



Reflections



**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
And Preschool**

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Weekly Newsletter - December 23/24, 2017

~ *Fourth Sunday in Advent* ~

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR

December 24*	9:30am	Sunday Service/Communion
	4:30pm	Christmas Eve Family Worship
	6:30pm	Christmas Eve Communion Worship
	11:30pm	Midnight Communion Worship
December 25	9:30am	Christmas Communion Worship
December 30	5:30pm	Saturday Service/Communion
December 31*	9:30am	Sunday Service/Communion
	6:30pm	New Year's Eve Worship



**No 8:00 & 10:30am services nor Sunday School Classes*

No Midweek Classes December 27 or January 3

Offering envelopes are available in the narthex



The Human Care Committee will again be sponsoring the Mitten Tree, collecting hats, scarves, gloves and mittens for

school children who are without. Please bring your contributions to the church office to place under the Mitten Tree by January 7.

Contact Twyla Freeman with any questions you might have at 530-2371 or taf13146@ourredeemer.org.



ANGEL TREE THANK YOU

On behalf of the Human Care Committee, we thank you to all who purchased gifts for the Angel Tree Prison Ministry project this year. With your help, we served 10 families, including 21 children and delivered 62 gifts to the children and families. Several of the care givers tell us that these gifts are the only ones the children will receive this Christmas. We appreciate your generosity in brightening the lives of children on behalf of their parent who can't be with them at this special time of year. God Bless you all !!!



The Human Care Committee



Our Redeemer Preschool Weekly Newsletter
December 11-15, 2017



The Savior is Coming!

Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller Assistants, Sheena White M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH
Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949 www.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org preschool@ourredeemer.org


Have a blessed Christmas Break. There are no classes starting December 25th through January 5th.

Enjoy reading a little bit about what we get to do in preschool!

More and more kids are becoming part of our Zipper Club! They join when they know how to zip up their zipper on their coat. We get to celebrate with them!

This week at Teacher Time, they write their letter X's and circled the objects that start with the letter X.

During Crafts, the kids worked on their fine motor skills by creating a beaded candy cane and a q-tip hand skeleton.

 Our Jesus Time this week was spent talking and trying to experience what the shepherds felt when the angels came and announced Jesus' birth to them.

There is a box outside the preschool where you can drop off items. If it is a larger item, please contact Kaja Mueller, Director. Preschool will receive 50% of the profit from these donated items that are sold at Stuff. All items given to Stuff will be a donation if they cannot sell them. If desired, you can make an appointment on your own and donate up to two storage tubs full of items on your own. *Consigner No. #38168*



December

Five little Christmas trees
Standing all alone
Their hearts were very sad
'Cause they hadn't found a home.
Then chop went the axe
And down fell the tree
And off they went with a happy family!

(continue from 5 to 1 Christmas trees)

No little Christmas trees
Standing all alone
Their hearts are very happy
'Cause they all found a home!!!



XX (To Camptown Races)

Xavier was an alien, extraterrestrial.
He was born on Planet X, extremely far from Earth.

He had two pointy heads; his vision was x-ray. He saw exactly everything in an alien way.

Superman Prayer (sung)
Thank you God for giving us food.
Thank you God for giving us food.
The food that we eat,
The friends that we meet.
Thank you God for giving us food. Amen.



Youth Happenings

Confirmation
(6th—8th Grades)

CONFIRMATION CLASS CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 27

No Confirmation Classes

Wednesday, January 3

No Confirmation Classes

Wednesday, January 10

CONFIRMATION CLASSES RESUME

6:00 pm Midweek Meal
*Midweek Meal Crew: 7th Grade
(Holman—Schrader)*

6:45 pm Confirmation Classes
8th Grade: Confirmation Verse Due

High School

UKANDU

Summer Servant Event

Initial Meeting

Sunday, January 14
Following late service
Starting around 12 pm
Fellowship Hall

College Care Packages

“Packing Night”

Wednesday, January 24
6:45 pm
Fellowship Hall

Looking ahead...

Confirmation Winter Retreat & Kings Party

Friday, January 26—Saturday, January 27
Location will be a local area hotel

For all 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation students

PARENTS: We need several parents to chaperone this overnight event. If you're available, email Kara at youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org



Youth Family Ski Day



*For all Confirmation and High School Youth
and their families*

Monday, January 15

All Day

(Approximate times are 8:00 am to 6:00 pm)

**We will be carpooling to Chestnut
Mountain.**

OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

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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.