

November 2026 Redeemer Lutheran Church 360.384.5923

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Sunday Worship Service Schedule

9:00 AM: Adult Bible Study

10:30 AM: Worship Service

December Newsletter deadline is Tuesday, November 24th, 2026

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From the Pastor's Pen

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20).

What does it mean to be a Christian? Is it simply trying to live a good life, following Jesus' example, and doing our best to obey God's commandments? The apostle Paul points us to something far greater: the Christian life is rooted in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who gives us his life through faith.

Paul declares, *"I have been crucified with Christ."* Through Christ's death, our sins have been paid for, and our old sinful nature stands condemned. We cannot save ourselves by our good works, religious devotion, or sincere efforts to improve. God's Law reveals our sin and our need for a Savior. Our salvation rests entirely upon Christ, who willingly gave himself on the cross for us.

Yet Christ's death is not the end of the story. Paul continues, *"It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."* Through the Gospel, the Holy Spirit creates faith in our hearts and unites us to Christ. In Holy Baptism, we are joined to his death and resurrection. We are forgiven, made children of God, and given new life in him.

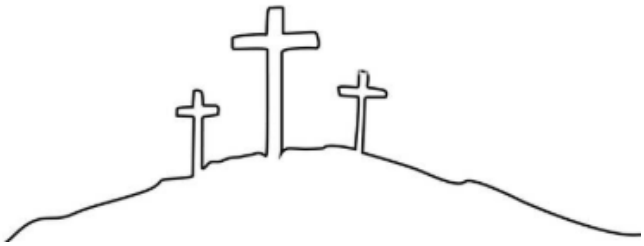
This does not mean that Christians no longer struggle with sin. We still wrestle with temptation, weakness, and doubt. But our hope does not rest on how well we are doing spiritually. It rests on the unchanging promise of Christ, who has already accomplished our salvation.

Paul gives us the heart of the Christian faith in these words: *"The Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."* Notice how personal that is! Jesus did not merely die for humanity in some general sense. He gave himself for ***you***. His forgiveness is proclaimed to ***you*** in the Gospel and delivered to ***you*** through his means of grace.

Therefore, live each day not trusting in yourself, but in Christ. Your sins do not have the final word. Your failures do not define you. Christ has died for you, Christ is risen for you, and Christ lives in you through faith.

See ***you*** in church!

Pastor Rex E. Watt



The Bulletin Board

TITHES AND OFFERINGS: ***Thank you for your faithful giving!***

DEVOTIONALS: "Our Daily Bread" for September-November and "Portals of Prayer" for October-December are available on the offering table.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY: MEETS AT 9:00 am, a study of the Apostles' Creed.

MEN'S SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY & BREAKFAST: 8:00 am the first Saturday of each month here at the church. A Study of Matthew led by Anthony McLeod. ***November's meeting will be on Saturday, November 7th.***

LWML BIBLE STUDY AND MEETING: The third Friday of each month at 11:00 am. A Bible study followed by a LWML meeting. ***The next meeting will be Friday, November 20th.***

WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am. ***"Our Way Home - A Journey Through the Lord's Prayer"***, led by Lynnata Marttila.

Scam of the Month - "This Chart Doesn't Check Out"

Imagine opening an email that appears to be from your patient portal, telling you your test results are ready. You select the button in the email and land on a sign-in page that looks just like the real one, so you enter your email address and password. Then a pop-up window appears, stating that an "AI-powered review" found problems with your blood work. To see more, the page says you must complete a quick verification step. Unfortunately, this email is actually a phishing scam! By signing in, you handed your login details straight to cybercriminals. The "verification" step might ask you to press a key combination, then paste and run a command. If you do, you could install malware on your device as well!

Follow these tips to avoid falling victim to this phishing scam:

- Open your patient portal through the official app or your healthcare provider's website. Don't select a button in an email about test results.
- Never press key combinations, paste commands, or download files because a website tells you to. Real patient portals don't work that way.

Whichever health service you use, and wherever you live, confirm surprising results by contacting your provider directly through a phone number you know is real.

The KnowBe4 Security Team





November Birthdays
11/02 Karl Noste
11/07 Kari Marttila
11/11 Annie Thorsen
11/16 Micah Potvin
11/18 Dave McKay
11/21 Draven Cobb
11/25 Randy Bowen
11/25 Connor Noste

December Birthdays
12/01 Niko Marttila
12/03 Matilda Kimes
12/07 Lowell Mattox
12/13 Jesse Potvin
12/13 Lynnata Marttila
12/27 Marsha Edin
12/27 Rex Watt
12/31 Joel Lado

Elder Care List

A - D: Doug Bender (Head Elder)
E - Hog: Kari Marttila
Hov - Ma: Les Anderson
McK - R: Colin Grabish
S - W: Jon Dixon



October Sunday Attendance	
October 04	49
October 11	50
October 18	48
October 25	66

November Anniversaries
11/06 Rowan & Shelby Hogle

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!

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.

Fellowship Host/Hostess Volunteer Schedule

November 01 - Wendy McLeod
November 08 - Kitchen Committee
November 15 - Janet, Marsha & Peggy
November 22 - Annette & Dee
November 29 - Potluck

Assisting Us In Worship – November

Altar Care
Lynnata

Worship Volunteer Schedule

	Elder/Assistant	Usher	Lay Reader	Soundboard	Counters
Nov. 01	Doug/Colin	Anthony M.	Ross A.	Ian M.	Ron/Jon
Nov. 08	Doug/Colin	Ian M.	David K.	Kari M.	Anthony/Travis
Nov. 15	Doug/Colin	Anthony M.	Corinne T.	Travis K.	Wendy/Corinne
Nov. 22	Doug/Colin	Ian M.	Carol K.	Matilda K.	Ron/Jon
Nov. 29	Doug/Colin	Anthony M.	Lowell M.	Ian M.	Anthony/Travis



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 All Saints' Day 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship /Communion "Fall Back"	**02**	**03** 6:30 pm: Elders	**04** Bulletin Deadline 9:00 Women's Bible Study	**05**	**06** office closed	**07** 8:00 am: Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
08 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship /Communion	**09**	**10**	**11** Bulletin Deadline 9:00 Women's Bible Study Veterans Day office closed	**12**	**13** office closed	**14**
15 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship /Communion	**16**	**17** 6:30 pm: Council	**18** Bulletin Deadline 9:00 Women's Bible Study	**19**	**20** 11:00 am: LWML Bible Study and Meeting office closed	**21**
22 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship /Communion	**23**	**24** Saltshaker Deadline	**25** Bulletin Deadline 9:00 Women's Bible Study **7:00 pm: Thanksgiving Eve Worship**	**26** Happy Thanksgiving office closed	**27**	**28**
29 1st Sunday in Advent 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship /Communion Potluck	**30**					





Please join us for Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00 pm.

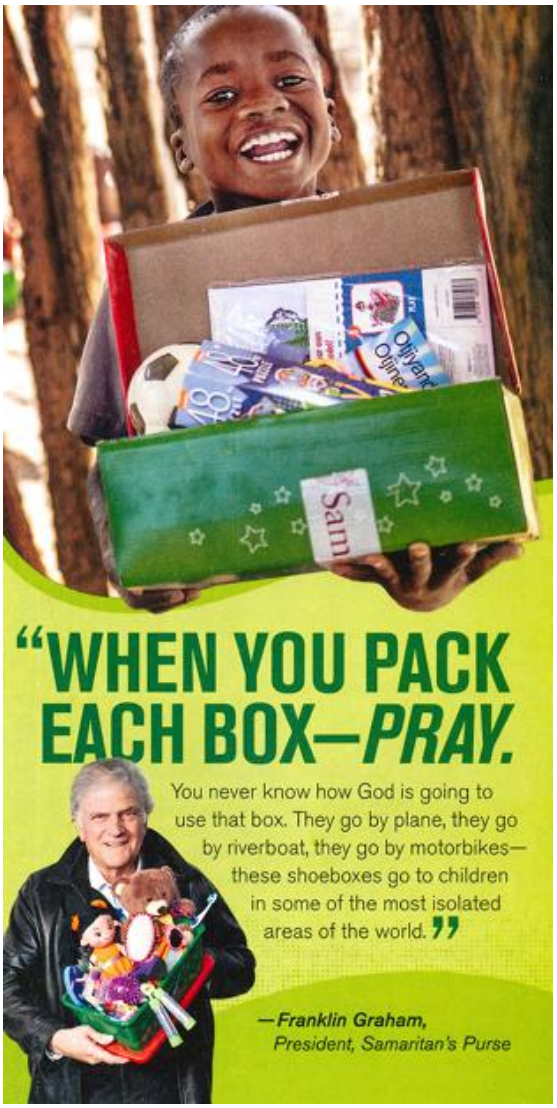


Happy Veterans Day
Wednesday, November 11, 2026

SUPORT FOR REDEEMER'S MILITARY FAMILES
Here are a few ways you can show your support to our military families this upcoming holiday season:
- Contribute items to the service member boxes, **the last day to contribute to the holiday boxes is Sunday, November 29th.**
-Remember them on your Christmas card list and drop a card in their boxes.
- Mary Ann Olsen is looking for volunteers to bake and donate 3 dozen Christmas cookies for the military care packages. Cookies would need to be at the Church by Sunday, November 22nd. Please contact Mary Ann if you are interested.



U.S. Marine Dylan Watt, wife Trinity and children. The Watt family is currently stationed in Florida.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Please turn in your filled boxes by Sunday, November 15th.

Please see Dee Watt with any questions.





Midweek Advent Services

"The Everlasting Light"

Wednesdays

at 1:00 & 7:00 pm

December 2nd, 9th & 16th

Lutheran Women in Mission

November's Mite Sunday is November 1st. Bring your Mite Boxes or change to help support the Mission projects that LWIM/LWML has selected for the coming years. LWIM - WA/AK District has approved 16 totaling $80,000.00 new mission projects for 2026-2028. Redeemer is part of the WA/AK District that also includes parts of western Idaho and northern Oregon. There are over 60 Lutheran congregations in our district. The National LWIM supports 33 mission grants for a total of $2,622,000.00 for the 2025-2027 cycle. That's a lot of Mites! Our missions support US Pastors and their families, Lutheran missionaries in Honduras and pastors in West Africa. And many outreach programs in the US and around the world.

A list of mission projects are shared with each congregation's ladies' group. The group then reviews the list and decides which projects they want to support by selecting and numbering them 1 through 10. At the convention our group representative (Wendy) joins the other groups and a vote is taken for support of the proposed projects. The grants are then listed for payment. As the mission grants are paid off and there are extra funds, more of the grants are added to the list until all the funds are disbursed. District and National grants are on a 2 year rotating selection.

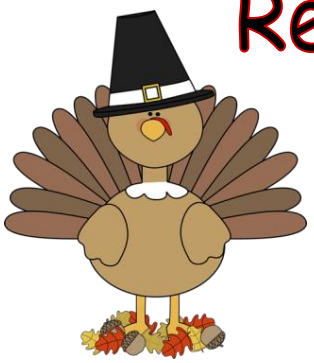
For a full list of projects and their amounts, check out the LWML websites online. Both LWML.org and WA/AK LWML have our projects listed.

During November the RLL are encouraging the congregation to generously donate to the local food banks. There are many of our neighbors and community members that need food support during this time of the year. As you plan your family gatherings and Thanksgiving meals, please think about those that use the food banks and prayerfully consider donating so they can enjoy a special holiday meal. Any questions regarding food bank needs, please contact David Ketah.

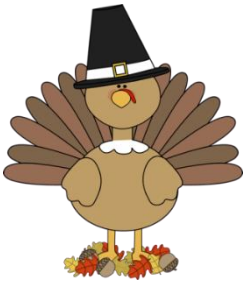
This month's position description for our officers is our Vice President, Cindy McKay
It shall be the duty of the Vice President to preside at meetings in the absence of the president. The Vice President shall also be the Membership Secretary in charge of enlisting and recruiting new members. Cindy and her husband, Dave, have been long time members at Redeemer. She has been involved in many aspects of the church and an active LWML member for almost 40 years. Cindy has served as LWML group president, vice president and missions committee leader.

Redeemer Ladies, also known as Lutheran Women in Missions, meet on the third Friday of every month. We start our meetings with a Bible study led by Pastor Watt. All ladies are invited to attend. No pressure to join a committee or group. We would love to see you there!

Redeemer Lutheran Preschool



NOVEMBER



Happy Fall! Preschool is going well with our five children! We have been doing lots of baking and experiments along with lots of learning! I am so thankful for a supportive church family and each child God has brought to Redeemer Preschool. Melinda and I have been enjoying playing, teaching and getting to know our students. We plan to do many more fun things this month and share our thankful hearts with teaching them more about God's love for us!

We are excited to announce a "Preschool" Sunday on November 15th. Melinda will join us that Sunday and we will talk about the preschool after the service with a bulletin board, quilt auction and baked goods with a free will offering basket! We hope to see you there!

What we're learning:

Letters – Ff, Gg, Hh, Ii, Jj

Bible Stories – Moses Parts the Red Sea, David and Goliath, Queen Esther,

Fiery Furnace, Daniel and the Lion's Den

Crafts – Firefly, Grasshopper, Hummingbird, Insect Jar, Jesus



What we're doing for fun:

Making ice cream

Harvest Thanksgiving Lunch

November Wish List:

- Gift Cards for Winco (for our Harvest Lunch) $25

Please continue to pray for our preschool and for patience and trust in God's plan that he has for children to learn and grow in His word!

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Love and Blessings,

Heidi



ADVENT FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

DECEMBER 6TH

11:45 (following worship)

MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED
DESSERT BUFFET WILL BE A SIGN-UP
A JOYOUS PROGRAM OF MUSIC
FELLOWSHIP – SINGING – ADVENT JOY

IN-GATHERING PROJECT: Our "In-Gathering Project" this year will be in support of Redeemer Pre-school. A display of Gift Card options to support various activities in our Pre-School will be available. Should you wish to participate, you may take one of the options and purchase a "Gift Card" to donate in support of our "little ones" at Redeemer Pre-School. Monetary donations are also acceptable. A special box will be available in Redeemer's Fellowship Hall during the Advent Season for this ingathering.

HOST A TABLE: Hosting a table involves decorating and setting a table for eight (8). If you are willing to host a table, please see the Advent Fellowship Sunday "Sign-Up Display" in the Fellowship Hall. Tables will be decorated on Saturday, December 5, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Should that not be a convenient time, please contact Annette Dixon or Dee Watt for an alternate time.

RSVP: For planning purposes, please RSVP by Sunday, November 29, 2026.
SIGN-UP: if you plan to attend and how many guests you will be bringing
SIGN-UP: if you wish to be a Table Hostess!
SIGN-UP: if you wish to provide a dessert for the Dessert Buffet!

PLEASE JOIN US in fellowship this Advent Season as we prepare our hearts and lives to celebrate our Savior's birth.

Should you have any questions, please contact Annette Dixon or Dee Watt.

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given…and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

Reformation Sunday Potluck

A wonderful time of fellowship and delicious German food on Reformation Sunday! We enjoyed festive music from Lynnea on her accordion, learned some fun facts about Germany from Jon and played Reformation Bingo!















Lutheran's For Life Quotes: November 01

"I would also like to remind you that we are part of something much bigger than a nation or a political party: the Kingdom of God. It is the eternal reign of God that shows itself in time, and it can do things we think impossible. It is the true source of justice and peace and our shelter when the storms of life are raging. No matter what happens … in the days to come, our hope is in the true King, Jesus Christ, who works through, around, or in spite of our human institutions."

Rev. Chris Wheatley – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

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