

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Office Hours: Wednesday thru Friday

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Tuesday 11:30am to 4:30pm

CALENDAR DATES

Dec. 2nd— Church Council at 5:30pm, Advent Starts

Dec. 3rd— Godly Play Meal and Soup at 5:30pm, Themed worship at 6pm, Choir rehearsal at 7:15pm.

Dec. 4th— Guys night out at 6pm

Dec. 7th— Sunday School at 8:30 Transition team at 8:30am, Sunday School at 8:30am, worship with Pastor Chad Langdon at 9:30am.

Dec. 10th— Godly play at 5:30pm, Redeemer Soup Supper 5:30-7:00pm Advent worship at 7:00pm No choir rehearsal.

Dec. 11th— Breakfast club at Ihop 8:30am, Sewing club at 10am.

Dec. 13th—Rejoicing Spirts at 11am.

Dec. 14th— Worship at 9:30am.

Dec. 15th—Silver needles at 6pm

Dec. 16th—Souper sisters at 11am

Dec. 17th— Godly Play meal and Soup at 5:30pm, Advent Worship at 6:30pm, Bell rehearsal at 7:15pm.

Dec.18th-Silver needles sew-in at 9:30am.

Dec.21st— Confirmation class and Sunday School at 8:30am, worship at 9:30am, Sunday school at 8:30am.

Dec. 24th—Christmas eve Service 5:30pm.

Dec. 25th-Merry Christmas!!!

Dec. 26th— Family fun night is canceled.

Dec. 28th—Sunday School at 8:30am, Worship

at 9:30am.

Dec. 31st-Godly Play at 5:30pm.



December 2025

28 9:30am Lessons and Carols	21 8:30-Confirmation Class 9:30– Worship 8:30– Sunday School	14 9:30– Worship	7 8:30am- , Sunday School 9:30am– Worship		SUN
29	22	15 6pm-Silver Needles	œ	->	Mon
30	23	16 11:30am–Souper Sisters	9	2 5:30pm-Church Council	TUE
31 No Godly Play	24 No Godly play 5:30 pm- Christmas eve service	17 5:30pm– Godly Play 7:15pm-Bells rehears- al Advent worship 6:30	10 5:30pm-Godly play Soup Supper 5:30 Advent worship 7pm	3 5:30p-Godly Play Advent worship 6:30 7:15pm– Choir Re- hearsal	WED
	25 Marry Christmas	18	11 8:30am– Breakfast club 10am-Sewing Club	4 6pm-Guy's night out	THU
	26 No Family Fun Night	19	12 10am– RJ Set up	បា	FRI
	27	20	13 11am- Rejoicing Spirts	6 Rejoicing Spirits Christmas party	SAT

Don't Forget These Dates

poinsettias for sale \$20 with sign up sheet in the weekly bulletin until December 14th

Pastor Chad Langdon will be her on December 7th to meet with the transition team, for worship, and fellowship to follow.

Important

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Time and Talent sheets need to be turned in as soon as possible but no later than December 31st!

December 21st all items that are donated for safe families are due!!!

Christmas eve December 24th services at 5:30pm

December 2nd Advent starts themed worship services will be help on Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 7pm

December 21st will be the 1st half of the congressional Meeting after the 9:30am service.

Soup Supper December 10th from 5:30pm-7pm

Dear Members of Redeemer:

The Biblical texts for the Christmas season are the same every year and I feel we become jaded in what we hear from these texts, because we are so familiar with them. In preparation for the Christmas season, I read an essay provided for us through Sundays and Seasons, which is our ELCA liturgical resource. I would like to share this essay with you. In the brief liturgical season of Christmas, we hear from three gospel writers, each with a different Christmas gift to unwrap for the telling of our stories. For Matthew, the holy family are refugees. Joseph follows his dreams. The family comes home to Galilee. Matthew invokes another exodus, a liberating journey under the care of angelic guides, to another promised land. Our Christmas sermons dare to announce that God is in this divided and violencesaturated world right now, a world which still has its leaders and economic forces that announce they are "the Lord," as their deluded followers eagerly believe. Despite the gruesome and terrible power of Herod, he is outwitted by dreamers, dedicated faithfulness, and God's fierce determination to bring home the lost. During these twelve days we cannot avoid the harsh realities of life but name them as forces that cannot win. The power of the baby, whether in the manger or in the house that welcomes the mysterious magi, is the good news that ends one year and begins another. The magi, outsiders, even gentiles encounter and believe that this love that comes is for them. Isaiah saw it coming. Now we do too. Of course, the star also leads us into a new season with weeks to name the ways grace is being revealed. We have time to welcome the revelation that is coming to rest within us. Luke places the story in the complex Roman occupation of Galilee and Judah. His sociopolitical interpretation keeps us from turning the story into one more crèche that sits in nostalgic glow under the Christmas tree. Luke pits God's presence against the autocrat and economies of empire, exploitation, and greed. God's arrival and the tragic reality of the world come together on the first Sunday of Christmas as we hear the lament of Rachel and all mothers of murdered children, caught in the crossfire of power and violence. Christmas preaching, is the divinizing lens of John, providing us a way to read scripture and the world. The messages of these days inform one another: the logos already present in the beginning, Word made flesh, and then, very soon, a star rising in the east. The mystery and marvel of the incarnation is this: God chose to be born in squalor. And as Christians who follow this One who is born in such places, our call is to not turn away from the sorrow, poverty, and brokenness present in God's world. Jesus did not turn away from them but showed up right in the middle of such a place. God meets us amid broken and awful things and is still being born in such places even today. Christmas is a reminder that God does not remain separate from humanity. Although Jesus was born for us, he was not born to us. He was born to people on the underside of an empire in a remote location, far from the centers of power and privilege. The animals and unassuming shepherds were the first to hear the news of the divine being clothed in flesh. The news was not delivered to what we assume is the top of society. Jesus' human life, from the moment of his first breath, signifies the reversal that his kingdom announces and fulfills. (Sundays and Seasons Year A) May you find this essay informative and may it lead you to have a most blessed Christmas season and New Year!

In Christ, Pastor Del





Announcements

If people don't already
have their Kroger Community Rewards set up to go to
an organization, they can
choose Redeemer. to date
in 2025 we have had
\$344.25 come back to us. If
you would like to switch
your dillions card to donate
to redeemer just ask and
they can switch it over for

If you would like to give a monetary Christmas gift to the Redeemer Staff (Pastor, Ruth, Ann, Becky, & Samantha) please mark your checks or envelopes with "Staff Christmas." If you make a donation online in Realm, please choose the "Staff Christmas" fund.

We now have a Parishioner sign up sheet so we can check on our Redeemer family members that have not be able to attend services if you are wanting to volunteer there is a sheet in the wel-

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If you are wanting to volunteer it is always apricated whether it is with carrying the cross, partners in ministry or making goods for fellowship (Someone else can hand them out) or putting stuff in the blessing box. Most of the time you can sign up at the welcome center if you find something you would like to volunteer for please let Pastor or a council member know. Plus most of these tasks don't take long and can be fun!

We are wanting to update the directory if you could please send updated information and pictures to redeem-er@redeemer-elca.org or contact Mary Shaffer and she can set up a time to take a new picture of you.

Outreach is an important part of a healthy congregation. We are needing three additional volunteers to serve on the Outreach committee. At this point, there are only 2 members on the committee. If you are unsure what the outreach committee does, please visit with Mary Shaffer.

Announcements Continued

Redeemer will be having a soup supper open to the general public on December 10 from 5:30m to 7:00 p.m. We need food donations for the soup supper. There is a sign-up sheet on the welcome center for the needed items plus kitchen help. (Men can help in the kitchen as well.) Pastor Del will be making the soup but this needs to be more than Pastor Del's soup supper. We need people to bring items, to work the kitchen and to come eat. Let's make this a true Redeemer event.



Family Fun in the Community

Cookies With Santa: Sunday, December 7, 2025, at the Rolling Hills Zoo. Holiday Lights in the Museum: The final days of this display at the Rolling Hills Zoo are November 28 - December 20, 2025.

Winter Zoo Detectives: Kids Winter Camps: December 30, 31, and January 2 at the Rolling Hills Zoo.

Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting & Musical Performance: The tree will be lit on December 21, 2025.

Ages 3-6 Mini Masters: First Tuesday Art Adventures: Tuesday, December 2, 2025, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM at the Salina Art Center.

Mistletoe Melodies: Ugly Christmas Sweater Edition: Friday, December 19, 2025, 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM at 800 The Midway.

The 1950s: Exhibit running throughout December at the Smoky Hill Museum.



This year we are trying to help children who have been placed in a program called Safe Families. Safe Families is a volunteer-driven program that supports families in crisis to prevent child abuse and neglect by providing a temporary "circle of support" for children and their parents. The program, which is rooted in biblical hospitality and compassion, aims to keep families stay intact by offering solutions like temporary hosting for children in the homes of trained volunteers, mentoring, and other support services to prevent social isolation. See welcome center for more information.

November Council Meeting Highlights

- * We had a special guest name Brittany Willer she was safe families which is a program that is proactive in keeping families together. Which sparked our Christmas families this year.
- * Shellee Callahan took over Rejoicing Spirits, volunteers are still needed please fill free to reach if you like to help.
- * Pastor Del is putting together a soup supper for advent it will take place December 10th.
- * First half of congressional meetings will be December 1st. Second half will take place on January 18th.

Announcement from RIC

The Reconciling In Christ Task Force invites the members of Redeemer to join us after service December 7th for a brief informational presentation during Fellowship. We will share information about what RIC is and answer any questions that you might have.

https://www.reconcilingworks.org/ric/

Dear Fellow Church members,

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, words of encouragement, muffins, and books during my chemotherapy treatments. A recent visit to Mayo Clinic shows that my metastasis has been significantly knocked backed. I will return there in February for further tests. Gratefully, Tom Mertz

Important: To try and get the Ringer out by the first of each month the council Highlights will be a Month behind if you do not like this idea or any other changes made to the Ringer please send some positive feedback to Samantha. Thank you!

A Look From Our Halloween





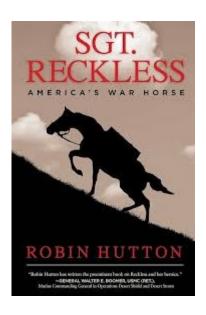
We served 350 Hotdogs and Raised \$109.00 for the Pregnancy Center, Around 400 children came to trunk or treat with us and all leftover hotdogs and chip went to the Salina Rescue mission what a success!!!













For November, Redeemer Page-turners read Sgt. Reckless, a book about a horse that served in the Korean War, in Korea, to deliver ammo over rough and rugged terrain. We were fortunate that Kelley Hulteen, owner of New Heights Therapeutic Riding, and a Page-turner member, who works at Sebree Stables helping clients through equine therapy. She invited the group to to visit the stables and see the horses and later discuss the book. She also provided snacks and cute "horsey" cookies. Carol Keeler and beautiful horse "Luke" struck a friendship.

The Page-turners will meet on December 18 to discuss a Christmas book, The Gift of the Magi. Lana Jordan is hosting, 2313 Edgehill Rd. Join the fellowship with food and conversation. Bring a friend(s). Everyone is welcome.















Partners in ministry 9:30am

If you would like to volunteer to help with Fellowship, please contact Debbie Beckman. If you would like to volunteer to help with Altar Guild, please contact Vivian Cook. Redeemer needs you! Thank you!

Duty	December 7	December 14	December 21	December 28
Greeters	Phil & Jean	Tom & Mary	Kahlan Metcalfe	Cecelia Anderson
	Sedo	Mertz	Kayden Tonninges	Kathy Heinrich
Ushers	Jan Jackson	Lana Jordan	Wayne & Carol	Mary Shaffer
Lector	Tom Mertz	Denise Dusin	Jan Jackson	Kris Johanson
Communion	Ray Beckman	Vivian Cook	Debbie Beckman	Tom Mertz
Cantor	Kris Johanson	No Cantor	Sam Neff	Ann Metcalfe
Sound	Perry	Kris Neff	Perry Jurgensen	Ray Beckman
Fellowship	Kris Johanson	Rosemary Ander- son	Council	Debbie Beckman

Page Turners

"The Gift of the Magi" is a short story by American writer O. Henry, first published in 1905. The story tells of a young husband and wife and how they deal with the challenge of buying secret Christmas

From the Treasurer as of October 31st

YTD INCOME: \$220,902.27

YTD EXPENSES: \$196,452.36

MORTGAGE: \$197,024.80

TOTAL ENDOWMENT BALANCE: \$278,560.02

Fellowship Treat Ideas





Chocolate Mint Truffles

Ingredients: 30 Oreo cookies, 8 ounces cream cheese, 1/2 teaspoon mint extract 12 ounces dark chocolate chips, 2 tablespoons shortening, 1 tablespoon sprinkles Instructions Put cookies in a food processor and pulse until the cookies are fine crumbs. In a bowl combine cookie crumbs, cream cheese and mint extract. mix well. Use a cookie scoop to scoop dough and roll a heaping teaspoon of the

mixture into balls. Set aside. Combine chocolate chips and shortening together in a bowl and microwave in 30 second increments until melted. Dip rolled mixture into the melted chocolate one by one and place on a parchment paper lined baking sheet. Sprinkle with colored sugar. Refrigerate until chocolate has hardened.



BirthdaysIII

Mary Bridges

Tom Mertz

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Charlie Weiss

Marjorie Hansen

Cheryl Itschner

Kathy Hartley-Bettes

December 2nd

December 2nd

December 13th

December 15th

December 22nd

December 20th

December 21st

Anniversaries

Jay and Jackie Aurand

Kenny and Mary Bridges

Harold and Becky Klaege

Rod and Rosemary Anderson

Jim and Vivian Cook

Craig and Sheila Alstatt

12/07/1991

12/10/1961

12/11/1971

12/17/1966

12/23/1971

12/23/1995



Content of the Ringer depends on you, the members of this church, for articles, photos, important dates, etc. **The January Newsletter deadline is December 22th, 2025**. Information turned in after this date might not be included. The newsletter is available by



Rejoicing Spirits was founded on the belief that all people should have the opportunity to explore faith and spirituality. Unfortunately, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities are often overlooked when it comes to inclusion and leadership in our faith communities. This innovative ministry works with congregations to provide a meaningful, inclusive worship service in a loving and supportive community for people with intellectual disabilities and the people who love and support them. People are free to be themselves while actively participating as contributing members in an inclusive faith community.

It includes shush-free worship service held at 11:00 am the 2nd Saturday of each month at Redeemer Lutheran Church – 743 E. Magnolia Rd. We provide a meal following the 30-minute service and everyone is invited to stay for activities that include crafts, coloring, wii games, karaoke, dancing, games and much more depending on the season!

We need volunteers. If interested, please contact Shellee Callahan (785-822-6878) or Debbie Beckman (785-452-5662).

- Set up help Friday before 10:00-11:00am set up activity stations, table decorations, etc.
- Kitchen help 11:30-12:30 Saturday serve the meal, clean up
- Activities 12:00-1:00 Saturday help with crafts, coloring, wii, game stations
- Assist with meal prep or desserts can be done in advance
- Participate in the service 11:00-11:30 Saturday help lead songs, play the piano, video

Dates for the next year:

DECEMBER 13, 2025

JANUARY 10, 2026

FEBRUARY 14, 2026

MARCH 14, 2026