

The Parish Beacon

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January 2018

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

Happy New Year! Happy New You!

At this time of year, television commercials and cultural traditions have us focus on ourselves as we make New Year's Resolutions, but this is not a modern phenomenon.

Babylonians made promises to their gods at the start of each year that they would return borrowed objects and pay their debts. The Romans began each year by making promises to the god Janus, for whom the month of January is named. In the Medieval era, the knights took the "peacock vow" at the end of the Christmas season each year to re-affirm their commitment to chivalry. At watchnight services, many Christians prepare for the year ahead by praying and making these resolutions.

It is good to "take stock" of our lives and to make goals towards improvements. After all, "we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ" (Ephesians 4:15), but be careful what you ask for.

A story is told of an ambitious young man who told his pastor he'd promised God a tithe of his income. They prayed for God to bless his career. At that time he was making \$40 per week and tithing \$4. In a few years his income increased, and he was tithing \$1000 per week. He called on the pastor to see if he could be released from his tithing promise; it was too costly now. The pastor replied, "I don't see how you can be released from your promise, but we can ask God to reduce your income to \$40 a week; then you'd have no problem tithing \$4."

We need to be careful when making promises and making goals. In fact, we should cover all promises and goals in the prayer of "Thy will be done." More than achieving any goal in this life, we truly want God's will to be done.

Why? Because the will of God is good and gracious!

He desires that all of your sins are forgiven.

He desires to provide you your daily bread.

He desires to keep you in His care forever and forever, for all eternity.

He desires more for our lives than our wildest imagination.

This is why we are focusing on the will of God this year.

Because the will of God is good and gracious!

May the will of God be done in your life in the year of our LORD 2018.

Merry Christmas! Pastor Hartwig

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JANUARY ACTIVITIES

1	<i>New Year's Day—Office Closed</i>
2	Human Care 6:30pm
6	Board of Elders 9:00am
7	Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible Class 9:30am Praise Team Jam Session 12:00pm
8	Youth Committee 6:00pm Outreach Committee 6:30pm Children's Ministry Meeting 7:00pm Mission Committee 7:00pm
9	Women's Beth Moore 9:30am Preschool Board 1:30pm Stephen Ministry Peers-Skip/Marcia 6:30am
10	Bible Study 11:00am Lunch Bunch 12:00am Midweek Meal 6:00pm Midweek Classes 6:45pm
11	Women's Beth Moore Bible Study 7:00pm Board of Directors 7:00pm
13	Men's Bible Study 8:00am
14	Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible Class 9:30am
14	UKANDU Meeting 12:00pm
15	Youth Family Ski Day 8:00am Stephen Ministry Training 6:45pm
16	Assimilation 7:00pm
17	Midweek Classes 6:45pm Praise Band Rehearsal 8:00pm
18	Theology 101 7:00pm
19-20	Marriage Retreat
20-21	Noisy Offering
21	Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible Class 9:30am
22	Stephen Ministry Training 6:45pm
23	Women's Beth Moore 9:30am Stephen Ministry Large Group 6:45pm Properties Committee 7:00pm LLL Meeting 7:30pm

24	Bible Study 11:00am Lunch Bunch 12:00pm
24	Midweek Classes 6:45pm
25	Women's Beth Moore 7:00pm
26-27	Confirmation Kings Party/Winter Retreat
27	Men's Bible Study 8:00am
28	Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible Class 9:30am Education Enrichment 12:00pm
29	Stephen Ministry Training 6:45pm
31	Midweek Classes 6:45pm

The Comfort-tiers have made 285 quilts, 24 baby quilts, and have six regular blankets to go to Orphan Grain Train courtesy of a Thrivent Action Team Project! This 'batch' was made for hurricane victims in FL, TX and Puerto Rico in mind. The three month project was in addition to making quilts for other charities around town.

There will be a grand total for the year in February when all is delivered.

A special thanks to Lillian Moyer for doing the majority of the sewing and also to all who have contributed to our efforts! Blessings to you all and may His will be done, always!



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30pm Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am
Communion on January 6,7,20,21

Comfort-Tiers meet Thursdays at 9:00am
Need more tiers anytime between 9:00 am to noon
No expertise or materials required-Coffee provided

Choir rehearsal Wednesdays at 6:45 pm

Praise Team Practice schedule varies—
Contact Myrl Holida myrl-holida@uiowa.edu or
Louise Klopp choirdirector@ourredeemer.org

Watch *Reflections* for information on:



Youth Family Ski Day
High School &
Confirmation Youth
January 15



Marriage Retreat
January 19-20
Our Redeemer



Everyone welcome!
January 7 at Noon



Stephen Ministry
Training Begins
January 15
6:45pm
Room 208/210



Basics of the Faith
February 2,
7-9pm
February 3,
8:30am-2:30pm



High School Super
Bowl Party
Sunday, February 4

**SERVANT
EVENT**

UKANDU Meeting
January 14
Following 10:30 Service



Noisy Offerings
January 20 & 21
All Worship Services



Resume
January 10
Midweek Meal 6:00pm
Midweek Classes 6:45pm



January 18
7:00pm
Room 208/210



56 Bakers
317 dozen cookies
23 pounds of fudge
\$2565 for missions

Pictures by
 Tiffany
 Roiseland
 &
 Brenda
 Johnson



\$250 Thrivent Action for Crisis Center

Greetings dear family and friends,

The words of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 keep running through my head. How can so many of them fit this short window of time in my life?

A time to be born – I had the great delight to be with youngest son David and Tabitha as their twin daughters were born in Cairns, Australia, in mid October! They are Grandchildren # 10 and 11!



A time to die – My mother, Lola Behrens, died October 30, rather unexpectedly, for she was essentially healthy, lived on her own, and was engaged in life at 91 years old. Our family gathered with friends to lay her body to rest and to thank God for Mom. She fully knew the blessings of God in her life and was confident of the heavenly life that was hers because of Christ. She is a blessing to us -- present tense, for her loving impact will continue.

A time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance... a time to keep and a time to throw away... a time to embrace and a time to refrain ...

I am still based in Hong Kong, working with Concordia Welfare and Education Foundation. To learn more of CWF's impact in Cambodia and China, please visit our web site: www.CWEF.org.hk or on Facebook at /cwefhk/. This is **a time to plant** for CWF, as acts of mercy are seeded with the Good News of God's grace in Jesus Christ. We pray faith will grow in our staff and those we serve.

What of Papua New Guinea? When might I be allowed to return? I believe it is still **a time to search** for the road back to PNG and not **a time to give up** in regard to my visa. The PNG Immigration Department has indicated that they will process our visa applications "in due time." This is progress! Is there one of these verses from Ecclesiastes that says, "a time to be patient?"

A time to be silent and a time to speak. A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to love and a time to hate. Let's usher in the time to Speak, Heal, Love. I have written before about the horrific, growing prevalence of fear-filled mobs accusing a person of sorcery (sanguma) and torturing them, even to death. Anton, my son and LCMS missionary colleague, has been speaking against this gross inhumanity and works to rescue those being tortured, including 6 year old "Justice". The outcry against Accusation Based Torture is growing! Politicians are taking notice. The media is paying attention (try an internet search of key words). Let this be a time to heal, love, defend, protect. As this attention grows, one voice we need to hear with more clarity is that of the Church. Let us shine the Light of Christ who loves the enemy, declares He alone is God, forgives sins, is with us in death, offers peace when fear beckons -- and invites and empowers us to do the same in His stead.

And finally, it has come to my attention that this is **a time to build**. My "NSM" (Network Supported Missionary) account with LCMS has financially not kept up with the funds which are necessary to cover the expenses related to my missionary service, particularly since being deployed in Hong Kong. It is my responsibility, as it is for every missionary of the LCMS, to build this financial base. I sincerely thank those of you who pray and support me in myriad modes. And I deeply thank you who are already part of my financial network. If you would like to contribute, please see the donor information at the bottom of this letter. With gratitude.

I invite you to pray:

++ With thanksgiving for the love God shows us in life and in death, knowing that we are never out of His gracious arms. ++ For the Gutnius Lutheran Church, that this will be **a time for peace** as they work for reconciliation and prepare for a unified church conference to be held mid- 2018. ++ For protection and courage for those who speak against evil. ++ That the practice of torture against those accused of sorcery will cease and those traumatized by this evil will heal. ++ With thanksgiving for those who share God's provision with others. ++ For clear proclamation of God's Word in China, Cambodia, PNG, the US... through CWF, churches, relationships, projects. ++ For confidence that God's will shall be done even as we work and wait for resolution to the confoundedness in which we find ourselves. Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

As Christmas approaches, I pray you will each be fully aware of the time. Not the year coming to its close, nor Advent days ticking by, nor the rushed hours of preparations and festivities... but the time of God's action. "But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." God's been up to something! Let us take time to see the redemption of the LORD, come to earth as a humble babe, so that we could be His.

Julie Lutz



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Ruth
Langehough



Our Redeemer Mission Guild LWML Celebrates Christmas by:

- Devotions
- Giving to missions
- Eating
- Singing
- Playing games

Christmas Cookie Walk Mission Funding:

Concordia Seminary Food Bank, St. Louis	\$200
Concordia Seminary Food & Clothing Co-op, Ft. Wayne	\$200
IDE Chaplaincy Endowment Fund	\$200
LCMS World Relief	\$150
Lutheran Indian Ministries	\$200
Lutheran Bible Translators	\$100
Orphan Grain Train	\$200
Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch	\$200
Julie Lutz	\$115
Anton Lutz Support-Papua, New Guinea	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$2,565



POST-HOLIDAY WEIGHT LOSS

By [Kathleen Zelman, MPH, RD/LD](#) WebMD Weight Loss Clinic - Expert Column

It is common to put a few pounds during the Holiday season. If you did – now is the time to lose those pounds. Here are a few weight loss tips:

- 1. Control portions.** Studies have shown that the more food we're served, the more we will eat! Take a cue from this research and keep your portions small, especially with calorie-heavy foods.
- 2. Keep moving.** Exercise is even more important for maintaining weight loss than for taking off the pounds in the first place, according to the successful losers on the National Weight Control Registry. Further, getting regular activity can actually give you more energy. If you just can't get to the gym, keep in mind that something is better than nothing. Do whatever you can to squeeze in 10-minute intervals of activity throughout the day.
- 3. Weigh in regularly.** Checking in with the scale at least once a week is the true test for weight loss. Remember to do it first thing in the morning, in your nightclothes, and after emptying your bladder. When the scale notches upward, that's your signal to cut back on portions or rev up physical activity.
- 4. Eat plenty of lean protein.** Boosting your protein intake with lean meats, skinless poultry, low-fat dairy, seafood, and beans will keep you feeling satisfied longer. When choosing foods, opt for the lean protein choices and complement them with high-fiber grains, fruits, and vegetables, which also help fill you up for relatively few calories.
- 5. Have a healthy breakfast.** Study after study confirms that people who eat breakfast end up eating fewer calories throughout the day. Successful losers never skip breakfast because it powers up the brain, gets the metabolism perking, and helps you perform any task better.
- 6. Put it on a plate.** It's hard to keep track of how much food you're eating when you nibble without using a plate. Serving meals and snacks on a plate will help you avoid the mindless hand-to-mouth munching that can add lots of extra calories.
- 7. If you don't love it, don't eat it.** Why waste calories on foods that don't knock your socks off? One bite is usually enough to tell whether you love it. If not, leave it on your plate. Use those extra calories for something you love.
- 8. Enjoy soup or a salad.** Studies have shown that a first course consisting of a large green salad with a light dressing, or a bowl of broth-based vegetable soup, can reduce the total calories you eat during a meal. These super-nutritious foods take the edge off your appetite.
- 9. Savor every bite.** Sit down, relax, and enjoy every bite of your meal. Take your time and savor the flavors, textures, and aroma of each food. Eating slowly will help you enjoy the meal and will give your brain time to receive the signal that your stomach is happily full.



December 10

Noon

96 Attendees

20 Pizzas

24 Dozen Cookies



Pictures by
Crissy Pence

“The Story” continues
with the Holy
Family in the
stable

Allison Haack
leads
Christmas
songs



Vicar
Scheele
reads “The
Story” as
children
portray
Mary
riding a
donkey to
Bethlehem





Submitted by Marcia Hulse

Stephen Ministry

We care, Christ cures.

God Will Never Let You Go

BY RICK WARREN—

Daily Hope with Rick Warren / God Will Never Let You Go - Daily Hope with Rick Warren - December 9, 2017

“I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death can’t, and life can’t. The angels won’t, and all the powers of hell itself cannot keep God’s love away. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, or where we are — high above the sky, or in the deepest ocean — nothing will ever be able to separate us from the love of God demonstrated by our Lord Jesus Christ when he died for us” (Romans 8:38-39 TLB).

No matter how bad life gets, you can rest in one important truth: God won’t stop loving you.

You’ll have things go right. You’ll have things go wrong. But God’s love will never end — you can count on that.

That truth should be one of the most important sources of joy in your life!

The Bible says it like this in Romans 8:38-39: *“I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death can’t, and life can’t. The angels won’t, and all the powers of hell itself cannot keep God’s love away. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, or where we are — high above the sky, or in the deepest ocean — nothing will ever be able to separate us from the love of God demonstrated by our Lord Jesus Christ when he died for us” (TLB).*

That’s good news. When you put your hand in God’s hand, he grabs it and won’t let go. God holds on to you with all he has.

When my kids were little, we went to the Grand Canyon. When we walked up to the edge, I grabbed the hands of my two youngest children, Josh and Matthew. Of course, they wanted to get closer to the edge than I wanted them to get. They tried to squirm and shake free, but I wouldn’t let go. I was their father, and I loved them.

You’ll have times in your life when you’ll want to let go of God’s hand. You’ll want to give up your commitment to Christ when times get tough.

But God won’t let go of you — ever. Once you put your hand in his, it’s there to stay.

If you could earn your salvation by working for it, you could lose it the moment you stopped working for it. But you didn’t earn your relationship to God. It was a free gift.

Once it has been given, it can’t be taken back.

That’s an unimaginable source of joy for the believer.

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Kathy Schweer	466-3084
Kevin Sellers	631-8924

LIVE NATIVITY



December 17



High school youth took turns portraying the Christmas story from 4:00-6:00pm



Cookies, cocoa, and cider were available in the narthex



Pictures by Kevin Sellers

Welcome, New Members



Welcome Marlyce Hollis, sister of Marilyn Albright. Marlyce is retired and recently moved to Iowa City having lived previously in Illinois; Rochester, NY; Wilton, CT; Simsbury, CT; San Rafael, CA, and Ocala, FL.

She collects depression glass and enjoys reading, golf, travel, and attending plays.

Her family has moved many times and her granddaughter Kristin was with the New York City ballet for several years.

She has already become active in the Women's Guild of the LWML and enjoys Bible study.

Rev. Larry Lemke and wife Margie (RN) have retired and moved to Solon near their daughter Becky and husband Andy Bell and grandchildren Austin, Tyler and Maddie. Other family members are Bryan and Sara Lemke, children Chris and Ben; Michelle and Andy Eaton, children Haley and Lauren; and Leah Lemke.

They have previously lived in Aurelia, IA; Dow City, IA; St. Louis, MO; Edna, TX; Greeley, CO; and Watertown, WI.

Both enjoy fishing. Additionally, Larry likes to golf and Margie gardens. Both enjoy playing cards, attending grandchildren's events, and involvement at church. Pastor Lemke has led services here at Our Redeemer and his face is familiar in the choir. Margie is active in the LWML and joins the Comfort-Tiers on Thursday mornings.



God is able to do
Immeasurably
M♥RE
...according to the power that works within us...
Ephesians 3:20

**129 Pledges for
\$626,897.52**

**Cash in hand
\$336,293.10**



The library/original sanctuary following asbestos removal



72 young people participated

The Power of the



Pictures by Allison Haack & Crissy Pence



Three year olds

A Christmas Musical by
Gina Boe & Barb Dorn

Conducted by Allison
Haack

487 people in attendance



Joshua Vanderhyde preached at Our Redeemer and receives support from ORLC.

November 19, 2017



Dear members of Our Redeemer,

Happy Thanksgiving from Josh and Josh's professor (see photo below)! The campus is covered with fallen leaves, and temperatures are getting colder. As the semester comes to a close, our little family is busy, but we're enjoying each other and this last year at the seminary.

As a graduate student, classes are more focused than they were in the Master of Divinity program. My classmates and I enthusiastically come prepared for an in-depth discussion that covers a lot of ground on each given topic. I've learned more than I imagined I would, and I'm thankful for this opportunity to grow in many areas of study. I'm equally excited to receive a call in the spring, Lord willing.

Virginia has had her hands full with our busy boys, but she also manages to sneak in some photography jobs, train for a 15k race in December, and take piano lessons from my brother, Benjamin, who is in his second year here. Simeon is 2 1/2 now, and he is talking in full sentences. Malachi, at 9 months, is standing up with the help of furniture and trying to do everything older brother does. We continue to enjoy living on the seminary campus for the vibrant community and proximity to classes. As a bonus, Virginia's sister, Monica, and her husband, Noah, live right next door to us. As we approach this year's halfway mark, reality is beginning to set in; we won't be here much longer.



Halloween costumes: Simeon as Josh & Malachi as Josh's professor

We are so thankful for your support during our time here at the seminary. God uses your prayers and financial gifts to encourage and sustain us through it all. God bless your ministry.

Peace in Christ,

*Joshua, Virginia, Simeon,
& Malachi Vanderhyde*

Membership Changes and Official Acts

<u>Transfer Out</u>	
Lauren Kimball	11-29-2017
<u>Baptism</u>	
Liam Jacob Sexton	12-17-2017
<u>Death</u>	
Gilbert Glandorf	12-2-2017
Clifford Petit (Previous member, Pastor did short memorial service)	12-7-2017

Dear members of Our Redeemer,

After coming back from Thanksgiving break and reflecting on all the great gifts that the Lord has given to me in life, I am reminded of how truly grateful I am for your support.

Seminarians like myself would not be here without support and people like you. It has been one crazy adventure and my wife and I are glad that you are joining us on it. There are only three weeks left of this semester and the reading and writing load is bigger than ever. Yesterday, I turned in my big paper for my exegetical class on Romans 3:27-31. I am excited to be able to continue similar study with an emphasis on preaching next semester.

Recently, my wife and I announced that we will be having our first child in May of 2018! We are incredibly anxious and thrilled for all of the changes and challenges that lie ahead. The due date for our baby is 5/29/18, which is actually my dad's birthday; he thought that was rather cool. Our eagerness to meet our child is a great reminder for what our hope is as Christians in this transition out of one year and into another. Advent is full of many different themes and emotions for the Church. Just like eager parents, we both cannot wait for the birth of that Child and yet feel a deep sense of responsibility and inadequacy in our preparation.

I pray that this Advent would be a time of reflection and eager anticipation for when our Lord comes in our celebration of Christmas, and also when He comes again to make all things new in the Resurrection. I am so grateful for your response in light of this great gift that we have been given in Christ. Please let me know if there is anything you wish my wife and I to pray for as we walk in this Christian life together.

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that He, who began a good work in you, will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." – Philippians 1:3-6

In Christ, *Connor Wondrasch*

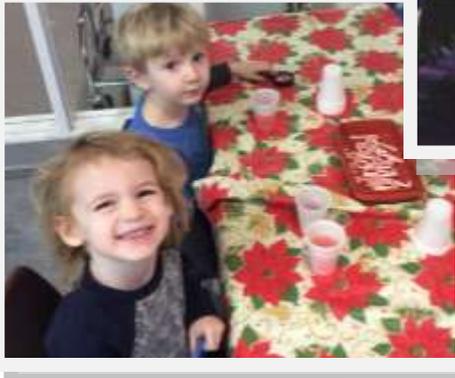


Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year! I hope and pray that you had a joyous time with friends and family celebrating our Savior's birth. We have enjoyed time with family in North Dakota for Christmas where I preached the Advent 4 service of the morning of Christmas Eve. It was a joy to see friends and family and experience wind chills down to -30 degrees. Time with Cassie's parents was a joy as well. The past few weeks have been filled with printing, cutting out, and laminating preschool materials at our house. Cassie will start with her class on January 5th. I finished my 1000 miles for 2017 on December 14, 2017. I look forward to hopefully doing the same goal in 2018, or perhaps upgrading to 1500 miles. I will be starting a two-week class called *Christianity and Literature* the second week of January. This course is an exploration of how literature engages Christian thought, experience, and practice. I look forward to taking this class with one of my favorite professors. After that class it won't be long before starting my last semester of Seminary. We look forward to the next few months flying till we hear where we will be placed on Call Day. We appreciate prayers as we count down till that day. Happy New Year and blessings as you continue through this year living as God's will continue to be done at Our Redeemer.

Countdown till Call Day 2018:
119 Days, 5 hours, 12 minutes

In Christ, *Andrew Wolfram*



SERVING THE LORD IN PANAMA



NEWS FROM THE GAUTHIER FAMILY



October 2017
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We're Planting a Church!

Blessed Advent greetings! Due to the countless holidays and the odd scheduling of November and December, this newsletter will provide a summary of both months and will serve as the 2017 year-end news from Panamá.



The big news recently is a result of our fall FORO meeting in the middle of November. The national church is moving forward with its plan to plant a new church in the province of Colon. IELPA already owns a beautiful piece of property and building that will serve as the church building and parsonage. This two story building has two classrooms, an office and two bathrooms downstairs. Outside is a large covered area which will be great for gatherings or space for Sunday school. Behind the building are two other classrooms that can be utilized for whatever needs may arise. Upstairs, the house has three rooms and a bathroom that will serve as the home for the missionary pastor and a kitchen and large open room that will serve as the sanctuary for the church.

Del Redentor Lutheran (Balboa) has issued a call to a Colombian Lutheran pastor to plant this church. He has the call documents in hand and is deliberating. We anxiously await his decision and ask for your prayers in this matter. It is our hope that he accepts and arrives in March to begin working in the community of Sabanitas.

To assist, Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones (Lutheran Hour) has volunteered to offer programs in the local schools and provide any materials that might assist with the church plant. We have also been working with a mission society in Texas that is interested in offering an eye glass clinic (sometime in fall of 2018) in that community to further connect the pastor with the community and the community with the church.

Much work remains as I volunteer, with other members of the congregations, to paint and further prepare the building for this church plant. But we are excited about the future and very grateful for the Lord's guidance and grace as we seek to plant this new congregation. Thank you for your prayers and support throughout 2017. This church plant is also a product of your dedication to support Lutheran mission around the world!

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The church plant in Sabanitas.
- Edilberto as he continues his pastoral training.
- Pastor Carlos Mario Marín as he deliberates the call to Panamá.
- All the churches here during the Advent and Christmas season.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- A wonderful and productive FORO in November.
- A great Reformation service in Balboa.
- The annual Christmas concert held by all of the Lutheran Churches on Dec. 16 at Dios Es Grande in Loma Cova.



Youth

6th - 12th Graders

Jesus' Birthday Party

January

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



High school youth with Kids Club—December 20



DATE	EVENT	TIME
10	<p>Midweek Meal Meal Crew: 7th Grade (Holman—Shrader)</p> <p>Confirmation Classes Resume Confirmation & High School</p> <p>Confirmation Verse Due 8th Graders</p>	<p>5:40 pm Help 6:00 pm Meal</p> <p>6:45 pm</p> <p>6:45 pm</p>
14	UKANDU (Servant Event) Meeting 8 th Grade—High School and Parents	12:00 pm Following late service
15	Youth Family Ski Day Confirmation & High School Families	All Day
24	College Care Packages High School	6:45 pm
26-27	Confirmation Winter Retreat & Kings Party Confirmation	



Pictures by Kara Hartwig



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DEADLINES

Reflections (printed weekly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) each Wednesday by 5:00 pm

Beacon Newsletter & Church Activities Calendar (printed monthly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) by noon on the 20th of each month.

TELEVISION ~ RADIO

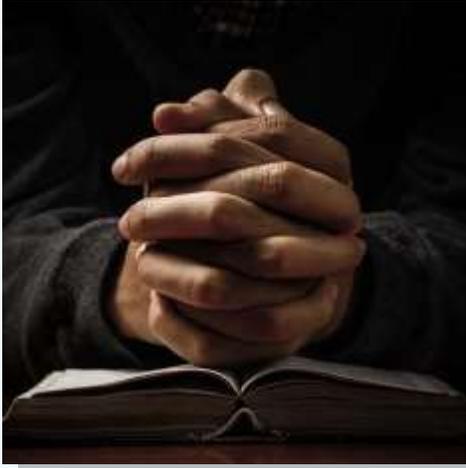
Our Redeemer Worship Service on Public Access TV Channel 18 every Wednesday at 4:00 pm.

The Lutheran Hour Television Ministries talk show "On Main Street" is shown on **Public Access Television Channel 18** on Thursdays at 1:30 pm and Sundays at 10:00 pm.

Lutheran Hour Ministries on Radio—WMT 600 AM Radio on Sunday mornings at 6:30 am, and KXEL 1540 AM Radio on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. For more information on Lutheran Hour Ministries go to www.LHM.org.

VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND SCREENING

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church has been in ministry with children and youth for almost 55 years. Our insurance carrier, Church Mutual, strongly encourages us to promote the safest and most secure environment possible by screening all employees and volunteers, both new and existing, especially those who interact with children. Performing background checks will provide safeguards and peace of mind to our staff, volunteers, parents, youth and children. Additional details will be forthcoming as we put this screening process in motion.



Sunday Service

Mark 2:2

I sit, listening to His Word

feeling His love coming,

surrounding me:

the quiet joy and

gentle comfort.



I rejoice silently

and am able to go

face the world again.

~ ~ Carol Schuldt

May my meditation be
pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.
Psalm 104:34, ESV