

Redeemer Lutheran Church
869 7th Avenue SE
Rochester, MN 55904

	<h1>Redeemer Lutheran Church</h1> <h2>First Sunday in Advent</h2>
<p>Saturday, December 1, 2018 – 5:30 pm Sunday, December 2, 2018 – 8:00 and 10:40 am</p>	
<p>Grow In Christ ♦ SHARE HIS LOVE ♦ Encourage</p>	
<p>Our Mission Statement: <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>Values: 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: 1 Thessalonians is a book that has a lot in common with football’s two-minute warning. In it Paul repeatedly says that world history is almost over (*1 Thessalonians 1:10; 2:19; 3:13; 4:13–18; 5:1–10*). The time is short. We must prepare. It is time to implement our two-minute drill!

+ We Come Into God’s Presence +

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

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

(*) **OPENING PRAYER**

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HYMN "Savior of the Nations, Come" LSB 332, stanzas 1,6,7,8

(*) INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(Please stand.)*

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The season of Advent is a time of waiting. We wait in eager anticipation for Christmas.

C: As we celebrate that God Has come at Christmas time and share our Good News of Great Joy.

P: The season of Advent is a time of waiting. We wait in eager anticipation for Christ's return.

C: We wait for "the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting!"

P: As we wait, we wait knowing that Jesus is our Immanuel.

C: God is with us! He is always near and never far.

P: As we wait, we wait knowing that, "you shall give him the name Jesus, for he will save His people from their sins."

C: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves. We need a savior!

P: Family of Believers, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto our Savior.

(Silence for reflection)

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are unprepared for your coming. Our minds, lips, and lives have disobeyed Your will. We have ignored the signs of Your return. We ask for Your forgiveness.

P: The one who is coming has come, born among us to live our life and die our death, and guarantee that we are ready. In Jesus, God has saved you from your sins. You are forgiven. Live your lives for Him.

C: Amen! Come Lord Jesus, come quickly.

(*) HYMN OF PRAISE

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

I love Jesus. Does He know? Have I ever told Him so?

Jesus loves to hear me say, that I love Him every day.

Yes, I love Jesus. Yes, I love Jesus

Yes, I Love Jesus. In prayer I tell Him so. *(Please be seated.)*

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ANTHEM (10:40 am) "Lord, I Lift Your Name On High" – Alleluia Singers

+ God Speaks to Us +

SCRIPTURE READINGS

L: The Old Testament Reading for First Sunday in Advent is from Jeremiah, chapter thirty-three.

¹⁴ "'The days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

¹⁵ "'In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land.

¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior. ' *Jeremiah 33:14-16 NIV*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The Epistle Reading is from 1 Thessalonians chapter one.

¹ Paul, Silas and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.

² We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. ³ We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. ⁶ You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. ⁷ And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. ⁸ The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, ⁹ for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead —Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath. *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 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. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

(*) HOLY GOSPEL

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁵ "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶ People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

³⁴ "Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man." *Luke 21:25-28,34-36 NIV*

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ. *(Please be seated.)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *(Parents, please feel free to come forward with smaller children.)*

HYMN "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" LSB 395, stanzas 1,2,6

SERMON "Two-Minute Warning" – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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+ We Respond To God's Word +

GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

(The pastors will collect any special prayer request cards during this time.)

FRIENDSHIP REGISTRATION

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

MUSICAL OFFERING (8:00 am) "Prepare Him Room" – Sarah Finley and Noel Berthiaume
(10:40 am) "Here I Am To Worship" – Alleluia Singers

(As the offerings are brought forward, please stand to sing.)

(*) OFFERTORY

(LSB 349, st. 1, 4)

Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
And ev'ry voice a song.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With Thy beloved name.

(*) THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(*) PRAYERS

P: Rejoicing in the hope of our Savior's appearing, let us pray together, saying, Even so:

C: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

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- P: For the Church, as we wait with eager expectation for the revealing of Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath. Even so:
- C: Have mercy, Lord Jesus!**
- P: For our mission, that we bring glory to God and healing to many people through our work produced by faith, our labor prompted by love, and our endurance inspired by hope. Even so:
- C: Fill us, Lord Jesus!**
- P: For all the baptized, that we might live watchful and sober lives, eagerly looking forward to our Lord's appearing. Even so:
- C: Awaken us, Lord Jesus!**
- P: For all sisters and brothers of the Savior who cry out in their time of need, especially all who have asked for our prayers [*including _____*]. Loving Savior, be their joy in sorrow and their life in death. Even so:
- C: Comfort them, Lord Jesus!**
- P: For all who commune today, that receiving at the altar a foretaste of the feast to come, they may be forgiven, renewed, and strengthened to set their hope fully on the grace revealed in our Savior. Even so:
- C: Feed us, Lord Jesus!**

+ Additional Prayers +

- P: For the faithful in heaven who await the day of the resurrection, let us give our thanks and praise and join them in asking that the day may come quickly. Even so:
- C: Come, Lord Jesus!**

(*) 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 +

(*) WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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(*) PAX DOMINI

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

A - men.

(*) AGNUS DEI

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men. *(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.)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

(8:00 am) ANTHEM	"Noel" – Sarah Finley and Noel Berthiaume	
HYMN	"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"	LSB 341
HYMN	"A Story For All People"	W&P 2
HYMN	"When Morning Guilds The Skies"	LSB 807

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+ God Sends Us Forth to Serve and Proclaim +

(When all have communed, please stand for the common dismissal.)

(*) COMMON DISMISSAL – spoken by the Pastor

(*) BENEDICTION

P: May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. *(1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)*

C: **Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.** *(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)*

All: Amen.

(*) CLOSING HYMN “Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come” LSB 350

POSTLUDE

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*Redeemer Lutheran Church
Weekly Announcements and Highlights
Week of December 2, 2018*



Special Prayer Opportunities:

Health Concerns:

- ✚ Jan Ludwig, June Storma, Jodi Hellickson, Marlin Haack, Sue Wondrasch, Bob Fitch, Deb Schwerman, Bob Meyer, Bob Trebble, Mike Hanley, Diana Schlinger, Riley Krueger
- ✚ Receiving Hospice care: Cindy Fister, Rita Priebe
- ✚ For Cal Hauan and his parents, Eric and Jill, as he undergoes more tests this week at Mayo

Thanksgiving:

- ✚ With Steve and Sharon Thede who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 29.

Guidance:

- ✚ Guidance for our governmental and civic leaders in the Rochester area.

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.

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.

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL

Are in loving memory of Lynette Miller's birthday on December 5.

CANTATA NEXT WEEKEND!

Sounds of Praise and the Trinity Sanctuary Choir will present their cantata at both services next weekend.

Family of Believers: In Prayer

- ✚ Debbie Schwerman
- ✚ Lori Schwerman
- ✚ Jason, Brandy, Lexi and Tesla Collopy
- ✚ Dan, Kathy, Samuel and Thomas Hildestad
- ✚ Micah, Kimberly and Abigail Heins
- ✚ Shirley Wilde
- ✚ Shawn, Emily, Iyla and Ayda Vierus
- ✚ Lois Hamilton
- ✚ Margery Watkins
- ✚ Christopher, Kyleigh, Michael and Nicole DeGrand
- ✚ Doris Beeman

CONGREGATION!

On December 4, from 4:30-8pm, our youth 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!

ADVENT SUPPER DESSERT DONATIONS NEEDED

We are looking for pans of bars for the mid-week Advent service on Wednesday, December 5. If you are able to donate a pan of bars, please sign up on the sheet at the Welcome Center. ***Please remember: donations cannot contain nuts or peanut butter.***

TAKE NOTE!

There will be no Storytime on Monday, December 3.



Women of Redeemer!

A reminder this is the last weekend to sign up for the Christmas Social.

Location: Redeemer Fellowship Hall

Date/time: Thursday, December 6,

Cost: \$12.

Bring a friend, shop the Christmas boutique, enjoy a meal and joyful fellowship.

Remember, since this is a catered meal, we must have an accurate head count - RLCW pays for the meals ordered. (NOTE: if cancellations are not made by December 3, RLCW will expect payment for the meal.)

COOKIES AND FROSTING?

Our youth are serving our community this month by delivering cookies to our Police and Fire Departments. If you are willing to help by baking, please bring your baked sugar cookies and/or a donation of frosting to Redeemer by Sunday evening, December 9, so youth can decorate them and then deliver them. God bless!

ANNUAL REPORTS

A reminder that all Annual Reports are to be submitted to the office by December 11.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

December 2-23, 2018

9:20 to 10:20 am

JOSHUA—STRONG AND COURAGEOUS: ‘As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!’- Joshua 24:15. This class will spend time learning how God was moving through a man to loudly proclaim this statement to God’s people. We will learn what that proclamation means today. How do we courageously proclaim our allegiance to God in a world that tells us to serve anyone else but God? Let’s learn together how God moves through our service today! Discussion led by DCE Josh Heirigs in the Choir Room.

HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD: Let’s use several prayers from Scripture to launch into a discussion about prayer in the Christian life. We will look at what God wants us to learn from these prayers in the Bible, talk about some of the stumbling blocks to prayer in our lives, explore the blessing of prayer for ourselves, and for the world. Tackling the often times difficult question: Why do we pray? Pastor Ben Loos will lead this Bible class in the South Fellowship Hall.

RECOGNIZING GOD’S CALL: Whether you are a “seasoned” adult or just starting to “adult.” Whether you feel stuck in a rut or are starting a new phase in life, God has a call and a purpose for you! In this class we will explore ways to discover what God has called you to do/be (do/be/do). We will also look at how we can follow the Lord’s lead. Michael Harvey will lead this class in the North Fellowship Hall.

ADVENT



ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

The Family Ministry team is again providing Advent devotional booklets for anyone to use. There will be four options for people to choose from:

- **“God’s Word Comes Down”** which is focused on readings for teens and young adults.
- **“Peace On Earth”** is more interactive and family-oriented.
- **“The Father’s Love”** is more adult-focused, especially for those who are young with no children.
- **“Hope-Ful Living”** is a devotional with a focus on seniors.

These devotionals are available on a table in the Narthex. Have a blessed Advent!

MID-WEEK ADVENT WORSHIP

Wednesday, December 5

Service Times: 4:15 and 7:00 pm
Theme: “Jesus Is The Son of David,”
Matthew 1:1, 6, 17

Menu: Hamburgers and Fixings

Serving: Men’s Fellowship

Wednesday, December 12

Service Times: 4:15 and 7:00 pm
Theme: “Jesus Is The Son Of
Abraham,” Matthew 1:1

Menu: BBQ’s, Macaroni and Cheese

Serving: Rochester Servant Event

Wednesday, December 19

Service Times: 4:15 and 7:00 pm
Theme: “Jesus Is The Son Of Mary,”
Matthew 1:18-25

Menu: Pizza

Serving: Church Youth



ADVENT FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 -- 3:00-5:30 PM

Sweets and lefse, Advent wreaths, card making, and crafts, oh my! What do you do to get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus? If you have a special food you enjoy for Christmas and would like to share with others, please sign up at the Welcome Center or contact one of us on the Family Ministry Team. (Cheri Struve, Jolene Heining, and Diana Reese)

Sharing traditions is a fun way to get to know others. Come and see, do, hear and taste “The Season of Advent and Christmas.”

Speaking of sharing—bring a child’s hat or mittens for the Giving Tree for Riverside Elementary School. Our small Family Ministry Team can use your help. - *Family Ministry Team*

**Christmas
Traditions**



PROGRAM REHEARSALS SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN AND PARENTS!

We are going to be practicing for the Sunday School Christmas Program. **Our practices will be December 1, 8, and 15 from 10-11:30am in the Sanctuary for Grades 1-6.**

Our youngers, ages 3-4 and Kindergarten, will join us for rehearsal on December 15, at 10am.

Please mark these dates on your calendar! See you then!

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be presented on **Sunday, December 16, at 2 pm.** **Plan to join us following the program for refreshments and fellowship.**



COOKIE DONATIONS NEEDED:

If you would like to donate two dozen cookies (no peanut butter or nuts please!) for the fellowship time following the Sunday School Program on Sunday, December 16, please sign up on the sheet at the Welcome Center.

Order Your Poinsettia Today!

The Christmas Decorating Committee will again be ordering poinsettias for the church this year. Any individual or group wishing to donate a poinsettia, may do so by completing the form below. The Altar Guild appreciates your gift! **Please indicate how many plants you would like.**

Poinsettias: **\$13 each.**
(No bow. Gold foil covers.)

Poinsettia Color Choice:

Red **Pink** **White**

Should we receive more funds than we have room for poinsettias, extra funds will be used for greenery and other decorations.

Mark the envelope "Christmas Decorating" and make the check payable to **Redeemer Lutheran Church.** Forms and checks may be sent to or left in the church office or placed in the offering plate **no later than Monday, December 10.**

Name: _____

If you would like to give this/these Poinsettias in memory/honor of a loved one, **please print** the name below:

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

(Please return to the church office. Thank you!)

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. **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.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS BOOKS

Our church library has Christmas books ready for you to enjoy! Look on the rolling cart and the children's shelves in the Narthex. Check one out today!



UNATTENDED WINTER COATS

A gentle reminder to not leave car keys or valuables in your coat pockets while you are in worship.

Youth Highlights!

- **IGNITE:** December 2, from 6-8pm. All youth are invited! We have games, snacks, music, and a topic about the Crusades. We'll get history and have a discussion about Christian Militancy.
- **PIZZA RANCH:** Come on out, youth, to the Stewartville Pizza Ranch and help us bus tables on December 4! Come help out! The sign-up is out on the bulletin board.
- **PYROS:** On December 9, from 6-8pm we are serving our local Fire and Police Departments by delivering cookies! We are looking for donations of UN-DECORATED sugar cookies (*but please have them baked already!*) and donations of frosting (we have plenty of sprinkles!). After we decorate cookies we will divide into teams with drivers to go out and deliver to our local Fire and Police Departments!
- **YOUTH CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE PRACTICES:** For youth involved in the Christmas Eve Service, don't forget practices- Dec. 2 from 5:30-6 pm; Dec. 9 from 4-5:30 pm (Supper following); Dec. 16 from 4 to 5:30 (Supper following).
- **IGNITE:** December 16th from 6-8pm will be IGNITE! All youth are invited as we enjoy games, snacks, music and a topic of the Christmas Story! Come on out!

If you have any questions, contact:

Josh Heirigs, DCE (923-6288)

OR

joshheirigs@redeemer-rochester.com



Join us for
Caroling!
 December 19
 5:40 pm

Christmas Caroling
 will take place on
Wednesday, December 19. EVERYONE is
 encouraged to come and share Christmas carols
 with our home bound members!

Please meet in the Narthex at **5:40 pm** to be
 divided into groups. There is an Advent supper
 that night at church, so please plan accordingly!

A sign up sheet will be at the Welcome Center.
 If you plan to go, please sign up so we can be
 efficient in creating groups! Drivers are needed.



Christmas Cards
and Napkins
 are now available on the Sarah Circle Card
 Rack in the Education Hallway.

DEADLINE REMINDERS

- ★ Weekly Bulletin: Wednesdays by Noon.
- ★ Newsletter: Wednesday, December 12,
 Noon

**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:

- Scott Okuno - Assimilation Team Lead
okuno.scott@gmail.com
 Pastor Adam Koglin
akoglin@redeemer-rochester.com
 Pastor Ben Loos
pastorbenloos@gmail.com

Health Notes

Getting in "The Loop"

--Follow up from Dr. Meier's presentation--

A link to listen to the presentation is available on the Redeemer Website. The PowerPoint handouts are at the Welcome Center. Please pick one up if you were unable to attend.

Mary encouraged the group to go to Mayo or Olmsted when buying hearing aids—they do not make a commission on hearing aids and are there to help you know how to use them. Unlike glasses, it takes time to get used to hearing through them.

In order to use "The Loop" you must have a TELECOIL in your hearing aid. You will need to ask your audiologist for it. Work closely with your audiologist to learn how the hearing aid will most benefit you! Like your eyes and glasses, have your hearing and hearing aids checked annually.

From Dr. Meier For VA's —Thank you for your service!

- Go to the VA, get your hearing tested. Get the consult. Order and fit the hearing aids. Get follow up at VA. Ask for a **TELECOIL!**
- Go to the local clinic and private pay any part of it or all. (or have private insurance help)
- Ask VA for prior authorization for local audiologist to do it all (test, consult, order, fit, follow up).
- Ask VA for prior authorization for local audiologist to do one follow-up visit or 6 months of up to 6 visits. (*this helps for those with older hearing aids who need repairs and tweaking after repairs or more education*).

Most Vets ask for prior authorization for local clinic to do it all. But if they have hearing aids and want them adjusted —that is either private pay or ask for prior authorization for local to follow up. (might be worth it)

**"He who has ears to hear, let him hear" – Mark 4:9
IN the LOOP WITH CHRIST".**

"LIFE QUOTES"

"Advent is about Return—the Lord's Second Coming, our return to Him, which is another way of saying 'repentance.' Repentance requires memory, for return requires memory. The Prodigal did some mental research and remembered the facts about his father's house from his personal history. Informed by a paternal history, he struck a new course, which was to return. And the Homecoming was sweet, like the marriage supper in paradise, when all history will be fulfilled, and the guests live happily ever after. Advent reminds us, based on history that we know, that He is coming, which should remind us, Repent!" *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

LAST WEEK:

WEEKEND WORSHIP

ATTENDANCE:

458 (94+195+169) Guests: 48

SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE

CLASSES:

168 (83+85)

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

Malachi 3:1-7b;

1 Thessalonians 3:1-13;

Luke 3:1-14

THEME: "Jesus, Son of David"

CHECK IT OUT!

- ★ The **Lutheran Hour Ministry pamphlet rack** in the Narthex has been restocked. Check out the useful information.
- ★ **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.

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES

We are still collecting pledges! Thank you to those who have submitted their 2019 pledges. If you would still like to do that, blank forms are available at the Welcome Center. Pledges can be placed in the offering plate.



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 / 515-339-9804

Blessed to Serve Today

Message	Pastor Koglin
Liturgist	Pastor Loos
Children's Message	Josh Heirigs, DCE
Organist	
<i>Saturday</i>	April Beckman, DPM
<i>Sunday</i>	Carol Sonnabend
Acolytes	
8:00 am	Josh Hanson / Andrew Woolman
10:40 am	Haylee Bruns / Kaylee Hartson
Altar Guild	Chair: Shelly Potter
	Susan Blood, Marlie Ernst, Linda Zeccardi, Stephanie Behne, Angie Hanson, Josh Hanson
Blood Pressures	Dawn Radtke
Elders	
5:30 pm	Tim Kanne
8:00 am	Jim Weispfenning
10:40 am	Steven Brady
Greeters	
5:30 pm	Kathy Voight / Sue Kazos
8:00 am	Ric Thieke / Bruce Ludwig
10:40 am	Lois Norby
Lectors	
5:30 pm	Bob Vehrenkamp
8:00 am	Harlan Gerke
10:40 am	Micah Heins
Nursery	
9:20 am	Anna Koglin / Erin Harvey
10:40 am	Jane Quaintance / Lily Harvey
Technology Helper	
5:30 pm	Randall Peck
8:00 am	Dan Zeccardi
10:40 am	Mick/Diana 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 Haugen
8:00 am	Megan Grudem
10:40 am	Dan and Terri Zemke
Worship Recording	Greg Utesch

The Week at a Glance

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

Sunday School Program Practice—10 am
 HOLY COMMUNION—5:30 pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

HOLY COMMUNION—8:00 am
 Blood Pressures - Nurses' Office - 9 am
 Sunday School - 9:20 am
 Adult Bible Class - FH - 9:20 am
 HOLY COMMUNION - 10:40 am
 Advent Festival—FH—3 to 5:30 pm
 Youth Christmas Practice—5:30 pm
 IGNITE—Youth Rm—6 pm

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

Quilters - NFH - 8 am

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Ladies' Bible Study - NFH - 9 am
 Men's Bible Study - Rm 102 - 9 am
 Faithfully Fit Exercise - L-3 - 10:15 am
 Stewardship Team - Rm 102 - 5:30 pm
 CC Equippers - Upper Rm - 6:30 pm
 Elders - Rm 102 - 7 pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

POBLO Sewing - NFH - 10 am
 Called Staff Meeting - Rm 102 - 10:30 am
Japanese Fellowship - L-1/NFH/Nursery - 12:30 pm
 Family Ministry Team - Library - 1 pm
 WORSHIP - 4:15 pm
 Supper - FH - 5:00-6:30 pm
 Youth Chimes (7-12) - Sanctuary—5:45pm
 Alleluia Singers (2-6) - Rm L-2— 6 pm
 Cherub Choir—Rm 100—6:05 pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

1st/2nd Yr. Confirmation-L-3—6:10 pm
 3rd Yr. Confirmation—Rm 102—6:30 pm
 Angelic Chimes—Sanctuary—6:30 pm
 WORSHIP - 7:00 pm
 Sounds of Praise - Choir Rm—7:45 pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

Faithfully Fit Exercise—L-3—10:15 am
 Grief/Loss Support-Upper Rm- 12:30 pm
 Faithful Followers CC - Rm 102 - 1 pm
 RLCW Christmas Social - 5 pm
 Stephen Ministry - Rm 102 - 6:30 pm
 Chancel Chimes - Sanctuary - 7 pm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

Cantata Practice - Sanctuary - 8:30 am
 Sunday School Program Practice—10 am
 WORSHIP—5:30 pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

WORSHIP/CANTATA—8:00 am
 Blood Pressures - Nurses' Office - 9 am
 Sunday School - 9:20 am
 Adult Bible Class - FH - 9:20 am
 WORSHIP/CANTATA - 10:40 am
Japanese Fellowship - Sanctuary/NFH - 12:30 pm
 Instruments of Praise - Narthex - 2:30 pm
 Youth Christmas Practice—4:00 pm
 PYROS—Youth Rm—6 pm
 Agape CC - Upper Rm - 6 pm

Join us for our Fifth Annual
Service of Hope and
Encouragement

Date: December 13

Time: 6:00 pm

Redeemer Lutheran Church
869 7th Avenue SE
Rochester, MN



To:

From:

If you received this card it means someone from our Family of Believers cares for you and is praying for you. It also means you are invited. This reflective prayer service is created to give you a safe place to be cared for, prayed for and experience the hope and peace of Jesus.

See you there,
Pastor Adam Koglin



The Sharing Tree

Once again, Redeemer Lutheran Church Women (RLCW) is sponsoring the Sharing Tree located in the Narthex. 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 16**. Monetary donations are also accepted.

The beneficiaries of this year's Sharing Tree are:

MN Adult & Teen Challenge

This organization's mission is to assist teens and adults in gaining freedom from chemical addictions and other life controlling problems by addressing their physical, emotional and spiritual needs. The facility offers both a long-term, faith-based recovery program and short-term licensed treatment program, allowing them to effectively serve individuals with a broad spectrum of addiction issues; from those seeking treatment for the first time, to those who have been struggling with addiction for many years. Specific services can be found on the website at mntc.org.

The cards on the Sharing Tree for MN Adult and Teen Challenge will benefit the organization's **BLESSING CLOSET**. Many of the clients arrive at this facility with nothing but the clothes on their back. The Blessing Closet holds men and women's clothing (sweatshirts/shirts/blouses, slacks/ jeans/pants, underwear, sox, sleepwear, shoes, etc) in different sizes, toiletries and other items of personal use.

Brighter Tomorrows

This organization provides emotional, spiritual, and educational support by listening to, understanding, and supporting families touched by childhood cancer. The families meet once a month at Grace Lutheran Church for a meal and fellowship, plus there are group outings. Their website, brightertomorrowshope.org, lists many services they offer.

Because Brighter Tomorrows has no storage space, the cards on the Sharing Tree are for gift cards that can be used to purchase gifts for the children, as well as office supplies. They can also use \$20 gift cards for teenagers (Panera, Applebee's, Texas Road House, Subway, Red Lobster, etc). Notice: gifts cards should be for national chain stores in case the recipient doesn't live locally. Check out the website and see how you could also be a 'special events' donor.

Project Legacy

The mission of Project Legacy is to provide hope, connections and support to youth of color ages 17-24 who are refugees, homeless, formerly gang-involved or recently incarcerated allowing them to transform their lives and become contributing members of our community. Check out the website, projectlegacymn.org, to read testimonials from current and former clients, and description of services offered.

The cards on the Sharing Tree are for clothing items for girls and boys, blankets/pillows, food shelf items, cleaning/household supplies (toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex), gift cards (to gas stations, grocery stores, movie theaters, sporting goods).

These non-profit organizations are dependent on donations and grants.
The needs of their clients is great.

Many, many thanks for your compassionate gift.

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WELCOME VISITORS	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.
WORSHIP SCHEDULE	Saturday 5:30 pm Sunday 8 and 10:40 am
HOLY COMMUNION	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.
CHILDREN	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!
WORSHIP CDs	are available in the rack by the elevator.
TRANSPORTATION	is available each Sunday morning. Please call the church office (289-5147) by Noon on Thursday.
SPECIAL NEEDS	Large print bulletins and personal hearing devices are available in the Narthex from an Usher or at the Welcome Center.
OFFICE HOURS	Monday through Friday 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

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