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 <p><b>Family of Believers</b> IN PRAYER 1 THESS 5:16-18</p>	<h2>Redeemer Lutheran Church</h2> <p>Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Saturday, November 17, 2018 – 5:30 pm Sunday, November 18, 2018 – 8:00 and 10:40 am</p>
<p><b>Grow In Christ ♦ SHARE HIS LOVE ♦ Encourage</b></p>	
<p><b>Our Mission Statement:</b> <i>“As Christians based on the solid foundation of God’s Word, empowered by the Holy Spirit we strive to live out, lift up, and share our faith in Jesus Christ – welcoming all into our Family of Believers.”</i></p> <p><b>Values:</b> Truth, Prayer, Family of Believers, Teaching, Community Engagement, Healing/Caring, Joy</p>	

**WELCOME VISITORS** We have printed out our worship service to make it easier for all of us to follow. Hymns are found in the hymn section of the Lutheran Service Book or in Worship & Praise, the purple supplement. The service is also projected on the screen. Please visit our “Welcome Center” in the Narthex for additional information about Redeemer.

**OUR THEME FOR TODAY** is “Give Thanks: The Harvest.” From seed to sower and finally the harvest! Isn’t it a humbling, encouraging, inspiring, and motivating feeling to think that God uses our time, talents, and treasure to produce more and more people that join us in giving thanks to him for his indescribable gift. The Harvest that I want my life, my time, my talents, my treasure to be a part of is His harvest that is eternal!

**+ We Come Into God’s Presence +**

*(\*) Those who are able are asked to stand during these parts of the service.*

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** *(We welcome our fellow worshippers.)*

**HYMN** “With The Lord Begin Your Task” ..... LSB 869, stanzas 1,2,4,5

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**(\*) INVOCATION**

- P: We make our beginning in the name of the Father  
C: **Thank you for creating us**  
P: And in the name of the Son  
C: **Thank you for saving us**  
P: And in the name of the Holy Spirit  
C: **Thank you for “calling us by the Gospel...and keeping us in the one true faith”**  
P: We have much to be thankful for  
C: **Amen**

**(\*) RESPONSE**

(WP 54)

**I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart,  
I will enter his courts with praise.  
I will say this is the day that he Lord has made;  
I will rejoice for he has made me glad.  
He has made me glad, he has made me glad,  
I will rejoice for he has made me glad.  
He has made me glad, he has made me glad,  
I will rejoice for he has made me glad.**

**(\*) LITANY OF THANKSGIVING**

- P: Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s Will for you in Christ Jesus.  
*(1 Thessalonians 5:18)*  
C: **Enter His gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless His name.** *(Psalm 100:4)*  
P: Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s Will for you in Christ Jesus.  
*(1 Thessalonians 5:18)*  
C: **Praise the Lord! Oh Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!** *(Psalm 106:1)*  
P: Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s Will for you in Christ Jesus  
*(1 Thessalonians 5:18)*  
C: **Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known His deeds among the peoples** *(Psalm 105:1)*

**(\*) RESPONSE**

(LSB 805)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.** *(Please be seated.)*

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**ANTHEM** (10:40 am) "My Lighthouse" - Alleluia Singers

**+ God Speaks to Us +**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

L: The Old Testament Reading for the Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost is Psalm 107.

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, <sup>3</sup> those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.

<sup>4</sup> Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle.

<sup>5</sup> They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away. <sup>6</sup> Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. <sup>7</sup> He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle. <sup>8</sup> Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, <sup>9</sup> for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

*Psalm 107:1-9*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

L: The Epistle Reading is from the third chapter of Colossians.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

<sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

*Colossians 3:12-17 NIV*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God. (Please stand to sing.)**

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(\*) ALLELUIA AND VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

(\*) HOLY GOSPEL

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.



Glu - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!"

<sup>2</sup> "Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here will be left on another; everyone will be thrown down."

<sup>3</sup> As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup> "Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?"

<sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. <sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. <sup>7</sup> When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup> Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

<sup>9</sup> "You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. <sup>10</sup> And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. <sup>11</sup> Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

*Mark 13:1-11 NIV*

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ. (Please be seated.)

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**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*(Parents, please feel free to come forward with smaller children.)*

**HYMN** "Praise and Thanksgiving" ..... LSB 789

**SERMON** "Give Thanks: The Harvest" – 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

**+ We Respond To God's Word +**

**GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS**

*(The pastor will collect any special prayer request cards at this time.)*

*(Sunday)* **MUSICAL OFFERING** "My Life Is An Offering" – Celebration Team

**FRIENDSHIP REGISTRATION**

*(Please pass the red booklets in your row, if you have not already done so.)*

*(Please stand to sing as the offerings are brought forward.)*

**(\*) OFFERTORY**

*(LBW 557, st. 2)*

**His law he enforces, the stars in their courses  
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountain, the rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
With glad adoration a song let us raise  
Till all things now living united in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"**

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**(\*) CREED** (*Luther's Explanation to the First Article*)

P: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. What does this mean?

C: **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that he has given me my body, soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home...and all that I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to THANK and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.**

**(\*) PRAYERS**

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

**(\*) THE LORD'S PRAYER**

C: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**+ God Serves Us His Holy Meal +**

**(\*) THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**(\*) PAX DOMINI**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**☐** A - men.

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(\*) **AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace. *(Please be seated.)*

*(Distribution is continuous. When directed by the usher, proceed to the rail. When you have communed and had time for prayer, return by the far left side.)*

**DISTRIC**

(10:40 am) **ANTHEM** "Everlasting God" - Alleluia Singers

**HYMN** "Counting Every Blessing"

I was blind now I'm seeing in colour  
I was dead now I'm living forever  
I had failed but You were my Redeemer  
I've been blessed beyond all measure

I was lost now I'm found by the Father  
I've been changed from a ruin to treasure  
I've been given a hope and a future  
I've been blessed beyond all measure

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*Chorus:* I am counting every blessing  
Counting every blessing  
Letting go and trusting  
When I cannot see  
I am counting every blessing  
Counting every blessing  
Surely every season  
You are good to me

Oh You are good to me  
Oh You are good to me

You were there in the valley of shadows  
You were there in the depth of my sorrows  
You're my strength my hope for tomorrow  
I've been blessed beyond all measure *Chorus*

Surely Your goodness pursues me  
Surely Your heart is still for me  
I will remember Your mercies  
All my days  
Through every storm and gale *Chorus*

*Chorus*

Oh You are good to me  
Oh You are good to me (*Repeat*)

**HYMN** "Forth In Thy Name, O Lord, I Go" ..... LSB 854  
**HYMN** "How Can I Thank You, Lord" ..... LSB 703  
**HYMN** "Sent Forth By God's Blessing" ..... LSB 643

**+ God Sends Us Forth to Serve and Proclaim +**

(\*) **COMMON DISMISSAL** - spoken by the pastor

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**(\*) POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what  
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -  
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-  
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

**DEDICATION OF FINANCIAL PLEDGES FOR 2019**

**(\*) BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

☐ A - men.

**(\*) HYMN** "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" ..... LSB 782

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*Redeemer Lutheran Church  
Weekly Announcements and Highlights  
Week of November 18, 2018*



**Special Prayer Opportunities:**

**Health Concerns:**

- ✚ Sue Wondrasch, Debra Seering, Bob Fitch, Corky Welch, Deb Schwerman, Bob Meyer, Brooke Murphy, Bob Trebble, Mike Hanley
- ✚ Receiving Hospice care: Cindy Fister, Rita Priebe

**Courage:**

- ✚ Courage for our fellow Christians living in persecution in many parts of the world.

**PRAYER CHAINS** – If you have a prayer request, call Gail Sim (289-2087), the church office (289-5147), or send an email to Lori Hameister at [littlebitmoo@gmail.com](mailto:littlebitmoo@gmail.com).

**PRAYER CARDS** - Take a look in your pew rack and you'll see our prayer request cards! These cards will be collected by one of the pastors during the offering time.

**Family of Believers: In Prayer**

- ✚ Martin and Judy Mueller
- ✚ Hisako Heddens
- ✚ Bob and Jeanne Vehrenkamp
- ✚ David and Renata Schulz
- ✚ Lavon Pavek
- ✚ Greg Utesch
- ✚ David and Kay Saterdalen, John
- ✚ Russ and Idyell Hasley
- ✚ Dorothy Beasley

**FALL CHANNEL ONE  
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Consider joining us at the Channel One Clean Room on **Monday, November 19, from 6 to 8 pm**. It's a great way to join in some fellowship with others and help the community. Contact Ellen Blanco at 206-8394 if you have questions, or would like to participate. Thank you for your consideration of this event.

**FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL**

Are in loving memory of Marilyn Monsrud.

**ROSE ON THE ALTAR**

- ♥ is in honor of Pearl Sukke's 89th birthday on November 24.
- ♥ Is in honor of Judy Berchet's 78th birthday on November 27.

**BAKELESS BAKE SALE**

Donations are still being collected.



**CONGREGATION!**

On November 20, from 4:30-8:00 pm, we are at Pizza Ranch! Your support of this helps our Youth go serve at places like Chicago, Colorado, and participate in National Youth Gatherings like the one this summer in Minneapolis. Come on out! Thanks y'all!

## SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

### THEOLOGY OF REST:

Facilitated by Pastor Koglin (*your mono pastor*) in the South Fellowship Hall.

### WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE AND WHY DO YOU BELIEVE IT?

Join Laura Langhoff Arndt in the North Fellowship Hall.

### GENEROSITY

Join Michael Harvey, Daryl Schulz and Virginia Miller in the Choir Room.

## HEALTH CABINET HEALTH FORUM - NOVEMBER 25

### The Loop, Hearing Aids and Hearing Loss

On **Sunday November 25**, Mary Meier, Dr. of Audiology from the OMC will be the speaker for our next Health Forum during the **Bible Class hour 9:20-10:20 am, in the SANCTUARY.**



The Goals of the Health Forum are:

1. To answer hearing loop questions
2. To learn ways you can be more sensitive to people who have hearing loss
3. To answer hearing aid questions
4. To learn about personal hearing devices that work with the hearing loop which is installed in the sanctuary. Our older listening devices that we have had will continue to work in the chapel.

Some individuals who do not have hearing aids or do not have a telecoil in their hearing aids may be interested in using the new listening devices. Both the old and the new listening devices are available in the Welcome Center. If you are unsure which to use, ask an elder or usher.



## FALL STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES!

While Redeemer is about ministry more than money, it does take financial support to enable ministry to happen! Each year Redeemer asks each member of the Family of Believers, "Out of gratitude to God for all He has done for you, what do you hope to joyfully give." You should have received a mailing by the first week of November. Please take time to look over the contents and **return the enclosed pledge sheet at one of the services on Nov. 10/11 or 17/18.** Through these pledges, each person pays attention to God's generosity and what God can do when we put our faith and finances in His hands. Thank you for sharing your blessings with this Family of Believers where God uses our Time, Talent and Treasure and makes an eternal difference!



# Christmas Traditions

## ADVENT FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

3:00-5:30 PM

Did you see the Nativity Scene in front of the Church last year? It was painted at the Advent Festival. Thanks to the Bormann's and Lynne Gaunt, we have more figures to paint this year! Come and pick up a brush and help paint a wiseman, a camel, a donkey, and other figures at the Advent Festival. Join us for many other activities, treats, and music.

If you come, bring a hat or mittens for the Giving Tree for Riverside Elementary School.

Our small Family Ministry Team can use your help. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

- Family Ministry Team

## Join Us THANKSGIVING SERVICE

**Wednesday,  
November 21 - 6:30 pm**

**Thursday,  
November 22, 9:00 am**

Holy Communion will be celebrated at all services. Channel One non-perishable food donations will be collected at all services.



## WATCH FOR THE SHARING TREE

Once again, Redeemer Lutheran Church Women (RLCW) is sponsoring the Sharing Tree which will be

located in the Narthex on Saturday, November 24. The gifts will benefit MN Adult & Teen Challenge, Brighter Tomorrows, and Project Legacy. Simply take a card off the tree, purchase the gift, and return it unwrapped with the card to the container under the tree by December 15. Monetary donations are also accepted. Many, many thanks for your compassionate gift.



## Women of Redeemer!

Here is your invitation for the annual Redeemer Lutheran Church Women (RLCW) Christmas Social.

**Date:** Thursday, December 6, 2018

**Location:** Redeemer Lutheran Fellowship Hall

**Time:**

- ★ 5 p.m. Christmas boutique opens: silent auction, white elephant sale, baked goods, and quilts. And have some punch.
- ★ 6 p.m. Catered meal by Gleason's, menu of roast pork loin, au gratin potatoes, glazed carrots, tossed salad, rolls and butter. Christmas cookies for dessert! Short Program following.

**Cost:** \$12.

**Sign up sheet:** (for a head count) by **December 3** at the Welcome Center.

Bring a friend . . . or two, . . . or three!



### SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN AND PARENTS!

We are going to be practicing for the Sunday School Christmas Program which happens on **December 16, at 2pm.**

**Our practices will be December 1, 8, and 15 from 10-11:30am in the Sanctuary for Grades 1-6.** Our youngsters, ages 3-4 and Kindergarten, will join us for rehearsal on December 15, at 10am. Please mark these on your calendar! See you then!

### "LIFE QUOTES"

"When we see those suffering from disease or disability ... vulnerable, helpless, destined by many to assisted suicide or euthanasia—we are compelled to speak and defend and help because it is the *Christ* thing to do. For Christ reveals a God who knows about suffering not just because He's God, but because He suffered. We have a message of a God present in suffering, at work in suffering, and accomplishing His purpose in suffering." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

## BUDGET UPDATE

Let us give thanks today for all the Lord has accomplished this year. We knew this year would stretch us as we finally reached our staffing level that we committed to in 2016, five called staff! Our Family of Believers giving has increased from last year by over \$10,000! Our staff and congregation have gone above and beyond to be good stewards of the financials gifts given to Redeemer. As of October 31, we are currently \$63,000 under our year-to-date budget for 2018. Our Church Council also wants the congregation to know that, as of October 31, we are still \$22,000 behind (Giving less Expenses). For all of this we want to give thanks to God!! He has moved mountains of uncertainty into amazing action by our congregation. As the Christmas season is approaching, please prayerfully consider how you can help Redeemer end strong in 2018!

## CHECK IT OUT!

- ★ The **Lutheran Hour Ministry pamphlet rack** in the Narthex has been restocked. Check out the useful information.
- ★ **Christmas Cards** are now available on the Sarah Circle Card Rack in the Education Hallways.
- ★ **2019 Offering Envelopes** are available on a table in the Education Hallway. Look for your names in the upper right. Please do not use until January 1, 2019.
- ★ **"My Devotions" for Families** for December - February are now available in the Narthex on the counter.
- ★ **"Our Daily Bread"** devotionals for December - February are now available on the counter in the Narthex.

## INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR FAMILY OF BELIEVERS?

Joining is as simple as two steps!

### **Step One:**

Attend our "Introductions" Class. This is offered on **Saturday, January 12, from 9:30 am to Noon**. This class covers what matters most - what we believe and what our mission, vision and values are at Redeemer. (Childcare provided)

### **Step Two:**

Welcome To The Family Weekend  
(January 26/27)

- **Saturday, January 26, from 9:30 am to Noon:** Here you will discover your spiritual gifts and meet your Ministry Mentors. (Childcare provided)
- **Sunday, January 27, 9:20 am -** Your Ministry Mentors will introduce you during the Bible Study Hour
- **Sunday, January 27, 10:40 am -** During this service you will be received as New Members

Our next Welcome To The Family Weekend will be May 18/19.

If you have question or would like more information, please contact:

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- ◆ Continuing with the Lutheran Women in Mission Bible study, The Task-Filled Life, by Jan Brunette, Week 5, Abundant Spiritual Treasures (*main session, Saturday, November 10*)
  - He Desires a Relationship (*Nov 12*)
  - The heavens declare His glory (*Nov 13*)
  - Transformed into His Likeness (*Nov 14*)
  - The I AM's of Jesus (*Nov 15*)
  - The Ultimate Conclusion: Christ for all, in all and through all (*Nov 16*)
- ◆ The topics continue Saturdays & weekdays through November 16. Join in by finding it online at LWML's Facebook page, or follow along on the LWML website at [www.lwml.org/life](http://www.lwml.org/life).

## CAARE

Stephen Ministers...  
 Create an  
 Atmosphere of  
 Acceptance  
 Reassurance (of  
 God's love) and  
 Encouragement



If you would like to talk to a Stephen Minister who "caares", please contact Pastor Loos at (507) 289-5147 or [pastorbenloos@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbenloos@gmail.com).

## Youth Highlights!

- **IGNITE/PYROS PLANNING!** If you are a youth and are interested in helping shape the direction of what we do at IGNITE and PYROS events, we want your opinion! It doesn't matter if you're a 6th grader or a Senior in high school, your opinion matters! **We are meeting at Redeemer at 4:30pm on November 18**, prior to IGNITE, to talk about planning our next few months (December-February).
- **IGNITE:**
  - November 18, from 6-8pm will be IGNITE! All youth are invited as we have games, snacks, music, and a topic on the Christian's Response to War.
  - No PYROS or IGNITE on November 25 due to Thanksgiving.
- **PIZZA RANCH:** Come on out, youth, to the Stewartville Pizza Ranch and help us bus tables on November 20! Come help out!

If you have any questions, contact:

**Josh Heirigs, DCE**

(923-6288) OR

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## YOUTH LEAD CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE!

The sign up has been on the Youth Bulletin Board for a few weeks now. We have 11 youth actors and 2 youth to work behind the scenes! We could use a few more for behind the scenes and we welcome more actors. If you would like to participate, please sign up by this Sunday, November 18. The script is written for those who sign up! Sign up today!

# *Health Notes*

## PREMATURITY AND DEPRESSION/ANXIETY

World Prematurity Day is November 17. According to the March of Dimes Foundation, premature birth is when a baby is born before 37 weeks gestation, and it is the leading cause of death in children under five. Premature babies are at risk for a wide variety of lifelong health issues. There are children everywhere that were born prematurely – even in our congregation!

When a family welcomes a baby earlier than expected, they are forced to change their expectations of what it is like to have a new baby. Instead of bringing a chubby baby home as soon as the mother is discharged from the hospital, the family must spend hours watching their new baby through the glass of an isolette and talking with innumerable specialists and nurses. The mother (and father too!) often feel scared, lonely, and sad leaving the hospital before the baby does.

The emotional toll of having a child in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) is immense! The entire family must exchange their usual daily routine for numerous trips to the hospital. The health of the baby gets both better and worse often – NICU nurses will tell the parents to expect a “roller coaster” of emotions. Parents must spend time away from their other children and from their jobs. The financial stress of having a child in the hospital for weeks or months is exhausting. All of these factors, plus maternal postpartum hormones and physical recovery, make both parents especially susceptible to depression and anxiety.

Here are some ways to reach out to a family that has experienced the early birth of a child:

- Simply let them know that you are thinking of them – send a quick call, text, or email!
- Offer to bring them a meal (either at the hospital or at home) or a gift card for food. Often times, parents will spend so much time in the NICU that they don't have time to properly feed themselves!
- Offer to provide child care for the new baby's older siblings.
- Assemble a care package for the parents. Hospitals do not usually feel very home-like. Give the parents a bag of items that will make them feel more comfortable during their long NICU visits. Examples include chapstick, lotion, magazines, water bottles, snacks, and a journal.
- **Congratulate** the new parents! Some people may fear that saying “congratulations on your beautiful baby!” may cause pain for the new mom and dad. Often times, parents of preemies want as much normalcy as possible. The early birth of a child is scary and stressful, but it is still the birth of a new baby! Let the parents know that you are excited for their new addition.
- **Pray** for peace, comfort, and rest for the new parents, and for wisdom for the baby's doctors and nurses.

# Youth Fundraisers



The youth are selling personalized cake pans, pie pans, etc. Check out the catalog on the table by the nursery or see Lynora. You can order by contacting one of the youth, Lynora, or online by going to [thatsmypan.biz/Lynora](http://thatsmypan.biz/Lynora). **Orders must be prepaid. Deadline to order is December 6.**

The youth still have some cookbooks for sale. There are over 250 delicious recipes in this edition from various members of our congregation. They make great Christmas gifts. The cost is only \$10.00 each. They will be available in the Narthex or see one of the youth.



# MOMS GROUP

Hey Mom! Do you have young kids? Visit Redeemer Moms playgroup for social time every other Tuesday morning at 9:30am or join us for a kid-free dinner and devotion one evening a month! We would love to connect with you. Email or call Kate Brown for details. [kate.brown55@gmail.com](mailto:kate.brown55@gmail.com) / 515-339-9804

## Blessed to Serve Today

Message ..... Pastor Adam Koglin  
 Liturgist ..... Pastor Ben Loos  
 Children's Message ..... Michael Harvey, DCE  
 Organist ..... Carol Sonnabend

**Acolytes**  
 8:00 am ..... Myia Tveten . Aubrey Diercks  
 10:40 am ..... Dylan Greer / Nathan Rosenberg  
**Altar Guild** ..... Chair: Shelly Potter  
 Susan Blood, Marlie Ernst, Linda Zeccardi, Stephanie Behne, Angie Hanson, Josh Hanson

**Blood Pressures**  
 Saturday ..... Jan Dicke  
 Sunday ..... Elaine Grudem

**Elders**  
 5:30 pm ..... Tom Werle  
 8:00 am ..... Kelly Anderson  
 10:40 am ..... Mark Radtke

**Greeters**  
 5:30 pm ..... Lois Hamilton / Paula Muth  
 8:00 am ..... Paul and Alice Kitzmann  
 10:40 am ..... Lois Norby

**Lectors**  
 5:30 pm ..... Jim Bronk  
 8:00 am ..... Rich Gommels  
 10:40 am ..... Addie Harvey

**Nursery**  
 9:20 am ..... Anna Koglin / Kayte Lutzke  
 10:40 am ..... Marcia Cochran / Ellen Norton

**Technology Helper**  
 5:30 pm ..... Randall Peck  
 8:00 am ..... Heidi Diercks  
 10:40 am ..... Ian Reese

**Usher Coordinator** ..... Roger Toomey

**Ushers**  
 5:30 pm ..... Wayne Meyers, Fred Crossfield  
 8:00 am ..... Royce Ernst, Mark Massaro, Dean Henkel, Lynn Meier, Paul Diercks, Noah Decker, Dan Kluge, Jordan Miller  
 10:40 am ..... Dale Neumann, Grant Dicke, Larry Reinartz, Dick Valde, Drew Hellickson, Dale Martinson, Blake Hellickson, Tyler Bell

**Welcome Center**  
 5:30 pm ..... Sherry and Curt Haugen  
 8:00 am ..... Arlene Strelow  
 10:40 am ..... Beth Hanson

**Worship Recording** ..... Greg Utesch

## The Week at a Glance

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Redeemer Crafters - FH - 8 am  
 HOLY COMMUNION - 5:30 pm

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

HOLY COMMUNION—8:00 am  
 Blood Pressures - Nurses' Office - 9 am  
 Sunday School - 9:20 am  
 Adult Bible Classes - 9:20 am  
 HOLY COMMUNION - 10:40 am  
*Japanese Fellowship - Chapel/Nursery - 3:30 pm*  
 Young Families CC - UR/Nursery - 4 pm  
 IGNITE/PYROS Planning - Youth Rm - 4:30 pm  
*Japanese Fellowship - NFH - 5 pm*  
 IGNITE - Youth Rm - 6 pm  
 Partners in Christ - Upper Rm - 6:30 pm

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Quilters - NFH - 8 am  
 Story Time - Library - 10:15 am  
*Japanese Fellowship - Nursery/NFH/L-1  
 - 12:30 pm*

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Ladies' Bible Study - NFH - 9 am  
 Men's Bible Study - Rm 102 - 9 am  
 Faithfully Fit Exercise - L-3 - 10:15 am  
 Pizza Ranch - Stewartville - 4:30 pm  
*FCCI Board Meeting - NFH - 6:15 pm*  
 Koinonia CC - Upper Rm - 6:30 pm

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

*POBLO Sewing - NFH - 10 am*  
 Called Staff Meeting - Rm 102 - 10:30 am  
 Seekers CC - SFH - 1 pm  
 HOLY COMMUNION - 6:30 pm  
 Sounds of Praise - 7:30 pm

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22 THANKSGIVING

HOLY COMMUNION - 9 am

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Christmas Decorating - 9:00 am  
 WORSHIP - 5:30 pm

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

WORSHIP—8:00 am  
 Blood Pressures - Nurses' Office - 9 am  
 Sunday School - 9:20 am  
 Adult Bible Class - FH - 9:20 am  
 WORSHIP - 10:40 am



Join us for a  
**CHRISTMAS  
 Decorating  
 Party**

**Saturday, Nov. 24  
 Beginning at 9 am.  
 All are welcome!**

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD LAST WEEK:

#### WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

565 (94+207+264) Guests: 50

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE CLASSES:

247 (120+127)

#### NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

Isaiah 51:4-6; Jude 20-25; Mark 13:24-27

**THEME:** "A Forever Faith"

*Thanksgiving*



# FOOD DRIVE

***SHOW THANKFULNESS BY FEEDING THOSE IN NEED***

**Please remember to share  
your blessings with those in  
need this Thanksgiving.**

**Plan to bring a  
non-perishable food  
donation when you come to  
worship.**

**Wednesday,  
November 21 - 6:30 pm**

**Thursday,  
November 22 - 9:00 am**

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<b>WELCOME VISITORS</b>	Whether looking for a church home or just here for the day, we are glad to have you as our guests. Please sign the red Friendship Registration pad in your pew and pick up a visitor packet in the Narthex. Remember that you are our guests; the offering is for our members who support the work of the church through their voluntary gifts.
<b>WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b>	Saturday 5:30 pm      Sunday 8 and 10:40 am
<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	is celebrated in each service the weekends of the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month. We invite those who acknowledge their sinfulness, recognize that Christ's body and blood are truly present for our forgiveness, and are willing to give witness to the unity of their faith with this community, to join with us in receiving the sacrament. For those who for health or conscience reasons are not able to receive wine, please note that there is a cup of white grape juice in the middle of each tray. Gluten-free wafers are available in the middle of the bread tray for those with that allergy.
<b>CHILDREN</b>	are always welcome at Redeemer. Parents should note that according to your needs and preferences, 1) children's bulletins and "color bags" are available in the narthex; 2) our nursery is staffed each Sunday morning during the 9:20 am Education Hour and the 10:40 am service. The Nursery is located just off the Narthex -- look for our sign!
<b>WORSHIP CDs</b>	are available in the rack by the elevator.
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	is available each Sunday morning. Please call the church office (289-5147) by Noon on Thursday.
<b>SPECIAL NEEDS</b>	Large print bulletins and personal hearing devices are available in the Narthex from an Usher or at the Welcome Center.
<b>OFFICE HOURS</b>	Monday through Friday 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

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