



# Redeemer

## Evangelical Lutheran Church

### Weekly Giving

| Date  | Giving  |
|-------|---------|
| 12/06 | \$4,637 |
| 12/13 | \$3,578 |
| 12/20 |         |
| 12/27 |         |

**Giving needed each week:**  
**\$4,000**  
**December**  
**Benevolent Focus**  
**Christmas**

### STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET December 20, 2020

(Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year B)

*"For nothing will be impossible with God."*—

**Luke 1:37**

This Sunday we celebrate Mary's faithfulness and willingness to do God's will. This brave young woman hears the angel's words and believes. As a faithful steward, what possibilities do you see for our community and congregation?

### Scripture Readings for

**December 20, 2020**

- 2 Sam 7:1-11, 16
- Ps 89:1-4, 19-26
- Rom 16:25-27
- Luke 1:26-38

### LWR UPDATES

Dear Redeemer Lutheran Church,

On behalf of Lutheran World Relief, I want to reach out one last time to update your congregation about the quilts and/or kits that you had in the Beirut port when the blast shook the city on August 4. As you recall, we originally thought all was lost and only later discovered that the LWR supplies were protected.

Thanks to the love of your congregation and other Lutherans across the U.S., over 11,500 people in Lebanon have received these quilts and kits! All 21,433 quilts and kits were distributed to families (many households receiving multiple items).

A video has been created to share with your congregation, accessible either on YouTube or via download.

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/JlrXrgGbB5U>



Additionally, thanks to the love of Lutherans and our staff on the ground, we've been able to meet more needs in Beirut:

- We have finished 290 household repairs and another 810 are in progress to be completed by Christmas. We're exceeding our target of 742 households ... and yet there are so many more to whom we could respond.
- We are in discussions with partners on a mental health/psychosocial training for those who are still struggling with the impact of the blast, coupled with the COVID-19 lockdown (much like the US, Lebanon experienced spikes in November and the government has severely limited movement as a result).

Once again, thank you for bringing the light of Christ to our neighbors this Advent. If you ever have any questions about your partnership with Lutheran World Relief, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

In gratitude,

**Emma Wagner (she/her/hers)**

Associate, Congregational Engagement

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

### AGNUS DAY



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LUKE 1:26-38

© WETZSTEIN 20-12-16

12/20 - Greg McNelis  
12/21 - Christopher Balliet  
12/21 - Joanne Lucas  
12/24 - Barb Lindenmuth  
12/24 - Kathleen Sell  
12/27 - Aubrey Miller  
12/28 - Jim Haines

Tim & Nicole Richards  
Dec. 30

**Christ In Our Home  
Devotional**

We have not received the new quarter of the devotional. Augsburg Fortress has been contacted and we will update you as soon as they are in. Their website states: Unprecedented e-commerce orders, COVID-19 closures, delivery of the COVID-19 vaccine, and weather events are causing significant delivery delays.

If you need to contact a pastor - please call **Pastor Grace** on her cell at **(610) 533-3527** or email her at **gracecameronolson@gmail.com**. or **Redeemer5@rcn.com**.

**Church Office Hours**  
Mon. - Friday  
10:00-1:00  
Bookkeepers Office  
M-Th Please call!



**BUILDING UPDATE**

Floor contractor Fillman and Sons have begun the transition from carpet to vinyl plank in the Narthex. Vinyl plank is a vinyl material that has wood like appearance, is sturdy and is easily swept and mopped. This will greatly improve the appearance of the Narthex. The installation should be completed by next week.



**SCRIP UPDATE**



The final order before the Christmas has been good. The order for Dec. 16 gave the SCRIP fund a rebate of \$17.89. The rebate total for the fund in 2020 is \$1,478.09. Orders will be taken between Christmas and New Year's Day; however, by the time you read this newsletter the deadline will have past for Christmas orders.

**MISSION MINISTRY UPDATE**

Thank you so much for your help! Redeemer have responded generously to our **Mission Ministry collection for the YM-YWCA, Warming Center** for the homeless this winter season. Items continue to be needed will be:



- full size deodorants
- shelf-stable meals (Styrofoam containers that can be microwaved)
- hot-cold cups with lids
- creamer in packets
- sugar in packets
- tea in bags
- coffee (in cans or bags)
- hot chocolate in packets



As per the system set up for the recent Daybreak collection, **we will be collecting the items for the Warming Center at the back door of Redeemer's church office - at the top of the steps.** The special container will be set out on the landing **on Monday and Thursday mornings from 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Collections will end on December 21** because of the holidays. **They will resume in the new year on Monday, January 4th.** Since we will have volunteers answering the telephone each day until the end of this year, there will be someone in the office taking out the container and bringing the items back into the church.

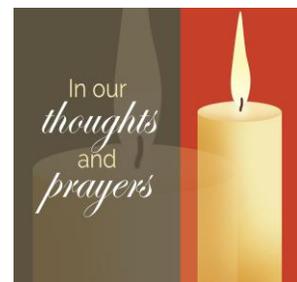
*Joys and Concerns of the Congregation*

Thank you to everyone for your prayers for my back surgery. It went well and I am feeling so much better. **Pastor Grace.**

**Members who are hospitalized and others in need of our prayers**

**Members who are ill, recuperating, shut-in, or in the military**

Gloria Beil, Jane Bellesfield, Tony Boyle, Irene Buehler, Joan Colfer, Carolyn Crilley, Lois Eisenhard, Nila Grammes, Gale James, Nancy Long, Lois Nowack, Glenda McNelis, Sister Verna Meckes, Lois Nowack, John Saylor, Earl Schlegel, Marilyn Snyder, Rita Sparrow, Pastor Jack and Dottie Tomlinson, William Zotter, Ryan Jaxheimer, Nathan Rode, Harrison Jetter



**Please keep these members and their families in your prayers**

Greg Boyer, Derry family, Margaret Heil, Joan Lorenz, Eric Sell, Christopher, Leah, Darren, Julian, Beth Reccek and family, Jack Ohl, Nancy and Pastor Don Schwartz, Dave and Lois Nowack, Jade, Pastor Grace, Beth Landau and family. Polly Gardner