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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 25, 2025

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From the Pastor's Pen



It's almost the new year... the new Church year, that is. And before we know it, it will be a new calendar year as well. They just seem to be going by faster and faster.

As we move through November, we are approaching the end of the Liturgical year. After All Saint's Day, we will spend the next three Sundays with Jesus in Jerusalem as He teaches about the coming end; institutes the Lord's Supper; and dies on the cross for mankind. On the last Sunday in November (the 30th), we'll begin the new church year with the First Sunday in Advent.

Advent focuses on Jesus' coming. During Advent we'll see Him coming in His humility, consider His second coming, and listen to John the Baptist's messages of the coming Messiah. Then Jesus comes. Merry Christmas!

This coming church year we will be following the One-year Lectionary readings rather than the 3-year cycle of readings. What's the difference? The one-year lectionary has a longer history. It is the series of readings for each Sunday that the church has been following for centuries, that repeats itself each year. The 3-year lectionary is a product of Vatican II (1969) and became popular primarily because it offers more readings over a period of three years (Year A, B, C before it repeats). The advantage of the 3-year lectionary is exposure to more scripture readings. The advantage of the one-year lectionary is repetition. *"Repetition is the mother of all learning"* so says an old Latin proverb.

With either set of readings, we will hear about Jesus. We'll hear about the mystery of His holy incarnation; His holy nativity; His baptism, fasting, and temptation; His agony and bloody sweat; His cross and passion; His precious death and burial; His glorious resurrection and ascension; the sending of His Holy Spirit; and His coming again to claim us as His own. And He did, does, and will do, all of that *for you* and me! God be praised!

So, dear saints of Redeemer, I pray that your new church year be filled with the joy of Jesus as we journey again with Him in these different readings.

See you in church,

Pastor Rex E. Watt



Thanking God for the Redeemer family this Thanksgiving season.
WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOU! HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Welcome New Member



David Ketah
Pictured with Pastor Watt

COAT DRIVE UPDATE



The coat drive was a great success with **6** large bags of coats and cold weather gear being donated. Leslie Rogers, pictured above, delivered the donations. Thank you Leslie!



**Thank you,
Dave and Cindy McKay!**

Cindy cleaned and repaired the Sunday School Christmas costumes. Just one of the many things Cindy does for the youth here at Redeemer.

And Dave is pictured fixing a light in the Fellowship Hall. We appreciate all the "fix-its" he does around the church.





November Birthdays

11/02 Karl Noste
11/06 Spiro Pappacostas
11/07 Kari Mattila
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
12/13 Lynnata Marttila
12/13 Jesse Potvin
12/27 Marsha Edin
12/27 Rex Watt
12/31 Joel Lado



Elder Care List

A - Hah: Doug Bender (Head Elder)
Hal - McK: Kari Marttila
McL - Z: Colin Grabish



Thank you, volunteers!



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

Nov. 02 - Marsha Edin & Leslie Rogers
Nov. 09 - Dee Watt & Annette Dixon
Nov. 16 - Wendy McLeod & Joy Anderson
Nov. 23 - Potluck
Nov. 30 - Advent Fellowship Gathering

ASSISTING US IN WORSHIP – NOVEMBER

Altar Care

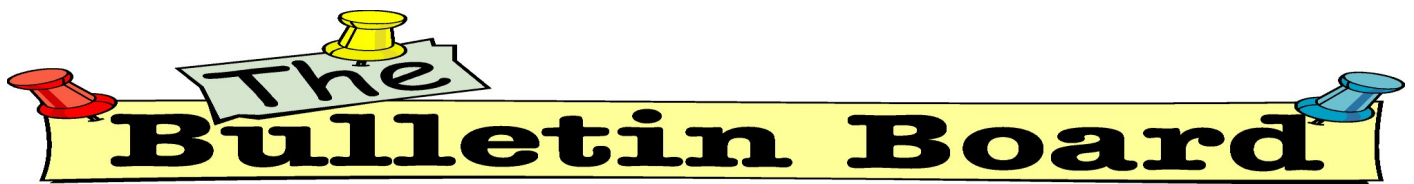
Jamie Dupuis

Worship Volunteer Schedule

	Elder/Assistant	Usher	Lay Reader	Soundboard	Counters
Nov. 02	Doug/Colin	Ian McLeod	Ross Abbe	Ian McLeod	Wendy/Corinne
Nov. 09	Doug/Colin	Connor Dupuis	Joe Dupuis	Kari Marttila	Jon/Ron
Nov. 16	Doug/Colin	Anthony McLeod	Corinne Thorsen	Ian McLeod	Anthony/Travis
Nov. 23	Doug/Colin	Rowan Hogle	Connor Dupuis	Kari Marttila	Wendy/Corinne
Nov. 30	Doug/Colin	Ian McLeod	Ross Abbe	Ian McLeod	Jon/Ron



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						01 8:00 am: Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
02 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship /Communion Sunday School "Fall Back"	03	04	05 Bulletin Deadline 9:00am: Women's Bible Study	06 6:30 pm: Elders	07	08
09 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship /Communion Sunday School	10	11 Veterans Day office closed 	12 Bulletin Deadline 9:00am: Women's Bible Study	13	14	15
16 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship /Communion Sunday School	17	18 6:30 pm: Council	19 Bulletin Deadline 9:00am: Women's Bible Study	20	21 11:00 am: LWML Bible Study and Meeting	22
23 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship /Communion Sunday School Potluck	24	25 Saltshaker Deadline	26 Bulletin Deadline 9:00am: Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm: Thanksgiving Eve Service	27 Happy Thanksgiving office closed	28	29
30 First Sunday in Advent 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship /Communion Sunday School Advent Fellowship Gathering						



The Bulletin Board

OFFICE CLOSED FOR: Veterans Day - November 11th and Thanksgiving Day - November 27th

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. Starting on Sunday, October 05 and running through Sunday, November 02, a study on “Lutheran Distinctives”, led by Pastor Watt.

MEN’S SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY & BREAKFAST: A Study of Proverbs led by Anthony McLeod. 8:00 am the first Saturday of each month here at the church. **The next meeting will be Saturday, November 1.**

LWML BIBLE STUDY AND MEETING: The third Friday of each month at 11:00 am. A study of Luther’s Small Catechism, followed by a LWML meeting. **November’s meeting will be on Friday, November 21st.**

WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am. “Enough for Now: Unpacking God’s Sufficiency”, led by Lynnata Marttila.



Please join us for
Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Wednesday, November 26th at 7:00 pm

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Chronicles 16:34



Pastor Appreciation

Dear Redeemer Family,

Thank you for your most kind and generous gift certificate for Pastor Appreciation month. Dee and I are humbled and privileged to serve you, God's people at Redeemer. Your prayerful support and encouragement continually bless us in ministry. May our Lord's love shine brightly as we, together, turn our eyes upon Him daily.

Love in Christ Always,

Pastor and Dee



REFORMATION DAY "FALL FAVORITE" POTLUCK



ADVENT FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

Sunday, November 30, 2025

11:45 (Following Worship)

Meal Will Be Provided

Dessert Buffet Will Be A Sign-up

Singing ~ Fellowship ~ Advent Joy

“Every Heart Prepare”

IN-GATHERING PROJECT: Our “In-gathering Project” will be Foster Hearts, a local non-profit serving children entering foster care in Whatcom County and surrounding counties in our area. There will be a display and a list of items needed by the stairs. Should you wish to participate, you may take a tag from the tree with a specific item needed, and bring that item to church. There will be a bin near the tree for your contributions. If you would like to participate but are unable to shop, you may take a donation tag and our shopping helpers will shop for you.

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 Gathering display and Sign-up in the Fellowship Hall. Tables will be decorated on Saturday, November 29, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Should that not be a convenient time, please contact Cristi Lysne or Dee Watt for an alternate time.

RSVP: For planning purposes, please RSVP by Sunday, November 23, 2025.

SIGN-UP if you plan to attend and how many guests you will be bringing

SIGN UP to be a Table Hostess!

SIGN UP 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 Cristi Lysne 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***

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Please return your filled boxes by
Sunday, November 16th.



Advent Schedule

Midweek Advent Services

Wednesdays at 1:00 & 7:00 pm
December 3rd, 10th & 17th



Redeemer Lutheran Preschool



November



PRESCHOOL NEWS!



Happy Fall! I hope you are all enjoying the changes and colors of Fall! We have been busy learning many things in preschool and will continue to learn about God's miracles, being kind, and lots of fun fall activities! May you all have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Love and Blessings, Heidi

What were learning:

- Gg, Square, Rectangle,
- 3,4,5
- David and Goliath
- Fiery Furnace
- Jonah and the Whale
- Thankful



We visited a new pumpkin patch called Home Farm and it was very fun with many different pumpkins, feeding pigs, train ride, story by the fireplace and a snack! We have been doing many experiments with candy corn, pumpkins, and made elephant toothpaste!



Happy Birthday to Sutton!



Preschool field trip to the pumpkin patch at Home Farm in Blaine.



Preschool Harvest Party







Pointing to the Rock of Ages

Not the labor of my hands Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone. (LSB 761:2)

While the classic hymn “Rock of Ages” shows up in the Lutheran Service Book in the “Hope and Comfort” section, it can also teach us a valuable lesson about Christian stewardship. If that surprises you, stay with me on this one.

No Lutheran would ever dispute the fact that our work does not save us. Ephesians 2 makes it truly clear that we are dead in our trespasses and sins and would remain in that state until Christ raises us by grace. There is not a ladder on which we can climb out of the grave that our sins have dug for us. No blood, sweat nor tears will be able to rescue us. We all know this.

Our works do not save. Christ's work on the cross of Calvary does! He bore human flesh. He carried the burden of our sin to the cross. His body was beaten, bruised and bloodied for us. He has indeed atoned for us! This is more than enough reason for this hymn to be bouncing around in your head all day today!

But our work has a place. The place is in response to what the Father has done for us in Jesus. The Rock of Ages, who is Jesus, becomes the foundation on which our lives of faith are built. The Holy Spirit uses the means of grace to make us God's workmanship that Paul talks about in Ephesians 2:10.

Our workmanship does not display our power or prowess. Like the heavens declare the handiwork of the Creator, the works of a redeemed sinner point others to the salvation that is worked only by Jesus alone. Our work is a response to and reflection of a grace and glory that we ourselves could never accomplish or achieve.

We become stewards of the treasure that is the Gospel. When we faithfully support the work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with our financial support, we are doing the work which points to the One who alone atones. When we come alongside a struggling sister or brother for whom Christ died and we share the stewardship work of compassion and care, we en flesh the treasure of God's love and redemption. When we make it a weekly priority to arrange our schedule to be in the Lord's House with other stewards of the Gospel to receive again and again the Gospel's precious gift, we are stewards of the Body of Christ in the congregation that points even more people to Jesus.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
LCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship
Newsletter Article – November 2025

Happy Veterans Day

November 11, 2025

Honoring All Who Served

"Throughout the course of American history, courageous men and women have taken up arms to secure, defend, and maintain these core principles upon which our Nation's freedoms depend." George Bush

Thank You
for your service & sacrifice



Please remember our **service members** this Christmas season!
The last day to contribute to the Christmas care packages will be
Sunday, November 30th.

Please drop in a card to wish them a Merry Christmas and thank them for their service
to our country. We are blessed by their service!



Lutheran's For Life Quotes: November 16

“When life around us is dark and despairing, when troubles are real and overwhelming, when our hurts outweigh our joys, take a moment to think about God’s beautiful creation given for us as a ‘good and perfect gift.’ Take a moment to remember that we have another Light in our world—our Lord Jesus Who is the Creator of all things and is the light of men.”

Barbara Lane Geistfeld, DVM, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Stay connected to the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

IF YOU WANT HELP UNDERSTANDING the world from a Lutheran perspective:

The Lutheran Witness (lcms.org/witness)

IF YOU LIKE HEARING directly from the president and other members of the president’s office: Witness, Mercy, Life Together blog (wmltblog.org)

IF YOU WANT TO CONNECT with other LCMS Lutherans: LCMS Facebook (facebook.com/thelcms), Twitter (@thelcms), Instagram (thelcms) and Periscope.

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)

IF YOU WANT IT ALL: LCMS News and Publications (blogs.lcms.org)



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.