



# Good News

Redeemer Lutheran Church & School in Wayzata, MN

*Sharing the Changeless Christ in a Changing World!*

**Redeemer Chairman Steve Krause**

## REFLECTIONS FROM

REDEEMER'S CHAIRMAN



“WE ARE AT WAR!” When did you first hear these words, either first-hand or from a historical account? Maybe it was reading those words from the headlines of a newspaper ... maybe your history book in school? Did chills run down your back? Were you afraid ... puzzled ... uncertain of what may come next? Did you even understand it? Did it have any effect on you ... or ... “that was too long ago—that’s ancient?” What was your frame of mind?

This declaration of war was shared at the December 2011 Congregational Forum for those 70 or so people who came to hear what their leadership had to say about the state of ministry here at Redeemer. Strange phrase for a church meeting, wouldn’t you

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say? Or is it?

Yours truly believes we are at war. Look at the world and all its conflicts. The “war on terror” is a phrase oft in our society today. Threat of war seems to always be on the horizon by some rogue and crazy dictator or as a deterrent to keep us from engaging in this type of conflict.

This, however, is not the war I am referring to. We are in a constant state of spiritual warfare with Satan always looking for a way to rob heaven of its citizens and keep hell fully occupied. Misery loves company and the devil is indeed miserable. His fate is sealed ever since Jesus defeated him. Jesus fought our fight in hell against this fallen angel and ever since we have been given the power of Jesus’ name to defeat this same foe. Praise be to God!

Look around Redeemer.

Our pastor has gone through some very scary events, first his apparent bout with his heart (later shown to be stress and anxiety, but could develop into the real attack), then his head and post-concussion syndrome issues. God has placed Pastor Joel here at Redeemer as our spiritual leader to guide us and challenge us to be about God’s business. Satan is threatened by God’s people when they are about God’s business, and, since

he can’t defeat the Son of God, he attacks us and our leaders. Are these events just a coincidence or are they something more?

Satan plants doubt in our minds and uses the difficulties of life to cause us to wonder if our work and sacrifice are worth all the trouble. Financial difficulties, conflicts in our relationships, drop in attendance at worship and Bible studies are but a few of the “arrows” the devil flings our way to distract, to wound, to thwart our commitment to spreading the Good News and fulfilling our calling in God’s Great Commission.

What do we do? Ephesians 6 tells us to prepare for battle —

*<sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day,*

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS AT REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

At the end of November, just before Thanksgiving, students, families, and staff participated in a food drive for Interfaith Outreach. A total of 1,037 pounds of food was collected for families in our community!



During the month of December Redeemer Lutheran School participated in two outreach activities – a “coat drive” and Angel Tree ministries.

Interfaith Outreach shared with us the need for new or “gently used” coats, jackets, gloves, mittens, etc. during this time of year. Redeemer responded with an outpouring of these items for this cause.



Finally, Redeemer Lutheran School is partnering with the church and with Thrivent to raise money for Angel Tree ministries. The school committed to raising \$450 to sponsor fifteen children so that they could receive gifts during the Christmas season.



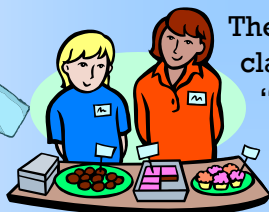
### SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

On Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, Redeemer Lutheran School had a “Book Fair” at Barnes & Noble Book Store near Ridgedale Shopping Center. Events for the day included story-time book readings, the students singing (the “Sonshine Singers” – grades K through 3), and crafts. Not only was this a great activity for the students and families of our school, it also gave our school the opportunity to share with our community who we are and what we are doing at Redeemer Lutheran School.



### CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class held a “Christmas Boutique” on December 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> to raise funds for their class trip to Chicago in the spring. Students sold baked goods and hand-made items at the boutique. Total earnings for this event exceeded \$3,500!



### SCHOOL AUCTION UPDATE

Planning for the 13<sup>th</sup> annual school auction is underway! We are attempting to get an early start and need many volunteers for procurement. Please prayerfully



**Curt Boeder, Principal**

consider how you might be able to help with gathering donations for this important church/school event. If you are able to help, please contact Joyce Scott at 612-702-6631 or email at [jscott@sstitleandescrow.com](mailto:jscott@sstitleandescrow.com).

### TECHNOLOGY AT REDEEMER

Redeemer Lutheran School has made it a goal for the 2011-12 school year to update its technology hardware and expand technology access for both students and teachers. So far over \$8,000 has been raised through donations from school families. If you would like to participate in this effort and make an “end-of-the-year” tax deductible donation, please contact Mr. Boeder at 952-473-5356 or stop by the school office. He would be happy to share with you in detail about our technology goals at Redeemer Lutheran School.

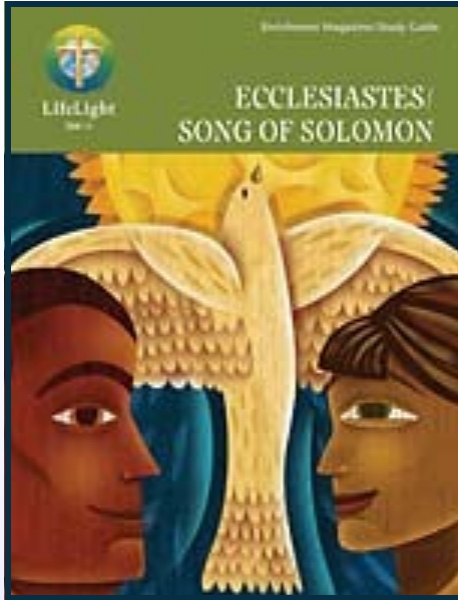


### SCHOOL CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR JANUARY

- ♦ Jan. 3 – classes resume
- ♦ Jan. 16 – Martin Luther King Day (no school)
- ♦ Jan. 20 – End of second quarter
- ♦ Jan. 27 – Redeemer Funfest

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## LIFELIGHT BEGINS NEW STUDY



*LifeLight* begins a new Bible study of two books of the Bible, *Ecclesiastes* and *Song of Solo-*

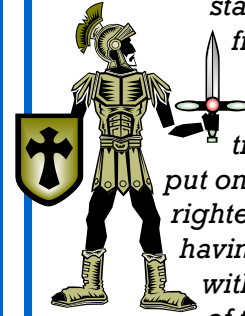
*mon*, on Sunday evenings beginning January 8 from 6:30-8 pm in the Multipurpose room OR on Thursday mornings beginning January 12 from 9:30-11:45 am in the small conference room beneath the Sanctuary.

Please join us for nine weeks of excellent, in-depth Bible study.

Study guides (\$10 to Jodi in the office) are available in the Copy room across from the office.

Questions? Ask Judymae Bowers (763-476-0913) or Arnie Hilgenkamp (763-473-2116).

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*and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and having shod your feet with the preparation of the Gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup> in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*

We know the heart and will of God as we study His word and listen to His quiet voice. Be in Bible study, both individual and together in small and Sunday groups. God promises to be with us, to give us all that we need to be His warriors. I implore you to take this advice.

Bring your concerns, your joys, and your life to God in prayer. He wants to hear from each one of us—as the apostle Paul continues in his letter to the Christians in Ephesus:



*<sup>18</sup> With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints.*

May God bless you and keep you, may He shine His face on you and give us His peace ... every day this new year. You have been given the most special gift ... pass it on!

Your chairman and partner in God's mission,  
*Steve Krause*

## BEFRIENDER MINISTRY

This past November seven Redeemer members received 16 hours of concentrated training to serve our Congregation in this Ministry of Care. Lori Berning, Arnie Hilgenkamp, Loren Krantz, Joan Lange, and Henry Radintz have all taken the training at least once in the past. They are to be commended for this effort. Jan Hilgenkamp and Wendy Krause have taken the training for the first time and will serve in an intern position for two months prior to becoming commissioned. We welcome them to the team of BeFriender lay pastoral ministers.

We are here to help you by offering our time to confidentially listen to you in loving, non-judgmental ways. We are not counselors and for that reason we do not give advice. All

of us go through difficult times in life, which include suffering; a friend who cares and will listen is a relationship of gold.

When a need arises, please call Pam Swanlund at 612-859-3102 for more information. You may also contact the church office. We hope to have a BeFriender extension soon for you to contact us after hours if desired through the church office.

Any one interested in becoming a BeFriender, please contact Kate Gotz at 763-228-1981.

Serving Christ and our Body of Believers,

*Kate Gotz and Pam Swanlund*



## “NOTES” FROM THE MUSIC AND WORSHIP OFFICE

### BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO THE KING

The season of Epiphany has significance in the church year that is often overlooked. The Nativity miracle we celebrate at



Christmas quietly unfolded with very little notice taken by the gathered crowds in Bethlehem. And yet God revealed this quiet miracle to the eastern sages we call the Magi through the appearance of the star. They traveled untold distances to pay homage to the Christ child and showed they were truly “Wise Men” when they caught on to Herod’s duplicity and went home by another route. This Epiphany or “revealing” of Christ’s coming to the Gentiles showed God’s heart for both Jews and Gentiles alike and showed his deep desire to

bring salvation to the whole world. How does this apply to us? We see many quiet miracles happen in this place as children are brought to be baptized, as hearts are strengthened for life’s challenges through Word and Sacrament and music, as people care for each other in Christian love, as faith is strengthened in our young people through our school and our youth ministry and confirmation ministry. How can we take this message and make it go “global?” When we bring our gifts to the King, we shine for him. Every Christian (without exception!) has been given spiritual gifts to use for the good of God’s Kingdom and we can make a difference by using those gifts. Let’s be bold witnesses for our Savior and continue to grow in faith each day as we lay our gifts at the feet of the Christ child.

### JANUARY WORSHIP NOTES

On Sunday, January 8, our Contemporary Worship time will go back to a 10:30 a.m. start time (Traditional Worship will stay at 8:30 a.m.). Thanks to all who filled out surveys to let us know your preferences. We welcome feedback at any time, not just when we have surveys. On Sunday, January 22, we will have Minnesota Teen Challenge at Redeemer to share their message and ministry with us at both services. We will be blessed to hear how God is working more miracles in these young people’s lives. Hope to see you there!

See you in church!

In Christ’s Service,

*Tim Graf*

Director of Music and  
Worship Ministry

## CHEERFUL GIVING

In my youth, there was a time when the mention of giving made me very uncomfortable. My logic said that I had worked hard for what I earned and it was mine. I resisted hearing the true message. Instead, I rationalized that when the church talked about money, it was mine that they wanted. At times what I did give had a measure of guilt and discomfort attached to it.

I thank God that through His Holy Spirit my erroneous thinking was replaced by a correct understanding according to His Word. I would like to share three key truths that changed my heart concerning all aspects of Christian giving.

First, all that I have comes from God and belongs to Him. In Genesis 1, we learned that God created the heavens, the earth, and all living things, including each of us. As Creator, it is all His. All that I am and all the blessings I receive are by His grace.



Second, God loves it when our response to Him is one of sincere gratitude for the blessings He provides. When we use our talents and treasures in service to the church, He is glorified and we are edified. 2 Corinthians 9:7 tells us that God loves a cheerful giver who returns

gifts to Him with a thankful heart.

Lastly, God has promised to redeem the time, talents, and treasures we offer. In Malachi 3:10 the Lord tells us to test Him and He will pour out more blessings than we can imagine. I have found this to be especially true as He redeems the time I offer in service to Him.

If like me, you have struggled with your attitude about giving, I encourage you to pray for God to open your heart and then search the Scriptures starting with 2 Corinthians 9:6-15.

May God bless your journey.

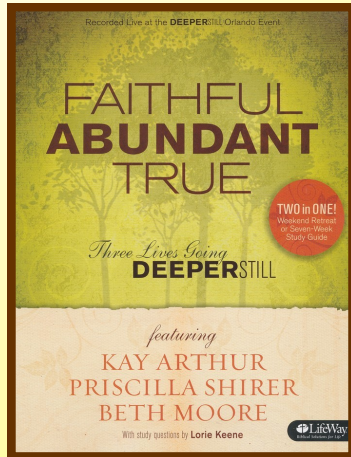
*Steven Swanlund*  
Treasurer

## NEW BIBLE STUDY— THURSDAY MORNINGS

Thursday Morning Women's Bible study will begin a new study January 5th. FAITHFUL ABUNDANT TRUE is a seven-week study, with DVDs, studying these three character traits of God. These character traits will be presented by three Bible teachers: Kay Arthur, Priscilla Shirer, and Beth Moore.

Join us at, 9:00 on January 5th, to get your workbook and watch the first DVD. A nursery is provided.

Questions call Nancy Engel 952-473-1072 or email [motherengel@aol.com](mailto:motherengel@aol.com).



## SCRIP -

### MAKE IT A HABIT!

Use SCRIP for your purchases. Gift Certificates and Debit Cards are available for gas, groceries, restaurants, and retail stores. SCRIP is available in the auditorium on Sundays and in the church office weekdays. SCRIP makes great gifts!

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## NOTE FROM THE SENIOR HIGH YOUTH COORDINATOR

Sr. High and JV youth group will meet for the first time in 2012 on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be NO youth group on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

Now that I have graduated, I look forward to spending time with JV students! Thank you so much, Kim and Jared Switch, for taking over Junior High youth group for such a long time.

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We had a great "Ugly Sweater Party" to close out 2011.



*In His Grip,*  
Matt Mitchell

  
**LOVE IS HERE.**

## THRIVENT BUILDS/HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The Thrivent Builds/Habitat for Humanity 4th Annual benefit breakfast held at Applebee's, Ridgedale, November 19th was a great success!. Over 100 people were served a breakfast of pancakes, bacon and a beverage. Some supporters had donated tickets to IOCP of which there were eighteen participating in the breakfast.

The congregational goal of raising \$1000 to support the cost of the Thrivent Builds/Habitat for Humanity program was met.

Nationally, for 2011, Thrivent Builds had budgeted \$10.4



million to build 164 homes in 33

states. Locally, there were nine Thrivent Builds project is Minnesota. Redeemer had over twenty volunteers working during a two day period in May, 2011, on a new home project in Shakopee. Perhaps you'll consider participating in future projects.



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### SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE TIMES

There will be one service on NEW YEAR'S DAY, Sunday, January 1, at 10:00 a.m.

**STARTING JANUARY 8**, the Sunday morning late service will start at **10:30 a.m.** rather than 10:45 a.m. The early service time will remain at 8:30 a.m.

## REDEEMER'S 2012 SILENT & LIVE AUCTION

The auction is drawing closer everyday and we need your help! We need eager **VOLUNTEERS** to procure **DONATIONS!** Please see the bulletin board for the **DONATION FORMS** and **SIGN-UP SHEET**. Also, there are many behind-the-scene jobs for procurement needing to be filled, so please call me for details.

Another way you can help the procurement cause would be **MATCHING FUNDS DONATIONS** ... they are an excellent tool in procuring gift cards! You can drop off your donation at the office.

If you are donating a gift card for the auction please buy it through **SCRIP!**

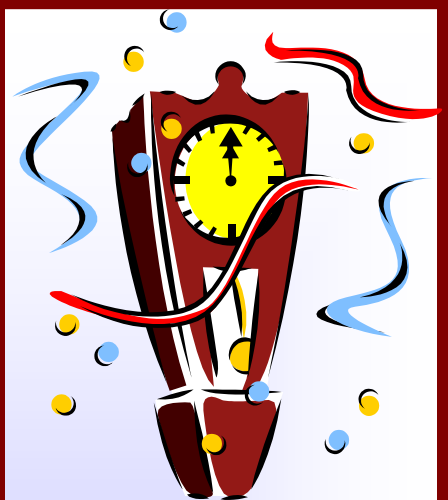


**SCRIP** is a double dip for Redeemer so your donation is even greater!

Thank you for all you do!

Please pray for our volunteers as we want this to be a blessing for all and a great fundraiser!

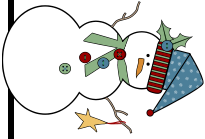
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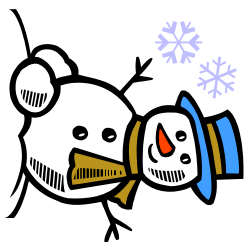


Wishing you a  
blessed  
New Year!

**Calendar dates are subject to change.  
Please check your weekly bulletin.**

# January 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1 1st Sunday after Christmas</b> <b>ONE SERVICE</b> 10:00 am Worship/HC 6:30 pm Men's Basketball</p>	<p><b>2 RLS Classes Resume</b> 9:30 am AAAMP Room 1:00 pm Compassion Circle 7:30 pm Al-Anon/MIP Room</p>	<p><b>3</b> 10:00 am LWWL</p>	<p><b>4</b> 8:45 am Chapel 10:00 am Women's Bible Study 3:15 pm Staff Meeting 4:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm JoySound</p>	<p><b>5</b> 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Elders 6:30 pm Music Ministry Epiphany Party</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am Christmas Decorating Take-Down</p>
<p><b>8 Baptism of Our Lord</b> 8:30 am Worship 9:15 am JoySound 9:15 am Christian Ed.—all ages 10:30 am Worship 6:30 pm Lifelight 6:30 pm Men's Basketball</p>	<p><b>9 Newsletter Articles Due</b> 9:30 am AAAMP Room 6:00 pm Day School Board 7:30 pm Al-Anon/MIP Room</p>	<p><b>10</b> 7:00 pm MMLG</p>	<p><b>11</b> 8:45 am Chapel 10:00 am Women's Bible Study 4:30 pm Confirmation 5:30 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Midweek Service 7:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm JoySound 8:00 pm Sr. High Youthgym</p>	<p><b>12</b> 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 9:30 am Lifelight 6:30 pm Redeemer Bells 7:30 pm Deo Gloria Choir</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> 7:00 am Men's Bible Study</p>
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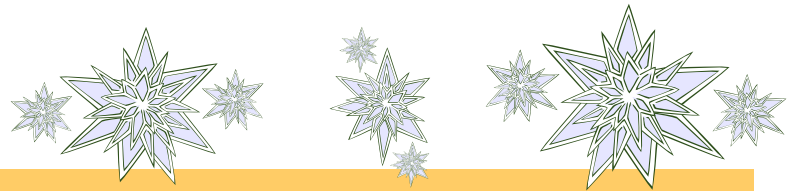
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*We invite you to worship with us!*



**SUNDAY WORSHIP & PRAISE: 8:30 am and 10:30 am, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION-All Ages: 9:30 am**  
**WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK WORSHIP resumes January 11: 6:30 pm, Bible Study: 7:00 pm**

...and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his



## **LIFESTYLE DISCIPLESHIP**

- ◆ *Being changed by Jesus – our attitudes and priorities*
- ◆ *To mobilize the church to reach a broken world*

*Redeemer Good News* is a monthly newsletter for members and friends of Redeemer Lutheran Church & School in Wayzata.

Newsletter articles are due the second Monday of the month. Submit articles, news, and event items to Jodi Bening at [jbening@redeemerwayzata.org](mailto:jbening@redeemerwayzata.org).

Comments and suggestions are welcome.