JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY* FOR WORSHIP AT 8:30 AM OR 10:30 AM

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 2026
Monthly Newsletter
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Connecting People to Christ,
Growing in His Love, Serving Him.
"Come and See, Go and Tell,
The Good News for All"

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:

3:30 PM SENIOR BRASS QUARTET
4 PM - WORSHIP WITH CANDLES
7 PM - WORSHIP WITH CANDLES

SUNDAY, DEC. 27

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS AT 9:30 AM

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR HEATHER

Do you still watch cartoons? Maybe you were a fan of Tom and Jerry, Mickey Mouse, or even Scooby Doo. Cartoons remind us of childhood Saturdays, with time watching the television combined with a bowl of cold cereal.

Children today have a much different relationship with cartoons. They can stream favorite programs whenever they want (not just Saturday mornings!), there are adult- themed cartoons not appropriate for kids, and the fact that most young people rarely sit in front of a television anymore – instead preferring their phones and tablets.

I guess I shouldn't be surprised, then, that I am the one who watches the Christmas cartoons in my family. Yes – it's me! I still watch A Charlie Brown Christmas every year. And I sing along to the Grinch song when the Dr. Suess cartoon is shown.

For me, these shows bring back all sorts of childhood memories. I remember watching the shows with my family. And I remember that when these shows were on television, it was a sign that Christmas was really close and of hearing the message of Christmas once again.

If you remember the closing scene in Charlie Brown's Christmas, then you know it actually includes the Bible's Christmas story. I invite you to relax for a moment as you hear Linus tell the story one more time:

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men"
"THAT'S WHAT CHRISTMAS IS ALL ABOUT, CHARLIE BROWN"



Events
this December

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12th	**SENIOR EVENT** NOON	Cookie & recipe exchange and painting! RSVP to Darci in the office
20th	**CHRISTMAS PLAY** 10:30 AM SERVICE	Always a good time to learn about Christmas!
20th	**UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS CONCERT** WATCH FOR MORE INFO	
27th	**ONE WORSHIP SERVICE** 9:30 AM	Join us for Lessons and Carols

JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

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HAPPY DECEMBER
BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY TO:



ANNIVERSARIES:

12/01 JAMES RIZZO AND STEVE HELLER
12/02 HARRY AND BRENDA ACKLEY
12/12 JOE AND RHONDA KUBIAK

BIRTHDAYS:

12/04 MARJORIE FRANK
12/07 MOLLIE SUGDEN
12/10 STEVEN HELLER
12/11 ELAINE HERING
12/12 MARGARET BUTTERWORTH
12/13 URSULA BARBECK
12/17 HOLLY GRESSMAN
12/20 KARL SENSEMAN
12/20 PASTOR HEATHER SUGDEN
12/21 JODY STEINBRONN
12/22 LAUREN GEISSER
12/25 CHRIS WILLIAMS
12/27 DORIS ALLEWELT
12/28 ALLISON KELLER



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO:
DONATED THE $25 GIFT CARDS FOR THE GIVING TREE
AND DONTATED THE 500 ITEMS FOR THE FOOD BANKS.



THE TREE IN THE MANOR HOUSE IS IN MEMORY OF ROY & ANN BRADBURY



Prayers of the church

The Federwitz family upon the passing of Bob Federwitz

The Krummp family upon the passing of Konrad Krummp

Please keep in prayer the long term needs of:

Betty Anderson, Pablo Bermudez, Robin Biener, Jim Clay, Carl DeRenzis, Tracy Edwards, Tim Federwitz, Bill & Marjorie Frank, Daniel Furio, Ernestine Gbolo, Athenah Gaines-Ratliff, Elaine Hering, Matthew Klewin, Scott Levick, Alice Motter, Scott Nagele, Patricia Nichols, George Papiano, Peter Pelosi, Barry Rosier, Pastor Chuck Romanowski, Peggy & Oz Schumacher, Dick & Carol Shenton, Craig Terry, Robert Thompson, Our Youth

All our troops serving our country and world including:

Meredith Conely, Michael Gonzalez, & Kevin Sykes

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Care Committee: Chairpersons - Linda Foster & Lynda Gilbert







SENIOR TRIP

COOMBS FARM 2026







CONGRATULATIONS TO

Harry Sugden

ON YOUR CONFIRMATION



Living Lutheran Magazine – Fall 2026

A SOUNDED GOSPEL

"Over the past 3 decades, the scientific exploration term "*biomusicology*" (creature music) has developed. Among the startling proposals emerging from this branch of evolutionary science is that human *song* came first and later developed into human *speech.*

Mark Bangert leads us on a fascinating train of thought between Luther and today's science. Some researchers have studied songbirds and how their intricate melodies might have influenced music's origins.

Secluded in his "safe house" Wartburg Castle – a haven for songbirds- notably nightingales, Luther marveled at how music's gift showed up in many of God's creatures, especially songbirds. He remarked and insisted that the Gospel of Jesus Christ must always be a *sounded* gospel: good news that's sung, preached and spoken out loud in real time – so good that it has to be shared by living voices. Music isn't a static concept but one that's always in motion - *im Schwang*."

You can read the interview with editor Martin Seitz about Mark Bangert's book, That Divine and Most Excellent Gift – Martin Luther Music and the Arts in the Liv. Luth. Fall Issue 2026 or online.



Redeemer is hosting a United In Praise Concert on 1/17/27 at 3:00 pm, Snow Date 1/24/27



The church office staff & church council wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas.

As a reminder the Church office will be closed Christmas day.



10TH ANNUAL Cookies for Veterans



WE ARE COLLECTING CHRISTMAS TREATS FOR OUR FRIENDS AT THE NJ VETERANS MEMORIAL HOME IN VINELAND AND THE VETERANS HAVEN IN WINSLOW TWP.



STORE BOUGHT, PRE PACKAGED COOKIES, LITTLE DEBBIES AND TASTY CAKES ONLY!

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH
in cooperation with area churches & Folsom Boro



PLEASE HAVE ALL DONATIONS READY BY DECEMBER 20TH



YOU ARE INVITED!



JOIN US DECEMBER 6TH FOR GREENING OF THE CHURCH AND OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE LUNCHEON BY THE CHURCH COUNCIL. DIRECTLY AFTER THE 10:30 AM SERVICE