

The Ringer

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February 2019 Newsletter



February is a month that most of us think of two things: Love of Football and Love of our Significant other...some significant others think that sometime Love of Football is their significant other's significant other (but I digress). We celebrate these two with first the Super Bowl (and even if you don't like the teams, you may watch for the commercials and perhaps even the half time show-I always think of the cheese dip at this point), and second February 14 and St. Valentine's Day. On February 14 though is also the day where Sts. Cyril and Methodius are celebrated as well. We have them on our Lutheran Calendar as missionaries to the Slavs in the ninth century. Cyril (this was his name just before he died in Rome, before that he was called Constantine) and Methodius it is conjectured had learned some of the Slavic language from growing up in Thessalonica where there was a sizable Slavic community so were well prepared to be sent there when these eastern people asked for missionaries to bring the good news to them. It wasn't that the gospel had not been proclaimed there, but it had been influenced by the west (Rome) and carried thus the burden of western politics which put German interests above the Slavic peoples. Cyril and Methodius were well received and pushed for the liturgy and later the Bible to be in the language of the people. They were accused of this by Bishops in the area and also usurping their power as Cyril and Methodius were mere priests. When they presented their case though the Pope agreed and at least through their lifetimes worship service and reading of scripture was allowed to be in the language of the people. This is important for us to know as 800 years later Jan Hus in Czech/Bohemia/Moravia pushed for it and later Luther pushed for this so that people could truly know the rhythm of the liturgy and the blessings of reading scripture or hearing scripture read in their own language.

Now I know this seems like a mini-lecture, but their tireless sacrificial work against great odds bore much fruit in the Eastern part of Europe and their fire and love for the people they served reveals how God works in this world to secure knowledge of his Good News, Jesus Christ, to all who hear it and believe. May this February bear in you a new love of spreading the gospel to the areas God calls you, even against all odds!

**In Christ,
Pastor David**

Council Highlights

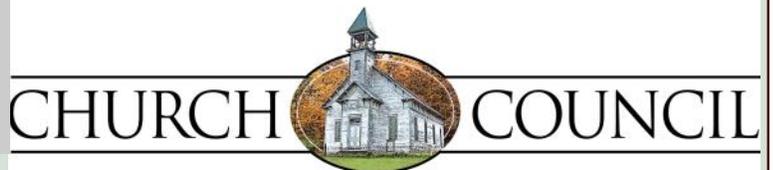
Council Highlights – January 10, 2019

1. New council members Ray Beckman, Kendra Albin, and Kris Neff were welcomed.
2. New officers are President – Phil Sedo; Vice-President – Alan English; Secretary – Charlotte Herrman
3. Committee liaisons are: Worship & Music – Charlotte Herrman; Memorial – Charlotte Herrman; Education – Alan English & Wayne Keeler; Personnel – Tom Drown; Mutual Ministry – Kris Neff; Property – Ray Beckman; Generosity – Shellee Callahan; Evangelism/Outreach – Kendra Albin
4. It was approved to purchase a new phone system from Cox Communications.
5. Council will support the recommendation from Evangelism/Outreach that Redeemer participate in the Congregation Vitality Initiative offered by the Synod.
6. Education & Learning is designating February as Camp Tomah Shinga month to bring awareness of camp activities to our members, particularly families.
7. Redeemer will be an ecumenical sponsor for a speaker at Christ Cathedral on Feb. 2, 11:00 am. He is the Desmond Tutu scholar and will tell about the process to reconcile after apartheid in South Africa.

Council meeting will be Thursday, February 7 at 6:00 p.m. because of Valentine's Day. Meetings will continue to be on the second or third Thursday (allow for financial reports to be processed)

Council Meeting Minutes are available to read on the Council Bulletin Board and in the office.

Council Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month



Budget Information

Treasurer's Report – ending December 30, 2018

Total Income: \$283,393.93 Budgeted Income: \$285,550.00
 Total Expenses: \$292,180.24 Budgeted Expenses: \$294,950.00

Thank you again for your generosity in 2018. We ended the year very tight and have received some extra funds to begin 2019.



For Your Information

Needs of the Month
The needs of the Salina Rescue Mission for February 2018 include:

Cold & Flu Medication
Allergy Medication
Cough Drops & Eye Drops
Razors & Shaving Cream
Free & Clear Laundry Detergent
Toilet Paper & Kleenex Tissues
UNOPENED for Men's Christmas Packages:
Socks, underwear, t-shirts, gloves & stocking caps

For more information go on-line to
www.salinarescuemission.com



This helps to feed and care for the hungry and homeless, it also stretches our general fund dollars. Please help; donations can be dropped off anytime at the Salina Rescue Mission at 1716 Summers Road in Salina, or call us at 785-823-2610

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<https://www.livinglutheran.org/edigest-signup/>

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Come to the **Forum** on February 10!
Presentation and discussion on becoming a
Caring for Creation Congregation

At the Synod Assembly last summer, the synod passed a resolution encouraging all congregations to become "green" congregations.

There are many ways we can do this. Find out more and share your ideas at the forum led by Noni Strand, ordained pastor and Redeemer member.

Your voice is needed!

Sunday, February 10 at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

For adults and youth 9th grade and up

Redeemer News



The Evangelism/Outreach committee would like to thank everyone for their gifts to Ashby House for \$1445 and Salina Rescue Mission for \$550 and needed items. Well done, good and faithful servants!



Our first Women's Life Group will meet THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7 at 1:00 pm & 7 pm.

Following meetings are scheduled for February 21 & 28.

We will discuss the resource "Epiphany: Unfolding the Discovery" from the Women of the ELCA website.

If you would like to print it, go to https://www.womenoftheelca.org/resources?fwp_resource_search=Epiphany

For more information or to RSVP contact Anna Prockish, 785-212-0685.



Pageturners meets the 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 4:00.

February 19

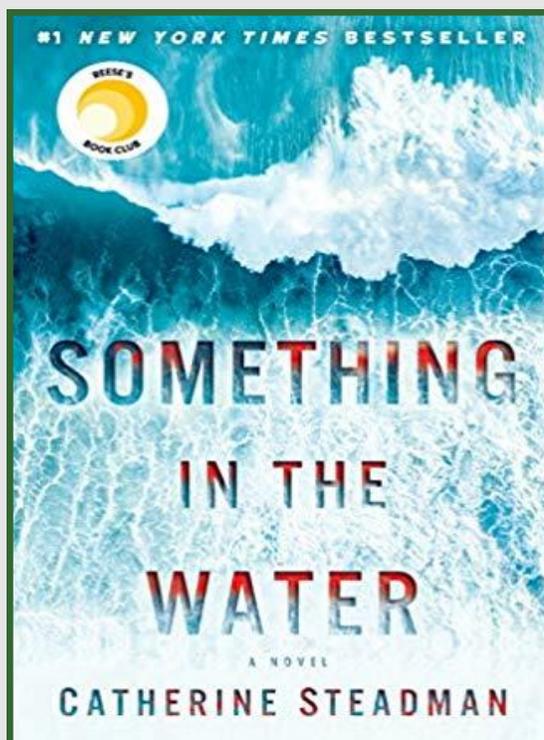
Something in the Water

by Catherine Steadman

Host & Leader: Jean Sedo

1190 Columbine Circle

Phone 785-404-6222



Wednesday Night Ministry

Have a busy week?

**We are open late on Wednesday
and you can leave the cooking to us.**

Wednesday night at Redeemer is a rewarding and relaxing time for everyone. Come and join us for all or part of the evening activities.

Childcare is provided free of charge starting at 6:00.



5:30 - Weekly Meal

The evening begins with a light Supper, prepared and served by Redeemer volunteers, in the fellowship hall. The meal is free, but donations are accepted.



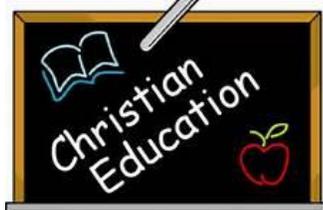
6:00 - Godly Play for children age 3 through 3rd grade

What is Godly Play? A child-honoring way of entering into and experiencing the biblical story. We use manipulative story characters and imagination to experience the biblical story through narrative story, parables, liturgical actions and silence. Children are not told what to believe but are exposed to the story experience. Through this open-ended approach we hear the deepest invitation to come play with God.



6:15 - Worship—An informal Communion worship service is held every week.

Call for a ride!



After Worship stay for more learning

4th-6th Grade class with Debbie Beckman

7th & 8th Grade confirmation with Pastor

High School with Sheila Alstatt

Adults

Free Child Care
For Little Ones!



7:15

Reminders

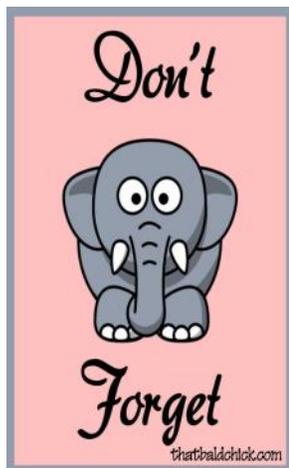
Our weekly advertisement in *The Salina Journal* ends effective December 29. Please look to Sunday bulletins, the monthly *Ringer* newsletter, our website at <https://www.redeemer-elca.org/> and On Realm for news and information.



Pretty Please?

To all those who volunteer for Partners in Ministry duties, thank you for all you do to make worship services at Redeemer run smoothly. I make out the schedule and appreciate so much your dedication to the church. If you should find you cannot fulfill your duties for a particular Sunday please find someone with whom to trade Sundays. Should you, however, have trouble finding a replacement please give me a call.

Thank you,
Becky



There are four ways to receive the newsletter:

- ◆ **Online at OnRealm: <https://onrealm.org>**
- ◆ **Email**
- ◆ **Mail to your home**
- ◆ **Church kiosk**

Lectionary for Sundays in February

February 3 — Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

[Jeremiah 1:4-10](#)

[Psalm 71:1-6](#)

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

[Luke 4:21-30](#)



²¹Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He 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.'" ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵But 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; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They 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. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

February 10 — Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

[Isaiah 6:1-8 \[9-13\]](#)

[Psalm 138:2](#)

[1 Corinthians 15:1-11](#)

[Luke 5:1-11](#)



¹Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done this, they

caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

February 17 — Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

[Jeremiah 17:5-10](#)

[Psalm 1:3](#)

[1 Corinthians 15:12-20](#)

[Luke 6:17-26](#)



¹⁷[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

Worship

February 24 – Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

[Genesis 45:3-11, 15](#)

[Psalm 37:1-11](#)

[1 Corinthians 15:35-38](#)

[Luke 6:27-38](#)



[Jesus said:] ²⁷But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Partners in Ministry 8:00 Service

Altar Guild: Mary Shaffer & Carol Keeler

	February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24
Greeter	Diane Conover & Mary Shaffer	Gary & Sue Mettlen	Virg Augustine & Noni Strand	Diane Conover & Mary Shaffer
Usher	Virg Augustine & Noni Strand	Cheryl Itschner & Sue Mettlen	Gary & Sue Mettlen	Virg Augustine & Noni Strand
Com-munion	Charlotte Herrman, Gary & Sue Mettlen	Virg Augustine, Noni Strand & Mary Shaffer	Sue Mettlen, Virg Augustine & Diane Conover	Diane Conover, Kathy Lowman & Mary Shaffer
Lector	Gary Mettlen	Noni Strand	Sue Mettlen	Diane Conover
Sound	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen

Partners in Ministry 10:30 Service

Greeter	Larry & Pam Strahan	Phil Sedo & Darin Stevens	Joe & Janis Plumer	Daniel Metcalfe & Mary Mertz
Usher	Joe Plumer & Jon Hotaling	Wayne & Carol Keeler	Gary & Lana Jordan	Grant & Kris Johanson
Com-munion	Ray Beckman, Kris Johanson & Arlene Keil	Daniel Metcalfe, Gary & Lana Jordan	Kris Neff, Dennis & Carol Kuhlman	Jean Sedo, Rod & Rosemary Anderson
Lector	David Wahlgren	Larry Strahan	Anna Prockish	Kris Neff
Cantor				
Sound	Kendra Albin	Ray Beckman	Mary Mertz	Tom Mertz
Coffee Host	Wayne & Carol Keeler	Joe & Kathy Heinrich	Grant & Kris Johanson	Dennis & Carol Kuhlman

Other News



Ladies Night Out and G.U.Y.S. have teamed up this month for a joint Valentine's Day Dinner at Martinelli's on Tuesday, February 12 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Everyone is invited; come single or as a couple. Please **RSVP** to the church office by Tuesday, February 5 so that we have an accurate count. We will dine "family style" on salad, bread and two pasta dishes. The cost is \$11.50 per person (which includes tax and tip). Beverages other than water are on your own. See Rosemary Anderson (785-492-1859) or Tom Mertz (785-820-5585) for more information.

Happy Valentine's Day

The Evangelism/Outreach Committee, Church Council, and Pastor David announce the intention of Redeemer to participate in the Congregational Vitality Initiative offered through our Synod. The **purpose is to help our congregations view our changing culture as an opportunity and invitation to refocus energy and resources toward becoming communities of Jesus that nurture life-changing relationships with God, one another, and the world.** Research from congregations in the Oregon synod who participated in this process showed several long-term positive effects. **We need 3-5 visionary leaders who are willing to meet to develop and implement ideas for Redeemer to plan and grow into the future as disciples of Christ.** Flyers are available in the office and kiosk. Contact Pastor David or Anna Prockish 785-212-0685 for more information or to say YES! Check out the website www.css-elca.org and click on Congregational Vitality to learn more and view the flyer.

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We are Family

Thank you Christmas Carolers for including us December 23rd. We really appreciated the conversation and singing. You sounded great!

Loren & Phyllis Harris



THANK YOU

Redeemer Family,

Thanks so much for your continued support and generosity. We love our church family!

-Alan, Britney, Luke and Grant English

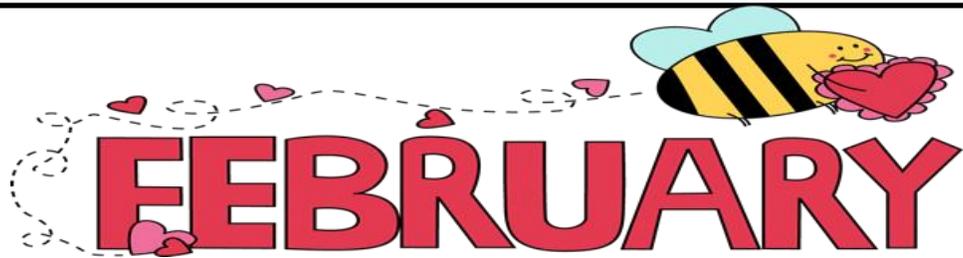
Flower Chart

If you are interested in providing flowers for our worship services on a specific date, please sign the chart. Make sure to use only a dry-erase marker.



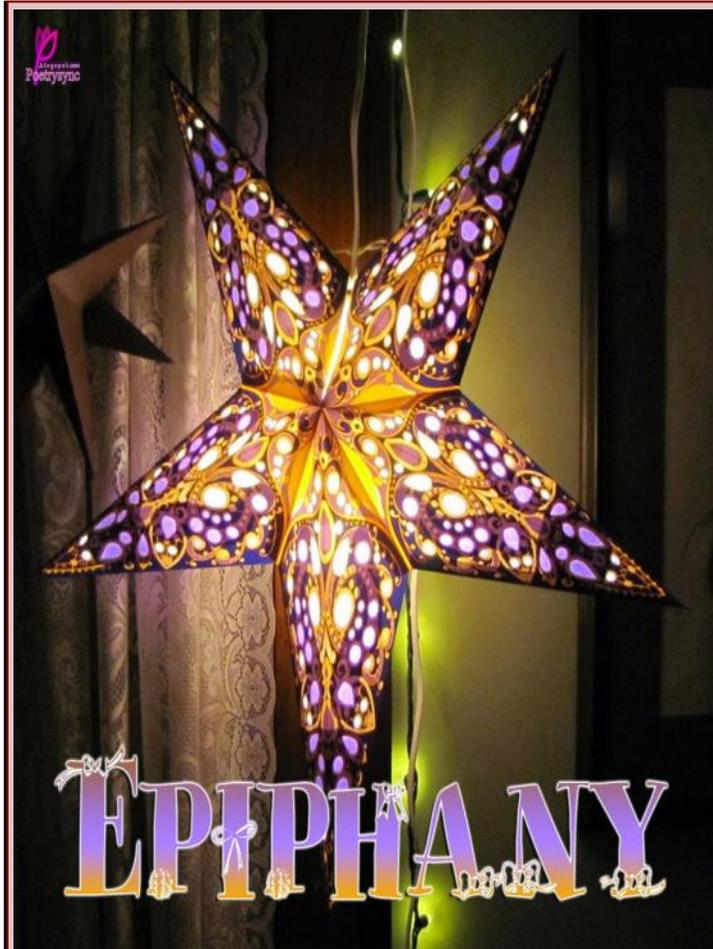
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| 3 Emily Strommen | 11 Kolbi Burch |
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| 5 Pam Strahan | 15 Kenrick Hasker |
| 7 Trey Potter | 18 Cody Pennington |
| 8 Doris Simpson | 19 Randy Jackson |
| 11 Kris Johanson | |

Content of the Ringer depends on you, the members of this church, for articles, photos, important dates, etc. **The March newsletter deadline is February 14th at 12:00 pm.** Information turned in after this date might not be included. The newsletter is available by email, mail or at the church.



FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			 <p><i>Valentine's</i> <i>Day</i></p>			
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3 800 & 1030 Worship	4	5	6 900 Bible Study 530 Godly Play	7 Women's Life Group 100 or 700	8	9
10 800 & 1030 Worship	11 1200 Newsletter deadline	12 630 combined GUYS & Ladies Night Out	13 900 Bible Study 530 Godly Play	14 600 pm 	15	16
17 800 & 1030 Worship	18 600 Silver Needles	19 400 Page Turners	20 900 Bible Study 530 Godly Play	21 Women's Life Group 100 & 700	22 Hasker-Kibel wedding	23
24 800 & 1030 Worship	25	26	27 900 Bible Study 530 Godly Play	28 830 Breakfast at Bayard's Women's Life Group 100 & 700		



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Weekly Church Events

Sunday Communion Worship

8:00 Communion worship

10:30 Communion worship

Wednesday morning

9:00 Bible Study

Wednesday Evening Activities

5:30—Dinner

6:00—Godly Play

6:15—Communion Worship

Followed by Education

7:15—Music practice

Organist: Ruth Mirtz

Choir Director: Ann Metcalfe

**Bell Director and
Worship Accompanist:**

Britney English

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