

December Alta Guild

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YTD Cash Receipts (8/1—12/1/16) \$452,338
YTD Cash Disbursements (8/1—12/1/16) \$496,495

If you honor Me with your first fruits, you will overflow with abundance.
Proverbs 3:9-10

Worship Attendance

11/27	8:15	72
	10:45	127
11/30	5:00	17



HAPPENINGS
Sunday Worship Services
8:15 AM and 10:45 AM

Christmas Decorating—Thank you to all those that took part in decorating the church and grounds last week. Be sure to stop down to see the beautiful nativity scene just outside the church office.

The Story, Bible Study—Pastor Steve will teach a new course during the Adult Education Hour at 9:30 a.m., called *The Story*. *The Story* is a fresh, effective way to study and understand the great themes of the Bible. Using selections from the Scriptures (*The Story: Scripture Book*) condensed into 31 chronological chapters, this course takes us from Genesis through Revelation. Each class begins with a 10-minute teaching video, followed by discussion from *The Story Participant's Guide*, which is filled with time lines, discussion questions, list of Bible characters, charts of biblical events, and more. Cost of the course materials: \$10. What a great way to study the Word together! Thank you, Pastor Steve

Saturday Morning—"Act Like Men" Men's Bible Study—at Lund's Kitchen restaurant (across from the Muni) in Wayzata from 7:00 to 8:00 am. Society and the church so desperately need men who embrace all that God created them to be, who long to follow God without limits and meet the needs of those around them without hesitation. To get there, we need what Pastor/Author James MacDonald calls "radical surgery"—a deep, probing exploration and reparation of all that it means to be a man. MacDonald calls men to be watchful, firm in their faith, strong, and loving. It's a call for men to mix tender and tough, to be humble, to follow Jesus. Bring your Bible and bring a friend. Questions contact Gordy Engel- 612-709- 4879; email gordye@thefoursome.com

Wednesday Night Parenting Support Group – "...best parenting book I've ever read," writes the leader of one Christian denomination. He's talking about *How To Grow A Connected Family*, the book being studied on Wednesday Faith & Family Night at Redeemer. Pastor Steve is leading this 10-session small group experience from 6:15 – 7:15 p.m. You are welcome to join the dozen participants who meet in the Gathering Room off the auditorium.

Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study—"Life and Ministry of the Messiah". Discover Jesus. Journey back to the times of Jesus. Marvel at the magnificence of Herod's palace. Scramble among the ruins of Qumran. And wonder at the simplicity and wisdom of Jesus' parables. In this third volume of *That the World May Know*, discover how the events of Jesus' day impacted his life, ministry, and communication. Then let them impact yours. Study is lead by Arnie Hilgenkamp and held in the conference room next to the nursery.

The **LifeLight Bible Study** will not be meeting during the month of December, but will be offering a new 9 week study of the first half of the New Testament book of **Romans** on Thursdays, **beginning January 12** from 9:30--11:30am in the Conference room. A Study guide (\$10) is available in the office. Come study God's Word with us. Bring a friend. Everyone is welcome. Questions? Ask Eva McAtee (763-476-1827) or Judy-mae Bowers (763-476-0913.)

Visit the **Martin Luther Art** exhibit at the Minneapolis Institute of Art on January 6th. We have reserved 30 tickets for a tour on Friday, January 6, at 6 p.m. Cost of tickets is \$30 and includes transportation and box lunch. We will depart from Redeemer at 5PM and enjoy our meal and each others company as we are driven to the Institutes' entrance. You can sign-up and pay for your tickets in the church offices with Dan Oie or Stacy Klone. Checks are to be made out to Redeemer.

Angel Tree Kickoff—Erin Kelly is chairing the event again this year, and planning is underway to bring Christmas gifts and Bibles to 19 families near Redeemer Lutheran Church and School. The Christmas tree is located in the church lobby with just a few remaining Angels requests for gifts and Bibles. We are also looking for volunteers willing deliver the packages and or, donated money to help ship them to the children too. If this is of interest to you, please take one of the shipping Angels from the tree and write your check out to Redeemer.

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Welcome to Redeemer for Worship! We ask that you fill out the appropriate cards found in the pew rack in front of you and pass to the ushers following the offering.

Mark your calendars—

Craft Day—December 10

Christmas Eve Service—Dec 24th, 3:30PM & 5PM

Martin Luther Art Tour—Jan 6th, 6PM

Lutheran Night at the TWINS—Aug 8th

Compassion Circle Cookie Pack—December 12

Christmas Day Service— Dec 25th 10AM

Remove Christmas decorations—January 7 9AM

Redeemer Lutheran Preschool is looking for a long-term substitute extended school care teacher. If interested, and to gather more detail of days and hours, please reply with resume and references to Marit Esterberg at:612-270-2005 or email mesterberg@redeemerwayzata.org

Sacrificial Giving to date— **\$151,050** received as of November 21, 2016. We are within **\$13,875** of our pledged of **\$164,925**.

Coffee Hour and Fellowship—join us between services for coffee and pastries and some fellowship. Our hosts this Sunday will be Gloria and Don Okrina and Karen Dorschner.

LWML Mites Boxes—offering of loose change may be dropped in the large Mite boxed located at the church entrance and at the LWML table in the lower lever hallway, or take home a small mite box to collect your loose change and bring that back once full. Many small offering combined, provide funds for mission grants around the world near and far. See the Mites display for more information or chat with Anna Gerber, Eva McAttee, Sally Koenig, or Adrienne Zhang.

EXTRA COOKIES NEEDED – Redeemer's Compassion Circle invites cookie bakers to contribute as many "Christmas cookies" as you are willing to share with others for our annual Christmas Cookie Pack. They will be distributed to Home Free (a local shelter for battered women and children), Meals-on-Wheels, Interfaith Outreach and Vicksburg Commons families, and Redeemer's shut-ins. Please label cookie containers "for C.C." and deliver them to the Redeemer kitchen by Monday noon, December 12th. Adults are welcome to help sort and pack the cookies in the auditorium between 1-3 PM on December 12th. Please phone Judy-mae Bowers (763-476-0913) or Vi Schulte (763-473-5697) with questions, or to arrange for pickup if you are unable to deliver your cookies by noon on December 12th. Thank you very much. "We love God by loving others."

Diaper Drive! Redeemer Lutheran is again partnering with New Life Family Services, a Twin Cities area pregnancy resource center, to provide much-needed diapers and wipes to their clients with new babies. Here's how it works: During the month of December, Redeemer members and friends will donate diapers (sizes 4,5, & 6) and wipes. **Bring them to the church now!** We'll store them here until Wednesday, January 4th. On that night, a Faith & Family night, WINGS kids, student ministry participants, and adults will work together to: **a)** bundle the diapers, **b)** mark verses in Bibles provided by New Life, so that clients who receive diapers will also receive the Good News of Jesus, **c)** kids will write encouraging notes on 4 x 6 cards that will be put into the package of diapers, wipes, and Bibles. A staff member from New Life will speak at the event, and show a video of the organization's services. Dinner will be served at 5:30, followed by music and the service project. Come on Wednesday, January 4th, for this special Faith & Family service project! Get started today by buying and donating diapers and wipes. For more information, contact Amy Crum or Pastor Steve.

Craft Day—Back by popular demand! The auditorium and kitchen has been reserved from 10Am to 10PM on December 10th. Come and spread out to finish up your Christmas projects and bring a snack to share. To reserve your table or for more information contact Judi Micoley 952-476-0214.

Prayers

As a family and body of Christ we are to bear each others burdens. Call the Church office to inform us of your pastoral, human care or prayer needs. Throughout the week please include the following in your prayers :

Staff Member: Linda Edmison, Preschool Plus Teacher

Officer: Steve Jantzen, Elder

Ministry: Sunday School Leaders

Prayer Requests for healing and strength for:

Mark Waldrep	Dorothy Robinson
Paula Lindberg	Megan Gustine
Jean Erickson	Carmen Melendez
Jan Waldrep	Minnie Ann Klone
Anna Gerber	Lukas Anderson

Wishing the following a Blessed Birthday

December

1 Julie Kerber	1 Bethany Krause
3 Janet Malvitz	3 Andrew Solstad
4 Timothy Oare	6 Naomi Bendix
6 Scott Carter	7 Rosalie Patnode
7 Jean Sahlstrom	7 Sandra Tutka
8 Glen Grave	8 K-Lynn McKeivitt
8 Elizabeth Williamsen	9 Kris Anderson
10 Marlain Elling	10 Stacy Syversen
10 Darla Haney	12 John Jakupciak
12 Scott Hackbarth	13 Ashley Selle
13 Kate Moilanen	14 Brighton Magnuson
14 Lindsay Kuphal	15 Christian McAtee
15 Christian McAtee	16 Eric Jensen
16 Robert Helsing	18 Lorraine Solstad
16 Julie Ruchti	20 Braxton Koppin
19 Carol Strum	21 John Skoglund
21 Vera Johnson	21 Anna Syversen
23 Kai Kroll	23 Abigail Vetse
24 James Meyer	24 Jennifer Phalen
24 Cory Rosendale	25 Carilyn Heinecke
25 Christopher McSparron	25 Dale Lemmerman
25 Blake Russell	26 Vetta Kreger
27 Steve LaFreniere	27 William Mueller
28 Duane Senneseth	29 Richard Willis
30 Peggy Mueller	30 Danielle Walmsley
31 Jalyn Macy	January
3 Carol Connelly	4 Betty Elling
6 Cynthia Pannier	7 David Gesch
9 Alex Rita	12 Mavis Huepenbecker
14 Rie Schibilla	14 Mary Sund

This Week at Redeemer

Sunday, December 4

First Sunday of Advent

8:15 Worship Service—HC

9:15 Coffee Hour

9:30 Bible Study—all ages

10:45 Worship Service—HC

2PM Lessons & Carols Rehearsal

5—Advent by Candlelight

Monday, December 5

8:30 AM, AA—Conference room

9AM, Monday morning crew

12PM Compassion Circle—Gathering room

7PM, AA—Gathering room

Tuesday December 6

12PM RL Staff meeting

4PM CyberSaints post due for Wednesday post

7PM MMLG—Gathering room

Wednesday December 7

8:45 Chapel—Joe Lomando

10AM Women's Bible Study Gathering room

5:00 Advent Worship Service

5:30 Faith & Family Dinner

6PM Youth Group

6:15 WINGS

6:15 Adult Bible Study

6:30 Hillcrest-Handbells & Choir Community Service

Project

Thursday, December 8

No Lifelight, resumes 1/5

5:30PM JoySound practice

7PM Lessons and Carols Rehearsal

Newsletter Article Due

Friday, December 9

Wear your Redeemer wear

Saturday, December 10

7AM Men's Bible Study, Lunds Kitchen

10AM Outreach Visits

10AM Crafter Day Auditorium/Kitchen

12PM Creo Dance Rehearsal-Sanctuary

Staff Directory

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Press #5, to leave prayer request

Web: Redeemerwayzata.org

Facebook: Wayzata-Redeemer-Lutheran

Church and School Office Hours

Monday—Friday 8:00 to 4:30

Holidays—Closed

Sunday December 4, 2016

Elders:

8:15 Tom Heinecke

10:45 Cory Schultz

Ushers:

8:15 Ray Bowers

10:45 Paul Kieffer

Acolyte

8:15 Rachel Brinkman

10:45 Libby Jacobs

Readers:

8:15 Mary Sund

10:45 Deborah Schulz

Greeters:

8:15 Needed

10:45 Jack Wahlfors

Wednesday December, 7

5:00 PM Advent Service dinner to follow

Elder:

5:00 Needed

Wednesday December 11, 2016

Elders:

8:15 Jeff Klone

10:45 Gordy Engel

Ushers:

8:15 Lee Fretheim

10:45 Tim Anderson

Acolyte

8:15 Sydney Roepke

10:45 Grant Lindberg

Readers:

8:15 Gaylen Thostenson

10:45 Needed

Greeters:

8:15 Jan & Arnie Hilgenkamp

10:45 Jack Wahlfors

Wednesday December, 14

5:00 PM Advent Service dinner to follow

Elder:

5:00 Lynn Grave

Time to build the **December** schedule. Please reach out to Tom Heinecke to Elder or Usher, Linda Krantz to be a Reader, and Herb McAtee to be a Greeter, if able to serve. Thank you.