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# *Voice of Redeemer*

Our Mission:

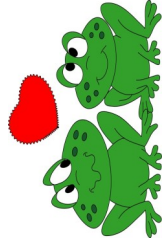
Sharing God's Love & Touching Lives

Our Values:

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



# February 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study 1:00pm Heart to Heart 2:00pm Overeaters Anonymous	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 8:00am Elder Retreat/Altar Cmte./Usher
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# From Pastor Kevin McReynolds



John 13:34 [Jesus said]: *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.*

John 15:12 [Jesus said]: *This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.*

John 15:17 [Jesus said]: *These things I command you, so that you will love one another.*

Romans 12:10 *Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.*

1 Thessalonians 4:9 *Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another...*

1 Peter 1:22 *Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart...*

1 John 3:11 *For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.*

1 John 3:23 *And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.*

Well, it couldn't be clearer as we examine the New Testament. This isn't even an exhaustive list of the passages where Christians are exhorted to "love one another." Jesus, Paul, Peter, and John all concur that the primary way we show forth that we are Christians is by the way we love one another. (*They will know we are Christians by our love, by our love... you remember the song sung around the campfire like I do, don't you?*)

It's really the perfect month to be reminded of this truth, but also to *live* in this truth. After all, we celebrate love on Valentine's Day in February on the 14<sup>th</sup>! The words from Scripture printed above remind us of the teachings from the Bible, and my part as your pastor is to encourage you all to *live* in this truth!

But how? How do you *live* love? Let me begin with a simple reminder, and then I'll follow that up with a simple rule of thumb. First, the reminder: Jesus taught (*by means of a parable*) what it means to belong to the Kingdom of God in **Matthew 25:40** [Jesus said]: *...Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.* In other words, we need to be reminded that the measure we use with others is akin to the measure we use with Jesus Himself. Thus, if I show love to my neighbor in some way, it is as if I have shown love to Jesus Himself. You say you're a follower of Christ? Then it will naturally follow that you will be a servant of your neighbor! Loving Christ = loving your neighbor. They are the same thing.

This opens the door for all kinds of acts of love and service towards our neighbor: e.g. sharing from your abundance (see **Matt. 3:4** and note: Jesus said "WHEN you give..."), helping them during a time of need (see **Acts 20:35**, **Titus 3:14**), forgiving them when they sin against you (see **Matt. 6:14**, **Col. 3:13**), speaking truthfully with them (see **Eph. 4:15, 25**), or ministering to them in any way (see **Matt. 25:31-46**).

With all of that in mind, here is my rule of thumb: do the *OPPOSITE* of what you want to do. St. Paul teaches us in **Rom. 7:15-20** that, while this all may sound good to us, our spirit is willing, but our flesh is weak. By teaching you to do the opposite of what you want to do, we only acknowledge the weakness of our sinful flesh.

Let's use the examples I listed above as a test case: *How many of you really WANT to share from your abundance? Isn't it hard enough to take care of yourself, let alone care for someone else during their time of need? And why should you forgive that person after what they did to you first? You know, sometimes, things are better left unsaid (like the truth)! And finally, when it comes to ministering to the needs of others, isn't that why we have a MINISTER?! From these examples, you can understand the exhortation: Do the OPPOSITE of what your inclination is and you're more likely to do as God has taught!*

All of this can serve to set the stage for a potential opportunity that exists for Redeemer Lutheran at this time. As we seek to answer the question, “*How can we live lives of love towards our neighbor?*” we must look at the present circumstances of our congregation (and possibly seek to do the *opposite* of what we are presently doing!). One issue that seems to be continually presenting itself is needs connected to the aging of our members. Recognizing that many have moved to Mountain Home for retirement, it is true that many next of kin live elsewhere around the country. In my few years here at Redeemer, we have had several elderly members move away to be nearer to their children. Often times, they end up living in places where they don’t know anyone apart from their own family and they find themselves “starting over” as they adjust to their new communities. Others, who have elected to stay here, have struggled with making decisions regarding their wills, planning for their healthcare future, or finding a local personal contact in case they need help. What if our older members had someone local who could assist them if they were to stay here? What if someone could give oversight, be in contact, or give of their time as they served and loved those members of our church? Wouldn’t it be nice if there was someone who could offer regular contact to those members who are suffering – sometimes in silence?

While I have observed the members of Redeemer have been particularly good about caring for one another, I have been considering the addition of a new called staff position at Redeemer: A Deaconess for Human Care. LCMS deaconesses are women who are professional church-workers, trained to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through works of mercy, spiritual care, and teaching the Christian faith. “Deaconess,” from the Greek word *diakonos*, means “servant.”

This is not a new consideration. Only a little over a year ago, we considered the possibility of seeking a Deaconess with specialized training in Counseling. While we came up short on that search, the more recent needs of the members of Redeemer have caused me to re-consider, along with the Mission & Ministry Council, the possibility of examining this position once again.

If a Called Deaconess were on staff, she could serve human care needs for our members like homebound visitation ministry and Bible study, she could serve as a local personal contact for our members (so that when family members call, they have someone who is personally aware of their parent / grandparent’s needs). She could provide transportation for single and widowed members to doctor and hospital visits, or even act (if asked to do so) as medical Power of Attorney. If we could find a candidate who also came with the counseling licensure component, that would only serve to strengthen the potential loving service this Deaconess could provide. These are just a few of the many possibilities this role could fill in showing love to our members as well as our community!

I would love (!) to have some feedback from you as members of Redeemer. Is this a way that we, as a congregation, could love and serve our neighbor? By putting value on carrying a full-time called staff position responsible for human care? I think it is! Please don’t hesitate to contact me to share your thoughts. I’d relish the opportunity to visit with you!

Out of love for Christ and you,

Rev. Kevin McReynolds

**RETREAT:** On Saturday, February 3, the Elders of Redeemer Lutheran will be hosting a retreat for our Altar Committee and Usher teams. The retreat will last from 8:00AM – 12:00PM and will conclude with lunch provided for all who are in attendance. It is important that you attend if you serve as either an Elder, on Altar Committee, or on an Usher Team as we will be doing some training for all participants, as well as taking some suggestions and making some modifications to our present practices. The schedule for the day will be *Elders: 8:00AM – Noon, Altar Committee: 10:00AM – Noon, Ushers: 11:00AM – Noon*. Watch your mail for an invitation and informational letter and please make an effort to join us on Saturday. Thank You!

# February Altar Guild Schedule

## SET-UP TEAMS

Sandy Klein and Patsy Hays

## FILL CANDLES WITH OIL

Steve and Pat Hacker

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

## CLEAN-UP TEAMS

Feb 4 AND 18 – 8:30 a.m. Service – Team 2  
Bobbie Schaper, Carol Beeman, Marcia Reinert

Feb 4 AND 18 – 11:00 a.m. Service – Team 8  
Stephanie Smith, Erin Smith, Ashley Smith

Feb 14 Ash Wednesday – 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Service  
10:00 a.m. Linda Dohrman & Pat Kumsher  
6:00 p.m. Bobbie Schaper & Marcia Reinert



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# February Food Pantry Schedule

The Food Pantry Volunteer Schedule for February 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. Feb. 7	Linda Templeton, Vickie Mendoza & Rowan Sauer	Doris Latimer & MaryAnn Mixon
Wed. Feb. 14	Ken & Carol Beeman, Linda Templeton	Joyce Kieltyka & JoAnn McGuire
Wed. Feb. 21	Sandy Smakal & Karen Boyd, Amy McReynolds	Monroe & Sandra Schmidt
Wed. Feb. 28	David & Marcia Reinert, Linda Templeton	Craig & Judy McNabb

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.

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The Elders' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 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.



Feb. 4	8:30 a.m.	John Fox, Steve Hacker and Ron Ufkes
Feb. 4	11:00 a.m.	Jim Hitch, Greg Williams and Jeff Hensley
Feb. 18	8:30 a.m.	Mark Feicho, Stan Helms and John Templeton
Feb. 18	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 FOR NEWSLETTER

## Monthly Update for December 2023

We served 101 families in December of which 22 were new families. There were 55 children under the age of 18; 141 adults from the age of 19 to 64; and 26 senior citizens for a total of 222 individuals.

Total expenses for December were \$3,880.78.

The donations for December were \$3,394.34.

We made 175 Holiday Bags to be given either for Thanksgiving or Christmas, but not both. We handed out 168 bags between the two months and had 7 bags left over. The holiday bag consisted of everything to make a holiday meal. (Mashed potatoes, candied yams, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, items to make green bean casserole and a pumpkin pie. Gave out 81 whole chickens that we received free from the Realtors Association in November. When chickens were gone we gave out 87 vouchers for \$9 at Town and Country towards a turkey, chicken, or ham. Each holiday bag was valued at \$11.33 with 87 of them valued at \$20.33 (with the \$9 voucher). This is the explanation for the increase in spending these past two months, other than the increase of clients each month.

Here is a summary of the year 2023:

The total expenses for the year are \$31,203.27. The total monetary donations for 2023 are \$18,427.84. We saw a total of 1,168 families with 248 of these being new families. Individual breakdown is 660 children under the age of 18; 1,510 adults between the ages of 19 to 64 and 253 senior citizens over the age of 65 for a total of 2,423 individuals served in the year 2023. 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 Ramen 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



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## Redeemer Monthly Memorials

Period from December 16, 2023 thru January 15, 2024

<u>Memorials</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Nickie Dages	Food Pantry	\$130



## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S SOCIETY FEBRUARY 2024 NEWS

Our group gathers together every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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### Church Garage Sale Information

Mark your calendars! Our Garage Sale will be on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. You can drop off items starting on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Drop off schedule will be Monday and Thursdays 9-11. If you can't drop off items at these times, call Cathy Troester at 870-495-8730 to schedule a time. Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup> will be our last day for collecting items for our May sale. 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. If you would like to help talk to Cathy. We can use more people to help us with the organizing of items, pricing and more. We collect jewelry all year round for our sales. You can give them to Luanne Stone or Pat Kumsher.

We have been so blessed to be able to help our community and the LCMS District missions

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HUB (HELPING YOU BELONG) We want to help any new visitors to feel welcome. If you would like to help in this Mission, talk to Cathy Troester.

We also have a cards table out in the Narthex for our members that are in need of special prayers. These cards have been so important to the people receiving them. Even if you don't know the person or family, as a church family it shows that we love and care about them.





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.

### SOUPper BOWL SUNDAY ...

was on Sunday, January 21. THANK YOU to all who came out on a cold day to enjoy some hot homemade soup and Chili. We loved getting to spend time with you and appreciated your contribution toward the missions we support.



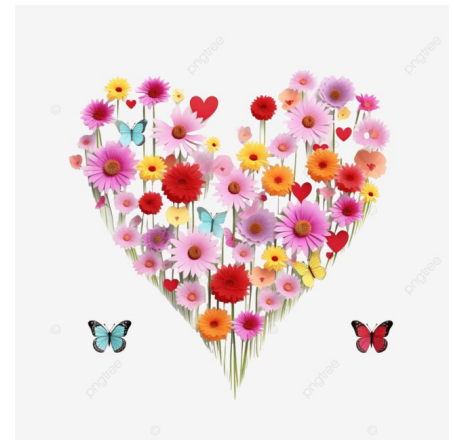
### OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS...



are at 2pm on the second Monday of the month. We enjoy a special Bible Study (often led by one of our members), discuss plans for future activities, and definitely enjoy the talents and personalities of each other. We even "Spotlight" one of our members, getting to know her even better. YOU are welcome to join us.

### LOOKING AHEAD ...

we are hoping to attend our Zone Spring Rally in Pea Ridge Arkansas on April 6, 2024.





## Hymn of the Month

Our February Hymn of the Month is “*My Song is Love Unknown*.” This text originates from 17th-century English poet Samuel Crossman, a priest in the Anglican church. He was inspired to pen this text by the great poet George Herbert, specifically his works *Love Unknown* and *The Sacrifice*. While Herbert focused more on the Gospel message in his poems, Crossman chose to explore the “love unknown” that Christ portrayed for us on the cross.

Why is this love unknown? While Christ’s love can be unknown to those who do not know Him, it is precisely His love that we *do* know that Crossman writes about. It is unknown because we cannot begin to comprehend this love that God has for the very people that crucified Him. He shows “love to the loveless” so that they might be lovely. He came to bestow salvation, yet people were “made strange” and “none the longed-for Christ would know.” Sometimes they would welcome Him with loud hosannas and palms, other times they rejected Christ, ultimately crucifying Him on a cross. Jesus knows what pain and suffering is before him, yet he *cheerfully* goes forth in order that his foes might be saved from their own sinful actions. “Never was love, dear King, never was grief like Thine.”

This love, unknown and unfathomable, is not just for sinners then, but for us today. Crossman writes from the position of the “loveless” sinner so that all who read and sing this text see Christ’s love from a first-person perspective. “Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?” Christ died *your* death and was buried in *your* tomb so that *your* sins would be forgiven in full. Knowing this loving sacrifice, we respond: “This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend!”

### ♪♪ 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 sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or talk with Aaron.

### My Song Is Love Unknown

LSB 430

- 1 My song is love unknown,  
My Savior’s love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown  
That they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I, that for my sake  
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
- 2 He came from His blest throne  
Salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange, and none  
The longed-for Christ would know.  
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,  
Who at my need his life did spend!
- 3 Sometimes they strew His way  
And His sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day  
Hosannas to their King.  
Then “Crucify!” is all their breath,  
And for His death they thirst and cry.
- 4 Why, what hath my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
He gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these  
Themselves displease and ’gainst Him rise.
- 5 They rise and needs will have  
My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save,  
The Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful He to suff’ring goes  
That He His foes from thence might free.
- 6 In life no house, no home  
My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb  
But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say? Heav’n was His home  
But mine the tomb wherein He lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend!

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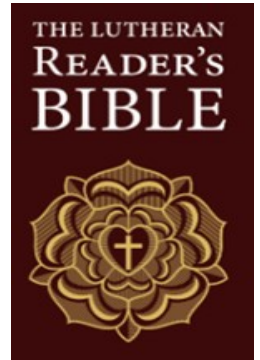
*God's WORD reminds us that we are anchored and held in Him. God is always looking to find us. He comes to us in many ways.*

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

Looking for encouragement to read your Bible daily? Are you struggling where to start? Concordia Publishing House has published (in 2023) a new Bible that will help you develop a habit of devotion and meditation of God's Word. It is designed to help you understand and grow in God's Word, studying it on your own. Guided reading plans, prayers, and historical information accompany this English Standard Version (ESV) text to help readers feel confident in their understanding of the Bible.

Features include:

- ☐ 9 Different Reading Plans
- ☐ Maps and Diagrams for visual understanding
- ☐ More than 40 prayers for daily life and specific circumstances
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- ☐ Brief service liturgies for daily prayer
- ☐ Single-column ESV text with Jesus' words in red
- ☐ ESV concordance with more than 2,400 word entries
- ☐ Full text of Luther's Small Catechism



Keep this Bible at your bedside, bring it to your small group and use it to develop a habit of daily devotion.

It is available at [CPH.org](http://CPH.org) for \$39.99. (a possible discount price available with several orders through the Church Office).

## CHEER CLUB

On November 3, 2023 the Templetons were kind enough to deliver four boxes, or a total of 27 quilts, to First Lutheran School in Ft. Smith, AR for Lutheran World Relief to be shipped overseas for distribution.

A big THANK YOU to those of you who have responded to our call for gently used sheets in the past. It was greatly appreciated. We are now again in need of gently used sheets (King, Queen or Full, any color). You can leave the sheets in the Fellowship Hall marked for "Cheer Club." Thanks for supporting this service project.

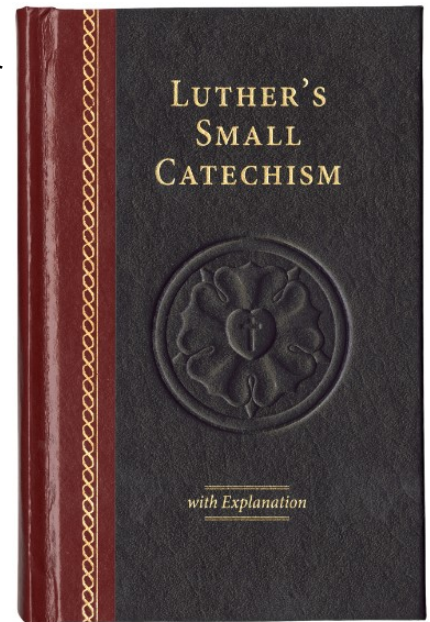
Cheer Club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of every month from 10:30 am – 2:00 pm. If anyone would like to join us to help cut, sew, pin or tie, we would love to have you. The following are our latest Cheer Club members: Doris Butler, Mary Clausen, Betty Jardine, Sue Seils, Linda Templeton and Alexis Wolosz.



**Our next meeting will be February 13th.**

## LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

Martin Luther had this to say about “The Small Catechism”, a book that he wrote, “But for myself I say this: I am also a doctor and preacher, yes, as learned and experienced as all the people who have such assumptions and contentment. Yet I act as a child who is being taught the catechism. Every morning — and whenever I have time — I read and say, word for word, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, the Psalms, and such. I must still read and study them daily. Yet I cannot master the catechism as I wish. But I must remain a child and pupil of the catechism, and am glad to remain so” (Large Catechism, Longer Preface, 7–8). The president of the LCMS, Dr. Matthew Harrison, wrote this new year’s resolution in the January 2024 Reporter, “ Let this be the year we all return to being pupils of the catechism. Let us commit to learning the text of the Six Chief Parts by heart, to pray them and confess them to one another. Let us spend time daily in study of the explanation questions and answers. Let us ground and root ourselves, our families and our congregations deeply in the boundless treasures in these simple, foundational truths.” To help you in your study of the six chief parts of Luther’s Small Catechism I am teaching a ten week class on the catechism on Sunday mornings from 9:45 – 10:45. This class will be offered three times throughout the year. Therefore you can join at any time. You can attend whatever class session you want in the next series of classes to make up the class sessions that you missed. I invite you to join us and experience the joy of learning these foundational truths. In our church office we have the 2017 version of Luther’s Small Catechism available for sale for the same price as you can find it on [cph.org](http://cph.org) which is \$20. We also have a devotion guide available to help you in using the small catechism as a daily tool.



In His Service,  
Pastor Gadbow





## Odyssey Children's Sunday School

Children from the age of 3 years old through the 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



### New Bible Study



### New Sunday Morning Bible Study

Pastor Gadbow has begun 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 anyone, but especially new members. We will meet in Room D which is located across the hall from the Fellowship hall between services at 9:45 AM. There is a signup sheet for this class at the HUB Welcome Center. This course will be offered 2 more times in 2024 if you can't make it.

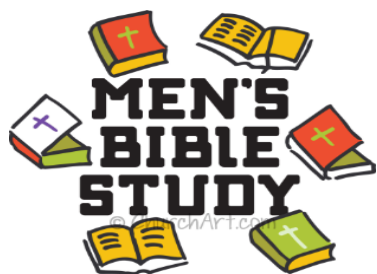
### Monday Morning Bible Study

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 Acts 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!







## REDEEMER CHOIR & BELL CHOIR

Wednesday Practice times:

Bell Choir 4:00 p.m.

Choir 5:00 p.m.

Aaron Jackson, director  
903-724-2800

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### 2024 FLOWER CHART

Dear Members of Redeemer Lutheran Church,  
We would like to thank you for all your prayers and get well messages to Ken during his surgical recovery. We are so blessed to be a part of such a loving and caring congregation.  
God's Blessings,  
Ken and Carol Beeman



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.

Dear Members of Redeemer Lutheran Church,  
I would like to thank you for all your prayers, cards and messages during and after Nickie's passing. I am so blessed to be a part of such a loving and caring congregation.  
God's Blessings,  
Jim Dages

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.

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Dear Members of Redeemer Lutheran Church:  
I would like to thank you all for the wonderful monetary gift you shared with me and my family for Christmas. This gift was such a welcome gesture and an unexpected surprise! The love and support you have shown to us all only serves to reassure me that God led us in the right direction when I was called to serve as your pastor. May God continue to share and show His love for us all through His Word and Sacraments. I thank God for you (2 Tim. 1:3)!  
Rev. Kevin McReynolds



### 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.

To My Mystery Gift Giver,  
Surprised! Speechless! Blessed! Amazed!  
Appreciative! THANKFUL!  
These are all words to describe how I felt when I received your gift this year. You are getting pretty sneaky sending it in the mail from Tennessee! Before opening the box, I was trying to remember what it was that I had ordered and I was completely confused. I couldn't believe my eyes when I finally got it opened. What a gift and what a blessing you are to me!  
God's Blessings,  
Amy McReynolds

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HAPPY  
*Anniversary!*

02/05	Darrel & Molly Sauer	23 yrs.
02/14	Jeff & Linda Hensley	25 yrs.
02/14	Eugene & Linda Vornheder	48 yrs.
02/14	Richard & Linda Zimdahl	18 yrs.

# February Birthdays



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Anne Jolibois Juanita Rick	2	3
4 Jason Smith 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 Van Meter	13 Cora Edmunds Mason Erisman JoAnn McGuire	14 Judy McNabb	15 Doug Cornett	16 Carol Rehse	17 Paul Hinterleitner Rich Seils
18 Pat Drengacz John Menzel	19 Sharon Anema Donna Heinsohn Diane Ingersoll	20 Betty Russell	21 Rich Carlson	22 Trina Bowen	23 Harlee Brown Sandy Klein	24 Chris Kohler
25 Scott Stuewe	26 Duane Bales Mary Clausen Wanda Dissmeyer Hunt Nosari Jr	27 Dorrene Pace	28 Bethany Clark	29		