

# The Ringer

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Happy New Year!

As we begin this New Year together I hope that the light of Christ shines in and through all of us. The last couple years have been a roller coaster for all of us with the emergence and reemergence of this virus. Things we took for granted cannot be seen in that light anymore. Things put off should not be.

I want to thank you all for your prayers throughout this year. We have learned to do things differently. We have had to discuss things in council that I never thought would be on the agenda...but in the end we are a faithful group, not to the way things have always been done, but to the fact that day to day we walk in knowledge that God is with us through Christ.

So again thank you for the prayers, thank you for your work, thank you for building up each other, thank you for responding when needed...we are blessed in so many ways and we are reaching people in new ways every time we use our gifts in word and deed to affect the lives of those around us.

May Peace be with you all,

In Christ,

Pastor David

# Council News

## Council Highlights for December

The Annual Budget Meeting was held Sunday, December 12th, 2021

\*\*Candidates for Council were presented and accepted for new terms

Tom Mertz - Ted Wire - Sheila Alstatt - (3 yr terms)

Kris Neff (Filling a 1 yr term for Alan English)

\*\*Two Synod Assembly Delegates are needed; Tom Mertz has volunteered; There are still questions about whether the Assembly will be in person or not

\*\* Council Treasurer Jan Jackson presented the Congregation with a 2022 Budget

\*\*During the Public Forum items were discussed such as:

One Sunday service versus two services

There are three ELCA churches in Salina; Does Council start talking to them about merging?

Financials are in hard times; What if we can't make payroll sometimes in 2022; Are there ways to use the Endowment Fund for instance?



*Council Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month beginning at 7 pm.*

# Budget Information



## Treasurer's Report for end of November

Total Income \$248,517.66

Budgeted Income for the year \$260,200

Total Expense \$263,095.18

Budgeted Expense for the year \$289,025

Mortgage Balance \$289,778.93

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# Treasurer's State of the Budget Report

	11/30/2021	11/30/2020	Prior Month 10/31/2021
<b>Money in Bank</b>			
Operating fund	-6,564.63	17130.04	1,069.75
Youth Group	1611.23	811.23	811.23
Memorial Fund	14,479.26	4449.26	14,409.26
<b>Total fund Bank VI</b>	<b>\$ 9,525.86</b>	<b>\$ 22,390.53</b>	<b>\$ 16,290.24</b>
Mortgage checking	6014.22	\$ 9,256.21	6014.22
MMA -special projects	500.02		500.01
Edward Jones	9855.68	\$ 9,666.19	9855.68
ELCA Checking	580.06	\$ 576.33	580.06
ELCA Endowment fund	247,994.94	\$ 219,366.32	247,994.94
Mortgage	288,759.11	\$ 321,959.36	291,288.85
Monthly Income - excluding Additonal mortgage paydown and special projects	18,193.78	19,580.77	22,408.01
Monthly expenses	29,965.92	29,261.78	16,391.04
Net Income	\$ (11,772.14)	\$ (9,681.01)	\$ 6,016.97

		Projected % of budget	Actual percentage
		92%	
Total Income (does not include additional funds that pay down on Mortgage)	\$ 239,662.66		92%
Budgeted Income for year	\$ 260,200.00		
total expenses	\$ 263,095.18		91%
Budgeted Expense	\$ 289,025.00		
Mortgage Balance	\$ 288,759.11		

# Creation Care Team news

## Eco-Friendly Living

The Redeemer Creation Care Team is providing the following information about an opportunity to learn about Eco-Friendly Living. The Salina Public Library is offering this presentation through its CLASS program. Details are listed below. There is no charge for this one-night class. It will be held at McKenzie Center across from the library. Registration closes when the class fills or January 10. Register at the following link:

[Home](#) / [Events Calendar](#)

## A Beginner's Guide to Eco-Friendly Living

**JAN Room #1**

**13** Thursday, January 13, 2022  
2022  
THU 6:00pm - 7:30pm



**Program Type:** [Health & Wellness](#), [Hobbies](#)

**Age Group:** [Teen](#), [Adult](#)

Registration for this event will close on **January 10, 2022 @ 10:00pm.**

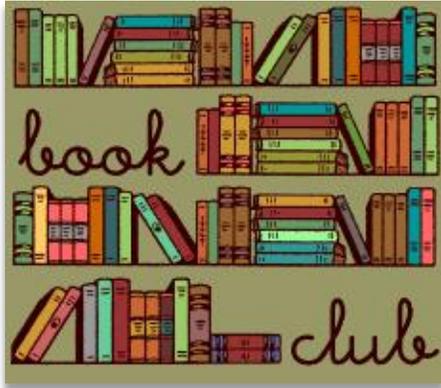
There are **17** seats remaining.

### Event Details

This interactive presentation will offer some basic principles on sustainability and will cover some easy, accessible, and practical ideas for living a more ecologically aware lifestyle. Please bring your questions, ideas, and suggestions. All are welcome!

*Emily Ryan, MSc., The Land Institute, is an ecological educator with a passion for living sustainably. Committed to an ecologically low impact lifestyle, Emily will share how she meets the challenges of living in the modern world through finding creative ways to live well with less.*

# Redeemer News



Pageeturners meets the  
3rd Tuesday of the Month

Tuesday, January 18th  
*Choosing Books for 2022*  
Host & Leader: Lana Jordan

*Come join us!*

Come celebrate the New Year with us on  
Saturday, January 8th at 11 AM.  
*Rejoicing Spirits* is a worship program for  
individuals of all abilities. Bring the  
whole family and find new friends!  
Food & Fun & Fellowship



## Christmas at Redeemer!



# Redeemer News



Due to the windstorm on December 15 the **Godly Play** Christmas meal and program has been *rescheduled* to Wednesday, January 5. The meal will be at 5:30 & the program begins at 6:30, as usual. If you plan to join us for the meal, please call the office to RSVP. All are welcome! Let's celebrate the meaning of Christmas together.



*Thank you all for sending cards, coming to our special fellowship, and for your kind wishes on our 50th wedding anniversary.*

*All our best to you,  
Jim & Viv Cook*

Dear Members,

If you order flowers for the church service and wish to keep them, please transfer them to one of the glass vases in the bottom cupboard next to the refrigerator in the sacristy. If it is already in a glass vase, just take them with you. Please DON'T take any gold or black vases home with you. Thanks so much.

Sincerely,

*The Altar Guild*

*Floral Notes*

Please note that Altar Flowers are now \$27 and what the florist has on hand. Special orders will be an extra charge. A new flower chart for 2022 is now available. Please use dry erase marker only to sign up.

Thank you,  
Cheryl Itschner



# Lectionary for January

## January 2 — 2nd Sunday of Christmas

[Jeremiah 31:7-14](#)

[Psalm 147:12-20](#)

[Ephesians 1:3-14](#)

[John 1: \[1-9\] 10-18](#)

<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. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.



## January 9 — Baptism of Our Lord

[Isaiah 43:1-7](#)

[Psalm 29:3](#)

[Acts 8:14-17](#)

[Luke 3:15-17, 21-22](#)

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and



when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

## January 16 — 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

[Isaiah 62:1-5](#)

[Psalm 36:5-10](#)

[1 Corinthians 12:1-11](#)

[John 2:1-11](#)

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.



## January 23 — 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

[Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10](#)

[Psalm 19:7](#)

[1 Corinthians 12:12-31a](#)

[Luke 4:14-21](#)

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,



# Lectionary for January cont'd & more

because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."  
<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

## January 30 — 4th Sunday after Epiphany

[Jeremiah 1:4-10](#)

[Psalm 71:1-6](#)

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

[Luke 4:21-30](#)

<sup>21</sup>Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup>He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" <sup>24</sup>And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. <sup>25</sup>But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup>yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup>When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup>They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.



Thank you all for the kind  
and generous Christmas gift.  
I hope your holiday was  
meaningful and happy!  
Best wishes & blessings,  
Becky

*Dear Redeemer Friends,*

*Thank you so much for the Christmas gift! Your support and thoughtfulness mean a great deal and will go toward new sheet music to keep using all of the wonderful features and dynamics of the organ and piano at Redeemer. I'm looking forward to another wonderful year of music with Redeemer!*

*Thanks, Ruth Mirtz*



To our Redeemer family:

Thank you so much for the amazingly generous gift! We are so blessed to be a part of this church family. May God bless you all!



Ann, Dan, and Kahlan  
Metcalf

**Dear Redeemer Family,**

**Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift! Redeemer has been so good to us in so many ways. We are making the transition to Bethany Lutheran in Lindsborg and will greatly miss our Redeemer family. Take care and keep in touch!**

**Alan, Britney, Luke and Grant English**



# Partners in Ministry

ALTAR GUILD: Cheryl Itschner & Amy Gronewoller

## PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 8:00 SERVICE

	January 2	January 9	January 16	January 23	January 30
<b>Greeters</b>	Virg Augustine & Noni Strand	Gary & Sue Mettlen	Diane Conover & Cheryl Itschner	Jan Jackson & Mary Shaffer	Virg Augustine & Noni Strand
<b>Com-munion</b>	Noni Strand	Sue Mettlen	Diane Conover	Mary Shaffer	Virg Augustine
<b>Lector</b>	Virg Augustine	Denise Dusin	Charlotte Herrman	Jan Jackson	Noni Strand
<b>Sound</b>	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen

## PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 10:30 SERVICE

<b>Greeters</b>	Chad & Christine Curl	Tom & Sandi Drown	Arlene Keil & Marilee Vancil	Joe & Kathy Heinrich	Joe Plumer & Mike Ramage
<b>Ushers</b>	Joe & Kathy Heinrich	Rick & Betty Henderson	Phil & Jean Sedo	Wayne & Carol Keeler	Dan Metcalfe
<b>Com-munion</b>	Anna Prockish	Tom Mertz	Kris Johanson	Joe Heinrich	Mike Ramage
<b>Lector</b>	Joe Heinrich	Mary Mertz	Phil Sedo	Wayne Keeler	Ann Metcalfe
<b>Sound</b>	Kris Neff	Ray Beckman	Kris Neff	Ray Beckman	Kris Neff
<b>Fellow-ship</b>	Sedo	Callahan	Church Council	Plumer	Jordan

The Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 16th between the two services. Please make plans to attend this important meeting. Your voice is needed!

Thank you,  
Church Council



*Congregational*  
**MEETING**

# Redeemer Celebrations



January 5th  
Virg Augustine & Noni Strand

- 5 Becky Klaege
- 5 Taylor Koers
- 8 Troy Harding
- 13 Teresa Nelson
- 16 Alvina Nelson
- 16 Dan Metcalfe
- 18 Leora Smith
- 20 Joe Hartley
- 21 Marlie Potter
- 24 Chuck Levin
- 24 Sofia Trawkowski
- 27 Mara Pickering
- 28 Nayeli Green
- 30 William Strommen

Happy  
Birthday

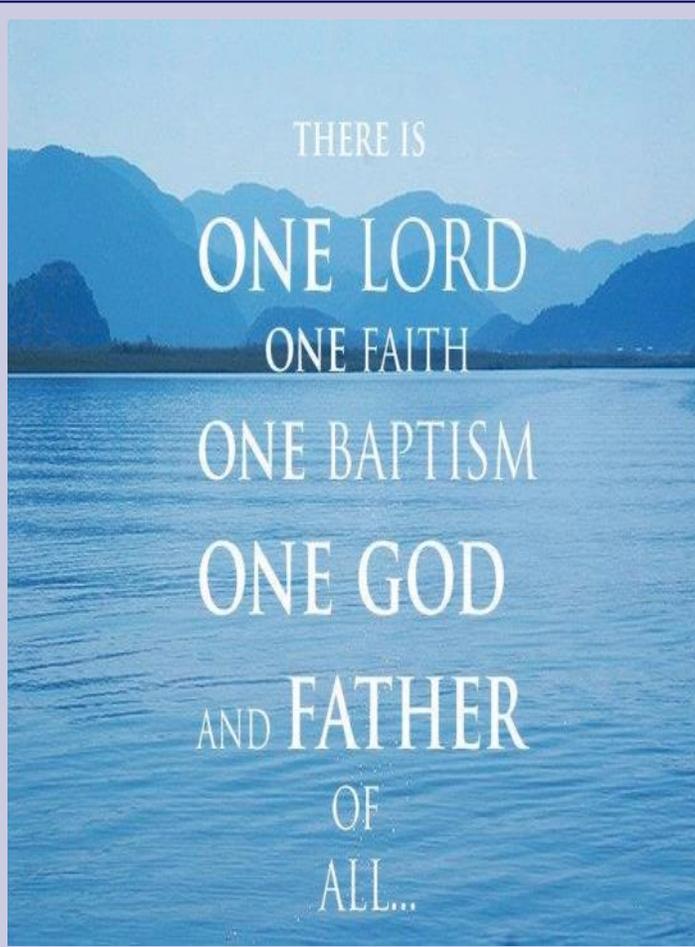
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Content of the Ringer depends on you, the members of this church, for articles, photos, important dates, etc. **The February newsletter deadline is January 24th at 12:00 pm.** Information turned in after this date might not be included. The newsletter is available by email, mail or at



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING</b> Sunday, January 16th at 9:15 Please attend!				1
2 800 Worship 1030 Worship 1130 Fellowship	3	4 515 Education 545 Worship & Music	5 1000 Bible Study 530 Godly Play 6:30 Christmas Program	6 700 Council Meeting	7	8 1100 Rejoicing Spirits 
9 800 Worship 1030 Worship 1130 Fellowship	10	11 630 GUYS	12 1000 Bible Study 530 Godly Play 715 Bells practice	13	14	15
16 800 Worship 915 Annual Mtg 1030 Worship	17 600 Silver Needles	18 130 Healing Hope 400 Page Turners	19 1000 Bible Study 530 Godly Play 715 Choir practice	20 930 Silver Needles Sew-In	21	22
23 800 Worship 1030 Worship 1130 Fellowship	24 1200 Newsletter Deadline	25	26 1000 Bible Study 530 Godly Play 715 Bells practice	27	28	29
30 800 Worship 1030 Worship 1130 Fellowship	31	 for worship services always available!				



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### Weekly Church Events

#### Sunday Worship beginning in the fall

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

#### Wednesday morning

9:00 Bible Study

**Organist:** Ruth Mirtz

**Choir Director:** Ann Metcalfe

### 2021 Council (Soon to be updated)

Alan English, Pres.	643-4078
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Jody Biegert	819-4479
Charlotte Herrman	643-9445
Dan Metcalfe	342-9513
KC Potter	456-4322
Jean Sedo	404-6222

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