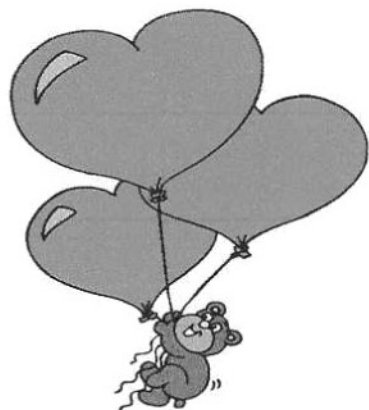


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Our Mission
Sharing God's Love & Touching Lives

Our Values:
Reaching the Lost
Word & Sacraments
Being Christ-Centered
Growing Spiritually
Loving one-Another & Others
Helping Those in Need

February 2023

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February 2023-Recreational Outrage

While the month of February is traditionally reserved for Valentine's Day, chocolate hearts & kisses, flowers, or... snow (I'm learning that here in AR, snowfall tends to happen around this time of year), I'm going to spend a moment with you on a topic that seems to be more and more prevalent (And not just at this time of year): Anger. I have my own term for the kind of anger I am talking about – I call it "Recreational Outrage." I'll define it thus: *When you derive enjoyment in being angry about or complaining about something.*

How does this "Recreational Outrage" (as I have called it) find its way into our daily lives? It's simple if you start to pay attention to the seemingly mundane acts of your typical day: E.g. I get impatient with the car in front of me who is driving too slow when I am late, so I mutter under my breath at their "incompetence" and their lack of driving prowess (forgetting my lateness is the true cause of my impatience). Or maybe I hear a story on the news detailing something that has happened in a far-off somewhere. It

may not directly affect me, nor can I do anything about it, but I carry it with me and even tell others about how it upsets me. Or I look for mistakes that other people make, either sharing them directly with the person or telling others about it. While it may not look "enjoyable" on the outside, somewhere deep down inside, you derive a twisted "recreation" or "joy" from this type of anger.

Now, I realize that for every finger pointing at someone else, there are at least three pointing back at you – and this is one of the reasons why I think it is an appropriate topic. I struggle with my own anger. That might surprise you to know, and sometimes I do my best to keep it to myself. But other times I cannot hide it and it rears its ugly head. The sad truth is that it is a part of me because I am a sinner.

Equally and even more true are the words of Jesus in **Matthew 5:21–22**²¹ *You have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment."*²² *But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, "You fool!" will be liable to the hell of fire.* Do you realize the depth of what Jesus is saying here? Jesus is equating our anger to murder, which means we are liable to His end-time judgement! This is serious business, folks!

Luther took up this issue in *The Large Catechism: Fifth Commandment (You Shall Not Kill)* when he penned these appropriate words: *"The cause and need of this commandment is that God well knows that the world is evil (Galatians 1:4), and that this life has much unhappiness... For example, when your neighbor sees that you have a better house and home, a larger family and more fertile fields, greater possessions and fortune from God than he does, he gets in a bad mood, envies you, and speaks no good of you. So by the devil's encouragement you will get many enemies who cannot bear to see you have any good, either bodily or spiritual. When we see such people, our hearts also would like to rage and bleed and take vengeance. Then there arise cursing and blows. From them misery and murder finally come."*¹

You see where the anger comes from, don't you? It happens out of envy, misery, and jealousy. It comes from within our fallen, sinful nature and ultimately it comes because YOU want to be the God and if it isn't YOUR way, it's wrong. This, then, is a violation of the First Commandment, and shows us quickly of how far we have fallen from our God and His righteous expectations of us. God expects us to **Be kind**

¹ Luther, Martin, (*The Book of Concord: Second Ed., The Large Catechism: 8th Commandment para. 183-184*, Saint Louis, CPH, 2006), p. 379

to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you (Ephesians 4:32). He even goes so far as to tell a parable about what happens when you *fail* to forgive as you have been forgiven (see **Matthew 18:23-34**). [Hint]: You don't have a part in the kingdom and you are delivered over to the jailers!

In his Bible Study *The Myth of Righteous Anger: What the Bible Says About Human Anger*, Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Gibbs summarizes this problem when he writes: "*The Bible, and especially the New Testament, teaches straightforwardly that human anger is a common and dangerous reality in our lives. That is the dominant message, and it should be the dominant way that Christians think about their anger. This means that, if American society currently extols 'outrage' and admires those who speak out of anger and who speak with angry words and insults, then believers must reject that cultural value. We have a responsibility to stand out and be different, as salt and light.*" And that is my encouragement to you: Stand out. Be different. Be salt & light. Refuse to be tempted to find your "joy" in another person's fault or in your own personal outrage. Imagine how pleasant that would be!

Psalm 133

Pastor Mc

Stories behind Our Favorite Hymns

The author of **Praise the Almighty**, our Hymn of the Month, is Johann Daniel Harnschmidt. He was born in 1675 in Germany. He went to the University and in the Spring of 1702 became assistant to his father, a Town preacher. In 1712 he obtained a divinity degree and became a superintendent and court preacher. Later, he was appointed as a Professor of Theology at the University. Johann died in 1723 at only 48 years old. Most of Johann's hymns were written during his first residence at the University.

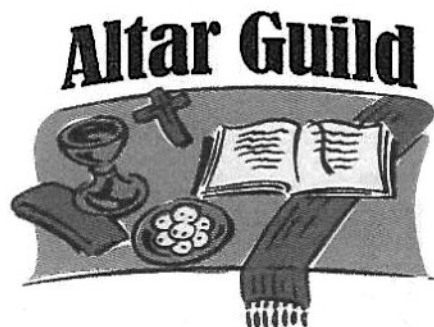
Praise the Almighty was translated into English by Alfred Brauer, a Concordia Theological Seminary (Springfield, IL) graduate (1890).

Johann's hymns are Scriptural and mirror his inner life. This hymn is described as a 'psalm paraphrase'. You will note how the verses of this hymn parallel the verses of Psalm 146.

Praise the Almighty

- 1 Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him!
Yes, I will laud Him until death;
With songs and anthems I come before Him
As long as He allows me breath.
From Him my life and all things came;
less, O my soul, His holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal;
Earth-born they are and soon decay.
Vain are their counsels at life's last portal,
When the dark grave engulfs its prey.
Since mortals can no help afford,
Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Blessed, oh, blessed are they forever
Whose help is from the Lord Most High,
Whom from salvation can nothing sever,
And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.
To all who trust in Him, our Lord
Will aid and counsel now afford.
Alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Penitent sinners, for mercy crying,
Pardon and peace from Him obtain;
Ever the wants of the poor supplying,
Their faithful God He will remain.
He helps His children in distress,
The widows and the fatherless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 Praise, all you people, the name so holy
Of Him who does such wondrous things!
All that has being, to praise Him solely,
With happy heart its amen sings.
Children of God, with angel host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia, alleluia!



February Altar Guild Schedule

SET-UP TEAM - Feb. 5, 19, and 21
Sandy Klein and Patsy Ellsworth

FILL CANDLES WITH OIL
Steve and Pat Hacker

CLEAN-UP TEAMS

February 5 AND February 19 – 8:30 a.m. Service – Team 2
Mary Clausen, Mary Smith and Bobbie Schaper

February 5 AND February 19 – 11:00 a.m. Service – Team 8
Stephanie Smith, Erin Smith and Ashley Smith

February 22 - Ash Wednesday – Holiday Team
Betty Jardine and Pat Kumsher

If you have questions, please call Marcia Reinert 870-373-1955 or Judy Nosari 870-425-2895.



February Food Pantry Schedule

The Food Pantry Volunteer Schedule for February 2023 is listed below.
Each volunteer will work 2-hour shifts.

Morning shift - 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Afternoon shift - Noon to 2:00p.m.
Thanks to all of you for the time you give for others.

10:00 a.m. – Noon

Wed. Feb. 1 Vickie Mendoza

Wed. Feb. 8 Ken & Carol Beeman

Wed. Feb.15 Sandy Smnakal & Karen Boyd

Wed. Feb.22 Marcia & David Reinert

Noon - 2 p.m.

Wed. Feb. 1 Doris Latimer & Lois Grindley

Wed. Feb. 8 Joyce Kieltyka & JoAnn McGuire

Wed. Feb.15 Sandra & Monroe Schmidt

Wed. Feb.22 Craig & Juidy McNabb

If you can't make your scheduled time, please contact Linda Templeton 870-421-3503.



The February Elders' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 14th, at 10:00 a.m. in Room D at the church. All Elders (Advisory, Visiting, and Assisting) are asked to attend. Following is the schedule for distribution of Holy Communion in February. If you cannot assist on your scheduled day, please call Jim Hitch 870-701-3827 or the church office.

February 5 – 8:30 a.m. Darrel Bipes, John Fox and Ron Ufkes

February 19 – 11:00 a.m. Jim Hitch, Greg Williams and Jeff Hensley

Ash Wed. February 22 – 10:00 a.m. Darrel Bipes, John Fox and Ron Ufkes

February 5 - 8:30 a.m. Mark Feicho, Stan Helms and John Templeton

February 19 - 11:00 a.m. Jim Hitch, Greg Williams and Jeff Hensley

Ash Wed. February 22 – 6:00 p.m. Mark Feicho, Stan Helms and John Templeton

Monthly List of food for the Redeemer Food Pantry

<u>January</u> 1lb pkg Spaghetti or 15oz can Pasta Sauce Any flavor	<u>February</u> Peanut Butter 18oz or Jelly or Jam 12 to 20oz	<u>March</u> Oatmeal Regular or 8.5oz with 6-10 pkts Instant or Box of Macaroni and Cheese	<u>April</u> 1lb Instant Pancake Mix or Box of Cereal Any kind	<u>May</u> Cans of Soup Any Kind or Box Saltine Crackers	<u>June</u> Canned Vegetables Any kind or 15oz Can Beef Stew or 15oz can Chili
<u>July</u> 5oz Can Chicken/Tuna or 1lb bag of beans Any kind	<u>August</u> 14oz Can of Cranberry Sauce or 15oz can Pumpkin Puree	<u>September</u> 15oz Can of Sweet Potatoes or 6.2oz Box of Instant Mashed Potatoes	<u>October</u> 6oz Box of Dressing/ Stuffing or 3.5oz pkg of French Fried onions	<u>November</u> Pkg Dinners like Tuna or Hamburger Helper,etc or 1lb and 2lb bag of rice	<u>December</u> 15oz can Fruit Any kind or 3oz Pkg of Ramon Noodles Beef or Chicken

We have listed a few items that we distribute to our clients each month; and, if you would like, you can purchase one or two of these items to donate to the Food Pantry. You can put the items in the box in the Narthex and someone from the Food Pantry will pick them up for distribution.

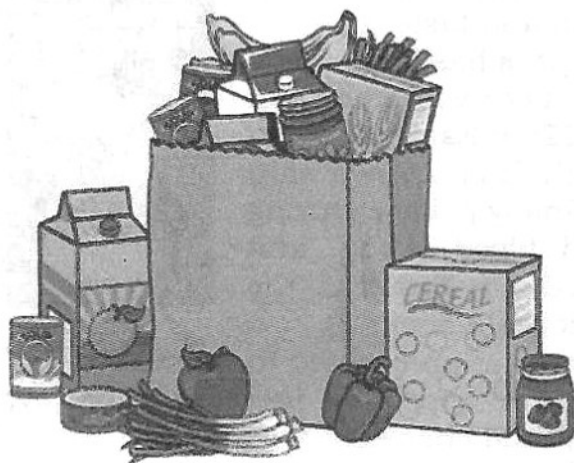
We appreciate everyone who has donated food items or monetary gifts! In the last six months we have nearly doubled our family clientele.

Please no glass jars.

Thank you so much for being so gracious.
 Linda Templeton, Redeemer's Food Pantry Manager

FOOD PANTRY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Monthly Update for December 2022



We served 48 families in two weeks in December of which 13 were new families. There were 34 children under the age of 18; 59 adults from the age of 19 to 64; and 12 senior citizens for a total of 105 individuals.

Total expenses for December were \$1,278.85.

We continue to need paper sacks more than the plastic bags right now. If you should shop at Harp's or Town and Country, you can ask them to bag your groceries in a paper sack. You can drop them off in the box in the narthex.

We handed out 36 holiday bags which included the fixings for a holiday meal to our clients in December. A total of 127 holiday bags were handed out in November and December.

Our YTD totals for 2022: 808 families were served with 250 being new clients to us last year. Total individuals served were 1,813. There were 526 children; 1,113 adults (19-64); and 60 senior citizens.

Our YTD expense total: \$19,186.68.

We handed out 1,813 bags to clients roughly valued at \$22,645.82 and 127 holiday bags totaling \$2,371.09 for a total of \$25,016.91.

Thank you all for the monetary donations and/or all the food donations. Please continue with these donations, as it is greatly needed and appreciated.

Linda Templeton, Chairman of the Redeemer Food Pantry

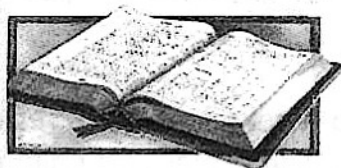
Treasurer Finance Team Update

By this time you should have received your 2022 contribution statement. Hope you enjoyed all the stamps on the envelope. We had a donation of pre-stamped envelopes that needed to be used before the postal rate increased again.

If you didn't receive your statement or find any errors in your statement, please report them to the church office and we will get you a new or corrected copy.

Thank you.

Secured by Scripture



God's WORD reminds us that we are anchored and held in Him. God is always looking to find us. He comes to us in many ways. With this series we hope to share resources where God's Word can speak to you in your daily life.

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This month's devotion booklet will appeal to all your senses. It focuses on biblical elements that we can see, smell, touch and taste.

Promised Treasures has forty-seven days of devotions that take you from Ash Wednesday (February 22) to Easter Sunday (April 9). It begins with "ashes, then salt, water light, bread and finally palms. During Holy week, water and blood, wood, and fragrant oil are featured. On Easter,... the sweetness of God's milk and honey." *

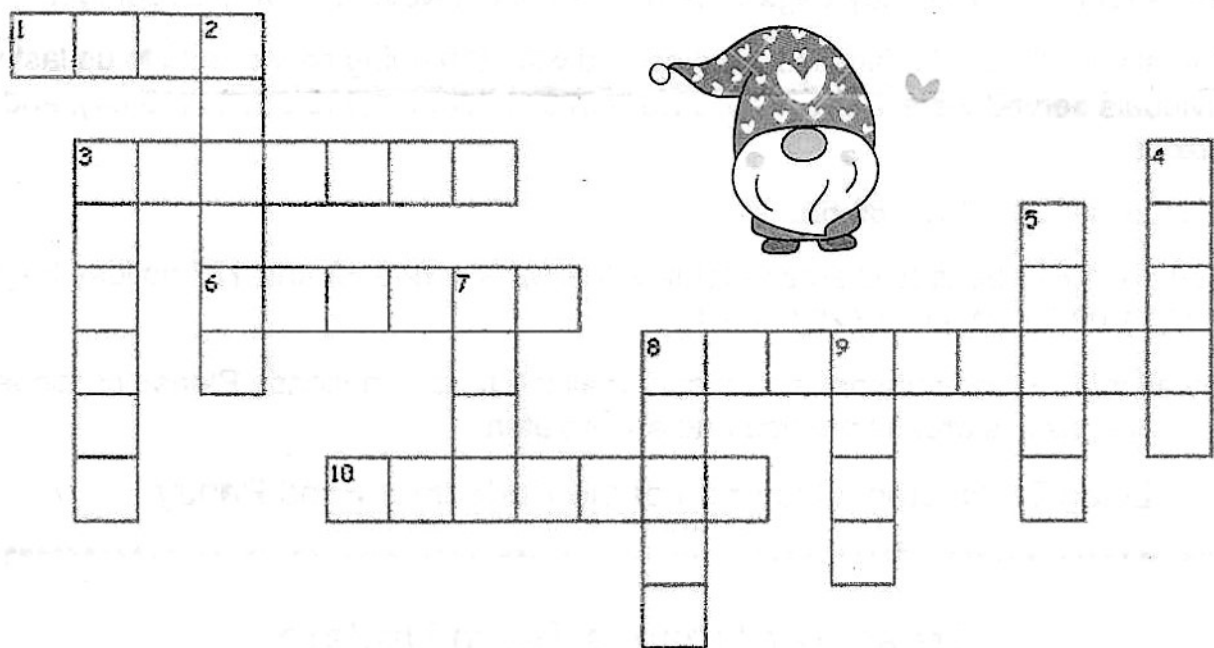
All of these elements are presented to "remind you of God's love..., fill you with hope and increase your joy, knowing we are His baptized children." *

We are exiles in this world, yearning for our real home in heaven. This devotional will help us to experience how God is very near to us right now.

Check with the office for the availability of this devotion booklet.* CPH.org



VALENTINE'S DAY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

1. _____ and kisses.
3. They smell pretty.
6. On Valentine's Day you should hug and _____ with your loved ones.
8. Special treat loved by all.
10. Wrap it up and tie it with a bow.

DOWN

2. Another Word for kiss.
3. My best _____.
4. Delicate, red flowers (with thorns).
5. Valentine's Day shape.
7. I _____ you.
8. Sugary treat.
9. Sign it and give it to a friend.

Christian Women's Society

February 2023 News



Our group gathers together every third Tuesday of the month at 11 a.m. for fellowship, fun and periodically have guest speakers. We also organize the Church Garage Sales. The money we collect goes to community nonprofit and church programs. All ladies are invited to join us.

CHURCH SALE INFORMATION

Our Garage Sale will be held on May 5th and 6th.

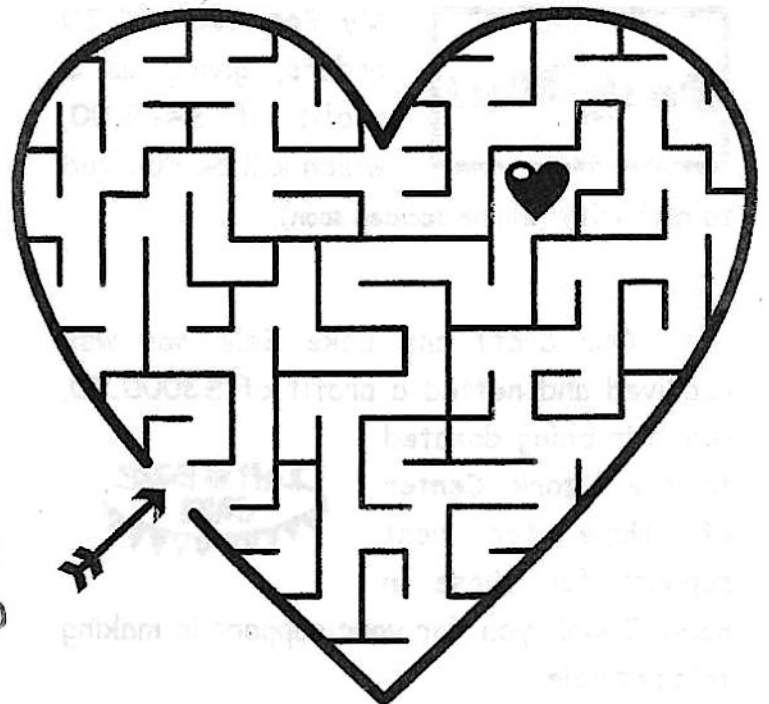
We are continuing to collect jewelry for our sales. You can bring the jewelry to the church office or give items to Wanda Dissmeyer. Items for the sale can be brought in on Mondays and Thursdays starting, Monday March 13th from 9-11am. If you have big items to donate, please call Cathy Troester (870-495-8730) to see when items can be brought in or be picked up. The last drop off day will be Thursday April 27th. We can always use people to help us with the organizing of items, pricing and more. Talk to Cathy Troester if you would like to help.

THE HUB NEWS (HELPING U BELONG)

Calling on Men, Women, Young adults to help us out! This is a great way to meet people, help people with questions about our church and to thank visitors for coming to Redeemer. The cards are done for you. It takes ½ hour before each service and about 5 minutes after the service. We can use people for both services. Contact Adele Devries (She does the scheduling for the Greeters, Ushers and the Cards). Contact Cathy Troester for greeting Visitors if you would like to help in that area or for more information.

We serve God through serving others.

Valentine's Day Maze



Vesper Society of LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) is a group of Redeemer ladies who meet the second Monday of each month at 2:00pm for Bible study, fellowship and to plan our activities to raise funds to support mission goals. All women are welcome. We would be happy to visit with you about our group and goals.



We received a thank you letter on behalf of your donation of blankets from the **Ozark Center of Hope**. These will help to keep their clients warm this winter. The donation included **9 blankets** and **17 knit hats** (for a total value of **\$298.00**). Thank you for your generosity.



A huge **THANK YOU** to all who participated in our fund raiser with **That's My Pan**. We had 30 orders, giving us a profit of **\$429.00**, which will be donated to a charity (will be decided soon).



Our **Craft and Bake Sale** was well received and netted a profit of **\$3000.00**, which is being donated to the **Ozark Center of Hope** for rent support for those in need. Thank you for your support in making this possible.



During 2022, the Vesper Society has passed on the following donations from our fundraising and our member's personal gifts.

300	Alpha House
200	Benevolence Fund (Redeemer)
900	Bob Davis Veteran Center
300	Call of Baxter County
300	Food Bank of NCA
300	Gamma House
300	Hospice of the Ozarks
300	Into the Light
600	Kindness
100	Lutheran Bible Translators
1672	Mites (supports missions beyond MH)
815	Ozark Center of Hope (fans)
210	Redeemer Hand Bell Choir
667	Redeemer New Member (books)
210	Redeemer Sunday School
1000	Seminary Student
227	Weekly Bulletin Covers (Redeemer)
387	World Vision (supporting a child)



THANK YOU!

Redeemer Church Friends,

I want to thank you for all your prayers and for the cards I received when I was in the hospital!

Sincerely, Nickie Dages

To the Anonymous Gift Giver(s),

You did it again! The gift you left by Pastor's door not only left me speechless, but it brought me to tears. For someone to think of me not once, but twice like that is humbling and extraordinary. Your gift is truly appreciated! Not only you, but the entire congregation have been so welcoming, loving, kind and generous to our family since we came to Mountain Home. We are so grateful! Thanks again for the wonderful gift. "I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers." Ephesians 1:16

Amy McReynolds

Dear Members of Redeemer Lutheran Church,

I am writing to thank you all for your continued support and generosity shown to me and family for the monetary Christmas Bonus I received on Christmas Day 2022 from Congregation President David Reinert. Many of you contributed to make this possible and I am thankful to you all individually as well as collectively. In addition to that, several of you shared cards, treats, crafts, and letters and for all of it, we are grateful.

If I tried to explain it, you still would not fully understand how God has blessed us in so many ways here at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Mountain Home. You are the Body of Christ that I have been called to serve, and yet I find that God has been (at the same time) serving me through you.

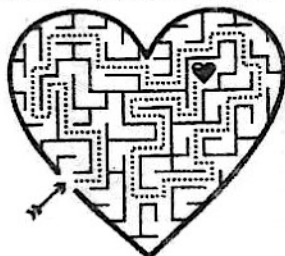
Thank you all again for being such a blessing to us – and thanks be to God! In Christ,

Rev. Kevin, Amy, Cole, Anna,

and Tate McReynolds

Answers for Crossword Puzzle and Maze

Hugs	Cuddle
Smooch	Love
Flowers	Chocolate
Friend	Candy
Roses	Card
Heart	Present



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

2/14	Jeff & Linda Hensley	24 yrs.
2/14	Eugene & Linda Vornhede	47 yrs.
2/14	Richard & Linda Zimdahl	17 yrs.

CHOIR AND BELL CHOIR



Redeemer Bell Choir and Redeemer Choir practice on Wednesdays

Practice times: Bell Choir at 3:30 p.m.

Choir at 4:30 p.m.

Carol Steinbach, Bells: 870-425-0309

Paula Tucker, Choir Director:

870-404-6074

Between

Worship Services

9:45–10:45 am

3-year-olds

through 5th grade

CHILDREN'S
Sunday School

The Flower Chart has lots of open dates for you to sign up for flowers in order to honor anniversaries, etc. You can sign up on the Flower Chart in the hallway.

Marcia Reinert 870-373-1955

Judy Nosari 870-425-2895



TAI CHI / KUNG FU

Do you want to experience a more healthy lifestyle? Join Scott Edmunds on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. at the Family Life Center!

Services and Sunday Bible Classes can be

Accessed at our website:

www.redeemermtnhme.org



FOOT CARE MINISTRY

Foot Care is the 3rd Thursday of each month from 8:00 am to noon. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact: Linda Templeton 870-421-3503

Worship services at Redeemer Lutheran are being broadcast on local radio station KTLO 97.9 FM Sunday Mornings at 10:00 a.m.

February 2023

Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Anne Jolibois Juanita Rick	2	3	4 Jason Smith Alice Westergaard Jay Zimmer
5	6 Cindy Hammond	7 Leslie Williams	8 Claire Eness Sylvia Kallinen Jack Schmitt Tom Weis	9 Cathy Troester	10	11 Amy McReynolds
12 Alex VanMeter	13 Cora Edmunds Mason Erisman JoAnn McGuire	14 Judy McNabb	15	16 Carol Rehse	17 Rich Seils	18 Pat Drengacz John Menzel
19 Sharon Anema	20 Betty Russell	21 Rich Carlson	22 Trina Bowen Kindra McClasky	23 Sandy Klein	24 Harlee Brown	25 Cole McReynolds Scott Stuewe
26 Duane Bales Mary Clausen Wanda Dissmeyer Hunt Nosari, Jr.	27 Dorrene Pace	28 Bethany Clark				

