



November 2021

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Sunday Worship Service Schedule

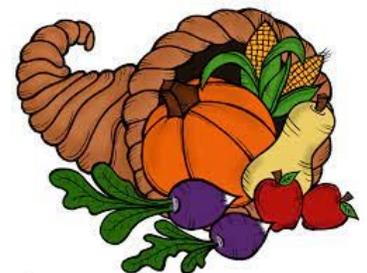
9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study

10:30 AM: Worship Service

December Newsletter deadline is
Friday, November 19, 2021

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From the Vicar's Pen



The Reformation is upon us. What does that mean? What is it that we, as Lutherans, celebrate? It may be a coincidence, I don't really know, or it may be on purpose, but my current course of study in the Specific Ministry Pastor training program at this time of the year just happens to be a study in, and of, the Book of Concord.

The Book of Concord you say? What is that? Why are you studying a "book" and not the Bible? Well, in case you haven't heard much about the Book of Concord...it is, in a way about the Bible. The Book of Concord contains foundational documents that were produced early (and some later) in the Reformation era that describe, and define, what Martin Luther and those who were influenced by his teaching believed, taught, and confessed about the Christian Faith. It is a book filled with explanations of Scripture passages and quotes from Early Church Fathers revealing how they interpreted Scripture. The primary document in the Book of Concord is the Augsburg Confession, that confession which was read before Emperor Charles V and the Romanist theologians by the evangelical reformers that laid out what the reforming churches taught and where they believed the Roman church went astray. Did Luther and his followers intend on starting a new church? Absolutely not! Their goal was to "bring the Church back" to the Gospel and get rid of all the junk that had crept in that skewed the pure Gospel message. They wanted to "bring the Church back" to the true catholic faith, that faith once for all believed by all the saints. That's what the word "catholic" means: universal.

Unfortunately, they were met with strong resistance, both by the Roman church and the Emperor. Excommunication by Rome led to the establishment of "evangelical" (Gospel centered) congregations, confessing the faith described in the Augsburg Confession. Those churches have become known, down through history, as Lutheran churches: churches that are truly "evangelical" and "catholic."

So here we are, today, 500+ years later in a "new" church, a Lutheran church. Not really what Martin Luther had in mind. He didn't want any church named after him. In his 1522 writing, "Admonition Against Insurrection" he wrote, *"I ask that my name be left silent and people not call themselves Lutheran, but rather Christians. Who is Luther? The doctrine is not mine. I have been crucified for no one. St. Paul in 1 Cor. 3:4-5 would not suffer that the Christians should call themselves of Paul or of Peter, but Christian. How should I, a poor stinking bag of worms, become so that the children of Christ are named with my unholy name? It should not be dear friends. Let us extinguish all factious names and be called Christians whose doctrine we have.*

The pope's men rightly have a factious name because they are not satisfied with the doctrine and name of Christ and want to be with the pope, who is their master. I have not been and will not be a master. Along with the church I have the one general teaching of Christ who alone is our master" (LW 45,70-71). The name "Lutheran" became attached to those who followed the Augsburg Confession not because they took it on themselves, it was ascribed to them by their opponents, the Romanists, who used it as a derogatory description of "those people." After all, Luther by this time had become an outlaw. He was called a wild boar...a swine.

Should we be ashamed of the name Lutheran? Not at all. It has become the name attached to that confession of the faith that stands in the lineage of the faith once for all delivered to the saints (Jude 3). It is truly evangelical (Gospel centered) and catholic (universal). It sounds forth the proclamation that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came, died, was buried, and rose again on the third day (Gospel) for the sins of the world (universal) as Scripture says (John 3:16; 1 John 2:2 & 4:14).

So, what does the Reformation mean, especially for us Lutheran Christians? Should we be talking up Luther (or other Reformers) and pointing out to the world the great contributions they made to the advancement of the Christian faith? It is good to remember our history, our spiritual heritage. But the Reformation isn't really about Luther (or any other Reformer). It's about the Christ, to whom those giants of the faith, like John the Baptist (John 1:29) point us toward saying, *"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"*

The Apostle Paul wrote, *"When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God" (1 Cor 2:1-5).* Luther wrote in his Heidelberg Disputation, *"The Cross alone is our theology."* It is my prayer that this is what you will see and hear each and every Sunday, not just on Reformation Sunday.

See you in church,

Vicar Rex Watt



October 2021 Council Meeting Briefs

Vicar Rex opened with prayer

Devotions: Vicar Rex read Ecclesiastes 5:15 & 16

A Benevolence Fund Policy Review Committee (to meet people's basic needs in a crisis) was formed. The committee, Ross Abbe, Sally Pinski and Rex Watt, will review what has been discussed thus far and make recommendations and bring back to the council a working example next month for review/action.

Treasurer's Report: Sally reported that the operating account is in the black \$1,403.64 after expenses for September.

Budget Packet: Sally passed out a budgeting packet to each committee chair person with instructions to be returned to Corinne by October 31st.

Compensation Committee: Ross, Les, Louie & Corinne

Budget Committee: Patrick O'Connor, Barb & Corinne

Budget needs to be completed by December for a voters meeting in December.

Stewardship Report: Barb announced the Opportunity Fair ongoing for another week. Twenty two forms were turned in.

Reformation Sunday: October 31st with a Potluck after the service.

Advent by Candlelight: November 28th is for Redeemer families.

Property Report: Louie knows a reputable person that is experienced with countertops and flooring for the kitchen update (committee formation still pending) The grounds area around the white cross is ready for 12 yards of rock. Any excess rock to be stored onsite behind church for potential use in other areas. The light on the cross in front of the church to be replaced next year.

Rex made a motion to extend the meeting till 9:00 pm.

Education Report: Heidi advised she has a boy starting in the Tuesday/Thursday class: Tuesdays she has 5 preschoolers and Thursdays she has 6 preschoolers. Rex announced out of 22 kids enrolled in preschool 10 have church families.

New Business: Rex handed out a legal guide "Protecting your Ministry" for review because of the culture we are living in.

Guidelines for Ushers – The ushers have a sample ushers handbook for review. The Church Constitution has been reviewed for errors and an updated draft has been completed. Council will form a committee of 3-5 people to review.

Rex has a bill for a stand-up desk and ergonomic chair for \$666.60 for his office. Council gave permission to pay the bill. Rex asked permission to purchase a pull down screen (75" – 80") to be mounted between the two windows in the library area. Cost about \$75-\$80 dollars. Council gave him permission. Rex also asked permission to buy a 30' extension pole for changing light bulbs in sanctuary. Pole and suction cup cost about \$100.00. Council gave him permission. Rex and Corinne asking for permission to pay Rex's tuition from the excess money in the general operating fund. Permission granted. Rex was alerted by a member re: an article about Lighthouse Mission advertising in San Diego for homeless people to come to Bellingham WA. (N.W. Citizen October 6, 2021 by Karen Steen) The Budget committee will to consider modification of donation to Lighthouse Mission for next year's budget.

Vicar Rex closed in prayer @ 9:00 pm



LIVING A STEWARDSHIP

It is all about your heart...

Everything we have is a gift from God that we are to use to help others.

Life

Sometimes people don't like it when pastors talk about stewardship. For some, it hits too close to home. It is easier to talk about bad people in Washington, in history, or wherever than it is to think about what our daily life in Christ is supposed to look like and how we are supposed to love our neighbor.

The fact that we don't like it certainly means we ought to face it. So, here are a few simple and practical realities.

God calls us to first-fruits, sacrificial giving. That means that we should give off the top. We should set a percentage of our income as a deliberate gift for the work of the Church and then give that first. We write the check to the Lord's work in the Church before we pay the mortgage or pay for our medicine or pay for anything else. We don't pay for all the stuff we need – and stuff we think we need – and then give from what is left over. That is the first-fruits idea. It is hard because we think we need all sorts of other things first. But that is the point of "sacrificial."

Next, how could the starting point for Christian generosity and sacrifice really be anything less than a tithe – 10%? The ceremonial law of the Old Testament was never arbitrary. In the Old Testament, the Levites received this tithe so that they could be full-time ministers.

Does the New Testament have a ministry that is larger or smaller? It is far larger: "Make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19). And we are still to have a full-time ministry: "The Lord has commanded that those who preach the Gospel should make their living from the Gospel" (1 Cor 9:14). So if 10% is what it took in the Old Testament, and we have a bigger mission need in the New Testament, how can we expect the Lord's work to be done on less than a tithe?

By first-fruits, sacrificial, and generous giving – that's how. We shouldn't fool ourselves into thinking that we've outgiven God's goodness or that we've given plenty. We might be tempted to think that way, but consider that no one in the Church has given plenty because no one has given all. No one has died for his sins. Only the sinless Son of God did that.

St. Paul brought the Good News of Jesus into the discussion of our giving to support the Lord's work in the Church when he wrote: "I say this not as a command, but to prove by the

earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:8-9).

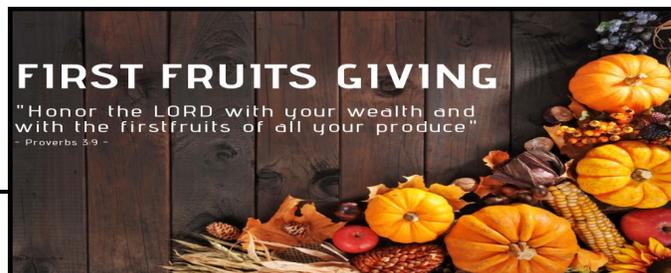
As you can see, what the Bible commands about our stewardship can sting. It's Law, and the Law shows our sins. It calls us to repentance. The Law is meant to expose and accuse for the sake of showing us Christ and His fulfillment of the Law. So if first-fruits, sacrificial giving has you squirming, that's the point.

In Mark's account of the feeding of the 4,000, Jesus took the disciples' seven loaves and blessed them. It was nothing among so many, but, of course, it was plenty. Jesus makes something from nothing. Mark doesn't say that all the disciples gave Jesus all the bread they had. It is quite possible that some of them held something back. But even if they did, that didn't stop Jesus from blessing them. Jesus makes something out of nothing. He, who fed His people in the desert with Manna every morning, doesn't need their bread.

But they need to give it. And what they give – however little it might be and however grudgingly they do so – He blesses. He not only blesses those whom He feeds with it, but He blesses them – the givers. He blesses the givers not just in that they wind up with a basketful for each loaf, but they are blessed by learning to trust and rejoice in Him.

The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away. The Lord gives abundantly, or He asks us to fast. We do not know what will happen. Blessed be the Name of the Lord. He does all things well, and He works all things together for good. The disciples don't give their bread to Jesus because it is a good investment. They give it because He is good, because they love Him, and because they trust Him. Let us go and do likewise.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry
Newsletter article – November 2021



November



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|-----------|-------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 7:00 pm: Ephesians Bible Study | 05 | 06 1:00 Memorial Service for Dixie Shipley |
| 07 All Saints' Day 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship Daylight Savings Ends—Fall Back! 2:00 Memorial Service for Jeff Thorsen (Annie's Dad) | 08 | 09 6:30 pm: Elders | 10 Bulletin Deadline | 11 Veterans Day Office Closed 7:00 pm: Ephesians Bible Study | 12 | 13 |
| 14 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship /Communion with Children's Ministry | 15 | 16 6:30 pm: Council | 17 Bulletin Deadline | 18 7:00 pm: Ephesians Bible Study | 19 Saltshaker Deadline | 20 |
| 21 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship | 22 | 23 | 24 Bulletin Deadline Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00 pm | 25 Happy Thanksgiving Office Closed Preschool Thanksgiving Break | 26 | 27 |
| 28 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship /Communion with Children's Ministry 6:30-8:00 pm Advent by Candlelight | 29 | 30 | | | | |



November Birthdays
 11/02 Karl Noste
 11/06 Spiro Pappacostas
 11/07 Kari Marttila
 11/11 Annie Thorsen
 11/12 Jason Gansler
 11/16 Micah Potvin
 11/18 Dave McKay
 11/21 Draven Cobb
 11/25 Randy Bowen

December Birthdays
 12/01 Niko Marttila
 12/07 Virginia Blackmore
 12/13 Don Mossman
 12/13 Lynnata Marttila
 12/13 Jesse Potvin
 12/27 Marsha Edin
 12/27 Rex Watt
 12/31 Ian Littke

Elder Care List

A—Hah: Larry Schell
 Hal—Leg: Ross Abbe
 Leo—P: Kari Marttila
 R—Wri: Patrick O'Connor

December Anniversaries

12/01 Larry & Sharon Schell
 12/11 Anthony & Wendy McLeod
 12/13 Paul & Marianne Giusti
 12/17 Dave & Sandi Stamps
 12/19 Patrick & Kelsey Heaviside
 12/27 Don & Valerie Mossman
 12/30 Colin & Vicki Grabish
 12/31 Steven & Micah Potvin



*As the angels sing heavenly praises for our God above,
 As the dawn touches the Earth with its soft rays,
 As another chapter of your life starts anew,
 I wish that God will grant you your heart's greatest desire
 And your presence endows peace to others
 as refreshing as the morning dew.
 Have a blessed and wonderful birthday or anniversary!*

Fellowship Host/Hostess Volunteer Schedule
 Nov. 07 Marsha Edin & Janet Baeder
 Nov. 14 Mary Ann Olsen & Cristi Lysne
 Nov. 21 Joy Anderson & Heidi Kuljis
 Nov. 28 Susanne Martinsen & Barb Abbe

Note: If your birthday or wedding anniversary is not listed on this page or if it is incorrect, please contact the church office so we can make the correction.

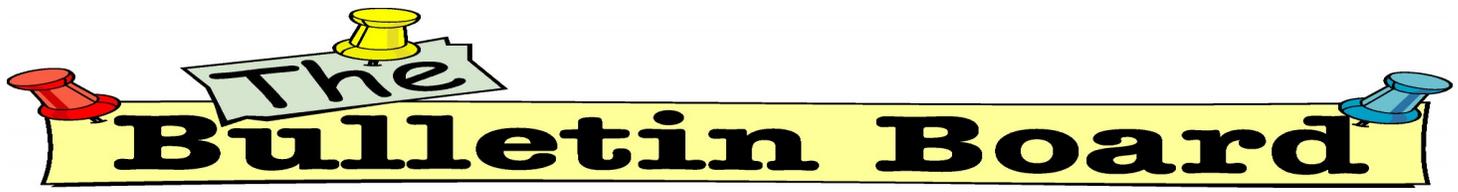
Shut-ins: Virginia Blackmore, Ken Hindman

ASSISTING US IN WORSHIP – NOVEMBER
Altar Care
 Lynnata Marttila

THE VOLUNTEER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

| | <u>ELDER</u> | <u>LAY READER</u> | <u>SOUNDBOARD</u> | <u>COUNTERS</u> |
|---------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Nov. 07 | Kari Marttila | Ross Abbe | Rod Hanson | Cheryl K./Ron W. |
| Nov. 14 | Larry Schell | Rex Watt | Anthony McLeod | Barb A./Anthony M. |
| Nov. 21 | Ross Abbe | Joe Dupuis | Kari Marttila | Cheryl K./Cristi L. |
| Nov. 28 | Patrick O'Connor | Rex Watt | Rod Hanson | Anthony M./Ron W. |

Should you have any questions, please contact Dee for Host/Hostesses and Tabatha for the rest.
 Thank you!



The Bulletin Board

TITHE ENVELOPES — Thank you for your continued tithe offerings. Just a reminder to write out **Redeemer Lutheran Church** on your check. Thank you. You may continue to drop off your tithe envelopes to the secure Prayer Box.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY MEETS AT 9:15 am: LHM Video Bible Study “Forgiveness”, led by Larry Schell. We will examine how forgiveness received and forgiveness offered to others are central to our lives as Christians.

THURSDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE STUDY AT 7:00 PM: The book of Ephesians, led by Colin Grabish.

DEVOTIONALS: “Our Daily Bread” for Sept.-Nov. and “Portals of Prayer” for Oct.-Dec. are available at the bulletin table and the mailbox table.

2021 ALTAR FLOWERS SIGN-UP SHEET is posted on the bulletin board by the office. This is an opportunity for you to have flowers placed on the altar in honor of a birthday, anniversary, memory, etc. If you would like to place flowers on the altar for a special occasion, please place your name and phone number on the line corresponding with the date on the altar flower sign-up sheet. If you would like Lynnata to purchase flowers for you, please contact her - 360-318-5298.

TUNE INTO THE LUTHERAN HOUR: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Lutheran Hour Speaker, gives a sermon each Sunday. The program also features hymns and reflections on the texts.

Online: www.kfuo.org Radio: 550AM KARI 11:30 am

WOMENS MINISTRY: On October 16th, 48 pounds of food was delivered the Ferndale Food Bank. Thank you for your donations!

THANK YOU to all who provided display tables for Redeemer’s Opportunity Fair...Ross and Barb, Louie and Heidi, Sally and Marianne. We thank our gracious Lord for the response from His people, willing hearts and helping hands offered and the joy He brings in fellowship as together we serve Him. God be praised!!

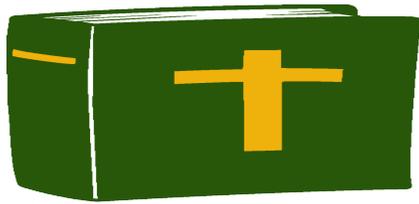
Thank you so very much for your vote of confidence and Call extended to me to become Pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church. God be praised for his abundant mercies. I have officially accepted the Call and paperwork has been turned into District for my ordination and installation. The Council and Elders will keep you apprised as to when that will officially take place. Blessings to you all.

Vicar Rex E. Watt

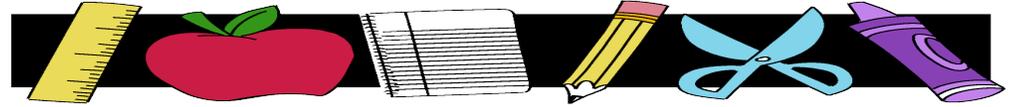
Preschool Pumpkin Carving and Pizza Night



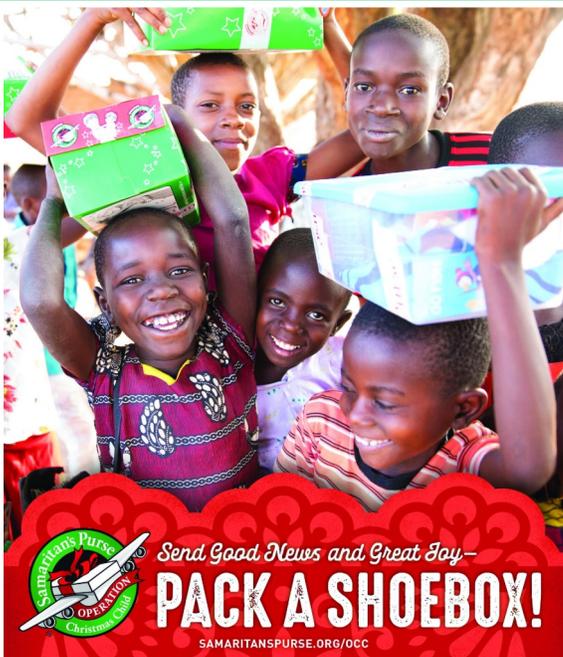




RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Sunday School will be on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month for elementary aged children. If you would like to help out with Sunday School or teach, please let Heidi know!

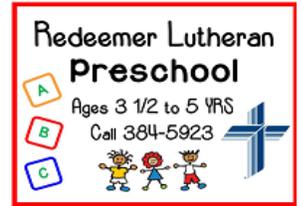


Once again this year, you are offered the opportunity to participate in Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box gifts for children of impoverished nations. You may pick up a shoe box from the fellowship hall, fill it according to the instructions inside the box...not forgetting to include \$9.00 for shipping, and then return it to the collection bin at Redeemer by Sunday, November 14th. These filled shoe boxes are given to boys and girls ages 2-4, 5-9 and 10-14. A wonderful opportunity to share the joy of caring for others with your child or grandchild. Coloring/informational sheets are available also for children who would like to include in their box a little about themselves that will be given to the child receiving their shoebox. Should you have any questions, please contact Dee Watt, 360-393-3941.

Redeemer Lutheran Preschool



Redeemer Lutheran Preschool
858 W. Smith Road
Bellingham, WA 98226



Preschool is moving right along and continues to be going well. The children are enjoying themselves as they learn and play together. Pumpkin Carving/Pizza Dinner Night was a great success and fun was had by all!



Wish List



Wish List for the 2021-2022 Preschool Year

24 pack of Crayola crayons (**18 boxes**)

Construction Paper 12 x 18in (**2 packs each**)

-black

-white

-tan

Pom poms (**assorted colors and sizes**)

6 qt Sterilite bins – clear bins with colored lids (**8 bins**)

16 qt Sterilite bins – clear bins with colored lids (**8 bins**)

Pipe Cleaners 50pk (**1 pack each**)

-orange

-yellow

-brown

-white

-purple

-black

-green

-blue

GIFT CARDS: Dollar Tree, Hobby Lobby, Michaels



If Life Were A Pumpkin Patch

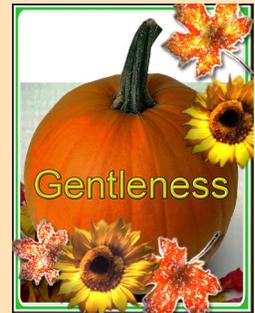
If life were a pumpkin patch;
And fruit our good deeds.
I pray my fruit would shine forth;
God's love in every seed.



Love and grace, peace, endurance;
Let this fruit grow big and round:
So when you inspect my fruit;
Let God's glory be what's found.



Temperance and self control;
Let this fruit grow big and strong.
I'll fertilize them care;
Keep them from the blight of wrong.



God's gentleness and kindness;
Let others see them in me;
So when my life is over;
My fruit would sprout fourth seed.



In my pumpkin patch of life;
Let God's goodness be a light.
Let my largest fruit be faith;
With a heart that is upright .



A meek and humble spirit;
Make this fruit bloom and grow.
So others all around me;
Won't see me, but God's love know.

But the fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness, self-control;
Against such things there
is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

Lord as I pick my pumpkins;
From my patch with pumpkins filled.
Let your joy be present Lord:
As I see the fruit it yields.



When bringing in the Harvest;
I'll set my pumpkins here and there.
That they would be a blessing
To observers everywhere.

Submitted
by



Marianne Giusti

Theme Poem By: Susan Y Nikitenko
October 10th, 2011 - Children's Reading

Service member Spotlight



Ryan Pitcher

Son of Tim and Mary Pitcher

United States Army
1st Lieutenant
5th Battalion,
4th Air Defense Artillery

Stationed in Ansbach, Germany.

Some items Ryan would enjoy: taffy, gummy bears and worms, anything chocolate, words of encouragement. He appreciates anything he can hand out to his soldiers when he is on field exercises.

It means a lot to our servicemembers to have our support. Please pray for Ryan and keep him in your thoughts.



New Ministry Opportunity

Military "Care Packages"

We are now collecting items for care packages to go out in early December. Please see the table in fellowship hall to find out more about the servicemembers we are supporting and get some ideas on items they would like to receive. The boxes are on display and ready for donations, also notecards are available to write a note of encouragement. If you are interested in participating in this ministry by contributing items or donating funds, or if you have any questions, please contact Carl or Mary Ann Olsen at 360-510-3056. Thank you!





Give Thanks

Thanksgiving Eve Service
Wednesday November 24, 7 pm

Please join us as we gather together to
give thanks.

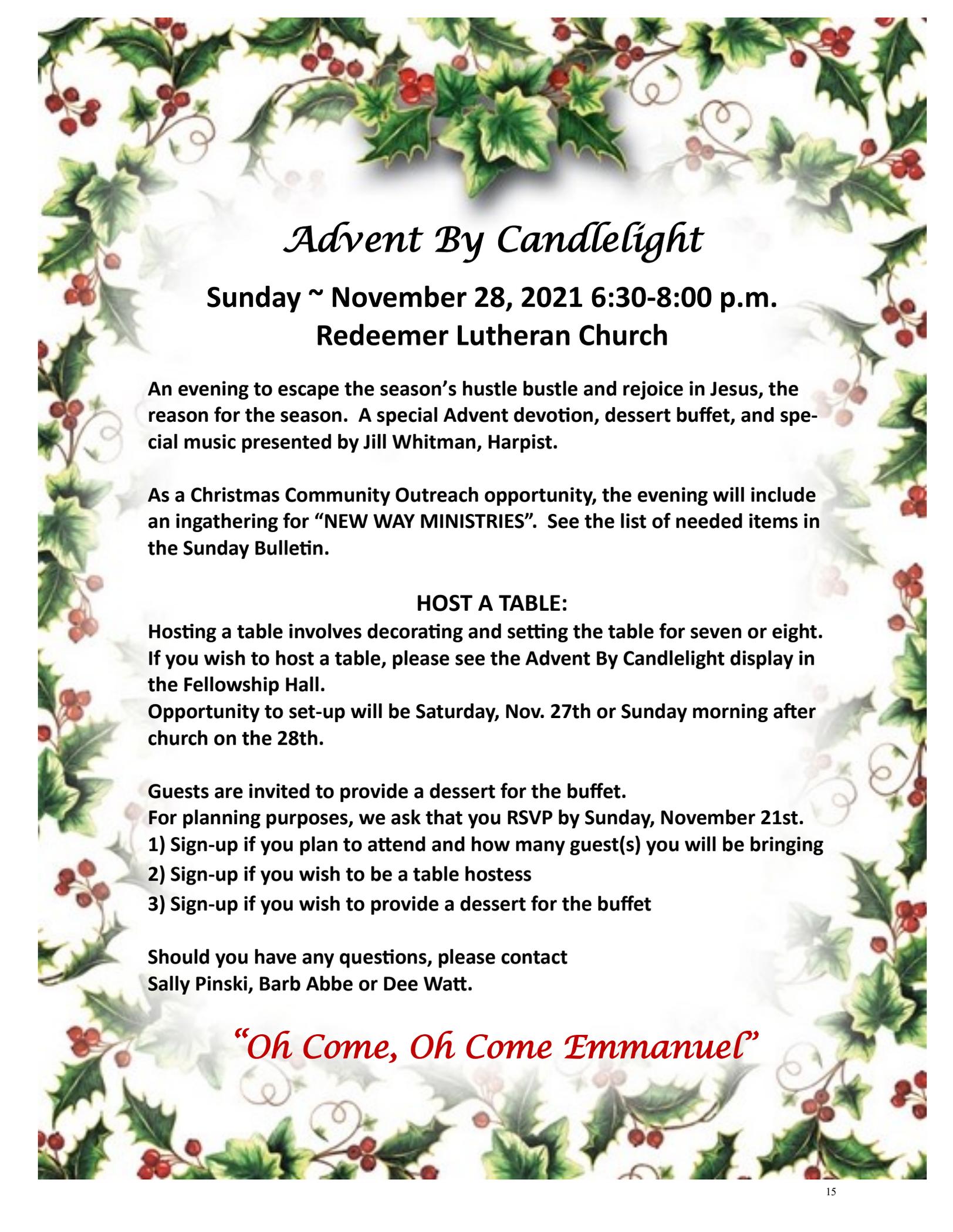
*I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in
Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way*
1 Corinthians 1:4-5 CrossMap



Advent and Christmas

Midweek Advent Worship Services
Wednesdays at 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
with Soup Supper at 6:00 pm
December 1, 8, and 15th

Christmas Eve Worship Service
Friday, December 24th, 7:00 pm



Advent By Candlelight

**Sunday ~ November 28, 2021 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Redeemer Lutheran Church**

An evening to escape the season's hustle bustle and rejoice in Jesus, the reason for the season. A special Advent devotion, dessert buffet, and special music presented by Jill Whitman, Harpist.

As a Christmas Community Outreach opportunity, the evening will include an ingathering for "NEW WAY MINISTRIES". See the list of needed items in the Sunday Bulletin.

HOST A TABLE:

Hosting a table involves decorating and setting the table for seven or eight. If you wish to host a table, please see the Advent By Candlelight display in the Fellowship Hall.

Opportunity to set-up will be Saturday, Nov. 27th or Sunday morning after church on the 28th.

Guests are invited to provide a dessert for the buffet.

For planning purposes, we ask that you RSVP by Sunday, November 21st.

- 1) Sign-up if you plan to attend and how many guest(s) you will be bringing
- 2) Sign-up if you wish to be a table hostess
- 3) Sign-up if you wish to provide a dessert for the buffet

Should you have any questions, please contact
Sally Pinski, Barb Abbe or Dee Watt.

"Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel"



Lutheran’s For Life Quote: November 21

“We pray for God’s light to shine on all of our decisions and that every aspect of our lives would be fulfilled within the boundaries of His Law and Gospel. We do not want our worry to guide our search for daily bread (Matthew 6:25-34). Rather, we rely on God’s Promise and receive what He has provided with thanksgiving. For we know that with Jesus we have daily bread that endures, even to everlasting life (John 6:28-29).”

Rev. Justin A. Herman, University Lutheran Church, West Lafayette, Indiana – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

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IF YOU WANT TO HEAR from LCMS leadership: Leader blog (blogs.lcms.org, category/leader-blog)

IF YOU’RE SEARCHING for stories of the Church in action:

Lutherans Engage the World (lcms.org/lutheransengage)

IF YOU’RE LOOKING FOR NEWS: *Reporter* (blogs.lcms.org/reporter)

IF YOU CAN’T GET ENOUGH of all things mission:

Journal of Lutheran Mission (lcms.org/journaloflutheranmission)

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Free Cards



SHARE GOD’S WORD BY USING FREE GIDEON CARDS

How would you like to extend the missionary outreach of our church to some 200 countries around the world? You are encouraged to use Gideon cards to send the Word and Change a Life!

Every time you send a Gideon card, your donation for Bibles will send God’s Word to someone who desperately needs it—perhaps in your own neighborhood or somewhere else around the world.

Gideon cards can be given in the memory of someone special (sympathy cards) or for any special occasion, and that’s a life-changing difference!

Check out the display of free Gideon cards in our church. Where are they? They are on the wooden shelf at the back wall in the fellowship room. Help yourself. Then, let these cards acknowledge your gift in memory or in honor of someone, and provide Bibles, helping fulfill the Great Commission. Thank you for sharing God’s Word around the world.