

## 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

Wed	12/7	5:00	17
Sunday	12/4	8:15	159
		10:45	72



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

**Christmas Decoration Removal**—the volunteer sign-up sheet is located in the church lobby. We're seeking 25 to 30 church and school family's to help take down and pack up our Christmas decorations. The work involves climbing ladders and lifting. Those that have done this for many years are looking to retire from climbing the ladders. They look forward to passing the baton and training others so Redeemer looks beautiful each Christmas season.

**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 event 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 and to follow Jesus. Bring your Bible and **bring** a friend. Questions contact Gordy Engel- 612-709- 4879; email [gordye@thefoursome.com](mailto:gordye@thefoursome.com)

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study Starts New Book on January 4th.** Life is full of trials! Women face disappointments, despair and doubts. In *Trials - Don't Resent Them as Intruders*, we are going to look at four pertinent questions about trials: Why does God allow trials? How can I handle my trials? What can I learn from trials? How can I have joy in the midst of trials? As we search God's Word for answers to these questions we will find the help we need to live lives that are pleasing to God - even in the midst of difficult circumstances. We invite you to join your fellow sisters-in-Christ on Wednesday mornings in the Gathering Room at 10:00am for Bible study, prayer, and the singing of old, favorite hymns. For more information, please contact Linda Krantz at 763-476-0587 or Mary Sund at 763-233-2417. We hope you will join us!

**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 Judymae Bowers (763-476-0913.)

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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—

**Compassion Circle Cookie Pack**—December 12

**Christmas Day Service**—Dec 25th 10AM

**Remove Christmas decorations**—January 7 9AM

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

**Martin Luther Art Tour**—Jan 6th, 6PM

**Lutheran Night at the TWINS**—Aug 8th

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 office with Dan Oie or Stacy Klone. Checks are to be made out to Redeemer.

**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](mailto:mesterberg@redeemerwayzata.org)

**Sacrificial Giving to date**— \$152,050 received as of December 8, 2016. We are within **\$12,875** of our pledged of **\$164,925**.

**Coffee Hour and Fellowship**—join us between services for coffee, pastries and some fellowship. Our host this Sunday will be student Ben Lindberg with help from him mom Paula.

**LWML Mites Boxes**—offering of loose change may be dropped in the large Mite box 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 it back, many small offering provide funds for mission grants around the world near and far. See the Mites display for more information or chat with Anna Gerber, Eva McAtee, Sally Koenig, or Adrienne Zhang.

**Last call for cookies**— 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, 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 12<sup>th</sup>. Adults are welcome to help sort and pack the cookies in the auditorium between 1-3 PM on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Please phone Judymae 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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 4<sup>th</sup>. On 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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:** Deb Isenberg, Kindergarten Aide

**Officer:** Steve Swanlund, Elder

**Ministry:** Advent by Candlelight

### **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

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 Connolly	4 Betty Elling
6 Cynthia Pannier	7 David Gesch
9 Alex Rita	12 Mavis Huepenbecker
14 Rie Schibilla	14 Mary Sund
15 John Brandstad	18 Arnie Hilgenkamp

## This Week at Redeemer

### **Sunday, December 11**

#### **3rd Sunday of Advent**

8:15 Worship Service

9:15 Coffee Hour

9:30 Bible Study—all ages

10:45 Worship Service

### **Monday, December 12**

8:30 AM, AA—Conference room

9AM, Monday morning crew

1PM Compassion Circle—Cookie pack

7PM AA meeting—GR

### **Tuesday December 13**

12PM RL Staff meeting

4PM CyberSaints post due for Wednesday post

### **Wednesday December 14**

9AM PK Christmas Program

10AM Women's Bible Study Gathering room

5:00 Advent Worship Service

5:30 Faith & Family Dinner

6PM Youth Group

6:15 WINGS

### **Thursday, December 15**

No Lifelight, resumes 1/5

5:30PM JoySound practice

7PM Lessons and Carols Rehearsal

### **Friday, December 16**

Spirit Day

Wear your Redeemer wear

7:30 Breakfast buddies—Auditorium

### **Saturday, December 17**

7AM Men's Bible Study, Lunds Kitchen

4:30PM Caroling at Folkestone

## Staff Directory

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### **Office Administrator/ Volunteer Coordinator**

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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

## 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 Libby Jacobs

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

## Wednesday December 18, 2016

### **Elders:**

8:15 John Branstad

10:45 Steve Jantzen

### **Ushers:**

8:15 Nick Dahlheimer

10:45 Don Okrina

### **Acolyte**

8:15 Luke Meadows

10:45 Matthew Melton

### **Readers:**

8:15 Tom Sullivan

10:45 Tom Sullivan

### **Greeters:**

8:15 Needed

10:45 Jack Wahlfors

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.