# Redeemer Announcements – November 22, 2026

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

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| Sun | **8:00 AM** | **The Church Gathers for Worship** |
| | 9:15 AM | Bible Hour |
| | **10:30 AM** | **The Church Gathers for Worship** |
| Mon | **6:30 PM** | **The Church Gathers for Worship** |
| Tues | 10:00 AM | Building Committee |
| | 4:00 PM | Sanctuary Design Committee @ Excel |
| Wed | No School Nov 25-29th Thanksgiving Break | |
| | 6:30 PM | Thanksgiving Eve Worship |
| Thu | 9:00 AM | Thanksgiving Day Worship |
| Sun | **8:00 AM** | **The Church Gathers for Worship** |
| | - | *No Bible Hour* - |
| | **10:30 AM** | **The Church Gathers for Worship** |

**SERVING TODAY**
Pastor James Borgwardt
Accompanist: Mandi Hicks

**GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

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| Sunday 15th | 8:00am: 233 |
| | 10:30am: 118 |
| Monday 16th | 6:30pm: 52 |
| | Total: 403 |

**ALTAR FLOWERS** were given by Bob and Sandy Drufke in thanks to God as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

**THE VOTERS' MEETING** on Wednesday had 56 in attendance. We extended calls to the following men:

- Benjamin Melott, serving at St. John's Lutheran School in Wauwatosa, to teach 7th grade, serve a vice principal, and become principal the following year.
- Brad Hengeveld, serving at St. John's Lutheran School in Dakota, MN, to teach 5th-6th grade and serve as Athletic Director.

Please add them and their families to your prayers as each deliberate the two calls before them.

The congregation passed the motion to retain Excel Engineering as the primary architect through construction, to retain Catalyst for pre-construction services, and keeping the design for a total projected cost under $7,252,608. Please note: This decision does NOT commit us to this building cost. It directs the architectural team and design committee to keep the total projected cost of the entire project under that amount. It will be 3-4 months before we'll come to decision of what construction cost we want to commit to.

**THANKSGIVING WORSHIP** is this Wednesday, Nov 25th at 6:30 pm and Thursday, Nov 26th at 9:00 am. Join us for this wonderful opportunity to thank the Lord for all his many blessings. The Thanksgiving Eve & Day offerings go to those in need: Our Member Assistance Fund and WELS Christian Aid & Relief. There will be no Family Bible Hour on Sunday, Nov. 29th.

**ADVENT TEA UPDATE:** This weekend is the final opportunity to register to attend this special ladies-only event. After today, we cannot guarantee that there will be space, so please be sure to sign up if you'd like to attend. Thanks to the many ladies who signed up to host a table and bring food. We could still use some additional food donations as well as some help in the kitchen following the event. Please check the display in the narthex to sign up to help. If you have any questions, please contact Steph Ehlke (920) 970-3950.

**CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS** is coming up on Saturday, December 12th. Put this morning of fun for your 4 to 10-year-old on the calendar! This 9am-12 noon event includes Christmas lessons, crafts, games, cookie decorating, a nativity play, and a complimentary hot dog lunch. Register today using the QR code and invite someone else to join us using the invitations that have been printed and are sitting by the office window.

We are looking for volunteers to help in various ways to make the morning the best it can be (for example~ baking cookies, assisting with various activities, etc.) Sign-ups for volunteers can be found on the gym or church bulletin boards.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING -**We'll gather on Sunday, December 13th after worship. There'll be light refreshments for carolers. See the sign-up sheet for more details.

**~ ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP & CONCERTS~**

**MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP** begins Wednesday, Dec. 2nd, and continues the 9th and 16th. Services begin at 3:30 and 6:30 with a meal served in between, beginning at 4:15.

**WINTER BAND CONCERT** The WLA Winter Band Concert will be held on Saturday, Dec 5, in the Gym at 4:00 pm. The concert will consist of performances by both the WLA and Grade School bands. Mrs. Abby Kurth concludes her ministry as director of bands in order to welcome her baby in the New Year.

**CHRISTMAS CHORAL SERVICE & MINISTRY APPRECIATION FELLOWSHIP** - Sunday, December 6, 8am & 10:30am. We highlight the start of Advent with a service centered around music of the season, led by our student and adult choirs. Between services, enjoy a cake reception (traditionally donut hour) to celebrate the 25+ year Ministries of three of our WLA teachers: Mr. Jeremy Thiesfeldt, Mr. Kevin Ehlke, and Mr. Brad Bendix. Special boxes located in the Gathering Area are available for cards and gifts of appreciation to these men who have so faithfully served our students!

**JOYFUL WITNESS CONCERT** Joyful Witness is pleased to proclaim Christ's birth in their 2026 concert, Friday, December 11 at 7:00 pm and Saturday, December 12 at 2:00 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, NFDL.

**CHRISTMAS AT WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY** The Seminary Chorus, a men's choir composed of students at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, will present its annual Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 13, at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. in the campus auditorium at 11831 N. Seminary Dr. in Mequon. Find more information on Facebook and at wisluthsem.org.

**WLA CHRISTMAS CONCERT** The Winnebago Lutheran Academy Sacred Christmas concert will be presented at WLA Thursday, December 17 at 7:00pm and Friday, December 18 at 1:00 pm.

**REDEEMER SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE** – Friday, December 18 at 10 AM the Preschool students will have their Christmas service in the sanctuary.

At 6 PM K-8 will have their Christmas service in the gym. All are invited for this favorite tradition as our students lead us to marvel again at the miracle at the manger.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP** begins at 4pm and 6pm, as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

**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.

**POINSETTIAS** for our church Christmas decorations will be ordered on Dec. 7th. If you wish to give a plant as a memorial for $20 each, fill out one of the envelopes on the table in the gathering area. You can take them home after the Christmas Day Lessons & Carols service.

**SEMINARY CHRISTMAS GIFTS** - The Fond du Lac area WELS churches are again giving Gift Card Christmas Gifts to the married students at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Thiensville. Special offering envelopes for these gifts are available by the office window. Gifts will be delivered to the Seminary the first week in December. Redeemer member Roxanne Pieper is coordinating this program. Her email is: braillepins@yahoo.com.

**LADIES SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY—**All ladies of Redeemer are invited on Tuesday, Dec. 8th, to attend the Ladies Society Christmas Party. The party will be at Sunset on the Water (N7364 Winnebago Dr. FDL). Fellowship begins at 5:30pm. We will be ordering our meal, ala carte at 6:00pm. There is a sign up in the gathering area on the bulletin board by Monday, November 30th. Hope to see you there.

**AREA WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** is not meeting in December but will resume Jan 5th at St Peters, FdL.

**FOOD DRIVE** – Teens In Ministry is hosting a food drive for the Fondy Food Pantry. Donations may be placed in the Gathering Area until tomorrow, Nov 23rd. Go to www.fondyfoodpantry.org/take-action/donate-food-2/ for a list of items needed, or scan the QR code.

**WLA NEW CAMPUS UPDATE**

- Church Councils are being visited and are considering options for how their congregations can participate.
- Some congregations are holding forums and voting on congregational commitments/pledges to the Amazing Grace! Amazing Gifts Capital Campaign.
- The WLA Plenary Board approved a timeline to receive and accept bids. They'll meet again on 1/13/2027 and vote on whether to break ground this Spring.

IMMEASURABLY MORE
TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**SCHOOL PHASE –** The gym contractor is returning to Texas but will be back in early December when the rafters above the school lobby are completed.

**FRAME-SIGNING EVENT** – On Sun, Dec 6 from 1:00-3:00 PM, we're invited to the site to write Bible passages or other encouraging messages on the wood studs.

**RESPECT WORK IN PROGRESS** – Please do not drive onto the site. You can view progress from nearby roads.

**REDEEMERFDL.ORG/DESIGN** has regular updates. Email the Design Team at design@redeemerfdl.org anytime with comments or questions.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REVIEW** will happen in January, inviting commitments toward the sanctuary project, but you don't have to wait to give a special gift.

**YEAR-END GIVING** - If you have a RMD for this year, consider using it as a QCD to our sanctuary project or the new campus at WLA to reduce your tax basis.