

The Ringer

Volume 13 Issue 1

January 2017 Newsletter



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I hope the season is finding you blessed by family and friends and connections and memories. For me this a joyous season as my children are home more (especially the one who decided to go to college several states away!), but It is also bittersweet as I remember those that I no longer can see at Christmas or hear from at Christmas. The above picture was shown on a page for my home county's historical society, Winnebago County Historical Society, and is a shot looking south on our main street, Clark, in about 1958. This is how I remember home. The cars were a bit newer vintage when I grew up (the mega cars of the late sixties and seventies) but the lights were the same, the look of cold was the same, and the excitement of going shopping for my family to find something that in my 10 year old mind and limited resources would be the very best present for mom, dad and my sister (perhaps looking at things for myself too). The lights were always a beacon after Thanksgiving that shelves would be moved, displays changed, and the stores would be filling as merchants vied for our business, even if it was the 5 or 10 dollars a kid would have to spend on their family and friends.

The lights also remind me of the annual lighting contest our town had, and dad trying to out-do the neighbors and come home with that little plastic, gold colored trophy. Dad has been gone thirty years now this Christmas/New Year season, and thinking on that makes me a bit maudlin. The light display at our house put the nativity set (It was plastic, hollow and each figure had a light bulb inside. It had been bought from Sears in Mason City) front and center and lots of lights on the two evergreen trees to the right and left of it...lights on the eaves and around the front window and then getting grandpa's tallest ladder and a long 2x2 out with nails on the end to put lights in our huge spruce tree. It did not change much from year to year but it was a counter point to the Brunsvold's life-size Wooden Santa, sleigh and reindeer across the street, and the Nolton's Christmas story book theme next to them. As our neighborhood lit up for Christmas, the traffic would start driving by slowly (it was always a good crowd after Saturday night mass at St. James Catholic, a block away...and they drove slowly this time of year, lessening the danger for us kids to be out in the street skating.)

Judges would venture out the first weeks of December and when the grand drawing was held downtown, the winner of the lighting contest was announced as well. I remember the year Dad finally won. He never showed much emotion but you could tell he was proud of the work we had done as a family to make our little house a message in lights at Christmas. The trophy came home, and that next week a photographer from the paper came and took a picture of us out by our display. We had to pretend that we were hanging lights. The light display we kept lit through Epiphany. The message of the Christ Child with a light bulb inside was an important one. (Baby Jesus would disappear almost every year...a standard college prank. The police would retrieve him from Waldorf every year as well.)

For many of you also this season may bring back memories, some good, some bad, some sad, some very happy, and probably a mix of all of those emotions. The lights, which we display on our houses or down our main streets, pale in comparison to the light that is revealed in Christ himself. The darkness of this age is indeed dark, but we have a savior, Jesus Christ, who dispels it. May that light always be on display in your hearts and in every aspect of your lives! Amen!

In Christ,
Pastor David



Council Highlights

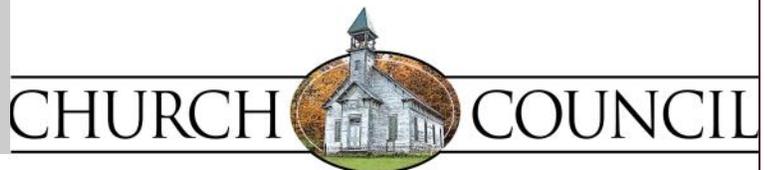
Redeemer Lutheran Church Council December 14, 2017

1. Finalized Proposed Budget for 2018 to submit at congregational meeting on December 17.
2. Motion passed to accept bid for flat roof (vinyl membrane) from Ryan Roofing of \$30,122.20; submit ½ payment to get project started.
3. Heard bid from Midwest Siding for metal and shingle roofs. Still waiting on final decision from insurance representative for these roofs. Check has been received from insurance company for the flat roof and part of metal roof.
4. Worship Assistant Training will be Sunday, January 28, 2018 beginning at 9:00 a.m.
5. Mary Mertz showed us the sample of the new worship bulletin that will be used February 18 through August.
6. Education Committee will soon assemble a task force to study building usage, particularly our education and activity use.
7. Mutual Ministry Committee will review membership requirements according to the constitution.
8. Personnel Committee has finalized a list of six applications for the Administrative Assistant position. The office is currently being staffed by Anita Strommen and volunteers.
9. Property Committee will find out costs for curbside recycling since Images is closed until further notice.

Next meeting is Thursday, January 11, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

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 through 11-30-17:

Actual Income:	\$264,488.97	Annual Budget:	\$278,050.00
Actual Expenses:	\$266,302.59	Annual Budget:	\$292,790.00

Thank you for your generosity and fulfillment of pledges as we complete 2017.



Education



Our Wednesday evening program is growing. Godly Play has experienced growth this year that had us scrambling to find additional space for that program. The youth have been shifted to the Sacristy and the older Godly Play class moved into the Youth room as a temporary fix. We stress what a GREAT problem. Take a peek in the Sacristy to see how the Youth have made that space work for them. However, it is time for us to assess our space and figure out how to, grow our programming space. We want your ideas, both the well thought out ideas and the half-baked ones. Any idea could be the one we need. Contact Debbie Beckman, Carol Kuhlman or Pastor with your questions, ideas, concerns. We will be putting together a committee of volunteers and recruits soon so let us know of your interest to serve.

Worship and Music

The Worship and Music Committee will be having worship assistant training on Sunday, January 28th. If anyone is wanting a refresher on the various worship assistant jobs or is new to the job, this morning is for you! Communion assistants will train at 9:00, sound will train at 9:15, lectors and cantors at 9:30 and ushers and greeters at 9:45. If you can't make the date or time, or have questions, please let Britney English know."



Outreach

NEEDS OF THE MONTH – JANUARY 2018

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

- Ibuprofen
- Acetaminophen
- Anti-Perspiring – Deodorant
- Cold Medicine
- Cough Drops
- Stocking Caps
- Gloves



A tremendous THANK YOU to the community for already helping us with many items of great need!

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.

Thinking of you at Christmas



In Loving Memory And In Honor Of...

Given by John Nielsen and Katelyn Nielsen in honor of Ester.

Given by David and Lonnie Wahlgren in honor of and in memory of Family.

Given by John Hotaling in memory of Wilfred and Eva Hotaling.

Given by Dan and Ann Metcalfe in honor of Roger and Sally Gieschen, Sam and Georgia Kincaid and in memory of Pete and Millie Metcalfe and Henry and June Labes.

Given by Steve and Kendra Albin in honor of Pastor David Strommen. We Love You!

Given by David and Charlotte Herrman in honor of Gabriel and Elijah Biggs.

Given by Mary Shaffer in honor of her grandchildren: Nick, Sam, Max, Olivia and Cruz.

Given by Kathy Lowman in honor of Tom and Mary Mertz, and Gary and Lana Jordan.

Given by Joe and Kathy Heinrich in memory of Ben and Ruby Heinrich, and Warren and Mary Alice Newcomb.

Given by Marty Holmquist in honor of Family.

Given by Loren and Phyllis Harris in memory of Dianna Harris.

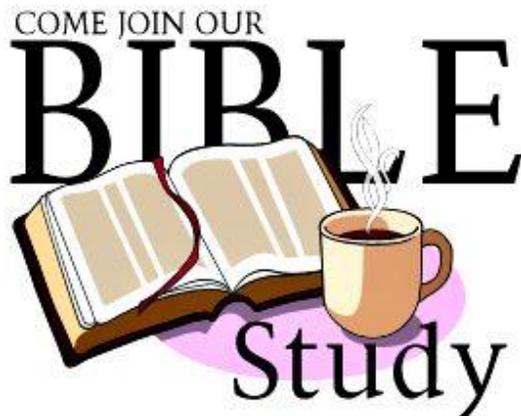
Thank
YOU

Thank you to our Redeemer Family for the very generous Christmas Gifts. The money is greatly appreciated along with the Christmas goodies. We ask for your continued prayers and support and look forward to the coming year.

God Bless you All!

Pastor David, Anita and Family

For Your Information



1 Corinthians 13:12-13 ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly,^[b] but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Pastor David will be holding a Bible Study this coming year based on the above verses. It is not going to be hours and weeks and months studying those two verses, but it will be using those two verses to help shape our way of looking at events and issues of "Now".

For many people looking at events that "shape our day" comes down to an absolute this or that, that they may call "right from wrong". That way helps them feel safe and content in a world that is so often chaotic, violent, and questionable. Our "now" is seen as the worst of all time and often the reaction is "if it were just done the way we used to do it..."

But the church has always foundationally declared all "now-s" to be chaotic, violent, and questionable. But the church has also foundationally declared all "now-s" to be in God's control. That leads us to then the question how do we as Christians function? We function through faith that God is in control, Hope that the future will be better, and love of neighbor. This love is according to Paul is the lynchpin. It ties faith and hope together so that even with the questions of this time we seek the good of our neighbor.

The studies will focus then on issues that you as members of Redeemer find important, issues that you may find divisive, but issues that you feel we need to discuss. The discussion is not meant to come to a new "absolute", but an understanding that even through a dim mirror we can love each other and live a world that throws all sorts of questions at us.

Pastor David will have a three week study at 7pm on the 18th, 25th of January and on 1st of February. We will meet at Redeemer in the Magnolia room. The issues that we will discuss are Political Correctness/Language, Inclusion, and an issue of your choosing.

**Nate
&
Drew**



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



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.



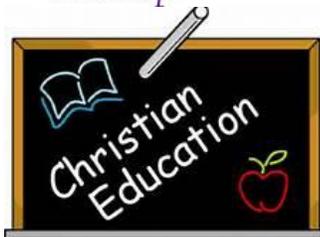
6:00 - Godly Play for children age 3 through 3rd grade

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



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

High School

Adults

Free Child Care
For Little Ones!



7:15

Lectionary for Sundays in January

Jan 7, Baptism of our Lord

[Genesis 1:1-5](#)

[Psalm 29](#)

[Acts 19:1-7](#)

[Mark 1:4-11](#)

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."



⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Jan 14, 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

[1 Samuel 3:1-10 \[11-20\]](#)

[Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18](#)

[1 Corinthians 6:12-20](#)

[John 1:43-51](#)

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."



Jan 21, 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

[Jonah 3:1-5, 10](#)

[Psalm 62:5-12](#)

[1 Corinthians 7:29-31](#)

[Mark 1:14-20](#)

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him



Jan 28, 4th Sunday after Epiphany

[Deuteronomy 18:15-20](#)

[Psalm 111](#)

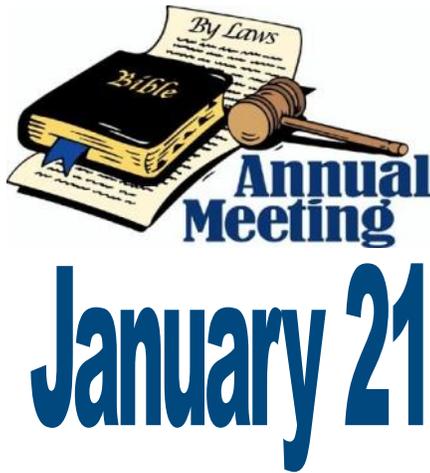
[1 Corinthians 8:1-13](#)

[Mark 1:21-28](#)

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.



Let it snow, Let it snow, Let it snow!



The Election Meeting of Redeemer Lutheran church was held December 17th

Election results:

Redeemer Church Council:

Alan English, Charlotte Herman, Tom Drown

Representitive to Synod Assembly:

Jody Biegert, Anna Prockish

Nominating Committee:

Mary Shaffer, Christine Elsasser, Gary Jordan

The preliminary January agenda will include:

1. Recognition of 2018 council officers
2. Treasurer review of the 2017 budget
3. Discussion and voting on 2018 budget
4. Other business

Partners in Ministry

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 8:00 SERVICE		ALTER GUILD:		
	January 7	January 14	January 21	January 28
Usher/ Greeter	Mary Shaffer Kathy Lowman	Carol Lehman Cheryl Itschner	Diane Conover Sue Mettlen	Virg Augustine Noni Strand
Communion	Carol Lehman Cheryl Itschner	Charlotte Herrman Mary Shaffer	Kathy Lowman Mary Ellen Rudick	Mary Shaffer Carol lehman
Lector	Jan Jackson	Kathy Lowman	Mary Ellen Rudick	Noni Strand
Sound	Perry Jurgenson	Perry Jurgenson	Perry Jurgenson	Perry Jurgenson
PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 10:30 SERVICE				
Greeter	Alan English Mike Ramage	Chad & Christine Curl	Gary & Lana Jordan	Carol & Larry Manz
Usher	Rick & Betty Henderson	Joe & Kathy Heinrich	Phil & Jean Sedo	Dennis Kuhlman Kendra Albin
Communion	Mary Mertz Kris Neff	Larry Strahan Lana Jordan	Ray Beckman Pam Strahan	Tom Mertz Joe Plumer
Lector	Wayne Keeler	Larry Strahan	Mary Mertz	Ann Metcalfe
Cantor	Jodi Bachand	Britney English	Ann Metcalfe	Kris Johanson
Sound				
Coffee Host	Joe & Kathy Heinrich	Jim & Viv Cook	Koers/Johanson	Craig & Sheila Alstatt

We are Family



- 5 Virg Augustine and Noni Strand
- 17 Brian and Karen Chapman



- 1 Wayne Gravel
- 1 Danielle Gulseth
- 1 Sabrina Voorhees
- 1 LaNita Pratt
- 1 Michael Metcalfe
- 5 Taylor Koers
- 10 Lindsay Chapman
- 12 Caroline Manz
- 13 Mary Ellen Rudick
- 16 Alvina Nelson
- 16 Dan Metcalfe
- 18 Ken Mayfield
- 20 Joe Hartley
- 21 Marlie Potter
- 22 Ruby Vallis
- 24 Chuck Levin
- 24 Sofia Trawkowski
- 27 Mara Pickering

Flower Chart



There are a lot of empty spaces on the flower chart for 2018.

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.



Weather alerts: It's that time of year when weather starts to factor in to possibly canceling Sunday worship or week-day event and meeting.

MAKE SURE TO WATCH YOUR E-MAIL!

A special weather e-mail will be sent to everyone announcing the cancellation.

YOUR SAFETY COMES FIRST!

If you need to be called please let the church office know.



Content of the Ringer depends on you, the members of this church, for articles, photos, important dates, etc. **The February Newsletter deadline is January 15th 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.

January

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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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

**Bell Director and
Worship Accompanist:**
Britney English

2017 Council

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