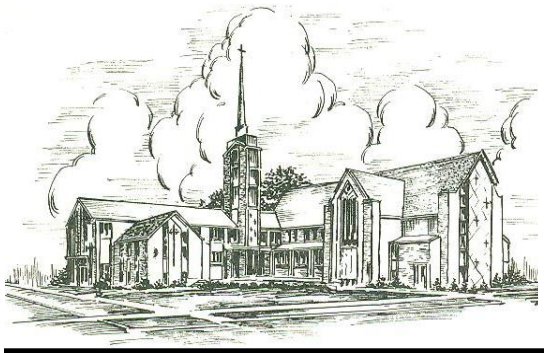

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church News

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Sundays at Our Redeemer's:
9:00 a.m. – Worship
10:00 a.m. – Sunday School

Worship on Wednesday:
5:30 p.m. – Meal
6:00 p.m. – Worship

** No WOW in Summer*

**Different worship times during Lent.*

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Hello, Redeemer's Faith Family,

As we flip the calendar to November, we are fast approaching Thanksgiving, a day we think about all of the things for which we are grateful. We take some time to look back at the year, to look back upon our lives and to recognize the things in which we are thankful for.

I know that as I do this, I can see a lot of the ways in which God has blessed me and my family. Just looking back over this year and all the ways in which people showed their appreciation, love, and support to me and my family through the cards, comments, hugs, and gifts … I'm literally blown away. For all that you have done, Thank You!!! Thank you all so much!!!

I have a loving and supportive family and a great group of friends. I am grateful for the faith communities of Our Redeemer's. And I am grateful for a loving, forgiving God.

The Bible is full of encouragements to be more thankful. The word "thank," and variations of the same are used at least 139 times in the Bible, most often with the thanks being directed at God.

The Book of Psalms is one of the biblical books most focused on being thankful. Psalm 107 is almost entirely devoted to the theme of Thanksgiving. In that psalm, the writer remembers the ways in which God has saved, guided, prospered and forgiven humankind. Over and over the Psalmist says, "Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind." He also tells us to stop and consider the steadfast love of the Lord."

On November 11th - Veterans Day this year, let us remember and honor those men and women from who gave of themselves, as we continue to pray for our men and women currently serving in the military.

On November 20th and 21st we are thankful for our Jr. High youth going to a faith enrichment day with our neighbors from around our synod as they gather in Willmar.

On November 22nd, We celebrate the last Sunday of the church year. Christ the true King in our lives Sunday.

November 25th we have our Thanksgiving worship at 7:00 p.m. with pie fellowship afterwards. Advent Begins November 29th.

We have much for which to be thankful. God has provided us with family, friends, food, clothes, shelter, jobs. When we think about all the things God has done for us, one thing should stand out above all others: God has acted in love and mercy to forgive us and give us everlasting life.

This Thanksgiving, for what are you most grateful? What is it for which you are truly thankful?

God's blessings,

Pastor Zane

7th - 9th Grade November Class Schedule

(6:45 - 7:45 p.m.)

November 4th	Class Focus
November 11th	Class Focus: The Ways of Jesus Life over Death
November 18th	Service Project: Freshmen Care Packages
November 25th	No Class: Thanksgiving Eve Worship at 7:00 p.m.

Cheer Packages

We are sending cheer packages to our young adults (ages 18-22)! Do you have one of these young adults in your family? Please let us know their updated mailing address! Please have the addresses & donations to us by Monday, November 16th. To help with the costs of these packages and postage, donations are welcomed. Suggested items: individual packages of Pringles potato chips, beef sticks, trail mix, candies/chocolates, ramen noodles, lip balm, gum, hot chocolate packets, microwave popcorn, sunflower seeds, hand sanitizer, travel-size shampoo/conditioner/body wash/lotion, highlighters, pens, and face masks. Other items can include $5 gift cards to places such as Kwik Trip, McDonalds, Subway, Burger King, Taco Johns, etc. Monetary donations of any size are also welcomed. You can also sponsor a box for $25. Thank you for helping us reach out to our young adults letting them know we are thinking of them and praying for them!

Confirmation Sunday

On Sunday, October 26th, we marked the Festival of Reformation, giving thanks to God for the work of Martin Luther and other reformers who have helped the Church know the freeing power of God's grace for our lives, shown to us through Jesus Christ. The 9:00 a.m. service that day included Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) for 10th grade youth who have completed their confirmation instruction. They are:

Coyer Antolick
McKenzie Fernholz
Tess Nygaard
Cora Svingen
Samuel Svingen
Cian Klucas
Mason McGeary
Ethan Tolifson
Brennan Wrobleski

All Saints Sunday

November 1st

At our 9:00 a.m. worship service on November 1st we lit candles to remember our loved ones on All Saints Sunday. Saints Departed: *Linda Hanson, Roger Mondor, Byran Jones, Viola Jones, Shirley Lee, Lavon Lund, Bruce Alsaker, Milton Reich, Kenny Wall, Cleo Gandrud, Judy Buckner, Glenn Rois, Ronald Orvik, Marilyn Inman and David Hanson.*

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

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On Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Pie served following Worship!

Pie Donations

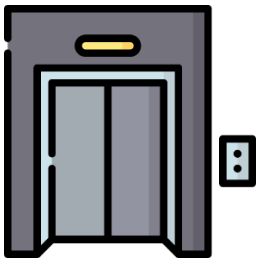
The Music & Worship Board is looking for individuals who would be willing to donate a pie for after the Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service. If you would like to donate there is a sign-up sheet on the small circle table in the back of the Sancturary.

Smorgasbord

We would like to thank everyone who worked, served, and donated for our 71st Annual Smorgasbord fundraiser for missions home & abroad. We served 490 people! It was a great success and your help was greatly appreciated! - Smorgasbord Co- Chairs, Barb Erickson & Sheila Dokken and Assistant Co- Chairs, Pam Janson & Thea Vick.

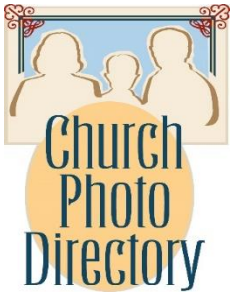
Quilt Raffle

Check out the beautiful quilt in the Narthex donated by Cheryl McGeary and quilted by Our Redeemer's Quilters. Tickets are $2 each. Winner will be drawn at the Advent Luncheon on December 2nd which is from 11:30 – 1:00. Need not be present to win!



ORLC Elevator / Boiler Project - Update

If you would like to make a contribution to the line of credit established with Lake Central Bank for these projects, please make check out to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church with the memo "Elevator Project" or "Boiler Project" We owe $5,916.89 and accrue about $15/month in interest charges. Thank you for you support! -ORLC Property Board



Pictorial Directories are here!

If you would like to purchase a pictorial directory the cost is $10.00. There are a few extras available! Thank you to the Outreach Board for all the hard work on this project!

"The Chosen" Bible Study

The next Bible Study will be starting in either December or January (second Tuesday of the month), starting at 9 a.m. with treats. Please watch the bulletin / e-news for updates!

Kids of the Kingdom Birthdays

11/3	Maecey Wiebold	11/18	Camdon Thompson
11/4	Shane Loen	11/18	Emma Sonnabend
11/6	Carson Razink	11/20	Christian Zehringer
11/6	Chance Fredericks	11/25	Joseph Wilcox
11/7	Remzlee Hanson	11/25	Gabriella O'Leary
11/13	Esmae Schwendemann	11/26	Blake Hughes
11/14	Riley Olson		

Ongoing Prayers for Healing

Ron Hanson, Charles Tolifson, Luther Pederson, Bonnie Jaeger, Loren Johnson (brother of Rachel Wilcox), Rick Heike (brother of Cheryl McGeary), Jane Dingwall (sister of Betty Cronen), Carol Peterson, Susan Snow, Thea Lowman (daughter of Lynne Orvik), Barb Razink (sister-in-law of Otto "Butch" Puchalski), Rick Horecka, Rick Schaaf, Rodney Kohout (son of Mary Uhden), Neil Ness (nephew of Sharon Ness), Lynette Bonnema (daughter of Dorothy Williams), Pastor Dale Degner, Kae Roebling (daughter of Sharon Ness), Deb Anderson.

Our Redeemer's Milestones

Dearly Departed: Marilyn Inman, David Hanson

Marriages: Gavin Larson & Izzy Abner

Options to Support our Media Ministries: Video Broadcasts

If you would like to sponsor a video broadcast in honor of, in memory of, in appreciation of, or in celebration of a loved one, please call or email the Church Office.

Video: $25

January – 10, 24, 31
February – 14, 21
March – 7, 14, 21, 28
April – 11, 18, 25

Video Broadcasts

November 1: In celebration of Jim Offerdahl's 79th birthday, given by Thea Vick & Jason Slaughter.

November 8: In memory of Olga & Oliver Skare, given by nieces: Janice, Dianne & Susan.

November 15: In honor of Jan Baukol's birthday (Birthday: November 17th), given by her family.

November 22: In loving memory of Katherine Jacobson (birthday: November 23rd), given by Renae Jacobson and family.

November 29: In celebration of Jan Rohne's birthday on November 29th, given by her family.

We Gratefully Acknowledge

- $100 to the General fund in memory of what would have been Marilyn Inman's 100th birthday on November 3rd, given by her family.
- $300 to the Music Fund, given with joy and celebration to the Our Redeemer's Senior Choir and their long time director, Janet Iversen for their dedication and for the beautiful music they share with our congregation, given anonymously.
- $10 to the General Fund in memory of Judy Buckner, given by Iola Thielke.
- $40 to the Elevator Project in honor of Stan Olson.
- $100 to the Boiler Project in memory of Glenn Rois, given by Grant & Hege Herfindahl.
- $25 to the Elevator Project in memory of Glenn Rois, given by Paul & Kim Ness.
- $10 to the General Fund in memory of Marilyn Inman, given by Iola Thielke.
- $40 to the Organ Project in memory of Marilyn Inman and Glenn Rois, given by Lyle & Donna Tatge.
- $500 to the Music Fund in loving memory of Marilyn Inman, given by "Friends" quartet.
- $120 to the Organ Project in memory of Glenn Rois, given by friends and family.
- $65 to the Boiler Project in memory of Glenn Rois, given by friends and family.
- $10 to the Cemetery Fund in memory of Glenn Rois, given by friends and family.
- $50 to the Elevator Project in memory of Glenn Rois, given by friends and family.
- $160 to the General Fund in memory of Glenn Rois, given by friends and family.

Our Redeemer's Women Purpose Statement

As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. We commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our calling, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in our church, the society and the world.

Our Redeemer's Women

As I begin writing Light & Life for November, I'm reflecting on the hard work it takes to pull off the Annual Smorgasbord. It is pouring rain outside right now. Much-needed rain. I'm praying for a good turnout.

The Smorgasbord celebrates Scandinavian-American community tradition. Today, historic heritage churches host it to preserve cultural roots, foster fellowship, and support regional and global missionary or charitable work. Let's keep this tradition going. Thank you all again for all your hard work and dedication to this event.

I got an update on the Smorgasbord. We served 490 people. That is a good number. Although we were down a little from last year. It was so fun to see everyone work so hard to make the event a success. I think they were even having some fun! Guests also left lots of positive comments about the event. I will share more information in next month's letter.

Our next event is the "Celebrate Advent" Luncheon. Work units #1 & #6 are currently working behind the scenes on this joyous event. This event will be held on December 2, 2026, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We've been fortunate to receive a BEAUTIFUL Christmas quilt from Cheryl McGeary. We've decided to have a quilt raffle for this BEAUTIFUL quilt. We'll sell raffle tickets for $2.00 until the Advent event. We'll draw the winner at the luncheon. Thank you, Cheryl.

The Christmas season is just around the corner. Amid the hustle and bustle of the holidays, let's reflect on what this season is about. Be kind to yourself, help others, and focus on love, peace, and what truly makes you feel grateful.

God bless you all.

Kathy Jenner, Board Leader

"Love one Another"

Our Redeemer's Light & Life

November

NOVEMBER	1	8	15	22	29
Projector Operator	Sara Erdman	Kendra Razink	Kim Ulland	Kim Ulland	Donna Tatge
Communion Servers	Sue Hess Angel Mooberry Val Alsaker	X	Hege Herfindahl Grant Herfindahl Donna Tatge	X	X
Lay Reader	Natasha Mortenson	Jan Iversen	Ben Mooberry	Ben Wilcox	Lyle Tatge
Coffee Hour	Deb Selk Lori Hawley *(Boiler)*	Grant & Hege Herfindahl *(Elevator)*	Cindy Evenson *(Cemetery)*	Roger & Jan Rohne *(Boiler)*	TBD

LIVESTREAMERS
Jack Kjos, Jay Alsaker, Sarah Skarsten

USHERS
Kent Evenson, Doug Clark, Grant Evenson,
Gene Anderson

ALTAR GUILD
Dianne Doscher, Sandy Bernardy, Renee Jensen
Cheryl McGeary, Kim Ulland

WOW VOLUNTEERS
10/21 Holly, Anna-Lisa, Chelsey, Sara
11/4 Sue Hess, Deb Wrobleski
11/11 Heather & LeAnn
11/18 Laurie O'Leary

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ALL SAINTS 9:00 Worship w/ Holy Comm. 10:00 Coffee Hour / SS 10:00 Adult Ed. Meeting (FC) **Baptism of Sawyer Schnitzler**	**2** 9:00 FFF 6:00 Women's Bible Study	**3** 1:00 Knitting (Library)	**4** Confirmation WOW 9:00 FFF / Staff / Quilting 3:30 Joyful Noise 5:00 Celebration Ringers 5:30 Meal / 6:00 WOW 6:00 God Squad 6:30 Choir 6:45 Confirmation	**5** 1:00 Knitting (Library)	**6** 9:00 FFF	**7**
8 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Hour / SS 5:00 4-H Meeting (FH)	**9** 9:00 FFF 6:00 Council Meeting	**10** 1:00 Knitting (Library)	**11** Confirmation WOW 9:00 FFF / Staff / Quilting 3:30 Joyful Noise 5:00 Celebration Ringers 5:30 Meal / 6:00 WOW 6:30 Choir 6:45 Confirmation	**12** 1:00 Knitting (Library)	**13** 9:00 FFF	**14**
15 VISITATION 9:00 Worship w/ Holy Comm. 10:00 Coffee Hour / SS 4:00-6:00 Ron Orvik Visitation 2:00 Sons of Norway ***SS Kids Sing**	**16** FUNERAL 9:00 FFF 10:00 Visitation 11:00 Funeral for Ron Orvik	**17** 1:00 Knitting (Library)	**18** Confirmation WOW 9:00 FFF / Staff / Quilting 3:30 Joyful Noise 5:00 Celebration Ringers 5:30 Meal / 6:00 WOW 6:30 Choir 6:45 Confirmation	**19** 10:30 Scandi Haven Communion 1:00 Knitting (Library)	**20** 9:00 FFF	**21**
22 CHRIST THE KING 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Hour / SS **Baptism (TENATIVE) for Catie Wrobleksi's Child**	**23** 9:00 FFF	**24** 1:00 Knitting (Library)	**25** THANKSGIVING EVE 9:00 FFF / Staff / Quilting 9:00- 3:00 Blood Drive 5:00 ORW Meeting 7:00 Thanksgiving Eve Worship	**26** THANKSGIVING **Office Closed**	**27** **Office Closed**	**28**
29 BUCKET SUNDAY 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Hour **NO SS**	**30** 9:00 FFF	1	2	3	4	5
6	7		This Month's Calendar is subject to change. Please watch the bulletin/e-news for updates or changes. Thank You!			

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November

IMPORTANT DATES:

November 25th
7:00 p.m. – *Thanksgiving Eve Worship*

November 26th & 27th
Office Closed – *Happy Thanksgiving!*