

# Shining God's Light

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
December 2022

## Pastor's Corner / December 2022

*"Do thy diligence to make thy voyage before winter."  
~2Timothy 4:21*

It's been said that another way to say "I love you" in Minnesota is to say, "Be careful on the roads out there!" It's a subtle way to show people you care and are praying for them as you send them on their way, into the snowy abyss, where white knuckles grip steering wheels, and prayers are whispered, and deals are made with the Divine: "just get me through this mess, Lord, please!"



In his book *Deep Is The Hunger*, Howard Thurman recalls this footnote that Paul included in the conclusion of his letter to Timothy, to encourage him on his way: *"Do thy diligence to make thy voyage before winter."* Thurman writes:

*I would like to add a line to the injunction, taken from a speech I heard many years ago: "There is a time of snow in all adventure." ...The temptation to put off the important decision, the crucial conversation, the beginning of the exacting task, and the living of life seriously is ever present. When we are young, it is easy to say that we cannot begin to take our responsibilities until we are older. The fatal words are, "There is always time." What has happened about that important book you were going to read? What about that friend who misunderstood you? Weeks and months ago you were planning to sit down and talk it through, but you have not done it... The time of snow has set in... There is a time of snow in all adventure, and we forget it to our peril. (p.122)*

Here in Minnesota, as the snow begins to fall, I am reminded of the perils we face each day, especially when we are unprepared. Not having enough gas in the car, good tread on the tires, or a can of *Sea Foam* when the temperature dips into the 20s and 30s below zero, can mean the difference between life and death in some cases.

So, what preparations are you making this Advent Season, as we pray once again "Come, Lord Jesus...?" What "winter survival tips" have helped you make it through these cold, dark months of the year? What is it you feel ill-prepared for as winter arrives in Pine County? What voyage are you planning to make in your own life? What adventure awaits you in the snow?

My prayer is that you will safely traverse whatever "snow" comes your way in life's adventure. Make the voyage. Answer the call. Prepare the way! Oh, and one more thing... *be careful on the roads out there!*

In Christ,

Pastor John



**“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” ~Matthew 11:28-30**

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each month.**



**December**

**Acolyte:** See page 8

**Usher:**  
Dave & Lisa J

**Readers:**  
4: Gary D  
11: Carolyn T  
18: Ardelle O  
24: Volunteers Needed  
25: Volunteers Needed

**Communion Asst.:**  
4: Roger & Lorraine C, Gary D  
18: John & Ardelle O, Jeneice C

**Altar Guild:**  
Bonnie M

**ALTAR FLOWERS**



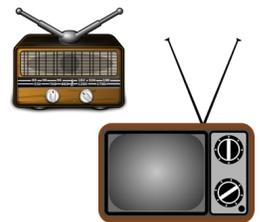
If you would like to sponsor flowers please call or email the office. Sign-up is also available on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. **Cost is \$25.** You can pick them up following the service on the Sunday sponsored after 10:00 AM or Monday after 8:00 AM.

December dates available: 18

**ORLC BROADCAST SPONSOR**

Monetary donations are needed to continue our Sunday Service broadcasting options: Online @ [www.orlcpc.com](http://www.orlcpc.com) or WCMP Radio 106.5 FM or 1350 AM.

Sign-up available in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office. **Costs \$75.**  
December dates available: 25



**OUR REDEEMER FAMILY AND FRIENDS**



**TO PRAY FOR:** Elijah J, John S, Dale C (cousin of Carol J), Warren L, Lynn D, Lois C, Eleanor F, Dana P, Jerry O, Vinette H ( sister of Sandy M), Jenny C, Carol B, Randy L (Greg L brother), Katelyn L, Oscar T, Jennifer (daughter of Jane T), Craig M (nephew of Larry & Linda S), Kris P, Carl P, Joyce L, Mike M (son of Donna & Ronald P), Eric J. (son of Merietta & Sherwood J.), Gail M, Brittney H, Lynn Z, Jeffery Z (brother of Tammy S), Dale K, Shirley H (sister of Marge K), Barb L, Kay K, Evelyn M, Carl & Carole A, Mauricio T (son-in-law to Jay & Tam S), Pat H, Janet K (Michelle V sister), Angela Z, Jeff K, Bill M, Ashley J, Gail R, Paulette R, Rod B, Karen B, Steve M, Jim J, Tonia J, Betsi M O, Laurie M, Bonnie A, Karen K (sister-in-law to Julie & Lee W), Deb H, Aine C (Judy & Larry B’s grandchild), Evie R (great-granddaughter of Donna & Ron P), Steven M (brother-in-law to Jeff D), Margaret M *Please pray for our military, first responders, front line workers, for all who work for peace and justice on behalf of ‘the least of these’ and for all those we hold in prayer in the quiet of our hearts.*

# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## ORLC Church Council Meeting Thursday, November 10, 2022 @ 7:00pm

**Present:** Lynne Zack, Gail Mattison, Wayne Hansmann, Diane Lombard, Greg Lea, Rich Elliot, Pastor John Stiles, Doug Berglund and Kyle Nascene

**Absent/Excused:** William Woulfe, Eric Wictor, Ashley Espeseth and Erin Anderson

**Other Attendees:** Steve Schmidt and Leigha Lange

Meeting called to order by President Greg Lea at 7:01 pm

Opening Prayer by Pastor John Stiles

**Agenda:** emailed prior

### **Staff Reports:**

Leigha Lange highlighted her emailed report that can be found in the church office official file.

Greg Lea summarized Rebecca Groe's office report that was emailed to council.

### **Financial Report:**

Steve Schmidt reported on the November financials of the church. The full reports can be found in the church office official file and a summary in the monthly newsletter. Motion was made to accept the financial report by Gail Mattison and seconded by Rich Elliot. Motion carried.

Motion was made for council to accept the budget as presented in the Fall Semi-Annual meeting booklet by Greg Lea and seconded by Wayne Hansmann. Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Retreat Follow:**

The Fall retreat was a success and that the youth/young adults will be an ongoing focus. Council will look at doing another retreat in the Spring.

#### **Land Sale:**

Greg Lea reported that the two individuals known to be interested in the land have been contacted. Advertising about the sale is being worked on by Greg Lea and Becca Groe.

### **Statistical Report:**

Diane Lombard reported on the October 2022 membership events/changes; two funerals, one baptism, one transfer, five confirmands and two new members.

Motion was made to approve updating the status code of newly confirmed active members: Owen Anderson, Paige Bombard, Graham Hansen, Wyatt Nowling and Bryer Willert to voting members; accept new members Ryan and Ricki Skalicky as voting members and transfer out voting member Nancy Schwandt was made by Pastor John Stiles and seconded by Lynne Zack. Motion carried.

### **New Mission Opportunities/Committee Reports:**

#### **Thanksgiving Eve Worship:**

Council will provide pie after the Thanksgiving Eve Service Wednesday, November 23rd.

#### **Winter Council Meetings:**

Council will hold winter council meetings by ZOOM for the months of December, January, February and March.



**Committee Reports:**

Worship & Music: Doug Berglund reported the worship & music committee met before council to discuss worship for December, a sub-committee has been created to look into updating technology needed for worship.

Motion to pay \$20.00 per worship service for sound tech services was made by Doug Berglund and seconded by Pastor John Stiles. Motion carried.

Motion to add a \$20.00 structure fee for sound tech services for funeral services performed was made by Doug Berglund and seconded by Gail Mattison. Motion carried.

Property: Wayne Hansmann reported the concrete work has been completed and other property improvements are being reviewed.

Motion to cut down the maple trees that had been planted too close to the property line by Obi's tree service, then have the wood split and sold for a donation to be made to A Place for You was made by Wayne Hansmann and seconded by Pastor John Stiles. Motion carried.

Congregational Care: Gail Mattison reported she is calling and reaching out to members.

Congregational Life: Lynne Zack reported the committee will be working with EvArts and the Healing Team on Christmas packets for delivery.

Mission & Outreach: Rich Elliot explained Caron Peters reported groceries are ordered and people are putting in their Thanksgiving meal orders. Pastor John Stiles added other churches in the community are also getting ready.

**Pastor's Report:**

Pastor John Stiles summarized his report found in the church office official file.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rich Elliot and seconded by Kyle Nascene. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Council Member for December is Ashley Espeseth

Meeting Date: Thursday 12/08/2022 at 7:00pm by ZOOM

*Diane Lombard, Secretary*

**Council Member of the Month**

Do you know that Advent is a season for praying and waiting? Our church provides us with many ways to do this during the season. All are invited to attend the youth's Christmas program on the 11th, listen to the lessons and music of the choir's Cantata on the 18th, or if this season is finding you in a space that does not feel so celebratory, the Blue Christmas service on Thursday, December 15th might be what you are looking for. Then please come and celebrate the birth of our savior on Christmas Eve and with Christmas being on a Sunday this year, there is a Christmas Day worship and Hymn Sing on the 25th.

Besides worship options, there are other events taking place. The youth will be selling lefse and there will be a Christmas Boutique for all your shopping needs on December 3rd.

Even though I am not one for having a full calendar of events, I really do appreciate all that the Advent season brings. We are busy with Ingrid's programs and recitals along with decorating and baking. But Sunday mornings at church allow our family a chance to stop, rest, and reflect as we prepare for Christmas. The lights, music, and fellowship of worship are just what is needed during this busy time of year.

Please take time during Advent to join Our Redeemer in all the activities. If you know of someone who might not have a place this season to prepare for Christmas, invite them to join. There is plenty of space in our sanctuary for all.

Blessings, Ashley Espeseth



# ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

## ORLC 2022 Fall Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 13, 2022

The ORLC Fall Congregational meeting was called to order by President, Greg Lea at 9:55am with prayer.

Rich Elliot counted 71 members present. President Greg Lea announced we had a quorum.

A copy of the approved 2022 Spring Semi-Annual congregational meeting minutes is found in the 2022 Fall Semi-Annual booklet for review. A copy of the 2022 special congregational meeting minutes is found in the 2022 Fall Semi-Annual booklet for review. Motion to approve the 2022 special congregational meeting minutes made by Carolyn Tuckner and seconded by William Woulfe. Motion carried.

Lois Bengston reported on the nomination committee and explained that Don Lund has accepted nomination to be an alternate for Synod Assembly, and to add his name to the blank space listed on the agenda/ballot.

Endowment Committee one open position for three year term

Chelsie Troth

Nominating Committee four open slots

Lois Bengston, Lyndon Hagestuen, John Oare, Kris Gross

Synod Assembly: Voting Member

Mary Lange and Lynne Zack

Alternates:

Bonnie Menigo and Don Lund

President Greg Lea opened up motions from the floor for the Endowment Committee, Nominating Committee, and for the Synod Assembly - no additional nominations. Motion to accept the unanimous ballot was made by Lynn Drewa and seconded by Penny Hudlow. Motion carried.

President Greg Lea explained the most recent staff reports can be found in the newsletter and he wanted to take this time to thank everyone for all that they do. The parking lot is complete, the concrete work has been finished and the stucco will be cleaned. This coming year focus will be internal and looking at ways to incorporate family and youth more in programs.

Financial Reports:

Steve Schmidt reviewed ORLC finances for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022. Reports found in the 2022 Semi-Annual Fall Meeting Booklet; the Bal-

ance Sheet, Profit & Loss and the Key Financial Statistics Comparison report and opened up for any questions.

President Greg Lea and Steve Schmidt present the budget:

Question/Request: To explain the new line item "Endowment-Emergency Fund". This new line item was created to pay back the money that was granted for use by the Endowment Committee for the emergency fixing of the air conditioning unit.

President Greg Lea reported if the budget is approved that council will monitor and review in spring if needed. October (this first month of the fiscal year) has started out strong. Motion to approve the budget was made by Dave Mettler and seconded by Brent Jahnz. Motion carried.

Resolutions:

President Greg Lea read the first resolution: Instruct the ORLC Church Council to prepare a draft of an amendment to the ORLC Church Constitution raising the authorization limit for the Church Council from \$5000 to \$10,000 for unbudgeted items (section C12.05 items c & d) that come up during the Church year. This amendment will then be voted on by the Church Congregation in the Spring 2023 Semi Annual Meeting. Motion to accept the first resolution as read was made by Mary Jo Mettler and seconded by John Oare. Motion carried.

President Greg Lea read the remaining three resolutions:

That the church council be given the authority to approve the minutes of the 2022 Fall Semi-Annual Meeting.

That we recognize our church staff, Leigha Lange, Todd Cummings, Rebecca Groe, Glenna Reiersen, Steve Schmidt, Nathaniel Gross and Pastor John.

That we recognize our worship leaders, committee volunteers and all who graciously give of their time to serve Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in a variety of ways.

Motion to accept the three resolutions as read was made by John Oare and seconded by Del Gross. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Brent Jahnz and seconded by John Oare. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 10:20.

*Submitted by*

*Diane Lombard, Secretary*

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

10/31/2022

MONTH #1 of FISCAL YEAR 2023

On behalf of the finance committee ~ thank you for your continued generosity, love and trust with your financial giving. The council, committees and staff that use the funds given to Our Church try their very best to honor your monetary gifts in a mindful and financially sound way that is pleasing to God and that helps us to: *SERVE GOD TOGETHER!*

October, 2022

Income:                   \$38,296 - General Offering Income  
                              1,318 - Other General Operating Income  
                              \$39,614 - TOTAL Available for Expense Payment

\$25,599 – Expenses Supported by General Giving



October, 2022

Account Balances       \$     0 - Property Improvement Reserve \*\*included in totals  
                              53,184 - General Operating Fund  
                              32,205 - Restricted Funds  
                              96,566 - Endowment Fund  
                              \$ 181,955 - TOTAL CASH & SAVINGS

Balance remaining on building loan: \$51,334

Currently on the finance committee is Steve Schmidt (RRI Consulting), Kyle Nascene (Treasurer), Pastor John (member), Diane Lombard (member), Sue Osterdyk (member), Greg Lea (member).

If you are interested in learning more, have questions or would like to be on the finance committee, please let one of us know.

*Respectfully Submitted*  
*Kyle Nascene, Treasurer*

## Fund the Lot

*Doesn't the parking lot look fantastic!?!*

*Our on-going parking lot fundraiser is going well!  
So far 16 spots have been filled in on our parking  
lot display board.*

*Thank you to all those who have made a donation  
thus far.*

*If you are ready to buy or help cover a parking  
space, please make a check to Our Redeemer  
Lutheran Church and note parking lot fund in the  
memo line.*

*Any amount helps and with every \$500 raised  
another car fills the lot.*





## Worship and Music Committee

The Worship and Music committee met on Thursday, November 10th at

5:00 p.m.

Those in attendance were Glenna, Lois, Doug B., Becky, Leigha, Pastor John and Diane L.

Pastor filled us in on the person who is interested in the Tech position. We will wait on her move to Minnesota to further work out details. We continued to discuss the possibility of a new camera and digital screens on both sides of the altar. Dell and Doug B. are researching that. This will update our older equipment and move the camera from the middle aisle. This is just in discussion stage for now. Thank you to Doug and Dell who were able to figure out the organ pedals and get them working. Praise the Lord!

Thanksgiving Eve service is planned. The choir will sing. We will have communion. Also, the Council will serve pie and coffee after our gathering. Leigha will work on the readings for Advent, including families to light the Advent candles. Healing and prayer ministry is planning an initiative to encourage us to pray for others in this special season. This will be included in the Sunday morning services of Advent. Glenna will be getting music planned for the

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Christmas Day Sunday the 25th will include a Carol sing. Leigha is planning the Children's Christmas pageant. Diane Lombard will be finding ushers and any other extra help needed for these days. (Check in with her if you would like to serve communion or any other volunteer things needed).

Calendar:

Thanksgiving Eve—6:30 p.m.

Advent Sundays - Nov. 27, Dec. 4, Dec. 11, Dec. 18

Children's Pageant—Dec. 11th

Blue Christmas—Thursday, Dec. 15th - 6:30 p.m

Cantata—Dec. 18th

Christmas morning carol sing—Dec. 25th

Jan. 4th—Staff calendar clearing

Teen Challenge—Sunday, Jan. 22nd.

Hymn picker for January: Pastor John

*What a year! We are grateful along with our church family for all of God's Goodness; Doug B. and Lois (co-chairs)*

## Eco-Faith

**Reusable cloth napkin and plate use can literally save the planet!**

There have been conversations at coffee hour about the benefits of using reusable plates and napkins versus using paper product. So I did a bit of "research" and here is what I found out.

Paper products represent about 25% of all landfill waste. When we choose reusable dishes and cloth napkins, we save more than room in the landfill, we also save trees, water and even oil. It takes a tremendous amount of all three resources to make even one ton of paper plates and napkins.

Data indicates that replacing one ton of paper with reusable plates and napkins, we save approximately 7,000 gallon of water, 17 trees and 700 gallons of oil. Plus there is the cost of packaging which is usually non-recyclable plastic and the cost of transportation.

## 29th ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thank You to everyone who participated in some way with the Pine City Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

It was a pleasure serving with all of you in this small way. I believe our community is stronger because of the care and love that is continually shown through the actions of many from within our congregation.

Dine-In: 170

Take Out: 130

Delivery: 149

**TOTAL: 449 meals!!**



*Together Serving Him -  
Caron Peters.*



Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministries, Leigha Lange can be reached at 320-629-2985 Line 3 or via email at [youthorlc@gmail.com](mailto:youthorlc@gmail.com)

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Christmas Program will be December 11 at 9 AM. We hope you will join us as we tell the Story of Jesus Birth and the hope we were given that day!

Parents make sure to have your kid to the church by 8:15 if they are participating in the Christmas Program.

## LEFSE FUNDRAISER

Lefse Pre-order today! 5 pieces for \$7 or 25 pieces for \$25. Orders due by December 11th. Pick-up is December 18th from 10-1 pm. Proceeds go towards Youth programming and the 2023 summer trip. Thank you for supporting our youth!!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

No Sunday School December 25 and January 1

## KIDS OF THE KINGDOM

No Kids of the Kingdom December 28 and January 4

## SNACKS

We are looking for snack donations! Each week we provide snack for kids during Sunday School, Kids of the Kingdom, Youth Group, Confirmation, and beyond. If you would like to donate snacks to these programs please drop donations off in Leigha's office. The kids love most all snacks but we do stay away from anything peanut butter based.

## YOUTH GROUP

**\*\*No Sr High Youth Group and Jr High Youth Group December 28\*\***

**Jr High Youth** has begun while confirmation is on a break! Join Leigha on Wednesdays in the Youth room for games, devotions and more from 6:30-7:30. Please use the youth room door!

**Sr High Youth Group** continues on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30

## 2023 BOUNDARY WATERS TRIP INFO

Boundary Waters Trip | August 6-12 | Cost \$600

We're heading up north for a great week on trail, camping, portaging, and enjoying our time together in nature. This is an experience of a life time and we hope you will consider joining us! There will be a few opportunities to fundraise for this experience! Make sure to be watching social media and emails for more details.

## JANUARY ACTIVITIES

4 – Confirmation and Sr. High Youth Group resumes

8 – Sunday School Resumes

11 – Kids of the Kingdom resumes

23 – Feed My Starving Children 7:45 – 1

## ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Dec 4	Taylor T Ella S
Dec 11	No Acolytes Needed
Dec 18	Lauryn J
Dec 25	No Acolytes

## Heritage Committee

### Christmas At Our Redeemer in the 1980's



In the 1984 Church Newsletter, Pastor Manfolk wrote...

"Here we are coming into the season of Advent and around the Church there is much excitement. Advent means it won't be long until Christmas.

There will be many events to help us share in the joy and blessings of Christmas. Our Church has already begun with the Advent wreath making. Shortly (there will be) the Lutheran Church Woman's Christmas Dinner, the Sunday School Program and the Senior Choir presenting a Christmas Cantata for our morning worship. There is much in the Church to remind us of the great festival that is coming, Christmas."

December events of the 1980's:

- \* Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services
- \* Trimming the tree and decorating the Church
- \* Poinsettias for the altar area
- \* Luther League carolers
- \* Gifts for people at Lakeside Nursing Home
- \* Gifts for people at Moose Lake Regional Treatment Center
- \* Visits to shut-ins
- \* Community Carol Sing at the Presbyterian Church (1984)
- \* Community Christmas Sing-A-Long at Our Redeemer (1989)

#### **One Wish for Christmas**

*(From the LCW's 1984 Christmas Dinner)*

If I had one wish for Christmas  
That really could come true  
I'd wish that Christmas joy and peace  
Would last the whole year through.

Hearts are filled with joy and love  
Folks go to church and pray,  
On the eve that brought our Savior  
And on the morn of Christmas Day.

Songs and stories, old, yet new  
Are told around the tree  
As it stands in splendid radiance  
For everyone to see.

There is a pleasure gained in giving  
And a quiet, inner glow,  
For in making someone happy  
The angels sing, you know.

If I had one wish for Christmas  
I know it would bring cheer,  
If the folks on earth just carried  
Christmas in their hearts all year.



**Cherub Choir ~ Early 1980's**

## CHILDREN OF JOY PRESCHOOL

November ends and December begins! What a month to be THANKFUL for, which happened to be our theme for most of the month. We asked many important questions, What does it mean to be thankful? And what are you thankful for?

We did a great Tom the Turkey activity where the kids took home a paper turkey and were told to help Tom come up with a disguise to hide himself from becoming the main course at the Thanksgiving dinner. So many great ideas for Tom came back and are all still pinned up on the bulletin board outside our classroom for another week or so. See the picture to the right or take a walk down out hallway to see all what we have been up too!



As the season changes we have been discussing our hibernation unit and prepping for Christmas themes and decorating our classroom. The kids are always super excited for this time of year as are we!

One project already complete was participating in the Samaritan's Purse giving boxes. We collected small items for a boy and a girl and packed the shoe boxes full to be given to kids in need. 4 boxes were given and what a blessing to be able to teach the lesson of giving!



Coming Soon Events: Christmas PJ Party Day (kids only)

Family Fun Day (Preschool family night)

Becca Groe (COJ Board)

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**CREATING JOY IN LEARNING!**

## Community Share



A Place For You

### **A Place For You: Member Opportunity: NEW Schedule!!!**

Our church is continuing to serve the needs of the residents staying at A Place for You by preparing and delivering a meal to 220 3rd Ave. SE, Pine City. A new sign-up sheet is located in the fellowship hall on the bulletin board. Openings for providing a meal are the 2nd Tuesday or 3rd Thursday of the month.

MEALS start in OCTOBER and continue through SEPTEMBER, 2023. Meals are suggested with information and tips on the bulletin board, too. If you have any questions please contact me at 320-420-8886. THANK YOU! Carol VanderHorck

**AA Meetings  
7:30 p.m. ~ Mondays  
In the Youth Room at ORLC**  
Entrance is the back door by the Prayer Garden. Call Cindy S. at 320/279-1428 with questions.  
*AA meets during holidays.*

HEBREWS 13:16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have for such sacrifices are pleasing to God

## Church Share



Thank you to all who pray for our servicemen! My nephew, Andrew, returned home safe and sound October 26th, from a year deployment in Syria and Kuwait with the Montana National Guard.

Be encouraged every time you see the PowerPoint slide come up on the Sunday morning messages screen to whisper a prayer for our troops abroad and here at home.

Lois Bengston

A BIG thank you to all these hard workers who kept the Church gardens tended and watered this season. Special attention was given to pollinator plants and it worked—we noticed an uptick in bees and butterflies!

Tam Samuelson

Jane Carlson

Dave & Mary Jo Mettler

Mary Gustafson

Jerry & Shelia Soma-Johnson

Dale Matheisen

Mary & Dale Johnson

Kathlyn & Greg Lea  
Pam Jambeck



### BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Join us for a special worship service on **Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

The holidays are often a difficult time for those who are grieving the death of a loved one, suffering a significant loss or dealing with health concerns. If you “have the blues” this time of year, know that we are thinking of you and praying for you. We will acknowledge the sadness, pain, and loneliness people feel, but also call to mind the reasons we have for rejoicing because Emmanuel (God-with-us) is our hope this Christmas season.

*Please join us for this special service in-person or online through the Church YouTube page. A bulletin will be posted under the Listen and Watch tab on the ORLC webpage for your convenience.*



### CHOIR CANTATA:

*Sing We Now of Christmas*

December 18<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM Worship Service

*Thank you to: Jen Krinke, Glenna Reiersen and to the ORLC choir for this special gift of music!!*

## Christmas Eve Services

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

4:00 PM  
In-person

9:00 PM  
In-person & Online



### SUNDAY COFFEE TIME VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of volunteers to bring treats and serve for coffee time after Church.

*If you would like to serve a time or two please see the sign-up sheet on the WELCA bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.*



Dear ORL Church,

We are so thankful for your warm welcome of us as well as your desire to commit to supporting us as a congregation. We wanted to send you our sending organization's (Pioneers) link which allows you to set up monthly giving so it will automatically deduct each month and goes directly into our Pioneers account (pioneers.org; "Give to missionary" and use the Project Code #112861).

However, you can of course choose to do it by mail. Please write out the check to: Pioneers Act # 112861 Then mail it to: [10123 William Carey Dr, Orlando, FL 32832](mailto:10123 William Carey Dr, Orlando, FL 32832) Either way, Pioneers will send you a receipt and ensure that your gift is tax-deductible.

Thank you again and please let us know if you have any further questions.  
All for Jesus, *Tim & Maria*

# RECIPE

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church:  
50th Anniversary Cookbook 1946-1996

Swedish Sugar Cake  
Karen Zemek

ing bowl often.

**Ingredients:**

- 2 cups flour
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. cardamom seeds
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups whipping cream (do not whip)
- Vanilla wafer crumbs

Beat on medium speed for 3 minutes.

Butter a 9 inch tube-type fancy mold and dust with vanilla wafer crumbs.

Pour batter into pan.

Bake at 350 ° for 55 to 60 minutes.

Immediately remove from pan.

**Directions:**

Mix the first 7 ingredients.

Blend on low speed, scrap-



## Pine City Backpack Food Program

*Feed a child, grow a community*

320-629-4122 [dpackson@isd578.org](mailto:dpackson@isd578.org)

Keep up to date on all the happenings of the Pine City Backpack Program!

Like and follow them on their FB page:  
Pine City Backpack Program.

Have questions about the program email:  
[pinecitybackpackprogram@gmail.com](mailto:pinecitybackpackprogram@gmail.com)

### December Food Item:

### Rice Krispies Treats



## Children's Message Volunteers



We are looking for help in leading children's time during Sunday worship.

Rotating schedule with all who are willing to help & resources available to prepare a message.

Connect with Pastor John or Leigha if you are interested!

## HEADING SOUTH FOR THE WINTER?



Update the Church office with your address & leave/return dates so you still get your Church mailings.

*Don't forget! While away you can continue to worship with us on our YouTube Channel.*



# OUR REDEEMER READERS

**Tentative Book list for Jan-July 2023  
4<sup>TH</sup> Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall  
(EXCEPT MAY AND DECEMBER)**

**Jan 24: 5:30 pm**

**The Reading List by Sara Adams**

Working at the local library, Aleisha reads every book on a secret list she found, which transports her from the painful realities she's facing at home, and decides to pass the list on to a lonely widower desperate to connect with his bookworm granddaughter.

**ECRL has 1 book**

**Feb 28: 5:30 pm**

**The Bookwoman's Daughter by Kim Richardson**

In the ruggedness of the beautiful Kentucky mountains, Honey Lovett has always known that the old ways can make a hard life harder. As the daughter of the famed blue-skinned, Troublesome Creek packhorse librarian, Honey and her family have been hiding from the law all her life. But when her mother and father are imprisoned, Honey realizes she must fight to stay free, or risk being sent away for good. Picking up her mother's old packhorse library route, Honey knows she must continue to serve the people in the hollers.

**ECRL has these formats: 6 books, large print, ebook, eaudio, book on CD and Kindle**

**Mar 28: 5:30 pm**

**The Maid by Nita Prose**

Molly Dunn struggles with social skills and interprets people literally. Her gran used to interpret the world for her, with simple rules that Molly could live by. Since Gran died a few months ago, 25 year-old Molly has had to navigate life's complexities all by herself. No matter--she throws herself with gusto into her work as a hotel maid. Her unique character, along with her obsessive love of cleaning and proper etiquette, make her an ideal fit for the job. She delights in her crisp uniform, stocking her cart with soaps and bottles, and returning guest rooms at the Regency Grand Hotel to a state of perfection. But Molly's orderly life is turned on its head the day she enters the suite of the infamous and wealthy Charles Black. It is in disarray and Black is very dead in his bed. Before she knows what's happening, Molly's odd demeanor has the police targeting her as their lead suspect and she finds herself in a mess she has no idea how to untangle. Fortunately for Molly, a medley of friends who work to discover the real killer before it's too late?

**ECRL has these formats: Book, Large Print, ebook, eaudio, Kindle**

**Apr 25: 6:30 pm**

**West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge**

"Few true friends have I known and two were giraffes..." Woodrow Wilson Nickel, age 105, feels his life ebbing away. But when he learns giraffes are going extinct, he finds himself recalling the unforgettable experience he

cannot take to his grave. It's 1938. The Great Depression lingers. Hitler is threatening Europe, and world-weary Americans long for wonder. They find it in two giraffes who miraculously survive a hurricane while crossing the Atlantic. What follows is a twelve-day road trip in a custom truck to deliver Southern California's first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo. Inspired by true events, the tale weaves real-life figures with fictional ones, including the world's first female zoo director, a crusty old man with a past, a young female photographer with a secret, and assorted reprobates as spotty as the giraffes. Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story, *West with Giraffes* explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, the passing of time, and a story told before it's too late"--Publisher.

**ECRL has 1 book**

**May – no meeting unless we miss a date because of weather. Then the scheduled book for the missed month will be discussed.**

**Jun 27: 6:30 pm**

**The Seed Keeper by Diane Wilson**

Rosalie Iron Wing has grown up in the woods with her father, Ray, a former science teacher who tells her stories of plants, of the stars, of the origins of the Dakhóta people. Until, one morning, Ray doesn't return from checking his traps. Told she has no family, Rosalie is sent to live with a foster family in nearby Mankato--where the reserved, bookish teenager meets rebellious Gaby Makespeace, in a friendship that transcends the damaged legacies they have inherited. Rosalie begins to confront the past, on a search for family, identity, and a community where she can finally belong. In the process, she learns what it means to be descended from women with souls of iron--women who have protected their families, their traditions, and a precious cache of seeds through generations of hardship and loss, through war and the insidious trauma of boarding schools.

**ECRL has these formats: multiple books, book on CD, ebook, eaudio, Kindle**

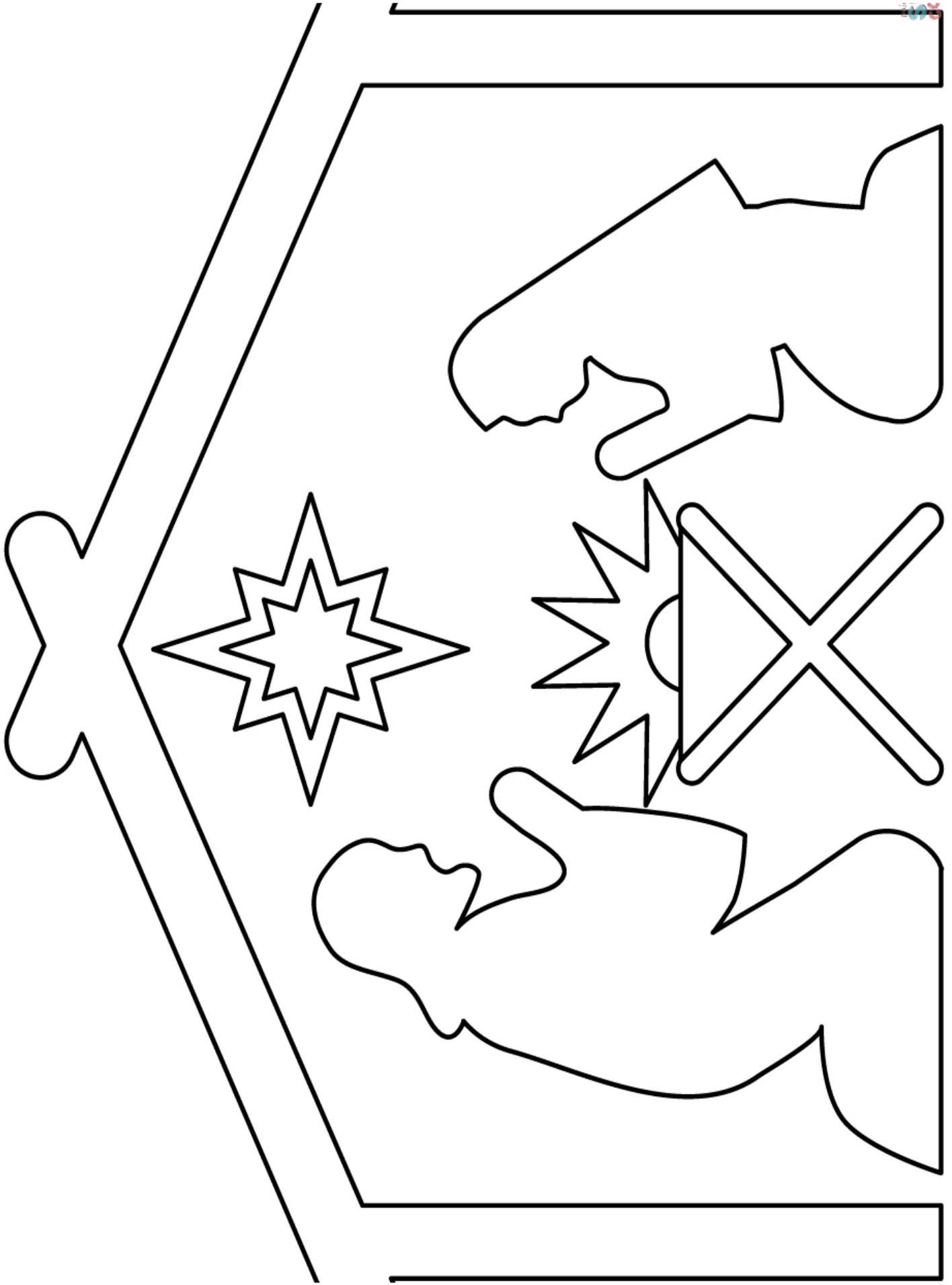
**July 25: 6:30 pm**

**In a Book Club Far Away by Tif Marcelo**

Regina Castro, Adelaide Wilson-Chang, and Sophie Walden used to be best friends. As Army wives at Fort Fairfax, they bonded during their book club and soon became inseparable. But when an unimaginable betrayal happened amongst the group, the friendship abruptly ended, and they haven't spoken since. That's why, eight years later, Regina and Sophie are shocked when they get a call for help from Adelaide. Adelaide's husband is stationed abroad, and without any friends or family near her new home of Alexandria, Virginia, she has no one to help take care of her young daughter when she has to undergo emergency surgery. For the sake of an innocent child, Regina and Sophie reluctantly put their differences aside to help an old friend.

**ECRL has these formats: book and large print book**

*Christy Koch*



# December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4</p> <p>8a Intentional Prayer 9:00a Worship 9:15a Sunday School 10:15a Manna &amp; Mercy Study</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:30p Christmas Packet prep 9a Quilting 9:45a Sail Class 5:30p COJ Board 7:30p A.A. Meeting</p>	6	<p>7 6:30a Men's Bible Study 3p Kids of the Kingdom 4:15p Christmas Program Prac. 6:30p JRH Youth Group 7p Choir 7:30p Sr. Youth Group</p>	<p>8 8a SonRisers 9:45a Sail Class 1p Grief Support Group 7p Council on ZOOM</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30p Christmas Program Practice</p>	<p>10</p>
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<p>18</p> <p>8a Intentional Prayer 9:00a Worship: Communion 9:15a Sunday School 10:15a Manna &amp; Mercy Study</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:45a Sail Class <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b> 7:30p A.A. Meeting</p>	20	<p>21 6:30a Men's Bible Study 3p Kids of the Kingdom <b>Youth Christmas Party</b></p>	<p>22 8a SonRisers 9:45a Sail Class 1p Grief Support Group</p>	23	24
<p>25</p> <p>8a Intentional Prayer 9:00 </p>	<p>26</p> <p><b>Church Office Closed</b> 7:30p A.A. Meeting</p>	27	<p>28 6:30a Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>29 8a SonRisers 9:45a Sail Class 1p Grief Support Group</p>	30	31
						<p>3</p> <p><b>Christmas Boutique</b> 9-3 pm</p>

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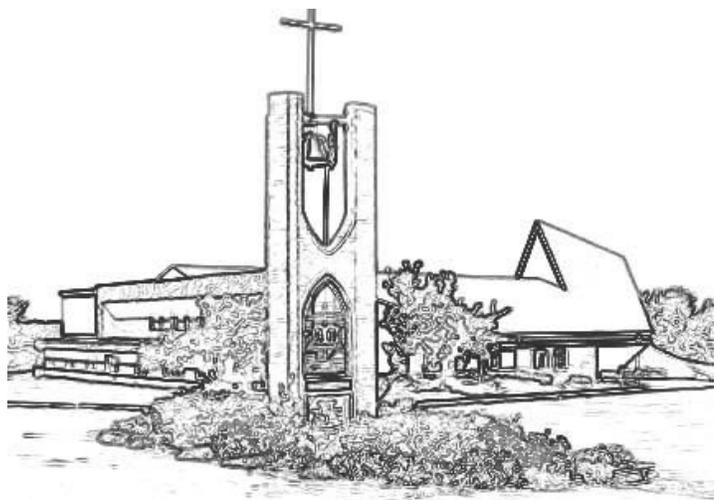
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**JOIN US FOR  
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or search YouTube for Our Redeemer  
Lutheran Church, Pine City

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**Our Vision:**

**Shining God's light into the darkness,  
bringing hope where there is despair,  
healing where there is hurt.**