



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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January 2020

Unchanging Hope for an Ever-changing World

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

Hebrews 13:8

As one year ends and another begins, columnists and commentators look back at the previous year. What changed? What stayed the same? Whose passing did we mourn? Whose new arrival did we celebrate?

At the same time, we make predictions about the coming year. What will the new year hold? What will change? What will stay the same?

As fun and exciting as it may be to reminisce about the past and dream about the future, it can also be a little sad and scary. Things will likely never be what they used to be. Loved ones who have passed away don't come back. Jobs that are lost seldom reappear quickly. Even when broken dreams and broken relationships are repaired, they rarely return to their former glory. Many times our experiences in an ever-changing world are difficult.

Yet we sometimes look at our lives and see a need for change. Many of us make New Year's resolutions: “I'm going to exercise more and eat less.” “I'm going to save more and spend less.” “I'm going to love more and hate less.” But too

often, our good intentions disappear, and only poor excuses remain.

No matter what (or who) changes from one year to the next, there is one who never changes—Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He always exists, from before time, throughout the course of time, and at the end of time for eternity. Jesus loved you before you were born. He loves you today, and He will always love you.



That's what Christmas is all about. Jesus loved you so much that He wanted you to experience His unchanging love forever. So He came into the world to live up to God's perfect demands in your place. He took the punishment for your imperfection and gave you the reward for His perfection. That

reward is an eternity far away from this world's sorrows and disappointments—the unchanging peace and joy of a place called heaven.

Jesus—the same yesterday, today, and forever—promises to be with us, love us, care for us, and give perfect peace with God to all who trust in Him. Only Jesus offers unchanging hope to an ever-changing world.

Church Undecorating

On Friday, January 10, beginning at 9:30 AM, we will take down all of the decorations at church and pack them away for another year. Many hands will make this go quickly.

Men's/Women's Bible Study

On Monday, January 20, we will hold a Women's Bible Study. It will begin at 5 PM.

On Saturday, January 25, we will hold a Men's Bible Study. It will also begin at 5 PM.

Lunch and Games

On Friday, January 17, there will be a soup and sandwich lunch at church beginning at 12:30 PM. There will be a sign-up sheet for the food. Cards and/or games will follow after that.

Annual Meeting

After worship on Sunday, January 26, there will be a voters' meeting to receive the annual report.

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.

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

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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.

Upcoming Events

January 10 - Church undecorating at 9:30 AM

January 12 - Church Council at 8:30 AM

January 17 - 12:30 PM lunch followed by games

January 20 - Women's Bible Study at 5 PM

January 25 - Men's Bible Study at 5 PM

January 26 - Annual meeting after worship

Attendance & Offerings

<u>Service</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>BS</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>SS</u>
11/24	41	\$2107.00	28	11	
11/27	18	\$165.50			
12/1	30	\$768.00		12	
12/8	36	\$1905.00	13	11	
12/15	47	1998.00	14	11	5
12/22	38	\$2353.00		11	
12/24	69	\$943.00			
12/25	25	\$226			

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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 2020

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	