

“A New Phase”

This is a new year with exciting new possibilities. The old year is gone. The mistakes we made; the obstacles we have overcome are now in the past. A new year has arrived.

Motivational speaker Danny Cox recounts a Broom Hilda cartoon in which her troll-like, naive, innocent little friend Irwin puts on a long-tailed formal tuxedo jacket, picks up a conductor’s baton and walks into the woods alone. Irwin steps up on a fallen tree trunk and begins to wave his arms as if to conduct. There are no musicians, only rocks, trees and flowers. Soon, musical notes pour from the rocks, trees and flowers and fill the panel. Finally, Irwin turns and confidently says to the reader, “It’s all in there; you just have to work at getting it out.”

As we look at this new year that has just arrived, we know it is filled with all kinds of possibilities: “They’re all in there; we just have to work at getting them out.” New year, new possibilities, and new beginnings.

As we enter a new year, I am reminded that even Jesus experienced a new beginning of sorts. Not just his incarnation, his death and resurrection, but

something as ordinary as a career change. He switched from carpentry to rabbi. It appears that He had been content to work in the carpenter shop, we assume. Perhaps helping provide for his mother and other family members? Whatever the case, now his brothers could look after his mother. Now it was time for Jesus to launch the ministry for which he was born.

Some of you know the excitement of beginning a new phase of your life. The children are now in school and so Mom begins looking for a full-time job outside the home. It’s scary, but it’s exciting, too. Or the children graduate and move into a new chapter of their life. We all have dreams, don’t we? Some of them are unrealistic, perhaps, but most people dream of something better in life. In a new year, we might call them resolutions.

Jesus’ dream was to do the will of his Father. He was resolved to finish what God started in the Garden of Eden. Let’s look for a few moments at Jesus’ life and ask what his example might mean for our lives as we follow our dreams.

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We see in Christ Jesus a wonderful **humility**. Though He is God, He doesn’t make people around Him feel less important, He is always building them up, always including them in His ministry.

Jesus also shows us a sense of **urgency**. Once Jesus started his ministry, he did not dawdle. The pages of the New Testament move swiftly from his baptism to his time of testing in the wilderness, and the beginning of his ministry. Action followed swiftly.

And finally, Jesus didn’t look back. In fact, in Luke 9:62 Jesus says it pointedly: **“No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”** Jesus knew there was no turning back. The threats of public humiliation, imprisonment and even death on the cross did not dissuade him. He had committed himself to God’s plan for his life. He would see it through. That was His resolution.

There are very few dreams that are achieved without sacrifice. There are many of you who have discovered that in your own lives. The sleepless hours, the unending stress, the self-doubts and near failures. How can we expect to achieve our worldly dreams without sacrifice and expect to give less in serving Christ? This is a new year (2025), a new beginning. Let’s begin this New Year with a sense of humility and urgency and a commitment to give our very best to whatever and however God has called us to serve Him. God bless your new year! ~~ **Pastor Senstad**

Redeemer Celebrates Life Sunday

Dear Members and Friends of Redeemer Lutheran Church:

On Thursday, January 16 and Sunday, January 19, during our worship services, we will acknowledge those who have been baptized at Redeemer in 2024. Each individual will receive a blue carnation, symbolizing the day in which they became a member of God’s kingdom and of Redeemer Lutheran Church. In 2024, 21 infants, children, and adults were baptized.

We will also take the time to acknowledge those who have entered eternal life with their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in 2024. Each family will receive a white carnation, symbolizing the day in which their loved one was made completely holy, having entered the heavenly gates of their Father. In 2024, 14 members and non—members entered eternal life.



It is wonderful to know that God knows us and watches over us. He sees us as reclaimed by the outstretched hands of His Son, who died on the cross for our sins and was raised from the dead so that we might have forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. We are, indeed, precious to Him! What wonderful news!

Baptisms

2024 baptisms (21 infants, children & Adults)

Case List, Jan. 21
 Jacob Fisher, Jan. 28
 Jase Fisher, Jan. 28
 Presley Fowler, Jan. 28
 Noah Searls, May 26
 Brayden Bennett, June 9
 Holly Williams, June 9
 Zayden Thomas, June 9
 Jaiden Thomas, June 9
 Willie Williams, June 9
 Steven Turnquist, June 22

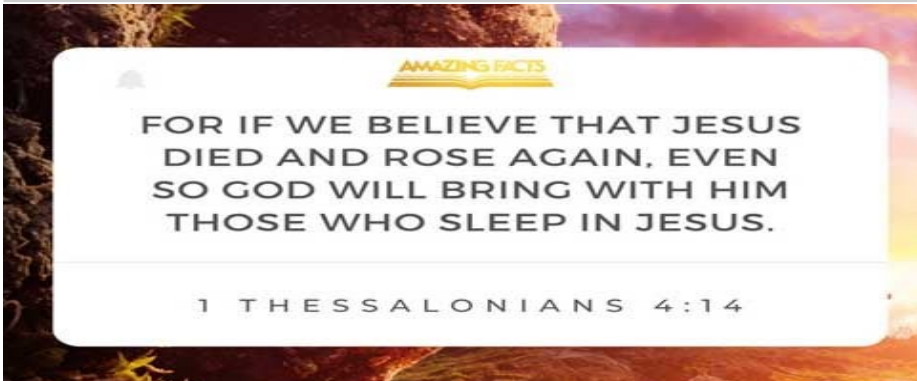
Ian Sudtelgte, June 29
 Sophia Peterson, June 30
 Mila Bauman, June 30
 Beau Beneke, July 20
 Blakely Dvorak, August 4
 Callum Guthrie, Sept. 15
 Cambree Sampers, Nov. 10
 Legend Smith, Nov. 24
 Laila Smith, Nov. 24
 April Sudtelgte, Nov. 30

DEATHS

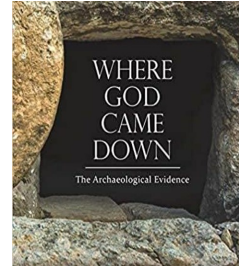
2024 deaths (14 funerals)

Connie Fleming, Jan. 2
 Darren Fisher, Jan. 28
 Wayne Shook, Feb. 5
 John Mahnke, Feb. 9
 Alice Senske, Feb. 15
 John Merchant, Feb. 28
 Robert Stephens, Mar. 1

Diane Boyd, Mar. 20
 Keith Bales, April 5
 Yvonne Beck, Sept. 10
 Paul Holmes, Sept. 28
 Mark Schuur, Nov. 1
 Richard Ragan, Nov. 26
 Marion Schmidt, Nov. 26



Join Us For Bible Study!



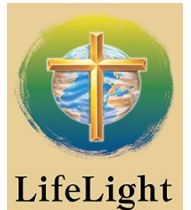
In a time when doubting the reliability of the Bible is commonplace, **'Where God Came Down: The Archaeological Evidence'** offers compelling evidence that the Bible is trustworthy. Layer by layer, the Bible and archaeology agree!

Emphasizing the profound correlations between archaeology and Scripture, during this study, we will examine different Biblical sites, revealing how divine interactions with simple people thousands of years ago shaped ordinary, unimportant places into holy sites, still revered today. This study will involve studying different Biblical passages and corresponding videos which show where these events took place! This course will strengthen your faith that the Bible is indeed true and inspired by God!

This course will begin on Wednesday, January 8th, at 5:30 PM and continue each week until February 26th. If you're interested in participating, call or text Curt Green at 712-560-5866.

LIFE LIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Just a reminder that we are having *Life Light* on Tuesday's at 7:00 pm, **starting January 21**, at *Whispering Creek Senior Living*. More information will be in the upcoming bulletin.



January 2025 Missionary
 The Rev. Jordon and Alison Andreasen serve the as career missionaries in Romania. They with the Confessional Lutheran Church in Romania to plant Lutheran congregations in Romania and in the surrounding Balkan-Mediterranean subregion.

January Bible Verse:
 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you," *Matt. 5:43-44 NIV*

Treasurer's Report Jan. 1– Nov. 30, 2024:

Actual Income:
 \$659,636
Budgeted Income:
 \$751,139
Difference:
 -\$91,504
Percentage: 88%
Actual Expenses:
 \$704,663

2024 Soup Supper/Fellowship/Christmas Caroling Event

On Monday evening, December 9, the board of elders along with the Thrivent committee here at Redeemer teamed up to host a soup supper and fellowship event, followed by an evening of caroling in an effort to reach out to and be more engaged with our members who live in care facilities, or who are mostly home-bound and not able to make it out to church as often as they would like. We began the evening with a delicious soup supper along with several fixings and desserts. Then about 35 carolers divided into 5 different groups and headed out to sing to approximately 30 of our members in their homes to spread the Christmas cheer! The weather was nice for December and we had wonderful conversations and a time in prayer with these special people. Our Thrivent committee also assembled some wonderful gift baskets that were delivered by their members as well as the elders to several of our home-bound members throughout the week. On behalf of the board of elders we would like to thank Redeemer's Thrivent team and Choice dollars for all of their hard work and for purchasing the ingredients for the meal. We also thank Jackie Kruger for doing so much to prepare our meal, as well as Steve and Ann Peterson for helping to prepare, serve, and clean up afterwards. Plan on joining us next year!

November 2024 Statistics

Date	Church Attendance	Communion Attendance	Bible Study	Children Church	Sudanese Attendance
11/3	347	297	26	46	13
11/10	333	N/A	26	38	N/A
11/17	320	274	33	30	13
11/24	327	N/A	29	33	N/A
TOTAL	1327	571	114	147	26
AVG.	332	286	29	37	13
POTENTIAL	1,401	1,021	1,021	380	N/A
PERCENT	27%	23%	2%	3%	1%
PRIOR YR.	23%	15%	2%	2%	1%

Membership:	11/2023	11/2024
Communicants	944	949
Baptized (unconfirmed)	269	271
TOTAL	1,213	1,220

Change from prior year: Gain of +7 people (+.6%)

November 2024

Child Baptisms:

- ✝ Cambree Samers
- ✝ Laila Smith
- ✝ Legend Smith

Adult Baptism:

- ✝ April Sudtelgte

Deaths

- ✝ Marion Schmidt
- ✝ Richard Ragan
- ✝ Mark Schuur

2024 Annual Voters' Meeting Results

Redeemer's new members of the Leadership Council, elected to two-year terms at the Dec. 8, 2024, Annual Voters Meeting are *Doug Camarigg, Angie Corderman, Steve Dirks, Mike Koehler and Bob Wilcke*. They join current Leadership Council members Marc Benson, Nancy Eckert, Gary Flammang and Ann Schauer. All were elected to two-year terms in December 2023.

The 2024 Leadership Council will be introduced at worship Thursday, Jan. 8th at 6:30 PM and Installed on Sunday, Jan. 12th.

The Leadership Council typically meets at 7:30 p.m., the second Thursday of the month in the Conference Room. Meetings are open to the congregation. To have an issue placed on the agenda, contact any council or staff member.

The 2025 Budget, as approved at the Voters' Meeting, is below.

410.000 · BUDGET INCOME ITEMS	
415.245 · Interest	4,500.00
415.253 · Sudanese Offering	2,400.00
415.101 · Envelopes Regular	732,256.80
415.102 · Loose Plate Offerings	18,000.00
415.237 · KC Preschool Income	42,300.00
421.110 · Facility Rental Fees	3,300.00
415.122 · New Year's Eve Offerings	1,800.00
415.128 · Lent Offerings	4,500.00
415.108 · Ash Wednesday	2,400.00
415.133 · Maundy Thursday Offerings	1,800.00
415.136 · Good Friday Offerings	1,300.00
415.114 · Advent Offerings	2,600.00
415.117 · Christmas Day Offerings	1,000.00
415.248 · Midweek Materials	0.00
Total 410.000 · BUDGET INCOME ITEMS	818,156.80
570.100 · ADMIN SALARIES EXPENSE	
570.806 · Technology Salary	5,034.00
570.433 · Extended Day Helper	5,000.00
570.505 · DCE Salary Other	23,024.40
570.205 · Associate Pastor Salary Other	15,725.64
570.105 · Senior Pastor Salary Ohter	23,024.40
570.852 · IRA Match	4,202.15
570.101 · Senior Pastor Salary	57,962.33
570.103 · Senior Pastor Housing	24,046.97
570.104 · Senior Pastor Utilities	3,169.82
570.107 · Senior Pastor FICA Offset	6,516.20
570.109 · Senior Pastor Concordia	21,128.17
570.201 · Associate Pastor Salary	28,842.00
570.203 · Associate Pastor Housing	48,000.00
570.204 · Associate Pastor Utilities	3,169.82
570.207 · Associate Pastor FICA Offset	6,120.95
570.209 · Associate Pastor Concordia	19,763.27
570.501 · DCE Salary	25,845.80
570.503 · DCE Housing	25,517.04
570.504 · DCE Utilities	3,360.00
570.507 · DCE FICA	4,186.29

570.509 ·DCE Concordia	17,901.25	660.000 ·Payroll Taxes	17,300.00
570.401 ·Receptionist	19,765.20	572.434 ·Offering Envelopes	1,900.00
570.409 ·Receptionist Concordia	2,164.32	572.437 ·Worker's Comp Insurance	3,600.00
570.601 ·Office Manager	33,300.80	Total 570.001 ·ADMIN OTHER	44,110.00
570.602 ·Office Manager Vacation	1,000.00	570.002 ·EDUCATION EXPENSE	
570.609 ·Office Manager Concordia	10,634.40	540.310 ·Family Fellowship	800.00
570.701 ·Custodian Salary	41,371.20	540.216 ·KC Continuing Education	275.00
570.702 ·Custodian Vacation	1,000.00	540.201 ·KC Advertising	300.00
570.709 ·Custodian Concordia	11,509.44	540.207 ·KC Cooking Supplies	350.00
570.802 ·Music Director	0.00	540.204 ·KC Miscellaneous	1,500.00
570.809 ·Music Director Concordia	0.00	540.213 ·KC Mileage	0.00
570.801 ·Choir Director Salary	6,120.00	540.302 ·Sunday School Materials	2,000.00
570.811 ·Choir Accompanist Salary	2,500.00	540.305 ·Midweek Materials	1,100.00
570.821 ·Organists Salaries	6,656.65	540.308 ·Vacation Bible School	2,400.00
570.841 ·Exalt Director Salary	3,509.00	540.311 ·Bible Study Materials	1,000.00
570.851 ·Exalt Keyboardist Salary	2,602.60	540.317 ·Library	800.00
570.411 ·KC Director Salary	29,028.63	540.328 ·Christmas Eve Treat Bags	100.00
570.419 ·KC Director Concordia	3,178.68	540.340 ·Conventions & Seminars - Staff	400.00
570.421 ·KC Teacher 2 Salary	15,073.20	540.611 ·Continuing Education/Training	200.00
570.429 ·KC Teacher 2 Concordia	1,650.48	Total 570.002 ·EDUCATION EXPENSE	11,225.00
570.438 ·KC Preschool Sub Salary	1,000.00	525.002 ·SHEPHERDING EXPENSES	
570.902 ·Children's Ministry Asst	6,442.80	530.304 ·Outdoor Christmas Lights	900.00
570.901 ·Worship Technology Operator	1,653.90	530.302 ·ConnecTeam	1,000.00
570.903 ·Volunteer Coordinator	11,232.00	530.301 ·Elders Supplies	500.00
579.999 ·Employee-paid liabilities	0.00	530.306 ·Communion Supplies	1,000.00
Total 570.100 ·ADMIN SALARIES EXPENSE	582,933.80	530.349 ·Worship	3,000.00
570.003 ·PROPERTY EXPENSES		530.312 ·Taxi Service	500.00
560.603 ·Maint & Operations-Building	10,600.00	530.327 ·Lutheran Witness Subscription	1,400.00
560.621 ·Equipment & Improvements	2,400.00	530.332 ·Portals of Prayer	2,200.00
560.624 ·Grounds	5,500.00	530.339 ·Miscellaneous	1,000.00
560.643 ·Custodial Supplies	3,000.00	530.503 ·Choir Music	400.00
560.627 ·Utilities - MidAmerican Energy	23,000.00	530.511 ·Exalt Music	300.00
560.633 ·Utilities-Water - City SC	3,500.00	530.519 ·Copyright Fees	550.00
560.630 ·Telephone Service	1,809.00	Total 525.002 ·SHEPHERDING EXPENSES	12,750.00
560.636 ·Service Contracts	7,500.00	570.012 ·LYF YOUTH-BUDGETED	
560.646 ·Waste Management	2,657.00	530.601 ·Senior LYF	1,500.00
560.655 ·Snow Removal	3,000.00	530.604 ·Junior LYF	1,300.00
560.651 ·Insurance - Property	31,922.00	530.610 ·District Gathering Youth	1,300.00
Total 570.003 ·PROPERTY EXPENSES	94,888.00	530.612 ·National Youth Gathering	1,000.00
570.001 ·ADMIN OTHER		530.613 ·Camp Fees	1,000.00
572.421 ·Personnel Search Expenses	0.00	Total 570.012 ·LYF YOUTH-BUDGETED	6,100.00
572.420 ·Payroll Services	3,400.00	570.005 ·OUTREACH EXPENSE	
572.110 ·Mileage- Pastors	3,000.00	580.801 ·Iowa District West	55,000.00
572.112 ·Mileage-DCE	450.00	580.804 ·Missions	5,000.00
572.113 ·Mileage-Office	500.00	580.807 ·Lutheran Family Services	750.00
572.115 ·Assessment-Synod/District	1,500.00	580.819 ·Advertising & Publicity	3,500.00
572.413 ·Internet Service	1,560.00	580.821 ·Missionary Expense	1,000.00
572.419 ·Technology	1,900.00	Total 570.005 ·OUTREACH EXPENSE	65,250.00
572.422 ·Office Supplies	3,000.00	105.000 ·ACCOUNTING	
572.425 ·Paper	2,000.00	105.300 ·Credit Card Services Fee	900.00
572.428 ·Postage	4,000.00	Total Expense	818,156.80

2024 Elders' Report

Redeemer Lutheran Church continues to be faithful in Word, sacrament, and doctrine, while joining Christians around the world in following the command that our Lord and Savior gave us in the Great Commission. We continue to emphasize the importance of Christian education and instruction, from toddlers through our most mature adults, with our Sunday School, mid-week, and Bible Study programs. We are blessed with so many faithful members who love to serve our Lord utilizing the gifts and abilities given to them!

The elders held several different initiatives this past year in an attempt to encourage spiritual growth of our members, as well as better member engagement and attendance at our worship services. During the Lenten season we conducted an all-member outreach event where we made our best attempt to touch base with all members, to converse with them to get to know them better, and to remind them of the wonderful services that were being offered at Redeemer during Lent and Easter. This was also an attempt to reach out to our inactive members to encourage them to come and join us. We continue to find it very seldom that we hear back from many of our inactive members after leaving messages of several forms with them.

In the late summer we held a social picnic/potluck at the Bruce and Roberta Timmons' residence. We enjoyed fellowship with all elders, staff, and their families who could make it. Prior to the busy fall season we also held a social reception at church where we invited all of our newer members to join staff and elders for a fun reception and a chance to be introduced and better acquainted with each other.

During our stewardship campaign in October, we hosted a prayer vigil. We had a very nice setting and a wonderful prayer booklet put together by our pastors and staff, with prayer requests submitted by members included for attendees to use in their prayer time. Unfortunately this event was very lightly attended. I pray that we as members strongly consider attending our future prayer vigils. We only need to look upon the ministry of our Lord and His disciples to know how important prayer is for our spiritual growth and strength. On December 9 we teamed up with Thrivent Choice here at Redeemer to participate in a soup supper/fellowship event, and then went out to do some Christmas caroling to several of our members' homes especially those who are mostly home-bound. This event was a huge success and we will plan on making it an annual event!

Some current Redeemer membership statistics include:

Communicant members	2023: 998	2024: 949
Baptized	2023: 306	2024: 271
Total	2023: 1304	2024: 1210

**To All Our Readers. . .
The Library Committee Would Like to Extend
God's Blessings to You In the Coming Year!**

Redeemer Library Committee: Michelle Callahan, Lisa Gottburg,
Jeannette Johnson, Sylvia Johnson, & Andrea VanPeursem

Our attendance for a normal worship service has been approximately 22-25% of our overall membership. This has been very steady on a percentage basis the past several years. Many congregations throughout our district and synod are seeing a significant drop in their membership and attendance numbers. Several are even making the difficult decision to close their doors.

The demographics of our congregation continues to show a trend of an increasing number of members who are of the older generation. Many of these individuals are also living in care facilities, or are not able to leave their home very easily. I foresee our staff and congregation spending more time in ministry and care toward these individuals in the years ahead.

I encourage each of us to take some time in personal reflection and prayer and consider the following in regard to each of our own spiritual habits and stewardship:

- May we be a constant witness for the Gospel message
- Let us make an effort to be consistent in Word, prayer, and worship
- Let us be consistent in prayer for our pastors and staff
- May we as a body of Christ be diligent and obedient in our service, in the giving of our time, talents, and treasure
- May we be supportive of our missionaries and all mission based projects we support
- May we reach out to our neighbor in need
- May we be encouraging to our members who are not consistent in their worship attendance
- May we be eager to invite others to church
- May we be welcoming to visitors and our newer members, making an effort to introduce ourselves and to get to know them
- Let us make an attempt to greet and have fellowship with members who attend a different worship service than we normally do

I would like to conclude with the following Bible verses:

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11 *"9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."*

Romans 15:13 *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."*

God's Blessings to all of you!

Be Wise
in the way
you act
with outsiders
making the most
of every opportunity.
Colossians 4:5 & 6

Simplify Your Time: Stop Running and Start Living
by Marcia Ramsland
A thirty day approach to finding more time to do the things you want by learning how to trade timewasters for time savers.

More Holy Humor

by Cal & Rose Samra

Effectively disproving any notion that Christians are relentlessly dour, melancholy, humorless, and joyless; this book offers a rib-tickling treasury of Christian joy and humor. It's ideally suited to individuals and families looking for a laugh as they are pastors, speakers, and all those who seek to spice up their presentations and their lives with a few power-packed moments of holy humor.

The Judge Who Stole Christmas

by Randy Singer

Thomas and Mary Hammond play Joseph and Mary in the annual live nativity scene. But a federal judge rules the display unconstitutional and a Christmas showdown ensues. Thomas refuses to abide by the court order and ends up in jail. From the courtrooms of Virginia to the talk shows of New York, the battle escalates into a national media spectacle.

Cape Light: Cape Light #1

by Thomas Kinkadee, Katherine Spencer

Thomas Kinkadee, known and the painter of light, invites reader to enter a similar place of refuge: Capet Light. Nestled in Coastal New England, this picturesque little village is a seaside hamlet where folks enjoy a strong sense of community, and everybody cares about their neighbors. They are the people who laugh and love and build their lives together in the town of Cape Light-their story will capture your heart forever.

Home Song: Cape Light #2

Caught up in the responsibilities of her job and the incessant demands of her elderly mother, mayor Emily Warwick doesn't allow herself to dream. Then there's her younger sister Jessica, who's about to walk down the isle with a man their mother despises. It doesn't help that Emily's still mourning the husband she lost and wondering what happened to the baby she gave up for adoption twenty years ago. Sometimes she thinks it would take a miracle to fill the hole in her heart. But miracles do happen in Cape Light. You just have to close your eyes and believe in your dreams.



The Gathering Place: Cape Light #3

After 20 years, Emily would like a relationship with Sara, the daughter she gave for adoption. Seeing her after all these years has stirred up some conflicting feelings for Emily. While she is grateful to have Sara back in her life, she can't help but regret their years apart. Typically she would turn Reverend Ben for guidance, but turmoil within his own family has inspired a crisis of faith.

New Leaf: Cape Light #4

Ever since her divorce, single mom Molly Willoughby has felt disillusioned by matters of the heart. But then she meets newcomer Dr. Matthew Harding, who inspires her to take another look at her life. Matthew, a widower, has come to Cape Light to make a new start for himself and his teenage daughter. He may be reluctant to risk a new relationship, but he knows if he doesn't find a way to put the past behind him, he may miss out on a once-in-a-lifetime love.

Patchwork Holiday

by Wanda Brunstetter

One Heirloom Quilt Comforts Four Couples in Search of True Love. One beautiful hand-tied patchwork quilt is the common thread linking several hearts and lives from 1943 through present day. Can a patchwork quilt bring comfort and joy to four souls through the years? Will these broken hearts be sewn back together during a Patchwork Holiday?



The CHOSEN TV Series on DVD

Seasons 1-4



Season 1

A charismatic fisherman drowning in debt. A troubled woman wrestling with real demons. A tax collector ostracized by his family and his people. A religious leader struggling with his beliefs. In this groundbreaking first season of *The Chosen*

Season 2

The word is spreading. Increased fame brings growing crowds, new disciples, and more miracles. It also brings trouble. Mary is confronted with old demons. The tension between Simon and Matthew explodes. James & John battle their prejudices and fiery tempers. But they all continue to passionately pursue the man they don't always understand, but will always follow.

Season 3

Jesus promises rest to His followers—but that doesn't mean there won't be trouble along the way. In Season 3, all 12 disciples face new fears and entrenched, old ways when Jesus sends them on their first mission. But each faces his own unique burden.

Season 4

Clashing kingdoms. Rival rulers. The enemies of Jesus close in while His followers struggle to keep up, leaving Him to carry the burdens alone. Threatened by the reality of Jesus' growing influence, religious leaders do the unthinkable - ally within their Roman oppressors. As the seeds of the betrayal are planted and opposition to Jesus' message turns violent. He's left with no alternative but to demand His followers rise up.



JANUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
EVERY SUNDAY: († = Holy Communion Sunday) 8:15 AM: Traditional Worship; 10:45 AM: Contemporary Worship 9:30 AM: Adult Bible Study; 9:30 AM: ROCK Sun. Website: redeemersiouxcity.com; Facebook: RedeemerLC		
5 † SEE EVERY SUNDAY 8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services 9:30 AM ROCK Sunday 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Adult Confirmation 1-3 PM Sudanese Worship *Order Your Super Bowl Subs!	6 <i>Preschool classes resume for M/W/F</i> 9 AM Quilting Starts 5 PM Take Down Decorations in the Parish Hall 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6:30 PM Pickleball 6:30 PM LWML Board Mtg	7 <i>Preschool classes resume for T/TH</i> 1:30 PM Staff Bible Study/Mtg
12 SEE EVERY SUNDAY 8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship 9:30 AM ROCK Sunday 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Adult Confirmation 1-3 PM Sudanese Worship 2 PM Gathering meeting-Parents & Students (downstairs)	13 9 AM Quilting 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6:30 PM Pickleball	14 1:30 PM Staff/Bible Study/Mtg 5 PM Aktion Meal/MWM
19 † SEE EVERY SUNDAY LIFE SUNDAY 8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services 9:30 AM ROCK Sunday 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Adult Confirmation 1-3 PM Sudanese Worship	20 9 AM Quilting 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6:30 PM Pickleball	21 11 AM Retired Educators Meal / MWM 1:30 PM Staff/Bible Study/Mtg 7 PM Life Light Bible Study at Whispering Creek starts
26 SEE EVERY SUNDAY FOOD SUNDAY 8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services 9:30 AM ROCK Sunday 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Adult Confirmation 1-3 PM Sudanese Worship	27 9 AM Quilting 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6:30 PM Pickleball	28 1:30 PM Staff/Bible Study/Mtg 5 PM Aktion Meal/MWM 7 PM Life Light Bible Study at Whispering Creek



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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day <i>Office is Closed</i> No Midweek / ROCK Wednesday No Midweek Bible Study No Handbells / No Adult Choir No Youth Group	2 5:30 PM-Adult Fitness 6:30 PM-Worship w/Holy Communion	3 9-noon Food Shelf	4 7:30 AM Red M&M's Bible Study & Breakfast
8 9:30 AM Lamplighters at Hope 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study— <i>Conference Rm.</i> 5-5:40 PM Midweek Meal— <i>Chicken Sandwich</i> 5-7 PM Midweek / ROCK Wednesday 5:30 PM Midweek Bible Study Starts 6 PM Handbells 5:30 PM Women's Bible Study— <i>Hosted at the Home of Michaela Uhl</i> 7:15 PM Adult Choir 7:30-9 PM Youth Group	9 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6 PM BSF Bible Study (Lower Level) 6:30 PM Worship 7:30 PM Leadership Council Mtg.	10 9-noon Food Shelf	11 1:30-3 PM LWML Volunteer Activity at the Crittenton Center
15 10:30 AM Devotions w/Pastor Senstad at <i>Whispering Creek</i> 5-5:40 PM Midweek Meal— <i>Chili & Cinnamon Rolls</i> 5-7 PM Midweek / ROCK Wednesday 5:30 PM Midweek Bible Study 6 PM Handbells 7:15 PM Adult Choir 7:30-9 PM Youth Group	16 10 AM Thrivent Choice Mt 1 PM "Women Serving in Christ" 5:30 PM Adult Fit. 6 PM BSF Bible Study (Lower Level) 6:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion	17 9-noon Food Shelf	18
22 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study— <i>Conference Rm.</i> 5-5:40 PM Midweek Meal— <i>Nachos</i> 5-7 PM Midweek / ROCK Wednesday 5:30 PM Midweek Bible Study 6 PM Handbells 5:30 PM Women's Bible Study— <i>Hosted at the Home of Tawnya Becker</i> 7:15 PM Adult Choir 7:30-9 PM Youth Group	23 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6 PM BSF Bible Study (Lower Level) 6:30 PM Worship 7 PM Elders Mtg	24 9-noon Food Shelf 6 PM-12 AM Middle School Lock-In	25
29 5-5:40 PM Midweek Meal— <i>Tator Tot Hot Dish</i> 5-7 PM Midweek / ROCK Wed. 5:30 PM Midweek Bible Study 6 PM Handbells 7:15 PM Adult Choir 7:30-9 PM Youth Group	30 5:30 PM Adult Fitness 6 PM BSF Bible Study (Lower Level) 6:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion	31 9-noon Food Shelf	

Redeemer Family News & Events See DCE Jonathon Bailey with any Questions

JANUARY

Super Bowl Sub fundraiser: The youth will be selling subs for the Super Bowl again this year. **Order Forms will be available starting on January 5th.** Please fill out one order form per sub that you want. Return the forms by February 2nd. Orders can be picked up the morning of February 9th. All proceeds will go towards sending our youth to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans July of 2025. Thank you for your continued support of the youth of this congregation.



NYG Meeting: If you are planning to attend the Youth Gathering in July, we will have our first Bible study meeting on January 12th at 2pm. We will also be discussing travel arrangements. The meeting will be held in the center room downstairs. Parents, Students and Chaperones are encouraged to stay for the meeting.

Calling all Middle School Students-Lets have a Lock-in! Our half lock-in will be on January 24th from 6-11:30 pm. This will be a fun event full of games, devotions, snacks and candy. Feel free to bring a friend. Please let us know that you are coming by January 19th.



Contact DCE Jonathon Bailey at 620-655-5395 with any questions concerning these events!

thrivent Thrivent Members Who Have Choice Dollars
 NEW Choice Dollars for the 4th Quarter of 2024 will be available about January 7, 2025. Please direct them as soon as possible by calling Home Office at 1-800-847-4836 or by directing them online at www.thrivent.com. Thanks for your continued support of the Choice Dollar program at Redeemer.

Did you know that **Thrivent members** get **two Action Team cards** each year to support community initiatives? If you're interested in making a positive impact in our community, we would love your help. Whether it's for our **monthly meals** or a **special project**, your participation will make a meaningful difference. If you'd like to get involved, please let Kristy Fisher or Pastor Zirpel know. Together, we can achieve great things in 2025!



Fresh rhubarb, rhubarb custard, strawberry rhubarb custard & strawberry rhubarb pies, small & large are available, Thursday and Sunday mornings. \$20 for large & \$9 for small! At times, there are other flavored pies available! Tlx for your purchases! Thanks for all your help. Small jars of jams, jellies, & pickles are \$6 each or 5 for \$25. Large jars of pickles & jams are \$8 each or 5 for \$35. Varied flavors of syrups are \$8. We have a new flavor: "Holiday Jam," A strawberry, cranberry, orange jam!

Aronia Jam	Gooseberry—	Wild Raspberry Rhubarb-
*Aronia Syrup	Rhubarb Jam	Jalapeno Jam
Aronia Berry Rhubarb	Jalapeno Jam	PICKLES
Aronia Blueberry Jam	Red Currant Jelly	Dill
Aronia Berry Jelly	Red Raspberry Rhubarb	Strawberry Jalapeno Jam
Aronia Peach Jam	Red Raspberry—	Sweet Pickles
Blackberry Jam	Rhubarb Jam	PIES
Blackberry Jelly	Rhubarb Aronia—	Rhubarb
Blueberry Rhubarb Jam	Jalapeno Jam	Rhubarb Custard
Choke Cherry Jelly	Rhubarb Ginger Jam	Strawberry Rhubarb
*Choke Cherry Syrup	Rhubarb Jalapeno Jam	**New— Holiday Jam
Elderberry Jelly	Strawberry Jalapeno Jam	
Fruit Juice Jalapeno Jam	Tart Cherry Jam	
Fruit Juice Jelly	Wild Grape Jelly	
Gooseberry Jam	Wild Plum Jalapeno Jam	
Gooseberry Jelly	Wild Plum Rhubarb Jam	

Redeemer News and Events

2024 Giving Statements

Giving statements for the 2024 calendar year will be mailed on or before Friday, Jan. 19. Look for yours to arrive by mid-month. If you have any questions about your statement, please contact Angie in the main office. Thank you!

Offering Envelopes

Your 2025 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up. They are located in the hallway under the coat rack next to the Office.

Quilting

Quilting starts January 6th. We would welcome any new quilters— just show up at 9:00 am on Monday mornings in basement center room. Also, if anyone has any material, blankets, or anything we can use for quilting, you can drop them off in the basement any time. Thank you for your continual support.

Prayer

Did you know that Redeemer has a telephone/e-mail prayer chain? Redeemer's prayer chain has been active for many years – at first only by telephone. Not only can members receive e-mail prayer requests, but also anyone who prefers to get prayer requests by phone can do so, by signing up through the church office (712.276.1125). It is a blessing to pray for others, knowing God promises to hear our prayers and to also act to/for the good of those who love Him or perhaps don't even love Him. Consider joining either the telephone or e-mail prayer chain at Redeemer, and be a blessing to others through prayer. ~~Thank You and God Bless!

Canning Jars

If you have "new" flats (lids) and/or new/used canning rings (narrow or wide) you no longer need, we would gladly accept your donation. Just put in a sack or box and place outside Pastor Zirpel's door. Canning jars (8 oz (cup-size) or 16 oz (pint-size) also accepted. We have plenty of quart-sized jars for the moment. ~~Thank You!

Join Our Exalt Team

The Exalt team is always looking for more musicians to join us for the 10:45 Contemporary Service on Sunday mornings! If you, or someone you know, would like to join the group, please let Nathan Klaumann know either after church or by contacting him directly (402-587-0479)!

Cooking with Pastor Senstad

~ Apple and Spice Cookies ~



So, it's a new year! Maybe you've made a list of what you want to do or what you want to stop this year? How about trying a new cookie? Here is a tasty little recipe that I found from Kellogg's cereal box. It looks yummy.

Ingredients:

3 c. Kellogg's® Rice Krispies® cereal	1/2 tsp cloves
2 1/2 c. all-purpose flour	1 1/4 c. firmly packed brown sugar
1 tsp baking soda	1/4 c. margarine / butter, softened
1/4 tsp salt	1/4 c. unsweetened applesauce
1 tsp ginger	1/4 c. molasses
1 tsp cinnamon	2 egg whites
	1/4 c. granulated sugar

Directions:

1. Stir together Kellogg's® Rice Krispies® cereal, flour, soda, salt and spices. Set aside.
2. In large electric mixer bowl, beat together brown sugar and margarine on medium speed until thoroughly combined. Add applesauce, molasses and egg whites, mixing until smooth. Add cereal mixture, mixing until combined. Drop by level tablespoon into granulated sugar and roll to coat. Place on baking sheets coated with cooking spray. Press with bottom of measuring cup dipped in sugar to 2 1/4-inches in diameter.
3. Bake at 350°F about 8 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove from baking sheets. Cool on wire racks. Store in airtight container.

Pastor Senstad



KinderCottage Preschool

January 2025

A Ministry of Redeemer Lutheran Church
3204 S. Lakeport Sioux City, IA 51106 (712)276-1123
KinderCottage Direct line (712)224-2273

Happy New Year and praying that 2025 is a BLESSED year for everyone!

We pray that everyone had a wonderful Christmas! We are excited to start a welcome the New Year and continue to learn all kinds of new things!

The MWF classes will be working on the letters, "K", "V", "T" and "N", as well as the colors gold and purple, the numbers 3 and 19 and the shapes of a hexagon and triangle. The T/Th classes will be working on the letters, "L", "M", "N" and "O" and a color review of red, brown, blue & yellow

As a reminder to all parents, KinderCottage Preschool follows the Sioux City Community Schools for weather cancellations. If they have a 2 hour late start our morning preschool class is cancelled and those enrolled in the extended day program can arrive at 10:45 AM. If a 2 hour early out is called extended day kids would need to be picked up at 1:15 PM. If they are closed for the day so is KinderCottage Preschool.

Both classes will hear the Bible stories about The Bright Star and Three Visitors, An Angry King, Jesus' First Miracle and Jesus teaches on a Mountain.

New Year Blessings*

Tara, Michelle & Kimberley

January Dates to Remember

1-5 Winter Break-
NO SCHOOL

6 Classes resume
for MWF students

7 Classes resume
for T/Th students

January Birthdays

17 Thatcher
Renner

30 Jack Warren



Christmas Show and Tell

Our first days back to preschool is in January. **EVERY-ONE** is encouraged to bring **ONE** item they received for Christmas to show their classmates. The only rules are that they bring just **ONE** item and it **MUST** fit in their back pack!
Thank You!

SUMMARY OF LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:29 P.M. Opening prayer was led by Pastor Senstad.

Financial report reviewed. Will be close to meet budget.

Pastor Senstad: Pastor Senstad will bring nomination suggestions for Iowa District West positions.

Pastor Zirpel: Will be adding new members this Sunday, December 15, 2024.

Jonathon Bailey: Jonathon is working on Family Advent get together; Youth Christmas Parties; and Christmas program.

Elder's Report: No Report

RDI sent receipt for the monies given for sound system work in the fellowship hall. No diagram received at this time.

Steve Ebsen will continue to be contact person for the Homeland Security grant Redeemer has received. Work should begin after the first of the year.

The following positions were nominated, voted on and motions accepted: Gary Flammang- Council Chair; Mike Koehler- Council Vice-Chair; and Ann Schauer- Council Secretary.

Nancy Eckert resigned from her treasurer position. Question about outsourcing work of treasurer. Discussion held. Council members and pastors will continue to search for a treasurer.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:06 P.M.



In the past Redeemer has supported members (and former members) of our congregation who are at the Seminary in St. Louis or Ft. Wayne. Presently, we have no members at the seminary; however, we do have

Luke Konkell (baptized at Redeemer) attending Concordia Ft. Wayne. He is the grandson of the late Clair & Shirley Jensen and nephew of Galen & Nancy Jensen. If you are interested in supporting the Luke Konkell Family, please indicate that on your envelope/check. In the past we supported his brother Nate, who is now serving at an LC-MS congregation in Minnesota!



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation: The old has gone, the new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:17



All Women of the congregation are invited to participate in any of the events. Please join us as we "Serve the Lord with Gladness" ~Psalms 100:2

- Mon. Jan. 6 9:00 AM Calling All Quilters! - Lower Level (Center Rm)**
- Mon. Jan. 6 5:00 PM Take Down Decorations in Parish Hall**
- 6:30 PM LWML Board Mtg - Conference Rm.**
(All are invited to attend)
- Wed. Jan. 8 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study—Conference Rm.**
Book— "Pew Sisters" - Session 7
"Diedre: Broken-Heart Syndrome/vocation" page 87
- Wed. Jan. 8 5:30 PM Women's Bible Study—Hosted by Michaela Uhl**
"Forgiveness" Lesson 4 (2015 S. Helen St. Sioux City, IA)
Day 1: The Myth of Forgiving Yourself
Page 106. Day 2: When God Meets You in the Dirt, page 110. Day 3: Eradicating Roots of Bitterness, page 114.
- Tues. Jan. 11 1:30 PM- Volunteer Activity—Crittenton Center (Join Us!)**
- 3:00 PM** Bingo, Prizes, Fellowship, Snacks
In the Word— Craft Project, etc. with the 6-18 year old residents.
- Thur. Jan. 16 1:00 PM "Women Serving Christ" - Lower Level Rm**
(Formerly Known as Esther— **Park and Enter Ruth...circles**) Bible Study: **Building at Door #3**
"The Third Article.." page 17 **to Avoid Steps**
Winter 2024 Quarterly
Host: Brenda Ernst
- Wed. Jan. 22 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study—Conference Rm.**
Book— "Pew Sisters" - Session 8
"Laura: Death of a Loved One/
We Never Die in Christ" page 99

Serving in January 2025

	SUNDAY, JANUARY 5	SUNDAY, JANUARY 12	SUNDAY, JANUARY 19	SUNDAY, JANUARY 26
ACOLYTES	8:15 AM: Mesa Zellmer & Sierra Zellmer	8:15 AM: Cameri Jones	8:15 AM: Cameri Jones	8:15 AM: Cameri Jones
	10:45 AM: Kevin Simpson & Tyler Simpson	10:45 AM: Brayden Surber & Jax Findley	10:45 AM: Kevin Simpson & Tyler Simpson	10:45 AM: Kennedy Robinson & Madi Schutt
GREETER	8:15 AM: Dick & Deanna Braun	8:15 AM: Scott & Brenda Ernst	8:15 AM: Shirley Barth & Lorelee Fink	8:15 AM: Paul & Cindy Fleckenstein
	10:45 AM: Scott & Beth Bowman	10:45 AM: Marty & Marcy Delperdang	10:45 AM: Jayne Edwards & Jackie Krueger	10:45 AM: Dale & Tina Revell
COUNTING	Team 4: Judy Buckley & Lorelee Fink	Team 1: Judy Buckley & Marge Lessmann	Team 2: Diana & Marlo Hermelbracht and Anita Mack	Team 3: Gale & Carol Bobolz and Nick & Debbie Schmith

USHER TEAMS: Thursday

6:30 PM: Harlan Feddersen
(Al & Melissa Joens, Shelly Fergan, Mike Searls)

Sundays: 8:15 AM: Team 1

(Alex Erickson, Marc Benson, Larry Nelson, Jerry Van Peurse)

10:45 AM: Team 5

(Mark Boyd, Loren Field, Rick Lieber)

ELDERS: Steve Peterson

PROPERTY CHECK: Lisa Gottberg

ALTAR GUILD:

Pam Naylor, Kathy Sudtelgte, Brenda Ernst.
Meeting January 23, 1:00 PM.

COFFEE & ROLLS:

Jan. 5: Youth
Jan. 12: Geri Phillips/Karen Grieme
Jan. 19: Garlyn & Mary Lyman
Jan. 26: Steve & Ann Peterson



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WORSHIP AT REDEEMER

Thursdays - 6:30 PM

Sundays

8:15 AM Traditional

10:45 AM Contemporary

Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month

Adult Bible Study: 9:30 AM Sunday

Youth (9-12 grade) Bible Study: 9:30 AM Sunday

ROCK Sunday (2yr-8grade) 9:30-10:30 AM Sunday

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