



Christmas Greetings December 2021/January 2022

“For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him?” – Deuteronomy 4:7

The “near-ness” of the Lord was a unique feature of the true God amongst the false idols of the Canaanites. Even for the later Romans, their gods were far off on the mountain, in the heavens, or beneath the depths. For much of Israel’s history, God dwelt nearer to His people than any other deity or nation could claim. For forty years, God traveled with His people in the Tabernacle and Ark of the Covenant, manifesting Himself in the pillar of cloud by day, and the pillar of fire by night, or with the smoke that filled the Holy Place or the Tent of Meeting. Later, when Solomon built the Temple, God attached Himself to a finite location—a building where God’s people could seek Him and know that He could be found within its walls. No matter what they were going through, the people of God could know that God saw their plight, heard their prayers, and was never far off in the day of trouble.

Christmas gives us an even better revelation of how near our God is to us. For God once again tabernacled among us, but this time it was not within the walls of tent or temple, but within the very flesh and blood of our own humanity. Jesus came to us and dwelt among us in such near-ness that He was indistinguishable from any other baby born that night in Bethlehem, any other carpenter hailing from Nazareth, any other criminal crucified outside of Jerusalem. As Isaiah said of Him: “he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.” (Is. 53:2) Jesus is so truly man that those who trusted their eyes rather than the Scriptures, missed Him. God Himself came to His people, stood right next to them, and almost everybody missed Him except for a few shepherds, some foreign wise men, and then just twelve disciples to start. Even so, God came near to His people.

God is near to you as well. I know we all hoped that the end of this year would see us past so many of the things we struggled with last year, and yet, we’re still sort of in the middle of them. God has not left us. God has not left you. He is still near. He still sees your struggles. He still hears your prayers. He is still near to all those who call upon Him in the day (or days) of trouble.

If I could do one thing for every one of our members it would be to make weekly church attendance the absolute, number one priority for all of us. Not because we have such great services, such great singing, or sermons, or Sunday school (we do), but because this is a place where God is still near to His people. Within these walls, our walls, our God still visits His people. He still dwells with us in very flesh and blood. God is present right here on the corner of Kennedy and 38th street with the people He has called His own, the people He still cares for. Right in this building we encounter Jesus in the Word and Sacraments, week after week, and I don’t think you can meet Jesus like that, and not walk away changed for the better. So if I could do one thing for every member, and every family that I know, it would be to see them encounter Jesus every single week because I think it would make such a difference in their lives and in our world. Our God is still near to us and that is an incredible blessing.

“Emmanuel” is Jesus’ Christmas name, and it means “God with us” and we are blessed to have Jesus near to us in His Word and through His Sacraments so much so that we don’t even have to go a week without Him. Joy to the world, the Lord has come! No matter where you are or what you’re dealing with, I hope you know the joy of having the True God who is near to you and who cares for you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to one and all.

A Christmas Thank You

All of us in the church office would like to express our gratitude at your understanding and kindness throughout the past year and especially with the continued pandemic issues. We have had to learn a lot of new skills and acquire new abilities in order to continue to serve Redeemer both in-person and on-line. We are still working on those things and we are very thankful for the many people who have volunteered to help in ways that are too numerous to list. We are also thankful for all those who have financially supported Redeemer with time, talents, and treasures. In the past year, two of our circuit congregations have voted to close permanently, and many more congregations across our district and nation are in financial trouble or dealing with a pastoral vacancy. Through your generosity and the Lord's provision Redeemer is not facing those situations. We always appreciate your prayers, your understanding, and your help. May God continue to bless our ministry here and our worship together.

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Eric Kleinschmidt

Vicar Christian Mundorf

Stacy Broviak (Admin. Asst.)

DECEMBER 2021 & JANUARY 2022 HAPPENINGS

MID-WEEK ADVENT MATINS SERVICES will be held **Wednesdays at 9AM – December 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd**. Services will be In-Person only. This new service is being offered as an additional time of worship to prepare for the coming of our Savior. The service will follow the Order of Matins and will have a hymn but will not have a sermon or incense.

MID-WEEK ADVENT EVENING PRAYER SERVICES will be held **Wednesdays at 7PM – December 1st, 8th & 15th**. Services will be In-Person & Live-Streamed. Please plan to attend to prepare for the coming of our Savior. Incense is used in these special services as Psalmody begins, "Let my prayer rise before You as incense." This year's theme is "Peace in Times of Plague." Dec. 1 – Vipers; Dec. 8 – Grumbling; and Dec. 15 – Angel of Death. The fourth mid-week service will be the Office of Lamplighting Service which will be held on **Wednesday, December 22nd at 7PM**.



THE POINSETTIA CHART is on a table in the foyer. The Poinsettias are **\$15 (Payable to Altar Guild)**. They are used to decorate the sanctuary and may be picked up after the 10AM Christmas Day service.

THE ANGEL TREE is set up in the foyer & adorned with names of children in need this holiday season. Please take an angel ornament, buy a gift (approx. value \$40), wrap it with the angel tag attached, & place it by the tree in the foyer **by 2PM on Thursday, December 9th**. This year every child has one angel on the tree with sizes and toy wishes on it.

A NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS LIVE NATIVITY EVENT will take place at Wicker Park Clubhouse, 2215 Ridge Rd, Highland, on **Saturday, Dec. 4, 4:30 – 7:30 PM**. It will feature

crafts, games, snacks and more. It's FREE for Children & their families. Please bring a gift (optional) of hygiene items: soap, shampoo, toothpaste, laundry soap, deodorant, etc. for Beacon Light Care Pantry in Gary.

THE MARY & MARTHA'S CIRCLE CHRISTMAS POT BLESSING WILL BE HELD AT 12 P.M. ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 5TH. Sign-up on the Ladies' bulletin board in the East Hall, please indicate which delicious dish you will bring to share (Fried Chicken will be provided). "Christmas Tree Bunco" will be the featured fun game. Instead of a five dollar gift exchange the attendees are asked to bring a donation of socks preferably men's heavy black socks for homeless shelters. Winter hats and gloves would also be appreciated. **All** Redeemer ladies and friends are invited to join the wonderful Christmas fellowship.

TRUSTEES will meet **Sundays Dec. 5th & Jan. 9th at 12PM** in the MPR. Many projects are in the works. Trustees are always looking for more help. Come to a meeting or speak with Stacy or A.J. Broviak about project needs.



Little Lambs is looking to fill our treasure box. We are looking for small items that the kids can pick out such as Happy Meal toys, small stuffed animals, bubbles and trinkets. The children get to pick out of the box when they fill their behavior reports and other things. Donations can be put on the U shaped table in the Preschool Room. Thank you!!

CHOIR rehearsals for December will be **Mondays at 6 p.m. on December 6th and 20th**. Choir will not practice in January. New members are always welcome! Just come to practice. If you have questions, contact one of the choir directors Meghan Kleinschmidt or Colette Martin.

Letter of the LAW

(Lutherans at Work – Redeemer's Youth Group)

THE COOKIE WALK IS BACK! The Redeemer Youth Group will host its Annual Cookie Walk on **Saturday, December 11 & Sunday, December 12** after all three services. Cookies will be available for purchase by the pound. Walk around the tables and pick your favorites.

If you are willing to donate several dozen of your favorite Christmas cookie, please let Vicar Christian Mundorf know. **Cookies can be dropped off on Saturday, Dec. 11 between 2pm and 5pm.**

A YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held after late service on **Sunday, December 12** in the MPR.

NEIGHBORHOOD FOOD DRIVE THANKS: On November 7, the youth distributed bags around the community for the food pantry at St. James the Less Catholic Church, and on November 14 they picked up the bags. We collected a lot! Thank you to the youth & parents that participated and to everyone who donated to the food drive – neighbors and members! Also, a huge THANKS to Strack & VanTil Food Market in Highland which donated the paper grocery bags for distribution. St. James Food Pantry was thrilled to receive the donation because they just gave out many food baskets for Thanksgiving and many empty shelves

ALSO, THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Oberweis Dining-Out Fundraiser and the Pie Sale!

Youth Fundraisers help the youth to be able to attend the annual summer Higher Things Conference where youth are engaged in topical discussions & presentations and attend several worship services each day.

THE TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY

will not meet Dec. 21st, Dec. 28th and Jan. 4th. The group plans to resume class on Tuesday, January 11, 2022. **On Tuesday, December 14th**, the group will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the North Classroom for a short devotion before heading out to lunch at a restaurant.



SWADDLING CLOTHES CENTER at

Grace Lutheran Church, Dyer, is a ministry of our Hammond Circuit Congregation Churches, to help mothers & babies in need. Swaddling Clothes

helps families monthly with diapers, wipes, & clothing on the third Saturday (**Dec. 18, 2021 & Jan. 15, 2022**). Volunteers needed! Work Days are 1st & 2nd Thursdays from 10-11:30 a.m. For more information visit www.facebook.com/swaddlingclothesdyer.

NEEDS: diapers, wipes (flip-top refills), baby wash, diaper cream, and clothing (newborn to 3T). You may drop off items in the 24/7 donation bin - back parking lot of Grace Lutheran Church, Dyer or at Redeemer under the large bulletin board in foyer. .

THANK YOU to all of you that have generously given your time, donations, and efforts to this ministry this past year.

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will take place at **9:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 19th** during the education hour. Due to the program, there will not be Adult Bible Study or Youth Group. Come sing with the children and hear the Christmas story.

All are invited!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETINGS are at **5:30 p.m.** on the last Tuesdays each month. Please speak with Pastor Eric or Colette Martin if you would like to join the committee. The committee will not meet in December.

THE CHURCH SECRETARY WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE Dec. 26, 2021-January 4, 2022,

returning to the office on *Wednesday, January 5th*.

As you are planning your December & January activities, please look ahead at your calendars for: any bills that will need paying, copies to be made, reservations for the MPR, as well as bulletin blurbs for the Dec. 26 & Jan. 1/2 bulletins. Please give the information to the church secretary (Stacy Broviak) ***no later than Monday, Dec. 20th***.

Please note that in the secretary's absence, Pastor Eric and Vicar Christian will be available for **Pastoral Care** (prayers, hospital visits, etc.), however **no administrative** care will be available.

The Church Office will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year's – December 27-31, 2021.

PANCAKES FOR PURDUE Food Drive

All through the month of January, Redeemer will be collecting the following food items for Trinity Lutheran Church Hammond's mission on the Purdue Northwest Campus:

pancake mix, syrup, cereal, flour, sugar, granola bars, & cookies.

Our sister congregation in Hammond has an ongoing mission to students on campus by providing for those in need in the dormitories. Donations can be brought to Redeemer and placed in/around the Share Cupboard box and will be delivered to Trinity in February.

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY will resume at 7PM on Wednesdays in the MPR starting **JANUARY 5th**. Vicar Christian Mundorf will begin a new study of LifeLight: Haggai/Zechariah/Malachi.

LIFE SUNDAY – JANUARY 23RD! A door offering to support Lutherans for Life will be received at all three services the weekend of January 22nd/23rd.

SOUPE BOWL OF CARING DOOR OFFERING will be collected after all three services on **February 12th & 13th**. Checks may be written payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church, memo Share Fund.

Redeemer Share Cupboard Donations Redeemer also maintains a charitable fund called the Share Cupboard Account. Donations to this account go primarily to help REDEEMER MEMBERS who are in need. While donations are needed all year round, December usually depletes the fund making this the time when donations are particularly needed.

In the past, the Share Cupboard has helped Redeemer members and others during times of unexpected or extreme need. Although not expected, some beneficiaries repay the account when back on their feet to help others. All gifts are anonymous and there are many people who have benefitted from it. This is a great way to help people in our own midst and also keep the Lord's advice in Matthew 6:3 to do so quietly and without fanfare. Please consider making a regular gift to help others. Donations can be brought to the office or placed in the offering plate marked for the Share Cupboard. Checks should be made out to "Redeemer Share Cupboard." If you are in need, please talk to Pastor.

THE ANNUAL POLAR BEAR PICNIC: The Youth Group is having their annual Polar Bear Picnic on **Sunday, February 13, 2022 at 12pm.** (Only the grillers have to brave the cold – everyone else enjoys picnic food in the middle of winter!!) Grilled brats and hot dogs, along with chips, salads, desserts, etc. will be served. ***Watch for more info to come about tickets.*** Save the date for a great "Summer" menu!

MEMBERSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION AT REDEEMER: If you, a family member, or a friend would like to know more about being Lutheran or becoming a member at Redeemer and receiving Holy Communion, please talk to Pastor Kleinschmidt. Adult Instruction classes can be planned around your schedule. In the Lutheran tradition, all members are instructed before receiving the Sacrament of the Altar, and a total of six classes at Redeemer give an overview of the Christian faith and Lutheran teaching.

DID YOU KNOW PASTOR & VICAR POST DAILY DEVOTIONS ON THE REDEEMER FACEBOOK PAGE? YOU CAN READ THEM AT www.facebook.com/redeemerhighlandlcms

Please remember to call to alert the Pastor & Vicar if you are in the hospital and would like a visit. (219-838-4898). Hospitals often do not alert the church office. Pastor & Vicar are willing to visit members in the hospital or at home, but they need to be alerted to the need by the individual or a family member/caretaker. They would also like to include you or your family member in the prayers, if you would like to be included. (Note: Prayers are live-streamed as part of the Sunday service.)

BIG REDEEMER THANKS TO...

- Trisha Laich for the wonderful job of Live Streaming the services with all your special slides & camera angles. It makes a BIG difference!
- Sue Rohling, Colleen Lulinski, Keith Aurand, Joe Stewarts, and Renee Reimer for all of their hardwork preparing the gardens for fall/winter.
- Kathy Gaskey & Deanna Ryskamp for helping with the October/November newsletter.
- Ginger Hybl for sending out birthday postcards.
- Dennis & Mary Russell for changing the sign.
- Donna Wanicki for sending Cradle Roll.
- Jane Kuva for organizing the project and Janet Salinas for setting up the tree for Angel Tree.

And thanks to everyone who gives their time & energy...Elders, Altar Guild members, SOS Organists, acolytes, Trustees, Congregational Officers, counters, teachers, committee members, and more...**every "little" thing comes together to keep our church vibrant!**

WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR? Remember Redeemer's Special Thanksgiving Offering Envelopes are available year round in the tract rack in the narthex. These thanksgivings will then be printed in the newsletter each month; but not the amount of your offering. These special offerings are intended to give you an opportunity to let your church family know what you are thankful for!

THE BETA SIGMA PSI NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION offers scholarships for members of the Lutheran community. Scholarship information and applications for incoming freshmen Fall 2022 are available at:

<https://www.betasigmapsi.org/scholarships-for-high-school-students/>. Some scholarships are available for any accredited 4-year College or University in the United States; and other opportunities are for students of specific universities: Indiana University; Iowa State University; Ohio State University; Purdue University; University of Illinois; University of Missouri, University of Nebraska. If you'd like to learn more about the organization, visit: <https://www.betasigmapsi.org/>.

2022 SPONSORSHIP CHARTS

Sign up at the new South bulletin board in the foyer or call the church office to pick a date. Sponsorship charts are up now until they are filled (which is often by January or February) for the entire year.

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO MAKE OUT YOUR CHECKS TO THE CORRECT ENTITY.

ALTAR GUILD pays for the flowers and candles.

Redeemer Lutheran Church pays for the bulletins.

Flowers and Candles will not show on your contribution statement; however bulletin sponsorship will appear (if you use envelopes). ***They are separate checking accounts***, please, help staff and volunteers by making separate checks or exact cash for each type of sponsorship. Thank you so much!

Flowers are \$20 per vase and **Candles** are \$15 per month, ***checks payable to ALTAR GUILD.***

Bulletin sponsorship is \$10 per week, ***checks payable to REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH.***

Please put your check or cash in an envelope with your name & sponsorship date marked on it and place in the secretary's "IN BOX".

Please Note: Bulletin and Candle sponsorships only list sponsor names, not a reason for sponsorship. A reason for sponsorship of the Altar flowers is noted in the weekend bulletin – please indicate your reason when signing up on the flower chart. **The sponsors may pick-up the flowers after the 10:45 Sunday service or Monday during office hours.**

AN ONLINE GIVING LINK can be found on the Redeemer website at www.RedeemerHighland.org.

Look for the  **VANCO** PAYMENT SOLUTIONS. link on the lower right side of the homepage.

HELP WITH THRIVENT CHOICESM If you are a member of Thrivent Financial, remember that your benefits may include Thrivent ChoiceSM, a charitable grant program. You can help support your congregation by choosing REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, HIGHLAND, IN when directing your Thrivent ChoiceSM dollars. Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice for more info.

THANK YOU TO THE MANY MEMBERS WHO HAVE DONATED THEIR CHOICE DOLLARS.

STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND WILL BE DECEMBER 4th & 5th.

Instructions and a Faith Promise Card will be included in the weekend bulletins and then will be available at the Elders' Desk the following week. Please fill out the anonymous card and drop it in the Faith Promise Box during the Stewardship hymn that weekend or in the box on the Elders' Desk ***by December 12th*** in order for the Stewardship Committee to count them and plan for income toward the Mission Spending Plan next year.

2022 offering envelopes will be available for pickup in the church foyer beginning December 11th.

Please begin using your 2022 offering envelopes AFTER January 1, 2022, **including the Initial Offering Envelope.** **ALL OFFERING ENVELOPE NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED FOR 2022!** All members who were given envelopes and USED THEM in 2021 will be given envelopes again in 2022. Those previously assigned envelopes but did not use them in 2020 will not receive envelopes.

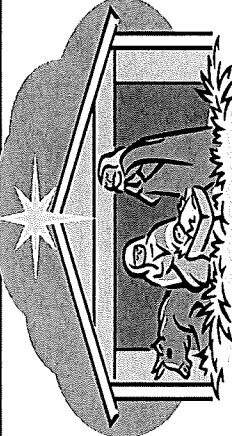
If you would like to start using envelopes in 2022; would prefer to only give online and not receive physical envelopes (an electronic giving number can be assigned instead for statements); or you no longer wish to receive offering envelopes please contact Stacy at the church office ASAP (by DECEMBER 5TH) *If numbered offering envelopes or electronic giving is not used, Redeemer is not able to produce a contribution statement for your tax purposes.*

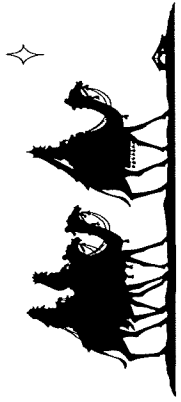
Annual contribution statements are printed for those who use offering envelopes or contribute regularly online. 2021 Contribution Statements will be available for pick up in the church foyer by the end of January. Please help the church save postage by picking up your statement. Statements not picked up will be mailed Feb. 1, 2022. Please help Redeemer save postage by picking up your statement by January 31 or by letting the office know if you don't want a statement.

Let the church office know if you need to have your Faith Promise materials, offering envelopes or statement mailed to you. Speak with Stacy in the church office, leave a message or email.

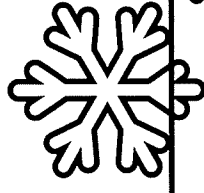
FEBRUARY-MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE will be MONDAY, JANUARY 24TH!


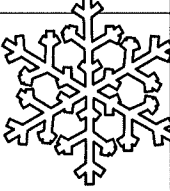

December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>5 Stewardship Weekend 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/ Youth Group/Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion 12 p.m. Trustees Meeting 12 p.m. Mary & Martha's Circle Christmas Pot Blessing</p>	<p>6 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting</p>	<p>7 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 4:00-5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class No Dartball—BYE</p>	<p>8 9:00 a.m. Advent Matins Service 7:00 p.m. Advent Evening Prayer Service</p>	<p>9 ANGEL TREE GIFTS DUE 10:00-11:30 a.m. Swaddling Clothes Work Day (Grace) 11:00 a.m. Little Lambs Chapel</p>	<p>10 Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off 3:00—11:00 p.m. MPR Reserved</p>	<p>11 Youth Cookie Walk 2:00-5:00 p.m. Cookie Donations & Set up 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion</p>
<p>12 Youth Cookie Walk 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/ Youth Group/Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion 12pm Youth Christmas Party</p>	<p>13 6:30 p.m. Stewardship/Planning Meeting 7:30 p.m. Church Council</p>	<p>14 9:30 a.m. Pastors' Circuit Conf. at Redeemer 10:30 a.m. (NC) Ladies Bible Study Devotion & lunch out 4:00-5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 7:30 p.m. Dartball (Home)</p>	<p>15 9:00 a.m. Advent Matins Service 7:00 p.m. Advent Evening Prayer Service</p>	<p>16 11:00 a.m. Little Lambs Chapel 6:00 p.m. Little Lambs Christmas Program</p>	<p>17 Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</p>	<p>18 Angel Tree Gift Pickup 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Swaddling Clothes Day (at Grace) 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion</p>
<p>19 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Christmas Program & Sing 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion</p>	<p>20 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>21 No Ladies Bible Study No Confirmation No Dartball ***LITTLE LAMBS ON CHRISTMAS BREAK***</p>	<p>22 9:00 a.m. Advent Matins Service 7:00 p.m. Office of Lamplighting Service</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve Pastor/Vicar Day Off 6:30 p.m. Divine Service 10:00 p.m. Divine Service</p>	<p>25 Christmas Day 10:00 a.m. Christmas Divine Service NO EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE</p>
<p>26 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/ Youth Group/Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion</p>	<p>27 Pastor/Vicar Off</p>	<p>28 No Ladies Bible Study No Confirmation No Dartball ***LITTLE LAMBS ON CHRISTMAS BREAK***</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Pastor/Vicar Off</p>	<p>31 Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off New Year's Eve</p>	<p>*** SECRETARY ON VACATION—CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ***</p>



January 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/ Youth Group/Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion</p>	<p>3 Secretary Off 7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting</p>	<p>4 <i>Little Lambs Resumes</i> Secretary Off No Ladies Bible Study 4:00-5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class</p>	<p>5 7:00 p.m. LifeLight</p>	<p>6 10:00-11:30 a.m. Swaddling Clothes Work Day (Grace) 11:00 a.m. Little Lambs Chapel</p>	<p>7 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's</i> Day Off</p>	<p>1 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion</p>
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<p>16 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/ Youth Group/Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion</p>	<p>17 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>18 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 4:00-5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 5:30 p.m. Youth Committee Mtg</p>	<p>19 7:00 p.m. LifeLight</p>	<p>20 11:00 a.m. Little Lambs Chapel</p>	<p>21 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's</i> Day Off</p>	<p>22 <i>Life Sunday Door Offering</i> 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion</p>
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Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Services:

Saturday:.....6:30 p.m.

Sunday:.....8:00 a.m.

.....10:45 a.m.

Advent/Christmas Special Service Schedule:

Advent Matins Service (Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22).....9:00 a.m.

Advent Evening Prayer Services (Dec. 1, 8 & 15).....7:00 p.m.

Sunday School Christmas Program (December 19)9:30 a.m.

Office of Lamplighting Service (Dec. 22).....7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight & Holy Communion.....6:30 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion.....10:00 a.m.

No 6:30 p.m. service on Saturday, December 25th

Adult Bible Study, Youth Bible Study & Sunday School:

Sunday:.....9:15 a.m.

No Bible Studies on Dec. 19th due to Children's Christmas Program – Come watch the children and sing!

Staff:

Pastor: Eric Allan Kleinschmidt

Vicar: Christian Mundorf

Admin. Asst.: Stacy Broviak

Regular Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Pastor & Vicar are OFF on Fridays.

The Church Office will be CLOSED: (Mon.-Fri) December 27-31, 2021 & Monday, January 17th, 2022

The Church Secretary will be ON VACATION December 26, 2021-January 4, 2022

WORSHIP SERVICES, SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS AND PSALM STUDY

CAN BE FOUND AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/C/REDEEMERLUTHERANCHURCHHIGHLAND](https://www.youtube.com/c/redeemerlutheranchurchhighland)

THE SUNDAY 8 AM SERVICE IS LIVE STREAMED ON YOUTUBE EVERY WEEKEND, which is then available for later viewing as well. The Live Stream link and Order of Service attachment is emailed every week as part of the Redeemer Reminders. Links are also available on the Redeemer website at www.RedeemerHighland.org.

7PM Wednesday Mid-week Evening Prayer, 6:30PM Christmas Eve and 10AM Christmas Day services will also be Live-Streamed.

PSALM STUDY: Pastor Kleinschmidt is continuing the online mid-week Psalm Study which he began on April 19, 2020 which is posted on Wednesdays to the YouTube page.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Kleinschmidt continues in the Sanctuary at 9:15 a.m. between services.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY continues to meet in person on Sundays at 9:15am in the MPR for December, but planning to return to the Youth Room upstairs in January.

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL meets in person at 9:30 a.m. in the North Classroom for children age 3 through 7th grade. *There is a short form to fill out before your child's first class.*

If you have moved or will be traveling out of town, the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod has a church locator tool to help you find a church to attend. Go to: <https://locator.lcms.org/church>