

NOVEMBER 30-
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2018

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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."

The Messenger

...the newsletter of Redeemer Lutheran Church

Redeemer Lutheran Church Charter Affirmation

The people of Redeemer will have an opportunity to personally affirm the RLC Charter that was adopted and accepted by the people of the early Redeemer congregation forty years ago. As part of our 40th anniversary celebration we will have an opportunity to sign an Affirmation document signifying our pledge of support and active participation in the furthering of God's ministry in the Fredericksburg community and the world. The Affirmation document will be available before and after services and bible studies at the end of December and through January 2019.

The charter, shown below, was a foundational document in the establishment of Redeemer Church forty years ago. December 31, 1978 was the first of five Sunday service signings of the RLC Charter. Eighty-six persons from thirty-two Redeemer families signed the December 31, 1978 Charter, signifying their pledge of support and active participation in the furthering of God's ministry in the Fredericksburg community and the world.

"By the grace of God, we as a fellowship of Lutheran Christians take our place in the community, and the assembly of all believers in the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost; and in the one Holy, Christian and Apostolic Church; wherein the gospel is preached in its purity and the Sacraments are administered in accordance with the Divine Word.

We hold all the books of the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments, to be God's inspired Word, the sole rule of faith and life. We accept all Symbolical Books of the Lutheran Church contained in the books of Concord of the year 1580 A.D., as a correct and sound exposition of Christian doctrine in full accord with the Holy Scriptures.

We commit ourselves with the help of God to bring the gospel to all people, worship and sing praises to God, study God's word together, grow in our relationship to God and each other, share the blessings of God's goodness, lead meaningful lives as God's people by living harmoniously with others in our community.

As evidence of our commitment, we pledge our support and active participation in furthering God's ministry in our community and the world. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we will express through our church and lives our love and faith in Jesus Christ."

Redeemer Kid's Fund

We are beginning a fund drive to upgrade and repair our kid's playground equipment. The goal is to provide playground equipment for Preschool ages (2-5) and for kids 5-12. The current playground not only needs repair but is "too old" for the Preschoolers. Our goal is to provide age appropriate equipment for both, repair what is there and fence it properly. Please help us. Mark your checks or your electronic donation as Playground. When we have enough funds, we will go for it.

Celebration of Life for Joyce Whitman

There will be a memorial and celebration of life for Joyce Whitman at Parkton Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church (**NOT** this Redeemer), 20440 Downes Road, Parkton, MD 21120 on December 1, 2018 at 11:00am. An open house viewing will begin at 10:00am. A luncheon reception will follow the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, Joyce Whitman Memorial Fund.

Offer for Heating and Cooling Systems

The contractor who installed our new HVAC systems, I. C. E. is making an offer in order to give back to our Congregation. For the next year they will give a 50% discount on diagnostic visits, Thus \$50 vice the regular \$100, AND they will give a 15% discount on parts and labor on repairs and new installations. The POC is Brandon DeLeon at 703-987-1963

Christmas Caroling

December 23 after second service. See Rachelle Moles for more information.



Voter's Meeting

December 2, 2018 after second service. Focus is the 2019 Budget.

Advent Wreath Lighting Signup

We need families (1 person is also considered a family) to light the candles for both Sunday Services as well as mid-week Wednesday services. Please sign up to light the candles. The sheet can be found on the Welcome table in the Narthex



Ladies of Redeemer

Please join Redeemer Women in Mission(LWML) for a cup of coffee or cocoa on Saturday, December 8th at 11 am in the double classroom downstairs. We will be making and wrapping Christmas gifts during the meeting for each of our Redeemer shut-ins to be delivered to them during the Christmas season. We will be collecting Mites and talking through opportunities to serve Redeemer, the local community and other missions across the US and abroad. The hope is that our new LWML chapter will be one that provides Redeemer ladies of all ages a chance to share their gifts and talents: finding joy in service to others and to our Lord! We look forward to seeing you all! Any questions? Please see Marian Dawgert or Anita Diederer .

Children's Christmas Program

6:30pm Christmas Eve. Preschool - 6th grade- Characters. 7th grade - highschool- Readers. December 2nd - give out costumes. December 9th and 16th practice after second service. December 24th please arrive at 5:45pm to get ready. Contact Rachelle Moles for info or sign up. Come Join Us to Celebrate Jesus's Birth!!!

Advent By Candlelight

Redeemer family and friends, you are invited to our third annual Advent by Candlelight dinner and music event on Saturday, December 15th with dinner starting at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. The theme for the event is "An Evening with Isaiah". All we ask is that you bring your family favorite side, appetizer or dessert to share with all and the entrée and drinks 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 contact Anita Diederer .

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 folks 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 15th for the dinner at 6 pm. Please contact Anita Diederer if you have any questions or would like to volunteer!

Pictorial Directory



A great opportunity for our family to get connected!

Take advantage of this opportunity to get family or individual portraits and help us complete the new Pictorial Church Directory!

Each family or individual will get:

- a FREE portrait session first for the directory and then as you desire
- a FREE 8X10 of the directory photo
- a FREE church directory – only those photographed will get a directory

Photo session appointments

In honor of our 40th anniversary we are having a new picture directory made. Help us make this Anniversary Year directory complete! It won't be the same without you!

It's easy. Pick a date/time and sign up in the lobby, before or after Service

OR simply visit our Redeemer On-line web site and select an appointment time.

<http://embracedbyhim.org/events> (online times limited – best to sign up in lobby)

Dates and times of photography sessions to be taken in the lower level double classroom with entrance by the lower level lobby.

JANUARY 4TH (Friday) 2:30 – 9:00 PM

JANUARY 5TH (Saturday) 10:00AM- 4:30PM

JANUARY 16TH (Wednesday) 12:30 – 6:30PM

JANUARY 17TH (Thursday) 2:30 – 9:00 PM

JANUARY 18TH (Friday) 2:30-9:00PM

JANUARY 19TH (Saturday) 10:00AM – 4:30PM

Want to take advantage of this opportunity or have questions?

Call the Redeemer office and Amanda McGrady or Stan Dawgert will get back to you!

This Week at a Glance

Friday, November 30th - RAAI - 11am
Sunday, December 2nd- Worship Service - 8am & 10:45am
 - Voter's Meeting after 2nd service
 - Confirmation - 6pm
Monday, December 3rd - Boy Scouts - 7pm
 - Bible Study - 7pm
Wednesday, December 5th - Stretching Class - 9:15am
 - Bible Study - 10:30am
 - Advent Services 12:30pm & 7pm
 - Art Group - 2:30pm
 - Advent Dinner- 6pm
 - Elder's Meeting - 6pm
Thursday, December 6th- RAAI - 11am
 - Chimes - 6:15pm
 - Praise Him - 7pm
 - Choir 7:30pm
Friday, December 7th - RAAI - 11am
 - Kohathites - 6:30pm
Saturday, December 8th - Men's Breakfast - 8am
 - DAR - 9am
 - LWML - 11am
Sunday, December 9th - Worship Service - 8am & 10:45am
 - ROMANS Bible Study - 12pm



This Week's Birthdays!

November 30th - Renee Swager
December 1st - Zechariah Vigil
December 2nd - Patrick Crowley
 - 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



Anniversaries



November 30 – Ralph & Claudine Wilcox (72 Years)

December 4 - Jason & Susan Biscamp (19 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.**

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Voter's Meeting after 2nd service December 2	2 Worship 8am & *10:45am	3 Boy Scouts 7pm	4	5 Stretching Class 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Advent Services	6 RAAI 11am Chimes 6:15pm	7 RAAI 11am Kohathites 6:30pm	8 DAR 9am LWML Meeting 11am
	Voter's Meeting after 2nd Service Confirmation 6pm	Bible Study 7pm		12:30pm & 7pm Art Class - 2:30pm Elder's Meeting 6pm	Praise Him 7pm Choir 7:30pm		
* denotes communion at that service	9 Worship *8am & 10:45am	10 Boy Scouts 7pm Bible Study 7pm	11 From the Heart Stitchers 10 am	12 Stretching Class 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Advent Services 12:30pm & 7pm	13 RAAI 11am Chimes 6:15pm	14 RAAI 11am	15 Men's Breakfast 8am Advent By Candlelight 6pm
	ROMANS Bible Study after second service			Council Meeting 7pm	Praise Him 7pm Choir 7:30pm		
No Wednesday Bible Study on December 19th or 26th	16 Worship 8am & *10:45am	17 Boy Scouts 7pm Bible Study 7pm	18 Ladies Night Out @ Vinny's 6pm Compassionate Friends 7pm Theology on Tap 7pm	19 No Bible Study Art Group 2:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Service 12:30pm & 7pm	20 RAAI 11am Chimes 6:15pm	21 RAAI 11am Romans Game Night	22
					Praise Him 7pm Choir 7:30pm		
	23 Worship *8am & 10:45am Christmas Caroling	24 Office Closed Family Christmas Service 6:30pm Candlelight Service 9pm	25 Office Closed One Christmas Service 10am	26 No Bible Study Cub Scouts 6:30pm Office Hours 9am - 1pm	27 RAAI 11am Chimes 6:15pm Praise Him 7pm Choir 7:30pm Office Hours 9am - 1pm	28 RAAI 11am Office Hours 9am - 1pm	29
	30 One Worship Service 10 am	31 Office Closed One New Years Eve Service 7pm	1 Office Closed	2	3 RAAI 11am Chimes 6:15pm Praise Him 7pm Choir 7:30pm		

Acolytes

Early

December 2 - Jenna Sullivan/Lucas Woollard
December 9- TBD
December 16 -TBD
December 23 -TBD
December 30 - TBD

Late

December 2 -Johnny Hinz/Aiden Koehler
December 9- Rachael Ward/ Aaron Schwenger
December 16 - Jonah Unruh/ Liam Miller
December 23 - Regan Schwenger/Aiden Koehler
December 30 -Jenna Sullivan/Rachael Ward

Lay Readers

December 2 (E) Marcus Woollard (L) Candace Wiltenmuth

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

December 9- (E) Jacob Woollard (L) Walker Berndt

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-7b

Epistle: Philippians 1:2-11

December 16 (E) Linda Bye (L) Rebecca Richey

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-7

December 23 (E) Keith Verbosky (L) Lea Wiltnmuth

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

Epistle: Hebrews 10:5-10

December 30 (L) Louis Wiltenmuth

Ushers

Early

December 2nd - Dave Allen, Mike Evenson, Jason Biscamp, Michael Biscamp

December 9th- Tom Church, Tony Malm, Marcus Woollard, Richard Rush

December 16th - Frank Misemer, Moe Long, Randy Mayer, Rob Hybl

December 23rd - Rick Mosely, David Bye, Mike Wieland, Frank Misemer

December 30th - Moe Long, Dave Allen, Tony Malm, Mike Evenson

Late

December 2nd - Douglas Berndt, Walker Berndt, Perry Darley , Ken Elam

December 9th- ROMANS

December 16th -Berner Johnson, Craig Nehls, John Sullivan, John Wiltenmuth

December 23rd - Johnny Hinz, Rich Gasperoni, Chris Koehler, Steve Schwenger

December 30th - Tim Moles, Matt Unruh, Perry Darley,

Men's Ministry Breakfast for Thurman Brisben

If you are interested in participating in the monthly Thurman Brisben breakfasts please contact Mike Diederer at 540-845-5552

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.

November

Lead Elders:

(E) Stan

Dawgert (L)

Mike Eastman



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celebrate with gladness the great promise in the

Advent

Season

Hope, Love, Peace, and Joy...

Wonderful reasons to slow down and savor the season of our Savior throughout the whole month! Count down the days as you count all your blessings. Whether as a continued or new family tradition, our Advent calendars or wreaths will help you to prepare in celebrating the greatest gift mankind could ever receive!