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IN TOUCH WITH REDEEMER

A newsletter by and for the family of Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Okay, so some of you know I am a fan of the Star Wars series. I was born about the same time when the first movie came out, and I have not missed a Star Wars movie in the theaters except for that first one; seven straight to this point. I am intrigued by the story of one man's journey from a place where he only thought of his own ambitions to the point where he is willing to give up his life for that of the people he loved. On top of all that I am in awe of the galaxies that God has made, and I have always been in wonder of what it would be like to explore the stars. The story of the first three movies was mesmerizing because it felt like you were somehow on that same journey with them; as a young person I wanted to join the good side because they stood up for what was right, and they were opposed to tyranny.

Like many Star Wars fans, I was happy that another three movies were being made, episodes seven through nine. I was eager to find out how filmmakers would carry on the life of Luke, Leia, Han, and Chewy. Before the first movie in the latest trilogy came out I remember going to the premiere of the toy unveiling of the movie that came out in 2015; I remember because the store opened at midnight and I was one of the first to go into the store. My family and I would see episode seven together, and I almost walked out of the theater because the plot was soooo terrible.

In just one month the last movie in the latest movies is set to be released in theaters. The Rise of Skywalker is the finale of the nine movies in the Star Wars series. Normally I am very excited when I see a new Star Wars anything that is set to be released but that is not the case this year. I am conflicted, I am toying with the idea that I might not see the movie until it comes out on video. This should not be happening; the level of interest I have in the topic should propel me to want to be in the front of the line.

As you know; I could go on for pages and pages but talking about our favorite movies is not the emphasis.

From the time I was born I also grew up around something else. I was born into a church family (when your father is a pastor you kinda have to go to church). As I left the house, I had new freedoms and I explored other churches and denominations. I found one in college that had a lot of great qualities and it brought me back week after week.

LUTHERAN ISLAND CAMP HAPPENINGS

Meal Prep Extravaganza (NEW!)

November 2

Come to camp for the day and leave with family supper for a week! Health Coach Amanda Kaldor will teach you how to plan out a week of healthy meals, then prepare them all ahead of time so you can just pull them out of the fridge or freezer to throw in the oven when you need them! All participants will leave with five meals (enough for four to five people) to take home and eat later. Event starts at 10 am and includes lunch. We will provide all necessary ingredients and equipment! Cost is \$100. Bring a helper (no take home meals) for \$15 extra!

Quilter and Crafter Retreat

November 5-10

Stay for a whole week or just come for a weekend! These retreats are dedicated to giving you the time and space to work on your quilting or crafting project while also enjoying great fellowship and devotional time on the Island! Arrival dates are flexible for all events. Cost based on arrival day. Call or check our website for details.

Island Christmas Dinners

December 13-15, & 20

Enjoy an evening or afternoon meal at the Island to get in the Christmas spirit! After each meal stay for musical entertainment or a series of brief holiday themed dramas. The 13, 15, and 20 will be held from 5pm to 7pm, and the 14 will be 12pm to 2pm. Cost \$25/person.

SO. . . . Have You Ever Wondered Where All Those Shoes Go That You Keep Collecting and Bringing To Church???

Well, here's your answer: The Lutheran Island Camp's Shoes for the Mission project is a wonderful project that benefits many people. First, Lutheran Island Camp and Christ Serve Ranch receive 40 cents for every pound of clean, good quality used shoes that they receive. The shoes should be in pairs. Once at camp, they are processed by volunteers who make sure they are pairs and that 25 pairs are placed in clear plastic bags. Eventually the shoes are collected from camp and make their way to Florida where people with disabilities process the shoes by cleaning them, minor repairs and preparing them for shipping. The shoes are then shipped to third world countries where they are "sold" to street vendors, small shop owners and other entrepreneurs who have been helping in setting up their own shoe stores. The shoes are sold to people for very reasonable prices. Your good quality used and new shoes help Lutheran Island Camp, people with disabilities, and people in third world countries are helped to start up their own business. So, Keep Saving Your Boots and Shoes! **AND THAT'S THE REST OF THE STORY!**

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.

NOVEMBER

Renee Jorschumb – 320-235-5451
Mary Mikkelsen – 320-995-6273

Geoff & Anna Barber
Mike & Pat Botzek
Brian & Tessa Erdelt
Edith Gerdes
John Gulden
Norman Imme
Ann Johnson
Doug & Renee Jorschumb
Lorraine King
Nancy Koepp
Donna Luck
Steve & Paula Lueders
Mike & Mary Mikkelsen
Linda Mogard
Randy Mogard
Kris Nelson-Jensen
Arnold & Lovina Obiedo
Ruth Rieger
Brenda Schanbachler
Mark & Brooke Sellmann
Beau & Yvonne Standfuss
Todd & Michelle Thorstad
Eric & Sherilyn Wanner

DECEMBER

Beth Corti – 320-231-1907

Bob & Doris Ast
Elloyd & Janice Bartel
Deb Bremseth
Neil & Marlene Buboltz
Rev. Matt & Kim Canion
Lee & Beth Corti
Cassie Drenkow
Ron & Dee Erpelding
Ryan & Sarah Fosso
Ronda Hunt
Joel & Sharon Jergenson
Doug & Renee Jorschumb
Jeff & Darla Kimpling
Dave & Anita Maras
Mike & Mary Mikkelsen
Bob & Lila Rekedal
Jerry & Betty Schleh
Lori Schroeder
Kim & Deb Setrum
Stan & Sharon Skaro

NOTE: Please remember to contact your co-chair and ask them how you can be of assistance or just to let them know you are available!

Church attendance is not the same as it was when Luke Skywalker and Han Solo were first on the silver screen; back then people were at church once or twice a week. According to a broadcast of our Lutheran radio station out of St. Louis, someone is classified as a regular church attender if they are in church once every six weeks. This means the average church attender is present around eight to ten times a year. What does this mean for our congregations? Churches used to be at the center of family life, and the life of the community. Now our society has convinced us that if we are not on a fast track to greatness and sharing that on Facebook; something must be wrong with us.

This month, I am hoping to dive a little deeper on Sunday morning about the church and the body of Christ. As we fill our lives with more and more things; do we feel as though something must go? Is church the easiest thing to eliminate from our schedules? We might not catch ourselves doing it at first; but more and more we see that, as a society, our priorities in life have shifted away from attending church. We tend to think individualistically about church attendance; not seeing that gathering together has, for centuries, been about strengthening the community of believers and the community around the church.

When we go back to the beginning of the early church, we see a collection of people coming together to provide something for other that individually they could not provide for themselves. Do we miss out on a greater meaning of life if we look at church as a progression of songs and calisthenics (exercise)? Humans used to live in community for the support and protection of everyone; now, with the advent of social media, we are the most disconnected that we have ever been. We connect to others via the internet, yet as a society Americans have never been so depressed. What if we looked at every Sunday as an opportunity; a day to invest in the lives of someone we knew?

And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. Acts 2:46-47

Pastor Matt



COMMUNITY CANVASING NOVEMBER 24TH

Come have lunch after late service and help invite our neighborhood to our Thanksgiving meal!

Encouraging the Faithful

*Let us not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.
Hebrews 10:25*

One of my favorite traditions for Thanksgiving growing up was watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade on Thanksgiving Day. My mom and I didn't really watch so much of the parade but the hour before the parade floats and giant balloons start NBC runs live coverage from Herald Square with various Broadway productions and marching bands playing. It was a little bit of Broadway that we could soak up right from our small Nebraska town.

This month we can all have the chance to soak up a little bit of Broadway as youth from Redeemer are involved in various High school productions this November. MACCRAY, KMS and Willmar all have their fall High School musicals going on during this month.

Last month I wrote about the importance adults play in the lives of our youth and shared information for author Chap Clark on how each youth should have a network of 5 adults that they can connect with outside of their family. I want to encourage you to take the time to attend one or more of these productions that our youth are involved in and take time to say hello to them after the show.

Willmar High School production of
"Newsies"
November 7-10

MACCRAY High School production of
"Disney's High School Musical"
November 15-17

KMS High School production of
"The Addams Family"
November 21-24

Giving Thanks for you all,

Cassie Drenkow, Director of Christian Education



†† NOVEMBER 2019 ††

	ELDERS	GREETERS	ACOLYTES	SOUND	LIBRARY
Nov 3 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Jeff Pitt Dave Runke Wayne Dahlke Doug Jorschumb	Deb Arnold, Mike Botzek Jack Kuppich Doug & Renee Jorschumb	Matthew Mohr Bradyn Bush-Gregory	Mark Boeschen Art Bolland	Michelle Marcus
Nov 10 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Jeff Kimpling Dave Danzeisen	Myron Behm Brad & Suzanne Skindelen Gary & Mary Hillenbrand	Monica Rhoda Chloe Jensen	Brad Marcus Darrell Hoekstra	Sarah Fosso
Nov 17 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Stan Skaro Doug Jorschumb Brandon Kopacek Paul Meyer	Luther & Peggy Dykema Jerry & Betty Schleh	Adam Sandau Matthew Lingbeek	Mark Boeschen Wayne Dahlke	Lorraine King
Nov 24 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Dave Runke Neil Buboltz	Don & Birdie Urban Leon & Carole Schultz	Christina Spieker Emily Johnson	David Reyes Sarah Jeppesen	Bonnie Rhoda
Nov 27 7:00 PM Nov 28 10:00 AM	Matt Akerson Jeff Pitt		Colton Dahline William Jorschumb	Sergio Fernandez Brad Marcus	

USHERS 8:00 AM *Luther Dykema, Bob & Lila Rekedal, Stan Skaro
10:30 AM *Troy & Lisa Anderson, Doug & Renee Jorschumb

***Head Usher**

TRAVELING SOUTH FOR THE WINTER? Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with other obligations? Redeemer offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. If you have plans to travel south this winter, electronic giving gives you a convenient way to keep up with your intended offerings. Simply complete and return an electronic giving authorization form to get started. Look for the yellow forms in the narthex or church office.

DURING THIS THANKSGIVING SEASON, it is easy for us to give thanks for our families, our homes, our clothing, and our food. These blessings are very visible to us. However, there are other blessings for which we should be thankful, but we may need to be reminded to give thanks because we sort of take them for granted. For example, when is the last time that you thanked God for the air that you breathe, the smell and taste of fresh coffee in the morning, the beauty of flowers or the beauty of a sunset, the excitement from a college or pro football game, the joy of holding a baby? The list could go on forever. This Thanksgiving, don't forget to thank God for His awesome love for us and also thank Him for empowering us to love others.

Sunday	Attend	Comm	Adults	Sr. High	S. S.	Online	Private
Oct 6	300	238	29	10	43	75	
Oct 13	236		26	7	44	51	
Oct 20	215	182	75	1	18	52	
Oct 27	223		37	6	33	11	
TOTALS	974	420	167	24	138	189	23

In by transfer: Cortney, Erin, Carson, Colton Howard
Out by transfer: Taylor Henkelman
Out by release: Joe, Kim, Seven, Sonja Carson; Diane, Jon, Desarae Clark; Colleen Clark, Joe, Paco, & Sandra; Courtney Litzau; Ashley Loucks; Leticia & Luciana Meyer; Lori Olivier; David Olson; Jerry & Kelly Olson; Gregory Reuss; Luverne Ruter; Heather & Makaila Steinborn
Out by death: Jessica Napper

THE BLESSING BOXES ARE UP!!! The box east of the garage is for books. Feel free to leave books in the box for others to take. The second box is just west of the main entrance and this one is for nonperishable food. All are welcome to place food items in the second box.

SCRIP GIFT CARD ORDER FORMS can be found in the wooden rack in the narthex or the church office. The next order will be due by Monday, November 11th.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!! For **NOVEMBER** we will be collecting "Hygiene Products": Eye Drops, Lip Balm, Saline Nasal Spray, Disposable Razors, Foot Powder, Multi-Vitamins, Vitamin C, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, & Sunglasses. Please place donated items in box located in the narthex.

THANKSGIVING TRIVIA

The first Thanksgiving was held in the autumn of 1621 and included 50 Pilgrims and 90 Wampanoag Indians and lasted three days. Many historians believe that only five women were present at that first Thanksgiving, as many women settlers didn't survive that difficult first year in the U.S.

No turkey on the menu at the first Thanksgiving: Historians say that no turkey was served at the first Thanksgiving! What was on the menu? Deer or venison, ducks, geese, oysters, lobster, eel and fish. They probably ate pumpkins, but no pumpkin pies. They also didn't eat mashed potatoes or cranberry relish, but they probably ate cranberries. And no, Turduckens (a turkey stuffed with a duck stuffed with a chicken) were nowhere to be found during that first Thanksgiving.

No forks at the first Thanksgiving! The first Thanksgiving was eaten with spoons and knives — but no forks! That's right, forks weren't even introduced to the Pilgrims until 10 years later and weren't a popular utensil until the 18th century.

The Happiest Day of the Year!

Last weekend amid some looks that said "you must be crazy", Liz and I agreed that Fall Back Sunday is the Happiest Day of the Year!! One EXTRA hour of sleep that day- #Fabulous #Simple Pleasures #Look Forward to It every Year #Daylight Savings Time Rocks. The saddest day would then be- Spring Forward. Needless to say, we are Night Owls. We love Sunsets but avoid Sunrises.

Which do you prefer?

Sunrises



Sunsets

An endless debate and no clear winner. Both ends of God's day are appreciated and enjoyed by many but different sets of people. The two sides create balance in our world. If we all liked sunrises and early shifts no one would schedule afternoon appointments, eat lunch late or shop the evening away. As it is we late people are helping the am rush hour! Some of us are not able to be in the schedule we prefer. Hopefully you are still finding God's simple pleasures in your day no matter if it's your favorite time.

Meanwhile – all you morning people can Praise God and the Beautiful sunrise while I snooze And I will Rejoice in God's sunsets while you head to bed!!! Peace reigns.

Rachel Jeppesen, Preschool Director



*Art Night
Tuesday, Dec. 3*

5-7 pm

Redeemer Fellowship Hall

*Another opportunity to reach out
to our community.*

Invite your friends to come and create.

All ages are welcome.

*You can SERVE by helping us
in the kitchen that evening.*

Contact Rachel 320-235-4685

KRUSE FARM HONEY FOR SALE IN THE PRESCHOOL OFFICE!



Blessings on your Thanksgiving

As we approach Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the many blessings God has given to us. The question we should be asking is, "How do we begin to thank God for all that He has done and continues to do for us?" High on our lists of things for which to thank our Heavenly Father should be our new lives in Christ. In spite of our sinful ways, God demonstrated His awesome love for us by sending His only Son to the Cross on our behalf. We certainly will also thank Him for our families as well as our health and material blessings. How blessed we are that God provides for all we need to sustain our lives, and, through faith He provides, He gives us life forever with Him. Another wonderful blessing for which we should always give thanks is God's faithfulness to us. As the prophet Jeremiah wrote, "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23). God's faithfulness to us never wavers, even though we vacillate in our faithfulness to Him.



As you thank God this Thanksgiving season, you may want to consider putting God's love within you into action with a Thanksgiving gift for the ministry here at our church. Through our giving, we demonstrate our gratitude and faithfulness to Him Who is always faithful to us. How wonderful it is that God promises to bless those who are generous in His name!

Blessings on your Thanksgiving Day as you spend time with your family, enjoy some turkey, and possibly watch some football. Board of Stewardship



Hope For Our City Birthday Bag Service Project

This Sunday School year we will be collecting items all year long. Each month will have a specific item to place in the box. The drop off box will be located outside the Fellowship Hall.

November - Balloons

December – Plastic Tablecloths

January – Frosting

February – Cake Mix and a can of pop
(1 can of pop is needed per cake mix)

March – Candles

April – Decorations (Streamers, Banners and Hats)

May – Spaghetti Noodles and Spaghetti Sauce

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 3RD!



Pediatric First Aid and CPR Class

Tuesday, November 12th

6-10 pm at Redeemer

\$40.00 - Sign up with Rachel at
rjeppesen@redeemerwillmar.org



ORNAMENT

PAINTING

PARTY AT

REDEEMER

Wednesday,

December 11th

& 18th

Meet in the
Fellowship Hall

after supper.

7-8 pm

\$2/ornament

FALL FESTIVE PAINT NIGHT! Ladies bring a friend and join us for a night of painting and crafting Thursday, November 21 with Alli Freiborg, The DIY Junkie. Come and design your own Turkey or Christmas ornament door hanger. The cost is \$15 per person. All ages welcome. Sign up on Redeemer Facebook Page or outside church office.

9TH-12TH GRADE YOUTH On November 17th, from 11:45 am-4 pm, join us for Blacklight Adventures Escape Room & Laser Tag in St. Cloud. Youth are encouraged to bring a friend and are asked to bring money for lunch on the way.

BEARING FRUIT - FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be Sunday, December 8th, at 10:30 am. Practice will be Saturday, December 7th from 9-11:30 for 1st-8th grade. Please make sure to sign up via form given to your student at Sunday school or online at <http://www.redeemerwillmar.org/ministry/childrens/>.

FROM THE KAISER'S – LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS

Zayse Checking

In September and October, I worked with the Zayse translation team to check over some of their translations. Because she has a small child, the translation advisor wanted us to work at her home, if possible. In order to have a large enough space, they pitched a tent in their yard for us to work in. This was the first time that I have ever worked on a translation in a tent!



One humorous moment came from Romans 14:15 "For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love" (ESV). One of the ways we discussed saying it in Zayse had the implied meaning, "If your brother is sad because you ate the good food..." We looked a bit longer to find a more accurate way to say this! Another came from Romans 16:16, where a proposed rendering came out as, "Kiss each other with a clean stomach." This one also was not used.

We made good progress during our time together, and were able to complete Romans, Galatians, and Hebrews 1-4. The Zayse team is one of my priorities since they are hoping that we can finish all of their consultant checking by January.

Truly Fruitful

While I was working on Romans with the Zayse translation team, about thirty Zayse pastors and church leaders went through a special training session called "Truly Fruitful." This training is specifically designed for pastors and leaders to help them become fluent in reading their own language. They were using the Zayse translation of 1 Timothy for the training. The attendees were staying in the same guest house with the translators, so the translators got to hear their reaction each evening.

The pastors and leaders were shocked. "Is it really like this? Is it really like this?" they kept asking. The message really touched them, and they found new things they had never seen before in the Amharic version.

They made one of the presenters read it to them again and again. "Before the message was not clear. Now the message is very clear."

In the past, they read it superficially in Amharic. Now reading it in Zayse, the message really hit home. "Now we don't need a sermon to explain it to us. It is enough just to read it." It is very encouraging to the translation team to hear their comments.

Missionaries Dr. Jim & Susan Kaiser
(Susan is a former member of Redeemer)

Dear Redeemer Sunday School Parents:

Our ADVENT-ure school dates are set for December 4th, 11th and 18th. The schedule for ADVENT-ure School will be as follows

7:00 PM
Family Devotions in Gym
7:10 - 8:00 PM

3rd-6th Grade Classes ADVENT-URE School Projects in Gym and Fellowship Hall Area.
Preschool -1st Grade Activities in Preschool 3 Room

December 4th 7:10 pm Family ADVENT Boxes Each family will have the opportunity to create a Family Advent Box that they can use during the Advent Season as daily devotions.

December 11th & 18th

Preschool-1st GRADERS: Advent Activities There will be ADVENT Storytime with activity to follow. *****PARENTS or GRANDPARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO STAY AND HELP THEIR CHILDREN**

Starting in 3rd grade your child will have the opportunity to work on a nativity set. Rachel Jeppesen has offered to pour the pieces for the 4th-6th graders. Ken Nash has also graciously offered to make the stable kits each year for our 3rd graders. By the time your child is in 6th grade, they will have completed a stable and 15 ceramic nativity pieces. What a wonderful keepsake for your child.

3rd – 6th GRADERS—Each year your child will work on a part of their Nativity from Stable to pieces. The stables will not be available on the first night to work on. If you break one of your pieces, chip it, etc. a new piece can be purchased for \$1.00 each. *****PARENTS or GRANDPARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO STAY AND HELP THEIR CHILDREN**

3rd Grade	4th Grade	5 th Grade	6 th Grade
Stable	Mary	Angel	3 Wisemen
Cross Ornament	Joseph	Camel	2 Camels
	Baby Jesus	Shepherd	Wisemen Ornament
	Cow	2 Sheep	
	Donkey	Angel Ornament	
	Holy Family		
	Ornament		

Cost to participate in ADVENT-ure School 1st-6th grade activities is \$6.00 per student. Please check which set(s) you will be doing this year. If you have missed some in the past, you may make them up, additional makeup or replacement pieces cost a \$1 per piece.

Please sign up by November 17 so we can have the correct number of materials available. If you are new to Redeemer and would like to "catch up" on your pieces, you may sign up to do more than your "assigned" year of pieces. We will help you get caught up! We will not have a lot of extra sets on hand, so we do need to know by November 17 if you would like to do them. Please contact church office if you have any questions.

Sign up online at www.redeemerwillmar.org/ministries/children



Participant Registration Form

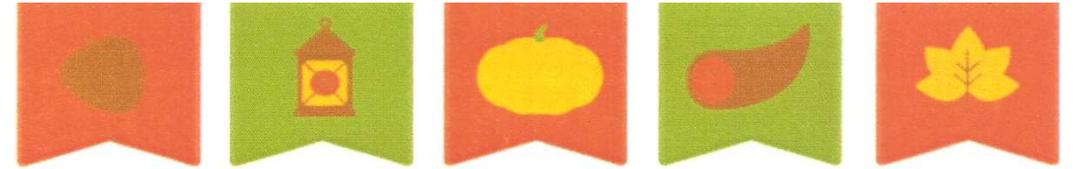
Parent or Guardian Name _____
 Email _____
 Contact Phone _____

Child One _____
 Child Two _____
 Child Three _____
 Child Four _____
 Child Five _____

_____ Pr K-1 st	_____ 4 th Grade	_____ 5 th Grade	_____ 6 th Grade
Advent Activities	Mary	Wiseman	2 Wisemen
_____ 3 rd Grade	Joseph	Camel	2 Camels
Stable	Baby Jesus	Shepherd	Cow
	Angel	2 Sheep	
	Donkey		

_____ Catch Up on Pieces Please list missing piece _____

Please return this form with \$6 payment no later than Sunday, November 17, 2019 to the Church Office. Make checks payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church memo ADVENT-ure School. Please list the number participants in each grade level participating.



FREE THANKSGIVING MEAL

November 28, 2019

Worship 10:00 am

Thanksgiving Meal 11:00-1:00pm



SUNDAY WORSHIP
 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
9:15 FAMILY EDUCATION HOUR
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WORSHIP SERVICES & EVENTS:

- November 27 – Thanksgiving Eve – 7 pm
- November 28 – Thanksgiving Day – 10 am
- Thanksgiving Community Dinner – 11–1 pm
- December 4, 11 & 18: Advent Worship – 6 pm
- Supper – 6:30 pm
- ADVENTure School – 7 pm
- December 8 – Children’s Christmas Service – 10:30 am
- December 19 – Preschool Christmas Service – 5:45 & 7 pm
- December 24 – Christmas Eve – 4 & 6 pm
- December 25 – Christmas Day – 10 am

6:00 PM ADVENT SUPPER SERVING SCHEDULE:

- December 4 – Altar Guild
- December 11 – Youth
- December 18 – Elders