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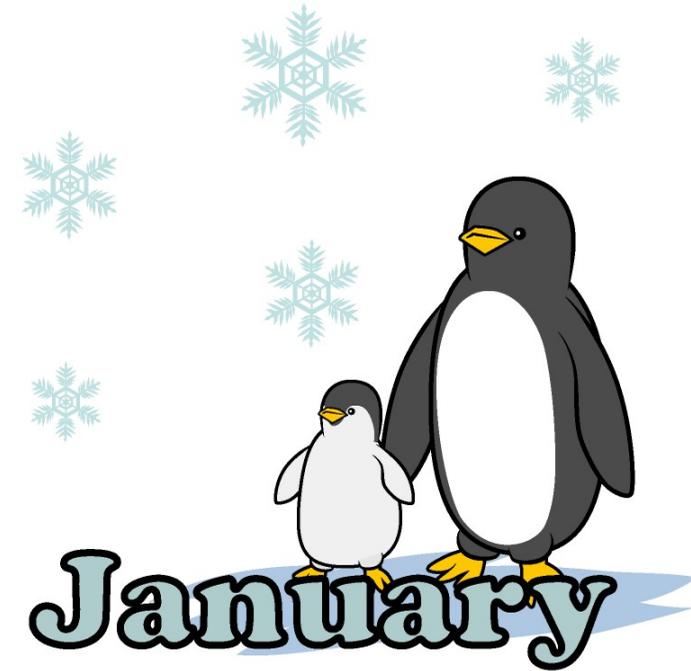
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IN TOUCH WITH REDEEMER

A newsletter by and for the family of Redeemer Lutheran Church

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DISCIPLESHIP



Our purpose and goal at Redeemer congregation is stated in Matthew 28:19 by Jesus, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." We could sum it up as:

Discipling for Christ-Being disciples for Christ
-Making disciples for Christ

The word "disciple" in the Old Testament Hebrew means "to learn". So it means to be a learner and follower of Jesus Christ. As we open up the Bible, we are told what it means to be a Disciple.

- 1) A disciple is a Christian who is involved in the Word of God on a continual basis. Jesus said, "If you hold (continue) in my teaching, you are really my disciples." (John 8:31)
- 2) A disciple is a Christian who lays down his life for others. Jesus said, "A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. All men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another." (John 13:34-35)
- 3) A disciple is a Christian who abides daily in a fruit-bearing union with Christ. Jesus said, "If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit." (John 15:5)

So if we are being disciples at Redeemer, it will certainly be reflected in our worship attendance, Bible class and Sunday School attendance, giving of time to serve the Lord, giving our talents in serving in at least one capacity in the Lord's Church, and giving first fruits financially (like a tithe-10% of income) to the Lord.

And being disciples also reflects in our effort to make disciples of others by our sharing of Christ as Lord and Savior and bringing others to hear the Word and study it and supporting our mission work here and abroad.

Yes, as we enter 2023, let us as believers of Christ be disciples and work together to make disciples!

In Christ, Pastor Baumgarn

SERVING GROUPS

We have monthly serving groups and if you're not on the list and would like to be, contact the church office.

JANUARY

Sharon Skaro – 320-894-7247

Matt & Jennifer Akerson
Elloyd & Janice Bartel
Rev. Jack & Carol Baumgarn
Jacob Berghuis
Sarah Berghuis
Susan Christensen
Andrew & Heather Cordes
Dave & Julie Danzeisen
Jerry Gesch
Pete & Paulette Hagen
Gary & Mary Hillenbrand
Jon & Lindsey Hillenbrand
Carol Jackson
Jared & Kjaresty Johnson
Dylan & Angela Kalkbrenner
Roger & Lois Koosmann
Jerret & Darci Mohr
Bill & Bridget Neumann
Jeff & Cheryl Pitt
Stan & Sharon Skaro
Rolf & Joyce Standfuss
Dale & Ashley Weilage

FEBRUARY

Deb Bremseth – 320-231-2089

Sarah Fosso – 320-894-3325

Deb Bremseth
John & Sharon Cola
Carolyn Davis
Ryan & Sarah Fosso
Jeremy & Nichole Gleason
Keven & Diane Hillenbrand
Jamie Jackson
Roger & Nancy Klaassen
Ben Kopacek
Brad & Claudia Lenz
Brad Marcus
Gene & Rose Meyer
Randy & Melissa Mord
Nathan & Margaret Nielsen
Wayde & Sarah Olson
Tim & Stacy Pollock
Charlotte Roduner
Joseph & Katherine Schaeffbauer
Jennifer Schoumaker
Dave & Lynn Sherod
Jeff & LeAnn Stauffenecker
Tony & Kerry Texley

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

†† JANUARY 2023 ††

WORSHIP SERVICES CAN BE HEARD IN THE PARKING LOT ON SUNDAYS BY TUNING TO FM STATION 101.9.

	ELDERS	ACOLYTES
Jan 1 10:00 AM Communion	Stan Skaro, Jeff Pitt	Alex Rodriguez
Jan 8 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Stan Skaro Brandon Kopacek	Aliyah Lingbeek Devyn Frank
Jan 15 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Dave Danzeisen, Mike Botzek Steve Lueders, Ron Jaspersen	Brayden Schroeder Eva Berghuis
Jan 22 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Dave Runke Jeff Pitt	Evan Gustafson Esmond Gustafson
Jan 29 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Dave Danzeisen Brandon Kopacek	Esmond Gustafson Evan Gustafson
USHERS 8:00 AM Dave & Carol Runke 10:30 AM Doug & Renee Jorschumb, Curt Swart		LIBRARY Marcia Gilman

IT'S TIME FOR BINGO! Join us Friday evening on January 20th for a fun-filled night of Bingo! Bring your friends! A light supper will be served at 6:00 pm with Bingo to follow at 6:30. If you have new items to donate for Bingo, please drop them off in the church office. Thank you!

BE ON THE LOOKOUT for your Year-End Giving statements. They will be placed in your church mailbox by January 31st. If you have any questions, please contact Chris in the church office at 235-4685.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in your mailbox and please make sure your name is on the top of the box. Please do not use these until 2023 as your number may have changed. If you would like a box and did not receive one, contact Lori in the church office.

School Years: '13-'14 and '14-'15

These years brought some staff changes to the preschool. These were long-lasting changes as Michelle moved from Assistant teacher to teacher and Gretchen was hired. Luann blessed us with a few years of teaching during this time too. Staff changes can be difficult and yet bring new energy into our routine. There was a lot of mentoring these years as no one had a lot of experience with classrooms and early childhood. But the children thrived and learning continued. Jesus Time and Jesus infused days were constant as these faith-filled teachers believed this was the most important aspect of this school. Praise God for sending us ones who embrace this ministry calling!! As I told a grandparent this fall "Teaching (in a Lutheran school) is not for the faint of heart." These gals were ready for the challenge.



I have mentioned before that one thing we "do" is service with the kiddos. These two years we took on some big projects that required volunteers that had some sewing savvy. We took on sewing and appliqueing super hero capes for Children's hospitals. We also made some masks and tiaras to go with those. Another project had us sewing and tying fleece blankets for kids and making some quilt tops. The quilt tops were then sent home with volunteers to finish into quilts. Some of our quilting ladies here at church were very helpful with all of these projects and my mom, Dianne Kruse logged quite a few prep hours. Betty Behm also added to our dress-up clothes collection.

I did a little figuring the other day. With 180 chapel months over the last 20 years we have given away at least \$20,000 to various charities in Kandiyohi county and farther away. This does not include the money from Thrivent or material donations for our projects. And I know that number is low as our Christmas and Spring services also go toward specific projects.



I found the church's Strategic Ministry plan Goal list while I was prepping for this article. It was interesting to look through and note which of our goals were completed and those that were not yet. Screens, comfy sitting areas, sanctuary update, dishwasher, window replacement were just a few on the list.

During these years: Accreditation was completed for the first time.

The Parent Aware rating process was started; A playground structure was purchased from Head start (put in storage); Key Cards were put in place for security purposes; The Scrip Gift Card program was started to help families with tuition. And we celebrated some 10-year anniversaries: Darla Hammerschmidt, Debra Arnold and Rachel had served for 10 years in the preschool! So many awesome memories with so many people in the congregation lending a hand for various projects in the preschool!

Rachel Jeppesen, Preschool Director

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE to attend Best Practices for Ministry (BPM) Conference on February 16-18, 2023 in Phoenix, AZ. What is BPM? It is a conference hosted by Christ Church Lutheran. For over 10 years we have offered this FREE conference to remind professional and lay church workers that you are loved, you are not alone, and you matter. And when we say free, we truly mean that: free meals, free shuttling, free speakers, free snacks, free activities, free registration. <https://cclphoenix.org/bpm/> If you have questions, please see Dave Danzeisen or Tim Pollock.

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

SUN	ATTEND	COMM	ADULT	ELEM	H.S.	PRIVATE
Dec 4	209	153	49	12	7	
Dec 11	182		35	10	10	
Dec 18	177	151	40	6	10	
Dec 25	81					
TOTALS	649	304	124	28	27	25
Out by death: Betty Schleh, Murriel Ashburn						

EVERYONE HAS TALENT! Put your talent to use on one of our church boards starting January 1st! Contact Tim Pollock or Tim Smith.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES Join in on either Pastor Baumgarn's study on Paul's letter to the Ephesians in the Fellowship Hall or Danzeisen's study of Exodus in the Trinity Room each Sunday at 9:15 am.

THE QUILTERS will begin meeting again on Monday's starting January 9th at 12:30 pm. Please join us! There are bundles on the wire rack in the kitchen if anyone would like to sew at home.

REDEEMER'S NEXT POTLUCK MEAL will be January 15 at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to pass!

NEWSLETTERS Please consider having your newsletter placed in your church mailbox, view it online, or emailed to you. Please contact Lori in the church office.

SHOES/BOOTS Don't throw those old boots or shoes away! Bring them to church, along with your other outgrown dress shoes and tennies, and place them in the shoe box located in the narthex. They will then be taken to Lutheran Island to both benefit the camp, as well as people in other countries around the world. For more information on Lutheran Island Camp go to islandcamp.org.

LIKE TO SEW? If you are willing to sew quilt tops together for next year's graduate quilts, please stop in the church office for a bag of squares.

REDEEMER GIFT CARDS! Order gift cards any time of the year! A percentage goes towards a Preschoolers tuition, to a Redeemer Youths account, or to our General Education. The percentage listed on the form is what the church receives back in rebates. Forms are located in the church office or the narthex! Deadline for this month is **Monday, January 16th**.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!! For January we will be collecting "Snacks" for our troops. Beef Jerky, Nuts, Raisins, Granola Bars, Microwave Popcorn, Tuna, Hard Candy, Licorice, Canned Ravioli, Beef Stew, Powdered Drink Mix. Please place donated items in box located in the narthex.

UPDATED DIRECTORIES may be found in the narthex. Please contact the office for any corrections.

LUTHERAN WITNESS MAGAZINE Renew or subscribe to the Lutheran Witness magazine. The cost is \$18 for the year. Place your check (payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church) in the Lutheran Witness envelope found in your 2023 offering envelope box and drop in the offering plate or bring to the church office no later than January 22nd.

THANK YOU to all those who remembered the Redeemer staff this holiday season with gifts. It was greatly appreciated! God's Blessings to you all!

THANK YOU to everyone for thinking of all the kiddos this year who may have gone without gifts. Your thoughtfulness and kindness is so appreciated!! LeAnn & Shelly from UCAP. (See thank you's on church office window.)

CALL UPDATE There is a Voters Pastoral Call meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 17th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The Pastoral names are: Pastor Jason Bredeson, Pastor Craig Donofrio and Pastor Martin Mably. Information packets for each Pastor are located in the church office and available for review.

QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING

JANUARY 29TH

9:05 AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

If you are a member or 18 years of age you can become a voting member at this meeting.

WHIRLYBALL!! Junior and Senior High kids, 7th-12th grade, along with their parents are invited to spend a funfilled day of WhirlyBall on January 22nd. We will leave church after second service and stop for lunch on the way. The event is covered but please bring spending money for food.

NOTICE: DUE TO THE REDUCED STAFF IN THE OFFICE, NO ONE MAY BE IN THE OFFICE DURING THE NOON HOUR (12 - 1 PM).

POINSETTIAS WERE GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

Marvin & Luella Behm by Ken, Carol, Gordon, Myron, Debra and spouses

Husband Dean by Cindy Cordes

Michael & Irmgard Dahlke by Marilyn Worke and Larry & Helga Miller

Donna Gast by Darvin and Joe & Darla Hammerschmidt & Family

Delmore & Suzie Johnson, Harvey & Katie Hoekstra by Darrell & Gail Hoekstra

Lois' sisters Elaine Johnson & Joann Sorenson by Roger & Lois Koosmann

Gordon & Maealice Kimpling by Jeff, Darla, Zachary, Paul, Safiya, Syriah, & Don Kimpling

Joy Landin by Ray & Linda Landin

Our parents and siblings celebrating Christmas in Heaven by Mike & Mary Mikkelsen

Norman & Pearl Pankow and Lester & Darline Vogeler by Terry, Cheryl, & Brent Pankow

Lloyd & LaVonne (Bonnie) Rhoda by Deb Bremseth

Richard & MaryAnne Rossow by Brian, Jackie & Devyn Frank

Parents Jim & Betty Schmidt by Laurie Nelson

John Schroeder by Lori & Family

Rosie Schwartz by Mel & Family

Louis Smith by Charlene & Family

Lucien & Ellen Vlaminck by Michael & Joy Gratz

Simon & Gloria Zimmer and Ed & Arlene Pitt by Jeff & Cheryl Pitt



If anyone is interested in taking a poinsettia home or if you know of someone who would enjoy it please help yourself.

ABOUT THE MONTH OF JANUARY

The New Year has begun! It's time to leave the past behind and focus on a fresh start. This time of year is fun and busy for teachers, parents, and students. Check out these fun facts that will help boost your mood and encourage you to dive into the New Year with positivity!

Basic January Facts

- January is the 1st month of the year.
- January is known to be the coldest month in the Northern Hemisphere and the warmest in the Southern Hemisphere.
- Flower: Carnation
- Birthstone: Garnet
- Zodiac signs: December 22 – January 19 Capricorn and January 20 to February 18 Aquarius.

January Trivia

- Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863.
- The first New Year's ball drop in New York City started in 1908.
- In 1946, the first United States Computer was built in Pennsylvania at the Moore School of Engineering.
- The History Channel was launched in 1995.
- The plum blossom is the Chinese floral emblem of January.
- The month of January is named after Janus, the Roman god that has two heads, one to look backward and one to look forward towards the New Year.
- In 1890, the Rose Parade started in Pasadena, California. Today the parade is broadcast in more than 100 countries.
- January was excluded from the Roman calendar which only had 10 months.
- The 31st day of January was added to the month by Julius Caesar.
- In 1959, Alaska became the 49th state of the United States
- Ellis Island opened on January 1st, 1892, allowing more than 20 million immigrants to enter the United States.

Holidays Celebrated in January

- January 1 – Emancipation Proclamation
- January 2 – National Science Fiction Day
- January 4 – World Braille Day
- January 4 – National Spaghetti Day
- January 8 – World Typing Day
- January 11 – National Clean Off Your Desk Day
- January 13 – Korean American Day
- January 14 – National Dress Up Your Pet Day
- January 15 – Martin Luther King's Birthday
- January 22 – Celebration of Life Day
- January 24 – International Day of Education
- January 27 – International Holocaust Remembrance Day
- January 27 – National Chocolate Cake Day
- January 28 – National Fun at Work Day

Weather Folklore for January

- Fog in January brings a wet spring.
- A favorable January brings us a good year.
- If grass grows in January, it will grow badly the whole year.
- A summerish January, a winterish spring.

