



December 2019 Newsletter  
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Greetings,

Just as early Christians and early Lutherans needed to go boldly forth and embrace change, we here at Redeemer have also been placed in this position.

On November 6<sup>th</sup>, several committee members from Redeemer and Zion Church, Tigerton, met together with Zion's half-time Pastor, Pastor Sharon Fox Bogan at Redeemer.

Pastor Sharon has been the half-time Pastor at Zion for three years. She shared her resume and the duties she currently has as Pastor for Zion church. She preaches there every Sunday, and has office hours on Wednesday each week. In addition she teaches the Confirmation classes.

Both she and Zion Church are excited about the prospect of becoming a two point parish with Redeemer.

The church councils from both Redeemer and Zion, along with Pastor Sharon, will be meeting with Associate Bishop Amy Engebose at Zion Church on December 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be many details to work out and steps to take in order to make this a reality.

Another change for us in December will be the sale of our parsonage. There are some items currently there that may be useful to congregational members. The parsonage will be open November 30<sup>th</sup> from 10-11 and December 1 from 11-12 for Redeemer members to look at and take any items (other than the appliances) that are there.

Thank you,

*Redeemer Church Council*

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Take a Ways from the Meeting with the Zion Council  
November 6, 2019

Redeemer Members present:  
President: Dan Weisensel  
Vice President: Arla Block  
Secretary: Deb Rieck  
Treasurer/WMA: Peggy Emmel  
Education: Mary Peterson  
Parish Life: Lois Anderson  
Trustee: Paul Pehlke

Zion Members present:  
President: Gary Thompson  
Secretary: Susan Drews  
Treasurer: Jan Thompson  
Trustee: Dave U'Ren  
Pastor Sharon Fox Bogan

-Introductions

-Pastor Sharon Fox Bogan shared her resume and the duties she fulfills as a half-time Pastor.

-Pastor Sharon was asked her thoughts on taking on the Pastoral duties at both churches.

- She thinks it is amazing timing in her life. She has been praying about the decision and is open to being a Pastor at both Zion and Redeemer. She shared her pastoral history. She has been a Pastor at Zion for 3 years.
- She appeared excited about the prospect for the future.

-Zion Council is open to the prospect of becoming a two point parish sharing the pastoral expenses but keeping the identity of each church. They feel that combining this service will help down the road to call a full time pastor to serve at both churches when Pastor Sharon retires. They found much success with this when they were a two-point parish with Emmanuel years ago.

Discussion Points:

-Office Hours: Pastor Sharon currently works from Zion on Wednesdays so she would spend Tuesday or Thursday at Redeemer.

-Time of Sunday services: Both churches currently have 10:00 service. Service could be at 8:30 at one church and 10:30 at the other. Times could alternate between the churches either quarterly or annually.

-Pastoral salary/insurance/expenses could be split 50-50 or it may be deemed by the Synod office to be paid by percentages based on the number of members at each church.

-Dual Councils: Small committees from each council could meet as needed or scheduled on a regular basis.

-Other discussion points to be addressed after the meeting with the Synod office.

Meeting with the Synod office will take place in December. Possibly the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting closed with prayer.

## December Worship Assistants

Anyone interested in helping with children's time, please contact Fay Rosenow.

Date	Children's Time Reader	Usher	Reader	Communion Assistant	Acolyte	Worship Leader
Sunday December 1	Pastor Karen	Jesse & Carla Hanke	Joy Hartleben	Joy Hartleben	Saul Hanke	Pastor Karen
Sunday December 8	Fay Rosenow	Buster Block	Buster Block	_____	Stephanie Meisner	Arla Block
Sunday December 15	Pastor Karen	Sunday School	Sunday School	Ann Hawley	Layla Horne	Pastor Karen
Sunday December 22		Fay Rosenow	Dan Weisensel	_____	Izzi Schmalfus-Clark	Gary Clark
Christmas Eve 4:00 pm		Linda Evje	Lois Anderson	Deb Reick, Mary Peterson, Paul Pehlke	Makenna Dombeck	Pastor Sharon Fox Bogan
Sunday December 29		Jeff Hartleben	Ann Hawley	_____	Robbie Dombeck	Dan Weisensel

### ALTAR GUILD:

January & February: Gail Koehler & Ruthie Olsen  
 March & April: Dianne Long & Kari Zeinert  
 May & June: Dave & Shirley Schmidt & Linda Evje  
 July: Lois Anderson & Nancy Pehlke      August: Miriam Nelson  
 September: Peggy Hartleben & Peggy Emmel      October: Deb Rieck  
 November & December: Lori Hartleben & Fay Rosenow

**The duties include set up and clean up of communion, changing the altar cloths (when needed) and watering the plants.**

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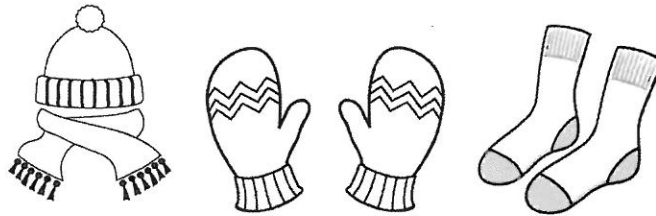
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**Aretta Crowell** – In memory of her husband, Elmer

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### Warm Blessings!

Again this year on the tree in the Gathering Space, we will be collecting hats, mittens, scarves and socks for the Wittenberg Food Pantry to give to needy individuals from our community. The food pantry will have a display with the donated items along with a sign "Warm Blessings compliments of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Wittenberg." Thank you in advance for your donations!



### LSS' Operation Christmas

Redeemer will participate in its annual collection of gifts for the residents at Homme Youth and Family. Last year we collected gifts for all of the boys ages 10-18 (girls are no longer being served on the Wittenberg campus), and there are about the same numbers there this year (30 total). All the gifts were greatly appreciated! Ideas for gifts include games, puzzles, sporting equipment, watches, shirts, jackets, hats, mittens, and socks. (No candy, food, or glass items, please.) You will find gift tags and extra copies of the approved list of gift items on the table in the Gathering Space. Gifts need to be brought back to Redeemer NO LATER THAN Sunday, December 15. Until the Christmas tree is put up, you can put the gifts in the Gathering Space in gift bags or with wrapping paper if possible (but otherwise unwrapped). Thank you in advance for sharing the love and joy of Jesus this Holy Season!

#### 2019 OPERATION CHRISTMAS LIST - HOMME YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS

Population: Boys ages 10 thru 18  
 New Clothing sizes: M through XL

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|---|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Legos for ages 10+  | Remote Control Cars   | Tech Deck toys               |
| Badger/Brewer/Bucks items   | Games                 | Socks                        |
| Winter Jackets/ Snow Pants  | Snowboots sizes 8-11  | Wallets                      |
| Snomo/Sledding Gloves   | Stocking caps         | Desk Organizers              |
| Sweatshirts   | Basketballs/Footballs | Bike Helmets                 |
| Fishing Gear / Tip Ups  | Craft kits/models     | Word Find/Crosswords         |
| Watches   | Mind Puzzle Books     | Towels/Beach Towels          |
| Mens/Teen Boys Necklaces  | Young Teen Cologne    | Teenage/Adult Coloring Books |
| Children's & young adult books ( <i>age appropriate books-no violence or sexual content</i> ) |                       |                              |

**Wrapping paper and ribbon are always welcome, but please leave gifts unwrapped.**  
**We always accept Quilts (homemade/store-twin bed size).**

**\* No Bathrobes, Food or Glass items, please.**

## **Youth News: Sunday School Children Receive Bibles**

On Sunday Oct. 27, 2019, the congregation of Redeemer Lutheran Church was very happy to present to Izzi Schmalfus-Clark, Robbie Dombeck, and Jenna and Stephanie Meisner their very own Bibles-one of the most special and important gifts they will ever receive! Students in grades 3 and younger received Children's Bibles which tell the most popular Bible stories.

The Bible is a book that is filled with words and stories which tell us about God and the love God has for us. Some of the stories are funny. Some of the stories are sad. Sometimes the people in the stories do very good things. At other times, they do very bad things. But through it all, in story after story, we read about how God continues to try to bring hope, healing, forgiveness and love into the lives of all the people - even when they don't deserve it!

And most importantly of all, the Bible tells us the story of how God became a human being in the person of Jesus. In Jesus, God came to live among us. In Jesus, God came to know what it is like to be a person with feelings, with hurts, with hopes and with dreams. In Jesus, God came to live the kind of life God wants all of us to live.

The children were told that it is our firm hope at Redeemer that reading the Bible, praying to God, joining with others in worship and Sunday School, giving generously of their time, talents and possessions, and daily following Jesus will be a part of what they decide to do. We are so glad that our Sunday School children and their families are a part of our congregation!

To help us learn more about God, and the plans and hopes that God has for our lives, we have included helpful hints for reading the Bible and also a short list of Bible stories and readings that we think you and your family (and the congregation!) will find interesting and worthwhile.

### **Reading Your Bible-Helpful Hints**

#### **1). PRAY!**

Before you begin to read your Bible, you might want to pray a simple prayer like this:  
"Dear God, as I read this story, help me to hear the things you want me to hear."

Afterwards, you might like to pray something like:  
"Dear God, help me to live what I learned from this story."

#### **2). ASK QUESTIONS!**

When you read your Bible, it is often helpful to ask yourself some questions like:

- What is going on in this story ?
- Which character is the most like me?
- What does this story tell me about God?
- What does God want me to learn from this story?
- What things or people should I pray for?

(Sometimes you might have to read through the story 2 or 3 times before you can answer all these questions!)

Asking questions like these can help us to become more aware of what God has done for us, what God wants us to hear, how God wants us to live, and how God wants us to pray. Enjoy!

## Bible Reading List (4<sup>th</sup>-5th Grade)

Genesis 2:4b-25 The Garden of Eden  
Genesis 3:1-24 The First Sin & Consequences  
Genesis 12:1-9 God's Call to Abram (Abraham)  
Exodus 3:1-4:17 God Calls Moses  
Exodus 12:1-36 The First Passover  
Joshua 6:1-27 The Fall of Jericho  
1 Kings 8:22-61 King Solomon's Prayer  
1 Kings 18:1-40 Elijah and the Prophets of Baal  
Psalm 16 A Prayer of Confidence  
Psalm 23 God our Shepherd  
Psalm 46 A Psalm of Hope  
Psalm 100 A Psalm of Praise  
Daniel 3:1-30 The Fiery Furnace  
Jonah 1:1-4:11 The Story of Jonah  
Matthew 1:18-25 The Christmas Story (Matthew's version)  
Matthew 2:1-15 The Wise Men  
Matthew 3:1-12 John the Baptist  
Matthew 3:13-17 The Baptism of Jesus  
Matthew 4:1-11 The Temptation of Jesus  
Matthew 6:9-13 The Lord's Prayer  
Matthew 8:23-27 Jesus Calms a Storm  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 The Parable of the Sower  
Matthew 14:13-21 The Feeding of the 5,000  
Matthew 14:22-33 Jesus Walks on Water  
Matthew 18:21-35 The Unforgiving Servant  
Matthew 21:1-11 Palm Sunday  
Matthew 22:34-40 The Great Commandment  
Matthew 25:31-46 The Final Judgment  
Matthew 26:17-30 The Last Supper  
Matthew 27:15-66 The Story of Good Friday  
Matthew 28:1-10 The Easter Story  
Matthew 28:16-20 The Great Commission



**\*Mark your calendars: the children's Christmas program will be Sunday, Dec. 15 during worship. Hope to see you there!**



Anyone who wishes to place a poinsettia in our church during the Christmas season may bring it to church any time after November 26<sup>th</sup>. If you cannot pick one up yourself but would like to contribute a plant, contact Ann Hawley at 715-446-2119.



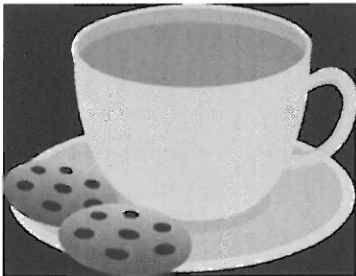
The Church Council voted to purchase a new Christmas tree for our church.

Many, many thanks to Dick and Ruthie Olson who have donated an identical tree so that we will have two trees as has been the custom for many years.



Coffee Hosts for this month are:

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|-------------|-----------------|
| December 1  | Evie Low        |
| December 8  | Buster Block    |
| December 15 | Sunday School   |
| December 22 | Mary Netzler    |
| December 29 | Karon Weisensel |



Our quarterly family game night was held on November 20<sup>th</sup>. 5 people enjoyed chili and fellowship then played 4 cut-throat games of UNO. It should be noted that the person who won all 4 games may not have truly won the final game.





Maribeth Netzler	12-2
Betty Rosenow	12-2
Pam Daffron	12-3
John Anderson	12-5
Kevin Rosenow	12-6
Randy Berndt	12-6
Lori Hartleben	12-7
Karl Anderson	12-8
Katie Norrbom	12-8
Bo Rogers	12-9
Peggy Stelter	12-11
David Luber	12-16
Stacey Schrank	12-20
Danny Schrank	12-24
Dave Schmidt	12-25
Karen Kersten	12-26
Abigail Yaeger	12-29
Betsy Hersant	12-30

## Celebrating

*An Anniversary This Month*

Andy & Mary Peterson	12-11
Gary & Laura Clark	12-31



**Please leave the parking spaces near the entrance doors for those who need them. Thank you.**



# December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:45 am Confirmation 10:00 am Worship Holy Communion	2	3	4 Church Council meets at Zion Church in Tigerton 6:00	5	6	7
8 8:45 am Sunday School & Confirmation 10:00 am Worship 11:00 Church Council	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 8:45 am Sunday School & Confirmation 10:00 am Worship Holy Communion Sunday School Program	16	17	18	19	20	21 Winter Begins
22 8:45 am Confirmation 10:00 am Worship	23	24 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
29 8:45 am Confirmation 10:00 am Worship	30	31 New Year's Eve				