



The Parish Beacon

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December 2018

Dear brothers and sister in Christ,

The angels who appeared before the shepherds on the night Jesus was born announced, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” (Luke 2:14) Christmas is supposed to be a season when we dwell on the peace that we receive through the gift of God’s Son, Jesus. However, the words ‘Christmas peace’ often sound like an oxymoron in our busy American way of life. We have presents to buy, dinners to plan, and suitcases to pack. On top of that, snow is falling that we have to shovel out of our driveways and sidewalks. Many of us have to start our day earlier just so we can warm up our cars and scrape ice off the windshields. We only have so much time and money, and the expectations of the Christmas season can eat up those resources pretty fast. Looking back on the last few years, peace is not the first word I would use to describe life in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

Then, what kind of peace did the angels in Luke’s Gospel declare to the world? It certainly wasn’t the kind of peace we associate with the security the world looks for: health, money, leisure. If anything, Jesus tells Christians, “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake.” (Matthew 24:9) This persecution is one of the signs of the last days, but this has been true in all parts of the world for Christians at one time or another. Thankfully for us, we don’t face this level of persecution where we live yet, but it goes to show that Christians are not guaranteed an easy and carefree life.

Christmas is not about obtaining peace here on Earth. Jesus was born to give us peace with God, His Father. He came to reconcile us to God and to deliver God’s promises of salvation to us by giving Himself up for us on the cross and being raised from the dead on Easter morning, so that our enemy, death, would be defeated. That’s the peace we received at the first Christmas. God sent His Son to save us from eternal death and promised to give us eternal life through His Son, Jesus.

This Advent and Christmas season, when we feel a bit more worn and ragged, let’s do our best to dwell on the peace we have with our Heavenly Father. We can take our worries to Jesus and rejoice in the assurance that one day He will come back and raise us to a new and peaceful life. As it says in Philippians, “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:4-7).

God’s Blessings,
Vicar Otterman



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DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

- 1 Cookie Walk 9:00 am
- 2 Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible Study 9:30am
Board of Elders 6:00pm
Children's Ministry Committee
- 3 Youth Committee 6:00pm
Mission Committee 7:00pm
LWML Board Meeting 7:00pm
- 4 Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm
Human Care 6:30pm
- 5 Advent Service 1:00pm
Advent Meal 5:10pm
Sing-a-long 6:00pm
Advent Service 6:10pm
Midweek Classes 7:00pm
- 6 Visitation Meeting 10:00am
- 8 Men's Bible Study 8:00am
Christmas Program Practice –Speaking parts 9:00am
Christmas & Carols 5:30pm
Cookies & Cocoa 6:30pm
- 9 Christmas & Carols 8:00am
Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible Study 9:30am
Christmas & Carols 10:30am
Christmas & Cookies 12:00pm
Board of Directors 6:00pm
- 10 Outreach Committee 6:30pm
LWML 7:00pm 2332 E. Washington St.
- 11 Women's Beth Moore Study 9:30am
- 12 Bible Study 11:00am
Lunch Bunch 12:00pm
Advent Service 1:00pm
Advent Meal 5:10pm
Sing-a-long 6:00pm
Advent Service 6:10pm
Midweek Classes 7:00pm
- 13 Women's Beth Moore Study 7:00pm
- 15 Christmas Program Practice –All 9:00am
- 16 Divine Service w/Children's Program 8:00am
Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible Study 9:30am
Divine Service w/Children's Program 10:30am
Soup Lunch 12:00pm

- 16 Live Nativity 4:00pm
High School Christmas Party 6:00pm
- 18 Assimilation Committee 7:00pm
- 19 Advent Service 1:00pm
Advent Meal 5:10pm
Sing-a-long 6:00pm
Advent Service 6:10pm
Midweek Classes 7:00pm
- 20 Stephen Ministry Leaders 1:00pm
Theology 101 7:00pm
- 22 Men's Bible Study 8:00am
- 23 **No Sunday School/Adult Class**
- 24 Christmas Eve Worship (No Communion) 4:30pm
Christmas Eve Worship (Communion) 6:30pm
Christmas Eve Worship (Communion) 11:30pm
- 25 Christmas Day Divine Service (Communion) 9:30am
- 30 **No Sunday School/Adult Class**
- 31 New Year's Eve Worship (Communion) 6:30pm



Thank you to all who have taken angels from the Angel Tree. **Just a reminder that gifts are due back to the church, by Sunday, December 9,** in order to sort and deliver before Christmas. There are angels left to be taken and more have been added to the tree. Please consider participating in this important ministry by purchasing a gift for the children on behalf of a parent who is incarcerated. God Bless you all !!!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30pm Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am
Communion on December 1, 2, 24 (6:30pm & 11:30pm), 25, 29, 30, 31

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 rehearsals Wednesdays at 7:00pm

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

Watch *Reflections* for information on:

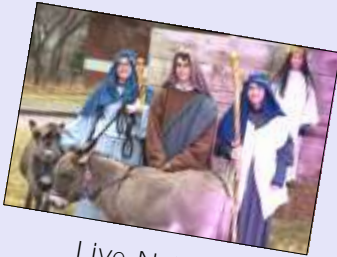


December 2
 Advent Midweek
 Services begin
 December 5
 See page 4



Christmas Party
 December 10
 7:00pm
 2332 E. Washington St

WORKSHOP: Quilts,
 Kits, & Caboodles
 January 12
 9:00am-2:00pm
 Fellowship Hall



Live Nativity
 December 16
 4:00-6:00pm
 1st Ave & Court St



Christmas Day
 Communion Worship
 December 25
 9:30 am



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
 December 16
 8:00am Worship
 10:30am Worship
 Soup Lunch follows 10:30



Worship
 December 31
 6:30 pm



Christmas Eve
 December 24
 Family Worship 4:30 pm
 Communion Worship 6:30 pm
 Midnight Communion
 Worship 11:30 pm



MITTEN TREE
 Collecting
 Hats, Mittens
 Boots
 Snow Pants
 Now-January 13



December 9
 Following 10:30am Worship
 Fellowship Hall



December 12
 Noon
 Fellowship Hall
 No Lunch Bunch
 December 26

December 2 is the last day to order poinsettias!

A Season to Rejoice

Advent, Christmas, and New Year Services December 2018 Schedule

December 1	9:00am 5:30pm	LWML Cookie Walk Saturday Communion Service
December 2	8:00am & 10:30am	Sunday Communion Service
December 5	1:00pm 5:10pm 6:00/6:10pm	Advent Service Advent Meal—Human Care Serves Sing-a-long/Advent Service
December 8	9:00am 5:30pm 6:30pm	Program Practice—Speaking Parts Service of Christmas & Carols Cookies & Hot Chocolate
December 9	8:00am & 10:30am 12:00pm	Service of Christmas & Carols Christmas and Cookies
December 10	7:00pm	Christmas Meeting LWML
December 12	1:00pm 5:10pm 6:00/6:10pm	Advent Service Advent Meal—LWML Serves Sing-a-long/Advent Service
December 15	9:00am 5:30pm	Program Practice—All Saturday Service
December 16	8:00am & 10:30am 12:00pm 4:00-6:00pm	Sunday Service/Children's Program Lunch Live Nativity
December 19	1:00pm 5:10pm 6:00/6:10pm	Advent Service Advent Meal—Youth Serves Sing-a-long/Advent Service
December 22	5:30pm	Saturday Service
December 23	8:00am & 10:30am	Sunday Service, No Sunday School
December 24	4:30pm 6:30pm 11:30pm	Christmas Eve Family Worship Christmas Eve Communion Worship Midnight Communion Worship
December 25	9:30am	Christmas Communion Worship
December 29	5:30pm	Saturday Communion Service
December 30	8:00am & 10:30am	Sunday Communion Service, No Sunday School
December 31	6:30pm	New Year's Eve Worship

*Midweek Classes December 5, 12 & 19 7:00pm
No Midweek Classes December 26 or January 2*

*Confirmation
Retreat*



October 26-27
Kari Smith from Lutheran Family Service presented **Whose U R**, a discussion of current social media and its impact on society, to both parents and confirmands.



There was Bible Study on Rejoicing



There were snacks



There was Worship in the chapel



There was socializing among the confirmands



Photos by Kara Hartwig



Erica Davisson, Committee Chair



FINDING A BALANCE: Balancing Diet and Activity to Lose and Maintain Weight

If your body weight has not changed for several months, you are in caloric balance. If you need to gain or lose weight, you'll need to balance your diet and activity level to achieve your goal.

To learn how many calories you are taking in, write down the foods you eat and the beverages you drink, plus the calories they have, each day. By writing down what you eat and drink, you become more aware of what you are consuming. Also, begin writing down your physical activity each day and the length of time you do it.

Recommended Physical Activity Levels

- For adults, 2 hours and 30 minutes every week (about 22 minutes each day or 50 minutes 3 times per week), of moderate-intensity aerobic activity such as brisk walking **and** muscle-strengthening exercise on 2 or more days a week that work all major muscle groups (legs, hips, back, abdomen, chest, shoulders, and arms).
- Increase the intensity or the amount of time that you are physically active to improve health benefits and control body weight.
- Encourage children and teenagers to be physically active for at least 60 minutes each day, or almost every day.

Each person's body may have different needs for calories and exercise. A healthy lifestyle requires balance in the foods you eat, the beverages you drink, the way you do daily activities, adequate sleep, stress management, and in the amount of activity in your daily routine. Counting calories all the time is not necessary, but it may help you in the beginning to find out how many calories are in the foods and drinks you consume regularly as you strive to achieve energy balance. A test of balance is whether or not you are gaining, maintaining, or losing weight.

Questions and Answers about Calories

Q: I've heard it is more important to worry about carbohydrates than calories. Is this true?

A: By focusing only on carbohydrates, you can still eat too many calories. Also, if you reduce the variety of foods in your diet, you could exclude vital nutrients and not be able to stay on the diet over time.

Q: Does it matter how many calories I eat as long as I'm maintaining an active lifestyle?

A: While physical activity is a vital part of weight control, so is controlling the number of calories you eat. If you take in more calories than you use, you will still gain weight.

Q. What other factors besides diet and behavior contribute to overweight and obesity?

A: Environment and genetic factors may add to causes of overweight and obesity.

Want to Learn More?

Cutting Calories at Every Meal

You can cut calories by eating foods high in fiber, making better drink choices, avoiding portion size pitfalls, and adding more fruits and vegetables to your eating plan.

Losing Weight

Even a modest weight loss, such as 5 to 10 percent of your total body weight, can produce health benefits.

Physical Activity for a Healthy Weight

Physical activity can increase the number of calories your body uses for energy or “burns off.” The burning of calories through physical activity, combined with reducing the number of calories you eat, creates a “calorie deficit” that can help with weight loss.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2018). *Finding a balance: Balancing diet and activity to lose and maintain weight*. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/healthyweight/calories/index.html>

NOVEMBER WAS NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH.

Some important things are missed in life if we are not looking in the right places –

Like “**NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH**. I didn’t even think about that until I happened to explore the **LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICE website** lutheranfamilyservice.org. They know a lot about adoption and do a lot about it.



Lutheran Family Service (**NOT SERVICES!!**) is a Missouri Synod based organization where couples who wish to adopt can begin the process. Go to their website: lutheranfamilyservice.org/adoption-services where an information packet about various adoption programs, including domestic infant, international, and embryo adoption can be downloaded.

Pregnant women needing assistance can also begin at the website – lutheranfamilyservice.org/pregnancy-support or by calling 1-877-510-2229.

Services include assistance in discerning what is right for each individual – parenting or adoption, setting up health care and finding services within a community. Friend them on Facebook for videos and information. Next article we will take a look at their other services – Mental Health and Marriage Counseling.

The Adoption Choice allows an unborn child to have a chance at life and to live out the plans that God has already made for that child before he/she is born. Adoption was never discussed in my family while growing up, but that does not mean we should not know the benefits of it. I have a friend whose adopted son just started medical school this year. Another adopted friend is earning his pilot’s license. There are others, just like in your life. *Google for famous adopted people and see what this world would have missed had they not been given the chance to be born: Nelson Mandela, President Ford, John Lennon, Eleanor Roosevelt, Babe Ruth, Steve Jobs, Faith Hill, Dave Thomas-Founder of “Wendy’s”. I just bought my 2019 key fob that allows me free Jr. frostys all year long. That money goes toward Dave’s Adoption Program.*

**Adoption – the Choice that brings life and allows God’s plans for that child to take place.
Learn about Adoption. It gives joy, love and life.**

Board of Directors October 25 & November 8

TREASURER'S REPORT

- End of October-\$17,402 deficit
- YTD-\$44,529 negative
- Construction loan balance-\$421,944 (Campaign giving \$513,834)

2019 BUDGET PROPOSAL

- Increase income projection 2.5%; projecting net deficit of -\$5,853
- Vicar salary/insurance budget line moved to Missions—other LCMS churches handling similarly
- Line item added for Panama under Missions; looking to start long-term mission
- Called staff salary increase follows district guide
- Family Life budget decreased by \$1900 due to use of Thrivent Action Teams
- Maintenance and Repair/Church decreased \$24,000 to \$12,000. Expecting no major repairs. Properties being more proactive on potential problems
- Maintenance and Repair/440 1st Ave increased \$7,000 as driveway needs replacement
- LCEF Loan line item added to reflect interest paid on construction loan.

ELDER'S REPORT-Arlan Thompson

- Jim Eick completed logistics for caring for communion ware
- Many positive responses about the Gospel of Mark presentation
- Marty Wenck is working on safety/security policies

AT-LARGE REPORTS-Barb Schanbacher

- Prime Time dinner was well attended. Thanks to Steve Rudin for cooking meal.
- Angel Tree will be up Nov. 17, followed by the collection of winter clothes for the ICCSD
- Health Ministries Chair, Erica Davisson has completed her studies for her PHD in Nursing

CHURCH PROPERTIES-Dave Johnson

- Insulation added to both vicarage and parsonage
- Heating/air conditioning contracts being reviewed by both Mechanical Services (current contractor) and AAA Mechanical

- Timeline for replacing air handlers is May 1
- Most projects for 20/20 have come in under budget or slightly over budget.
- The goal for completing the work on the Fellowship Hall is early summer of 2019.

STAFF REPORTS

Pastor Hartwig

- Memorial use
 - ◊ Darold Albright-altar clothes, candles, candleholders, etc. for chapel
 - ◊ Don Boenker-replace 15 year old congregational microphones
 - ◊ Steve Faga-The Gospel of Mark so the event could be advertised as free to the public
- Discussion on bringing Semisaurus Mobile Museum (Brian Young) tabled until January
- Tremendous success of the Gospel of Mark presentation. Pastor received a hand written thank you from Dr. Meyer. Crowd estimate was 300-350.

Vicar Otterman

- Guest preacher at St. Paul's, Williamsburg on October 28
- 3 months into vicarage and doing well. The Board expressed their appreciation of his work so far

Youth Ministry-Kara Hartwig (in absentia)

- NYG-25 students, 7 chaperones attending
- The youth making 150 pies for sale November 10

Small Group-Denise Holidia (in absentia)

- About 90 people played the Trivia Challenge
- New Wednesday Bible study topic is spiritual gifts.

Children's Ministry-Marnie Schrader (in absentia)

- There are some concerns/challenges with Wednesday night programming

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- The Sanctity of Life committee will reduce their articles to monthly instead of weekly.

Membership Changes and Official Acts

<u>Adult Confirmation</u>	
Faith Serae Beranek	10-28-2018
Jordan Patrick Lyon	10-28-2018
Brent Michael Nelson	10-28-2018
Isabella Grace Sexton	10-28-2018
Tara Gavin (Emersyn)	10-31-2018
<u>Baptism</u>	
Greysyn Kent Moon Reid	11-11-2018

Voters' Meeting-November 18

The following items were covered, as well as many of those from the Board of Directors minutes:

CHURCH PROPERTIES-Dave Johnson

- Thank you for work day volunteers
- Light poles painted, parking lot striped, insulation added to both houses (MidAmerican rebate), Boy Scout project added retaining blocks to Preschool playground
- Next year will need to replace vicarage driveway
- Vision 2020-cash flow is playing bills currently to keep LCEF loan amount down
- Next projects are replacing air handlers and redoing floor and ceiling in the Fellowship Hall

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2019 budget discussed. In addition to info presented at Board of Directors, other staff receives 3% salary increase and Sunday School materials dropped 33.3% because not needed in the past
- Snow removal budget remains low-member donates funds designated for snow removal
- 2019 Budget approved



The annual LWML Christmas party will be held this year at Kathy Schweer's house, 2332 E. Washington Street, just down the road from Our Redeemer.

Join us at 7 pm on Monday, December 10. Everyone is asked to bring an appetizer or a sweet to share. Come for good food, fun games, and lively conversation as we celebrate the birth of our savior!



MISSION	November
Iowa District East	\$4,166.67
UIHC Chaplain Endowment Fund	416.66
LCMS World Mission Iowa	500.00
Peace Officer Ministry	250.00
Housing Fellowship	500.00
PATV	250.00
TOTAL	\$6,083.33
MEMBER MISSIONS	
Crisis Center	\$29.00



KUDOS
Our Redeemer's
 Board of Directors recognizes

MARCIA HULSE

For an outstanding job putting together the Stephen
 Ministry workshop

CYNTHIA FRUENDT AND LAUREL SELLERS

For all the publicity for the Gospel of Mark
 presentation

JIM EICK

For handling the logistics of the
 communion ware

Thank you!

BAPTISM THIS WEEK



ONE LORD
ONE FAITH
ONE BAPTISM

Cameron Robert Sass
Saturday, December 1, 2018
5:30 pm

Parents
 Jared Paul Sass
 Corrie Ann Wagner Sass

Sponsors
 Rachel Hansen
 Casey Wagner

2 Year Immeasurably More Anniversary

God is able to do
 Immeasurably
MORE
 than we can imagine . . .

according to the power that works within us: Ephesians 3:20

129 Pledges for \$626,897.52

Cash in hand \$540,727.58

Thanks
SANDY WAGNER & LYNNE WESTPHAL
 for organizing the meal

Thanks
PASTOR HARTWIG
 for the Vision 2020 update

Thanks
CYNTHIA FRUENDT
 for the giving meter updates



November 11, 2018 Pizza Fundraiser





Submitted by Bill Benson

Stephen Ministry

We care, Christ cures.

The time is fast approaching for our next Stephen Ministry Training Sessions to begin. We are still hoping to have a class of at least four members. We have already recruited Vicar Ottermann and have several other applications, but the more the better.

Here's what is involved. Stephen Ministry is lay people trained to provide one-on-one care for people experiencing difficult times in their lives. Situations that are encountered include the loss of a loved one, chronic illnesses, relocation, job loss and a variety of others.

The 50 hours of training over 18 sessions prepares you to care for your care receiver. Some of the topics covered are: Feeling-Yours, Mine and Ours, the Art of Listening, Distinctively Christian Caring, Process versus Results in Caregiving, Dealing with Depression, Assertiveness Training, Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief, and many more.

This year's training will start with a retreat to be held in Fort Dodge, Iowa, on Friday the 18th of January until Sunday the 20th. This is the first time we have placed the retreat at the beginning of the training course. It provides us with the opportunity to complete 4 sessions in only 2 days.

Sessions will run after the Beginning Retreat. They will meet each Tuesday at 6:45 p.m. until May 14th.

Commissioning will be on the 19th of May.

We are having an orientation meeting on December 3rd at 7 p.m. This will be a wonderful opportunity to ask questions of Leaders and current Stephen Ministers to see if God is tapping you on the shoulder to serve in this way.

You can take the class with no commitment to become a Stephen Minister. The training and exposure to Christian care giving is beneficial to all.

Please contact any Stephen Leader to find out more.

STEVEN LEADERS

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Marcia Hulse	351-7059
Kathy Schweer	466-3084
Kevin Sellers	631-8924



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November 17, 2018



Grace to you and peace from God, our Father, and from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May the Lord bless and keep you because you have been a blessing to my family and me. You have kept us in your prayers and your support has been greatly appreciated. Thank you for all the many things you have done for us.

This past month has gone very quickly. Between reading, writing papers, and family life it feels like everything has been not much more than a blink of an eye since my last letter. We tried to quickly get several family activities under our belt before the end of October and the change of the season. On the last weekend of October we spent time on Mainstreet taking part in St. Charles' Legends and Lanterns. Each year the legends of Halloweens past reappear by the light of a lantern to tell their stories to visitors traveling down main street. We could barely move from character to character because of the press of the crowds, but the kids had fun getting stickers from most of the characters in their books. Plus, we got to talk and joke as we shared the fun stories of these fictional or historical characters with our kids. That same weekend we also took a family trip to the St. Louis Zoo. As you can see from picture above our little animals just keep growing. Why Eden's even bigger than a Pygmy Goat!



This past month, I also had the privilege to preach on Reformation Sunday at one of my sponsoring congregations. It was a good service and we had fun eating lunch with the Pastor and his family after worship. Additionally, as many of you know, we were also able to make the drive up to Iowa City and attend the "Gospel of Mark" performative oration at Our Redeemer. It was a great opportunity to not only see and hear the Gospel of Mark in an amazing oratory fashion, but we had a great time catching up with all of you, as well. As the month is finishing off, Hope has been working on Christmas shopping, Christmas letters, and putting up Thanksgiving decorations. Eden has been making progress in Cub Scouts earning more belt loops and her

Bobcat Award, and Faith has started reading some sight word books. Isaac has been enjoying Noah's ark parties at school, and getting to go on walks with Mommy and Grammie on Main Street. Levi has been busy finding new things to terrorize and sneaking into the bathroom to shove rolls of toilet paper into the toilet. Everyone also got the chance to enjoy this season's first snowfall with over 6" of snow this past Thursday. Thank you for helping support us and keeping us in your prayers.

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

Your Servant in Christ,

Luke Scheele



PRIME TIME DINNER



November 4



Music with Glorine Berry and the Old Post Office Brass



Human Care President
Dean Hargens

Human Care members pour punch, welcome the over 60 crowd, honor the milestone birthdays, and serve a turkey dinner with all the fixings.



Chef Steve Rudin





Wise Up!

Uncover some wisdom from the book of Ecclesiastes by carefully following the instructions below. Are you wise enough to solve this on your first attempt?

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Truth	The	Wise	end	foolish	of
2	a	people	matter	lesson	meaningless	is
3	numbers	better	than	acts	its	world
4	beginning	gift	kingdom	and	wrongdoer	patience
5	lies	is	certain	will	better	job
6	than	knowing	property	pride	celebrate	saint

1. Cross out all the words in Columns A and F that have five letters.
2. Cross out all the words in the table that rhyme with *eyes*.
3. Cross out all words that are books of the Bible.
4. Cross out all words in Row 2 that have more than two vowels.
5. Cross out all words in Column D that have double letters.
6. Cross out all words in Row 4 that contain all the letters in GOD.
7. Cross out all 7-letter words.
8. Cross out all words in Column B that end in T.
9. Cross out all words in Row 6 that have three syllables.

Write the remaining words here, in order from left to right and top to bottom:



THANK YOU
to everyone who
supported this
youth project



Youth Pie Sale



November 10



Photos by
Karyl
Bohnsack
&
Crissy Pence

30 Youth
14 Adult helpers
200 Pies



Growing in God's Word everyday as we create, discover, forgive, laugh, learn, play, pray, and share!



First Snow!



Typing



Playing with the baby dolls. They are taking naps



Birthday celebration



Dane's family brought a turkey from their turkey farm for a visit.



Thanks for ordering books from scholastic. Here are the free books for our classroom. They sent me an assorted pack this time. All who ordered I have your books in a brown bag so no one can see through them.



Fall Program—Happy Thanksgiving!



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade

Children's Coordinator Marnie Schrader mvschrader@icloud.com (319) 530-1563

October 28



26 Trunks
77 Treaters



Youth

6th - 12th Graders

DECEMBER

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					

DATE	EVENT	TIME
8	Christmas Program Rehearsal <i>Speaking Parts only</i>	9 am
15	Christmas Program Rehearsal <i>Speaking Parts & Chorus</i>	9 am
16	Christmas Program <i>for those who have attended rehearsals</i>	8 am and 10:30 am
	Live Nativity <i>High School</i>	Meet @ 3 pm
	High School Christmas Party <i>following Live Nativity takedown</i>	6 pm
19	Youth Advent Meal <i>Meal Crew: Confirmation Families</i>	Setup 4:45 pm Meal 5:10 pm
	Jesus' Birthday Party w/Kids Club <i>High School helpers</i>	7 pm
25	 MERRY CHRISTMAS	

Live Nativity

All High School Youth

Sunday, December 16th

3:00 pm until 8:00 pm

The High School Youth will be hosting their annual Live Nativity for the community again this year.

We would like **ALL** High School Youth to help with the Live Nativity.

Your participation makes a difference as we proclaim the birth of Christ through the nativity scene.

➔ Mark your calendars, set your phone alarms and be here on

Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 pm!

We will have goats this year.
(Live animals depend on the weather God gives us.)



High School Dinner & Christmas Party

Sunday, December 16
6 pm-ish *(following Live Nativity)*

We will be having our annual Gift Exchange during the Christmas Party.

Each person should bring a \$5.00 dollar gift for the Gift Exchange.



Lutheran Church Extension Fund
Central Region

\$1,000 LCEF Scholarships

Deadline: January 31, 2019

For LCMS high school seniors & college students

To apply or for more information, go to
LCEFcentral.org/scholarships

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.

THE BABE, THE PASCHAL LAMB

John 3:16

Jesus is The Reason for the season
but so are we;
He came down from heaven to die and save us—
to set all free.

Sin is a reason for the season—a
heavy burden.
Because we could not save ourselves alone,
God sent His Son.

Christ came to give His life for each of us—
that Sacrifice
showed God's great love for you and me; a Gift
of highest Price.

To conquer death, the grave, sin and Satan,
He rose again
as He said. We know He will come again
for it's God's plan.



We thank You, Lord,
and praise Your name forever.

Carol Schuldt

