

Today's Worship

WELCOME
OFFERING
HYMN "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" 782
HYMN "Take My Life and Let It Be" 783
INVOCATION
RESPONSIVE PSALM
HYMN OF PRAISE "Praise and Thanksgiving" 789
PRAYER OF THE DAY
FIRST READING 2 Corinthians 5:11 - 6:2 pg. 1798
SONG "Children of the Heavenly Father"
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
GOSPEL READING John 3:1-18 pg. 1649
APOSTLE'S CREED
HYMN OF THE DAY "In Thee Is Gladness" 818
SERMON
READING OF NAMES OF THOSE BAPTIZED IN 2011
PRAYERS
LORD'S PRAYER
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
BLESSING
CLOSING HYMN "As With Gladness Men of Old" 397

For Further Study

CELEBRATING CHRIST
2 Corinthians 5:11 - 6:2

"And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again." 2 Corinthians 5:15

Jesus has radically changed our lives. God's never stopping, never giving up, always and forever love has given us a new identity. God's unending mercy and unending grace is transforming us. We are Celebrating Christ because of this new identity and mission. This new intimate relationship with God is at the very center of who we are and all we do.

Reflecting on the last year, share a moment that this reality was (re)made new again?

After reading each of the four statements and verses spend time Celebrating Christ through prayer and/or discussion of the specifics of each new reality we have in Christ Jesus!

As Christians we recognize we were created by God and for God
Read Genesis 1:27; Isaiah 43:7,21

As Christians we recognize we were chosen by God and for God
Read 1 Peter 2:9; Ephesians 2:4-5

As Christians we are the beneficiaries of Jesus' death and resurrection!
Read 2 Corinthians 5:15 above and marvel.

As Christ followers we recognize we no longer live for ourselves, but for God.
Read again 2 Corinthians 5:15 above.



More Information

Weekends at RLC

Saturday Worship 5:30 pm (traditional)
Festival Worship 8:30 am (traditional)
Praise Worship 10:45 pm (contemporary)
Sunday School 9:40 am
Education Hour 9:45 am
• Adult Bible Study (Life Center)
• "Heroes of the Faith" Study (basement)

Staff

Email each staff person using this format:
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Joseph Meyer Senior Pastor (x13)
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Allison Rogers Preschool/Childcare (x15)
Phyllis Call Care Ministry (693-9214)

Participants

Liturgist 5:30 - Jonathan Anders
Readers 5:30 - Beth Christensen
8:30 - Patti Rubnich
10:45 - David Miller
Acolytes 8:30 - Brody Bill
& Hunter Rohn
10:45 - Danielle Kramer
& Anna Schuetz

2011 Tithes and Offerings
Week 1
YTD Actual - \$32,474.52
YTD Budget - \$39,903.90
Actual vs. Budget - 81.4%

Prayers

Please remember the following people in your prayers this week.
To submit a request fill out the Prayer Card located in the pew.
Those listed in bold are new requests.

SHORT TERM

Rachel Osthus, Ben Schlatter, Dave Ryan, Susie Lewis, Barbara McGrath, Saneer Stevenson, Peggy Hasselberg, Meghan Hasselberg-Reitz, Rusty Dunham, Craig Kijanowski, Joseph Rodi, Lynne King, Lou Carr, Pam McEnroe, Ralph Sperry, Joyce Letterle.

LONG TERM

Emma Sarfity, Don Mohan, Madelyn Klinkhammer, Mary Robbins, Barb LaHood, Ashley Snider, Juliana Kaminski, Gail Letterle, Sean Letterle, Peg & Merv Thompson, Donna Leed, Judy Marshall, Brent Ladage, Amy Pfautsch, Marsha Gerard, Katherine Graves, Tom McGough, Burt Hasselberg, Dottie Rhodes, Kerry Stephens, Alvira Van Wynsberg, Erica Totten, Darbi Dietrich, Jenny Bohanon, Jerry Stillman, Julie Mooberry, Ella Mehl, Joy Petit, Jennifer Halleen, Sue Ebeling, Pastor Paul Park, AJ Hall, Melinda Bohls.

Baptism Ryder Drennan Likes *child of McKinzie & David Likes*

Death Josh Pilger

January 7 & 8, 2012

5:30 p.m.
& 8:30 a.m.



Celebrating
Christ

by growing up, out and together



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Celebrating Christ
2 Corinthians 5:11 - 6:2

News and Events

To submit news and events
email katie.lunzman@redeemerlutheran.com



UPCOMING IN JANUARY

GOOD NEWS BIBLE STUDY

He was the "wisest man who ever lived!" Do you want some of his wisdom for your life? Then come and join the study of Ecclesiastes at 12:30 p.m. on each Wednesday beginning January 4 through February 15. Although one class has already been held, enrollment is still open to join in this Biblical study. The focus of the study is "Enjoying God's Gifts" to us, based on this wisdom book of the Bible. You are welcome to join this study group.

SERMON SERIES

Are you interested in knowing what Redeemer's Ministry is really all about? This week is the first of a four part Sermon Series based on our Mission Statement, "Celebrating Christ by Growing Up, Growing Out, and Growing Together." Join us and be prepared to listen closely to what the Holy Spirit is saying about the part you are to play in our ministry.

- **JANUARY 15** - "Growing Up"
- **JANUARY 22** - "Growing Out"
- **JANUARY 29** - "Growing Together"

REVELATION STUDY

Ever wondered about the book of the Bible called "Revelation?" Ever wanted to understand more about this mysterious book? Pastor Joe Meyer will be spending twelve weeks studying the Revelation and sharing his findings with Adult Bible Class on Sunday mornings, between services, at 9:40 a.m. in our Family Life Center beginning January 8.

HOT TOPIC SERIES - CONFLICT

In this series we will investigate the crossroads of current culture and theology. Resolving conflict and peacemaking will be explored through Scripture, conversation, and practical approaches. Begins January 8 at 9:40 a.m. in Miller Hall. Questions? Contact Pastor Ted.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

We are in need of volunteers to prepare coffee and do refreshment set-up for the 9:30 a.m. Bible Study Hour. Your commitment would be for one Sunday each month (we have the 3rd & 4th Sundays open at this time). If interested, please call Jim or Paula Malavolti at 693-9774.

VEGGIE TALES

The Preschool and Childcare is looking for Veggie Tales movies. If you have some and no longer want them, please send them to Allison Rogers with the Preschool and Childcare Center.

REDEEMER CARE MINISTRY

Redeemer Care Ministry is in need of volunteers for the food pantry. If you are interested in helping, contact Phyllis Call at 693-9214 or Lori Endres at 645-9663.

NEWS AND EVENTS

DORCAS CIRCLE

Dorcas Circle will begin the new year in Miller Hall on Monday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m. All ladies are welcome. Also, the quilting group will meet Monday, January 16 at 8:30 a.m. in Miller Hall.

OASIS

The Oasis meal for next week will be a taco bar and nachos.

WOMEN OF REDEEMER

Please join us for a "Tender Mercies" service project on January 17 at the Midwest Food Bank, 9005 N. Industrial Road. From 9:30-11:30 a.m., we will view a video, sample food, take a tour and put together a dry food package. Redeemer's food pantry receives between \$3,000-\$6,000 worth of food from Midwest each month. RSVP Lisa Mack at 243-5859 or lisadmack@frontier.com. A release form will need to be completed and you should provide your own transportation. Lunch following at Avanti's on North Knoxville (optional). Alternate weather date is January 19. All are welcome.

PASTRY PUFFINS

The Preschool still has Pastry Puffins for sale. If you missed out on ordering or would like some more, contact Allison Rogers at ext 15.

MITES IN ACTION

Little Box...Big Results. Did you know that over the past 69 years 100 million dollars has been placed in Mite Boxes to spread the Gospel of Jesus around the world? God has blessed these mites to support Christian outreach in 42 countries and five continents. Pick up a Mite Box from the display on the table below the bulletin board, and join this MITE-Y Mission. Feel free to pick up LWML publications to learn more about the mission and ministry of Lutheran Women in Mission, or go on line at www.lwml.org or www.lwmlcid.org. Bring your Mite Boxes as you worship on January 28-29, or place a donation in the Large Mite Box.

YOUNG ADULTS

Our Young Adult group (men and women single and under 25) meets every Sunday night at 5:00 pm for Bible study and coffee or ice cream or frozen yogurt or pizza...yes, food is always involved! You can go to our Facebook page, "Redeemer College Ministry," for further info on the week to week activities. You can also call or text Pastor Joe at 550-4743.

MEN'S BASKETBALL FELLOWSHIP

Attention men looking for some fun, fellowship and exercise. The basketball adventure is underway and we are still looking for some guys wanting to play some fun hoops with opportunities to have some fellowship on the sidelines as we catch our breath. We meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Life Center here at Redeemer on Tuesday nights. For more information you can contact Lonny Lannert at doclonny@sbcglobal.net.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

First quarter 2012 offering envelopes were mailed by Concordia Publishing House on November 28 via bulk mail. If you have not received your envelopes, please contact Jamie or Valerie in the church office. We have heard one major concern in regards to names/addresses. We are listening. Names/addresses will NOT appear on second quarter and future envelopes. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS RIGHT TO LIFE

The Central Illinois Right to Life Walk and Rally will be on Thursday, January 19. There will be an open house at the family resource center, 321 Main St. in Peoria, from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. The walk will begin at the courthouse at 6:30 p.m. and will end at Riverside Church with a rally at 7:00 p.m. The keynote speaker is R.C. Sproul Jr., Associate Professor of apologetics and philosophy at Ligonier Academy.

NEW MISSION NEWS AT REDEEMER

The Mission Board is beginning to fill two new teams for Peoria-focused and Americas-focused missions. Karen Moser leads the Americas team and continues to keep Redeemer informed regarding the progress of the Peru mission and specifically Pastor Mark Eisold, who we financially and prayerfully support. We are also excited to launch a Peoria-focused team that will be initiating new Peoria-based mission opportunities. We will be rolling out information and invitations for both teams in the coming weeks. If you would like to know more about our future mission opportunities, or to learn more about our current missions please contact Jeff Shoumaker at jeff.shoumaker@redeemerlutheran.com.

YOUTH EVENTS

JR HIGH YOUTH QUAKE

If you signed up for the Jr. High Youth Quake, please plan on being to the church by 3:15 on Friday, January 27. We will be returning to church around 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 29. Contact Brian with any questions.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP AT THE BRADLEY GAME

Please join us on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 for the Bradley vs. Evansville game at Carver Arena. Game time is at 7:00 p.m. and tickets are only \$4.00. Money is due for the tickets NO LATER than Wednesday, January 18. You will be responsible for your own transportation to and from the game. (the game will be over at approximately 8:45-9:00 p.m.) Contact Brian with any questions.

HIGH SCHOOL SKI TRIP

High School students are invited to attend our Ski Trip to Chestnut Mountain in Galena on Martin Luther King Jr. Day- Monday, January 16. We will be leaving Redeemer at 7:00 a.m. and we will return around 9:00 p.m. Cost will be \$50.00 and the deadline to sign up is this Wednesday, January 11.



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