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# In Touch With Redeemer

## *Sharing Christ and Changing Lives*

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For  
Unto  
us  
us  
CHILD  
is born  
Unto us a Son  
is given, and the  
Government shall be  
Upon His shoulders,  
and His Name shall be called,  
Wonderful, Counselor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace!  
Isaiah 9:6

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# December 2016

## IN TOUCH WITH REDEEMER

A newsletter by and for the family of Redeemer Lutheran Church

Volume XXVI, Issue XII

### Wednesday Night Advent Worship:

November 30 – 6:00 pm

December 7 – 6:00 pm

December 14 – 6:00 pm

Supper – 6:30 pm

ADVENTure School – 7:00 pm

### Christmas Eve Worship:

December 24 – 3:00 & 5:00 pm

### Christmas Day Worship:

December 25 – 10:00 am w/Lord's Supper

### New Year's Eve Worship:

December 31 – 5:00 pm w/Lord's Supper

### New Year's Day Worship:

January 1 – 10:00 am w/Lord's Supper

## CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES...

Lt Jason & Emily (Ansorge) Geddes  
724 West Princess Anne Road  
Norfolk, VA 23517  
Grandchildren of Virginia Ansorge

ET5 Brianna Runke  
Electronics Technician  
Hopper Information Service Center  
Suitland, Maryland  
Brianna is the niece of Dave & Carol Runke

Major James Nelson  
Orthopedic Surgeon at  
Ft. Benning, Columbus, GA  
Parents are Wayne & Laurie Nelson

CW3 Jeffery Nelson  
Chinook helicopter maintenance test  
pilot at Ft. Bliss in El Paso, TX  
Parents are Wayne & Laurie Nelson



**MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS &  
SERMONS ON THE WEBSITE**  
[www.redeemerwillmar.org](http://www.redeemerwillmar.org)

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**The stoves in the kitchen are shut off to conserve gas.  
Call the church office 24 hours in advance if needed.**

**Please keep the church office current on all contact information when moving, changing home or cell numbers, and email addresses. The church is charged a fee every time the post office informs us of an address change.**

**HOSPITAL INFORMATION:** If you ever have the misfortune of having to spend a day or more in the hospital, you or someone you know may need to call the church. The hospital may ask you your church affiliation, but they do **NOT** notify the church office.

Sunday/Wed	Attendance	Adults	Sr. High	Children	Communion	Private
Nov 6	360	29	11	55	229	
Nov 13	317	50	10	62		
Nov 20	300	31	9	46	224	
Nov 23/24	121/109					
Nov 27	272	35	10	55		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1479</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Transfers In: Ryan Schumacher</b>						
<b>Deaths: Wallace Ashburn, Carol Lenz</b>						

**LIKE TO SEW?** There are squares on the rack in the kitchen that can be taken home to sew together and brought back for the quilters to finish. The quilters will take the month of December off, but will meet again every Monday at 12:30 starting in January.

**THESE BOARDS HAVE OPENINGS FOR 2017:**

Education – 1 Fellowship – 1 Outreach – 2

Youth – 2 Preschool – 3

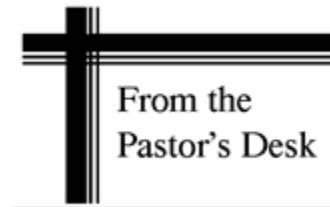
Also open: Chairman – Secretary – Treasurer

Please serve your church by volunteering.

**MEALS ON WHEELS** Redeemer is looking for drivers and volunteers to help with Meals on Wheels deliveries for the 2017 schedule. Our church volunteers on a rotating basis with other community churches to assist with delivering food to shut-ins or other people in need of a good meal. **We are also looking for a volunteer to call and coordinate drivers for this service, this is a way to serve your church right from your comfy chair at home.** If you are interested in participating in either way, contact the church office.



**IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR YEAR-END DONATIONS:** To qualify as a gift in 2016, federal regulations require that checks must be dated on or **before December 31st** and the mailing envelope accompanying the check must be postmarked by **December 31st**. Gifts received after that date will be posted to your 2017 giving. For hand-delivered checks, the date the check is received by the church determines in which year your donation will be recorded.



Does anyone read newsletter articles anymore?

Church staffs spend hours and hours trying to make sure information is passed on to members through paper and ink. Today most media is transmitted through social media via wireless connections. If the news does not find itself into the smartphones of people, is it read or does it fall into

obscurity? Facebook, Twitter, SnapChat and other social media sites have hooked us on the opinions of others and made us slaves to the world of 4G. Has the mode of transmitting via newsletters outgrown its usefulness and become a thing of the past?

Years ago, there was no MySpace or Facebook and yet the world was very similar. In the cool air of the countryside a group of misfits and rejects hung out together not knowing of the great events that were transpiring in the city near them. What a sight it must have been to see an angelic messenger from heaven announce the birth of the Messiah! Without a smartphone, these guys were not able to capture a selfie or simply a recording of the multitude of the angels around them declaring the birth of Jesus. Scripture tells them that the shepherds went to the city of Bethlehem to find the baby, Mary, and Joseph in the stable. Their excitement of the angelic billboard must have been very intense to the new parents and gave them memories to treasure for years to come. The shepherds left the manger and told everyone they met what they had experienced.

Fast forward to our present society and we see that we have a multitude of ways to communicate. Our lives are full of texts, Facebook posts, tweets, and instant photos share news with others. Our communities are digital websites with digital "friends" communicating with digital language; and yet our society is the most depressed of any other time in history. Could it be that we have lost our God-given sense of true face-to-face contact and community? By indulging too much into digital technology have we lost our ability to talk to someone else about what the Messiah means in our lives? Even though we have not had the experience the shepherds did that first Christmas does that mean our passion for our gift of grace is any less?

Is today a great day to look for one more way to make the coming of the Messiah known to someone else through personally connecting face-to face?

Pastor Matt Canion

### Facing our Fears

A couple of weeks ago the youth of Redeemer had me shaking in my shoes, okay, really shaking in my ice skates with not a leg to stand on, as they had me out for an evening of open skate at the Civic center. A youth leader, not old but not young by any means, learning to ice skate for the first time. Gripped with fear, I stalled as long as I could before the group finally pushed me out on the ice. Afraid I would break something I went as slowly as I possibly could before mastering a somewhat effective technique of skating (with a chair mind you) but I DID NOT QUIT!

All of you probably learned to ice skate the same time you learned to walk, but being unsteady on your feet can be an uneasy feeling. You fall into a rhythm and you think that you have got it figured out then suddenly you are sliding again. A fear of falling starts to set in and you tell yourself one of the following:

- a. you are not going to fall and keep going,
- b. fall get back up and keep going,
- c. fall and totally give up.

To what degree do we let fear into our lives; enough to keep us going or too much that we give up on the task ahead. We see how fear played a role in the Christmas story.

We know Herod was fearful, there is evidence of it in Scripture as he directed the Magi hoping that they would bring him news of this new born King. His fear was so great that he had every child under a certain age killed just to prevent being overthrown as a ruler. (Matthew 2)

Were the Shepherd's gripped with fear at the sight of the angels that appeared to them in the fields to announce the birth of our Savior?

Can you imagine being Mary and the angel Gabriel telling you that you will carry and give birth to the Son of God. There had to be some fear initially in Mary, what would her family think, how would this affect her upcoming marriage, what would the community do?

The fear of the unknown is something we all struggle with from time to time. When we reach the point where we let fear start ruling our lives is where we get into trouble. Had they acted out of fear the Shepherds may have stayed in that field and never made it to the manger. Through Mary's character we see where fear turns to trust in the one that created us and gave us life. Despite all the things that could of or were going to happen to her, Mary trusted God enough to let him be in control "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word."

We are living in a world right now where people are gripped with fear as they wait to see what will happen in our world following the election of a president that they either did or did not vote for. May we remember the one who is really in control and as Christians in our community be the light of Christ in dark places for our family members, neighbors and strangers who are struggling with fear of the unknown. May we remember that we merely are the servant and God is in control.

Blessings this advent season, Cassie Drenkow, Director of Christian Education

++ DECEMBER 2016 ++				
	ELDERS	GREETERS	ACOLYTES	LIBRARY
<b>Dec 4</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> <b>Lord's Supper</b> <b>10:30 AM</b>	Dave Runke Mark Sellmann Leon Schultz Wayne Dahlke	Brad & Suzanne Skindeliem Jeff & Cheryl Pitt Leon & Carole Schultz Marlin & Cheryl Niss	David Reyes Mitchell Nelson	Sarah Fosso
<b>Dec 7</b> <b>6:00 PM</b>	Doug Jorschumb		Jennassa Hanson	
<b>Dec 11</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> <b>10:30 AM</b>	Ron Jaspersen Neil Buboltz	Rolf & Joyce Standfuss Gayne & Marvelle Stone Loren & Judy Schultz Trudy Hemingway, Nancy Klaassen	Michael Mohr Crisstill Duaso	Lorraine King
<b>Dec 14</b> <b>6:00 PM</b>	Dave Runke		Zoey Jorschumb	
<b>Dec 18</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> <b>Lord's Supper</b> <b>10:30 AM</b>	Michael Sandau Mark Sellmann Wayne Dahlke Doug Jorschumb	Lyle & Vera Ehrenberg Jeff & Darla Kimpling Todd Swartz, LaVonne Van Zee Alice Beckmann, Carol Dahlke	Cora Gleason Mikayla Schoumaker	Bonnie Rhoda
<b>Dec 24</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>	Ron Jaspersen Neil Buboltz	<i>Merry Christmas</i>	Evan Friton Sergio Fernandez	
<b>Dec 25</b> <b>10:00 AM</b>	Dave Runke Doug Jorschumb	Luther & Peggy Dykema John & Marlys Eggen Keven & Diane Hillenbrand Troy & Lisa Anderson	Hannah Lingbeek	Anita Petersen
<b>Dec 31</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>	Leon Schultz Dave Runke	<i>Happy New Year</i>	Payton Freiberg	
<b>USHERS</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>*Ken Behm, Matt Akerson, Amiah Akerson, Mike Botzek</b>		<b>(*Head Usher)</b>
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>*Joe Hammerschmidt, Kourtney Hammerschmidt, Jeff Pitt</b>		

### 6:00 PM ADVENT SUPPER SERVING SCHEDULE:

November 30 – Elder's  
December 7 – Altar Guild  
December 14 – Youth



Prayer & Praise Mite Calendar  
**December 2016**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." - Isaiah 9:6				1 10¢ if it snowed today	2 Pray for the ministry of Orphan Grain Train 10¢ <small>MN NORTH GRANT</small>	3 20¢ if you shoveled your sidewalk
4 Pray for teachers 30¢	5 Pray for Gloria Dei School and Church Building in Cap Haitian, Haiti 10¢ <small>MN NORTH GRANT</small>	6 10¢ for every friend you talked to today	7 Pray for your pastor and his family	8 Pray for Love Works! Lutheran Braille Workers 10¢ <small>MN NORTH GRANT</small>	9 30¢ if you cooked a meal today	10 Pray for law enforcement 20¢
11 Pray for nurses 10¢	12 Pray for Caring for Our Pastors (Doxology) 10¢ <small>MN NORTH GRANT</small>	<i>now</i> 13 20¢ for every policeman you saw today <small>Two-Minute Tuesday</small>	14 Pray for Bible Translation Field Testing, so all may hear His Word! 10¢ <small>MN NORTH GRANT</small>	15 Pray for C.R.O.S.S. Appeal, support of MN North District Lutheran Day Schools 10¢ <small>MN NORTH GRANT</small>	16 20¢ for each motorcycle or snowmobile you own	17 10¢ if you baked a cake today; 20¢ if you baked Christmas Cookies
18 50¢ if you taught Sunday School today	19 5¢ for every lamp in your house; 20¢ for outdoor Christmas lights	20 Pray for Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Chapel and our support for furnishings 10¢ <small>MN NORTH GRANT</small>	21 Pray for Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students 10¢ <small>MN NORTH GRANT</small>	22 Pray for our government 20¢	23 10¢ for every hour of television you watched today	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b> 10¢ for each child you have 
25 <b>Christmas Day</b> Christ is Born! The Best Gift of All!	26 10¢ for every hour you drove today	<i>now</i> 27 Pray for our military 10¢ <small>Two-Minute Tuesday</small>	28 Pray for Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination 10¢ <small>MN NORTH GRANT</small>	29 Pray for Lutheran Island Camp's Christ Serve Academy 10¢ <small>MN NORTH GRANT</small>	30 10¢ for each degree above zero for today's high	31 30¢ if you stayed up until midnight tonight



Here is Mary, alone in her house.  
An angel appeared, quiet as a mouse.  
The angel gave her a message so true:  
"Jesus, the Savior, will be born to you."



Here is Joseph, her husband so tall.  
He knew that Jesus would be born for all.  
He took care of Mary as they traveled along.  
He knew our God would help him be strong.



Here is the stable-cozy and warm-  
For cows and donkeys, it was their barn.  
Since Mary and Joseph found no room in the inn,  
They slept in the stable away from the wind.



Here is the manger filled with hay.  
It was a good place for Jesus to lay.  
Mary and Joseph stayed close by His side,  
The animals watched with their eyes big and wide.



Here is the star that shone ever so bright  
Up high in the sky that first Christmas night.  
Our God in His heaven placed the star high above  
To announce Jesus' birth-the Gift of His love.

Now use your eyes and look all around-  
A room full of children is sure to be found.  
The children are happy because they all know  
That Jesus, our Savior, loves us all so!



The message of Christmas is this simple. Keep your Christmas simple and focused on the One who deserves all of our attention this season.

We are curious to see who reads the newsletter. If you read this stop by my office and add a sticky note to the wall there to create a Christmas Tree. I will see how big the tree is when I return from my travels to Hawaii with the KMS Band.

In Christ, Rachel Jeppesen

**Preschool Christmas Service**

**Starry, Starry Night**

**Thursday, Dec 15, 5:45 or 7:00 pm**

**2016 ELDER – RESPONSIBILITY**

<u>Elder</u>	<u>Phone#</u>	<u>Household Names</u>
Mark Sellmann	235-0075	Akerson – Bokelman
Michael Sandau	894-0637	Bolland – Davis
Stan Skaro	599-4506	Derksen – Grewe
Ron Jaspersen	354-5083	Grothe – Jacobson
Leon Schultz	248-7466	Jagow – Kruse
Doug Jorschumb	235-5451	Kubasch – Meyer
Neil Buboltz	796-2352	Mikkelsen – Phillips
Wayne Dahlke	262-9847	Pitt – Schoumaker
Jeff Kimpling	235-5373	Schroeder – Streich
Dave Runke	235-9068	Stueckrath – Zetah

# TWO-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Every Christians goal in life should be to read the entire Holy Bible. This plan will take you through the Old and New Testament in two years, and through the Psalms and Proverbs four times.

Dec 1	Catch-up Day	Psalms 149
Dec 2	Catch-up Day	Psalms 150
Dec 3	Isaiah 1:1 – 2:5	Proverbs 1:1 – 7
Dec 4	Isaiah 2:6 – 4:1	Proverbs 1:8 – 33
Dec 5	Isaiah 4:2 – 5:30	Proverbs 2:1 – 22
Dec 6	Isaiah 6	Proverbs 3:1 – 35
Dec 7	Isaiah 7-8	Proverbs 4:1 – 27
Dec 8	Isaiah 9-10	Proverbs 5:1 – 6:19
Dec 9	Isaiah 11-12	Proverbs 6:20 – 35
Dec 10	Isaiah 13:1 – 14:27	Proverbs 7:1 – 27
Dec 11	Isaiah 14:28 – 17:14	Proverbs 8:1 - 36
Dec 12	Isaiah 18 – 20	Proverbs 9:1 - 18
Dec 13	Isaiah 21 - 23	Proverbs 10
Dec 14	Isaiah 24 – 25	Proverbs 11
Dec 15	Isaiah 26 – 27	Proverbs 12
Dec 16	Isaiah 28 – 29	Proverbs 13
Dec 17	Isaiah 30 – 31	Proverbs 14
Dec 18	Isaiah 32 – 33	Proverbs 15:1 – 29
Dec 19	Isaiah 34 – 35	Proverbs 15:30 – 33
Dec 20	Isaiah 36 – 37	Proverbs 16
Dec 21	Isaiah 38 – 39	Proverbs 17
Dec 22	Isaiah 40:1 – 11	Proverbs 18
Dec 23	Isaiah 40:12 – 41:29	Proverbs 19
Dec 24	Isaiah 42 – 43	Proverbs 20
Dec 25	Isaiah 44:1 – 23	Proverbs 21
Dec 26	Isaiah 44:24 – 45:25	Proverbs 22:1 – 16
Dec 27	Isaiah 46 – 47	Proverbs 22:17 – 29
Dec 28	Isaiah 48	Proverbs 23
Dec 29	Isaiah 49 – 50	Proverbs 24:1 – 22
Dec 30	Isaiah 51:1 – 52:12	Proverbs 24:23 – 34
Dec 31	Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12	Proverbs 25

# SERVING GROUPS

We have monthly serving groups and a list is posted on the church office window. Please check your phone number for accuracy or if you're not on the list and would like to be, contact the church office. Please help out when your co-chair calls.

## DECEMBER

Beth Corti – 320-235-1907  
Gloria Schroeder – 320-382-6400

Elloyd & Janice Bartel  
Neil & Marlene Buboltz  
Lee & Beth Corti  
Cassie Drenkow  
John & Marlys Eggen  
Myrtle Elsing  
Ron & Dee Erpelding  
ElRoy & Lavonne Gast  
Joel & Sharon Jergenson  
Doug & Renee Jorschumb  
Mike & Lori Martinek  
Gene & Rose Meyer  
Mike & Mary Mikkelsen  
Craig & Heather Petersen  
Bob & Lila Rekedal  
Jerry & Betty Schleh  
Gary & Gloria Schroeder  
John & Lori Schroeder  
Kim & Deb Setrum  
Stan & Sharon Skaro

## JANUARY

Janice Bartel – 320-354-2407  
Sharon Skaro – 320-599-4506

Matt & Jennifer Akerson  
Elloyd & Janice Bartel  
Rev. Jack & Carol Baumgarn  
Jacob Berghuis  
Sarah Berghuis  
Susan Christensen  
David & Julie Danzeisen  
Jerry Gesch  
Pete & Paulette Hagen  
Nathaniel Hanson  
Gary & Mary Hillenbrand  
Carol Jackson  
Jared & Kjaresty Johnson  
Dylan & Angela Kalkbrenner  
Roger & Lois Koosmann  
Angela Leindecker  
David & Anita Maras  
Jerret & Darci Mohr  
Bill & Bridget Neumann  
Jeff & Cheryl Pitt  
Stan & Sharon Skaro  
Rolf & Joyce Standfuss  
Tyler & Shannon Templer  
Robert Theilen

# Minnesota North District – LCMS Prayer Calendar December 2016

“Partners in Mission and in Prayer with...”

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Rev. David Mommens – St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Melrose	2 Rev. Kevin Zellers, Jr. - St. Peter Lutheran Church, Swanville	3
4	5 Rev. Nathan Higgins – Emmanuel Lutheran Church (Independent), Long Prairie	6 Rev. Paul Warnier - Zion Lutheran Church, Browns Valley	7 Rev. Carl Berner – St. Paul Lutheran Church, Campbell	8 Rev. Donald Wagner - Christ Lutheran Church, Elbow Lake	9 Rev. Carl Berner – Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Herman	10
11	12 Rev. Michael Breach – Immanuel Lutheran Church, (Monson Twp.) Wheaton	13 Rev. Michael Breach – St. John Lutheran Church, Wheaton	14 Rev. Donald Wagner - Zion Lutheran Church, Hoffman	15 Rev. John Ramsbacher - Trinity Lutheran Church, Appleton	16 Rev. Dennis McManus – St. Mark Lutheran Church, Benson	17
18	19 Rev. Thaine Kister - Grace Lutheran Church, Correll	20 Rev. Donald Klatt - Trinity Lutheran Church, (Fairfield Twp.) Holloway	21 Rev. Donald Klatt - Immanuel Lutheran Church, Holloway	22 Rev. Dr. Carlton Andersen - Zion Lutheran Church, Morris	23 Rev. Thaine Kister - Trinity Lutheran Church, Odessa	24 
25 	26 Rev. Dennis O’Neill – Trinity Lutheran Church, Ortonville	27 Rev. Donald Klatt - Immanuel Lutheran Church, (Shible Twp.) Appleton	28 Rev. Thaine Kister – Trinity Lutheran Church, (Walter Twp.) Bellingham	29 Rev. Jeffrey Ross – Nicolai Lutheran Church, Canby	30 Rev. John Schultz – St. Paul Lutheran Church, Granite Falls	31

### “THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS”

For **DECEMBER** we will be collecting previously viewed DVD’s (comedy and action), paperback novels, games-board games, car games, electronic hand-held games, crossword and word find books, and journals. Please place donated items in box located in the narthex.

**PRESCHOOL – 8TH GRADE FAMILIES!!!** Join us December 18th, for a Birthday Party for Jesus as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. There will be a drama presentation of the Christmas story, fun activities and of course birthday cupcakes to celebrate the day.

**YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY** Saturday, December 17th, from 6:00-11:00 pm. Sock Exchange Party!

1. Pick a pair of new socks. You will be using these to "wrap" your gift items. Go for funny, cute, cozy... be creative, remember?
2. Stuff your socks! With treats or gifts for the exchange price limit of \$5-7 for items to fill the socks. What can you use to put inside? Handmade items, nail polish, candy and chocolate, gift cards, soaps, lotions, something incredibly cheesy... The list is endless!
3. Place your items inside the socks, and tie off with a bow or ribbon. See? That simple! Bring with you to the party and we will exchange gifts and everyone gets to have a new pair of socks to keep their toes warm.

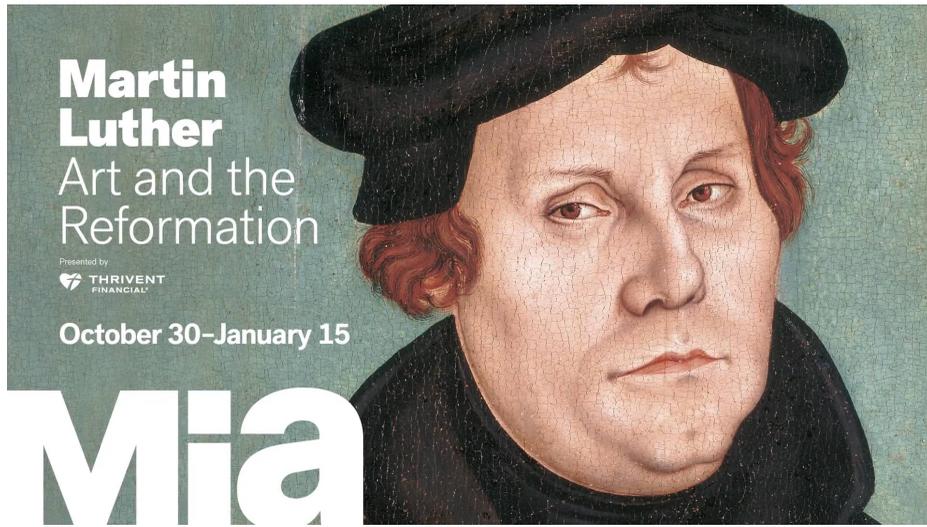
**7TH – 12TH GRADE YOUTH** will be serving the ADVENTure meal Wednesday, December 14. Each family is asked to bring a pan of bars or 1 dozen cookies. Youth are asked to arrive at 5:00 pm for meal prep and set-up and then asked to stay until 7:30 pm to clean up.

**FAMILIES ARE WELCOME** to join us for Adventure school December 7th & 14th in the gym. We will start with an evening devotion followed by painting nativity pieces for 3rd-6th grade and crafts and storytime for preschool-2nd grade families. Parents are encouraged to attend this event with their children.

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### **NEW MEMBER CLASS (1/11 – 2/1/17)**

Pastor Matt will be starting a class on Wednesday, January 11th, for anyone wishing to learn more about Jesus and the Lutheran Church. The class will be four weeks long and start each Wednesday night at 7 PM. Pastor Matt asks that anyone interested in this class would sign up on the board outside the church office.



**Museum Exhibit**

**Bus Trip**

**Sunday, January 15th**

**Cost \$25 for Adults**

**Youth K-12 Free**

**Bus Loads at 12:00 pm**

**We will Stop for Dinner before Heading Home**

**Please sign up on the church office window.**



**Order Your Poinsettias**

Remember your loved one this Christmas season by decorating our church with poinsettias. Please return this form with your check/cash to the church office no later than Sunday, December 18th.

Check one:

*in memory of:*

*in honor of:*

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We will pick them up

or

I/We will leave them at the church



Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Offering # \_\_\_\_\_