

The Ringer

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"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." Rev. 21:1-4

The newness that God brings is lifted up in our church calendar by celebrating New Year at this last month of the year, in the bleakness of winter, when all seems gone and to an end we remember the renewal God promises us through Jesus Christ. We also lift up Advent remembering Christ will come again in power and glory. In a way the church calendar is out of sync with the way the world keeps time. Up until about 150 years before Christ's birth in time, the Romans actually celebrated New Year in March, remembering the god Mars, warrior god, the god of life and death. They looked to the new year of earthly planting, but also the start of a new campaign year, where the Roman legions would march out to bring glory and booty back to Roman citizens praying the god Mars to bring them warring fortune and maintaining what they called "The Peace of Rome". How very different for a follower of Christ to remember we worship not a god of war, but the God of Peace. This God can be as tumultuous as we hear the Advent lessons of repentance and preparation, but the Peace that is finally ushered in is not the transient peace that the great Roman Empire offered. Rather it is a peace passing all understanding and that which offers eternity.

I can imagine John sitting on Patmos contemplating these things as he penned this letter to the seven cities. Here he was exiled from his beloved congregations on a dismal penal colony trying to bring wisdom, courage and solace to the followers of Christ. They were being persecuted, they were being enticed away from the faith, they were being tempted by the world. What could he say help them hold firm to the faith they were born in through baptism. The vision that God reveals to him was a message that has stood the test of time. The world and its powers, the devil and his minions, will do all it can to destroy the bride (the church), but God is still God. God's promises in Christ are beyond sure. Let the world rage, let the world strut in its own triumph. It is the one that is deluded and demented, because God again is still God! It would be interesting if we could find a diary of the reaction the seven churches had after receiving this letter, but that is lost to time! But we know for certain that the faith carried on. We ourselves are heirs of it.

So in the bleakness of winter, be restored by this vision of John. God promises in Christ to make not only you but all things new. Live in that hope and sense how that can help you daily with the struggles of this world until by God's good call the promise is fulfilled!

Happy New Year!

In Christ,

Pastor David.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT REDEEMER



Software for the Soul”

Wednesday Night Advent Activities Dec. 3, 10, 17

5:30 Meal - Soup Supper (sign up in white notebook)

6:00 - 6:45 Worship - On Wednesday we will use “With One Voice” service of Word and Prayer

On December 17 the children will present the Christmas pageant

6:15 Godly Play

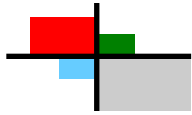
7:15 Choir or Bell Rehearsal



Extra teachers are always needed. Talk with Keela Meiers or Carol Kuhlman,



Do You Have a Musical Talent? Please let Ann, Britney, or Ruth know if you can offer special music for Sunday services and special occasions. If you sing or play an instrument, we can provide the music and the accompaniment! You don't have to go solo; just let us know whether you'd prefer to be part of a duet or a trio. This is a great way to get involved if you can't participate in our Wednesday night rehearsals. Contact Ruth at rmirtz@redeemer-elca.org or catch one of us at church.



HELP WANTED AT REDEEMER

FELLOWSHIP HOST

We need Fellowship host for Sundays. This includes making the coffee, setting out goodies (cookies or donuts will do) and then the clean-up afterwards. If you can help, sign up on the calendar in the Fellowship Hall. Contact the office with any questions.

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

Please contact the office if you would like to be a lector, greeter, usher, sound tech or communion assistant. The more volunteers the less often any one person has to assist. It really only takes minutes out of your busy week.

SOUND SYSTEM ASSISTANT

We need people to run the sound system at first service. Please let Harold Klaege or Barb Oltmann know if you are interested.

ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS

WANTED: People for the Altar Guild Committee! No experience necessary, will train the right people. Very few meetings, only a couple per year. Job description, set and clean up communion with another person for about 8 Sundays (two months) per year. Accepting applications from women OR MEN! Sign up as a couple, sign up with your best friend, or sign individually and we will pair you someone! Great way to get involved with the church in a behind the scenes, low key, low stress committee! All are welcome! For information or questions contact Sheila Alstatt at 785-825-5728 or alstatt@earthlink.net.



JOB JAR FOR OUR MEMBERS

The OUTREACH TEAM is looking for volunteer work. If you have odd jobs that you need done or help with let us know. We will help you move furniture, put screens in, change light bulbs, hang curtains, or paint a room in your house, etc. Here is how it works, put your name and phone number on a piece of paper and put it in the **JOB JAR**, which

is in the Fellowship Hall close to the kitchen. We will then contact you to make an appointment to come to your home and look the job over, schedule a time to bring the tools, and complete the job. If you would like to volunteer your services contact Becky Klaege or someone on the Outreach Team.

OPPORTUNITY ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS – We are looking for 3-4 volunteers or paid positions to assist with child care/supervised play from 6:15 to 8:15 on Wednesday evenings. We would really like to provide the opportunity for our youngest members to begin developing relationships with their “faith friends” as well as allowing parents of these young children to participate in the Wednesday evening activities, such as assisting with Godly Play, youth teaching, adult education, choir and bells.

If you are willing to volunteer or know someone suitable for the paid position, please notify the church office.

OUTREACH AT REDEEMER



Christmas is just around the corner and we need to start thinking about those who have extra needs at this time of the year. Our family this year is a single mom as head-of-the-house-hold. She has five children who range in age from 7 to 19 years. The Adopt-A-Family tree will be up November 30th. Please take a tag, buy a gift, wrap the gift and attach the original tag, then return it to church **by Sunday December 21st**. This gives us time to get the gifts to the family for Christmas.

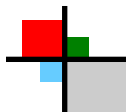
MERRY CHRISTMAS from THE OUTREACH TEAM

Trunk or Treat 2014

It was a cool evening but the ghost and goblins came any way. We estimate about 700 to 800 came to spook us out of our treats. We served 488 hot dogs, chips, cookies, coffee, and the HOT CHOCOLATE flowed liked water. A wonderful evening was had by all. An evening that couldn't have happened without all the help you gave us. The cookie bakers, the food servers, those who donated candy, those who brought their trunks, the traffic controllers, the folks who just did whatever needed to be done. We collected \$507.00 from our free will offering (for the food) and we are asking Thrivent for a match of \$500.00. Then the monies will be donated to "Circles of the Heartland." Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. We couldn't have done it without you.

The extra candy was given to Salina Mission Rescue.





COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



Meets the 2nd Monday at 6:00

December 8

Redeemer is a lay-led church with 11 elected council members and the pastor. Each year 3 members are elected for a 3 year term on the Congregational Council.

Council Meeting Highlights

Annual Meeting Dates Set

First Half of Annual Meeting with elections will be held December 14, 2014 between services and second half, January 18, 2015.

Planning the Installation Service logistics

Reviewing the 2015 proposed budget with Harold Klaege

Treasurers Report October 2014

Year-to-Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 174,160
Year-to-Date Actual Offering	\$ 165,167
Year-to-Date Budgeted Expenses	\$ 199,132
Year-to-Date Actual Expenses	\$ 207,211

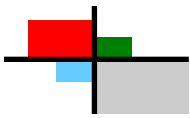
Mortgage Fund

Year-to-Date Mortgage Fund	\$ 64,555
Year-to-Date Budgeted Payments	\$ 53,235
Year-to-Date Mortgage Payments	\$ 65,349

STAFF CHRISTMAS FUND: The Council invites you to contribute to the Staff Christmas Fund again this year. Please make checks payable to Redeemer with "Staff Christmas" on the memo line. Cash contributions should be labeled as such on



The focus on Stewardship continues, it is appropriate as we all think about the gifts, blessings and talents that God has provided to us in our lives. At this time of year, as we near the Advent Season, it is especially timely to pause and reflect on the God's blessings and gifts. You should have received a letter from Pastor David, along with a pledge card for 2015. If you have not already completed and returned the pledge card, I would ask that you take the time to thoughtfully consider your pledge for the coming year and return it to the church. There are also "Time and Talent" signup sheets in the kiosk near the Welcome Center or in the church office. The offerings we can provide are not only monetary in nature, they also include the time we can provide to support the church and the talents we have been blessed with that can be shared with the congregation. If you have not already done so, please take time to complete one of these. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate, in order to make our church a vibrant and dynamic congregation.



Music Notes for Advent

During Advent this year, we'll be focusing on "People, Look East," a lively and meaningful Advent hymn in our ELW hymnal. We'll sing it slowly at first and use some of the verses for offering responses, so that everyone gets a chance to learn it. The choir will be helping us, too! By the end of the season, I hope it becomes one of our familiar Advent hymns.

People, Look East

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1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown-ing
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
3 Stars keep the watch When night is dim, one more light the

The tune is a French carol, Besancon, and has a bit of a Christmas-y sound to it. The words are about the anticipation of Christ's coming. We look east, toward the dawning light, as we set our tables and trim our trees, knowing that **"Love, the Guest, is on the way."** Eleanor Farjeon, a British poet, wrote the words, as well as the words to "Morning Has Broken," in about 1957.

The words that may seem a little too "poetic" are in the 3rd verse: **Stars, keep the watch when night is dim, One more light the bowl shall brim.** The singer (you) are telling the stars to keep watch, too, for one more light that shall fill the bowl of heaven to its brim. Think of the night sky, full of stars. And all the stars, together with the people on earth, are watching for that last magnificent star (Christ) that will complete the sky. **Bright as the sun and moon together, Love, the star, is on the way.**

We'll also be using Hymn #240 "Light One Candle" during December as we light the Advent candles. The tune is a Yiddish folk tune. You might notice that the last chord of each verse does not sound quite "finished," which is appropriate for the theme of waiting and watching in Advent. **Each week in Advent we'll add one more verse.**

--Ruth

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

Text: Wayne L. Wolf, b. 1954
Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune
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Join the Bell Choir! You don't need to read music. We'll show you how to count and when to ring your bell. We're a fun group that enjoys making music! Britney has some great pieces for us to work on for Christmas. Check the calendar in the bulletin for our Wednesday night practices.

You may have noticed the garden flowers in the yard Sunday, November 2. They were “staked” in honor of Pastor Strommen. You too, can have the opportunity to SHOWER someone with FLOWERS. Kendra Albin, Redeemer member and

volunteer/supporter of the PREGNANCY SERVICE CENTER, will plant these flowers for you in anyone’s yard for their enjoyment for 24 hours. The cost is a minimum donation to the PREGNANCY SERVICE CENTER of \$20, which is tax-deductible.

All you have to do is call Kendra, arrange the date and place (must be in Salina city limits) and leave the payment in the offering plate that Sunday. You can use cash or write a check made out to the Pregnancy service center.

What a novel way to send flowers to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, or just cheer someone up! A card will be placed on the door so they know who showered them, along with an explanation that in 24 hours, the flowers will be removed.

The PREGNANCY SERVICE CENTER is a non-profit organization.

Our Mission

We are a Christ centered pregnancy resource center encouraging life, healing and purity.

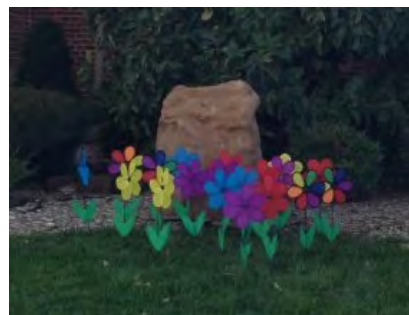
Our Vision

We are passionately committed to upholding the sanctity of human life and sharing the light and unconditional love of Jesus Christ with all who enter our center and those reached in the community. We humbly seek to inspire spiritual growth, develop Godly character and promote life-honoring choices that create positive lasting differences in the lives of individuals and their families.

- CALL Kendra at 452-0498. She is a teacher, so leave a message. She will get back to you and explain questions at that time. If you call the church, they will refer you to Kendra.
- DONATE at least \$20 to the PREGNANCY SERVICE CENTER.
- FEEL THE LOVE.

Fern Ruddick enjoyed her flowers and has sent a thank you.

Wally Koers also enjoyed his and thanks us.

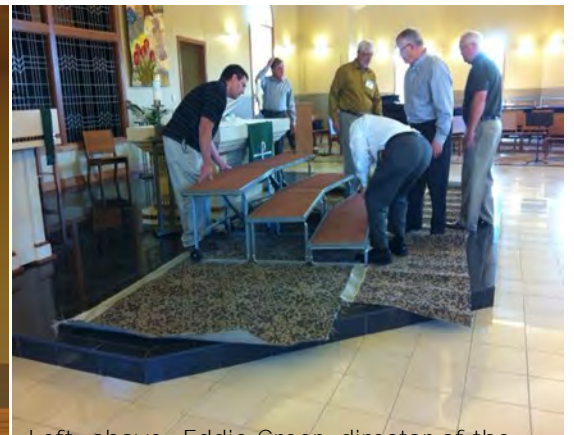


Redeemer Concert Series Presented the WSU A Cappella Choir and the Salina South High School Varsity Choir on Nov. 9

A big thank you to all of the wonderful Redeemer members who helped with the concert on Nov 9. It was a resounding success with about 115 in attendance! Thanks to Gary and Mike and their riser set-up crew, our ushers and greeters, Mary for all the publicity work, Harold for running the sound, Pastor Strommen for being our emcee, Barbara for the programs and invoices, and many more who helped plan and welcome all the visitors to our church. It took a real team effort to make it happen. We're especially grateful for David Rankin's work making the preliminary contacts and plans.



Top: WSU A Cappella Choir. Above left: a tone block player in the A Cappella Choir. Above, right: Varsity Choir



Left, above: Eddie Creer, director of the Varsity Choir, and Harold Klaege. Center above: Tom Wine, Director of A Cappella Choir. Right, above: Gary Jordan's riser set-up crew. Left, below: Ushers and greeters help seat the audience.





Left: Two soloists with the A Cappella Choir, with Laura Rankin on the right.

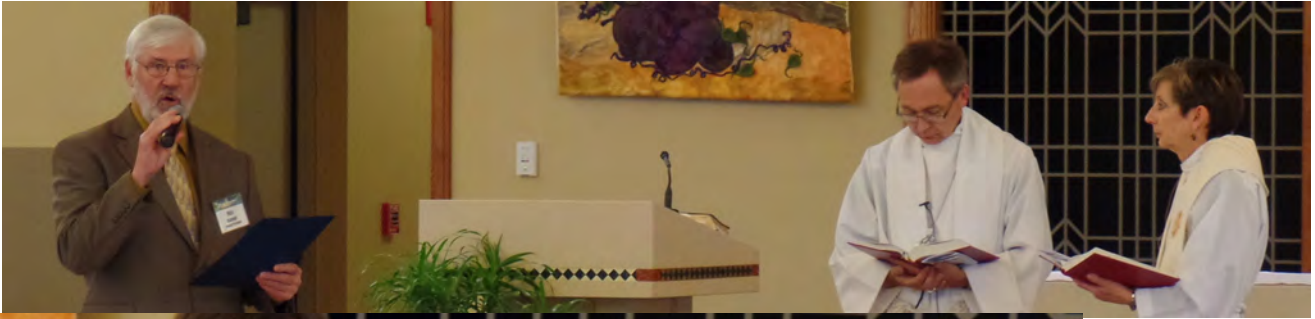
Below left: The A Cappella Choir warms up in the sanctuary.


Below right: The combined choirs sang "O filii et filiae."

Bottom: Two of the members of the A Cappella Choir signing during the final piece "Do You Hear What I Hear?"



PASTOR DAVID'S INSTALLATION NOVEMBER 23





FALL HAPPENINGS



Installation Service Donations of \$227 were given to the Pregnancy Service Center.



MONTHLY MEETINGS



All Ladies Christmas Goodies Event

December 22at 6:30

Meets the 1st Tuesday; January 6, 2015 at 1:30

Carol Lehman Hostess

This group is for all women of any age. This year we will again use the Gather's bible study, *In Transforming Life and Faith*, we will consider how our lives and our faith journeys are transformed by the events we experience and the people we meet. Written by Carol Schersten La-Hurd. We will have extra copies available. Dorothy Carmichael has agreed to be our study leader this year. <http://www.womenofthelca.org/gather-bible-studies>



Meets the first Thursday at 5:30

December 4 at 5:30

This committee helps with the planning and organizing of the worship service.

Meets the 2nd Sunday; December 14 at 5:30

Big John's Brewery 2245 South Ninth Street



"Talking Hope in a Redeemed but Sinful Time."

We thirst both physically and spiritually. Quench them both by engaging in an informal faith talk with others in a casual setting. Childcare at the church by contacting Shellee Callahan in advance - 822-6878.



Meets the 2nd Monday; December 8 at 12 Noon

Retired and semi-retired members meet monthly at RLC for a potluck meal and a short program. For more information contact Ruby Vallis at 827-3535.



PAGE TURNER'S MEETS 2ND TUESDAY; January 13, 2015, AT 4:00

Laura Ingalls Wilder Pioneer Girl

This group is for all Redeemer Members and their friends.



Meets the 2nd Thursday; December 11 at 6:30

This a very active group of Redeemer men who meets monthly for a meal and Bible Study or an outreach activities.



Meets the 3rd Tuesday; December 16 at 6:30

Team's goal is to do social service, touching people beyond our walls, helping others who have no direction, giving without strings attached, sharing...reaching-out with the ministry of the Gospel, faith in action, being the hands and feet of Christ



Meets the 4th Sunday; at 6:00

Check the announcements for a new date.

Various social activities each month for women of all ages



Meets Thursday; December 18 at 8:30

(moved up a week because of Christmas)

Join us for breakfast and fellowship. We will meet at Bayard's Café 540 S Broadway. All ages are invited. Bring a friend. Any questions call the office.

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WEEKLY MEETINGS



Come join us for Bible Study every Wednesday morning from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Room. Enjoy a cup of coffee and fellowship as we study God's Word as it pertains to the next Sunday. *All Are Welcome!*

Venture Crew #2023

Venture Crew is a co-ed youth organization sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America and serves youth ages 13-21. Venture Crew 2023 is led by Scott and Cheryl Itschner and meets in the Youth Room at Redeemer every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Staff Meeting weekly on Wednesday's at 5:00 p.m.



"Software for the Soul"

Wednesday Night Activities

5:30 Meal

6:00 Worship

6:15 Godly Play

Connect Grades 4-6

Senior High Movie Series

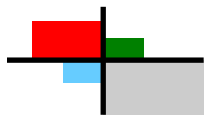
Adult Education (announced in the bulletin and emails sent)

7:15 Bells and Choir Rehearsal on alternating weeks



REDEEMER LENDING LIBRARY

Be sure to check out the library cart in the Fellowship Hall. There are children's books on one side and adult books on the opposite side. You can check these out and enjoy reading them at home. Each month after the Page Turner's have met there are 2 copies of the book just reviewed.



Gospels For December

Sunday, December 7, 2014

Second Sunday of Advent

Mark 1: 1-8

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a story of Jesus' birth but with the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Sunday, December 14, 2014

Third Sunday of Advent

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

John's gospel describes Jesus as the "light of the world." John the Baptist is presented as a witness to Jesus, one who directs attention away from himself to Christ, the true light.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ¹⁹This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." ²¹And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." ²²Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. ²⁴Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" ²⁶John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." ²⁸This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

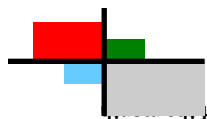
Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 21, 2014

Luke 1:26-28

In this annunciation, Luke makes clear that God comes with good news for ordinary people (Mary) from little known places (Nazareth). This king will not be born to royalty in a palace, but to common folk in a stall. Here Luke highlights the role of the Spirit, a special emphasis in his gospel.

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.





Gospels For December

Thursday, December 25, 2014

Nativity of Our Lord II: Christmas Dawn

Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20

The world's deep night is shattered by the light of God's new day. The glory of God is revealed to poor shepherds, who share the good news with others.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Sunday, December 28, 2014

First Sunday of Christmas

Luke 2:22-40

Luke's narrative continues with stories that emphasize Jesus' connection to Judaism. His family is devout in its observance of the law, and Jesus himself is recognized as one who will bring glory to Israel.

²²When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every first-born male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation,

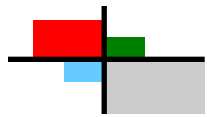
³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel."

³³And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed — and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty- four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who



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ADVENT 2014

Hymn Focus of Season: People Look East ELW248

On Wednesday we will use "With One Voice" service of Word and Prayer

Nov. 30	1 st Sunday of Advent	Light 1 Candle
Dec. 3	5:30 Soup Supper ***6:00-6:45 Worship Service	Godly Play
Dec. 7	2 nd Sunday of Advent	Light 2 Candles
Dec. 10	5:30 Soup Supper *** 6:00-6:45 Worship Service	Godly Play
Dec. 14	3 rd Sunday of Advent	Light 3 Candles
Dec. 17	5:30 Soup Supper ***6:00 Children's Christmas Program Singing Christmas Carols	
Dec. 21	4 th Sunday of Advent	Light 4 Candles



Dec. 24	CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES AT 5:00 & 7:30
Dec. 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS (no services)
Dec. 28	1 st Sunday After Christmas Services at 8:00 & 10:30

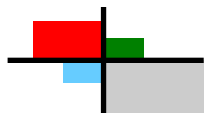


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Be a part of the Redeemer Christmas spirit by providing a contribution toward the purchase of Poinsettias for the sanctuary. \$15.00 is a suggested minimum. Make checks payable to Redeemer. Please fill out a form drop it in the offering plate or return it to the office by Sunday,

POINSETTIA DONATIONS



THIS MONTHS CALENDAR

calendar updates can be found on Redeemer Website www.redeemer-elca.org

DECEMBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Advent 8:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Worship	1	2 4:15 PM Exec Committee Mtg 6:30 PM Venture Crew 7:30 PM Coyote Singers KVVU	3 9:00 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Wed. Activities	4 5:30 PM WORSHIP & MUSIC	5	6
7 8:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM SERVICE MASTER HOLIDAY PARTY	8 12:00 PM Wisdom Agers 6:00 PM Church Council Meeting	9 6:30 PM Venture Crew	10 9:00 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Wed. Activities	11	12	13
14 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM 1ST HALF ANNUAL MEETING 10:30 AM Worship 5:30 PM T.H.I.R.S.T.	15	16 12:00 PM Newsletter Deadline 6:30 PM OUTREACH TEAM MTG 6:30 PM Venture Crew	17 9:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Wed. Activities CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT	18 8:30 AM BAYARDS CAFE BREAKFAST	19	20
21 8:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Worship	22 6:30 AM LADIES CHRISTMAS EVENT	23 6:30 PM Venture Crew	24  5:00 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 7:30 PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE	25  Christmas Day	26	27
28 8:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Worship	29	30 6:30 PM Venture Crew	31 9:00 AM Bible Study	1 New Year's Day	2	3

Birthdays		DECEMBER		Anniversaries	
Dec. 1	Verle Simpson	Dec. 21	Lilium Budreau	Dec. 11	Earl & Marge Hansen
Dec. 2	Tom Mertz	Dec. 21	Keith Charlson	Dec. 11	Harold & Becky Klaege
Dec. 3	Kendra Albin	Dec. 21	Kathy Lowman	Dec. 22	Chuck & Karen Levin
Dec. 4	Loren Harris	Dec. 22	Marge Hansen	Dec. 23	Craig & Sheila Alstatt
Dec. 10	Kathy Stohs	Dec. 22	Rylee Hartley	Dec. 28	Matt & Rita Shaffer
Dec. 13	Tom Drown				
Dec. 15	Charles Weiss				
Dec. 20	Cheryl Itschner				
Dec. 20	Jeannette Kpissay				

The Women's Christmas Event has been changed to December 22 at 6:30 - bring a plate of goodies

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Partners in Ministry 8:00 Service

	December 7	December 14	December 21	December 28
Organist	Ruth Mirtz	Ruth Mirtz	Ruth Mirtz	Ruth Mirtz
Ushers	Kathy Lowman	Cheryl Itschner	Jim & Emily Komarek	Randy & Jan Jackson
Greeters	Carol Lehman	Diane Conover		
Communion	Jim Komarek	Randy Jackson	Kathy Lowman	Carol Lehman
	Emily Komarek	Jan Jackson	Mary Shaffer	Charlotte Herrman
Lector	Emily Komarek	Jan Jackson	Mary Shaffer	Charlotte Herrman

Partners in Ministry 10:30 Service

Greeters	Chuck & Karen Levine	Marty Holmquist Ruby Vallis	Larry & Caroline Manz	Karen Lucas Eileen Nelsen
Ushers	Rick & Betty Henderson	Harold & Becky Klaege	Ray & Debbie Beckman	Joe & Kathy Heinrich
Communion	Gary Jordan Joe Heinrich	Gary Jordan Sam Neff	Gary Jordan Mike Ramage	Gary Jordan Lana Jordan
Lector	Joe Heinrich	Joe Heinrich	Barbara Oltmann	Lana Jordan
Acolyte	Nathan Callahan	Annalyse Chambers	Drew Alstatt	Jordan Alstatt



Cost of flowers has increased to \$16.50

Fill in your dates for 2015 on the new calendar

ALTAR GUILD TO BE ANNOUNCED

Newsletter Contributions to the Ringer depend on you the members every month for articles, photos, important dates, etc.
The January Newsletter deadline is December 16 at 12:00 p.m.
 The newsletter is available by email, mail, or by picking up at the church. Please let us know which method you choose.

DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

Bethany's JulTide!

- the Bethany Oratorio Society for Bethany College's JulTide The concert is Dec. 7th at 4pm.

A few selections from Handel's "*Messiah*" and some new Christmas pieces will be performed.

A full schedule and details are available at www.messiahfestival.org. Please contact the Messiah Festival Office with questions or to RSVP at [785-227-3311](tel:785-227-3311) or bunningb@bethanylb.edu.



We wish you a Blessed Christmas
and a Joyous New Year!

Pastor David, Barbara,
Ruth, Ann, & Britney

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to love one another."
John 15: 16-17

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