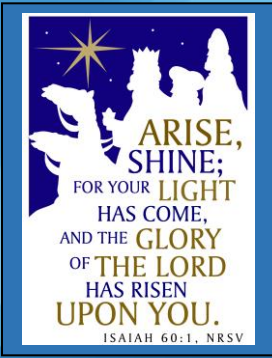


January 3, 2021

# Redeemer

## Evangelical Lutheran Church



### Weekly Giving

| Date  | Giving  |
|-------|---------|
| 12/06 | \$4,637 |
| 12/13 | \$3,578 |
| 12/20 | \$5,186 |
| 12/27 | \$5,565 |

Giving needed each week:  
\$4,000

January

**Benevolent Focus**

*NEPA Synod &  
Allentown Food  
Bank*

### STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

**December 27, 2020**

(First Sunday after  
Christmas Day, Year B)

*"I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels".*

Isaiah 61:10

**What's the appropriate response to Christmas?**

Joy and praise, of course! This week's lessons brim with both. This Christmas season, steward not only your resources but also your joy and praise for the One who changed everything.



### BENEVOLENT FOCUS - NEPA SYNOD

The NEPA Synod is the organizational branch of the larger ELCA, to which our congregation belongs. Your donation to the synod will go to such things as mission and local outreach ministry support, rostered leader preparation, youth scholarships, and disaster relief. Please consider making a donation to this important cause.



### UPDATE

**Many thanks** to everyone who contributed so generously to the Mission Ministry collection of items for the homeless at the **Warming Station in Allentown**. Your response in December has been overwhelming! After speaking, this week, with the coordinator at the YMCA, we learned that many others have responded to the need during the Christmas season and that their storage area is full right now. For this reason, **we will not be starting to collect items on January 4th**, but will resume when we hear that the need is great again. We will let you know, through this newsletter, as soon as we find out.

### MINISTRY REMINDER

**Just a reminder to all church committees!** Even though we are uncertain at this time when the annual meeting will be held, please remember to have all **Annual Ministry Committee reports** to the church secretary by **January 4, 2021**. Thank you!

### SCRIP UPDATE

**Thank you to everyone who participated in the SCRIP program in 2020!**

As I indicated previously, we earned almost \$1,500 in rebates. This money gets invested in a Thrivent account that is designated for property and repairs. **There are some changes regarding retailers.** Newly added are **Eddie Bauer** and **Five Below**. Five Below has 3 stores in The Allentown area. No longer offering cards: **Ruby Tuesday** and **North Face**.



*Craig*

### NARTHEX FLOORING

The new floor in the narthex is progressing well and, as of December 30th, the project is almost half completed. If you have any business in church, please check out the new flooring! The use of the vinyl plank is a big improvement in appearance and maintenance.

# AGNUS DAY

"HE CAME TO WHAT WAS HIS OWN, AND HIS OWN PEOPLE DID NOT ACCEPT HIM." THAT MAKES ME **SHUDDER!**



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"BUT TO ALL WHO RECEIVED HIM... HE GAVE POWER TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD." DOESN'T THAT FILL YOU WITH **JOY?**



DOESN'T THAT FILL YOU WITH **JOY?**

YES, AND NOW I'M **EXHAUSTED!**



JOHN 1:10-18

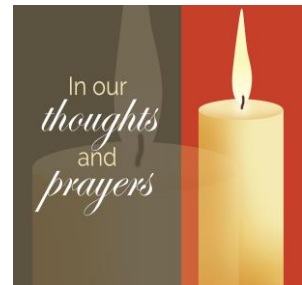


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## Members who are hospitalized and others in need of our prayers

### 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, Kenny Angstadt, Scott and Stephanie Reichard, Raymond Reichard

Olev & Martha Taremae  
1/2

Arlene Bentz - 1/2

Donna Bellis - 1/7

Jonah Quier - 1/7

Carolyn Crilley - 1/8

Dennis Helfrich - 1/11

Harry Schaeffer - 1/11

Maxton Flamisch - 1/13

Noah Rode - 1/16

Christine Bachman - 1/18

Susan Fahringer - 1/22

Betty Leh - 1/22

Mae Anderson - 1/25

Fred Bausch - 1/26

Kelly Knerr - 1/28

## Scripture Readings

for

**January, 2021**

Isa. 61:10-10-62:3

Ps. 148

Gal. 4:4-7

Luke 2:22-40

## "Christ In Our Home" Devotional

We still have **not received** the 4th quarter devotional. If we don't receive them by January 4<sup>th</sup>, they will do another shipment.

## Church Office Hours

Mon. 9:30-5:00

Wed. Office Closed

Tues. & Thurs. 9:30-2:00

Friday 9:30-3:00

## Bible Quiz

In the story of the Magi, what word is used to give a sense of Jesus' age when the wise men visited? What does it tell us?

- A. "baby"; Jesus was still a newborn in a manger
- B. "child"; when the wise men visited, Jesus had grown past infancy
- C. "youth"; Jesus was probably between 10 and 14
- D. No word is used to suggest Jesus' age at the time of the wise men's visit.



Answer: B (See Matthew 2:1-12.)