

The Ringer

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December 2018 Newsletter



He comes, he dispels, he brings joy
The darkness, the gloom, the nakedness
Life is forlorn, Life is a waste, Life is distress
The darkness, the gloom, the nakedness
Death seems welcome, death relieves, death impressed
But
But the call-the Advent-a Child-the season-The HOPE
He comes, he dispels, he brings joy
The light, the glory, the raiment
Life is adorned, Life is full, Life is redeemed
The light, the glory, the raiment
Death is vanquished, death is done, death released.
He comes, he dispels, he brings joy

Isaiah 9: 6 — “For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

In Christ
Pastor David

Council Highlights

Redeemer Lutheran Church Council

Council Highlights November 2018:

1. Advent Services will be on Sunday nights December 2, 9, and 16. Christmas Eve service will be Monday, December 24 at 5:30 p.m.
2. Caroling will be Sunday, December 23 in the afternoon.
3. Children's Christmas Program will be Wednesday, December 19. All members are welcome to join us for supper is at 5:30 and program at 6:15. Coffee and cookies will follow the program.
4. Congregational Election Meeting will be Sunday, December 9, 9:15 a.m. This is to elect council members, synod voting members and other committee members as needed and review the proposed budget that will be voted on at the annual meeting on January 20 at 9:15 a.m.
5. The ideas given at the Generosity Brunch were compiled and given to the appropriate committees to determine the next actions.
6. Congregation and Youth are encouraged to participate in the meal packing project, Feed My Starving Children on Jan. 21 at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Council Meeting Minutes are available to read on the Council Bulletin Board and in the office.

Council Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month



Budget Information

Treasurer's Report as of October 31, 2018 83.33%
 Total Income: \$246,610.24 Budget: \$285,550.00 86.36%
 Total Expenses: \$245,168.03 Budget: \$294,950.00 83.12%

Note that as a congregation we approved a \$9,400 budget deficit and checking funds are now tight. We are so thankful for all your generosity and know our members will respond as they always have in December. ~~ Thank you to everyone who completed their pledge cards and Time and Talent sheets. We have good news to share for 2019! Praise the Lord!



For Your Information

Needs of the Month

The needs of the Salina Rescue Mission for December 2018 include:

Cold & Flu Medication
Allergy Medication
Cough Drops & Eye Drops
Deodorant
Free & Clear Laundry Detergent
Toilet Paper & Kleenex Tissues
UNOPENED for Men's Christmas Packages:
Socks, underwear, t-shirts, gloves & stocking caps

For more information go on-line to www.salinarescuemission.com



This helps to feed and care for the hungry and homeless, it also stretches our general fund dollars. Please help; donations can be dropped off anytime at the Salina Rescue Mission at 1716 Summers Road in Salina, or call us at 785-823-2610

Church Council Elections around the corner!



I joined Redeemer in 2010-2011 where my husband Steve was already a member. I have served on Outreach 5 years, but have participated in at least 6 trunk or treats! I have been committed to helping the Redeemer family learn about the PREGNANCY SERVICE CENTER the last 3 years. I am currently also volunteering for KINDRED HOSPICE. —**KENDRA ALBIN**



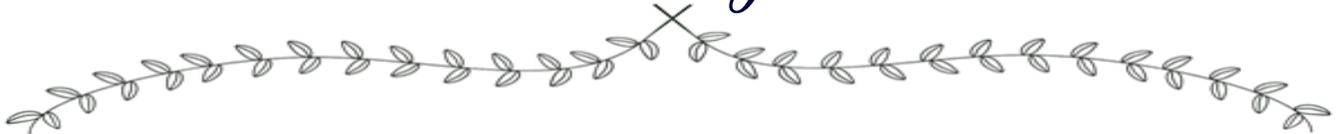
I am a lifelong Lutheran, as many of you are. I started out serving on church council as - church treasurer. Have been on council working with the property committee for many years. Also have served as council president two consecutive terms. Headed the building committee for the design portion of the new building. Currently I am serving on the Outreach committee. My long term goals for this church is to grow in young members, have another type of worship service that attracts these members and maintains the stability of our church at Redeemer. —**RAY BECKMAN**



After searching for a new church home, my family and I joined Redeemer in 2014. I work as a paraoptometric technician at the Drs. Driver & Clark optometrist office here in Salina. My husband, Ed, is the Plant Manager at Salina Planing Mill and my son, Samuel, is currently attending school at Fort Hays, majoring in Accounting. Here at Redeemer, I am a member of the choir & bell choir and assist with different worship duties. In the past, I have also helped with the youth group. I love Redeemer because of the people who comprise it. When my family and I walked through the doors for the first time, you embraced us with your love and acceptance, and we knew immediately this would be our new church home. I look forward to the possibility of having a leadership role here, so that I may pay forward what the church and its people have given me and my family. —**KRIS NEFF**

Redeemer News

Ladies' Night Out



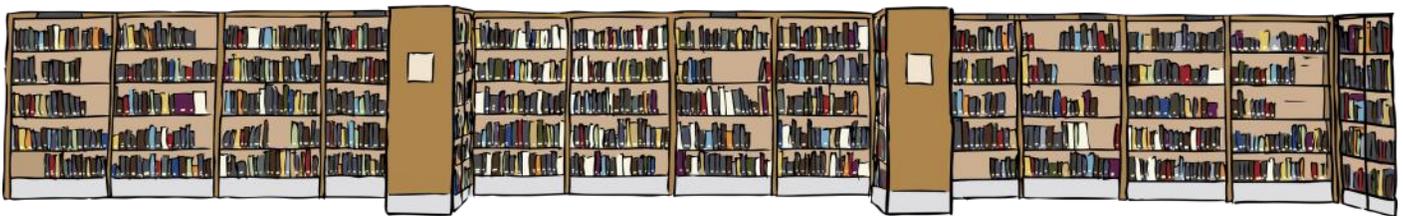
Holiday Highlight! Ladies Snacks, Sips, and Spa night - Thursday, December 6, from 6-9 p.m. at Peaceful Body and Wellness Retreat, 120 N. Santa Fe. All ladies welcome and bring a friend. Bring snacks and drinks to share. 6-7 p.m. Willow Leenders of Storypuncture will share her story of surviving cancer to a career helping people through their own stories and acupuncture. See a treatment on Anna Prockish 7-9 p.m. Book a 15 minute chair massage (fully clothed-preferably pants) and/or mini mani-pedi for \$15 each or just come for fun and fellowship. Reservation for the services required through Anna Prockish, telephone 785-212-0685 by December 4. RSVP appreciated.



PAGETURNERS

Pageturners meets the
3rd Tuesday of the
Month at 4:00.

December 18 we will meet to choose books for 2019. So many books and so little time! Location will be Pyles' unless there is a better offer!



Wednesday Night Ministry

Have a busy week?

**We are open late on Wednesday
and you can leave the cooking to us.**

Wednesday night at Redeemer is a rewarding and relaxing time for everyone. Come and join us for all or part of the evening activities.

Childcare is provided free of charge starting at 6:00.



5:30 - Weekly Meal

The evening begins with a light Supper, prepared and served by Redeemer volunteers, in the fellowship hall. The meal is free, but donations are accepted.



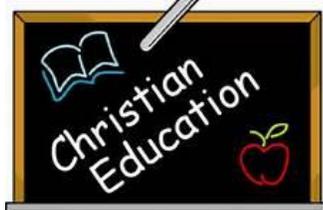
6:00 - Godly Play for children age 3 through 3rd grade

What is Godly Play? A child-honoring way of entering into and experiencing the biblical story. We use manipulative story characters and imagination to experience the biblical story through narrative story, parables, liturgical actions and silence. Children are not told what to believe but are exposed to the story experience. Through this open-ended approach we hear the deepest invitation to come play with God.



6:15 - Worship—An informal Communion worship service is held every week.

Call for
a ride!



After Worship stay for more learning

4th-6th Grade class with Debbie Beckman

7th & 8th Grade confirmation with Pastor

High School with Sheila Alstatt

Adults

Free Child Care
For Little Ones!



7:15

FARMERS MARKET



**140 N 5TH ST
TUESDAYS
4-7 PM
NOVEMBER 6
TO APRIL 23**

Except December 25 and January 1



**EBT/SNAP
Accepted
Participating
In Double Up
Food Bucks**



*Stretch your
EBT food
dollars for
more fruits
and veggies!*

Questions? Email: livewellsalinecounty@gmail.com

Worship

The annual children's Christmas program at Redeemer will be performed this year on Wednesday, December 19 at 6:15 p.m. Please mark your calendars! Children will sing "Angels We Have Heard on High" and "Joy to the World," and students from the 4th-6th grade Connect class will share their instrumental talents. Please join us for the program ~ and stay afterward for cookies and treats!



ALTAR GUILD: Cheryl Itschner & Vivian Cook

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 8:00 SERVICE

	December 2	December 9	December 16	December 23	December 30
Greeters	Mary Shaffer & Jan Jackson	Virg Augustine & Noni Strand	Cheryl Itschner & Kathy Lowman	Gary & Sue Mettlen	Fifth Sunday One Service 9 a.m. Brunch to follow
Ushers	Diane Conover & Cheryl Itschner	Gary & Sue Mettlen	Virg Augustine & Noni Strand	Kathy Lowman & Diane Conover	
Communion	Marilee Vancil, Gary & Sue Mettlen	Virg Augustine, Noni Strand & Mary Shaffer	Charlotte Herrman, Cheryl Itschner & Kathy Lowman	Diane Conover & ???	
Lector	Kathy Lowman	Noni Strand	???	Charlotte Herrman	
Sound	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen	

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 10:30 SERVICE

Greeters	Loren & Phyllis Harris	Joe & Janis Plumer	Carl & Rebecca Pyle	Chad & Christine Curl	Karen Lucas & Pam Strahan
Ushers	Larry & Pam Strahan	Phil & Jean Sedo	Kendra Albin & Chad Curl	Phil Sedo & Alan English	Gary & Lana Jordan
Communion	Vivian Cook, Alan English & Kris Johanson	Anna Prockish, Joe & Kathy Heinrich	Dennis Kuhlman, Dennis & Carol Kuhlman	Dan Metcalfe, Wayne & Carol Keeler	Mike Ramage, Larry & Pam Strahan
Lector	Kris Neff	Kendra Albin	Mary Mertz	Tom Mertz	Ann Metcalfe
Sound	Ray Beckman	Mary Mertz	Tom Mertz	Kris Neff	Ray Beckman
Fellowship	The Strahans	The Plumers	The Callahans	The Johansons	Music & Worship

Lectionary for Sundays in December

December 2 — First Sunday of Advent

[Jeremiah 33:14-16](#)

[Psalm 25:1](#)

[1 Thessalonians 3:9-13](#)

[Luke 21:25-36](#)

[Jesus said:] ²⁵There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

December 9 — Second Sunday of Advent

[Malachi 3:1-4](#)

[Psalmody Luke 1:68-79](#)

[Philippians 1:3-11](#)

[Luke 3:1-6](#)

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,



"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "

December 16 — Third Sunday of Advent

[Zephaniah 3:14-20](#)

[Psalmody Isaiah 12:2-6](#)

[Philippians 4:4-7](#)

[Luke 3:7-18](#)

⁷ John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" ¹¹ In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." ¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" ¹³ He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.



Lectionary for Sundays in December

December 23— Fourth Sunday of Advent

[Micah 5:2-5a](#)
[Psalmody Luke 1-46b-55](#)
[Hebrews 10:5-10](#)
[Luke 1:39-45](#)



³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

⁴⁶And Mary said,
 "My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

December 24— Nativity of Our Lord

[Isaiah 9:2-7](#)
[Psalm 96:11](#)
[Titus 2:11-14](#)
[Luke 2:1-14](#)



¹In 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,

^{14a}"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.

December 30— First Sunday of Christmas

[1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26](#)
[Psalm 148:13](#)
[Colossians 3:12-17](#)
[Luke 2:41-52](#)



⁴¹Now every

year [Jesus'] parents went to

Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

We are Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

This year's theme for
Advent season is
Gifts.



Flower Chart

If you are interested in providing flowers for our worship services on a specific date, please sign the chart. Make sure to use only a dry-erase marker.



Birthdays ~

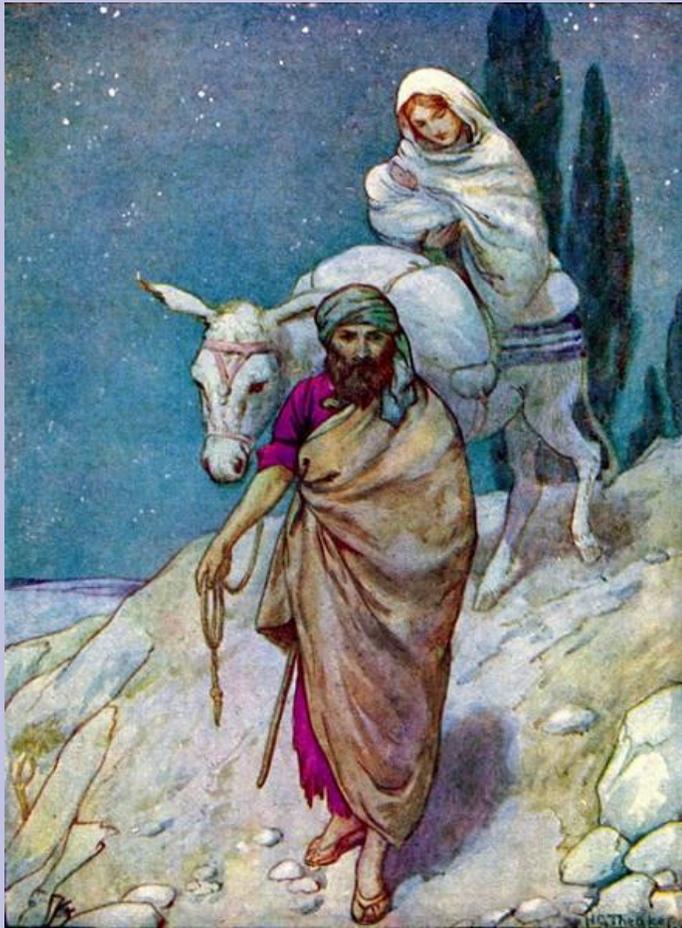
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| 3 Kendra Albin | 21 Keith Charlson |
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| 10 Kathy Stohs | 22 Marjorie Hansen |
| 13 Tom Drown | 22 Rylee Kay |
| 15 Charlie Weiss | |

Content of the Ringer depends on you, the members of this church, for articles, photos, important dates, etc. **The January newsletter deadline is December 14th at 12:00 pm.** Information turned in after this date might not be included. The newsletter is available by email, mail or at the church.

December

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Weekly Church Events

Sunday Communion Worship

8:00 Communion worship

10:30 Communion worship

Wednesday morning

9:00 Bible Study

Wednesday Evening Activities

5:30—Dinner

6:00—Godly Play

6:15—Communion Worship

Followed by Education

7:15—Music practice

Organist: Ruth Mirtz

Choir Director: Ann Metcalfe

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Britney English

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