



*They shall call his name*  
**Emmanuel...**  
**God with us.**

MATTHEW 1:23

Isn't it comforting to have a God who is with us? In the false religions, the gods are almost always distant and removed from humanity. They only come down from their divine mountains to toy with people and cause havoc. But the true God comes to us to bless rather than to afflict. Jesus takes human flesh from Mary--when you see Jesus at the Last Day He will bear a physical resemblance to Mary because He is indeed her son. He is also the eternal God who has no beginning or end. Both are true of our Lord and God, and He comes to us both as the omniscient Lord of all and the infant that cannot feed Himself. This is the great mystery and blessing of Christmas.

Another mystery is why God does Christmas the way He does. Jesus in a manger, in the stable, to an unknown girl named Mary. Why does God arrive in humility and secrecy and in the lowliest place amongst the lowliest of people?

Mary knew the answer and sang about it: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name...he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty." – Luke 1:46-55

God loves to raise up the low. To help the helpless. To give hope to those who have lost everything. God loves to take what is weak and make it strong, even more than He likes to take the strong and make it stronger. God loves the weak and lowly and the hurting.

Maybe this is your best Christmas ever. Maybe you have all the gifts and all the food and no worries about anything. If so, God be praised! But there is probably somewhere in your life that is lacking. You can have a full table with empty seats. Expensive gifts with people who don't care to receive them. We all lack somewhere. Or maybe this Christmas is rough because of those empty seats or those meager gifts. God still cares. God still provides, and God loves to take what is weak and lowly and raise it up. In any case and in all situations, you have a God who is with you. Who cares for you, and who will not leave you. The best gift of Christmas is the One nursing in Mary's arms. The best seat is the one at the Lord's table. You have Emmanuel, the God who is with us, this Christmas and every Christmas. This day and for all eternity. Merry Christmas to you all, and thank you for your continued kindness and support.

Pastor Eric Kleinschmidt

In Christ,

Vicar Grant Tapken

## A Christmas Thank You

All of us in the church office would like to express our gratitude for your kindness throughout the past year. We continue to navigate through serving Redeemer both in-person and on-line. We are very thankful for the many people who have volunteered their time and talents to help in ways that are too numerous to list. We are also thankful for all those who have financially supported Redeemer with their treasures and gifts. Many 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 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 Grant Tapken

Stacy Broviak (Admin. Asst.)

## **DECEMBER 2023 & JANUARY 2024 HAPPENINGS**

**MARY AND MARTHA CIRCLE'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be held on **Sunday, December 3 after the 10:45 service**. Fried chicken will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet on the LWML bulletin board in the north hallway. Please bring a dessert or side dish to share. Deadline to sign up is Tuesday, November 28.

### **ALL LADIES ARE INVITED!**

In lieu of a gift exchange, we are asking for donations of men's dark colored socks and items to Haven House (a shelter for abused women) from the following list: NEW BATH TOWELS (keep tags attached), MANUAL TOOTHBRUSHES, SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER, & DISH SOAP/ HAND SOAP

**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 12PM on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. This year every child has one angel on the tree with sizes and toy wishes on it.

**MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES** will be held **December 6, 13, and 20**. Please plan to attend to prepare for the coming of our Savior.

**MATINS at 9AM**. Services will be In-Person only. The service will follow the Order of Matins but will not have a sermon or incense.

**EVENING PRAYER at 7PM**. Services will be held In-Person & Live-Streamed. Incense is used in these special services as Psalmody begins, "Let my prayer rise before You as incense."

**YOUTH COOKIE WALK:** The Redeemer Youth Group will host its Annual Cookie Walk on **Sunday, December 10** after all three services in the MPR. 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 Grant know. **Cookies can be dropped off on Saturday, Dec. 9 between 1pm and 3pm** during the time that the Youth will be baking.

**HANGING OF THE GREENS**. (decorating Redeemer) for Advent/Christmas will take place after late service (12 pm) on **Sunday, Dec. 10**. A pizza lunch will be provided for helpers. Many hands=more fun-less time.

**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. 16, 2023 & Jan. 20, 2024**). Volunteers needed! Work Days are 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays from 10-11:30 a.m. Visit [www.facebook.com/swaddlingclothesdyer](http://www.facebook.com/swaddlingclothesdyer).

**NEEDS:** diapers, wipes (flip-top refills), baby wash, diaper cream, and clothing (newborn to 3T). Items can be placed in the 24/7 donation bin - back parking lot at Grace or at Redeemer under the large bulletin board in foyer. ***Thank you for your support!***

**YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS *WHAT CHILD IS THIS?*** the children's Christmas service at Redeemer Lutheran Church on Sunday, December 17 at 9:30 am. Children will tell about Jesus' birth with joyful hearts, songs, and readings. See you there!

Due to the program, there will not be Adult Bible Study or Youth Group, so all can join.

**REHEARSALS** for Redeemer's *What Child Is This?* children's Christmas service start on Sunday, November 26, at 9:30 a.m. in the North Classroom. Please have children there on time. We will practice the following 2 Sundays (Dec. 3 & 10).

**REGION ALE DINING OUT FUNDRAISER BENEFITING THE REDEEMER YOUTH GROUP!** You can participate in this fundraiser with a Dining Order or a Take-out order. When dining in, mention LAW to receive 20% of your meal's price donated back to the Redeemer Youth. There is a large dining room; private dining area (which will be open for the fundraiser that day); and a bar area (must be 21 or older to be seated.) When ordering online at [regionaletaphouse.com](http://regionaletaphouse.com), enter LAW in the PROMO CODE box when you checkout. **SUNDAY, DEC. 17, 2023 from 3:00 – 8:00 PM**. Region Ale located at 1080 US 41, Schererville, IN. (near Up Your Alley.)

**The Church Office will be CLOSED between  
Christmas and New Year's –  
December 25, 2023-January 1, 2024.**

**LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY** will resume at 7PM on Wednesdays in the MPR starting **JANUARY 10<sup>th</sup>**. Vicar Grant Tapken will begin leading the class in a new study "Lifelight: Miracles" before pausing for Lent/Easter.



**Calling all Bakers and lovers of Baked Goods!**

The Redeemer Fellowship Committee will be hosting a Bake Sale on **Saturday, January 13 & Sunday, January 14** after all three services in the foyer. If anyone would like to contribute baked goods for the sale, please bring them to church on Saturday, Oct. 13, from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Volunteers will package and price them to be ready for after services.

**SOUPE BOWL OF CARING:** The Sunday School will be collecting **non-perishable food donations** to benefit St. James Food Pantry in Highland for the entire month of January until Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure items are not expired. Place them ON TOP of the wooden bin in the foyer to be counted.

**A DOOR OFFERING will be collected after all three services on February 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>.** Checks may be written payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church, memo Share Fund. **Redeemer Share Cupboard Donations** Redeemer maintains a charitable fund called the Share Cupboard Account. The Share Cupboard has helped Redeemer members and others during times of unexpected or extreme need. If you are in need, please talk to Pastor.

**LIFE SUNDAY – JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>!** A door offering to support Lutherans for Life will be received at all three services the weekend of January 20/21.

**NEIGHBORHOOD FOOD DRIVE THANKS:** 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. **ALSO, THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the November Pie Sale and the Chick-Fil-A Dine Out! *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 worship services each day.*

**CHRISTMAS AT VALPO:** *O Come to Us, Immanuel.* A service of readings, prayers and music in preparation for Christmas will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1 and 5:00 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023 at the Chapel of the Resurrection, Valparaiso University. Tickets: Through VUCA box office or in person at the University Center for the Arts. Cost: \$15-\$20. Featuring: VU Chorale, Kantorei of the Chapel of the Resurrection, Bach Choir, VU Chamber Concert Band, VU Symphony Orchestra, and Resurrection Ringers Handbell Choir

**SAVE THE DATE:** Strike Out Brain Cancer supporting the Joshua James Schutte Foundation on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024 at Plaza Lanes in Highland. Check out [www.jjsfoundationinc.org](http://www.jjsfoundationinc.org) for more information or call 219-614-6859.

**THE BETA SIGMA PSI NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION** offers scholarships for members of the Lutheran community. Scholarship information at <https://www.betasigmapsi.org/scholarships/>.

**2024 SPONSORSHIP CHARTS:** *Sign up on the South bulletin board in the foyer.*

**PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO Redeemer Lutheran Church.**

**Flowers** are \$20 per vase ♦ **Candles** are \$15 per month ♦ **Bulletin sponsorship** is \$10 per week. Please make sure your check or cash in an envelope with your name & sponsorship date marked on it.

**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.**

**THE POINSETTIA CHART** will be posted on the south bulletin board in the foyer. Please make checks **payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church.** They are used to decorate the sanctuary and may be picked up after the 10AM Christmas Day service. (Cost will be listed on the sign-up.)

**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.)

**STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND WILL BE DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Instructions and a Faith Promise Card** (for the 2024 General Operating Fund) will be included in the weekend bulletins to be counted and to help plan for income toward the Mission Spending Plan next year. **Faith Promise Cards will be counted on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**2024 offering envelopes will be available for pickup in the church foyer beginning December 9<sup>th</sup>.** All members who were given envelopes and USED THEM in 2023 will be given envelopes again in 2024. If you would like to start using envelopes in 2024; would prefer to only give online and not receive physical envelopes (an electronic giving number will be assigned); or you no longer wish to receive offering envelopes please contact Stacy at the church office ASAP (**by DEC. 6<sup>TH</sup>**). *Numbered offering envelopes or electronic giving must be used for Redeemer to produce a contribution statement for taxes.* Please begin using your 2024 offering envelopes AFTER January 1, 2024, **including the Initial Offering Envelope. ALL OFFERING ENVELOPE NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED FOR 2024!** Included in the 2024 envelopes at the beginning of each month are a Building Fund envelope [to designate offerings to the East Wing Building Project] and an Improvement Fund envelope [which helps purchase new equipment & make building updates].


**Annual contribution statements** are printed for those who use offering envelopes or contribute regularly online. 2023 Contribution Statements will be available for pick up in the church foyer by the end of January. Statements not picked up will be mailed Feb. 1, 2024. 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.

**For the Weekend of Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup>:** Offerings received using 2023 Offering Envelopes or received in the offering plates will be counted as a 2023 offering. Any offerings received using 2024 Envelopes will be held and counted the following weekend. Offerings received online or in the mail after January 1<sup>st</sup> will be recorded for 2024. **Important Reminder: The Church Office will be CLOSED Dec. 25-29.**

**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.

Next Steps for the East Wing Building Project: PRE-CAMPAIGN ASSESSMENT with Church Growth Services (CGS)		
PCA ACTIVITY	DATE	DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITY
<u>Confidential Telephone Interviews</u> (10-15 Redeemer members)	12-5 and 12-7	The interviews help to determine the financial capacity of a capital campaign. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CGS will conduct the interviews and analyze the responses.</li> </ul>
<u>Leadership Poll</u> (with Congregation Leaders such as Officers, Elders, Trustees, and Committee-Group Leadership)	Starting Date: 12-4-23  Closing Date: 12-9-23	The poll helps to determine the church leader's support for and financial capacity of a capital campaign. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CGS will create a digital/online poll and provide a link and direction to the church.</li> <li>CGS will receive and analyze the responses.</li> </ul>
<u>Congregational Survey</u>	12-10-23	The survey helps to determine congregational support and capacity for a capital campaign. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The church will conduct a survey with the full congregation.</li> <li>The church will send the surveys to CGS.</li> <li>CGS will analyze the responses.</li> </ul>
<u>PCA Report Meeting</u> (with church leadership)	January	CGS determines a campaign goal, project affordability, and customized campaign strategies.

**AN ONLINE GIVING LINK** can be found on the Redeemer website at [www.RedeemerHighland.org](http://www.RedeemerHighland.org).

Look for the  link on the lower right side of the homepage. Or use Redeemer's new QR Code below to be directed to our secure Vanco online giving page. Choose to designate your offering to the General Fund or the Building Fund.



### **Qualified charitable distributions from your IRA fulfill required minimum distributions**

Once you reach age 72, your income could increase as you begin withdrawing money from your IRAs and 401(k). They're called **required minimum distributions**, or RMDs, and they will be **taxable as ordinary income**.

One way to help reduce or eliminate the taxes you might pay on those dollars is called a **qualified charitable distribution, or QCD**. Rather than taking the money as an RMD, you designate a charitable organization to receive the money directly from your IRA.

You must be 70½ to complete a QCD, and only money from a **traditional IRA** can be used, versus your 401(k) or another employer-sponsored plan.

Qualified charitable distributions could be more beneficial than ever since the tax laws changed a few years ago and increased the standard deduction. You may not exceed that standard deduction with your usual annual gifts to charity. So, to get the tax advantage, a QCD might be a good option for you.

### **Gifts of stock and mutual funds can provide tax-efficiency**

Gifts of stock and mutual funds are a potentially **tax-efficient** way to support causes you care about. If you own highly appreciated stock or mutual funds, you may face significant capital gains taxes when you sell those securities. You may avoid those tax consequences by giving the securities to a charitable foundation,

The above box contains an excerpt from the online article "Charitable giving: The options & benefits explained" dated December 1, 2021 from Thrivent.com. To read the entire article, go to: <https://www.thrivent.com/insights/generosity-giving/charitable-giving-the-options-and-benefits-explained>. Please consult your personal financial advisor to see what options would be most beneficial in your financial situation. Redeemer has worked with members in the past who have sent direct distributions from their IRA; donated stocks directly to Redeemer for immediate sale; donated stocks to be owned by Redeemer in order to be supported by direct dividends; and those who have included Redeemer in their estate planning to inherit their home and/or a part of their monetary estate.

**HELP WITH THRIVENT CHOICE<sup>SM</sup>** If you are a member of Thrivent Financial, remember that your benefits may include Thrivent Choice<sup>SM</sup>, a charitable grant program. Help support your congregation by choosing REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, HIGHLAND, IN when directing your Thrivent Choice<sup>SM</sup> dollars. Visit [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice).

**A WAY TO HELP ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL & RECEIVE A TAX BENEFIT.** Consider making a contribution to the Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Indiana (<https://lutheransgo.org>) Indiana law provides you with a 50% Indiana tax credit for every dollar donated to an SGO. Ascension uses the SGO scholarship money to provide support to families in need for help with tuition.

**MISSION OPPORTUNITY** There is an interdenominational mission opportunity for a weeklong trip to Camp Barnabas in Purdy, Missouri for July 13-19, 2024. The focus of the trip will be serving and showing God's love to children and adults with developmental and physical disabilities that are attending the camp. For more information, please visit <https://campbarnabas.org/> and contact AJ Schuh at [schuhmt@gmail.com](mailto:schuhmt@gmail.com) or 920-475-5339 for information on attending.

### **HIGHER THINGS ABROAD**

#### **June 29 - July 6, 2024 - Dominican Republic**

The Church is not tied to one physical location. Not one city, state, or even country. So Higher Things, in cooperation with LCMS International Missions, will be going to Santiago and Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, to explore how the Lord sustains His church through Word and Sacrament ministry outside of domestic soil. Young adults (ages 18-24) will join together to not only serve in a foreign country but be served.

**Cost: \$3000\* /participant**

*\*Scholarships may be available.*

Applications open December 1, 2023.

See [www.HigherThings.org](http://www.HigherThings.org) for more information.

### **CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT ADOPTION APPEAL**

Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries, Inc. (LMVFM) is beginning its 10th Annual Ornament Adoption Appeal. For each donation received from the November 1<sup>st</sup> - January 31<sup>st</sup>, a one-of-a-kind Christmas tree ornament will be selected and tagged with either your name or the name of someone you wish to honor and then placed upon our Christmas tree. Once there, it will be photographed and featured on our website and Facebook page for your enjoyment. Visit **LMVFM.org** or pick up a flyer in Redeemer's foyer under the large bulletin board to make a donation.

## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY 2023

It has been a long standing tradition of Redeemer congregation to observe the first Sunday in November as All Saints' Sunday. During the services the weekend of November 4 & 5, 2023, we read the names of those members of Redeemer congregation who have gone to be with the Lord during the previous year. This year we will recognize 9 members of Redeemer.

Edward John Pakan	December 5, 2022	99 years	2 months	5 days
Harriet Jean Upchurch	January 24, 2023	73 years	6 months	24 days
Alma Voss	February 19, 2023	99 years	10 months	15 days
Beth Ann Lavrinovich	April 6, 2023	80 years	5 months	26 days
Dorothy Betty Pakan	May 16, 2023	101 years	9 months	8 days
Ronald Marvin Spiegel	June 1, 2023	79 years	2 months	30 days
Vernon Deik Sieb	July 8, 2023	85 years	6 months	27 days
William B. Theodozio	October 25, 2023	72 years	6 months	9 days
Robert Alvin Clark	November 1, 2023	97 years	5 months	15 days

Redeemer congregation also recognizes the following family of members of Redeemer who have gone to be with the Lord and received Christian burial through Redeemer's clergy.



Douglas Solberg	March 29, 2023	63 years
Shirley Vido	May 2, 2023	92 years
Lisa Henry	May 8, 2023	42 years
Marcus Jordan	August 29, 2023	51 years
Dorothy Marten	October 28, 2023	96 years

*Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord. And let light perpetual shine upon them.*

### **BIG REDEEMER THANKS TO...**

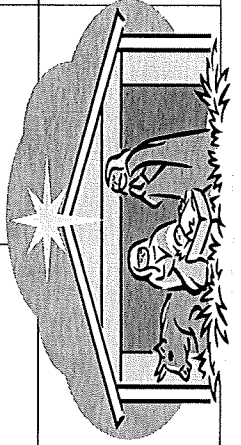
- Trisha Laich & Ben Hecimovich for Streaming services.
- Deanna Ryskamp for collating the Oct/Nov newsletter
- Susan VanTil for all her care of the Children's Busy Bags
- Carol Drysch sending out birthday postcards.
- Mary & Dennis Russell for changing the sign.
- Donna Wanicki for sending Cradle Roll.
- Jill Kreis & Lisa Doughman & families for Sunday coffee
- Jane Kuva, Janet Salinas, & crew for the Angel Tree.
- Wyatt Kucginski for winterizing lawn equipment.
- Jacob Stewarts for the final mowing of the season.

**AND every Redeemer member** who gives their time and energy to fill the church's needs by attending meetings; tending the church's financial needs & records; fixing and maintaining the building and the grounds; serving as elders, acolytes, Altar Guild members, SOS organists, teachers and so much more. **Every "little" thing comes together to keep our church working & vibrant.** Your help is **VITAL** to get things done!

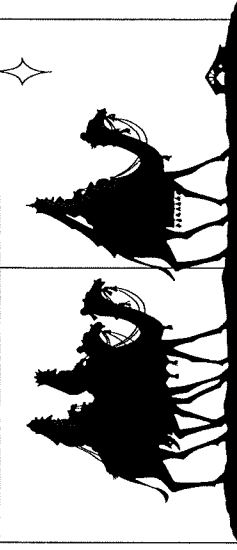
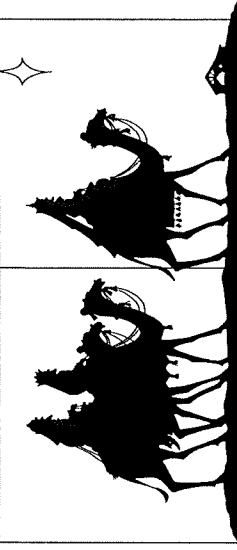
**THE MARY & MARTHA CIRCLE OCTOBER BAKE SALE** was a huge success! Thank you to all who baked, packaged, sold and purchased the delicious goodies. Because of your generosity we were able to donate \$400 to the Redeemer Building Fund.

# December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 <i>First Sunday in Advent Stewardship Weekend</i>  <b>ANGEL TREE GIFTS DUE</b>            8:00 a.m. Holy Communion            9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/ Youth/Sunday School Practice            10:45 a.m. Holy Communion            12 p.m. Mary &amp; Martha's Circle</p>	<p>4 7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting</p>	<p>5 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study            4:00 p.m. Confirmation            7:30 p.m. Dartball (Home)</p>	<p>6 9:00 a.m. Advent Matins Service            5:45—6:45 p.m. Handbell Practice            7:00 p.m. Advent Evening Prayer Service</p>	<p>7 10:00-11:30 a.m. Swaddling Clothes Work Day (Grace)            5:30 p.m. Youth Committee Mtg.</p>	<p>1 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i>  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p>2 <i>Stewardship Weekend</i>            6:30 p.m. Holy Communion</p>
<p>10 <i>Building Project Cong. Survey</i>  <b>Youth Cookie Walk after Services</b>            8:00 a.m. Holy Communion            9:15 am Adult Bible Study (MPR)            Sunday School Dress Rehearsal            10:45 a.m. Holy Communion            12:30 p.m. Hanging of the Greens with Pizza</p>	<p>11 6:30 p.m. Planning/Stewardship Committee Mtg.            7:30 p.m. Church Council</p>	<p>12 9:00 a.m. Pastors' Circuit Conf. At Grace, Dyer            9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study            4:00 p.m. Confirmation            7:30 pm Darts (Lowell)</p>	<p>13 9:00 a.m. Advent Matins Service            5:45—6:45 p.m. Handbell Practice            7:00 p.m. Advent Evening Prayer Service</p>	<p>14 10:00-11:30 a.m. Swaddling Clothes Work Day (Grace)</p>	<p>15 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i>  <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p>16 TBD            Angel Tree Gift Pick-up            9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Swaddling Clothes Day (at Grace)            6:30 p.m. Holy Communion</p>
<p>17 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion            9:30 a.m. <b>Sunday School Christmas Program &amp; Sing-a-long</b>            10:45 a.m. Holy Communion            12:30 p.m. Youth Christmas Party            3-8 pm Youth Region Ale Fundraiser</p>	<p>18 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study            4:00 p.m. Confirmation            7:30 p.m. Dartball (Home)</p>	<p>19 9:00 a.m. Advent Matins            5:45—6:45 p.m. Handbell Practice            7:00 p.m. Advent Evening Prayer Service</p>	<p>20 <i>Secretary Off</i>            9:00 a.m. Advent Matins            5:45—6:45 p.m. Handbell Practice            7:00 p.m. Advent Evening Prayer Service</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i>  <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p>23 <i>No Worship Service</i></p>
<p>24 10:00 a.m. 4th Sunday in Advent Divine Service  <b>NO Education Hour</b>            6:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Carols, Candles and Holy Communion</p>	<p>25 <i>Christmas Day</i>            10:00 a.m. Christmas Divine Service</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion</p>
<p>31 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><b>PASTOR, VICAR &amp; SECRETARY ON VACATION</b>  <b>*** CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ***</b>  <b>NO CHURCH ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED</b></p>					



# January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Dec. 31 <i>New Year's Eve</i></p> <p>8:00 a.m. Holy Communion</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/ Youth Group/Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Holy Communion</p>	<p>1 <i>New Year's Day</i></p> <p><b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b></p> <p><i>No Elders Meeting in January</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p>NO Ladies Bible Study</p> <p>NO Confirmation</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Dartball (Crown Point)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:45—6:45 p.m. Handbell Practice</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00-11:30 a.m. Swaddling Clothes Work Day (Grace)</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Youth Committee Mtg.</p>	<p>5 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i></p> <p><b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Holy Communion</p>
<p>7</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Holy Communion</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/ Youth Group/Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Holy Communion</p> <p>12:00 Unhanging of the Greens</p>	<p>8</p> <p><b>February-March Newsletter Deadline</b></p> <p>6:30 p.m. Planning/Stewardship Committee Mtg.</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Church Council</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Pastors' Circuit Conf. At Trinity, Hammond</p> <p>NO Ladies Bible Study</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Confirmation</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Darts (Hobart)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:45—6:45 p.m. Handbell Practice</p> <p>7:00 p.m. LifeLight</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00-11:30 a.m. Swaddling Clothes Work Day (Grace)</p>	<p>12 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i></p> <p><b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p>13</p> <p>3:00-5:00 p.m. Drop off baked goods for Fellowship Bake Sale</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Holy Communion <i>Fellowship Bake Sale</i></p>
<p>14 <i>Fellowship Bake Sale</i></p> <p>8:00 a.m. Holy Communion</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/ Sunday School</p> <p><b>Youth to Breakfast</b></p> <p>10:45 a.m. Holy Communion</p>	<p>15</p> <p><b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Confirmation</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Dartball (Home)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>5:45—6:45 p.m. Handbell Practice</p> <p>7:00 p.m. LifeLight</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i></p> <p><b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p>20 <i>Life Sunday Door Offering</i></p> <p>9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Swaddling Clothes Day (at Grace)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Holy Communion</p>
<p>21 <i>Life Sunday Door Offering</i></p> <p>8:00 a.m. Holy Communion</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/ Youth Group/Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Holy Communion</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Confirmation</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Dartball (St. Paul)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5:45—6:45 p.m. Handbell Practice</p> <p>7:00 p.m. LifeLight</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i></p> <p><b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Holy Communion</p>
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# DECEMBER 2023 – JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER



## Redeemer Lutheran Church

(A Congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod)

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### Services:

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

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

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

### Sunday School, Youth Group & Adult Bible Study:

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

### Special Services:

Advent Matins Service (Dec. 6, 13, 20).....9:00 a.m.

Advent Evening Prayer Services (Dec. 6, 13, 20)....7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 23.....No Worship Service

Fourth Sunday in Advent (Sun., Dec. 24).....10:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve Carols, Candles & Communion (Sun., Dec. 24)...6:30 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Divine Service (Mon., Dec. 25).....10:00 a.m.

*Regular Worship Schedule for Sat., Dec. 30 & Sun., Dec. 31*

### Staff:

Pastor: Eric Allan Kleinschmidt

Vicar: Grant Tapken

Admin. Asst.: Stacy Broviak

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday – Thursday from 10am-2pm; Fridays CLOSED.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023 – MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024;  
and MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024**

**FEBRUARY-MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE will be MONDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>!**

### **WORSHIP SERVICES AND ONLINE BIBLE STUDY CAN BE FOUND AT:**

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

**THE SUNDAY 8 AM SERVICE IS LIVE STREAMED 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](http://www.RedeemerHighland.org).

**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.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS! COMMITTEE MEETING DATES:**

#### **December:**

Trustees Meeting – No Meeting

Elders – Dec. 4

Youth Committee – Dec. 7

Planning & Stewardship – Dec. 11

Church Council – Dec. 11

Christian Ed. Meeting – No meeting

#### **January:**

Trustees – No Meeting

Elders – No Meeting

Youth Committee – Jan. 4

Planning & Stewardship – Jan. 8

Church Council – Jan. 8

Christian Ed. Meeting – No meeting