

Redeemer Lutheran School Messenger

January 21, 2025



School Theme

John 1:16

“Grace upon Grace.”

Mission Statement: Redeemer Lutheran School Partners with parents in providing a Christ-centered education that prepares students for this life and eternity.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan 22 Moms & Tots open Gym@Redeemer 10:30am
Jan 22 Flyway Honor Band @ Lomira
Jan 22 Preschool Bible Hour 1:30pm
Jan 23 Bible Basics 6:30pm
Jan 24 School Chapel 8:25am
Jan 26 3-4 Sing in Church 8:00am
Jan 29 Moms & Tots Field Trip Boudry Dental 9:00am
Jan 29 Preschool Bible Hour 1:30pm
Jan 29 Preschool/Kindergarten Information Night 6:00 pm
Jan 30 Pastries with Parents 7:30-8:30 am
Jan 30 Bible Basics 6:30pm
Jan 31 Pastries with Parents 7:30-8:30 am
Feb 1 WSMA Solo Ensemble@St. Lawrence
Feb 2 WLA 100th Anniversary Service (students sing)
Feb 3 Choice application open
Feb 5 Moms & Tots Sessions 8:30 & 10am
Feb 5 Preschool Bible Hour 1:30pm
Feb 9 5-8 Sing in Church 8:00am
Feb 9 T.I.M. meeting 9:15am
Feb 12 Moms & Tots open Gym@ Redeemer 8:15am
Feb 12 Preschool Bible Hour 1:30pm
Feb 12 Dismissal at 11:45am
Feb 13-14 No School - Teacher attend Conference

Look at the end of the Messenger for the Athletic schedule!

General News

A. Mission offering project for the third quarter is a new mission startup in Marquette, MI called Anchor Lutheran Church . Last week's total: \$103.16 Total for the quarter is: \$103.16

- B. The Church Extension Fund (CEF) Stamps can be purchased this Wednesday, in the Kindergarten room. Please contact Mrs. Schwefel if you have any questions.
- C. Preschool/Kindergarten Information Night will be held on Wednesday, January 29 at 6:00 p.m. This night is designed for parents to meet the teachers, see the classroom, learn about the preschool and kindergarten program and have their questions answered. If you have a child who will be in one of these classrooms next year or know someone who might be interested in our school, please plan to attend or share the information with others! Please note that this event is intended for parents only and we are not able to offer childcare. We hope to see many families there!
- D. Preschool/Kindergarten Registration - January and February are enrollment months for Redeemer's Early Childhood programs. Our program has been blessed with much growth over the last few years and as we eagerly await more space, we are working hard to adjust our programming to meet our current needs. As a result, our preschool program will be adding an afternoon 4 year old program to the existing 3 & 4 year old morning options. Early registration runs from January 13-February 2 for Redeemer members and current families. Flyers and registration forms were sent home with current families last week. Additional copies can be found by the office window. If you are considering enrolling your child, you are strongly encouraged to

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take advantage of the early enrollment window to ensure your child's placement. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Ehlke or Mrs. Schwefel.

E. **WLA 100th Anniversary Celebration Worship**

Service: Sunday, February 2, 2pm, WLA Gymnasium. All grade school families & students are invited to attend worship! Students are invited to sing a special song that we've been practicing here at school. Singers should arrive at 1:15pm to practice, then sit with families for worship. They will be invited to sing along with the high school choir during the service. Attendance is encouraged, but not required.

F. **New Bible Basics Session:** A new Bible Basics session is scheduled to start on Thursday, February 20th, at 6:30pm. This weekly study of the fundamental teachings of the Christian faith is ideal for anyone who wants to know their Bible better and grow in faith through the Word of God. It's also a good option for anyone interested in church membership at Redeemer or for school parents who would like to know what their student is learning each day in class. Classes meet on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm for fifteen lessons. If you're interested or would like more information, reach out to Pastor Rathje at (352) 445-8366 or crathje@redeemerfdl.org. You may also visit our website at <https://redeemerfdl.org/bible-basics/>.

G. If you haven't done so already, **report card envelopes** must be returned to the teachers this week. Thank you!

H. **Pastries with Parents** - We've moved this family event to January as a fun way to break up the winter months. All Redeemer parents and their families are invited to attend Pastries with Parents on either **Thursday, January 30 or Friday, January 31 at 7:30 a.m.** Arrive early with your child and enjoy a donut and juice before the school day begins. We do ask you to register if you plan to attend so we can be sure to have enough donuts! **A registration form was sent home last week and is due back this Friday, January 24.**

I. **Strengthening Parent-Child Connections:** This four lesson, self-guided, online course from Christian Family Solutions has been made available for free for 10 of our Redeemer families. A certified parenting coach shares ways parents can make a

deeper connection with their children, which is an important step toward reducing negative behaviors and the need to correct them. You can find more information, including a video summary of the course, here <https://tinyurl.com/d47wxhn7>. Contact Pastor Rathje if you are interested in participating.

J. **7th Grade "Y" Night-** is this Saturday, January 25, 2025 from 6:30pm-8:30pm. WLA is Hosting 7th grade "Y" Night at the Fond du Lac Family YMCA. For parents-Networking and informal information gathering on WLA, For students-swimming, racquetball, open gym for floor hockey, volleyball, basketball, or other games. For all-food & drinks (water and gatorade). YMCA, 90 W. Second St. FDL. Cost-Free. Go to WLA Vikings website Click on Events, click on 7th Grade "Y" Night, click on RSVP Here.

K. **"Building on Faith" School Event-** We're hosting a night for the entire student body and their families including any grandparents to get together, share a meal, have some fun, and learn more about our new school building project! So **SAVE THE DATE! – SCHOOL EVENT – Tuesday, February 25th at 5:00 PM.** Look for information posters next week!

L. **Band:** The following students from Redeemer have been chosen to perform with the Flyway Conference Middle School Honors Band on January 22: Estin Paulson, & Bryn Rathje. Congratulations to these students.

M. There will be **no classes** at Redeemer on February 13-14 due to the faculty attending the Northern Wisconsin District Teachers' Conference. There will be a **half day** Wednesday, February 12.

N. It's time for **Jr. Vikes Bowling!** Do you have a middle school student attending a WLA Association school? Does that student currently bowl or would love to learn the sport of bowling? The next season of Jr. Vikes bowling will be starting soon. Practices will begin in the middle part of February. Matches are scheduled for March 15th and 22nd and April 5th. No experience or equipment is necessary. Our coaches are well prepared to teach new bowlers and help current bowlers improve their skills. The ultimate goal of this program is to prepare young bowlers to join the high school team when they get to WLA. Registration will be held on January 26th, 4pm at Parkway Lanes in Fond du Lac. Email Head Coach Corey Hintz at wlabowling@gmail.com with any questions.

CLASSROOM NEWS

Preschool: We're back for a short week of school and look forward to seeing each other again! :) We'll wrap up our assessments this week - look for your child's semester progress report to come home at the beginning of next week. I'll send out a SignUp Genius link today so you can choose a time slot for our parent teacher conferences the first week of February. I look forward to meeting with all of you!

For this short week, we'll hear the story of Jesus choosing His first disciples. You'll find that story on pages 308-313 of your child's Bible. Friday families, please note that because of the short week, we will NOT attend chapel this week and rather spend our Bible time together in our classroom hearing our Bible story together.

Jan Brett January continues and this week we'll be reading the story "The Snowy Nap" and talking about animals who hibernate through the winter months. We'll all get to think about whether or not we would like to hibernate through the winter months! As a culmination to our Jan Brett January theme, we'll be having special "Bear Days" next Thursday and Friday, January 30 &



31. Preschoolers should bring a favorite teddy bear to school (if you don't have one, I'll have extras) and we'll let our bears join us for some extra special activities on those days. If your child attends school on both Thursday AND Friday, their teddy bear is invited to stay

for a sleepover in preschool!! The teddy bears will stay with me for the night and we'll see what kind of adventures they have in preschool!

Our 4 year old friends start Bible Hour this week and we wish them the best as they get a taste of the kindergarten classroom and learn important Bible truths. We know you'll love it!

Bible Hour: It is the first week of Bible Hour! This year, our Bible Hour students are Dallas, Elise, Grayson, Holland, Julianna, Laiken, and Ruby. We will be introducing the Fruit of the Spirit, and studying Love and Joy this week. The Bible Hour students will visit the Kindergarten room on the morning of Tuesday, February 25 from 10:00-11:15am.

Kindergarten: Due to the cold day, we will now celebrate our 100th day of school on Monday, February 3. Your child should be



working on counting out 100 items, and they can be sent to school anytime.

January Reading Records are due on January 31. We were missing a few in December, so please work faithfully to complete them as the deadline approaches. A book order flyer is coming home today. Book orders are due on Friday, if you care to participate. Our class code is K3748.

We will work with the letter **Hh** this week and our new popcorn words are **that, are, and do**.

Thursday snack – Caleb

Friday snack – Easton

Grades 1-2: Due to our shortened week, we will begin our reading unit today and finish it on Monday. This week's reading and spelling units are grade 1 Unit 3:3 "Jan's New Home" (working on plural -es words), and grade 2 Unit 4:1 "The Quilt Story" (working on consonant + -le words). Our decodable readers will come home to practice tonight and the story over the weekend. We will do our spelling list test on Monday instead of Friday.

Remember to practice memory work that is listed on our calendar. Not everyone has been prepared this month. Due to our shortened week, we will use the hymn for Friday throughout the week in the classroom, but we will NOT recite it as memory work.

Book order flyers are coming home this week and online orders are due next week Monday. There are many more book choices to browse online. If you would like to order, please use the link and our class code. <https://orders.scholastic.com/N2CHP>

Our January reading log is due next week Friday, Jan. 31.

We will have a classroom Valentine's Day party on Wednesday, Feb. 12. Watch for details to come and a student list for valentine exchange!



Please note other important upcoming dates (see the general information above):

Feb 2 WLA 100th Anniversary Service 2:00 (students sing but sit with families)

Feb 25 "Building on Faith" School Event (all school families are invited) 5:00

Grades 3-4: Here is the link to order WALL Basketball T-shirts: [2025 WALL Tourney Shirt Link](#) please put my email into the account- dlecker@redeemerfdl.org

Due to illness in our classroom, we will be starting MAP testing this week. Please make sure to get plenty of

sleep and a good hearty breakfast leading up to our testing sessions.

Please check your child's folder daily, get ready for memory work (Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Friday), keep an eye on the messenger, keep up with your reading log and instrument practice! Thanks everyone! Please remember to send all needed outdoor clothing with your child for recesses - hat, mittens, and warm coat. Boots and snow pants must come if there is snow on the ground or snow forecast for the day. Thanks for your help!

3rd graders have started multiplication! They are super excited! They can start working on memorizing those multiplication facts! Please check in with your 4th grader to see how they are doing with memorizing their multiplication facts. They need to become very, very quick with them! It takes some extra work at home, but this will be a very good lifelong skill and really important when we get to long division!

Music lessons for the precorder and recorder with Mrs. T is on Thursday. Be sure to keep your instrument and book in your backpack so that you always have it when you need it! Not everyone has been practicing which makes class difficult. It is part of our curriculum and students need to practice and be prepared for class.



Our 3-4 grade class will sing in the 8:00 am church service on this Sunday, January 26th. I'm expecting all to be there! Thanks everyone!

Grades 5-6: Burr! It has been a couple of cold days! I hope you enjoyed the last two days off and stayed nice and warm inside watching the 60th Inauguration and/or the National Championship football game! Please continue to bring warm winter clothes each day to school: hats and gloves are a MUST, (snow pants and boots if there is snow).

We will be MAP Testing this week starting today through Thursday. Please be sure to get plenty of sleep and a good hearty breakfast!



Since this week was cut short due to the cold snap we will be adjusting our lessons quite a bit. Please be sure to ask your child about these changes.

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Grades 7-8: We begin MAP testing today and tomorrow. Good sleep is key, not to mention beneficial for the upcoming basketball games, as well.

Congrats to Bryn and Estin on being chosen to perform with the Flyway Conference Middle School Honors Band! They practiced all day and will perform tonight's concert at 5pm.

Return your "Pastries with Parents" slip by Friday. Also, we have few who need to return their **Report Card** envelopes. Please do so ASAP.



The YMCA event for 7th Grade Families (hosted by WLA) is this Saturday. See General Section for details.

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ATHLETICS

Practice Schedule and games:

- Jan. 22** Girls 'C/B' practice 3:30-5:00
Boys 'A' practice 5:00-6:30
- Jan. 23** vs St. Lukes, Oakfield
(GB, BB,GA,BA) 4:00 pm
- Jan. 25** @ St. Pauls, Mt. Calvary
(GC, BC) 9:00 am
- 8:30 am St. Paul's Girls vs Redeemer Girls
- 9:15 am St. Paul's Boys vs Redeemer Boys
- 10:00 am Redeemer Girls vs St. Peter's Girls
- 10:45 am Redeemer Boys vs St. Peter's Boys
- Jan.27** Girls 'C/B' practice 3:30-5:00
Boys 'A' practice 5:00-6:30
- Jan. 28** Boys 'B' practice 3:30-5:00
Girls 'A' practice 5:00-6:30
- Jan. 29** Girls 'C/B' practice 3:30-5:00
Boys 'A' practice 5:00-6:30
- Jan. 30** Boys 'B' practice 3:30-5:00
Girls 'A' practice 5:00-6:30
- Jan. 31** vs St. Matthew, Iron Ridge
(GB, BB,BA) 4:30 pm