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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

## Giving Tuesday

Please help us get the word out about the District Giving Tuesday goal of raising funds to help our church workers repay student loans.



It will be Giving Tuesday in less than two weeks. - a day to remind people to remember that the day of giving thanks doesn't have to end with Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, and Cyber Monday. In the midst of all the many ways one can shop through the season, there is a greater purpose for the days before Jesus. A purpose that is about sharing, caring, and showing support for those who are in need.

This year Southeastern District Giving Tuesday funds will be directed to District Student Loan Debt Reduction - a program that offers grants for church workers to help reduce their student loan debt. The need is great and our support can make a significant difference for the church worker. Look for more information on our website <http://se.lcms.org/giving> and on the SED Facebook page (SEDLutheran). Watch GivingTuesday video at <https://vimeo.com/373915335>.

## Friendsgiving/Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving should not be spent alone, so if you find yourself without a place to go then why not Feast Among Friends and dine with us at our FRIENDSGIVING/THANKSGIVING meal. Anyone from Redeemer who is without family and friends this Thanksgiving, you are welcome to attend. This will also be an outreach opportunity to the communities next to Redeemer. Bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dish to share.



The time for this event is 2pm. Signup sheets are in the narthex. You may also contact Lisa Darley 540-841-4878

## Care Packages for Deployed Soldiers

Monica Ashby Dixon daughter of members Craig & Vicki Ashby is currently deployed to Iraq and will be there through the spring. We are organizing care packages for Monica's artillery battery soldiers. The soldiers would appreciate the following items:

- Ground coffee (many love the Starbucks kind).
- Protein snacks such as almonds, nut mixtures Chex Mix, flavored tuna in pouches, crackers both plain or peanut butter/cheese crackers.
- Sweet snacks (since we know are church members, you can send homemade Christmas cookies)

Assistance with postage is helpful too, if that is easier. If using a check, please note "Monica Dixon" in the memo line. Also, any prayers, notes of encouragement, and Christmas cheer are welcome! Her address is:

1LT Monica Dixon  
2-8 FAR, 1SBCT  
APO AE 09351.

She will distribute and share all donations with her troops (there are 104 in the Company).

There will be a box in the Narthex to collect items, or you can individually mail the box yourself. Thank you for all the support and prayers!!



### Save the Date

Redeemer Family, mark your calendars for our 4th annual Advent by Candlelight on Saturday, December 14th with dinner starting at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall and the music starting at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Signups for table hosting and seating will be in the Narthex starting Sunday the 24th of November. The entree will be provided and you are asked to bring a side, appetizer or dessert to share. Come enjoy the fellowship and music for an evening of reflection in this busy season! Questions? Contact Anita Diederer 540-455-5058

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### Giving Thanks

The tree in the Narthex is provided for you to tell others how blessed you are and thankful. Please write a note on the leaves provided that say what you are thankful for then hang it on the tree.

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### Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday November 28 & Friday November 29. Please have all announcements for bulletin and Messenger by noon Monday November 25.

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### LWML

Mites will be collected Sunday November 24th. Please bring your mites!

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#### Upcoming Special Worship Services:

**Advent Services:** Wednesday December 4, 2019 at 12:30 & 7pm

Wednesday December 11, 2019 at 12:30 & 7pm

Wednesday December 18, 2019 at 12:30 & 7pm

**Advent by Candlelight:** Saturday December 14, 2019 at 6pm

**Christmas Eve Services:** Tuesday December 24, 2019 at 4pm

Tuesday December 24, 2019 at 6:30pm (Family service)

Tuesday December 24, 2019 at 9pm (Candlelight)

**Christmas Day Service:** Wednesday December 25, 2019 at 10am

**New Year Eve Services:** Sunday December 29, 2019 at 10am (Cookies & Fellowship)

Tuesday December 31, 2019 at 7pm

## This Week at a Glance

**Friday, November 22nd** - RAAI - 11am

**Sunday, November 24th**- Worship Services - 8am and 10:45am

- Handbell Practice - After 10:45am Service

- Confirmation - 6pm

**Monday, November 25th** - Bible Study- 7pm

- Boy Scouts - 7pm

**Tuesday, November 26th** -From the Heart Stitchers - 10am

**Wednesday, November 27th** - Bible Study - 10:30am

- Thanksgiving Eve Services - 12:30pm & 7pm

**Thursday, November 28th** - Church Office Closed

- Thanksgiving/Friendsgiving - 2pm

**Friday, November 29th** - Church Office Closed

**Sunday, December 1st**- Worship Services - 8am and 10:45am

- Handbell Practice - After 10:45am Service



## This Week's Birthdays!

### November

22 - Anthony Pagan

23 - Harriet Schumann

24 - Craig Ashby

26 - Anthony Richey

27 - Ty Bartel

27 - Trevor Casavant

28 - Charlotte Bartel

30 - Renee Swager

### December

1 - Zechariah Vigil



**November 26** – David & Cathy Butz (48 Years)

**November 30** - Ralph & Claudine Wilcox (73 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.



# November 2019

\* denotes communion at that service

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 RAAI 11am	2
					Kohathites 6:30pm	
3 Worship 8am & *10:45am	4 Boy Scouts 7pm  Bible Study 7pm	5	6 Bible Study 10:30am  Elder's Meeting 6pm	7 RAAI 11am Outreach Meeting 6pm  Chimes 6:15pm  Choir 7pm	8 RAAI 11am	9 Men's Breakfast 8am  Visual Faith Workshop 9am  DAR 9am
10 Worship *8am & 10:45am  Volunteer Sunday	11 Boy Scouts 7pm  Bible Study 7pm	12 From the Heart Stitchers 10 am	13 Bible Study 10:30am Council Meeting 7pm	14 RAAI 11am  Chimes 6:15pm  Choir 7pm	15 RAAI 11am	16 Quilters 9am  KINGS 6pm
17 Worship 8am & *10:45am  Consecratio n Sunday	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	21 RAAI 11am  Chimes 6:15pm  Choir 7pm	22 RAAI 11am	23
24 Worship *8am & 10:45am  Confirmatio n	25 Boy Scouts 7pm  Bible Study 7pm	26 From the Heart Stitchers 10 am	27 Bible Study 10:30am Thanksgiving Service 12:30p & 7pm	28 Thanksgiving/ Friendsgiving 2pm  Church Office Closed	29 RAAI 11am  Church Office Closed	30

**Acolytes****Early**

**November 3** Connor Frank/Joshua Frank  
**November 10** Michael Biscamp/Aiden Koehler  
**November 17** TBD  
**November 24** TBD

**Late**

**November 3** Rachel Ward/Aaron Schwenzer  
**November 10** Liam Miller/Sonya Hinz  
**November 17** Regan Schwenzer/TBD  
**November 24** Layla Oetting/TBD

**Lay Readers**

**November 3** (E) Jackie Lepard (L) Candace Wiltenmuth  
**First Reading: Revelation 7:(2-8) 9-17**  
**Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3**  
**November 10** - (E) Tony Antonelli (L) Perry Darley  
**First Reading: Exodus 3:1-15**  
**Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17**  
**November 17** (E) Laurie Mayer (L) Louis Wiltenmuth  
**First Reading: Malachi 4:1-6**  
**Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 3:1-13**

**November 24** (E) Eugene Gilland (L) Perry Darley  
**First Reading: Malachi 3:13-18**  
**Epistle: Colossians 1:13-20**

**Ushers****Early**

**November 3** Dave Allen, Mike Evenson, Jason Biscamp, Michael Biscamp

**November 10** Tom Church, Tony Malm, Marcus Woollard, Daniel Frank

**November 17** Frank Misemer, Randy Mayer, Mike Eastman, Rob Hybl

**November 24** Rick Mosely, David Bye, Mike Wieland, Gary Parker

**Late**

**November 3** Douglas Berndt, Walker Berndt, Perry Darley, Craig Nehls

**November 10** ROMANS

**November 17** - Berner Johnson, Craig Nehls, John Sullivan, John Wiltenmuth

**November 24** - Rich Gasperoni, Ken Elam, Steve Schwenzer, John Overbey

**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) Mike****Diederer( L)****Clint Oetting**



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9am - 3pm

**Life Thoughts**

November 24 – Last Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 29C) – How precious indeed does God hold every human life! Just what makes even the least of these so special, from the embryo to the elderly? The Heavenly Father creates each one (Colossians 1:16) at the moment of fertilization. The Son of God wrapped His holy life in human flesh within Mary’s womb (Colossians 1:19-20). And the Holy Spirit calls even the youngest among us into His everlasting Kingdom and family (Colossians 1:13-14)!

**Panda Pantry**

We started back and will be continuing until the end of the school year. We are providing 2 breakfast items, 2 lunch items and snacks for the weekend to students who receive food assistance.

Items needed: fruit cups, granola bars, oatmeal, rice krispie treats, applesauce, pop-tarts, popcorn, juice boxes, mac & cheese cups, chef boyardee cups, peanut butter/cheese crackers, cheese-its, pretzels, and ramen noodles. The items need to be single serving /small sizes so the students can take them home in their backpacks.

**Worship Attendance & Contributions**

	Attend	Avg Attend	Offerings	YTD Offerings	SS Attend
Last Week	209	246	N/A	N/A	
Last Year	207	239	\$5590	\$504,101	