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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.”

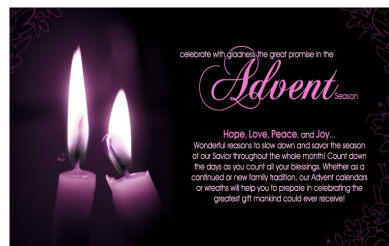
The Messenger

...the newsletter of Redeemer Lutheran Church

Advent By Candlelight

Redeemer family and friends, you are invited to our fourth annual Advent by Candlelight dinner and music event on Saturday, December 14th with dinner starting at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. The theme for the event is “The Advent Wreath – A Circle of 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 some great 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 at 540-455-5058.

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. You can start setting your table in the Fellowship Hall after the LWML meeting ends at noon on Saturday. Table would need to be set by 5:30 pm on Saturday, December 14th for the dinner at 6 pm. Please call Anita Diederer at 540-455-5058 if you have any questions or would like to volunteer!



Christmas Eve Children's Pageant

Children - preschool to 6th grade - will be characters (angels, shepherds, etc)
Children - 7th grade to high school - will be readers or candle lighters

If you are interested in participating in the Children's Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve, please plan to attend the rehearsals directly after the second service on Sundays, December 8th (Costumes and character assignments), December 15th (full rehearsal), December 22nd (quick run thru).

Costumes and parts will be given out on December 8th. If you are unable to attend on the 8th, please speak to Rachelle Moles. 540-834-3988.

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.

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.

Voter's Meeting

December 8, 2019 immediately after 10:45 am Service!

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

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. You may also contact Lisa Darley 540-841-4878



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>.



#GIVINGTUESDAY™
December 3, 2019

Financial Peace University

Sunday, Jan 19 thru March 15 from 1:00p-3:00p

Are you tired of living paycheck to paycheck? Is the cost of recent medical bills making you feel sick? Is there too much month left at the end of the money? Are you close to retirement age and wondering if you have enough to carry you thru? Is it time to send your kid to college and you don't know how to fit that into your budget? Have you lost your job, or underemployed and the shortage is catching up with you? For all these questions and more, there is help, hope and a plan...it's called Financial Peace University FPU.

This 9 week class is for anyone and everyone wanting to learn how to get their finances in order, not only for today but for your future. This proven 9 week class will be facilitated by Perry and Lisa Darley, who have volunteered their time over the past 20 years by leading many FPU classes from churches in VA beach to Stafford. If you are serious about getting out of debt, and building wealth, this class is for you. Payment for your kit is to be made to "Lisa Darley" in the amount of \$99 no later than Jan. A signup sheet is in the Narthex where you can leave your check or put it in the Darley mailbox. Contact Lisa if you have any questions: 540-841-4878 CommittedToChrist@cox.net There is no better time to focus on your financial future then now!



This Week at a Glance

- 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
- Monday, December 2nd** - Bible Study- 7pm
 - Boy Scouts - 7pm
- Wednesday, December 4th** - Bible Study - 10:30am
 - Midweek Advent Services - 12:30pm & 7pm Light supper at 6pm
 - Elder's Meeting - 6pm
- Thursday, December 5th** - Outreach Meeting - 6pm
 - Chimes - 6:15pm
 - Choir - 7pm
- Friday, December 6th** - Kohathites - 6:30pm
- Sunday, December 8th** - Worship Services - 8am and 10:45am
 - Handbell Practice - After 10:45am Service
 - Voter's Meeting - After 10:45 Service



This Week's Birthdays!

November

- 27 - Ty Bartel
- 27 - Trevor Casavant
- 28 - Charlotte Bartel
- 30 - Renee Swager

December

- 1 - Zechariah Vigil
- 2 - Patrick Crowley
- 2 - Claudine Wilcox
- 4 - Melissa Berndt
- 4 - Allison Weiland
- 5 - Robin Tutchings
- 6 - Mike Evenson
- 6 - Karen Smith
- 7 - Fran Kassouf
- 7 - Stacie Biscamp
- 7 - Todd Miller
- 9 - Serena Casavant
- 9 - Sue Overbey



November 30 - Ralph & Claudine Wilcox (73 Years)

December 4 - Jason & Susan Biscamp (20 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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* denotes communion
at that service

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		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 Church Office Closed	30
1 Worship 8am & *10:45am	2 Boy Scouts 7pm Bible Study 7pm	3	4 Bible Study 10:30am Elder's Meeting 6pm Midweek Advent Service 12:30p & 7pm	5 RAAI 11am Outreach Meeting 6pm Chimes 6:15pm Choir 7pm	6 RAAI 11am	7
8 Worship *8am & 10:45am Voter's Meeting after 10:45am Service	9 Boy Scouts 7pm Bible Study 7pm	10 From the Heart Stitchers 10 am	11 Bible Study 10:30am Council Meeting 7pm Midweek Advent Service 12:30p & 7pm	12 RAAI 11am Chimes 6:15pm Choir 7pm	13 RAAI 11am Romans Game Night 6p-10p	14 Men's Breakfast 8am LWML 9am DAR 9am Advent By Candlelight 6pm
15 Worship 8am & *10:45am	16 Boy Scouts 7pm Bible Study 7pm	17 Ladies Night Out @ Vinny's 6pm Compassionate Friends 7pm Theology on Tap 7pm	18 Bible Study 10:30am Midweek Advent Service 12:30p & 7pm	19 RAAI 11am Chimes 6:15pm Choir 7pm	20 RAAI 11am	21
22 Worship *8am & 10:45am Christmas Caroling after 10:45 am Service	23 Boy Scouts 7pm Bible Study 7pm	24 Church Office Closed Christmas Eve Services 4pm Family Service 6:30p Candlelight Service 9pm	25 Church Office Closed Christmas Day Service 10am	26	27	28

Acolytes

Early

December 1 Connor Frank/Joshua Frank
December 8 Michael Biscamp/Alannah Montgomery
December 15 Aiden Koehler/Aidan Tennstedt
December 22 Alannah Montgomery/Connor Frank
December 29 Aiden Koehler/Aidan Tennstedt

Late

December 1 Kenny Westphal/Aaron Schwenzer
December 8 Liam Miller/AJ Westphal
December 15 Regan Schwenzer/Evan Schwenzer
December 22 Layla Oetting/Regan Schwenzer
December 29 Aaron Schwenzer/AJ Westphal

Lay Readers

December 1 (E) Jackie Lepard (L) Doug Berndt
First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5
Epistle: Romans 13:(8-10) 11-14
December 8 - (E) Kathy Bogle (L) Becky Elam
First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10
Epistle: Romans 15:4-13
December 15 (E) Carol LaBansky (L) Faith Marburger
First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10
Epistle: James 5:7-11

December 22 (E) Devon Montgomery
 (L) Walker Berndt
First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-17
Epistle: Romans 1:1-7
December 29 (E) Randy Mayer
First Reading: Isaiah 63:7-14
Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7

Ushers

Early

December 1 Dave Allen, Mike Evenson, Jason Biscamp, Michael Biscamp

December 8 Tom Church, Tony Malm, Marcus Woollard, Daniel Frank

December 15 Frank Misemer, Craig Ashby, Mike Eastman, Rob Hybl

December 22 Rick Mosely, David Bye, Mike Wieland, Gary Parker

December 29 Moe Long, Randy Mayer, Dave Allen, Mike Diederer

Late

December 1 Douglas Berndt, Walker Berndt, Perry Darley, Craig Nehls

December 8 ROMANS

December 15 Berner Johnson, Craig Nehls, John Sullivan, John Wiltenmuth

December 22 Rich Gasperoni, Tim Moles, Steve Schwenzer, John Overbey

December 29 John Sullivan, Johnny Hinz, Clint Oetting, John Wiltenmuth

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.

December

Lead Elders:

(E) Mike

Eastman(L)

Ken Elam



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Life Thoughts

December 1 – Advent I – Some call “sexual liberation” and “individual autonomy” progress. But abortion and assisted suicide show how serving flesh and self enslaves only to death. “[S]alvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed” (Romans 13:11b). Jesus draws and drives us toward a better hope: forgiveness, resurrection, everlasting life, Kingdom of heaven. Real progress means trusting the Word of the Lord and receiving even the least of these as precious neighbors.

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	