

# Redeemer Announcements – December 15, 2024

## Our Mission

### *We Gather, Grow, and Go to the Glory of God*

<b>Sun</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>The Church Gathers for Worship/Communion</b>
	9:15 AM	Bible Hour
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>The Church Gathers for Worship/Communion</b>
	11:45 AM	Voters Meeting
<b>Mon</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>The Church Gathers for Worship</b>
<b>Tue</b>	7:00 AM	Faculty Meeting
<b>Wed</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>Midweek Advent Worship</b>
	4:15 PM	Church Family Supper
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Midweek Advent Worship</b>
<b>Thu</b>	6:30 PM	Bible Basics
<b>Fri</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Children's Christmas Service</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>The Church Gathers for Worship</b>
	9:15 AM	Bible Hour
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>The Church Gathers for Worship</b>

## **SERVING TODAY**

Accompanist: Isaac Lundberg, Sunday.  
 Sam Schmitz, Monday  
 Preacher: James Borgwardt  
 Communion Assistants: David Lecker, Jim Rickert

## **GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am:	272
	10:30am:	160
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm:	<u>31</u>
	Total:	463
	Advent Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	3:30pm:
	6:30am:	<u>35</u>
	Total:	154

**LADIES SOCIETY ADVENT MEAL** – The Ladies Society will be servicing an Advent Meal this Wed., Dec. 18. If you would like to bring a salad or dessert, there is a signup sheet in the gathering area on the bulletin board.

**VOTERS' MEETING**—A voters' meeting will be held today Sunday, December 15, at 11:45 am that will cover officer and board elections and brief ministry updates.

**T.I.M. CHRISTMAS COOKIES** – Redeemer's youth group will be handing out plates of Christmas cookies before and after the worship services today. Donations will be gratefully accepted to help the T.I.M. Group raise funds for future mission trips and the next WELS International Youth Rally.



**YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPES** for 2025 are available in the Gathering Area. Please do not use them until 2025, as your number has probably changed. Please do not use any 2024 envelopes after the start of the new year. (Even if you give electronically, we need to assign you a number that corresponds with a box of envelopes. Though we could bypass that in our computer system, the time to do so isn't worth the \$3 we'd save per box for those who would opt out of boxes. And most members who give online for their weekly offerings appreciate the special envelopes for holiday services and special designations.)

## ~ CHRISTMAS WORSHIP & CONCERTS ~

**WLA CHRISTMAS CONCERT** The Winnebago Lutheran Academy Sacred Christmas concert will be presented at WLA Thursday, December 19 at 7:00pm and Friday, December 20 at 2:00 pm.

**REDEEMER SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE** – Friday, December 20 at 6 PM in the gymnasium. All are invited for this favorite tradition as our enrollment of 122 students from K3-8th grade lead us to marvel again at the miracle at the manger.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP** will be held at 4pm and 6pm. These newer times last year better balanced the attendance between the two services.

**CHRISTMAS DAY LESSONS & CAROLS** will be held Christmas Day morning at 9:00 AM. Consider adding this unique and beautiful service to your family traditions of how you celebrate God becoming a human to save you.

**INVITATIONS TO CHRISTMAS WORSHIP** at Redeemer have been placed in your church mailbox. Consider handing one to a neighbor, family member, friend, or acquaintance to invite them to join us and hear the good news of our Savior's birth. Extra invites are also available by the office window if you need more.



## **MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP**

continues this Wednesday, December 18. Services begin at 3:30 and 6:30 with a meal served in between, beginning at 4:15. Join us as our final "Christmas Tree," the Tree of Life, points us to paradise restored. The Ladies Society will be serving pulled pork for our church supper this week.

**TRAVEL TO GREECE IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL**—Join this once in a lifetime trip hosted by Pastor Rathje to walk in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul in Greece June 23<sup>rd</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup> (Optional extension to Rome extends trip to July 5<sup>th</sup>). Enjoy a beautiful Greek island cruise, wonderful accommodations, expert tour guides, and much more, as you see the sites, experience another culture, and deepen your faith. Find a brochure and registration information at the office window. Contact Pastor Rathje with any questions.

**MEN OF HIS WORD OSHKOSH 2025 CONFERENCE** -The theme is Forge Ahead in Faith, based on Philippians 3:14 and presented by Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary President, Pastor Earle Treptow.

Do you ever feel like you’re fighting against the grain, walking directly into the wind, facing one problem after another? The Christian life is challenging. How and where do you find the strength to keep going? The apostle Paul reminds us that there is a prize at the end of this fight. He reminds us that God has called us to that prize in heaven. Through his word and the encouragement of one another, God himself will give us the strength to forge ahead in faith.

With 14 breakout session options and worship led by Koine, there are no shortage of options to help you along your faith journey. Join us on Saturday, February 8, 2025 at the Oshkosh Waterfront Hotel and Convention Center in Oshkosh, WI so that God can help you to forge ahead in faith. Register at: [www.menofhisword.org/registration](http://www.menofhisword.org/registration).

**VOLUNTEERS FOR JANUARY**

*Church Cleaners*

- 30-5 Nygaard/Khoury/Anderson
- 6-12 Otte/Biermann
- 13-19 Pruss, T./ Schwandt
- 20-26 Ehlke/Gellings
- 27-2 King, A./Trapp, Ja./Trapp, Jo.

*Altar Guild* – Beth Stroede, Kristen Bendix & Sue Shafer

*CD Delivery*

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| 5  | Dick Weinberger | 12 | Evelyn Markhardt |
| 19 | Lori Schroeder  | 26 | Sue Shafer       |

*Ushers-Early*

- Scott Herrewig
- Larry Schulz

*Ushers-Late*

- Rolland Hoff
- Marty Nell

- Karl Lundberg
- Micah Lundberg
- Isaac Lundberg

- Casey Nell
- Carson Nell



**BUILDING ON FAITH**  
TELL THE NEXT GENERATIONS

**Building Design Committee** – This committee met with Excel on Monday evening, suggesting changes and discussing options in response the initial basic layout of the master site plan. Examples of general layout decisions include: The eventual sanctuary will be most prominently situated in the northeast corner of the property. The main parking lot will be on the east side (Esterbrook side) of the building. And so on.

**Campaign Committee** – A videographer will be on site next Sunday shooting footage for videos designed to support our relocation plans. Also, the date for the Congregation-wide Vision Event is now Sunday, February 16. A special School Event for all of our school families will take place on Tuesday, February 25.

**Initial Budget Committee** – This team is labeled “initial” because they have had the short-term scope of testing our long-term financial (especially loan repayment) plan as well as pursuing options from lenders for loan availability. They met on Thursday to complete their initial report for the Steering Committee. Their members have been Committee chair Caleb Voss ([voss87@gmail.com](mailto:voss87@gmail.com)), Steve Wendler, Nancy Albrecht, Tim Boelk, Rolland Hoff and Pastor Borgwardt. We thank them for their work.

A new finance committee will be put together in the New Year. Its duration will last through construction.