



Redeemer Lutheran Church  
and 3K/4K Preschool

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## Newsletter – January 2023

As we begin a new calendar year we might begin to make some promises. Perhaps this will be the year that we get to the gym. This will be the year that I finally paint the house. This will be the year that I finally get serious about saving money. This will be the year I quit smoking. This will be the year \_\_\_\_\_. We have all done this. We want to change or improve something about ourselves, and we make that promise to ourselves or maybe even to someone else. Sometimes we do fulfill that promise or work on those tasks and goals we have set for ourselves. Often times though we have broken that promise before the calendar even says February.

We as Christians are no different about promises. We actually make a lot of promises within the church before God, to ourselves, and to others. We make promises, or have them made for us, at our baptisms. We reiterate those promises in our Confirmation that this is our faith, and we want to be part of the life of the Church. We even make promises in our marriage vows, as well, not only to our spouse, but to God as well. For the vast majority of the time when we make any promise the plan is to keep them. Unfortunately, we tend to break those promises when church, our spouse, or our family becomes something that we give our full attention to only when it is convenient for us.

The good news is that we have a compassionate God who never breaks his promises. Even when Israel rejected God and were taken into captivity God kept his promise to never abandon them and he restored his people. When Adam and Eve sinned in the garden God still showed compassion by promising them a Savior who would restore creation. That promise of course was seen in the person of Jesus Christ.

We all struggle with promises. In this New Year let us place our focus on our God and all of the many blessings he has given to each of us. When we falter though we can take comfort that we have a God who loves us, keeps his promises, and never turns his back on us!

*Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise that he made to us-- eternal life. 1 John 2:24-25*

Blessing in the New Year,

*Pastor DeArmond*

## Catechism Class

Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at **5:30 P.M.**

## Funeral Workshop

Some say that talking about death is the hardest discussion to have. Whether you are a lifelong Lutheran or a new Christian, it is important to have an understanding of death. An important element of this understanding is the Christian funeral service. The funeral service becomes for the Christian a witness of one's faith. While discussing and planning a funeral may seem morbid, it is actually a loving and caring act for those who are still alive.

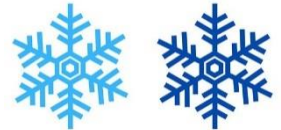
No matter your age in life, if you done some planning or no planning, it is important to understand what happens at a Christian funeral.

*Why do we even have funerals? Why do we do certain things in the funeral liturgy? What is appropriate or inappropriate? Does it matter if I have it at church or just the funeral home?*

After worship on **Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>** we will be gathering in the Fellowship Hall to learn more about the Christin funeral, answer the above questions, and many more.

## WINTER WEATHER

As winter weather is upon us again there might be a time when worship or other activities may need to be canceled. Every effort will always be made to have worship. Since the most likely time to cancel something would be on a weekend we have learned that it is easier to contact some media outlets over others on the weekend. We will try to make sure every TV station has our information, but WBAY (channel 2) and NBC26 will be the first place that information will be posted along with Redeemer's Facebook page.



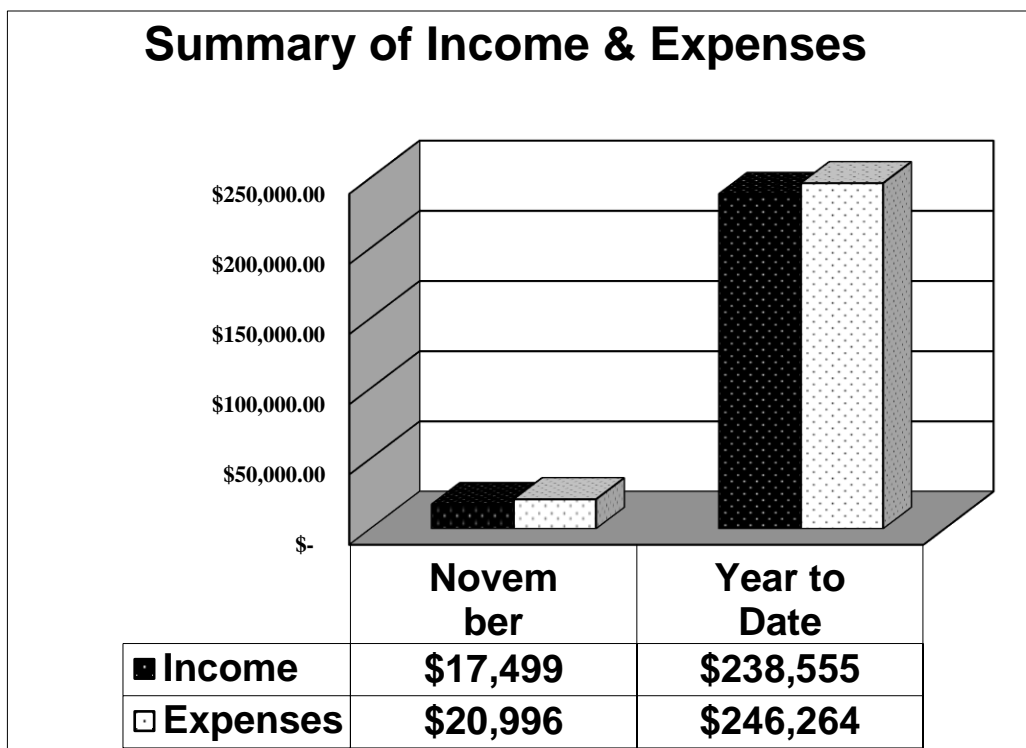
## Youth Game Nights

January Youth Game Nights will be on  
Wednesday nights, January 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:20pm.



Puzzle for January:  
Haiku from the parts of James 2:1:  
Hold faith in Jesus  
Show no partiality  
The Lord of \_\_\_\_\_

## Financial Update



**All Contributions for 2022** need to be in the church office by December 28<sup>th</sup> to be counted as a 2022 contribution. PLEASE begin using your new envelope packet beginning Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Second Time Singles** will be going to the Rahr West Museum to view “Christmas In The Mansion” followed by lunch at the Courthouse Pub on Thursday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>. Meet at church at 10:30 or at the museum at 10:45. Please sign up and indicate if you can drive and if you plan to stay for lunch.



**January Book Club** will meet on Saturday, January 21st at 9 a.m. or Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. You can pick up your next book at the Welcome Center.

## 2023 Altar Flowers & Fellowship Sign-Up

The sign-up sheets for 2023 altar flowers and fellowship are available at the Welcome Center. Thank you to everyone that contributed flowers and/or helped with fellowship in 2022!

## Executive Board Update:

As I stated similarly in last January's newsletter, we would really like to begin 2023 with a fully staffed board. We still have two open positions; Director of Education/Fellowship and Executive Board Member. Please prayerfully consider your time and talents and consider serving in one of these important roles to help guide our Congregation. If you have any questions, please ask any of the board members, or Pastor.

Your Executive Board members:

- President: Mike Kaczowski
- Treasurer: John Brixius
- Director of Spiritual Growth: Kyle Olsen
- Director of Property & Legal: Kyle Weidmayer
- Executive Board Member: Lisa Van Sickle
- **Executive Board Member: Open**
- **Director of Education/Fellowship: Open**

Yours in service,

Mike Kaczowski

## Epiphany Bonfire

**Please join us for a bonfire at Redeemer Lutheran on Friday January 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-7p.m. We are remembering the Magi visiting Jesus by burning old real Christmas trees. S'mores and hot beverages will be provided.**



## Office Volunteers Needed

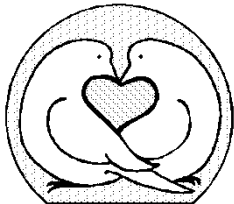
**If you are interested and able to volunteer at the Church office for a few predetermined hours when Carrie is on vacation, please email Carrie at [office@redeermantty.com](mailto:office@redeermantty.com) or talk to Pastor DeArmond. Tasks for volunteers are very simple (answering the phone, buzzing people in the door, and selling Kwik Trip cards). Any help is appreciated!**



Jan. 1 Mitchell Drescher  
 Jan. 2 Harry Cole  
 Jan. 3 Dorothy Zimmerman  
 Jan. 4 Brett Newberg, Ricky Goertz  
 Jan. 5 Bob Gregurich

Jan. 7 Larry Kittell, Bonnie Barnes, Greg McDougal  
 Jan. 8 Luke Harris  
 Jan. 9 Karen Beke, Justin Massart  
 Jan. 10 Eden Ausprung  
 Jan. 11 Lisa Hamann, Betty Kuhn, Chad Rathjen  
 Jan. 12 Emmett Horswill  
 Jan. 14 Kim Pagel, Amy Andrews  
 Jan. 16 Debbie Lindemann, Jodi Kabelowsky, James Yang  
 Jan. 17 Pam Phillips  
 Jan. 19 Cole Troullier, Scott Loiselle, Lee Matthias  
 Jan. 20 Na' Mara Moorehead, Kris Neustadter  
 Jan. 23 Mary Eisenschink, Emma Dorow  
 Jan. 24 Janis Fischer  
 Jan. 25 Jennifer Junk, Justin Gilbert, Jerry Rettinger, Grace Reimer  
 Jan. 26 Donna Panosh, LaVonne Nimmer, Griffin Wotruba, Edward Hang, Cole Reinke  
 Jan. 27 Sandy McGlin, Mary Orth  
 Jan. 28 Emma Eisenschink, Mike Canty, Barrett Troullier  
 Jan. 29 Jerry Strharsky, Jim Beke, Amanda Korlesky, Ethan Selsing, Christopher Borkenhagen  
 Jan. 30 Marlene Damm, Kelly Block, Casey Schramm, Ian Gregurich  
 Jan. 31 Naomii Etheridge, Thomas Klein

\* indicates shut-in



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jan. 1 Jody & Melissa Neilson  
 Jan. 2 Randy & Kim Berres, Scott & Lorie Hirssig  
 Jan. 22 John & Gabrielle Baalke  
 Jan. 23 Ryan & Jodi Kabelowsky  
 Jan. 25 Aaron & Kiley Hayon

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## January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1) Worship 9am	2)	3) Men's Bible Study 7am Finance 8:15am	4) Game Night 6:20pm	5) STS to Rahr West 10:30am meet at Church	6) Epiphany Bonfire 6pm	7)
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