink—Bible Study



Thanks be to God! We are HIS!

- We are:
- H** Held by God's Word
 - i** Inspired to share HIS Gospel
 - S** Surrounded by HIS Grace

Bibi's Hope Update January 2023



As part of the Solidarity Day-2022, ORABANK-Mali donated food and other material goods to the children of the NIABER orphanage. A delegation of workers met with Bibi and the children to celebrate the donations.

It was in a warm and friendly atmosphere that the children, the orphanage officials and the bank representatives exchanged and shared among the children's applause and singing.

The director of the bank is very sensitive to the conditions of abandoned children. She said, "Mrs MALY SANGHO BIBI is trying so hard to provide for all her children. But she won't be alone anymore. ORABANK-Mali will always stand by the NIABER ASE-MALI ORPHANCY, said the representative of the bank."



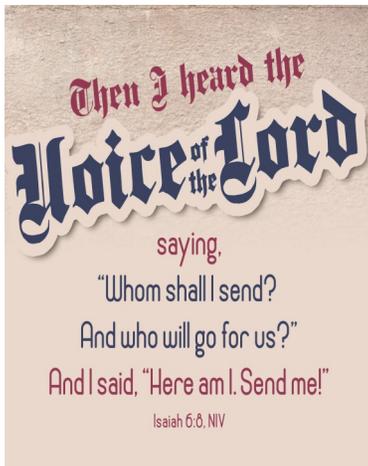
Pictures show children and Bibi with the bank representatives.

Please include the orphanage in your daily prayers....

Please send prayers for the health of everyone at ASE-Mali orphanage and for the spread of Christian faith in Mali. Please also pray for the spread of Christian faith in the United States and all over the world. Please pray for peace and God's will in the US and around the world.

If you have any questions about Bibi's Hope Committee or the orphanage, please feel free to contact Kyle Schutte at 712-635-3834 or Pastor Zirpel.

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



November 2022

Baptism:

- ✠ Reece Kasuske
- ✠ Curtis Miller
- ✠ Rhett Dvorak
- ✠ Eleanor Kovarna

Death:

- ✠ Janice Bettin
- ✠ Jerry Barth

Adult Confirmation:

- ✠ Shayla Ostrihonksy

January 2023 Missionary

Rev. Gustavo and Ruth Maita. Ruth has served the Lord through the LC-MS as a missionary in the Latin America and the Caribbean region from 2013-2015, and again from 2018-present.

January Bible Verse:

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"
2 Cor. 5:17 NIV

CAMP OKOBOJI Winter Events 2023



Family Ice Fishing Retreat—Jan. 27—29
Winter Games Family Funfest— Jan. 28
For more information and to register, visit campokoboji.org

November 2023 Statistics

Date	Church Attendance	Communion Attendance	Bible Study	Children Church	Sudanese Attendance
11/6	270	241	26	42	7
11/13	256	N/A	24	39	10
11/20	270	250	22	38	6
11/27	255	N/A	28	N/A	6
TOTAL	1051	491	100	119	29
AVG.	263	246	25	40	7
POTENTIAL	1,401	1,021	1,021	380	N/A
PERCENT	20%	19%	2%	3%	.75
PRIOR YR.	18%	16%	2%	2%	N/A
Membership:			11/2021		11/2022
Communicants			1,115		1,008
Baptized (unconfirmed)			356		298
TOTAL			1,471		1,306

Loss of -165 people (-12.6%)

Treasurer's Report Jan.1– Nov. 30, 2022:

Actual income: \$663,464
Budgeted Expenses: \$686,691
Difference: -\$23,227
Percentage: 97%

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Thrivent Members Who Have Choice Dollars

NEW Choice Dollars for the 4th Quarter of 2022 will be available January 6, 2023. Please direct them as soon as possible by calling Home Office at 1-800-847-4836 or by directing them online at www.thrivent.com. Thanks for your continued support of the Choice Dollar program at Redeemer.

Serving in January 2023

ACOLYTES:

January 1: 8:15 AM– (open); 10:45 AM– Kyler Zirpel

January 8: 8:15 AM– Erik Koehler; 10:45 AM— Hailey Siepker & Jaxson Findley

January 15: 8:15 AM– Jonathan Wittman & Jacob Runge Dill; 10:45 AM— Emma DuBois & Addison Hildman

January 22: 8:15 AM– Joseph Gustman & Kayden Gustman; 10:45 AM— Cody Schutte & Alyssa Urban

January 29: 8:15 AM– Mesa Zellmer; 10:45 AM— Hailey Siepker & Xavier Young

COUNTERS:

January 1— Team 3 (Gale & Carol Bobolz)

January 8— Team 4 (Loralee Fink & Judy Buckley)

January 15— Team 1 (Judy Buckley & Marge Lessmann)

January 22— Team 2 (Anita Mack & Diana & Marlo Hermelbracht's)

January 29— Team 3 (Gale & Carol Bobolz)

SUNDAY GREETERS:

Jan. 1: 8:15 AM– Scott & Brenda Ernst

10:45 AM— Jackie Krueger & Jayne Edwards

Jan. 8: 8:15 AM— Loralee Fink

10:45 AM— Dale & Tina Revell

Jan. 15: 8:15 AM– Paul & Cindy Fleckenstein

10:45—Erica Simpson

Jan. 22: 8:15 AM– Karen Grieme

10:45—Shirley Stokes

Jan. 29: 8:15 AM– Dale & Nadine Henningsen

10:45 AM—Gale & Carol Bobolz

USHERS: Thurs 6:30 PM: Harlan Feddersen / Al & Melissa Joens

Sundays: 8:15 AM: Team 3 (Gary Flammang, Mitchel Bauman, Gary Bumsted, Paul Fleckenstein, Bob Naylor).

10:45: Team 7 (Doug Stucky, Nate Klaumann, Christian Stai, Tom Stokes)

ELDERS: Steve Petersen

PROPERTY CHECK:

Lisa Gottburg

COFFEE & ROLLS:

Jan. 1: Youth

Jan 8: Loralee Fink/ Karen Vock

Jan 15: Paul & Cindy Fleckenstein

Jan. 22: Karen Grieme/Geri Phillips

Jan. 29: TBD



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Thursdays - 6:30 PM

Sundays

8:15 AM Traditional

10:45 AM Contemporary

Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month

Adult Bible Study: 9:30 AM Sunday

Youth (9-12 grade) Bible Study: 9:30 AM Sunday

ROCK Sunday (2yr-8grade) 9:30-10:30 AM Sunday

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