



Redeemer Lutheran Church

I rejoiced with those who said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1

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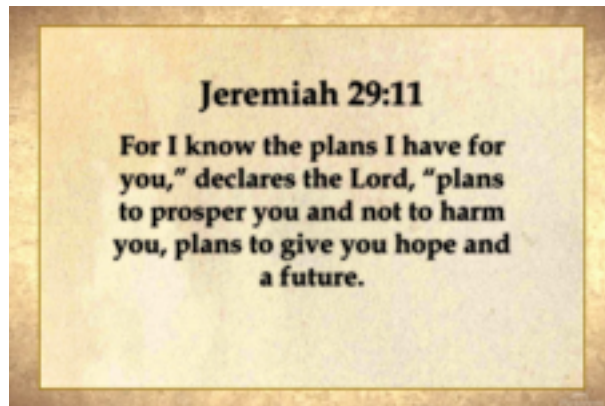
God’s Encouraging Word ... *when I am fearful about the future*

2019 is here. For some, it’s scary how quickly 2018 disappeared. For others, they can’t wait to turn the page because this is the year they plan to graduate or perhaps get married. In either case, however, who of us knows what 2019 will bring? In all seriousness, who of us knows what tomorrow will bring?

If you’ve ever worried or fretted about the future, our gracious God has given us a very powerful verse, nestled right in the middle of the Old Testament book of Jeremiah. The prophet Jeremiah was one who had very good cause to be worried about the future. Day after day he took a beating because he stood up for God’s truth and proclaimed God’s Word. But God lifted Jeremiah’s eyes up to see the future and to know the truth about what was in store for him. God said to Jeremiah and He says to you: *“I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

Talk about comforting and encouraging words! This is God’s ultimate plan for all believers—a plan that meets its fulfillment in

heaven, and yet believers find fulfillment of these promises even now. Let’s be clear, God is not promising you an extraordinary amount of money in a sweepstakes. He’s not saying that you won’t ever get cancer or some other disease. He’s telling you and me that HE KNOWS. He knows the plan—the ultimate plan—which centers upon Jesus.



Because of Jesus we have the sure hope of heaven. Because of Jesus we have a future that is free from all sin, shame, sorrow and sadness. Because of Jesus our Savior who lived and died and rose in our place, we don’t have to worry or fret about what 2019 will bring. No matter what

happens, through faith in Jesus our future is set. God knows it and He wants you to know it too.

As we journey into 2019, we can make plans, we can set goals. Above all, we can have confidence because our LORD God knows the ultimate plans He has for us—and He’s already shared them with us! Live in this confidence and share these promises, for there are many around us who are deeply concerned what the future holds. Tell them about Jesus who knows!

Annual Meeting

After worship on Sunday, January 20, there will be a brief voters' meeting to receive the annual report. We will also finalize the changes which the district constitution committee has suggested. Proposed changes are printed out and able to be viewed. The changes are meant to bring consistency through the constitution, as well as adding a couple of things which were not included in our present constitution.

Men's/Women's Bible Study

On Monday, January 21, we will hold a Women's Bible Study. It will begin at 5 PM.

On Saturday, January 26, we will hold a Men's Bible Study. It will also begin at 5 PM.

Upcoming Events

- January 13 - Church Council at 8:30 AM
- January 20 - Annual meeting after worship
- January 21 - Women's Bible Study at 5 PM
- January 26 - Men's Bible Study at 5 PM
- January 27 - Chili Cook-off at noon

Thank You

Many hours of effort went into preparing for our Christmas activities. Volunteers helped to put up the tree and decorations, both inside and outside, going caroling, and so on. Many have spent time in choir, chimes, and reading for our Christmas worship service. For all of your gifts of time and love for your Savior, the entire congregation is truly thankful and prays that the Lord will bless you from His bountiful store of treasures.

Pastor and Karen Weber also want to thank everyone for their cards and gifts this year.

May the Lord bless you in all of the ways which only He can.

Chili Cook-off

On Sunday, January 27, there will be a chili cook-off for our pot luck lunch at noon. If you would like to participate in the competition, you can sign-up on the sheet at church. Or you could just bring chili for the pot-luck lunch that day.

Lord's Blessings to You

We join these members of Redeemer in thanking God as they celebrate their birthday or wedding anniversary.

- 02 – Deb Kienitz
- 18 – Kelsey Cushway
- 18 – Kiara Cushway
- 23 – Flo Pemberton
- 27 – Samuel West
- 29 – Mary & Bob Rogers

May the Lord's blessings continue to flow in your lives and homes as you live for Him. May His presence, love, and goodness be with you in another year of life and marriage.

Attendance & Offerings

<u>Service</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
11/21 (Wed)	21	\$326.00
11/25	36	\$1114.00
12/2	50	\$1800.00
12/9	49	\$1273.00
12/16	51	\$1267.00
12/23	55	\$2523.17
12/24	79	\$ 841.00
12/25	26	\$ 297.00

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Come Worship With Us
Sunday Mornings at 10:00 AM



“Your word is a
lamp to my feet and
a light for my path.”

Psalm 119:105

Growing in the Word: Monthly Bible Reading Plan January 2019

January 1 - Revelation 3:1-6	January 19 - Revelation 14:14-20
January 2 - Revelation 3:7-13	January 20 - Revelation 15
January 3 - Revelation 3:14-22	January 21 - Revelation 16
January 4 - Revelation 4	January 22 - Revelation 17
January 5 - Revelation 5	January 23 - Revelation 18:1-20
January 6 - Revelation 6	January 24 - Revelation 18:21-19:10
January 7 - Revelation 7	January 25 - Revelation 19:11-21
January 8 - Revelation 8	January 26 - Revelation 20:1-10
January 9 - Revelation 9	January 27 - Revelation 20:11-15
January 10 - Revelation 10	January 28 - Revelation 21:1-8
January 11 - Revelation 11:1-14	January 29 - Revelation 21:9-21
January 12 - Revelation 11:15-19	January 30 - Revelation 21:22-22:5
January 13 - Revelation 12:1-9	January 31 - Revelation 22:6-21
January 14 - Revelation 12:10-13:1	
January 15 - Revelation 13:2-10	
January 16 - Revelation 13:11-18	
January 17 - Revelation 14:1-5	
January 18 - Revelation 14:6-13	