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IN TOUCH WITH REDEEMER

A newsletter by and for the family of Redeemer Lutheran Church

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New Year's Day Worship:

January 1 – 10:00 am w/Lord's Supper

VOTER'S MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

POTLUCK AT 11:30

MEETING FOLLOWING

90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Norman Christensen

Saturday, January 14th

12 – 3 pm

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall

Your presence is your gift!



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.

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
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 Templar
Robert Theilen

FEBRUARY

Rose Meyer – 320-235-2556
Marlys Eggen – 320-235-7088

Troy & Lisa Anderson
Ted & Lois Bartel
John & Sharon Cola
Carolyn Davis
John & Marlys Eggen
Jeremy & Nichole Gleason
Sarah Hagen
Keven & Diane Hillenbrand
Jamie Jackson
Randy & Lynn Johnson
Roger & Nancy Klaassen
Ben Kopacek
Brad & Claudia Lenz
Brad Marcus
Gene & Rose Meyer
Randy & Melissa Mord
Nathan & Margaret Nielsen
Tim & Stacy Pollock
Charlotte Roduner
Jennifer Schoumaker
Dave & Lynn Sherod
Jeff & LeAnn Stauffenecker
Tony & Kerry Texley
Roland Wedel

Sunday/Wed	Attendance	Adults	Sr. High	Children	Communion	Private
Dec 4	302	38	9	64	242	
Dec 11	297	26	10	68		
Dec 18	178	22	5	21	141	
Dec 24	206/220	-	-	-		
Dec 25	104	-	-	-	83	
TOTALS	1307	89	24	153	466	27
Advent	170/137/157					
Deaths: June Bengtson						

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.



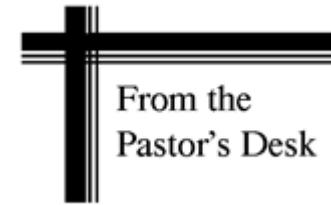
“THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS”

For **JANUARY** we will be collecting “Snacks” for our troops.

Beef Jerky – Nuts – Raisins – Granola Bars – Microwave Popcorn – Tuna Hard Candy – Licorice – Canned Ravioli/Beef Stew – Powdered Drink Mix

Please place donated items in box located in the narthex.

Practice the pause.
 When in doubt, pause.
 When angry, pause.
 When tired, pause.
 When stressed, pause.
 And whenever you pause, pray!



If I asked you what your priorities were in life based on what you accomplished what would I come away thinking was important to you?

The beginning of each new year can mean setting new goals for the year; but we do very little in terms of thinking about what is extremely important to us and what steps to take to accomplish those goals. (The exercise corporation in America loves this about the human condition; we sign up for an entire year of gym memberships only to quit the gym after the first month.) What would it mean for you to sit down and figure out your priorities in life before you set new goals? If you really think about what you want your life to mean after you are gone, then what you do, even by the end of the day, this will have a greater meaning. Even how we accomplish things might be different when we align ourselves to the greater design God has in mind for each one of us.

When I entered the seminary, I had some lofty ideas about what I wanted to accomplish after I became a pastor. Those ideas took on a slightly different perspective when I met Kim and put a ring on my finger and made her a promise. I still STRUGGLE with the thought of how to stand before the Almighty God one day and have an answer for how I used the passion God gave me even from an early age. I still STRUGGLE with the concept of meeting the needs of my family at home while putting God first in my life no matter what. I still STRUGGLE with the thought of raising my son to be a spiritual warrior. I want him to encourage the next generation of young men who will try to live out their faith when I am dust and ashes. How do I align my priorities in life to match and to live out my full potential amidst my STRUGGLES?

How do I encourage you to take on the priority of putting God first and seeing how God rearranges everything else in your lives? Take some time soon to list your priorities you have in your life (God, family, kids, mentoring, hobbies) and evaluate what impact they will have when you are not here. I would ask you then to share this list with others (not a co-worker or spouse) to hold you accountable and give you encouragement to see God’s legacy lived out in your life. Proverbs 17:24 says, “An intelligent person aims at wise action, but a fool starts off in many directions.” (GNT)

If you sat down to figure out what was really important to you, would it change your life or change the world?

Pastor Matt Canion

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, 2 Timothy 1:6-8

Have you been stuck in a rut the last few months of 2016? Are you ready to put the year behind you and move into the future? This month we are talking challenges. What's your challenge for 2017? (if you call it challenge rather than resolution you may keep it right)

Eating less sugar

Exercising 3 days a week instead of 2

Spending 30 minutes in God's Word 3 mornings a week

Reducing your monthly budget and saving more

Whatever it is it always seems that by mid January most people have found the challenge to overwhelming and rather than keep going have abandoned all efforts.

It always amazes me to read about all the different life challenges that God's people faced throughout the Bible. Paul and Barnabas in Acts 13 in the city of Antioch go from people receiving the message of Christ well to being thrown out of town. Instead of admitting defeat picked themselves up dusted off the dirt, memories and kept going. When people opposed the message in the next city they just decided they would stay a little longer.

We get frustrated and discourage right away when we face a road block. Our real challenge is to just get back up, brush the dust off and keep going towards whatever goal you have declared for yourself.

For as the verse from 2 Timothy 1 states above "God did not give us a spirit of fear but of power, love and self control (7)." So you missed a day or three or thirty don't be discouraged or defeated pick yourself up and keep going in whatever it is you are doing to challenge yourself. Despite the cold despite, the season keep going. Find encouragement in the smallest of places, continue to challenge yourself because we all need one.

The challenge "produces perseverance, perseverance produces character and character produces hope." Romans 5:4

The challenge to just keep going in the midst of crazy busy life is difficult but continue on and you will see how the God of the impossible can make great challenges possible. So What are your challenges for 2017 and are you up to the challenge?

Blessings on the new year! Cassie Drenkow, Director of Christian Education

†† JANUARY 2017 ††					
	ELDERS	GREETERS	ACOLYTE	SOUND	LIBRARY
Jan 1 10:00 AM Communion	Mark Sellmann Ron Jaspersen	Don & Birdie Urban Doug & Renee Jorschumb	Hannah Lingbeek	Mike Mikkelsen	LaVonne Van Zee
Jan 8 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Jeff Kimpling Wayne Dahlke	Bill & Deb Paterson Anita Petersen, Myron Behm Bonnie Rhoda Gary & Mary Hillenbrand	David Reyes Evan Friton	Wayne Dahlke Art Bolland	Michelle Marcus
Jan 15 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Dave Runke Doug Jorschumb Neil Buboltz Leon Schultz	Gene & Rose Meyer Mike Botzek, Deb Arnold Leon & Carole Schultz Marlin & Cheryl Niss	Jennassa Hanson Crisstill Duaso	Brad Marcus Wayne Dahlke	Sarah Fosso
Jan 22 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Dave Runke Ron Jaspersen	Brad & Suzanne Skindelien Jeff & Cheryl Pitt Loren & Judy Schultz Trudy Hemingway, Nancy Klaassen	Michael Mohr Zoey Jorschumb	Mark Boeschen Sarah Jeppesen	Lorraine King
Jan 29 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Jeff Kimpling Wayne Dahlke	Rolf & Joyce Standfuss Gayne & Marvella Stone Todd Swartz, LaVonne Van Zee Alice Beckmann, Carol Dahlke	Cora Gleason Mikayla Schoumaker	Mike Mikkelsen Kolby Lindquist	Bonnie Rhoda
USHERS	8:00 AM	*Brad & Claudia Lenz, Dave & Carol Runke		(* Head Usher)	
	10:30 AM	*Doug & Renee Jorschumb, Curt Swart			

WOMEN OF REDEEMER are invited to join us Wednesday, January 11th at 9:00 am as we start a nine week study on the book of James and living the Christian life.

ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING! We want to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your church offerings. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Do you want your giving done automatically for you each week? Or maybe just once a month instead? No problem! Those options (and more) are all available through this program. Getting started is easy! Just look for the yellow-colored authorization forms in the narthex or from the church office. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Any questions, please contact Chris in the church office.

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.

Jan 1	Isaiah 54 – 55	Proverbs 26
Jan 2	Isaiah 56 – 57	Proverbs 27
Jan 3	Isaiah 58 – 59	Proverbs 28
Jan 4	Isaiah 60 – 61	Proverbs 29
Jan 5	Isaiah 62:1 – 63:6	Proverbs 30
Jan 6	Isaiah 63:7 – 64:12	Proverbs 31:1-9
Jan 7	Isaiah 65:1 – 16	Proverbs 31:10–31
Jan 8	Isaiah 65:17 – 66:24	Psalms 1
Jan 9	Catch-up Day	Psalms 2
Jan 10	Catch-up Day	Psalms 3
Jan 11	Jeremiah 1	Psalms 4
Jan 12	Jeremiah 2:1 – 3:5	Psalms 5
Jan 13	Jeremiah 3:6 – 4:4	Psalms 6
Jan 14	Jeremiah 4:5 – 5:31	Psalms 7
Jan 15	Jeremiah 6	Psalms 8
Jan 16	Jeremiah 7:1 – 8:17	Psalms 9
Jan 17	Jeremiah 8:18 – 10:25	Psalms 10
Jan 18	Jeremiah 11 – 12	Psalms 11
Jan 19	Jeremiah 13	Psalms 12
Jan 20	Jeremiah 14 – 15	Psalms 13
Jan 21	Jeremiah 16 – 17	Psalms 14
Jan 22	Jeremiah 18 – 19	Psalms 15
Jan 23	Jeremiah 20	Psalms 16
Jan 24	Jeremiah 21 – 22	Psalms 17
Jan 25	Jeremiah 23 – 24	Psalms 18
Jan 26	Jeremiah 25	Psalms 19
Jan 27	Jeremiah 26	Psalms 20
Jan 28	Jeremiah 27 – 28	Psalms 21
Jan 29	Jeremiah 29	Psalms 22
Jan 30	Jeremiah 30 – 31	Psalms 23
Jan 31	Jeremiah 32 – 33	Psalms 24



**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.

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.

PASTORAL PACING Pastor Matt is considering the possibility of starting a small group Bible study (or studies) at the YMCA. This group would combine the aspects of a study and a light workout; open to both men and women. Pastor Matt is asking that if this is something you have an interest in, please talk to him before or after one of the services.

WHERE DID REDEEMER'S OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES GO?

They went to.....

Zambia: Shoebox gifts were delivered to **305,520 children** in Zambia. Praise God that over 2,284,265 children have received a shoebox since 1999, when Operation Christmas Child began distributing gifts here.

- Zambia has 15.5 million people and is located in Southern Africa
- 46% of the population is 14 years old or younger

And Also To.....

Zimbabwe: Shoebox gifts were delivered to **48,240 children** in Zimbabwe. Praise God that over 1,571,184 children have received a shoebox since 1999, when Operation Christmas Child began distributing gifts here.

- Zimbabwe has 14.5 million people and is located in southern Africa
- 38% of the population is 14 years old or younger

AFTER CHRISTMAS SALES is a great time to start picking up items to pack in your Operation Christmas Child boxes for next year!



THANK YOU to Lee Corti, Isaac King, and Boyscout Troop 565 for constructing, painting, and setting up our new stable and nativity set. Great job!



A WARM AND HEARTFELT THANK YOU to everyone who was able to help with the gift tree this year either by purchasing or praying for the families in Kandiyohi County. We were once again overwhelmed by your support of this community. I received this text the day after Christmas from a mom, *"Merry late Christmas thank you so much for the gifts my kids loved them, they were so happy"*. Watch for other sweet thank yous on the office door. Blessings to you all! United Community Action Partnership (formally Heartland) LeAnn, Shelly, Shawna and Cori.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 5th & 6th Grade Kingdom Quest classes who raised \$209 for Feed My Starving Children. All together Redeemer Kingdom Quest kids raised \$433.83 for FMSC.

7TH & 8TH GRADE YOUTH Register for the Junior High Youth Retreat found March 10-12 in Bloomington, MN. Registration deadline is February 5th.

YOUTH PARENT OPEN HOUSE will be January 8th 9:00-10:15 am in the Youth Room, come enjoy coffee and donuts and pick-up information about spring youth events and summer mission trip.

YOUTH MOVIE MARATHON - January 8th, noon-5:30 pm in the youth room. Pizza will be provided.

7-12TH GRADE YOUTH HALF LOCK-IN "The Great Escape" Friday, January 20th, at from 6:00 pm to midnight. Bring a snack to share. Lock-in forms are outside the youth room, please make sure those are turned into DCE Cassie by January 18th. Parents, if you are willing to help that evening, please contact DCE Cassie.

SHEPHERD APPRECIATION EPIPHANY OPEN HOUSE is January 8th from 6:30-8:30 pm. Kingdom Quest Shepherds and leaders join us for an evening of treats and refreshments on the Board of Education at Cassie's (1204 9th Street SW).

ATTENTION YOUTH!! Check out the Youth Bulletin Board for sign-ups for upcoming events. Make sure to sign-up before you miss any deadlines.

SAVE THE DATE! Summer Mission Trip - 9th-12th Grade Youth - July 23-28, 2017

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING ENVELOPES: If you have not received your offering envelopes yet, they will again be handed out on Sunday, January 8 when Sunday School resumes.

DO YOU LIKE HANGING OUT with kids and talking about Jesus? Our Kingdom Quest Sunday School is looking for a couple of Shepherds to help in the 5th grade classroom this Winter and Spring. If you are interested in being a shepherd to these kids, contact DCE Cassie or Superintendent Deb Bremseth.