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Weekly Newsletter - December 11/12, 2021



# ~The Third Sunday in Advent~



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To match our theme for 2021-22 there is a devotional book by Bo Giertz that we are recommending you buy and use. We have copies in the church office for \$20.00.

# **Upcoming Sunday School Lessons**

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson	
December 12	Children's Christmas Worship		
December 19	Christmas Lesson (details to come)		
December 26	Christmas Weekend—No Classes		
January 2	New Years Weekend—No Classes		

## **Adult Bible Class**

Date	Topic	
December 5-19	With Christ: Just Words?	
January 9-February 27	To Die with Christ: Christian Death and Burial	
March 6-April 10	Theology of the Cross	
April 24-May 8; May 29	The Philippians: To Live is Christ. To Die is Gain.	
May 22	Sunday School Celebration	



#### **BRING ON THE POINSETTIAS!**

Help beautify our sanctuary for Christmas. Purchase poinsettias of your choice—all sizes and colors are welcome. Bring them to church by December 22 (It is best not to bring them too early as care may not be consistent.) so that they can be placed in the sanctuary after the Advent service. After the Christmas Day service, please take them home. Poinsettias can be placed in the board room.

# Prayer of the Church/Third Sunday in Advent/12 December 2021

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, as You once sent messengers before the face of Jesus to prepare His way, so strengthen and encourage us to share the message of the newborn babe. Open the ears of all who hear to rejoice, repent and firmly believe.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, look upon the households of Your people. Provide companionship for those who are alone, strengthen the bonds of marriage and equip parents to raise their children in love and faith. Grant that our homes may be places of joy, reasonableness, peace and prayer.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we lift up the *Lutheran Church of Panama*. This small church body desires to preach the Gospel to the nation. They struggle with facilities and church workers. Help the members of Our Redeemer to walk with this church body providing encouragement, physical and financial assistance, and most importantly, prayer.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we pray for the children in the *Children's Christmas Service* and the youth who will participate in the *Live Nativity*, that as you favored Mary with being the Mother of Your Son, and You blessed Joseph with watching over Him as a child, You have used the children and youth so that the gift of Your Son might come to us, so that the Gospel might be proclaimed in this community. May it bring glory to Your name and bless the lives of others.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

### Heavenly Father,

[We especially pray for Pete Berry (friend of Myrl and Denise Holida), Dorothy Blume (Carol Schuldt's sister), David Caplin (Lillian Moyer's son-in-law), Susan Carlson, Earl Christensen (brother-in-law of George and Carol Schuldt), Mary Coblentz, Jody Cole (Charles Calef's friend), Larry Curran (Cathleen Loney's father), Chad Dyson, Emee Elkeurti, Gwen Enokian, Gabe Hundley (grandson of Karen Abernathy), Dora Jacobson (granddaughter of George and Carol Schuldt), David Jones (Lonne Loney's uncle), Brad Koelper (Donna Saehler's nephew), Norma Miller (Twyla Freeman's aunt), Shannon Miller (friend of Gwen Enokian,) Barb Nace (Doris Siemer's niece), Bob Nace, Deloris Nace, Chad Pence, Betty Redeker, Nora Sellers (Great niece of Kevin & Laurel Sellers), Rozie Siems (Daughter of Mary Siems), and Mark Wilson.

Heavenly Father, you tell us to bring to You our concerns. Listen to our silent prayers.

[We pause for a moment for silent prayer.]

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.** 

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Sun. 12/12 Jillian Bolton, Joel Born, Diana Bowman, Justin Dermody Mon. 12/13 Eloise Guhl, Trenton Miller, Karen Warner, Rebecca West

Tues. 12/14 Nicole Naraine Wed. 12/15 Luca Boyum

Thurs. 12/16 Nicholas Josten, Amy Martens

Fri. 12/17 Harry Karnes, Sandra Libenguth, Liz Matel, Jeffrey Ohlman, Cindy Penney, Nathan Recker, Arabella

White

Sat. 12/18 Nickolas Bell, Bailey Bowman

### **STEWARDSHIP December 4/5**

TIME		TREASURES	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 12/4—5:30pm	96	Contributions	\$21,499.02
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 12/5—8:00am	124	A Little Farther	\$2,587.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 12/5—10:30am	168	Monthly needs for budget	\$64,902.00
Recorded Service 12/4	16		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	404	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	43/64

# This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, December 12-19, 2021

Sunday, 12/12-Children's Christmas Service		Wednesday continued	
Children's Christmas Service	8:00am	Sing a-long/Advent Service (6:10pm)	6:00pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Children's Christmas Service	10:30am	Highschool Christmas Party	7:00pm
Live Nativity	4:00pm	Midweek/Adult Midweek	7:00pm
Monday, 12/13		<u>Thursday, 12/16</u>	
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Comfort-Tiers	9:00am
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Girl Scouts	6:00pm
LWML Christmas Meeting	6:30pm	Hammer of God Book Club	7:00pm
Chamber Singers	6:30pm	Women's Bible Study	7:00pm
Outreach Committee	6:30pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
<u>Tuesday, 12/14</u>		<u>Friday, 12/17</u>	
Women's Bible Study	9:30am	***	
Al-Anon	7:00pm		
Stephen Ministry-Information Meeting	7:00pm	<u>Saturday, 12/18</u>	
		Men's Bible Study	8:00am
<u>Wednesday, 12/15</u>		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
TOPS	8:00am		
Bible Study	11:00am	<u>Sunday, 12/19</u>	
Lunch Bunch	12:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
Advent Service	1:00pm	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
Windmill Manor	2:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am
Advent Meal	5:10pm		

## **CALENDAR CORRECTIONS**

Some of the Advent calendar information went out with wrong information. **LWML Christmas Party/Meeting** on Monday, December 13 is 6:30 pm, not 7:00 pm. The **5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service** is a second Family worship—NO COMMUNION





Monday, December 13 6:30 pm Fellowship Hall



Ladies, celebrate the season together with final determination of Cookie Walk fund disbursement for missions. *Bring your favorite appetizer or Christmas treat to share*. Enjoy games, small prizes, and fellowship!

Devotions will be led by Margie Lemke. Sharon Hintze and Margie Lemke will host the evening.



#### CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SENIOR ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCES

Here is a wonderful opportunity to "Live with Christ". Because we had such a great response last year, the Outreach Committee is again going to collect Christmas (Not Holiday) cards to share the Good News of Jesus' birth for residents of local senior assisted living residences. You can help by preparing Christmas cards. All you need to do is sign your first name and include "from

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church" and place the card in the envelope. You can also add a short encouraging message if you desire. Please don't seal the envelope as we will be adding a Church stamp to the inside of the card. There is a collection box on the counter in the Narthex for your finished cards. This is a perfect way to use up those remaining Christmas cards you might have at home or you can purchase a few from the LWML Card racks downstairs by the Fellowship Hall. We prefer Christmas cards and not holiday cards. If you have questions, please contact Donna Saehler at 319-321-3207, Marlene Thompson at 319-338-2938, or Marilyn Kempnich at 319-351-5297.



Hammer of God Book Club

\*\*\*Thursday Nights\*\*\*

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. December 16, 2021

Torvik: The Gospel and The Authority of God's Word

We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall

This novel is all to do with "Life in Christ," written by the same author of this year's daily devotional—Bo Giertz. *The Hammer of God* reads like a good detective story, immersing the reader in the unfolding events that present a spiritual drama of death and life, despair and hope, upheaval and peace, sin and grace. This classic story helps the Christian learn the difference between self-absorbed religiosity and healthy piety to center faith where it belongs: Christ.



**Building Healthy Families:** "Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having in spirit, become a child again at Christmastime." - Laura Ingalls Wilder Christmas brings memories of early years, often along with a smile. Who would enjoy your company this week and a chance to reminisce about memories of Christmases past? Perhaps a family member, the widow next door, or the elderly gentleman at the local nursing home who has no visitors. You may be surprised at how excited they are to share their Christmas memories, and to listen to yours! **Lutheran Family Service** - www.LutheranFamilyService.org.



# FELLOWSHIP TIME

# **DECEMBER 12th**

The Mission Committee will be hosting the Fellowship Time after 1<sup>st</sup> Service on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

All donations will help support mission work in Panama.

Donations will also be accepted & appreciated prior to our Fellowship Time on December 12<sup>th</sup>.





Emmanuel Lutheran Church Sora, Panama (West of Panama City)



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church San Miguelito, Panama (North of Panama City)



God Is Great Lutheran Church Loma Cova, Panama (West of Panama City)



Redeemer Lutheran Church

Balboa, Panama (South of Panama City)

#### Our Redeemer Lutheran Church / Mission Committee



### 2022 FLOWER CALENDAR

Get your choice of dates to beautify our church today—the 2022 flower calendar is up on the bulletin board between the upper level restrooms and the nursery. Sign up to provide altar flowers in celebration of an event, in memory of a loved one, or just because.



# Preschool thanks you for the generous supply of wrapping paper and ribbons received!

The preschool students will have a great time wrapping the gifts they have created for their families.





# FLOWERS TODAY

Flowers this weekend are from Myrl and Denise Holida in loving memory of Denise's father, Mike Wendt.



# MITTEN TREE COLLECTING GARB FOR CHILDREN IN NEED!!!!!

The Human Care Committee is currently collecting the following items until January 2 and needs your help with a donation.

They are seeking new or gently used:

- SNOW PANTS
- HATS
- BOOTS
- MITTENS
- SCARFS

The items can be left at the Mitten Tree located in the corner by the Welcome Counter.

On January 3 the Human Care Committee will deliver the items to the Iowa City School District Administration Office.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Lorrie, the office coordinator.







# 1971, Creche

The ceramic Nativity set that graces the chancel in front of the altar was a gift of Leone Radtke in 1971. The set was made specifically at her request by Kay of 'Kay Ceramics' of Iowa City, and finished by Leone. George Hertz created the stable for the set. The figurines in the set include Mary, Joseph, Jesus, the Shepherds, the Wise Men, and numerous animals that are associated with God's marvelous gift to humanity when He allowed His only Son to enter our world as a tiny baby, a baby who would grow to become a man whose suffering and death would redeem us all.



### 2021 ADVENT/CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

December 13 December 15	6:30pm 1:00pm	LWML Christmas Meeting/Party Advent Service		
	5:10pm	Advent Meal	No Midweek Classes	
	6:00pm/6:10pm	Sing a-long/Advent Service	December 22 or December 29	
December 18	5:30pm	Communion Service	No Sunday School or Adult Bible	
December 19	8:00am & 10:30am	Communion Services	Class December 26	
December 22	1:00pm	Advent Service	Class December 20	
	5:10pm	Advent Meal		
	6:00pm/6:10pm	Sing a-long/Advent Service		
December 24	3:30pm & 5:00pm	Christmas Eve Family Worship		
	6:30pm & 11:30pm	<b>Christmas Eve Communion Wors</b>	ship	
December 25	9:30am	Christmas Day Communion Worship		
December 26	8:00am & 10:30am	Sunday Worship Services		
December 31	7:00pm	New Year's Eve Communion Wo	rship	
January 1	5:30pm	New Year's Day Communion Wo	orship	

# **Preschool Christmas Wish List**

Can you help us with a few items for the preschool? You can purchase them or donate money towards them. All contributions will help. Thank you!



LESONG Sensory Toy for Toddlers Kids 12 Pack, Water Beads Toys Anxiety Relief for ADHD & Autism Children ....

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Ages: 3 years and up

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Preschool is putting together an Emergency Supply Kit and is in need of a few items. This is something that is directed by the Department of Human Services and a requirement of our preschool. These are some of the supplies we are needing.

- -Bottled water, 2 packs of 24 bottles, 16 oz each
- -Walmart: Reliance Luggable Loo Seat and Cover \$16.54
- -Walmart: Primacare HB-10 Emergency Foil Mylar Thermal Blanket (Pack of 10), 52 Length x 84 Width, \$9.85 Need 3 packets Total: \$29.55

# Preschool Newsletter

December 6-10, 2021

Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller Assistants, Sheena White M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH
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Our Redeemer Preschool where children play, learn, and grow in Jesus!

# This Week

#### **CIRCLE TIMES**

Student's birth date
Daily cookie question / math
Letter Cc formation / sound
Christmas songs

Bible: Jesus is coming / Advent wreath

Christmas finger plays Christmas books

Line leader book choice Gingerbread man story



Bia C curve

#### **CRAFTS**

Christmas cards to give to shut-ins Christmas ornament

## **TEACHER TIME**

Letter Cc Favorite color Who came to visit baby Jesus



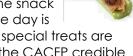
# Home Question

During this Advent season, how are you getting ready for Jesus' birthday,

Christmas?

# Snack This Week

We enjoyed (and some tasted) 'ants on a log.' That is celery, peanut butter, raisins, and water this week for snack. On the preschool bulletin board is the snack calendar where the snack for the day is



recorded. We also record if any special treats are served. All snacks served follow the CACFP credible foods list.

We want to thank two of our church members, Bev Prem and Aaron Mueller, who donated their insurance Thrivent Action Team money to pay for preschool snack this fall. **Starting January the preschool line leader's family will be responsible for bringing snack on their assigned day.** Thank you for serving our preschool students!

# CC (To Do Your Ears Hang Low?)

Can you bake a cake? Can you cook a T-bone steak? Can you make a chocolate malted? Can you make an ice-cream shake? Can you boil a cup of water? Clean the dishes like you ought to? Can you bake a cake?

# Temp for Playground Clothes

#### Temperature for the playaround

Above 60—Short sleeves

Below 60—Long sleeves

Below 50—Coats, gloves, hats unless child is hot

Below 30—Winter attire

Below 3 degrees we will not go outside (wind-chill included)



# Wiseman traveled from afar

Wiseman traveled from afar, (walk fingers)
Following the Christmas star. (sign language star)
When it stopped, (clap hands)
they jumped for joy, (jump)
And worshiped baby Jesus boy! (bow)







# Children's Ministry

Birth—5<sup>th</sup> Grade

# Children's Christmas Worship 2021

Allison Haack is directing the Children's Christmas worship service this December 12.

# BEHIND THE MANGER SCENES

# Bethlehem Kids (who run the inn)

Kid 1: Kean Mueller Kid 2: Breckin Morrison Kid 3: Taylor Pence Kid 4: James Haack

Kid 5: Jack Caylor Kid 6: Micah Hartwig

Kid 7: Evelyn Mueller

Kid 8: Kenley Murken

#### **Narrators**

#1 Rachel Haack
#2 Evan Waring
#3 Willa Ohlmann
#4 Brynn Fetzer
#5 Eloise Guhl
#6 Jadyn Waring

#### Shepherds

#1 Jayse Morrison
#2 James Roiseland
#3 Lydia Marks
#4 Kayden Murken
#5 Eli Haack
#6 Greyson Naraine

#### **Angels**

Angel 1: Arabella White Angel 2: Nalia Naraine Angel 3: Jolene Nelson Angel 4: Raegen Pence Angel 5: Beatrice Guhl

#### Wisemen

#1 Tate Nelson#2 Jackson Lyon#3 Jacob Lothamer

### **Holy Family**

Mary: Hayden Dyson Joseph: Benji Lothamer Jesus: Ellis Dyson



### Travelers to Bethlehem

Mom: Eloise Guhl Child 1: Raegan Pence Child 2: Titus Mueller

#### **Chorus:**

Beckham Dyson, Jace Dyson, Rhett Marks, Kaylee Murken, Zander Ohlmann, Natalie Ramsey Cyrus Ghabel, Darius Ghabel Jasmin Ghabel

# Three and Four Year Olds

"Angel Band"

"Away in a Manger" "Christmas Bells"

Toby Haack, Caleb Marks, Lucy Mueller, Beau Nelson, Ella Jane Rex, Liam Sexton

# Jesus' Birthday Party



All children (4 year olds to 5<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to attend this party to celebrate Jesus' birthday! Friends are welcome, too!

Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm—8:00 pm Fellowship Hall

The High School youth will be helping host this special celebration.





6<sup>th</sup> —12<sup>th</sup> Grade



# **Confirmation**

(6th—8th Grade)

Wednesday, December 15th at 7 pm

# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade—Lecture

Unit 2: God's Grace to His People Israel

**The Divided Kingdom**—the united kingdom of Israel divides into 2 separate kingdoms after Solomon's death.

THE DIVIDED KINGDOM

- North / South
- Israel 10 tribes/ Judah 2 tribes
- 19 Kings of Israel / 20 Kings of Judah
- O Good Kings in
   Israel / 8 Good Kings in Judah

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade—Lecture

**REVIEW for Exam** 

Review of the Ten Commandments and their meanings.

MEMORY DUE: Commandments 9 & 10; Close of Commandments & Meaning



# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade—Small Group

Unit 2: Apostle's Creed: 2<sup>nd</sup> Article



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Article of the Apostle's Creed is about the 2<sup>nd</sup> person of the Holy Trinity: God the Son, Jesus, who is both God and man. We will read the account of our Savior's birth from the Gospel of Luke.

# **Children's Christmas Service**



Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 9am—12pm

The Christmas Program is during both the 8 am and 10:30 am services on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Students will be participating in <u>both</u> services.

# Jesus' Birthday Party with High School Youth & Kids Club

Wednesday, December 15th

Advent Meal @ 5:10 pm

Christmas Sing-Along @ 6:00 pm

Advent Worship Service @ 6:10 pm

Jesus' Birthday Party @ 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Join us to help celebrate Jesus' birthday with Kids Club.

# Live Nativity

All High School Youth

Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm until 6:30 pm

Help share the Good News of Jesus' birth with our community!

# Please come and help us share the Good News of Jesus' birth!

- High School students meet at church @ 3pm on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> to setup and get into costume for the Live Nativity.
- There will be live animals at the Live Nativity scene again this year.
- Friends are welcome!

#### **IMPORTANT**

**ATTIRE:** Wear a warm coat, dress in layers and bring gloves/mittens, hat, earmuffs, hand warmers, feet warmers, snowpants, etc. to keep you warm under your costume.



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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 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

#### **RADIO**

**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 a strong, caring ministry with children and youth. To promote the safest and most secure environment possible all employees and volunteers, both new and existing, undergo a background screening before working with younger members. Performing background checks provides safeguards and peace of mind to our staff, volunteers, parents, youth, and children.