

# REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 22, 2009



## 1. ARE YOU A VISITOR? WELCOME!

We want you to feel and know you are welcome at this congregation, just as we welcome fellow members. We pray the worship service is Christ-centered and meaningful in its application to your life. You are invited to join the congregation for a fellowship time immediately after worship in the fellowship hall for coffee/donuts. If you are interested in learning more about Redeemer as a Church home for yourself and family, speak to Pastor Bode to arrange a time to visit.

*Health Note: With the cold/flu season the Voter's Assembly has given guidance to greeters/ushers at worship to refrain from handshaking until this H1N1 flu passes. Generally, we may all want to minimize such activity during this flu season. The CDC gives these good suggestions: 1) wash your hands often 2) cover your cough/sneeze with your sleeve or a tissue not with your hands 3) Stay home if sick. Also, note that at Holy Communion our elders/pastor have begun to wash their hands with sanitizer prior to distribution. We hope these actions help alleviate any member concerns.*

## 2. NURSERY/CRY ROOM --- RESTROOMS

There is a nursery/cry room available for families during church as needed. The room is located upstairs towards the NW corner of the Sanctuary. If you cannot find it (it can be hard to locate for a visitor) please ask an usher to assist you. The restrooms (including a handicap and baby changing station) are located in the Fellowship Hall area by the kitchen. Restrooms are also on the second level in the same general area. Remember the back three pews are intended for families with little children, and there are children's worship tote-bags in the entryway filled with books, crayons and coloring pages.

## 3. SERMON COPIES

Pastor Bode has available copies of his sermons on the table in the entryway. They may be helpful for those with hearing difficulties or for sharing with someone that might appreciate its lesson for the day.

## 4. ADULT BIBLE STUDY (Sundays 10:30-11:15 in the double classroom adjacent to fellowship hall) Topic - Angels

## 5. YOUTH FUND RAISER: HY-VEE - SHOP AND SHARE- THIS WEEK! (NOVEMBER 23-25)

Youth will be handing out fund raiser cards after the service. Please present these cards to the cashier at Hy-Vee when you purchase groceries on the designated days. Our youth will receive 5% of the total sales of those who turn in cards. You can use these cards ANYWHERE at Hy-Vee...grocery, pharmacy, bakery, liquor store and gas station. Thank you for your participation!



## 6. POINSETTIAS – CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS

Christmas is a joyous time of year when we celebrate our Lord's birth, please help us praise his coming. The Altar Guild Committee would like to place a number of poinsettias throughout the altar area this Christmas season. If you would like to share your poinsettia with your congregation, please bring it to Redeemer at the beginning of December. Be sure to put your name on your flower, so you can pick it up after Christmas. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation and have the Altar Guild purchase a poinsettia as a gift in your name, please contact one of the Altar Guild Committee: Carol Hoffmann 359-9342, Elaine Poulson 354-5662 or Mary Sievert 354-4065.

## 7. REDEEMER COOKIE AND CRAFT BAZAAR

The annual Christmas Bazaar and luncheon will be held at Redeemer on Friday, December 4th from 10:30-1:00 We need men and women who can help that day in the kitchen, craft room, bake table and the cookie room. We will also need folks to help set-up and clean-up. We also ask for donations of cookies, baked goods, and crafts from our members. Without the help of our members this cookie and craft bazaar would not be possible, so please make this a successful sale. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for various items and for helpers. Please help us during this wonderful season of giving. We will be receiving supplemental funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

## 8. ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE UPDATING

The Altar Guild Committee wishes to thank everyone who has served on the Altar Guild this past year. Each and everyone involved has done an excellent job working with the flowers and altar paraments. The committee is in the process of preparing the 2010 schedule and will be using 2009's schedule as a guideline. One of the committee members should be contacted if anyone on the 2009 schedule wishes to make any changes. We would also encourage anyone who is not involved now with the Altar Guild to contact one of the committee members to become involved. Committee members are: Carol Hoffmann, Elaine Poulson and Mary Sievert.

## 9. A GIFT MEANS A GREAT DEAL

Volunteers at the St Peter Regional Treatment Center work to provide a little bit of Christmas for mentally ill individuals state wide. Please keep our patients in your thoughts as you plan your Christmas gifting. We need your help! Last year 70% of the patients in our program for the chronically mentally ill had no contact with family over the holidays. Receiving a gift from you will matter greatly to someone who may otherwise be forgotten. A gift no matter what the size does make a difference! Cash is also greatly appreciated. It is deposited into the SPRTC Christmas Cheer Account and volunteers then shop for gifts for our patients. 100% of the gifts and monies donated to the project go directly to the patients. Gift donations can be new or used with the exception of personal grooming and food items.. a list is on the bulletin board by the offices. Donations need to be received by December 13<sup>th</sup> so they can be delivered by December 15<sup>th</sup> so volunteers can have time to select and wrap gifts for patients.

## 10. KWIK TRIP CARDS

The Board of Youth would like to wrap up the Kwik Trip card sales. There still are many hundreds of dollars worth of cards to be sold. Can you help us out? Please stop by the table in the fellowship hall and purchase a card to be used to purchase gas, milk and bananas, car washes, or anything in the store. We still have cards in \$20 and \$50 denominations. You can also purchase a card from Tammy during the week. Thank you so much for participating in this great fund raiser!

## 11. FROM NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM- AN ADVENT JOURNEY      LHM ADVENT DEVOTIONAL FOR 2009

From Nazareth to Bethlehem boldly declares God's love and grace in the birth of His Son, Jesus Christ, in a style that's familiar and time-honored. In these texts, LCMS International Center Chaplain Vern Gundermann chronicles a number of journeys. Beginning with Mary and Joseph's road trip from Nazareth to Bethlehem, to the Messiah's birth there, to the family's flight to Egypt, to Jesus' ministry in Palestine— these devotions show a God on the move in the lives of men— both ancient and modern. As an adult, Jesus was no stranger to the road. One might suppose it only natural then that His introduction into this world would be while on the move. For Jesus, birth came not in the security of some luxurious residence in Palestine but, instead, in a nondescript manger when "there was no room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:7b). It didn't matter, however, where the Christ was born, because He too, was on a mission— one of love and saving grace. As Gundermann writes, "He would be the Good Shepherd who would lay down His life for His sheep. For them. For us. For the whole world!" Copies of the devotionals (regular and large print) are on the back table in the narthex.

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### WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS & GROUPS:



**November Elders:** Sven Eelma and Gary Moll

**Organist:** Lucy Dolly

**Lay Reader:** Ed Bode

**Acolyte:** Nathan Puhlmann

**Fellowship:** Sven and Jean Eelma & Tom and Mary Schwarz

**Altar Group:** Ardith Longworth, Sharon Bode and Shelly Rewitzer

**Ushers:** Dale Grund Group

**Greeters:** Emery and Betty Haus

**Finance:** Mark Schneider, Sarah and Jim Schwarz

**Next Week Fellowship:** Wiederhoeft Family

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE AT REDEEMER

- **SUN. 9:00 Worship;** LWR Fair Trade Fair; 10:00 Fellowship; 10:15 Sunday School; 10:30 Adult Bible Class
- **MON.** Jim on Vacation Nov. 21-29; Remember to shop at Hy-Vee for the Youth; 11:45-3:15 Food Shelf; 4:00 Oak Hills Chapel Service
- **TUES.** Remember to shop at Hy-Vee for the Youth; 12:00 Working Women's Bible Study; 3:15 Youth Choir; 4:00 Jr. Bells; 7:30 Adult Bells
- **WED.** Remember to shop at Hy-Vee for the Youth; 11:45-3:15 Food Shelf; No Midweek; 7:00 Adult Choir
- **THUR.** Thanksgiving Day; **9:00 Worship (Communion);** Church Office Closed
- **FRI.** Church Office Closed
- **SAT.**
- **SUN. 9:00 Worship;** 10:00 Fellowship; Decorating for the Holidays; 10:15 Sunday School; 10:30 Adult Bible Class