



The Christmas Tree in the Manor House is in memory of Roy Bradbury

DECEMBER 2024 -Monthly Newsletter
 Redeemer Lutheran Church
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Holiday EVENTS

December 7 –
 Gingerbread Terracotta Pots
 December 8 –
 Open House & Church Greening
 December 15 –
 Christmas Pageant
 December 21 –
 Senior Santa Party
 December 22 –
 Caroling & Visiting Shut-in members
 December 24 –
 Christmas Eve Services at 4:00pm & 7:00pm
 December 29 –
 One Worship at 9:30 am

Connecting People to Christ,
 Growing in His Love, Serving Him.
 "Come and See, Go and Tell, the Good News for All!"

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR HEATHER

Sleep in Heavenly Peace....

The classic nativity scene we imagine on Christmas Eve is of a baby wrapped in a blanket, lying in a manger, sound asleep. In this image, Mom and Dad protectively watch over their child, with shepherds, animals, and even some wise men gathered into the scene. While we sing "Silent Night," the image suggests more noise than silence!

If you've ever been around a baby who is not a sound sleeper, then you understand how fragile the idea of peace and quiet is. We might tiptoe around an infant to make no noise; we might swaddle the newborn close to our hearts; we might ask a loved one to hold him tight to keep him asleep. Stillness, quiet, consistency are all thought to be part of peace.

What we often forget is how tough babies can be. Are there any lungs stronger than a crying baby?! Babies get jostled around in bouncers, passed around from person to person, are tortured by older siblings and family pets, and still come out smiling and laughing, while learning to sleep through the chaos.

As a new mom, I remember how powerful it was to have another mom tell me how resilient babies are. In fact, it was a huge relief. No, I did not have to stay awake and watch over her while she slept, and I did not have to run into the room every time a noise was made. Even as a baby, my daughter had a strength inside of her that would grow as she got older.

The baby Jesus takes the idea of strength to the extreme. While we often focus on how fragile he is on Christmas Eve, the power of his life is already present. His birth is announced by angels, and he draws shepherds and wise men to his arrival. He is the Prince of Peace who brings the kingdom of heaven to earth. His coming is the good news for which the world has waited.

Like a newborn baby, some days our faith might also be perceived as fragile. There is so much noise, so much confusion, so much hate all around. But the Christmas story teaches us that this baby born in Bethlehem is God's strength wrapped in human flesh. He is love for all people; he is peace for a broken world. And we who follow him and proclaim him Savior find all of our strength in this tiny baby.

In Christ,
Pastor Heather



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PLEASE NOTE. The deadline for information to be included in the newsletter is **the 15th of every month.**

Please e-mail your information to: **RLCOffice2384@gmail.com**

Redeemer's Mission Statement As a welcoming and nurturing community of faith we: invite all to celebrate Christ's love, Empower one another to grow in Christ's love, share Christ's love as we minister to the world.

Have You Remembered Redeemer In Your Will?

2024

DECEMBER

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 POSITIVE CHANGE 8:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 1:00 PM Community Concert at 1st UMC	02	03 6:30 PM AA Meeting	04	05	06	07 6:00 PM Gingerbread Craft 
08 8:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Open House & Greening of the Church 	09	10 6:30 PM AA Meeting 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	11 1:30 PM Thrivent	12	13	14 10:00 AM AA Mtg (Women)
15 8:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship/Christmas Pageant	16	17 6:30 PM AA Meeting	18	19	20 	21 10:00 AM AA Mtg (Women) 1:00 PM Senior Event "Santa & The White Elephant"
22 8:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Caroling 	23	24 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Service 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service 6:30 PM AA Meeting	25 Christmas Day (Office Closed) 	26	27	28 10:00 AM AA Mtg (Women)
29 9:30 AM One Service Only	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE 6:30 PM AA Meeting	01 New Year's Day (Office Closed)			04 10:00 AM AA Mtg (Women)

*events subject to change



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

If you would like to order poinsettias that will adorn the church on Christmas Eve, please fill in the form below. Be sure to include payment and return it to the Church Office by mail, or bring it to worship and place in offering plate.

DEADLINE IS NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 4th.

ORDER FORM FOR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS PLEASE PRINT

In memory of:

In honor of:

Given by:

Number of plants you wish to order _____@ \$10/plant

INSTEAD OF A PLANT: I would like my gift to go to the:

◇ Youth Fund _____

◇ Lutheran Disaster Response: _____

Amount enclosed _____

Check # _____

(Make checks payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church)

PLANTS MUST BE TAKEN HOME BY
DONOR AFTER THE SERVICE ON 12/24

Your Name:

Envelope # _____

Phone # _____



Children's Christmas Pageant

"Breaking News: Bethlehem"
By Karen Jones

December 15th
10:30 AM Worship Service
All are welcome!



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Please keep in prayer the long term needs of: Betty Anderson, Jerry Amari, Jerry Carter, Jim Clay, Bob, Ellie & Tim Federwitz, Ernestine Gbolo, Linda Haines, John Hoffman, John Jones, Jessica Morrow, Alice Motter, Scott Nagele, Peggy & Oz Schumacher, Dick & Carol Shenton, Ginny Workman, and our College Students

All troops serving our country and the world including:

Matt Collins, Meredith Conley, Albert M. Floriani,
Michael Gonzalez & Kevin Sykes

Donations made in memory of

Violet Harris by: Edgar & Josephine Zatzariny
Michael & Tanya Homiak
Dolores Bianco



The GIVING TREE for the children served by Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Cumberland and Salem Counties is up. We are again asking for \$25 gift cards for either Target, Dick's or Walmart. In the past your generosity has been wonderful as you have put smiles on the faces of 50 different children each year.

NEW EMAIL

to make life simpler, we are rolling out new email addresses - please change your address books accordingly. We ask your patience as we move to these addresses.

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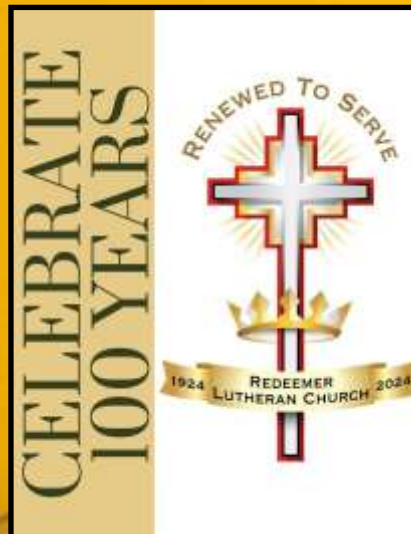
- 4 - Marjorie Frank
- 7 - Mollie Sugden
- 10 - Steven Heller
- 11 - Elaine Hering
- 13 - Ursula Barbeck
- 20 - Pastor Heather Karl Senseman
- 21 - Jody Steinbronn
- 22 - Lauren Geisser
- 27 - Doris Allewelt
- 28 - Alison Keller
- 30 - Ken Schad

- 1 - Steve Heller & Jim Rizzo
- 2 - Harry & Brenda Ackley
- 12 - Joseph & Rhonda Kubiak

CELEBRATE!



All offerings must be delivered to the church office by December 29th at 9:00 a.m. Anything brought after this time will go to the 2025 year. Thank you for your generous support of Christ's ministry!



If you would like a digital version of your photos please contact Arlene Cherwien or the Church office.
The newsletter is available online at www.redeemervineland.org/newsletter



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SPECIAL THANKS TO THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE
AND THOSE WHO HELPED MAKE OUR
100TH YEAR CELEBRATION GREAT!