

"So, It's a New Year"

In truth, sometimes it's hard to tell one year from another. We don't see huge changes from the end of December to the beginning of January. But, we know that life does change. Some say that change is the only constant.

Sometimes, to truly appreciate the change that takes place in life, we must look at years...not just a new year. And sometimes the change isn't for the best. Sometimes change can mean those things that are helpful and lovely are not as prevalent and have been ignored.

And the times have changed, at least here in the USA. It did not happen overnight, but it has and is changing fast. When I first came out of seminary, one out of four couples lived together before marriage. Now it's closer to three out of four. Instead of referring to "family," it is more accurate to refer to "household" because of so many different blends of relations living under one roof. The traditional family is almost the exception rather than the norm. The battle for defining marriage intensifies over questions that were almost unthinkable just fifty years ago. For those of you who are old enough, do you remember Elvis and how on the Ed Sullivan Show the camera

would not scan down to his shaking hips on television? The times have changed.

And all of this, the Church, for the most part, has not changed. In many ways, that is good. The teaching based on God's unchanging truth is the same. The Cross is central. Christ is Lord. In other ways, though, it is not good. The church is perceived as not struggling with the issues of the world. In fact, there are many who would view the Church as being uncaring, because they do not see the Church as wrestling with the serious issues of abortion, poverty, homosexuality, or social inequality, to mention of few. Why shouldn't our churches enter the debates that we hear being spoken through social media?

Many churches today find themselves struggling to hold their own with rising finances and decreasing attendance. Meanwhile, there is the Wal-Mart mindset that creeps into the church. People's expectations as to what the church should do for them continually increase.

It all sounds depressing, doesn't it? In one way, it is. Yet, in another way, it is not. *(continued on page 2)*

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There is a bright and hopeful future for the Church. Maybe not for the church as I've known it; I believe those days and that church are of the past. The Church, however, of our faith's confession is alive and well through the world today. In the Nicene Creed, we confess, "I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church."

The word apostle means "one who is sent out or away." When we confess our faith in the "apostolic Church", we are not only saying that our church is rooted in the apostle's teaching but that we, like they, are sent out! In other words, everyone within the local church is a missionary. Each person is sent out.

We are not to sit back. We are sent out with his saving message that God loves the world. He shows that love by giving us His only Son. It is His Son, Jesus, who takes our punishment upon Himself, so that we can now call God "Father". Enjoy and appreciate the rich precious gift that is yours to call God "Father."

We are the "sent ones" into a world that is hungry to hear the Good News. This is not some new thought or fad. This is the prayer of Jesus. That our love for God and for each other would move us to be missionaries to the world we live in.

My final question, "Where might you be able to enter into the world this year to engage in listening and conversing over the issues of the day?" May the New Year bring you great blessings and many opportunities to share the love of God.

God Bless, Pastor Senstad



For surely
I KNOW THE
plans
I have for
YOU,
 says the
Lord...
TO GIVE YOU A
future
 WITH
Hope.
 Jeremiah 29:11, NRSV

2021 Elder Report

Redeemer Lutheran Church continues to be blessed with God-fearing, caring people who love to serve our Lord. The members of our congregation as well as our staff are grounded in sound Christian and Lutheran doctrine. As a local church body we place much emphasis on objective Biblical liturgy and reference during our worship services, mission based efforts, and service projects. We offer both a traditional as well as a contemporary style of worship service on Sunday mornings, and also a service on Thursday evenings for those who are unable to attend on Sunday mornings. Redeemer embraces the command that our Lord Jesus Christ gave us before he ascended into heaven. In Matthew 28:18-19 Jesus tells us to: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Redeemer has displayed her evangelistic outreach within our community, circuit, district, synod, and world by heeding to her values and striving to fulfill our mission.

We are all very much aware of the challenges that the past few years have presented us while living in this "Co-vid" era. Our regular attendance for worship and Sunday School has not been at the levels where they should be. We acknowledge that this downward trend has been developing for many years now, and we will not use the Co-vid pandemic as an excuse. We know some people and families are watching our worship services on-line, even though it is difficult to quantify for sure just how many are doing this. However, we want to emphasize the importance of attending church on a regular basis to join together in the worship and fellowship with other believers, to partake in Holy Communion, and regularly being in God's Word and prayer, while at the same time experiencing many other essential means that God blesses us with to strengthen our Faith as well as our relationship between us and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

We are planning to organize and conduct an all-member visitation event sometime after the first of the year, and prior to Easter. We were in the initial stages of doing this two years ago when Co-vid struck. We feel this would be the most effective way to reach out to as many of our members as possible, with special emphasis on those who we have not seen in quite a while, and also those who may have special needs. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this effort when we initiate this outreach. We hope to learn and gain a better understanding as to why our regular worship and Sunday School attendance has been trending lower, as well as any other factors that we should be aware of. When this is complete, we will likely go through our membership list again to update it to the best of our ability, removing those members who choose to be released.

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2021 Annual Voters' Meeting Results

Redeemer's new members of the Leadership Council, elected to two-year terms at the Dec. 5, 2021 Annual Voters Meeting are Gerri Judd, our new treasurer, Gary Flammang, Ann Schauer, and Jerry VanPeurse. They join current Leadership Council members Jim Arends, Steve Ebsen, and Paula Schram, all of whom were elected to two-year terms in December 2020.

The 2022 Leadership Council will be introduced at worship Thursday, Jan. 13th at 6:30 PM.

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 2022 Budget, as approved at the Voters' Meeting, is below.

410.000 · BUDGET INCOME ITEMS	
415.240 · KC Stipend Funds	8,000.00
415.253 · Sudanese Offering	1,600.00
415.101 · Envelopes Regular	667,814.90
415.102 · Loose Plate Offerings	16,000.00
415.237 · KC Preschool Income	40,000.00
421.110 · Facility Rental Fees	5,000.00
415.122 · New Year's Eve Offerings	1,500.00
415.128 · Lent Offerings	5,500.00
415.108 · Ash Wednesday	1,700.00
415.133 · Maundy Thursday Offerings	1,000.00
415.136 · Good Friday Offerings	1,000.00
415.114 · Advent Offerings	2,000.00
415.117 · Christmas Day Offerings	500.00
415.248 · Midweek Materials	300.00
Total 410.000 · BUDGET INCOME ITEMS	751,914.90
570.100 · ADMIN SALARIES EXPENSE	
580.000 · Administrative Fees for Health	300.00
570.852 · IRA Match	3,764.98
570.101 · Senior Pastor Salary	74,268.75
570.103 · Senior Pastor Housing	24,046.97
570.104 · Senior Pastor Utilities	3,169.82
570.107 · Senior Pastor FICA Offset	8,406.76
570.109 · Senior Pastor Concordia	16,203.09
570.201 · Associate Pastor Salary	45,670.58
570.203 · Associate Pastor Housing	48,000.00
570.204 · Associate Pastor Utilities	3,169.82
570.207 · Associate Pastor FICA Offset	8,021.97
570.209 · Associate Pastor Concordia	15,691.45
570.501 · DCE Salary	22,091.25
570.503 · DCE Housing	18,000.00
570.504 · DCE Utilities	2,000.00
570.507 · DCE FICA	3,486.71

570.509 · DCE Concordia	9,491.68	540.207 · KC Cooking Supplies	350.00
570.401 · Receptionist	18,799.56	540.204 · KC Miscellaneous	1,500.00
570.409 · Receptionist Concordia	2,067.95	540.210 · KC Teacher/Aide Physicals	0.00
570.601 · Office Manager	31,707.52	540.302 · Sunday School Materials	2,000.00
570.602 · Office Manager Vacation	1,220.00	540.305 · Midweek Materials	800.00
570.609 · Office Manager Concordia	8,483.97	540.308 · Vacation Bible School	1,500.00
570.701 · Custodian Salary	50,848.33	540.311 · Bible Study Materials	500.00
570.702 · Custodian Vacation	1,736.00	540.317 · Library	800.00
570.709 · Custodian Concordia	10,120.26	540.328 · Christmas Eve Treat Bags	100.00
570.802 · Music Director	27,073.04	540.340 · Conventions & Seminars - Staff	400.00
570.809 · Music Director Concordia	2,978.03	540.611 · Continuing Education/Training	200.00
570.811 · Choir Accompanist Salary	1,903.44	Total 570.002 · EDUCATION EXPENSE	9,525.00
570.821 · Organists Salaries	8,812.94	525.002 · SHEPHERDING EXPENSES	
570.851 · Exalt Keyboardist Salary	2,477.15	530.000 · Deaf Worship	0.00
570.411 · KC Director Salary	24,966.46	530.302 · ConnecTeam	1,000.00
570.419 · KC Director Concordia	2,746.31	530.301 · Elders Supplies	500.00
570.421 · KC Teacher 2 Salary	16,106.19	530.306 · Communion Supplies	1,500.00
570.429 · KC Teacher 2 Concordia	1,771.68	530.349 · Worship	2,500.00
570.438 · KC Preschool Sub Salary	2,000.00	530.312 · Taxi Service	750.00
570.431 · Mom's Day Out Salary	0.00	530.327 · Lutheran Witness Subscription	1,000.00
570.902 · Children's Ministry Asst	5,000.00	530.332 · Portals of Prayer	1,600.00
570.901 · Worship Technology Operator	800.00	530.339 · Miscellaneous	1,000.00
570.903 · Volunteer Coordinator	12,265.24	530.503 · Choir Music	500.00
579.999 · Employee-paid liabilities	0.00	530.511 · Exalt Music	300.00
Total 570.100 · ADMIN SALARIES EXPENSE	539,667.90	530.519 · Copyright Fees	450.00
570.003 · PROPERTY EXPENSES		Total 525.002 · SHEPHERDING EXPENSES	11,100.00
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	3,750.00	530.613 · Camp Fees	1,000.00
560.630 · Telephone Service	1,100.00	Total 570.012 · LYF YOUTH-BUDGETED	6,100.00
560.636 · Service Contracts	7,500.00	570.005 · OUTREACH EXPENSE	
560.646 · Waste Management	1,320.00	580.801 · Iowa District West	55,000.00
560.655 · Snow Removal	3,000.00	580.802 · Camp Okoboji	0.00
560.651 · Insurance - Property	20,406.00	580.804 · Missions	5,000.00
Total 570.003 · PROPERTY EXPENSES	83,576.00	580.807 · Lutheran Family Services	750.00
570.001 · ADMIN OTHER		580.819 · Advertising & Publicity	1,000.00
572.421 · Personnel Search Expenses	0.00	580.821 · Missionary Expense	1,000.00
572.420 · Payroll Services	1,500.00	Total 570.005 · OUTREACH EXPENSE	62,750.00
572.110 · Mileage- Pastors	3,000.00	105.000 · ACCOUNTING	
572.112 · Mileage-DCE	450.00	105.300 · Credit Card Services Fee	900.00
572.113 · Mileage-Office	500.00	Total Expense	751,914.90
572.115 · Assessment-Synod/District	1,000.00		
572.413 · Internet Service	1,300.00		
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	15,000.00		
572.431 · Stewardship Materials	100.00		
572.434 · Offering Envelopes	1,500.00		
572.437 · Worker's Comp Insurance	3,046.00		
Total 570.001 · ADMIN OTHER	38,296.00		
570.002 · EDUCATION EXPENSE			
540.310 · Family Fellowship	800.00		
540.216 · KC Continuing Education	275.00		
540.201 · KC Advertising	300.00		



Glory to God in the Highest! And Peace to All in the New Year!

Redeemer Library Committee:
Michelle Callahan, Lisa Gottburg,
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& Andrea VanPeurseem



Gold of Kings: Storm Syrrell Series

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by Davis Bunn

A dealer in art and antiquities, Storm Syrrell arranges her life as she does her work -- into neat, orderly categories. But when her grandfather is murdered, all certainties are replaced by suspicions. She struggles to understand his death -- and decipher the frayed leather journal she finds hidden in his vault. Storm soon realizes that Sean Syrrell was a trusted go-between in the highest ranks of business and government in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. Some seek to claim gold for the treasure it represents; others are determined to destroy it. With the tangled motives of greed and power now in focus, old allies become new enemies. The sacred relics represent a formidable metaphor to an ancient faith. Will her search include a renewal of her own faith?

The Locket

by Richard Paul Evans

After the death of his mother, Michael finds employment at the Arcadia nursing home where he befriends Esther, a reclusive but beautiful elderly woman who lives in mourning for her youth and lost love. Michael faces his own challenges when he loses his greatest love, Faye. When Michael is falsely accused of abusing one of the residents, he learns important lessons about faith and forgiveness from Esther. Her gift to him of a locket, once symbolic of one person's missed opportunities, becomes another's second chance.

Catching the Wind

by Melanie Dobson

Daniel Knight was thirteen when he and ten-year-old Brigitte escaped the Gestapo agents who arrested both their parents. They survived a harrowing journey from Germany to England, only to be separated upon their arrival. Daniel vowed to find Brigitte after the war, a promise he has fought to fulfill for more than seventy years. Now a wealthy old man, Daniel's final hope in finding Brigitte rests with Quenby Vaughn, an American journalist working in London. He believes Quenby's tenacity to find missing people and her personal investment in a related WWII espionage story will help her succeed where previous investigators have failed. Though Quenby is wrestling her own demons, the lure of Brigitte's story is too much to resist. Quenby delves deep into the past, following a trail of deception, sacrifice, and healing that could change all of their futures.

The Story People

by Heather Kaufman

Bookstore owner Benjamin Palermo is ready to turn the page to the next chapter of his life, and every lady in town is eager to help by finding him a suitable wife! The subtle humor and gentle inspiration of The Story People will encourage readers to savor life's little snippets of joy.

Life is Tough, But God is

Faithful: How to See God's Love in Difficult Times

by Sheila Walsh

"When our dreams go sour or seem unfulfilled, we can choose to allow Satan to slither into our lives, or we can choose to remember that God is faithful, no matter how hopeless life gets." Sheila looks at thirteen crucial turning points that can help you rediscover God's love and forgiveness. Showing how the choices you make affect your life, she offers insights from the book of Job, from her own life, and from the lives of people whose simple but determined faith helped them become shining lights in a dark world.

Lionhearts

by Ray Keating

War has arrived on American soil, with Islamic terrorists using new tactics. Few are safe, including Christians, politicians, and the media. Pastor Stephen Grant taps into his past with the Navy SEALs and the CIA to help wage a war of flesh and blood, ideas, history, and beliefs. This is about defending both the U.S. and Christianity. With action in churches and homes, and on media and political fronts, *Lionhearts* ranks as a breathtaking, edge-of-your-seat thriller. Tragedy, justice, faith, love, friendship, violence, death and loss, hatred, courage, commitment, murder and patriotism are brought to life.

Somebody Loves You

by Helen Steiner Rice

This beautiful collection of verses by the beloved poetess pays tribute to love, companionship, friendship, and faith. Each tender, inspiring poem serves to remind us that even when we feel lonely, afraid, sad, or discouraged, God is always near--He is the one constant in an ever-changing world.



BOOK SERIES FROM AUTHOR, JAN KARON

The Mitford Years

Enter the world of Mitford, and you won't want to leave. It's easy to feel at home in Mitford. In these high, green hills, the air is pure, the village is charming, and the people are generally lovable. Yet, Father Tim, the bachelor rector, wants something more. Enter a dog the size of a sofa who moves in and won't go away. Add an attractive neighbor who begins wearing a path through the hedge. Now, stir in a lovable but unloved boy, a mystifying jewel theft, and a secret that's sixty years old. Suddenly, Father Tim gets more than he bargained for. And readers get a rich, provincial comedy in which mysteries and miracles abound.

At Home in Mitford, Book #1
A Light in the Window, #2
These High, Green Hills, #3
Out To Canaan, #4

The Backward Life: In Pursuit of an Uncommon Faith

by Jarrold Jones

Jesus preached lessons that seemed contradictory: Die to live. Lose to gain. Love your neighbor as yourself. Is it possible to follow in his footsteps today? This book takes readers on a journey into a faith that dares members of our pop culture to live like Christ - to deny themselves and take up the cross.



Redeemer Family News & Events See DCE, Madi Aeikens, with any questions



❖ **January 2nd - No Rock Sunday School or Youth Bible Studies.**

❖ **January 7th - High Schoolers (16 years and older) volunteer at Soup Kitchen from 4 to 7pm. See DCE, Madi to sign up.**



❖ **January 21st - Middle School Youth Lock - in with Izaak from Camp Okoboji at Redeemer from 6pm to Midnight. Please bring a snack to share.**



❖ **January 23rd - Youth Start selling Soup and Subs for SUPER BOWL FUNDRAISER. Soup and Subs will be available to pick up on February 13th.**

❖ **January 30th - High School Youth Group from 4 to 6pm - Pickleball in the Gym.**



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We encourage all of our members to continue to pray that our inactive members are moved and encouraged by the Holy Spirit to come back and join us in regular worship, and that especially our young families and adults are also led to be more involved within our congregation. We recognize that there are many distractions and temptations that lead many to choose not to attend worship service on a regular basis. We pray that our members continue to review their priorities, especially in their spiritual life. If you know of someone who has been absent from church for a long period of time, please pray for them, and reach out to them with Love and encouragement to invite them to come back and join us!

May God continue to bless Redeemer Lutheran Church as we work together within the Holy Christian Church all throughout the world, spreading the good news of salvation by God's free gift of Grace through Faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! May I conclude with three verses that we Lutherans often refer to and memorize. Ephesians 2:8-10 :**"8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."**

God's Blessings, Jeremy Schram

~ Celebrating Monthly Birthdays ~

Redeemer's ConnecTeam would like to help celebrate the birthdays of our 6th-8th graders who are currently confirmation students, 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 Card.

For the month of January we want to wish a very Happy Birthday to **Jayden Goldsmith (1/6), Makayla Milligan (1/6), Valerie Magnuson (1/7) Katelyn Engle (1/8), Jack Sanderson (1/9), Talan Willson (1/9), Jordyn Marlow (1/24), Wyatt Kropp (1/29), Alexys Jones (1/30), and Beau Smallcomb (1/30). Happy Birthday & God's Blessings from Thrivent Financial & the Redeemer ConnecTeam!**

JANUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>2 † <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 1-3 PM Sudanese Worship 4-6 pm Pickleball</p>	<p>3 <i>Office is Closed</i> Preschool classes <i>resume for M/W/F</i> - <i>Extended Day Starts</i> 9 AM Quilting Starts 11:30 AM Members Luncheon at Red Lobster 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6:30 PM Pickleball</p>	<p>4 Preschool classes <i>resume for T/TH</i> - <i>Extended Day Starts</i> 2 PM Staff Bible Study/ Meeting</p>
<p>9 <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 1-3 PM Sudanese Worship 2-4 LWML Fleece Blankets- Center Rm 4-6 Pickleball 6-9 PM Dave Ramsey Class</p>	<p>10 9 AM Quilting 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6:30 PM Pickleball 7 PM Siouxland Samplers Quilt Guild</p>	<p>11 2 PM Staff Bible Study/Meeting 6:30 PM ConnecTeam Meeting</p>
<p>16 † <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 1-3 PM Sudanese Worship 4-6 PM Pickleball 6-9 PM Dave Ramsey Class</p>	<p>17 9 AM Quilting 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6:30 PM Ruth/Naomi Circle 6:30 PM Pickleball 7 PM Compassionate Friends Mtg</p>	<p>18 11 AM Retired Educators Meal / MWM 2 PM Staff Bible Study/ Meeting</p>
<p>23 <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 1-3 PM Sudanese Worship 4-6 PM Pickleball 6-9 PM Dave Ramsey Class High School Youth Selling Subs- Superbowl</p>	<p>24 9 AM Quilting 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6:30 PM Pickleball</p>	<p>25 2 PM Staff Bible Study/Meeting 5 PM Aktion Carry-Out Meal- MWM 5:30 PM Adult Fitness</p>
<p>30 <u>SEE EVERY SUNDAY</u> MITES SUNDAY 8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services 9:30 AM ROCK Sunday 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Adult Confirmation 1-3 PM Sudanese Worship 4-6 PM Pickleball (High School Youth) 6-9 PM Dave Ramsey Class</p>	<p>31 9 AM Quilting 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6:30 PM Pickleball</p>	

Thrivent Members Who Have Choice Dollars

NEW Choice Dollars for the 4th Quarter of 2021 will be available January 8, 2022. You can call the home office at 1-800-847-4836 or go online to direct them. Thanks to all of you who have been directing your Choice Dollars to Redeemer after each quarter!



Redeemer Lutheran Church & KinderCottage Preschool

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 9:30 AM Lamplighters at <i>Hope Lutheran in South Sioux City</i> 1-3 PM Pickleball 2 PM LifeLight Bible Study / Matthew Conference Rm 5-5:40 PM Midweek Meal— <i>Pigs in a blanket</i> 5-7 PM Midweek 5-7 PM ROCK Wednesday 6 PM Handbells	6 5:30 PM-Adult Fitness 6:30 PM-Worship	7 4-7 PM High School Youth volunteer at <i>The Soup Kitchen</i>	1 8 7:30 AM Red M&M's Bible Study & Breakfast
12 1-3 PM Pickleball 2 PM LifeLight Bible Study / Matthew Conference Rm 5-5:40 PM Midweek Meal- <i>Chicken Noodle Soup & Ham Sandwich</i> 5-7 PM Midweek 5-7 PM ROCK Wednesday 6 PM Handbells 7:15 PM Adult Choir	13 9:15 Siouxland MOMS Group 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion 7:30 PM Leadership Council Mtg.	14 9-noon Food Shelf	15
19 1-3 PM Pickleball 2 PM LifeLight Bible Study / Matthew Conference Rm 5-5:40 PM Midweek Meal— <i>Nachos</i> 5-7 PM Midweek 5-7 PM ROCK Wednesday 6 PM Handbells 7:15 PM Adult Choir	20 10 AM Thrivent Choice Mt 1 PM Esther/Lydia Circle 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6:30 PM Worship	21 9-noon Food Shelf 6 PM-Midnight Confirmation Lock-In	22
26 1-3 PM Pickleball 2 PM LifeLight Bible Study / Matthew Conference Rm 5-5:40 PM Midweek Meal— <i>Chicken Alfredo</i> 5-7 PM Midweek 5-7 PM ROCK Wednesday 6 PM Handbells 7:15 PM Adult Choir	27 1 PM Altar Guild 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6 PM BSF 6:30 PM Worship 7 PM Elders Mtg	28 9-noon Food Shelf	29 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

1:00-3 PM: Sudanese Worship Service

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 3, *Red Lobster*; Bring a friend; everyone is welcome. Pre-register on the Attendance/Involvement card, please. ~~ConnecTeam

2021 Giving Statements

Giving statements for the 2021 calendar year will be mailed on or before Thursday, 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!

Offering Envelopes

Your Offering Envelopes have been placed in your mailbox. Mailbox numbers are included on the alphabetical listing of members at the end of each set of mailboxes. Please check your mailbox every time you come to church. Please stop into the church office or call (712) 276-1125 if you need help finding your mailbox or envelopes, or if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you!

Quilting

Quilting starts January 3rd. 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.

Soup Kitchen Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer with food preparation at the Soup Kitchen, just call 712.258.0027 and ask for Lynn or Kath.

Hurricane Relief Effort

We have been invited to partner with a group of individuals to travel to Louisiana the end of February or beginning of March to help with Hurricane relief efforts – something similar to what we did in 2005 and following years with Hurricane Katrina. If you are interested somewhat in this endeavor, please visit with Pastor Zirpel.

Canning Jars/Lids

If you have “new” flats (lids) and/or new/used canning rings (narrow or wide), you no longer need, we would gladly accept your donation. Just put in a sack or box and place outside Pastor Zirpel's door. Canning jars also accepted. ~~Thank You!

Cooking with Pastor Senstad

'Stuffed Mushrooms'



What to cook for your New Year's celebrations? Even if it is just you and your family...who doesn't love a good appetizer? And here, my friends, I've found a great one. They are the time honored, Stuffed Mushrooms. Baby Bella mushrooms are stuffed with garlicky, herby breadcrumbs and plenty of cheese. They make for an easy appetizer or a simple side dish. Stuff them ahead of time, and bake them off when you're ready.

Ingredients:

Cooking spray, for pan

1 1/2 lb. baby mushrooms

2 tbsp. butter

2 cloves garlic, minced

1/4 c. breadcrumbs

Kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper

1/4 c. freshly grated Parmesan, plus more for topping

4 oz. cream cheese, softened

2 tbsp. freshly chopped parsley, plus more for garnish

1 tbsp. freshly chopped thyme

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400°. Grease a baking sheet with cooking spray. Remove stems from mushrooms and roughly chop stems. Place mushroom caps on baking sheet.
2. In a medium skillet over medium heat, melt butter. Add chopped mushrooms stems and cook until most of the moisture is out, 5 minutes. Add garlic and cook until fragrant, 1 minute then add breadcrumbs and let toast slightly, 3 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Remove from heat and let cool slightly.
3. In a large bowl mix together mushroom stem mixture, Parmesan, cream cheese, parsley, and thyme. Season with salt and pepper. Fill mushroom caps with filling and sprinkle with more Parmesan.
4. Bake until mushrooms are soft and the tops are golden, 20 minutes.
5. Garnish with parsley to serve.

Blessed New Year and EAT WELL my friends,
Pastor Senstad

KinderCottage Preschool

January 2022

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

Happy New Year and praying that 2022 is a year of BLESSINGS for everyone!

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and we are ready to start our new adventure with our extended care program which starts January 3rd and 4th for those that have signed up.

The MWF classes will be working on the letters, "R", "C", "D" and "W", as well as the colors black and gold, the numbers 6 and 13 and the shapes of a hexagon and star. The T/Th classes will be working on the letters, "K", "L", "M" and "N", the color black and color review.

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 class is cancelled, extended day program will be in session if needed by those currently enrolled. If they are closed for the day so is KinderCottage Preschool.

Both classes will hear the Bible stories about Jesus Is Lost, John Baptizes Jesus, Jesus Chooses His Disciples and 2 Miracles

New Year Blessings*
Tara & Michelle

January Dates to Remember

1-3 Winter Break-
NO SCHOOL

3 Classes resume
for M/W/F
students

4 Classes resume
for T/TH students

Enrollment for Fall 2022

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 5, 2021 at 2:00 P.M.

53 members were present.

Elections were held, and Gerri Judd was elected to treasurer. Gary Flammang, Ann Schauer, and Jerry VanPeurseem were also elected to serve on the Leadership Council for 2022 -2024.

The budget for 2022 was amended and approved.

A hold was put on voting for the RESOLUTIONS FOR 2022. Pastor Senstad would like everyone to take time to look them over and come back to them at a later date to approve.

Outgoing Leadership Council members Doug Behrens, Pam Davies, and Bob Naylor were thanked for their service.

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

It was recommended that the Elders hold an annual review of our called staff.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

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



Happy New Year! What a wonderful time for hope and joy! Despite the hassles and challenges that life throws at us, we can look forward to a new year knowing that God has promised to always be with us. There are times when we feel alone, when we feel discouraged, and times when we don't know where God could be because we do not see His intervention in our lives. We must remember He has promised to never leave us. We dwell on that promise to take us through difficult times and eventually bring hope and joy back into our lives.

God informs us in Psalm 119:105. "His Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path." This reminds me that even though He may not shine His light far ahead to show me my complete future, He will shine a light on my path and help me one step at a time. We continue on, watching the lighted path before us, trusting that God is watching and knows the path ahead. He knows our futures. That brings me comfort and joy knowing that what I do not know and cannot see, my God does.

Each day as wake up, ask God to light the path He has for you that day and enjoy the journey!

Ellie Menz, IOWAY Director
(ellie@iowadistrictwest.org)



Celebrate the
Lord of the Nations
Psalm 33:12-13

'The 40th biennial convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) will be held June 22-25, 2023 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, under the theme "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations." The LWML Board of Directors has chosen Psalm 33:12-13 as the theme Scripture...

CALENDAR OF EVENTS—January 2022

Circle Bible Study: "NOEL" page 16 of 2021 Winter Quarterly

- Sun. Jan 9 2:00 PM LWML & Epiphany/Christmas Celebration
- Mon. Jan 17 6:30 Ruth/Naomi Circle Redeemer Parish Hall
- Thurs. Jan 19 1:00 Esther/Lydia Circle Redeemer Conference Rm.

LWML Epiphany/Christmas Celebration – Sunday, January 9th @ 2:00.
– **All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.** Program will focus on devotion, service, and fellowship. The General membership will be hosting. Service project tying of **fleece blankets for the St Luke's Unity Point NICU** (2 - 1 ¼ yards of fleece are needed for each blanket) and/or you can participate in an ingathering of items of need for the **"Council on Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence "**.

A list of items follows.

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|--------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Gloves & hats | Slippers | Hair Brush & Hair Ties |
| Diapers size 4-7 | Tennis Shoes | Toothpaste |
| Wipes | Sports Bras | Deodorant |
| Underwear size 5-8 | Socks | Nail Polish Remover |

Medications: Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Sleep Aid, Cold, Infant, etc.

Paper ware: cups, bowls, plates, silverware, paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex. Laundry Detergent.

Household cleaning supplies: hand soap, dish soap, bleach, Pine- sol, etc.



Bibi's Hope Update January 2022

Visit from Talented Artists

The orphanage had the privilege and honor to have talented artists Tiken Jah Fakoly and Grand P visit the children and share some unforgettable moments with the children. Praise God for providing the children with special opportunities to brighten their day.

Donations from the BAMIRA organization

The orphanage received donations from the BAMIRA organizations. The bottom picture shows children receiving a donation of shoes.



Bibi was recently interviewed on Mali TM1 TV

Please pray for Bibi, her health, her safety, & that she continues to spread God's word.



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.

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 Kyle Schutte at 712-635-3834 or Pastor Zirpel.

November 2021

Baptism:

- ✠ Denver Lindgren
- ✠ Mack Anderson

Death:

- ✠ Evonne Marsh

Released by Member's Request:

- ✠ Amy Shepard

January 2022 Bible Verse

James and Angela Sharp serve in Uruguay. James plants new churches and works to support mercy outreach projects around the country. They will be at mission central Jan. 8, 2022.

January Missionary:

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Cor. 5:17

Membership:	11/2020	11/2021
Communicants	1,191	1,115
Baptized (unconfirmed)	383	356
TOTAL	1,576	1,471

Loss of -103 people (-7%)

November 2021 Statistics

Date	Church Attendance	Communion Attendance	Bible Study	Children Church	Sudanese Attendance
11/7	239	226	23	26	N/A
11/14	276	N/A	27	23	N/A
11/21	289	256	27	27	N/A
11/28	242	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	1046	482	77	76	N/A
AVG.	262	241	26	25	N/A
POTENTIAL	1,401	1,021	1,021	380	N/A
PERCENT	18%	16%	2%	2%	N/A
PRIOR YR.	12%	11%	1%	2%	N/A

Membership:	11/2020	11/2021
Communicants	1,195	1,117
Baptized	385	354
TOTAL	1,580	1,471

Loss of -109 people (-7.4%)

Treasurer's Report Jan.1- Nov. 30, 2021:

Actual income:	\$643,415
Budgeted Expenses:	\$694,520
Difference:	-\$51,105
Percentage:	93%



Redeemer LWML
 Facebook page.... Anyone who scans the QR code will see the group's About page and can ask to join.

Dear Redeemer
 Members & Friends

Dear Friends, we are forever grateful for your support and prayers during this difficult time. Church was always a big part of Mom's life. Thank you for everything! ~ The Family of Evonne Marsh

Serving in January 2022

ACOLYTES:

January 2: 8:15 AM– Jonathan Wittman; 10:45 AM– Jacob Runge Dill
January 9: 8:15 AM– Jonathan Wittman; 10:45 AM– Alyssa Urban & Brooklyn Robinson
January 16: 8:15 AM– Jonathan Wittman; 10:45 AM– Alyssa Urban & Adyn Koenck
January 23: 8:15 AM– (open); 10:45 AM– Peyton Schutt & Erik Koehler
January 30: 8:15 AM– Jonathan Wittman; 10:45 AM– Alyssa Urban & Xavier Young

COUNTERS:

January 2— Team 3 (Gale & Carol Bobolz)
January 9— Team 4 (Loralee Fink & Judy Buckley)
January 16— Team 1 (Judy Buckley & Marge Lessmann)
January 23— Team 2 (Anita Mack & Diana & Marlo Hermelbracht's)
January 30— Team 3 (Gale & Carol Bobolz)

USHERS: Thurs 6:30 PM: Harlan Feddersen, **Sundays: 8:15 AM:** Team 2 (Scott Ernst, Roy Olsen, Lamont Onken, Phil Schauer, James Bailey, Brian Duff). **10:45:** Team 5 (Mark Shapiro)

ELDERS: Steve Petersen & Loren Field

PROPERTY CHECK: Jim Phillips

COFFEE & ROLLS:

Jan. 2: Youth
Jan 9: TBD
Jan 16: TBD
Jan. 23: TBD
Jan. 30: TBD



Siouxland Hispanic Ministry

Prayers: That our Lord would continue to keep *Valia and her mother* safe in Cuba.

For *Juan Yessenia's son*, who lives in Mexico.

For *Ximena*, who will need a third heart surgery in the future.

Thanksgiving for the financial stability of this special ministry in 2021. Pray that it continues in 2022!

CALENDAR: Our Quarterly Siouxland Hispanic Ministry meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 1st at 6:30 pm. Come and join us!**

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Sundays
 8:15 AM Traditional
 10:45 AM Contemporary
 1:00-3:00 PM Sudanese Worship
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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