



## RLS NEWS FROM KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten is a joy to teach! I love being a part of Redeemer Lutheran School. The staff is so welcoming and the students are a truly kind and precious group.

On our latest fieldtrip, we visited Charley Creek Gardens and the Honeywell Center. At the garden center, students took a walk to see the waterfall, the labyrinth, and the sculpture in the tree maze. At the Honeywell Center, the students watched a play about "Pete the Cat," one of our most beloved books in the classroom.

For our next fieldtrip, we will be visiting Highland Park and the Elwood Haynes Museum. Students are creating

gingerbread men in class. The gingerbread will then run away and become "lost" at the park. The mayor of Kokomo sent us a letter asking for our help in finding the gingerbread men. It is a very important job. At the museum, students will make an ornament or craft.

Our classroom is decorated for the Christmas season. The seventh and eighth graders helped us for the afternoon last Friday in making the ornament gifts for our parents. We made wreaths from recycled sweaters, candy canes, a picture ornament, gingerbread magnets, and even a traditional German pickle ornament. The class enjoyed listening to Christmas music as we made

our gifts for our parents. Our advent wreath and stuffed animal manger scene help us to learn more about God.

I am so proud of how hard students are working and learning. The whole class can now count to one hundred! Almost all of us know all of our letters and sounds. Sight words are almost all mastered! Addition cards, addresses, and phone numbers are our next big goals to master. We love learning in Kindergarten. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Kindly,

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MORE INFORMATION.*

### LCOR / RLS ROOM CHART

<b>MH</b>	Mission Hall	<b>Misc.</b>	Miscellaneous Rooms
<b>FH</b>	Fellowship Hall	<b>S</b>	Sanctuary
<b>CL</b>	Church Library	<b>SCR</b>	School Conference Room
<b>CR</b>	Choir Room	<b>SR</b>	Sitting Room
<b>AER</b>	Adult Ed Room	<b>PRA</b>	Per Room Availability

## PASTOR ALLISON'S JANUARY MESSAGE TO THE CONGREGATION

<sup>37</sup> "Anyone who loves their father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>38</sup> Whoever does not take up their cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.  
Matthew 10:37-38

Loyalty is always at premium. Loyalty is at its best when we forget self and place all at the feet of Jesus. And just that Jesus demands. Nothing less will do. Jesus will not tolerate a divided allegiance. Even Father and Mother must not be given preference. Sons and daughters must step down from the pedestal of their parents' adoration and give first place to Jesus.

Are we then to neglect our families? Never. In fact, if Christ takes full possession of our hearts and lives, we shall be more faithful to one another. Loyal to Him, we shall be loyal to our fellow men.

Following Jesus loyally, we are to take up our cross. But we do not want crosses, do we? We want ease. We have become soft and do not like hardships, opposition, ridicule. But time and again Jesus places a cross upon us. Such cross disciplines us. It stabilizes us. As we bear either opposition or ridicule for His sake, we shall in the end be rewarded with peace in eternal life.

Life is not worth living if we close the door upon Christ Jesus. "He that finds his life shall lose it, and he that loses his life for My sake shall find it." Does that mean that we shall give up living? Shall we move out of society into some cave? Hardly! What we should give up is an aimless life which goes on without purpose or goal.

Wealth does not last. Honor does not stay; others come along and take it from us. Popularity is fading. One misstep, and the crowd seeks other heroes.

But if we lose our lives in Christ and in service to Him, He gives us treasures which are more lasting than the world itself. These treasures come to us in terms of forgiveness, peace, salvation, and heaven.

Loyalty is at its best only when Jesus takes full possession of us. Such is His claim.

In His service,  
Pastor Allison

### THANK YOU

*A note of thanks to the many people who participated in the musical parts of our services this past year. Grateful thanks to all who regularly serve in choirs, in ensembles and solos. There are many opportunities for all ages to serve – from pre-school to adults – in school choirs, Sunday school and confirmation class choirs, youth bells and choir, In His Service, hand bell choir, hand bell ensembles, special vocal groups, soloists and instrumentalists. If you would like to be a part of this ministry at Redeemer, we welcome you. If you are a listener, may your spirit be refreshed by our offerings. In joy and appreciation we thank you as we join in praise to our Creator. The Music Staff.*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY JANUARY SENIORS

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**WESS MECHLER**

*January 7*



**PATRICIA MUNDELL**

*January 9*



**BETH SEAWELL**

*January 9*



**CONNIE MCINTOSH**

*January 10*



**MARVIN SCHINDEL**

*January 12*



**BETTY VANOGDEN**

*January 12*



**BARBARA GIBSON**

*January 15*



**CINDY WHEELER**

*January 31*

### **LUTHERAN WOMEN IN SERVICE - BIRTHDAY PARTY AT KOKOMO RESCUE MISSION**

Please pray for these people during their birthday month of January:

**Justin, Brian, Savannah, Debbie, Tony, Kevin, Frankie**

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### **OUR REDEEMER'S CHURCH LIBRARY FEATURED BOOKS FOR JANUARY**

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#### **THE RED SEA RULES**

by Robert J. Morgan

"The same God who led you in will lead you out." This little book gives ten lessons that are really important for Christians to remember. Sometimes we are challenged to cross a RED SEA in our lives. The water can seem deep. It is strange that God would put us in this situation, don't you think? This book is small enough to take on a small trip, or read in an afternoon. You will probably want to make your own copy of these rules, however, since they are great to remind yourself of when the next "flood" arrives.

#### **OLD FASHIONED**

by Rene Gutteridge

Based on the screenplay by Rik Swartzwelder. Turning his back on his reckless lifestyle, former frat boy Clay Walsh has settled down to run an antique shop in a small Midwestern college town ... when Amber Hewson, a free-spirited woman with a gypsy soul, rents the apartment above his shop, opposites attract. Can Clay and Amber move beyond their differences and their pasts to attempt an "old fashioned" courtship?

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## LOOKING FORWARD WITH EXCITEMENT

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To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood <sup>6</sup>and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of Him. Even so. Amen. <sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "Who is and Who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 1:5b – 8 ESV

In the new year, are you looking forward to something special? Maybe a new home? The birth of a child? A new job? A big trip? A visit with a family member or old friend?

Someone with nothing to look forward to, is someone without hope. Well, we have a God that loves us so much He did not leave us without a picture of what is to come. The Bible could have ended with the book of Jude, which is a book about contending for the faith, but through the pen of the apostle John, God gave us another book, Revelation. We can look forward to the day when Christ Jesus returns for the final victory over evil and the devil.

As you start the new year, look in the back of your Bible and get excited knowing the God of all creation will be returning to claim His creation back as His own. He is going to make a new earth so much better than the earth I know, I have trouble picturing it in my own mind. Being a chosen believer in Jesus and His

Saving Grace, I will share in that victory. Wow, that is something exciting to look forward to. This could be the year when King Jesus returns as the King of Glory not a helpless babe. Don't become so bogged down with present burdens that you forget your future glory.

I need to share the Good News of the gospel with everyone I know so they can have this same excitement.

Won't you come with a glad and excited heart to worship this God of Glory with me.

Wess Mechler,  
PHD (Passed Having Doubts) Jesus is Alive!

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**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER - SERVING THE CONGREGATION IN 2019 ARE:**

*\* = NEWLY ELECTED / [A] = APPOINTED*

**OFFICERS**

President	*Kevin Klepfer	Secretary	[A] Joelene Boyles
Vice President	*Zach Conner	Treasurer	Debbie Barton
Assistant Treasurer	* _____	Financial Secretary	Henry Shrack

**BOARDS**

**DEACONS**

DA 1	*Mark Dunkin
DA 2	Larry Sullivan
DA 3	Terry Gotshall
DA 4	Bob Hingst
DA 5	*Tom Manship
DA 6	Mark Pearson
DA 7	*Todd Waggoner
DA 8	*Richard Harrison
DA 9	Bob Hoch
DA 10	*Robert Martin
DA 11	*Randy McPike
DA 12	Bob Frey
DA 13	Gene Miller
DA 14	*Roger Davis
DA 15	*Steve Sewell
DA 16	John Hubbert

**PARISH LIFE**

Kitty Davis  
Kaila Akers  
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**RLS**

Joan Hoch	Karen Harrison
Liz Anders	Robyn Dill
*Dick Ardrey	*Tiffany Creason

**STEWARDSHIP**

Susan Ardrey  
Wess Mechler  
\*Lora Lacy

**PROPERTY**

Todd Brandenburg  
Melanie Waggoner  
\*Mary Moeller  
\*Larry Wiechmann

**CHRISTIAN  
OUTREACH**

Kyle Street  
Dillon Waggoner  
\*Peter Davis

<b>JANUARY 2019 SCHEDULES</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>SAT.</b>	<b>SUN.</b>	<b>SUN.</b>
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>10:45 AM</b>
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13			
20			Logan C.
27			
<b>DEACONS</b>	Gene Miller	Bob Hingst	John Hubbert
		Volunteer Needed	Randy McPike
<b>USHERS</b>	Dick Hardy	Steve Gaunt	Gary Lacy
		Tom Baird	Bill Barton
		Paul Bastaich	Henry Shrack
		Tim Dill	Jim Durr
		Wally Fahling	Gary Jewell
		Bob Hingst	Randy McPike
			Steve Sewell
<b>PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR USHER UPDATES</b>			
<b>CONTEMPORARY READERS</b>			
6			Gary & Karen Jewell
20			Natalie Schneider Kathy Tucker
<b>GREETERS</b>	Steve Sewell	Larry Sullivan	Scott Stipek
<b>NURSERY</b>			
6			Tracy Brandenburg
13			Cindy Sewell
20			Abby Hobbs
27			Amy Shrack

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TELLERS</b>	
<b>2 - Wed</b>	Marjie Sullivan, Cindy Galford, Jama Youngdale	
7	Ellen Benziger, Nancy Trout, Ross Morkal	
14	Vivian Heronemus, Betty Fahling, Sharon Morkal	
21	Teddi Heinzman, Sue Allison, Jane Brubaker	
28	Marjie Sullivan, Cindy Galford, Jama Youngdale	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>SANCTUARY STEWARDS</b>	<b>COLOR</b>
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