

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 7 and Monday, December 8, 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 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.

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. NO MONDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ~ DECEMBER 22nd

6. 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.

7. 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

8. EVANGELISM THOUGHTS FOR ADVENT ~ FROM THE EVANGELISM BOARD

Mark 1:1-18: John the Baptist was the announcer and preparer for the first Advent of Christ. He called people to repentance and baptism and even though his work was so special and so important, John did not seek glory for himself but rather pointed to Jesus. May we also with words and actions point others to Jesus.

9. 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.

10. LYF CHILIL SUPPER

Prior to the Children's Christmas Service on December 17th, all are invited to the LYF Chili Supper in the Fellowship Hall. Serving will be from 4:45-6:00pm. Menu includes: Homemade chili, grilled cheese sandwiches, bars and beverages. A free-will offering will be taken. Donations of ground beef are welcomed. See Tammy if you would like to donate.

11. CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The Sunday School children will present "The Kingdom" on Wednesday, December 17th at 6:30pm. In this service our Sunday school children will invite everyone to celebrate the fact that our Heavenly Father loves us so much that He sent Jesus to be born to rescue us from our sins. Membership in the Kingdom is simple: to trust and believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior of our lives. All members are encouraged to hear the message our Sunday School children proclaim!

12. DONATIONS FOR CHILDREN'S TREAT BAGS

The Board of Education is asking for candy donations for the treat bags which are given to the children after the Children's Christmas service. They prepare 85 bags, so any amount of candy donated would be appreciated. Please bring your donations to the Church office no later than Sunday, December 14th. Thank you!

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 10- Cheeseburger Soup, salads and bars

(We are looking for donations of salads and bars)



14. **COME TO THE MANGER ~ LHM DEVOTIONAL FOR 2008** Pick up one on the table in the narthex (regular or large print).

15. **HELP NEEDED WORKING AT THE FOOD SHELF IN DECEMBER!**

More information is on the bulletin board as well as the sign up sheet for working. See Jaime with any questions.

16. **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS FOR THE ALTAR**

Anyone wishing to donate a poinsettia for decorating the altar for Christmas can do so by having them here at the Church by Friday, December 19th by 1:00pm. They will be used for the Sunday service, the Christmas Eve service and the Christmas Day service. After the Christmas Day service they can be taken home if you wish to do so. Please put your name on the bottom of the poinsettia if you wish to take yours home with you.

17. **LWML DECEMBER MEETING AND CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The LWML December meeting and Christmas party is scheduled for Thursday, December 18th beginning at 6:30pm with a potluck supper. Secret pals will be revealed to those who participated, others may bring a \$5.00 gift if they would like to exchange with others. A relaxing evening for all ladies. Please feel free to join us.

18. **FOOD FOR FRIENDS DONATIONS NEEDED**

We will be serving the noon meal at the Salvation Army through the Food for Friends program on Saturday, January 3, 2009. We are asking for these food donations from members of the congregation: 20 pounds of hamburger, 10 salads, 5 bags of potato chips, 12 dozen large hamburger buns, 7 pans of bars and 5 gallons of milk (2 chocolate and 3 white). Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board outside of the offices. Also, we will need help serving the meal. We will leave Redeemer at 9:30am and finish with clean up in Mankato around 1:30pm. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet. This is an excellent opportunity for parents and youth to work together on a service project!

19. **SPECIAL MUSIC SERVICES**

- Dec. 14– The Youth Choir and Jr. Bells will be ringing and singing the music pieces that they have prepared for the season.
- Dec. 21– The Adult Bells will play several Christmas selections and the Adult Choir will be presenting Scripture reading and songs for the season.

20. **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.

21. **FIREPROOF SHOWING AT MADELIA MOVIE THEATER**

The Madelia movie theater is showing the movie Fireproof on December 12th at 7pm, December 13th at 8pm and on December 14th at 7pm. The admission is \$5.00. If you would like more information on the movie there is a description on the bulletin board.

22. **BROWN COUNTY BELL RINGERS NEEDED**

Salvation Army Bell Ringers are needed in New Ulm for the upcoming holiday season. Contact Ted or Barb Bergstrom at 359-8080 if this is something that you would like to do. Dates are available now through December 20th.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Carolyn Heuchert, Al Schwarz (Happy 80th!), Lawrence Norton, Steven Olson, Carolyn Raddatz (Happy 82nd!), Phyllis Raebel, Larry Seibel, Jennifer Krueger, Eugene Stolt and Gene Sievert.



ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Loren and Yvonne Gag and Louis and LuAnn Lindmeyer.



WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS & GROUPS:

December Elders: Sven Eelma, Chuck Kiecker and Paul Martens

Organist: Lucy Dolly

Lay Reader: Wayne Luepke

Acolyte: Ellen Wiederhoeft

Fellowship: Rita Schugel, Marsha Reinhart and Shirley Purrier

Altar Group: Ruth Kiecker and Nadine Bode

Ushers: Scott Krueger Group

Greeters: Gene and Mary Sievert

Finance: Mark Schneider, Dave and Laura Keene

Next Week Fellowship: Board of Youth

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE AT REDEEMER

- **SUN. 9:00 Worship (Communion);** 10:00 Fellowship; 10:15-11:30 Sunday School; 10:30 Adult Bible Study
- **MON. 6:30 Worship (Communion)**
- **TUES.** No Working Women's Bible Study; 12:00 Faith, Hope and Charity; 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.**
- **FRI.** 6:30 Fellowship Club
- **SAT.**
- **SUN. 9:00 Worship** (Youth Choir and Jr. Bells Christmas Service); 10:00 Fellowship; 10:15-11:30 Sunday School; 10:30 Adult Bible Study