

December Alta Guild

Carol Connelly
Sue Past
Judi Micoley

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

Sunday	12/11	8:15	72
		10:45	159
Wed	12/14	5:00	13



LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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

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—

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

Martin Luther Art Tour—Jan 6th, 6PM

Lutheran Night at the TWINS—Aug 8th

Christmas Day Service— Dec 25th 10AM

Remove Christmas decorations—January 7 9AM

We want to express **our deep gratitude** for the prayers and encouragement we have received from the Redeemer family since the birth of our grandson, Lukas Harvey Anderson, son of David and Heather Anderson who was born 4 months prematurely on October 4. He continues to struggle in the NICU at Masonic Children's Hospital. We invite you to follow on his journey at www.caringbridge.org/visit/lukasharveyanderson. Tim and Kristal Anderson

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 Institute's 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.

Compassion Circle Cookie Pack—to all those that baked and brought in all those yummy cookies, your containers are ready to be picked up outside the gathering room.

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—coffee and pastries will be available between services this Sunday in the Auditorium, self-serve as most of those that host are participating in the Lessons and Carols Choir and Orchestra.

New to Scrip—\$25 Spafinder Wellness 365 gift cards and \$25 Nordstrom. Spafinder contribution back to Redeemers is 12% and Nordstrom's contribution back is 6%.

Attention crafters! The next craft marathon is scheduled for Saturday, **Feb 4th!** So mark your calendar now if you would like to join the next crafters marathon. We have reserved the auditorium and kitchen from 10am to 10pm, all are free to come and go as their schedule allows. Your fellow crafters are welcome to join. Contact Judi Micoley for more info and to sign up at 952-476-0214.

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 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.

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: Addie Isenberg, ESC Aide
Officer: Lynn Grave, Elder
Ministry: Altar Guild

Prayer Requests for healing and strength for:

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

Wishing the following a Blessed Birthday

December

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 Jesus
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

1 Amanda Peterson	2 Staci Edworthy
2 Dorothy Ryshavy	3 Carol Connelly
4 Betty Elling	4 Dylan Kent
4 David Sahlstrom	5 Carol Shields
6 Ken Olson	6 Cynthia Pannier
7 David Gesch	8 Amy Meyer
9 Mary Moilanen	9 Alex Rita
11 Derek Olson	12 Mavis Huepenbecker
12 Pam Whightsil	13 Debra Olson
14 Rie Schibilla	14 Mary Sund
15 John Brandstad	15 Allison Olson
17 Fran Peterson	18 Arnie Hilgenkamp

This Week at Redeemer

Sunday, December 18 **4th Sunday of Advent**

8:15 Lessons & Carols
9:15 Coffee Hour
9:30 Bible Study—all ages
10:45 Lessons & Carols

Monday, December 19

8:30 AM, AA—Conference room
9AM, Monday morning crew
7PM AA meeting—GR

Tuesday December 20

12PM RL Staff meeting
6:30 K-8 Gr. Christmas program
4PM CyberSaints post due for Wednesday post

Wednesday December 21

6:60PM PK Christmas Program
10AM Women's Bible Study Gathering room
No Faith & Family—resumes January 4th 2017

Thursday, December 22

No School—Christmas Break

Friday, December 23

No School— Christmas Break

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve

7AM Men's Bible Study, Lunds Kitchen
3:30 PM Candlelight Service
5:00 PM Candlelight Service

Staff Directory

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Church & School Phone 952-473-1281

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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 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 Eva & Herb McAtee
10:45 Jack Wahlfors

Saturday December 24, 2016

Elders:

3:30 Lynn Grave
5:00 Tom Heinecke

Ushers:

3:30 Needed
5:00 Needed

Readers:

3:30 Jeff Klone
5:00 Tom Heinecke

Greeters:

3:30 Stacy & Jeff Klone
5:00 Eva & Herb McAtee

Sunday December 25, 2016

Elders:

10:00 Needed

Ushers:

3:30 Needed

Acolyte

10:00 Kiefer Miskiw

Readers:

3:30 Arnie Hilgenkamp

Greeters:

3:30 Stacy & Jeff Klone

Time to build the **January** 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.