

January Ringer 2026

First Morning Prayer of the Year

January 1, 2025

Heavenly Father,
Thank You for the gift of a new
year and a fresh beginning.
Guide our steps, strengthen our
faith, and fill us with hope. Bless
our endeavors, and help us to
love and serve others with joy.
May this year bring growth,
peace, and Your presence in all
we do. We trust in You. Amen.

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Calendar Dates

Jan. 1st— Happy New Years!!!

***Jan. 4th— 8:30am Confirmation class, 8:30am Transition team, 9:30am Worship.**

Jan. 6th— 5:30pm Council Meeting.

Jan. 7th— 7:15pm Choir rehearsal.

Jan. 8th— 8:30am Breakfast Club, 6:30pm Guys night out.

Jan. 10th— 11am Rejoicing Spirits.

Jan. 11th— 8:30am Confirmation class, 9:30am Worship

Jan. 13th— 11:30am Souper Sisters (Buffalo Wild Wings)

Jan. 14th— 7:15pm Bells and choir rehearsal.

Jan. 15th— 9:30am Silver needles sew-in.

Jan. 18th— 8:30am confirmation Class, 8:30am Sunday School 9:30am Worship

Jan. 19th— 6pm Silver needles meeting.

Jan. 21st— 7:15pm Bells and Choir rehearsal.

Jan. 25th— 8:30am Confirmation class, 9:30 worship

Jan. 28th— 7:15pm Bells and Choir rehearsal.



Dear Members of Redeemer:

Blessings to all of you as we begin a New Year! You have been a blessing to me and my prayer is that I can continue to be a blessing to all of you. The transition team has been working on gathering information among themselves to start filling out your ministry site profile. However, the most important task for the congregation is now going to begin. The Transition team will pass out a survey for the members of Redeemer to fill out. It is very important that we get as many members to fill this out as possible. THIS INFORMATION WILL DETERMINE THE TYPE OF PASTOR YOU WANT. You will bring these surveys to interviews with the

transition team. You need to visit with the transition team members about your survey results. Your survey will not have your name on it nor will your interviews be recorded by name, only by content. The transition team will be announcing dates for you to bring your survey and to come visit with them. We want you to have time to thoughtfully fill out your survey before visiting with the team members. If you can not make the dates and times that the transition team announces, you can contact the church office and a team member will pick up your survey or you can contact Pastor Del for a visit. It is so important that we hear as many voices as possible as we work on letting the Synod Office know what type of pastor you are seeking. This process is not a speedy one but will take time to complete. I am thankful for the wonderful volunteers who stepped up to be your transition team. Please take the time to thank them for their work in this difficult process. The transition team consists of Charlotte Herrman, Trey Potter, Kyle Tonniges, Wayne Keeler, Ryne Callahan and Kris Neff.

In Christ,

Pastor Del





If people don't already have their Kroger Community Rewards set up to go to an organization, they can choose Redeemer. In 2025 we have had over \$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 you!

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT THERE IS SIGN UP SHEETS AT THE WELCOME CENTER IN THE NARTHEX OR TALK TO A COUNCIL MEMBER AND THEY CAN TELL YOU WHICH PRO-

the 2026 flower chart is up in the fellowship hall and ready for people to signup to provide altar flowers. Please be sure to use the dry erase marker provided when signing up. They are \$27 for the regular size vase and colors they have on hand. If they want a special order request it may be more.

We are wanting to update the directory if you could please send updated information and pictures to redeemer@redeemer-elca.org or contact Mary



Family fun in the community

- * **January 4, 2025: Monster Truck Show at the Kicker Arena.**
- * **January 25, 2025: Salina Tournament of Champions (wrestling) at Tony's Pizza Events Center starting at 7:00 AM.**



**Rejoicing Spirits are back this is the
Christmas pageant for 2025 If you
would like to help out with Rejoicing
spirits please contact Shellee Callahan
or Debbie Beckman!!!**





Souper Sisters meeting in December at Martinelli's
If you would like to join them for lunch once a month
just reach out to Rosemary Anderson for more infor-
mation!!



Children's Christmas Program 2025

**Nate Callahan was the narrator,
 Mary played by Lyla Potter, Angel
 played by Reid Tonniges and Shep-
 herds were Viv Peterson, Elise Ton-
 niges and Ivy Potter. Script written
 by Mary Mertz.**

Letter from Charlotte & Sue

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the preparation, serving, clean-up, and supplying snacks for Godly Play.

Your time and dedication are sincerely appreciated.

Thank you Charlotte & Sue

I would also like to extend a special thank you to Charlotte for consistently covering for me when I was unable to be present.

Thank you

Sue

Second Half of the Congregational Meeting

The second half of congregational meeting will be held on January 18th following worship.

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, who is the Church council representative on the committee.

REJOICING SPIRITS

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP RUN REJOICING SPIRITS, IF INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT SHELEE CALLAHAN 785-822-6878 OR DEBBIE BECKMAN 785-



December Council Meeting

Highlights

- * **Transition Team will be getting surveys out soon. It is very important that everyone fill it out, turn it in, and meet with the committee.**
- * **Council will review Pr. Del's covenant in January for 2026.**
- * **Second half of the Congregational Meeting will be January 18, 2026. It will be a POTLUCK!**
- * **Godly Play cancelled after Christmas due to lack of participation.**
- * **Sunday School will be held on the third and fourth Sundays starting in January.**
- * **Rejoicing Spirits is back up and running. It will meet the second Saturday of the month.**

From the Treasurer as of November

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YTD Income \$240,428.61

YTD Expenses \$201,067.28

Mortgage Balance \$194,980.27

Capital Endowment \$9,998.85



H a p p y

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Alicia Miller

January 1st

Becky Klæge

January 5th

Taylor Koers

January 5th

Barbara Wire

January 8th

Troy Harding

January 8th

Caroline Manz

January 12th

Teresa Nelsen

January 13th

Daniel Metcalfe

January 16th

Leora Smith

January 18th

Shirley Meyer

January 20th

Joe Hartley

January 20th

Marlie Potter

January 21st

Sofia Trawkoski

January 24th

Mara Pickering

January 27th

Frank Meyer

January 30th

Content of the Ringer depends on you, the members of this church, for articles, photos, important dates, etc. *The January Newsletter deadline is January 29th, 2026.* Information turned in after this date might not be included. The newsletter is available

Fellowship Treats

Ingredients:

Cooked Chicken, Cream Cheese, Ranch Seasoning, Thick-Cut Bacon, Shredded Cheddar Jack Cheese, and Tortillas.



Steps:

Mix: In a large bowl mix together the cream cheese and ranch seasoning until it is evenly incorporated.

Combine: Add in the chicken, bacon, cheddar jack cheese, and salt and pepper to taste, then mix well.

Spread and Roll: Spread a layer of the mixture over a

tortilla, about 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick, and roll the tortilla tightly into a cylinder.

Refrigerate: Once all the filling has been used,

INGREDIENTS

8 oz block of cream cheese, softened
1/4 c fresh dill (or 1 tbsp dried)
2 tbsp dill pickle juice (just the stuff from the jar)
3/4 tsp onion powder
1/2 tsp garlic powder
pepper
1 green onion, finely chopped
1 cucumber, sliced
parsley to garnish (*optional*)

STEPS

- In a medium bowl beat together the cream cheese, dill, pickle juice, onion powder, garlic powder, pepper, and green onion until smooth.
- Transfer the mixture to a pastry bag or a Ziploc bag.
- Pipe the herbed cream cheese mixture onto each cucumber round.
- Garnish each cucumber with a sprig of parsley on top.





The Reconciling In Christ Task Force would like to thank everyone who attended our informational session in December. We will keep you posted on when our next session will be. Keep watching for more information on what RIC is and how it can benefit Redeemer.

We value all of your opinions so please reach out to any of us with questions you might have or just to chat!

Your Task Force,
Kris & Sam Neff, Ann & Dan Metcalfe, Spencer Melhus, Leah Peterson & Nancy Harding

How does Redeemer become RIC?

1. Clearly state a welcome to people of *"all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions"* or *"LGBTQIA+"* and name its commitment to *"racial equity"* or *"anti-racism"* in a Welcome Statement.
2. Be open to calling LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC (Black, Brown, Indigenous, Person of Color) Rostered Leaders. A Rostered Leader is any clergy/pastor or deacon in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA); this commitment extends to all areas of leadership within the life of your community.
3. Allow sanctuary/community space to be used for LGBTQIA+ weddings and blessings.
4. Make a meaningful contribution annually to support the national RIC program.

A meaningful annual contribution is determined by your faith community, its budget, and the understanding that your generosity funds the RIC Program. Meaningful contributions vary for each RIC partner.

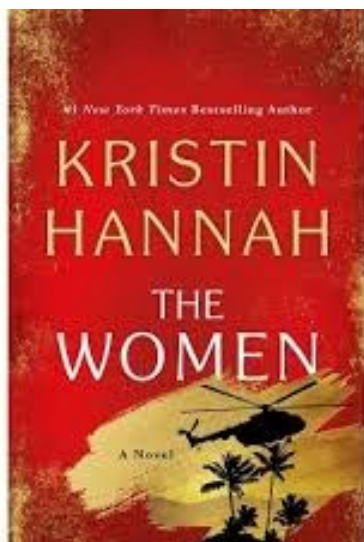
<https://www.reconcilingworks.org/>

Partners In Ministry

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	Jan. 4	Jan. 11	Jan. 18	Jan. 25
Greeters	Jan Jackson & Marry Schaffer	Rod & Rosemary Anderson	Jim & Vivian Cook	Cheryl Itschner & Mary Schaffer
Ushers	Sam Neff	Ray & Debbie Beckman	Mike Ramage & Joe Plumer	Grant & Kris Johanson
Lector	Mary Mertz	Kathy Lowman	Phil Sedo	Dan Metcalfe
Communion	Debbie Beckman	Charlotte Herrman	Sam Neff	Rod Anderson
Cantor	Kris Johanson	No Cantor	Sam Neff	Ann Metcalfe
Sound	Ray Beckman	Kris Neff	Kyle Tonninges	Perry Jurgensen
Fellowship	Jim & Vivian Cook	Rick & Betty Henderson	Carol Keeler	Mary Shaffer

Page Turners Book of the month.



Frances "Frankie" McGrath, a young nurse who serves courageously in the Vietnam War and returns to a nation that struggles to acknowledge her vital contributions, exploring themes of patriotism, sacrifice, deep friendship, and a woman's struggle for recognition amidst societal upheaval. The story follows Frankie's coming-of-age, her harrowing experiences in war-torn Vietnam, and her challenging readjustment to a divided America, ultimately highlighting the forgotten service of women in the war.