



The Redeemer Register

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL - TUCSON, AZ

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GIVING LIKE GOD

Even unbelievers are moved to give at Christmastime. Non-Christians find a way to be generous. The solicitation comes in the mail with the picture of a starving child on it, and even people who don't know the love of Jesus give to the need. The red kettle and a bell-ringer are positioned right in front of the mall entry, and even people who would not set a foot in church reach into their pockets to give to a need.

How is the giving of a believer, like you or me, different? How is our giving better?

Because their hearts are not full of Jesus, unbelievers are only able to give TO something. They are motivated by a specific need. When there is no compelling need in front of them, they do not give.

Christian giving, of course, also provides for needs. But believers in Jesus not only give TO something, they give FROM something. There is something in their hearts which drives them to be generous and sharing, even when there is no picture of a starving child or a ringing bell. They give FROM a heart of love.

That makes us give like God. God did not give us his Son because of the worthiness of the cause. In fact, the Bible teaches clearly that you and I were not a worthy cause when God sent his Son to die for us. "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:9).

From a heart of love. From a heart that knows what a gracious God did for him. From a heart that is moved less

by a pressing need than by an internal desire to be a giver. That's what makes us different. That's what makes us give regularly. That's what makes us give generously. That's what makes us givers like God.

Do you have a heart of love? If you haven't done so yet this year, consider your offerings, and then from your own heart of love, give like God

"Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children, and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." Ephesians 5:1,2

Pastor Adam Mueller



The season of Lent begins March 1 with Ash Wednesday. Redeemer will offer mid-week Lenten services at 4:30 PM and 6:30 PM during the 6 weeks of Lent. We will again hold Lenten Suppers at 5:30 PM between the services. Connie Daugherty, as she has in the past, will orchestrate these meals and she is looking for help. Please keep an eye out for sign up sheets or contact Connie at dagerc@comcast.net



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The council canceled the December meeting and agreed to meet at our regular scheduled time in January. All of the boards had their monthly January meeting, and thoughts and ideas were presented to the council on the 23rd of January. You will be updated on any decisions reached, and directions taken.

I am amazed by the many visitors that we see every Sunday and by the many new members that have joined the body of Redeemer Lutheran. As of this writing, I greatly look forward to our new member dinner where we will recognize those that have joined the church in the past year. I hope to see many of you at that January 29th dinner and let's give our new members a very warm Redeemer welcome.

In Christ,
Mark Hixson
Chairman



I N O U R P R A Y E R S

Faith Wilson, friend of Annie Gibbons, waiting for a heart transplant.

Clyde Zager, cousin to Bob Chivers, pancreatic cancer.

RJ Wagner, great-grandson of Phyllis Brumfield, medevaced to Sioux Falls for ICU care after a concussion.

Denise Beerman, health.

Cynthia Weinstein's mother, hospitalized.

Marilyn Murray, recently hospitalized.

Richard Johnson, recently hospitalized.

Don Nevins, recently hospitalized.

Michael Deines, nephew of Phyllis Brumfield, struggling to recover from a recent surgery.

Pastor Mueller's grandparents, health.

John Lundgren's parents, health.

John Goltz, health.

Ed Feuling, recovering from a heart attack.

Janice Feuling, health.

Matt Sponaugle, friend of Jayne Turner, who may have a brain tumor from an accident he had as a child.

Carolyn Warskow, health.

Danny Kirkpatrick's mother, hospice.

Those struggling with cancer:

**Margaret Schwartz' brother, Tom
Juanita Lange's father
Lori Seiltz, Jessica's mom
Maria Sullivan**

George Korfe is having an Estate Sale
February 04, 2017

His wife Leni passed away Nov. 19, 2016
Everything must go!

If any of the Redeemer Family would like
to help with preparation of sale or help on
the day of the sale, please contact
Jan Session 743-9170



Mark your calendars for February 13th. On that day we will be having Grandparents' Day in preschool - 8th grade. (Preschool will also have it on February 14th for the students who attend Tuesdays / Thursdays.) This is a great opportunity for different generations to connect and spend some special time together. We are hoping to make a wonderful day for the students and their grandparents. Not all of our students will be able to have their grandparents participate in this day, so we are looking for some help from you. We would ask you to serve as surrogate grandparents for the day. You are invited to spend the day with a student or two and get to know them a little better. If you are interested in helping in this way, please let me know.

January 30th is the date for our annual Count Down to Kindergarten and Sneak Peek at 1st Grade events. On this night, we invite parents and their children to come in and learn more about the education that Redeemer can provide for kindergarten and 1st grade students. It is our goal to show parents how we are ready and willing to serve them and their children with a top notch Christian education. We will also be explaining the scholarships that are available through the State Tuition Tax Credit. If you know any families with children in this age group, please invite them to attend this event.

The teachers, together with our network of fellow WELS teachers in the Phoenix area, will be having an inservice on Friday, February 17th. The students will have the day off of school, and the teachers will be continuing their education to make their classrooms and their ministries even more effective.

Preregistration for the 2016-2017 school year is underway. The registration fee is reduced to \$50 if students are registered by the end of February. We are getting students and families

excited for next year already. If you know of anyone who has school aged children, please spend some time telling them about the great Christian Education that they can receive at Redeemer Lutheran School. Preregistration forms are available in the church and school office.

How would you like to give a gift of \$1000+ to the ministry of Redeemer that doesn't cost you anything? The state of Arizona has a tax credit program that you can make use of to turn the taxes that you pay to the state into a scholarship for a student who attends Redeemer. This gift helps our students' families and the school, and helping them helps the church as a whole. ACSTO is an organization that will help you take advantage of this tax credit. ACSTO will host workshops for us on January 26 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm, and February 11 at 11:00 am. At the workshop, you will learn about how to take advantage of Arizona's tax credits, how to support Redeemer, and how to pay for your student's K-12 tuition.

Mike Peek

Report on Boy and Girl Pioneers' January Meetings

Girl Pioneers studied sign-language during their January meeting.

Boy Pioneers continued building up towards our spring campout. Previous lessons; hiking, ropes/knots, camping; continued with camp tool safety (especially knife safety). We also water-proofed matches and practiced rolling up sleeping bags, which can be harder than you think (when using 30 year old mummy-bags). 😊

Pine wood derby kits are on their way. Cost is \$4 per kit. See Charlie Weinstein for a kit. Derby car races are being planned for springtime.

More details on hikes and camp outs will be emailed out when the plans are finalized. Pioneers meet the third Sunday of each month, from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. We are planning a hike on Sunday, February 12.

Keep up-to-date and view pictures on our webpage at redeemertucson.com/pioneers.

SUPPORT REDEEMER!

Before you file your completed 2016 AZ 140 state tax return, look at line 48. That is the liability you owe to Arizona and that amount (up to state limits) can be donated to ACSTO and turned into tuition scholarships for Redeemer students!

Simply put, if you usually pay AZ taxes, you could pay them to ACSTO instead. If you usually get a refund, your refund will be increased by your donation amount!

Confused? We're here to help! Ask Leigh Webster or any staff member and learn more at the **ACSTO workshop on February 11 at 11:00 am here at church.**

If you've never used this tax credit, please make this the year you do!



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Fellowship and Adult Bible Class meet between worship services (9:00-10:30 a.m.) in the Ministry Center. The study for February will continue **“What It Means To Be a Lutheran”** and will be led by Pastor Wayne Mueller.

High School Bible Class meets Sundays 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Room 310.

Catechism Instruction Class for 7th and 8th grades meets every Sunday between services 9:30-10:30 a.m. Please speak with Pastor Langebartels.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study meets Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. This small group setting is a great place to study the Bible and get to know people better. We meet in room 301.

Women’s Friday Morning Bible Class continues to study **God’s Yellow Pages**. We have had some interesting discussions as we go over the different areas of prayer and understand how common to the human condition the situations listed are. There are some great antidotes in the Bible verses!! Our prayers have been extensive lately for some people who have major challenges in life and also for the welfare of our country. We also send cards to encouragement or condolence. Please feel free to join us any Friday in room 301 from 9-10 for Bible Study and 10-10:30 for prayer time. All materials are provided.

Men’s Bible Class We will be start studying a new book of the Bible, **First Corinthians**. Great time to start a new year with a new book of the Bible. We meet on the second and fourth Saturday of the month. We start as early as 7:30 a.m. with coffee, treats and fellowship and Bible study starts at 8:00 a.m. For more information, contact Pastor

Langebartels.

Live Online Bible Study - Mysterious Marriage This four-week study will be streamed live twice every Wednesday night between Feb. 1 and Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. (central) on the WELS website, at <http://cad.welsrc.net/downloads-cad/interactive-faith/>.

Bible 401 - “The Proper Distinction between Law and Gospel” This is a more advanced level Bible study that meets Thursdays from 7:00-8:15 p.m. Participants will be equipped in Bible teachings with a special emphasis given to practical application.

Bible 101 - Bible Information Class This class is a great opportunity for those who want to know more about what the Bible and our church teaches. This 10 week study will focus on your life as a Christian and your purpose for living, including how to study the Bible and how to serve God. Contact the school office to enroll, or get in touch Pastor Mueller.

Sunday School for children Pre-K through 6th grade.

All Sunday School children meet in the church at 9:30 AM.

PreK-2nd grade - Tawnya Caldwell

3rd - 6th grade - Phyllis Brumfield

***Infant and Toddler Nursery available 9:15-11:45 AM*

Sunday mornings in Room 302.

Study God’s Word with Us. All are welcome!

WE WELCOME THE HELGERSONS



Roland and Barbara Helgerson

Let’s give a hearty welcome to Roland and Barbara Helgerson who have recently joined us. Both Roland and Barbara were born, raised, and did their schooling in Minnesota. Roland started out working as a carpenter, went into the military where he did electronics, and when he got out of the military, got into electronics at Raytheon. Barbara has worked in accounting, personnel, and databases. Roland and

Barbara have a daughter, two grandsons, one great-grandson, and one great-granddaughter, all in Oklahoma. They came to us looking for a church after the one they attended closed down. They feel the Lord has blessed them greatly with Barbara’s mother who is 91 years old and stills lives alone back in Minnesota. Here in Tucson they have their two dogs that keep them company.

THIS & THAT

K-8 Registration Open for 2017-18

Register for next year's classes now! Registering early will help the leaders of the school and church make informed decisions about the resources we need to fulfill our mission of shepherding hearts, developing minds, and instilling values. The registration fee will be \$50 until the end of February, so don't miss out on this discount.

Calling all Redeemer "Grandmas" and "Grandpas!"

Redeemer school will celebrate Grandparents' Day on Monday, February 13 and also on Tuesday, February 14th for our Tuesday/Thursday preschoolers. Several of our students do not have grandparents who can attend.

If you are willing to step in as a surrogate grandparent on one of those days, please speak with Sally in the office.

Thank you!

We are looking for volunteers to join the Offering Counting Committee

Would require about 1 hour of time after the 2nd service to count & record the offerings.

If anyone is interested, please contact Dawn Hansen dandawnaz@aol.com or 520-275-4725

MEDICAL LOAN CHEST

If you have a need, we offer items that you can borrow. If you have borrowed items and are no longer in need of them, please return them to the Ministry Center. Items are being requested on a regular basis.

Boy and Girl Pioneers meet the third Sunday of the month from 3:00-5:00 PM. Please see Charlie Weinstein or Ruth Plymesser for details.

GREETING CARDS

are available in the Ministry Center card rack.

2017 Altar Flower Chart

The sign-up chart for 2017 altar flower donations is in the Ministry Center. Price is \$30 per Sunday for two arrangements. Or, two families may share for \$15 each.

TEENS IN 3D

Group Trip to 309th Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group, "The Boneyard":
Saturday, February 11.
Monthly meeting: Feb. 19th at 5:00 pm.

This and archived editions of the Redeemer Register can be found online at: redeemertucson.com/redeemer-register

Sunday Coffee Hour Hosts

Feb 5th - available
Feb 12th - available
Feb 19th - Tafoya/Moreno
Feb 26th - available

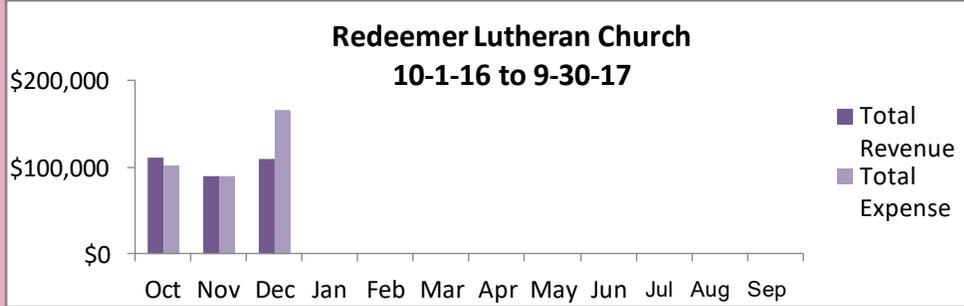
CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

(Please clean on the Friday or Saturday before.)

1st Sunday - Feb. 5 - Cathy Muscoreil, Charlie Weinstein family, Mary Stellbrink
2nd Sunday - Feb. 12 - Kathy & Ted Feuling, Clyde Brumfield, Lisa & Wade Young
3rd Sunday - Feb. 19 - Carol Rockwell, Faye Wiesenfarth, Gerri Kramer
4th Sunday - Feb. 26 - Ted & Kathy Feuling, Scott Etzenhouser family

If you or your family can spare an hour or so once a month in helping keep our church clean, please contact me. ~ Bill Weinstein, Sanctuary Care Coordinator

CHURCH FINANCES & ATTENDANCE



December Offerings	
	2016 - \$ 45,487
	2015 - \$ 50,157
	2014 - \$ 41,432
	2013 - \$ 39,283

10/1/16 to 12/31/16	Oct	Nov	Dec	J a n	F e b	M a r	A p r	M a y	J u n	J u l	A u g	S e p	Yr To Date
Total Revenue	\$110,299	\$88,713	\$108,958										\$307,971
Total Expense	\$102,200	\$89,853	\$165,298										\$357,350
Excess/<Deficit>	8,100	(1,140)	(56,340)*										(\$49,380)

*For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be
also.*

~ Matthew 6:21

* reflects payments made to CMO and ALA

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

YEAR END STATISTICS

December 2016	Sunday 8 a.m.	Sunday 10:45 a.m.	Total	Total 2015
4 th	102	109	211	187
11 th	120	99	219	201
18 th	104	111	215	208
25 th	One 9:15 Service	154	154	173
Average	82	118	200	192
Advent Services	4:30 PM	6:30 PM	Total	Total 2015
Nov 30, 2016	87	23	110	107
Dec 7, 2016	102	31	133	115
Dec 14, 2016	92	191*	283	127
(*) 3 Year Old Pre-School Students Sang at the 6:30 Service				
Dec 24, 2016		265	265	292
Dec 25, 2016	One 9:15 Service	154	154	125
Dec 31, 2016		61	61	91

2016

Total Sunday attendance; **10,958**
 Average attendance per Sunday; **210.7**
 Special services: **2,379**
 Communion attendance: **3,643**

2015

Total Sunday attendance; **10,526**
 Average attendance per Sunday; **202.4**
 Special services: **3,146**
 Communion attendance: **3,645**

2014

Total Sunday attendance; **10,117**
 Average attendance per Sunday; **194.6**
 Special services: **2,770**
 Communion attendance: **3,714**

Student Services for 2016: Dec 21, 2016 - Kindergarten & Pre-Kindergarten approximately 300 (plus students)
 Dec 22, 2016 - Grade school Christmas Service; 2:00 PM; 65, 6:30 PM; 221, total of 286 (plus students)

COMMUNION & BIBLE CLASS ATTENDANCE

Communion	1st Service	2nd Service	Total	Bible Classes	Average Attendance	Bible Classes	Average Attendance
Sun 12-4-16	68	72	140	Sunday Morning	72	401 Bible Class	No Class
Sun 12-25-16	108	No Service	108	Sunday School	30	101 BIC	10
December 2016 Total			248	Women's	6	Tue Evening B.C.	27
December 2015 Total			431	Men's	10	Youth Catechism	10

The Church Mouse

Kans for Kids is being handled by the Youth Group. Please remember to donate your aluminum cans in the bin marked "Kans for Kids", located next to the dumpster.

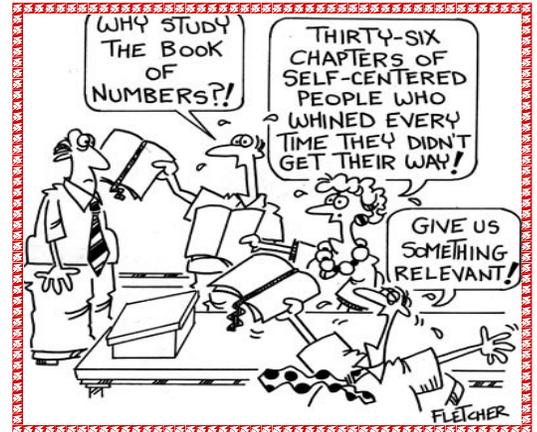
Daily Devotions Did you know that you can access a devotion every day on the Internet from our WELS website? Start the day with Jesus and his Word. Go to wels.net/serving-you/devotions. If you subscribe using the button at the bottom of the page, the daily devotions will be sent directly to your email.

Stay up to date! Please "like" and follow Redeemer's pages on Facebook!

Church: Facebook.com/RedeemerLutheranChurchTucson

School: Facebook.com/RedeemerLutheranTucson

Preschool: Facebook.com/RedeemerPreschoolTucson



February Anniversaries

February 25, 2011
Brett and Laura Keeley



February Birthdays

- 2/2 Ruth Zuern
- 2/2 Mike Drake
- 2/2 Amy Carlaftes
- 2/2 Doug Willis
- 2/3 Shayna Binnion
- 2/3 Calli Stoeckman
- 2/4 Tim Webster
- 2/5 Matt Gibbons
- 2/5 Amy Montiel
- 2/7 Diego Moreno
- 2/8 Jim Norby
- 2/9 Jim Rockwell
- 2/11 Garrett Dunn
- 2/12 Ian McCain
- 2/13 Tawnya Caldwell
- 2/13 Carson Mordecai
- 2/14 August Weinstein
- 2/14 Shirley Murray
- 2/14 Madelyn Riblett
- 2/15 Pam Hansen
- 2/15 Billy Bob Riley
- 2/18 Domingo Arrellin
- 2/18 Cody Hansen
- 2/18 Melissa Colombo
- 2/19 Jacob Eddy
- 2/22 Georgia Stoeckman
- 2/25 Aria Montiel
- 2/25 Dan Kalota
- 2/26 Matt Pierce
- 2/26 Alice Ries
- 2/27 Samuel Langebartels
- 2/27 Jerry Faas
- 2/28 Jen Thompson
- 2/29 Steve Mesich
- 2/29 Sandy Rash

LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society)

Please mark your calendars with two important dates for this year's rallies. **April 1** Spring Rally will be at Grace Lutheran Church here in Tucson and **October 7** will be the fall rally at Redeemer. If you have never attended a rally, this is a wonderful opportunity to become familiar with LWMS and see what happens at a rally. Our circuit is called Grand Canyon Circuit East of LWMS and includes southern AZ and the White Mountains and Apache Reservation. Watch for more details.

For the next two years our circuit will be sending cards and having prayers for our Befriend A Mission assignments. We have one World Mission Board assignment and two Home Mission Board assignments. They are as follows: World: Pastor Strackbein, Bolivia. Home: Pastor Thomas Glende, North Carolina and Pastor Sternhagen in Colorado. Special prayers are already requested for the Sternhagen family as they were 14 years in Antigua and their four children are having difficulty adapting to this new home away from the only home they have ever known. Watch for further information on these three ministries.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Sunday, February 19 at 5:00 p.m.
BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse
4270 N. Oracle Rd.
Please RSVP to Kara Peek
Kara.Peek@redeemertucson.com
or (520) 310-7660



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FEBRUARY 2017 AT-A-GLANCE

- January 29 - New Member Welcome/Chili Cook-off, 4:00 p.m.
- January 30 - Countdown to Kindergarten/Sneak Peek at 1st Gr., 5:30 p.m.
- February 11 - Redeemer Tuition Tax Credit Workshop, 11:00 a.m.
- February 11 - Teens in 3D group trip to "The Boneyard"
- February 12 - Pioneer hike
- February 13 - Grandparents Day at Redeemer School
- February 17 - No School (Teacher In-service)
- February 19 - Girl & Boy Pioneers, 3:00 p.m.
- February 19 - Teens in 3D, 5:00 p.m.
- February 19 - Ladies Night Out, 5:00 at BJ's Restaurant
- February 23-24 - No School (Rodeo Days)
- March 1 - Ash Wednesday services, 4:30 & 6:30 p.m. (Meal at 5:30 p.m.)