

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 30, 2008



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 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.

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 are located in the Fellowship Hall (right of the Kitchen area) and 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. You can also pick up a worship activity bulletin from an usher.

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. DAY CARE AVAILABLE DURING THE EDUCATION HOUR

We have senior high youth who have offered to help watch infants for those who are teaching Sunday school or attending Adult Bible Class. Please see Tammy if you need day care during this time.

5. 2009 ENVELOPES AND MAILBOXES

2009 Offering Envelopes have been placed in your church mailbox. Please do not use your 2009 envelopes until after January 1, 2009! If you do not receive offering envelopes in your mailbox, please contact Jaime in the office. Also, mailboxes have been moved around again, so your mailbox may not be in the same place as it normally is. Also, memorial envelopes have been ordered and they should be here in a couple weeks.

6. DEAR MEMBERS OF REDEEMER

We are bringing our financial concerns to you at this time. Although our expenditures are approximately \$20,000.00 under budget year to date, we have borrowed \$18,500.00 through October 2008 to pay our commitments. We ask that you prayerfully consider your giving this holiday season. If there are any questions or concerns please contact your Elder. ~ Church Council

7. DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR THE HOLIDAYS AFTER WORSHIP TODAY

Please stay and join the Trustees and LWML as they decorate the social hall, railings and Sanctuary for the upcoming holiday season. We will begin immediately following the worship service. We invite you to stay and help.



8. REDEEMER COOKIE AND CRAFT BAZAAR ~ FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

The annual Christmas Bazaar and luncheon will be held at Redeemer on Friday, December 5th 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 will be 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 up to \$300.00.

9. COME TO THE MANGER ~ LHM DEVOTIONAL FOR 2008

Pick up one on the table in the narthex (regular or large print).

10. IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUTH ~ CHECK THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFORMATION...

- *Salvation Army Bell Ringing- December 6th at Kmart from 9am-5pm.*
- *LYF Chili Supper- Wednesday, December 17th serving from 4:45-6:00pm*
- *Children's Christmas Service- Wednesday, December 17th at 6:30pm*

11. EVANGELISM THOUGHTS FOR ADVENT ~ FROM THE EVANGELISM BOARD

Mark 11:1-10: Jesus' entry into Jerusalem was the beginning of a week that lives in history forever and ever. He rode into Jerusalem in peace and within the week through His death and resurrection He restored peace between God and sinners. That's the good news that brings us a sure hope. That is also the good news that we are privileged to share with others.

12. SCHEDULES FOR THE NEW YEAR

The schedules for 2009 will be distributed in the month of December. Would you consider serving your church in one of these areas.... Ushering, Lay Reading, Greeters or Fellowship Set Up? Contact the office to be added to the list.

13. ADVENT WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

Evening meals will again be served before Wednesday night Advent services. Thank you to Jean Scheman for volunteering to coordinate these meals. If you would like to help out with serving, bringing needed items (they will be listed with the menu) or clean-up contact Jean or Jaime in the office. Meals are served from 4:45-6:00pm and the cost is \$2.00.



- December 3- Beef Stew, softies, dill pickles and dessert (We are looking for donations of desserts)
- December 10- Cheeseburger Soup, salads and bars (We are looking for donations of salads and bars)

14. HELP NEEDED WORKING AT THE FOOD SHELF IN DECEMBER!

Redeemer is in charge of staffing the Food Shelf in the month of December. The Food Shelf is open on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 12-3pm. They would like to have the volunteers there by 11:45. Please sign up for a shift or two on the bulletin board by the offices. If you have any questions contact Jaime in the office. Thank you!

15. BLEICK FUNDING UPDATE

It's that time of year for Church Boards to submit applications for funding from the Bleick Fund. Last year the Bleick Fund provided money for Mission Outreach; Immanuel Lutheran School Tuition, Mission Central, Hope Lutheran High School in Winona, Kinder Haus and an Evangelism Seminar for a total of \$16,000 for Missions. Mission Capital projects that were funded were the Youth House basement, 3 outside doors for the Church, the new carillon system and classroom modernization and furnishings for a total of \$21,000. Total funds used from the Bleick Fund - \$37,000. Members also contributed to these projects with pledges and memorials for a total of \$3,932.00. Some projects were budgeted items which contributed also. Currently, we have received 2 grant applications for funding for 4 more doors for the sanctuary and for remodeling the kitchen. Part of these proposals includes pledges or contributions from members to help with the funding. The proposals are hoping for 20%- 36% of the total funding to come from members contributions or pledges. We are welcoming any contribution or memorial gift you can provide at this time. The projects are slated to be started in 2009. We are also asking for Mission Outreach proposals as our plan is to use \$20,000 each year for Missions. As members of the body of Christ, we need to continue to improve our Church and provide a warm and safe place for all to worship. "You have now consecrated yourselves to the Lord; come near bring sacrifices and thank offerings to the house of the Lord." 2 Chronicles 29:31 - Stewardship Committee

16. KWIK TRIP YOUTH FUND RAISER

Kwik Trip cards will continue to be on sale in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday (and during the week). They can be purchased in denominations of \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 or \$100. Check with one of the youth or Tammy. This is a great fund raiser for our youth! **Youth and Parents:** There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board outside of Tammy's office for help selling the gift cards on Sundays. Please sign up on the date(s) that work for you to help out. There are also order sheets for you to collect outside orders. Please see Tammy if you have any questions.

17. ST PETER REGIONAL TREATMENT CENTER CHRISTMAS CHEER

A gift no matter how large or small does make a difference. Cash is also greatly appreciated. It is deposited in the SPRTC Christmas Cheer Account. Volunteers then shop for gifts for our patients. Please make the check payable to SPRTC Christmas Cheer. A letter and list of suggested items is on the bulletin board and boxes are out in the narthex for your donation.

WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS & GROUPS:



November Elders: Sven Eelma and Ernie Schauland

Organist: Lucy Dolly

Lay Reader: Ernie Schauland

Acolyte: Robin Kolstad

Fellowship: Board of Education

Altar Group: Ardith and Lauren Longworth

Ushers: Steve Leske Group

Greeters: Arlyn and Irene Schulz

Finance: Ed Bode, Rita Schugel and Tom Wheeler

Next Week Fellowship: Rita Schugel, Marsha Reinhart and Shirley Purrier

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE AT REDEEMER

- **SUN.** 9:00 Worship; 10:00 Fellowship; 10:15 Sunday School; 10:30 Adult Bible Study
- **MON.**
- **TUES.** 12:00 Working Women's Bible Study; 3:15 Youth Choir; 4:00 Jr. Bells
- **WED.** 4:45-6:00 Advent Meal; 5:30 Midweek; **6:30 Advent Worship**; 7:15 Adult Choir; 8:15 Adult Bells
- **THUR.** Set-up for Cookie Sale
- **FRI.** 10:30-1:00 Cookie and Craft Bazaar
- **SAT.** 9:00am-5:00pm Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Kmart
- **SUN.** 9:00 Worship (Communion); 10:00 Fellowship; 10:15-11:30 Sunday School; 10:30 Adult Bible Study