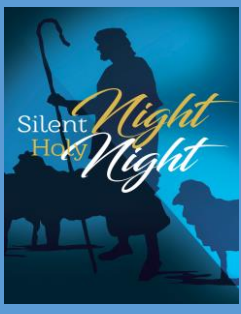


December 24, 2020



# Redeemer

## Evangelical Lutheran Church

### Weekly Giving

Date	Giving
12/06	\$4,637
12/13	\$3,578
12/20	\$5,186
12/28	

Giving needed each week:  
\$4,000

**December**  
**Benevolent Focus**  
*Christmas*

### STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

December 24, 2020

(Nativity of the Lord,  
Proper 1, Year B)

*"But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart."* – **Luke 2:19**

It's easy to get caught up in our treasured aspects of Christmas and still miss out on the wonder and awe of the story that changed the world. This year listen to the story with fresh ears and see new possibilities. Steward these mysteries as Mary did, by treasuring them and pondering what they mean for you.

### Scripture Readings

for

**December 24, 2020**

Isa 9:2-7

Ps 96

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14(15-20)

## MISSION MINISTRY UPDATE

**Let's keep it going and help those less fortunate!** Redeemer has responded generously to our **Mission Ministry collection for the YM-YWCA Warming Center** for the homeless during this winter season. Items continue to be needed.

As per the system set up for the recent Daybreak collection, **we will be collecting 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 and **will resume in the new year on Monday, January 4th.**



- 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



## MINISTRY REMINDER

Please remember to have all **Annual Ministry Committee reports** to the church secretary by **January 4, 2021.** Thank you!

## END OF THE YEAR REMINDER

**Contributions for 2020** must be received by the church **no later than noon on December 28<sup>th</sup>.** Contributions that are received after the 28<sup>th</sup> will be credited to 2021. Members of our congregation have been generous and responsive with their contributions for 2020. The church has been closed for worship for several months and we will continue with virtual worship due to potential exposure to the virus. The **Finance Committee thanks you** for your continued financial support to continue the ministry and outreach at Redeemer. Most importantly, **stay safe and well,** and we will be able to safely return to worship at some point in 2021.

## AGNUS DAY

I LOVE THAT THE ANGELS APPEARED TO SHEPHERDS.

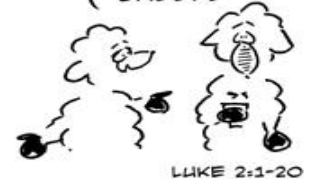


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BECAUSE SHEPHERDS WERE PEOPLE ON THE MARGINS OF SOCIETY?



NO! BECAUSE IT MEANS THAT THE ANGELS APPEARED TO SHEEP!



LUKE 2:1-20

© WETZSTEIN 15-12-22

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 4th quarter devotional. We received an email this week and they said that if we don't receive them by January 4<sup>th</sup>, they will do another shipment. The website states: "Unprecedented e-commerce orders, COVID-19 closures, delivery of the COVID-19 vaccine, and weather events are causing significant delivery delays."



The church office is closed **Dec. 24th through Jan. 4, 2020**. In case of pastoral emergency, call Pastor Grace. Non-emergency office messages will be taken daily. **A Blessed Christmas and a New Year of hope and faith to all!**

*Michelle Fister*

**Church Office Hours**

**Mon. 9:30-5:00**  
**Wed. Office Closed**  
**Tues. & Thurs. 9:30-2:00**  
**Friday 9:30-3:00**

**SCRIP UPDATE**

Thank you to everyone who has purchased SCRIP cards and participated this year to make this a productive project! This year, we profited **\$1,500** from your purchases.

*Craig Long*



**THANK YOU**

Thank you to all Ministry leaders and schedulers for faithfully getting the names of your Worship Service Assistants to the office by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. I am very hopeful that we will be back to doing those things again soon.

Thank you to all who contributed articles to the Redeemer News. Just a reminder - all articles are due by Wednesday!

Thank you to the Redeemer personnel and council, family, and friends for supporting me as I took on a **Long-term Substitute** position for a few weeks. I will be back in the office on January 5<sup>th</sup> and look forward to getting back to my church work and hearing from you all.

Sincerely,

**Michelle Fister**

Redeemer Church Administrative Secretary

*Notes from Church Members*

To my Redeemer Family,

May blessed gifts be yours this year on Christmas Day! Thank you for all the prayers that led to my healing. May God continue to bless your witness.

Love and God's Peace,

**Sister Verna**

Wishing you peace, love and joy this holiday season. Wishing you all good health and happiness.

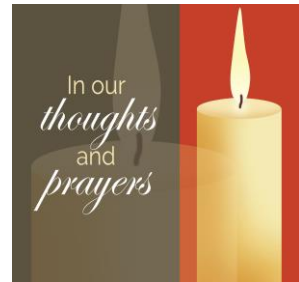
Love and peace,

**Carole Beck**

**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, 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, Christine Deutsch, Jennifer, Barbara Diebert, Kenny Angstadt, Scott and Stephanie Reichard, Raymond Reichard.