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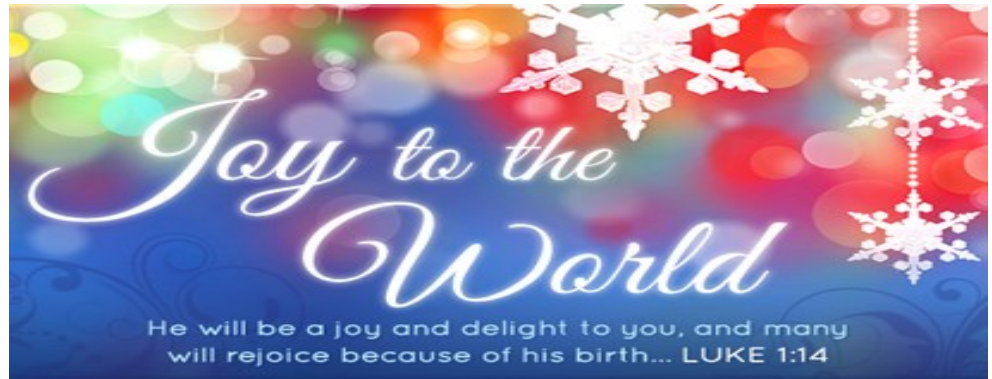
...the newsletter of Redeemer Lutheran Church

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“Our God given mission is to connect people with Jesus.”

“Our vision sees people connected with Jesus through a discipling process that **gathers** them into our fellowship of believers where we are **nurtured** in the Christian faith, as we **go** into our neighborhoods and beyond to do the work of our Lord and Savior.”



Voter's Meeting

The December Voter's meeting will be held after the active shooter class on December 3rd. The primary purpose of this meeting is to approve the 2018 Budget. If you would like to request an electronic copy of the Proposed Budget, please make your request to Tonaka at info@embracedbyhim.org. A paper copy will be kept in the Redeemer Office for anyone to review as well.



Christmas Caroling

Help spread some Christmas cheer to our Redeemer family. We will be caroling and visiting our shut-ins on Saturday, December 23. A light lunch will be served in the fellowship hall at 11:30. Then we will split up in teams to go caroling. There will be a hot chocolate social at Pastor John's house to follow. If you are or know of any shut-ins please let us know so that we can add you/them to the list. Any questions, please contact Josie Douglas



Did You Know

- ◆ We have a large paper recycle container in the back of the parking lot. You can bring and deposit your catalogs, Newspapers, and magazines. Please NO CARDBOARD or CARDBOARD BOXES. Put those in the smaller container.
- ◆ Workers are wiring our church for more security items. They are putting in the new card entry system that will replace our many keys. More info to come.
- ◆ Active Shooter class after the second service is important info for the whole congregation. Make time to come. Then stay for lunch and the voters meeting.
- ◆ Redeemer will have a float in the Fredericksburg parade tomorrow night. Be a kid again, come watch, and support those in the parade and having fun.
- ◆ You can contribute to our information pops. Please contact Sharon Evenson if you have something that Redeemer should know!
- ◆ A printed copy of the Messenger can be found in the magazine carousel each Sunday.

DID YOU
KNOW?



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Redeemer's 40th Anniversary

Celebrating 40 years of connecting people to Jesus! Throughout 2018, Redeemer will be reflecting and celebrating these 40 years with a variety of special events and activities. Our theme...GATHER, NURTURE AND GROWhelp prepare us to go and tell others about our Savior.

We begin our celebration with special worship services on January 7, 2018, with guest proclaimer, Dr. John Nunes, President, Concordia College, Bronxville, NY. Following our worship services, all are invited to Fellowship Hall for pot luck luncheon. Luncheon signup sheets are in the narthex. Please make your reservations no later than December 17, 2017. Any question, please contact Nancy Minnich 540-424-7028



Advent Hymn of the Week

This Sunday is the beginning of Advent; the first Sunday of a new liturgical year. Our Hymn of the Week is "Savior of the Nations, Come." This Advent hymn turns our attention to the mystery of the incarnation in the coming of Jesus.

In the fourth century, a lawyer named Ambrose was appointed Roman consul of Liguria and Aemilia. He moved to Milan, Italy, to take up this appointment, little knowing how his life would soon change. Not long after Ambrose's arrival, the bishop of Milan died. Since this bishop had sadly allied himself with a group of heretics, there was great concern about who the next bishop should be. While a great crowd was debating what should be done, someone shouted out that Ambrose should be bishop. Though at the time he was a layman and a catechumen, Ambrose was elected as bishop of Milan and compelled to accept the position. He was consecrated bishop just a week after he was baptized.

This zealous man did much for Christianity. He introduced the Eastern Church's custom of hymn singing into the Western Church and is known as the father of Latin hymnody. He was also very influential in battling Arianism, a heresy that claimed that Jesus was not fully God and not equal with the Father. This was the teaching that had beguiled his predecessor. Because of this concern, and his pastoral heart, Ambrose was very interested in the instruction of the laity. He combined his love of music and theology to craft songs that proclaimed Christian truths simply. His hymn "Savior of the Nations, Come" tells the story of the incarnation of the Son of God, who is truly and fully God.

Nearly 12 centuries later, Martin Luther, like Ambrose, was concerned for the layperson's understanding. He also joined Ambrose in thinking that music was a powerful tool for education. Luther said that he gave music the "highest place, next to theology" because he saw just what a beautiful and powerful thing it was. Luther probably translated this hymn into German for Advent 1523. His translation appears in the two earliest Lutheran hymnals of 1524.

To this day, Christians from a variety of backgrounds continue to sing this powerful Advent hymn that tells the story of the incarnation in a very straightforward way while reinforcing biblical teaching.

Active Shooter Class

Redeemer will conduct an "Active Shooter" class on December 3rd immediately following the second service and preceding the Voters Meeting. This class is for the general Congregation. We will conduct more in depth classes for staff, Pre-School teachers, and Sunday School teachers at a later date. For more information contact Mike Evenson.

Board of Elders

The Board of Elders is looking for members of the congregation to serve on the Worship Committee. This committee will assist the Board of Elders and our Ministry team in the development of diverse styles of worship as chosen in our January 2017 Vision congregational workshop. There are three openings available for interested persons. If you are interested and want to know more, check out the Worship Committee charter that can be found on the Board of Elder bulletin board in the Fellowship hall. Any questions or to volunteer, please contact our Head Elder – Randy Mayer.

Constitution and By Laws Revision

The Constitution and By Laws Revision is complete and ready for review and approval of the Congregation. Our Constitution stipulates that the Church Council will distribute the proposed Constitutional amendment in writing to the voting membership a minimum of fifteen days prior to the first of two Voters' Meeting, either of which can be a special Voters' Meeting. The Church Council will present the proposed Constitutional amendment at the second Voters' Meeting, either regular or special, for which the amendment is to be voted upon. The Constitutional amendment must then be approved by two-thirds of the voters present at the Voters' Meeting.

Our process for doing this is as follows:

A copy of the Constitution and By laws will be in binders in the Office Manager's Office for members review. Those members who wish to be sent an electronic copy of the Constitution and By Laws may email the Office Manager's Office at info@embracedbyhim.org. This will be available beginning on November 15 2017.

On April 8 2018 a Special Voters Meeting, in conjunction with a Town Hall Meeting, will be held where the Council will present the Constitution and By Laws Revision.

At the Spring Voters Meeting (May or June) the vote on the Constitution and By Laws Revisions will be conducted.

SGT Mac Foundation



Come join the Evensons at the 12th Annual National Wreath Placement, Quantico National Cemetery December 2nd 10:00 AM section 10 circle on Rappahannock Place.

13,000 wreaths were ordered in early September at a cost of \$104,000.00. Our fund raising efforts to date for 2017 leave us at a deficit of \$ 34,500.00. All donations are welcome and volunteer assistance in all areas, particularly fund raising is encouraged.

Vision Saturday 2.0

The whole church is invited to a strategic planning session called Vision Saturday 2.0. This will take place on Saturday January 6, 2018. Coffee will be offered at 8:45am and we will begin at 9am.



This Week at a Glance

- Friday, December 1st**
 - RAAI - 11am
 - AA - 7pm
- Sunday, December 3rd**
 - Worship Services - 8am & 10:45am
 - Sunday School - 9:30am
 - Active Shooter Class - immediately after second service
 - Voter's Meeting - immediately following active shooter class
 - Confirmation - 6pm
- Monday, December 4th**
 - Peace Choir - 6pm
 - Bible Study - 7pm
 - Boy Scouts - 7pm
- Tuesday, December 5th**
 - Beauclaire Event - 5p
- Wednesday, December 6th**
 - Bible Study - 10:30am
 - Advent Service - 12:30pm
 - Advent Service - 7pm
 - Elder's Meeting - 8pm
- Thursday, December 7th**
 - Outreach Meeting- 7pm
 - RAAI - 11am
 - Homeschool Group - 12:30pm
 - Agape Ringers - 6:15pm
 - Sanctuary Choir - 7pm
- Friday, December 8th**
 - RAAI - 11am
 - KINGS - 5pm
 - AA - 7pm
- Sunday, December 10th**
 - Worship Services - 8am & 10:45am
 - Sunday School - 9:30am



This Week's Birthdays!

- December 1st**
 - Melissa Church
 - Zechariah Vigil
- December 2nd**
 - Patrick Crowley
 - Richard Hinz
 - Claudine Wilcox
- December 4th**
 - Melissa Berndt
 - Allison Weiland
- December 5th**
 - Robin Tutchings
- December 6th**
 - Mike Evenson
 - Karen Smith
- December 7th**
 - Fran Kassouf
 - Stacie Biscamp
 - Todd Miller
- December 9th**
 - Serena Casavant
 - Sue Overbey
- December 10th**
 - Aiden Hymes
 - Charlotte Hymes



December 4th - Jason & Susan Biscamp (18 Years)

*If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the office so we may update our records and join with the church in remembering these precious moments.





December 2017

Details of Events

December 1st -
7pm Kohathites

December 2nd-
9:30am Decorate
the church.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Worship 8am & 10:45am Active Shooter Class Voter's Meeting Confirmatio n 6pm	4 Peace choir 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm Bible Study 7pm	5 Beauclaire Event 5pm	6 Bible Study 10:30am Advent service 12:30pm Art Group 2:30pm Advent Service 7pm Elder's Meeting 8pm	7 RAAI 11am Homeschool Group 12:30pm Agape Ringers 6:15pm Sanctuary Choir 7pm Outreach 7pm	8 RAAI 11am KINGS 5pm AA 7pm	9 Men's Breakfast 8am
10 Worship 8am & 10:45am	11 Boy Scouts 7pm Bible Study 7pm	12 From the Heart Stitchers 10 am	13 Bible Study 10:30am Advent service 12:30pm Advent Service 7pm Council Meeting	14 RAAI 11am Agape Ringers 6:15pm Sanctuary Choir 7pm	15 RAAI 11am AA 7pm Romans Game Night	16 Advent by Candlelight 6pm
17 Worship 8am & 10:45am Confirmation 6pm	18 Boy Scouts 7pm Bible Study 7pm	19 Ladies Night Out @ Vinny's 6pm Compassionate Friends 7pm Theology on Tap 7pm	20 Bible Study 10:30am Advent service 12:30pm Art Group 2:30pm Advent Service 7pm	21 RAAI 11am Homeschool Group 12:30pm Agape Sanctuary Choir 7pm	22 RAAI 11am AA 7pm	23
25 Worship 8am & 10:45am 6:30pm (Family) 10pm (Candlelight)	25 10 am Service Church Office Closed	26 Church Office Open from 9-12	27 Church Office Open from 9-12	28 Church Office Open from 9-12	29	30
3 Worship 10am & 7pm						

Acolytes

Early

December 3 - TBD

December 10 - TBD

December 17 - Joshua Vigil/TBD

December 24 - TBD

December 31 - TBD

Late

December 3 - Walker Berndt/Aiden Koehler

December 10 - Ethan Schwenzer/Johnny Hinz

December 17 - Lucas Woollard/Jonah Unruh

December 24 - Regan Schwenzer/Rachel Ward

December 31 - Louis Wiltenmuth/Liam Miller

Lay Readers

December 3rd (E) Shannon Hard (L) John Karpiscak

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

Epistle: I Corinthians 1:3-9

December 10th (E) Linda Gazion(L) Linda Karpiscak

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Epistle: II Peter 3:8-14

December 17th (E) Randy Mayer (L) Lea Wiltenmuth

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Epistle: I Thessalonians 5:16-24

December 24th (E) Laurie Mayer (L) Ken Elam

First Reading: II Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Epistle: Romans 16:25-27

Ushers

Early

December 3rd - Tom Church, Mike Evenson, Jason Biscamp, Michael Biscamp

December 10th - Dave Allen William Lewis, Moe Long, Richard Rush

December 17th - Frank Misemer, Mike Eastman, Mike Weiland, Rob Hybl

December 24th - Rick Moseley, David Bye, Randy Mayer, Mike Diederer

December 31st - Dave Allen, Sam Henley, Moe Long, Frank Misemer

Late

December 3rd - Marcus Woollard, Adam Tisdale, Bjorn Thorpe, Douglas Berndt

December 10th -ROMANS

December 17th - Berner Johnson, Craig Nehls, Josiah Koehler, John Wiltenmuth

December 24th John Sullivan, Rich Gasperoni, Chris Koehler, John Overbey

December 31st - Craig Nehls, Tim Moles, John Sullivan, Chris Koehler

Men's Ministry Breakfast for Thurman Brisben

December 2nd -Jack McGrady, Mark Mueller, Bob Nette, Mike Newchok

If you are unable to usher, please arrange for your replacement or contact Craig Nehls (540-972-2477). Additional Ushers are always welcome. Contact Craig if you're interested in becoming one.

December Lead

Elders:

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(L) Steve

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Advent By Candlelight

Redeemer Family and friends, you are invited to our second annual **Advent by Candlelight** dinner and music event on **Saturday, December 16th with dinner starting at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall.** The theme for the event is Darkness into Light. All we ask is that you bring your family favorite side, appetizer or dessert to share with all and the entrée will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for you to sign up 8 folks to a table. Once dinner is over we will head up to the sanctuary for the singing of your favorite carols and hymns. Please join your Redeemer family and bring a friend if you would like! If you are interested in hosting a table, please see the note below. This will be a moment of rest and reflection in this busy season so please join! If you have any questions, please call Anita Diederer.

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

Host Opportunities

Want to ensure you have a seat at this year's **Advent by Candlelight**? Volunteer to be a table hostess and we will reserve a chair for you! Hosts provide table settings and holiday decorations for 8 folks. Many partner with another family to host a table. It will be lots of fun and requires only a few moments of time for planning and decorating. If you want to host a table this year, please fill out your name at the top of one of the sign-up sheets on the table in the narthex. Table would need to be set by 5:30 pm on Saturday, December 16th for the dinner at 6 pm. Please call Anita Diederer if you have any questions or would like to volunteer!

Friendly Reminder

Please have all announcements ready for input into the Messenger, screens, and bulletin no later than Noon on Thursdays of each week. After that time there is no certainty that it will make it in that week.