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Voice of Redeemer

Our Mission:

Sharing God's Love & Touching Lives

Our Values:

Reaching the Lost
Word & Sacraments
Being Christ-Centered
Growing Spiritually
Loving One-Another & Others

January 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed for New Years Day	2 10:00am Property Team Meeting 11:30am Bridge Club	3 11:30am Bridge Club 6:00pm Confirmation Class	4 8:30am Men's Bible Study 1:00pm Heart to Heart 2:00pm Overeaters Anonymous	5	6
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From Pastor Kevin McReynolds



(John 1:1, 14) *¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

The Christmas celebrations are behind us, the New Year has been celebrated, everyone has returned to life as “normal” before the holy days of the holidays. But something is different. Or at least, it should be. The Word was made flesh. Baby Jesus was born. And He dwells among us.

Note how I wrote that? “He dwells among us.” I didn’t say “dwelt” as in past tense. This is what is such a big deal about God’s promise. The promise of **Isaiah 7:14** and **Matthew 1:23** is fulfilled: The virgin has conceived and bore a Son whose name is Immanuel (“God with us” from the Hebrew language). God is STILL with us. God STILL talks to us. God is STILL present with us – and Yes, *Virginia*, God is STILL Immanuel.

God speaks to us through His Word and through His servants like me. In fact, my whole Calling into the Office of Holy Ministry is for the purpose of making you aware that God is still Immanuel, God is still with us. Through me, God still speaks to you His Word of Law & Gospel. Through me, God still gives to you all of Himself – through the preached Word and in the Sacraments, God still comes to be with you. In a pastor’s sermon, the very Word of God is delivered to you from a pulpit. In a Liturgy, in songs and Psalmody, and through literally all the elements of Divine Worship, God comes to you – on the regular (if you are regularly participating in Worship). In Holy Baptism, God gives you His Holy Spirit who works faith in Him. But you don’t get baptized unless God’s servant does the baptizing. Similarly, you get to eat and drink the very Body and Blood of Jesus in the Lord’s Supper unless God’s servant is delivering those gifts to you. And in and through it all? God is here – dwelling with you, present with you, *Immanuel-ing* with you.

Yet, like Santa Claus, some would question the very existence of God. Some would wonder if God has gone silent on us, no longer speaking to us as He did of old. Some, nowadays, would deny that God uses the ordinary means of His Church to speak His Words of Law & Gospel. Those who think this way would do well to hear God speak to them right out of His Word in **(Hebrews 13:7–8)** *⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.*

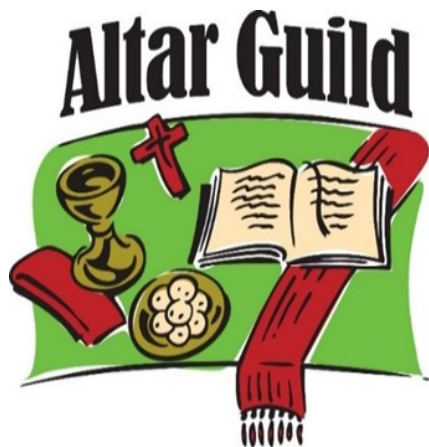
⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Nothing has changed. Jesus – Immanuel – hasn’t changed. And the means by which Jesus comes to you hasn’t changed. I hope to see you in this new year receiving all the gifts our God gives through His Church – especially His Immanuel.

In Him,

Rev. Kevin McReynolds





January Altar Guild Schedule

SET-UP TEAMS

Judy Nosari, Rachel Bipes, Marcia Reinert

FILL CANDLES WITH OIL

David and Marcia Reinert

CLEAN-UP TEAMS

Jan 7 AND 21 – 8:30 a.m. Service – Team 1

Joan Barnett, Pat Hacker, Peggy Waltrip

Jan 7 AND 21 – 11:00 a.m. Service – Team 7

Sylvia Kallinen, Maggie Schneider

If you have questions, please call Marcia Reinert 870-373-1955



January Food Pantry Schedule

The Food Pantry Volunteer Schedule for January is listed below.

Each volunteer will work 2-hour shifts.

Morning shift: 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Afternoon shift: Noon to 2:00 p.m.

Thanks to all of you for the time you give for others.

	<u>10:00 a.m. – Noon</u>	<u>Noon - 2 p.m.</u>
Wed. Jan. 3	Linda Templeton, Vickie Mendoza & Rowan Sauer	Doris Latimer & MaryAnn Mixon
Wed. Jan. 10	Ken & Carol Beeman, Linda Templeton	Joyce Kieltyka & JoAnn McGuire
Wed. Jan. 17	Sandy Smakal & Karen Boyd, Amy McReynolds	Craig & Judy McNabb
Wed. Jan. 24	David & Marcia Reinert, Linda Templeton	Monroe & Sandra Schmidt
Wed. Jan. 31	Judy Curtiss, Linda Templeton & Rowan Sauer	Marilyn Bonecki & Linda Templeton

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

We have volunteers to help when someone can't make their scheduled time.

The Elders' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 9, at 10:00 a.m. at church. All Elders (Advisory, Visiting, and Assisting) are asked to attend. Following is the schedule for distribution of Holy Communion.



Jan. 7	8:30 a.m.	John Fox, Steve Hacker and Ron Ufkes
Jan. 7	11:00 a.m.	Jim Hitch, Greg Williams and Jeff Hensley
Jan. 21	8:30 a.m.	Mark Feicho, Stan Helms and John Templeton
Jan. 21	11:00 a.m.	Jim Hitch, Greg Williams and Jeff Hensley

If you cannot assist on your scheduled day, please call Jim Hitch 870-405-2590 or church office 870-425-6071.

FOOD PANTRY REPORT

Monthly Update for November 2023

We served 134 families in November of which 35 were new families. There were 72 children under the age of 18; 182 adults from the age of 19 to 64; and 19 senior citizens for a total of 273 individuals.

Total expenses for November were \$4,809.42.

The donations for November were \$1,977.25.

We continue to need paper sacks. Thank you to those who have brought us paper sacks this last month. It is very helpful. We are still collecting plastic bags.

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.

If anyone is interested in volunteering to help distribute or shop for our Food Pantry, please contact me, Linda Templeton at 870-421-3503.

Thank you all for the monetary donations and/or all the food donations. I hope the chart with the items we hand out helps those that would like to donate food items. The past eight months were great with the congregation's donations of food. Please continue with these donations, as it is greatly needed and appreciated.

Linda Templeton, Chairman of the Redeemer Food Pantry

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 Tuna/Chicken 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 the items that we distribute to our clients each month and if you 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 pantry will pick them up for distribution. We appreciate everyone who has donated food items or monetary gifts. In the last 6 months we have nearly doubled our family clientele. **Please no glass jars.**

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



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S SOCIETY JANUARY 2024 NEWS

Our group gathers together every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11am for fellowship, fun and periodically having guest speakers. We organize the Church Garage Sales and help with other activities in the church. The money we collect helps out our community nonprofits and church programs. All ladies are invited to join us. Any questions, call Cathy Troester at 870-495-8730.

GUEST SPEAKER INFORMATION

On January 16th at 11am, our guest speaker will be from Hospice of the Ozark. Deanna Lind will talk to us about the Pet Peace of Mind program they have.

We collect jewelry all year round for our sales. You can give them to Luanne Stone or Pat Kumsher. If you have any furniture or big items for our next sale contact Cathy Troester.

Our drop off days will start again in March. Watch for more info. in February.

HUB (HELPING YOU BELONG) We want to help any new visitors to feel welcome.

If you would like to help, talk to Cathy Troester.

We also have a cards table out in the Narthex for our members that are in need of special prayers.

Have a Happy and Blessed New Year!



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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

It will, hopefully, be a happier New Year for some of the members of our community who will receive a hand up thanks to your generosity in supporting the **HOLIDAY CRAFT AND BAKE SALE**. The Vesper Society wishes to thank each of you for your donations of food and craft items as well as your overwhelming support of our annual sale. We are pleased to be able to forward a check for **\$3,000** to the **Ozark Center of Hope** to help with their efforts to help those in need.

VESPER SOCIETY OF LWML

Invites You to Join Us For

SOUPeR BOWL SUNDAY



WHEN: Sunday JANUARY 21, 2024

TIME: 11:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

MENU: Variety of Soups, Dippers and Chili ----Apple Cobbler with Ice Cream

Beverage

COST: Donation used to support missions and local charities.



Hymn of the Month

Our January Hymn of the Month is “*As with Gladness Men of Old*.” The text for this hymn was written by William C. Dix (1837–98) in either 1858 or 1859 when he was 20-21 years old. Dix was recovering from a fairly serious illness and on the day of the Epiphany, he read the Gospel for the festival day (Matthew 2:1-12) which tells the story of the visit of the Magi. He then sat down and wrote the this hymn, finishing it by evening.

Dix, a layman and the son of an English surgeon, was well-educated and a marine insurance agent by profession. Due to his sickness, he knew well of the possibility of human tragedy, loss, and now his own mortality. Just as the Wise Men were led by a star to Jesus, Dix was led in illness to his Lord by the Epiphany Gospel. This hymn speaks of the hope we have both here and hereafter.

The first three stanzas are carefully constructed with the poetic balance of “as” and “so”. This relationship mirrors past scriptural events with the present desired result. In stanza 1, Dix writes: “*As with Gladness men of old...As with joy they hailed its light...So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led by Thee.*” Stanzas 4 and 5 are petitions which pray that all Christians be kept on life’s journey in “the narrow way” (stanza 4), the way that leads to eternal life. Stanza 5 rejoices in praise and adoration in the light of the King, just as John writes in the book of Revelation 21:23: “*And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.*”

As with Gladness Men Of Old

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- 1 As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led by Thee.
- 2 As with joyful steps they sped,
Savior, to Thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before
Thee, whom heav’n and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek Thy mercy seat.
- 3 As they offered gifts most rare
At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin’s alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heav’nly King.
- 4 Holy Jesus, ev’ry day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.
- 5 In the heav’nly country bright
Need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,
Thou its sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing
Alleluias to our King.

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♪♪ Noteworthy News ♪♪

On Friday, March 8th, The Lutheran High School of Kansas City will be stopping at Redeemer as part of their music department’s spring tour through Missouri, Arkansas, and Louisiana. Their choir, band and handbell ensembles will be performing a concert here in the evening and departing the next morning. Redeemer will be providing dinner for them on the 8th and the students will be staying with host families that night. If you are interested in assisting with food or hosting students at your home, please talk with Aaron about how you’d like to help.

A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex.

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.

This series hopes to share resources where God's Word can speak to you in your daily life.

LIFE! Don't be confused with the picture on the booklet cover (hands holding a baby's head). Life involves every stage we go through as we live, from birth to death and to our eternal life with God.

"In the Hands of God – A 30-Day Devotional" (updated 2019), by Rev. Dr. James Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life, invites you to consider some of the ways God reaches down with His hands and touches His creation." (cph.org). This short 30-day devotional will get you thinking how God is very much involved in His creation and concerned about much more than just abortion, and how we need to react in a caring way to the various situations that we encounter throughout our whole lives. This devotional booklet is available at cph.org for \$1.00 (or check with the Church office for ordering).



In addition to this booklet, the organization, Lutherans for Life, has designated the week of January 14-20 as Life Week, ending on Life Sunday, January 21. The theme for this week is "Just as...I AM" and will look at all aspects of life that we deal with, including pregnancy, terminal diagnosis, aging, mental health, marriage and male/female issues. More information on these resources and the Zoom presentations can be found at Lutheransforlife.org/life-week-2024/.

To the Members of Redeemer,
Thank you very much for the Christmas gift I received from the congregation after the Christmas Music Festival on Dec. 17. Your love and support over the last 6 months has been truly amazing. I thank all of you who contributed to this act of kindness and am blessed to be called as your DPM. Becoming members of this church and community has been a gift from God for Charlotte and me. We could not ask for a better place to call home.
With sincere gratitude,
Aaron Jackson



Happy New Year

Gayle Hagemeyer would like for the congregation to have her new address. She is staying at Autumn Woods Senior Living and her address is:
2911 Green Valley Drive
New Albany, IN 47150





PERFORMANCE PLUS
January 14, 2024 – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

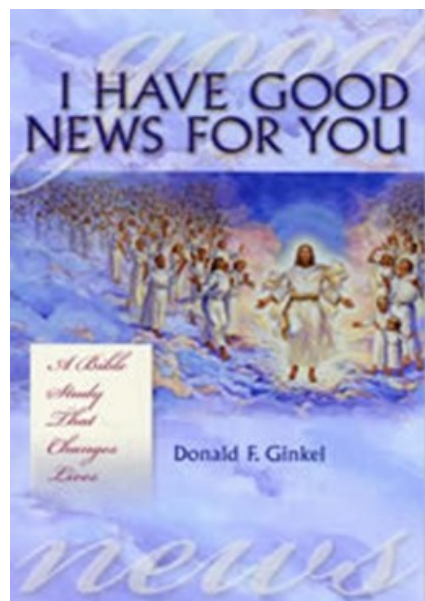
Our talent show is fast approaching. Take the rust and dust off your talents and get ready to share them with your Redeemer Families 1st talent extravaganza. Get to know our members hidden talents and have a fun afternoon.

Please fill out the registration form and return to Carol Steinbach or Lynne Zimmer by January 10, 2024 or in the box at church in the narthex.

A few ideas — comedy, ventriloquism, monologues, puppetry, magic, skits, mime, kitchen band. There will be more ideas posted in the narthex. Surprise us with your creativity.

Starting Sunday January 7th Pastor Gadbow will begin a new 10 week Bible study on the Six Chief Parts of Luther's Small Catechism. Each person will receive a free study workbook written by Rev. Donald Ginkel. This is a great refresher course for everyone in our congregation, but we highly encourage all new members to sign up for this class. We will meet in room "D" which is located across the hall from the Fellowship Hall. There is a signup sheet for this class at the HUB Welcome counter.

- Lesson 1: About A God Who Cares For You
- Lesson 2: About A Bible Which Guides and Frees You
- Lesson 3: About A Savior Who Saves You
- Lesson 4: About A Spirit Who Converts You
- Lesson 5: About A Washing Which Cleanses You
- Lesson 6: About A Meal Which Feeds You
- Lesson 7: About A Devotional Life Which Blesses You
- Lesson 8: About Keys Which Lock and Unlock
- Lesson 9: About A Stewardship Life Which is Fully Committed
- Lesson 10: About A Life Which Never Ends





Odyssey Children's Sunday School
Children from the age of 3 years old through the 5th grade will enjoy learning about Jesus and our Christian values at Sunday School between services from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

In the Bible Study between Worship Services, Pastor McReynolds is taking up the topic of the Lord's Supper. We will study the theology and practice according to the Word of God. Do you have questions about what we believe, teach, and confess? Here is your chance to learn WHY we believe as we do about The Sacrament. Join us between services on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall for Adult Bible Class.



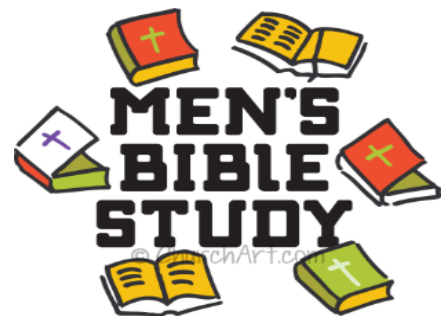
Monday Morning Bible Study

Pastor Gadbow is leading the Monday Morning Bible Study. We are working through the books of the minor prophets: Nahum, Habakkuk and Zephaniah. These books were written to call God's people to repent of their sins, to exercise justice among the oppressed and to look to the Messiah. Although written against Nineveh, Nahum brings "good news" to believers. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. on Monday mornings.



Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study

Pastor McReynolds leads the Men's Bible Study on **Zionism & Millennialism** beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee and Donuts will be available at church at 8:30AM for those who don't go Cozy Kitchen beforehand (so we can still enjoy some fellowship). We welcome any newcomers to the study also!



THE LUTHERAN WITNESS

Yearly subscriptions run from April 1 to March 31 and cost \$15. If you want to subscribe or want to renew your yearly subscription, you must have your check to the office by the deadline. Make your check payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church and write "Lutheran Witness" on the memo line.

The deadline is January 24, 2024.

HAPPY
Anniversary!

01/24	Darrel & Rachel Bipes	3 yrs.
01/27	Dick & Arlene Lee	61 yrs.

REDEEMER CHOIR & BELL CHOIR



Wednesday Practice times:
Bell Choir 4:00 p.m.
Choir 5:00 p.m.
Aaron Jackson
Music Director
903-724-2800



2024 FLOWER CHART

The new chart is located on the Office Window in the hallway between the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall. If you want to purchase altar flowers to recognize a special date, post your name as well as the names of the honorees and the occasion on the Flower Chart. The cost is \$17.00 for each bouquet. Please indicate if you want to purchase 1 or 2 bouquets by putting the number next to your name and circling it. Make your check payable to: Redeemer Lutheran Church, note "flowers" in the memo line and submit your check to the church office. You can pick up flowers after the 11:00 a.m. service Sunday or Monday. Stephanie McElroy 870-425-6071 Monday through Thursday.

FOOT CARE MINISTRY



Foot Care is the third Thursday of each month from 8:00a.m. to noon. If you would like to help in this ministry, please call: Linda Templeton

870-421-3503. In December Foot Care will meet December 14, 2023 due to the upcoming holiday.



Dear Friends with Redeemer Lutheran Church, We celebrate you for providing the most wonderful gifts of the season...the gift of hope! On behalf of the Ronald McDonald House of the Ozarks and the families we serve, thank you for saving pop tabs for recycling funds that are used exclusively to assist families with unexpected needs they may have during their stay and also at-risk children visiting The Tooth Truck.

Sincerely,
Amy Grubaugh

Scholarships


Redeemer Lutheran Church has scholarships available for students who wish to attend college. You can request an application from the church office. For those students who have received assistance and are applying again for this semester, you must submit a report of your grades from last semester along with the classes you will be attending this semester. The deadline is January 31, 2024.

KTLO Radio

Worship services at Redeemer Lutheran are being broadcast on local radio station KTLO 97.9 FM at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. Find Videos of Sunday Services and Sunday

Bible Classes on our web site:

redeemer@redeemermtnhome.org

<div><h1>January Birthdays</h1></div>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Bob Rogus	2	3 Brian Anema	4 Jean Gronert Anna McReynolds Jeanne Schoeffler	5	6 Sandra Schmidt Carole Will
7 Orion Lanney David Reinert	8	9 Char Jarchow	10	11 Izac Metzger	12	13 Paul Schoeffler
14 Cindy Cornett John Fox	15 Donna Hall	16	17 Mary Nissen	18	19 Maddy Lewis	20
21 Shelby Edmunds Dan Hall Larry Luikart	22	23 Faye Adams Deb Eness	24 Tonya Deardoff Josh Pelton Nathan Rosenkotter	25 Mark Freeman Joy Jensen	26	27
28	29 Greg Mixon Carol Wells Richard Zimdahl	30 Ken Beeman Kevin Rosenkotter	31 Kelley Nosari Kenneth Ziemer			