

# The Ringer



As Advent season begins we look towards a new Church year together. This last year has been filled with joyful times, mournful times, and trying times...but always Hopeful times as we consider our mission in the name of Jesus Christ! The council has worked hard on the budget for next year and as you all know it was not easy. We have had to understand our needs vs. our wants and therefore some changes needed to be taken. I want to thank them for their hard work. But even though hard decisions were made and will be discussed at our election/budget meeting this month, as said above, there is hope!!!! Our mission to this area is the same, and that is proclaiming the wonderful love of Jesus Christ in word and deed, in small ways and in great ways! Thank you all for working so hard in this mission.

Some hopeful things I see is the spirit that the three ELCA congregations have found to work together. So far we have had two meetings of the councils, Reformation Service, Thanksgiving Service, Parade of Lights, God's Work Our Hands and GUYS. This small beginning will bear fruit I am sure.

In this Advent season we lift up the hope of the coming Messiah! We joyfully welcome the Christ Child! And we equip each other with the strength to tell the Good News. As we focus on that Hope can not but be kindled even in the coldest and darkest of times.

In Christ

Pastor David.

## Council News & More

### Council Highlights for November Meeting

Season's Greetings from the Church Council,

As many of you know the last few years have been rough for our church financially, and as of now we are severely feeling the effects of that hardship. Although we are a very frugal and thrifty church the fact is that we are out of money for our operating, day to day funds. It is with this in mind that the Council has had to make some tough decisions in the last couple of months. As a council in an effort to help with the cost for the 2023 budget and fiscal year a free energy audit was done by representatives from Kansas State University who helped us find ways we could cut down the energy cost for this winter as well giving us information into looking into solar options to help with costs in the future. The council has also determined that we will be discontinuing our janitorial services provided by Service Master as of January 2023 with the hope and faith that members will step up to help us with the cleaning of the church in the coming year. The council has also made the decision for the 2023 financial year to discontinue the church's administrative assistant position with some of those responsibilities falling to Pastor and some also falling to volunteers from the congregation. Many hours of thought and worry have gone into these decisions but we are a strong congregation and the council has faith that with these changes and the congregation's help that we can weather this financial storm.

The council would also like to remind everyone that the second Sunday of every month will have Sunday School in between services. Also we will have 3 open positions on the church council in 2023. If you are willing to serve or have an idea of a member that may be willing please let a member of the council know. With that said the council would like to remind everyone that we will have the December Congregational Meeting on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am in the fellowship hall to nominate church council members, nominate Synod Assembly representatives, and discuss the proposed 2023 budget. We would love to have a full fellowship hall for this meeting so please spread the word. Thank you for the continued support of our church both financially and with your time as well.

God Bless,

The Redeemer Church Council

The Council will be hosting fellowship on Sunday, December 18th, between the first and second services at 9:15 AM.

***Please plan to attend this important annual meeting.***



# Council Financial Update

	10/31/2022	10/31/2021
<b>Money in Bank</b>		
Operating fund	<b>-13,528.62</b>	<b>8,318.13</b>
blessing box	1,115.00	
loose from joint service	432.00	
Youth Group	1325.46	811.20
Memorial Fund	16,945.59	11,474.20
<b>Total fund Bank VI</b>	<b>\$ 6,289.43</b>	<b>\$ 20,603.67</b>
Mortgage checking	4009.48	\$ 7,389.22
MMA -special projects	1,600.58	
Edward Jones	\$ 10,049.15	\$ 9,666.31
ELCA Checking	\$ 581.62	\$ 578.36
ELCA Endowment fund	\$ 213,968.01	\$ 247,994.94
Endowment fund allocated AC replacement	\$ 8,347.76	
<b>TOTAL ELCA Endowment Fund</b>	<b>\$ 205,620.25</b>	
Mortgage	\$ 271,424.24	\$ 294,499.99
Monthly Income - excluding		
Additional mortgage paydown	\$ 13,909.56	\$ 22,408.01
Monthly expenses	\$ 21,877.91	\$ 16,768.13
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ (7,968.35)</b>	<b>\$ 5,639.88</b>

<b>Year total</b>		<b>Projected % of budget</b>
<b>YTD Budget Projection</b>		<b>83%</b>
Total YTD Income (does not include additional funds that pay down on Mortgage)	\$ 212,991.54	81%
<b>Income Needed for 2022</b>	<b>\$ 263,608.88</b>	
<b>Budget with Pledge, loose, unpledged (low by almost \$40,000)</b>	<b>\$223,840.00</b>	
total expenses YTD	\$ 222,795.04	85%
Budgeted Expense	\$ 263,608.88	
Mortgage Balance	\$ 271,424.24	

# Reformation Sunday



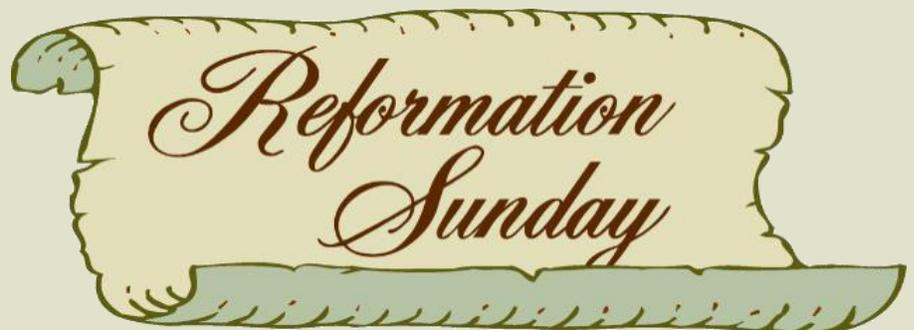
Three Salina Lutheran congregations gathered together at Redeemer to celebrate



Reformation Sunday. All told for both 8 AM & 10:30 AM services there were 132 people



*Blessings and a heartfelt thank you to all who organized, rehearsed, and prepared for this special service.*



# Sunday School & Blessing Box news

## *Second Sunday Sunday School*

The second Sunday of the month

(**December 11**, January 8, and February 12 for starters)

9:30 am to 10:00ish

For youth of the church and their friends



## ~ Seasonal Suggestions ~

Chapstick  
Hats/Gloves/  
Scarves  
Handwarmers  
Socks  
Deodorant  
Soap  
Toothbrushes

Feminine Products  
Bread  
Tuna Packets  
Boxed Grains  
Boxed Pasta  
Cereal  
Oatmeal

Granola Bars  
Crackers  
Dried Fruit  
Pepperoni Packets  
Beef Jerky  
Peanut Butter  
Applesauce



**If you are interested in keeping the Blessing Box stocked, please contact the office. Every Wednesday at 9:30 AM we pick up at the Food Bank. We encourage volunteers in order to give the present crew some relief.**

**Every 2nd Sunday beginning in November the offering emphasis is the Blessing Box. Monetary donations are always accepted, so please label your check. Feel free to bring food items & place in the black bins outside of Becky's office.**

# Redeemer News & Information



4 PM on Tuesday, December 20th

**Choosing Next Year's Books**

Host:

## *So many books, so little time!*



Come worship with us on

Saturday,

December 10 at 11 am.

*Rejoicing Spirits* is for individuals of all abilities.

Bring the whole family & find new friends!

*Food, Fun & Fellowship*



# Redeemer & Community News

A BETHANY CHOIRS CHRISTMAS

## Christ is Born Today!

Sunday, Dec. 11, 2022  
Presser Hall Auditorium • 4PM

FEATURING: Bethany College Choir & Opera Scenes Chorus  
Dr. Daniel J. Masterson BETHANY CHOIR DIRECTOR  
Dr. Tyler Boehmer BETHANY CHOIR ACCOMPANIST  
Prof. Leslie Mangrum OPERA SCENES DIRECTOR  
Ms. Judy Weber OPERA SCENES ACCOMPANIST

Free and open to the public



BETHANY COLLEGE  
MUSIC DEPARTMENT



## HANDBELLS AND HYMNS CONCERT

Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022 • 4PM  
Pearson Chapel

FEATURING: The Bethany College Handbell Ensemble  
DIRECTOR: Dr. Tyler Boehmer

Free and open to the public



The 74th Swedish Supper will be held at Elim Lutheran Church

Wednesday, December 7 ~ 5:00 till 7:00 PM

403 N. Lincoln, Marquette, Kansas

**FREE WILL DONATION**

Live Swedish music for your entertainment

The Longest Night Service

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

6:00 pm

St. John's Lutheran Church

302 South Seventh Street,  
Salina

In a season when so many people don't have enough hours in a day to get their lists checked off, their cards mailed, their presents wrapped, we who feel lost in the night have all the time in the world.

In this season, we **remember the loss that has stolen the joy of Christmas.** We grieve over a job, a dream, a loved one we have lost. We sit in the shadows of our homes, too weary to turn on the lights; to wander the streets lit by decorations on all the houses. We search for the Light of the world to comfort us.

Our fear of the future, our remembrance of the past; our pain which is difficult to bear and harder to release; our emptiness which cannot be filled with platitudes; our hands which cannot hold the ones we wish to embrace: all make this a season of long nights.

*So, be with us in our loneliness, in our longing, in our loss, in our lives. Please join us on Wednesday, December 21st, St. John's Lutheran Church, at 6:00 p.m. as we sit together in the Light of Christ.*

# DVACK Toy Drive at Redeemer



**The American Legion Riders led the parade along with the VFW Riders. There were 301 bikes that gathered for the annual toy drive. This is the 36th year for this special event. All the toys collected are going to Ashby House families and to DVACK to distribute to the homes in their care.**

**A huge and grateful thank you to all the riders who participated!**

# Lectionary for December

## December 4 — Second Sunday of Advent

[Isaiah 11:1-10](#)

[Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19](#)

[Romans 15:4-13](#)

[Matthew 3:1-12](#)

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' "

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume 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. <sup>10</sup>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.

<sup>11</sup>"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

## December 18 — Third Sunday of Advent

[Isaiah 35:1-10](#)

[Psalm 146:5-10](#)

[James 5:7-10](#)

[Matthew 11:2-11](#)

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and



see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way before you.'

<sup>11</sup>Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

## December 18 — Fourth Sunday of Advent

[Isaiah 7:10-16](#)

[Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19](#)

[Romans 1:1-7](#)

[Matthew 1:18-25](#)

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup>"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." <sup>24</sup>When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup>but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.



# Lectionary for December & More

## December 24 — Christmas Eve

[Isaiah 9:2-7](#)

[Psalm 96::11](#)

[Titus 2:11-14](#)

[Luke 2:1-14 \[15-20\]](#)

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph 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. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And 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.

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14a</sup>Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

[<sup>15</sup>When 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." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]



## December 25 — Christmas Day

[Isaiah 52:7-10](#)

[Psalm 98:](#)

[Hebrews 1:1-4\[5-12\]](#)

[John 1:1-14](#)



<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

# Partners in Ministry

**ALTAR GUILD: Cheryl Itschner & Vivian Cook**

## PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 8:00 SERVICE

	<b>December 4</b>	<b>December 11</b>	<b>December 18</b>	<b>December 25</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Jan Jackson & Cheryl Itschner	Gary & Sue Mettlen	Denise Dusin & Mary Shaffer	Jan Jackson & Cheryl Itschner
<b>Communion</b>	Charlotte Herrman	Gary Mettlen	Mary Shaffer	Charlotte Herrman
<b>Lector</b>	Jan Jackson	Kathy Lowman	Denise Dusin	Jan Jackson
<b>Sound</b>	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen

## PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 10:30 SERVICE

<b>Greeters</b>	Marty Holmquist & CeCelia Anderson	Debbie & Ray Beckman	Jim & Viv Cook	Nancy Harding & Marty Holmquist
<b>Ushers</b>	Joe & Kathy Heinrich	Grant & Kris Johanson	Lana Jordan & Kahlan Metcalfe	Joe Plumer & Mike Ramage
<b>Communion</b>	Rod Anderson	Ray Beckman	Viv Cook	Nancy Harding
<b>Lector</b>	Joe Heinrich	Kris Johanson	Lana Jordan	Sam Neff
<b>Sound</b>	Ray Beckman	Mary Mertz	Kris Neff	Kyle Tonniges
<b>Fellowship</b>	Henderson	Sedo	Council (between services)	Volunteer or None

## Partners in Ministry

Greeters	Mary Shaffer & Jan Jackson
Ushers	Janet Whitaker & Nancy Harding
Reader	Dan Metcalfe
Communion	Tom Mertz
Sound	Perry Jurgensen



5:30 PM

# Redeemer Celebrations for December



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|----|----|-------------------------|
|    | 11 | Earl & Marjorie Hansen  |
|    | 12 | Kenny & Mary Bridges    |
|    | 17 | Rod & Rosemary Anderson |
|    | 22 | Chuck & Karen Levin     |
|    | 23 | Craig & Sheila Alstatt  |
|    | 23 | Jim & Viv Cook          |
| 2  |    | Mary Bridges            |
| 2  |    | Tom Mertz               |
| 4  |    | Loren Harris            |
| 4  |    | Jim Pratt               |
| 10 |    | Kathy Hartley           |
| 13 |    | Tom Drown               |
| 20 |    | Cheryl Itschner         |
| 21 |    | Kathy Lowman            |
| 22 |    | Chuck & Karen Levin     |
| 22 |    | Marjorie Hansen         |

## Happy Birthday



Content of the Ringer depends on you, the members of this church, for articles, photos, important dates, etc. **The January newsletter deadline is December 22nd at 12:00 pm.** Information turned in after this date might not be included. The newsletter is available by email, mail or at

# December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 100 Women's Life Group 600 Church Council	2	3
4 800 Worship 1030 Worship 1130 Fellowship	5	6	7 1000 Bible Study 515 Education 715 Choir	8 830 Breakfast Club	9	10 1100 Rejoicing Spirits 
11 800 Worship 1030 Worship 1130 Fellowship	12	13	14 1000 Bible Study 715 Bells practice	15 930 Silver Needles Sew-In 100 Women's Life Group	16	17
18 800 Worship 915 First Congregational Meeting 1030 Worship	19 600 Silver Needles	20 400 Page Turners	21 1000 Bible Study	22	23	24  Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 5:30 PM
25  800 Worship 1030 Worship 1130 Fellowship	26 	27 1200 Newsletter Deadline	28 1000 Bible Study 715 Choir practice	29	30	31 



for worship services  
always available!

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And the angel said  
unto them,  
Fear not, for behold  
I bring you good tidings  
of great joy,  
which shall be  
to all people.  
For unto you  
is born this day  
in the City of David,  
a Saviour,  
which is  
Christ the LORD.

Luke 2:10-11

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*"Chosen by God...to love one another."*



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### Weekly Church Events

#### Sunday Worship

8:00 and 10:30 Worship services  
Fellowship after second service

#### Rejoicing Spirits

2nd Saturday every month  
11:00 AM Worship

#### Wednesday morning

10:00 Bible Study

**Organist:** Ruth Mirtz

**Choir & Bell Choir Director:** Ann Metcalfe

### 2022 Council

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