

Redeemer Lutheran
Church Newsletter
February 2025

...hope does not put us
to shame, because God's love
has been poured into our
hearts through the Holy Spirit
who has been given to us.

Romans 5:5, ESV

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“Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, ‘You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.’”

Luke 3:21-22

Unlike the birth and resurrection of our Lord, the baptism of Jesus barely gets enough attention, and if it does, it is usually in liturgical churches that follow the Church year calendar and observe this event in the life of our Lord on the 1st Sunday after the Epiphany. Even after that Sunday, we really do not emphasize it so much. Think about it. No one buys a Jordan River scene of John the Baptist baptizing Jesus and puts it outside like you would a nativity at Christmas time. In fact, you would not be able to because a lot of Christian stores do not have this scene made out of wood or depicted in paintings and picture books for kids. Churches are not even full on the day we remember the baptism of our Lord, but when you read this account of our Lord’s life, we truly see how important it is for us Christians. Of course, the whole life of Jesus is important, but His baptism puts our baptism in a very beautiful perspective. Jesus makes our baptism mean a lot to us. When reading the passages about Jesus being baptized, I cannot help but think of the baptismal font. Matthew reveals the reason Jesus was baptized. He writes, “John would have prevented Him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?’ But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness (Mat. 3:14-15).’” Jesus is the Righteous One who fulfills all things for us on our behalf. He fulfills all righteousness by fulfilling all of God’s commandments perfectly. He is the sin-bearer who takes sin all the way to the cross and kills it for us so that in Him we have forgiveness of sins, and in Him we are righteous.

This is the beauty of our baptism. What Christ takes upon Himself at His baptism, He washes away in our baptism, sin. The righteousness He fulfills is delivered to us in the water and the Word so that we are in the righteousness of Christ. So living in the waters of Holy Baptism means we are living in the righteousness of the beloved Son of God who lowered Himself to sinful humanity to become one of us, yet without sin, in order to redeem us from the filthiness of our sins and cleanse us of it. This means the promises of baptism still stand even when we fall into temptation. Paul writes in 2 Timothy 2:13, “If we are faithless, He remains faithful- for He cannot deny Himself.” Dear baptized children of God, the baptism of Jesus is an event in His life worth discussing, studying, and even celebrating; for in His baptism Jesus already made you His own and declared you clean of all sin long before you were even baptized. So yes, even before you were baptized, Jesus was baptized for you to fulfill all righteousness as He directed His attention from the waters of the Jordan to the cross on Golgotha.

Pastor Nemeč

Wednesday Bible Study

We meet every **Wednesday at 11 am**. We are studying the **Gospel of John**.

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

Join the men Saturday, **February 1st at 9:00 am**. If you would like to help cook or just want to keep the cooks company, please show up around 8 am. Men of all ages are welcome! Bring your appetite and your cooking skills.

Young Adult Bible Study

We are studying the **Gospel of Matthew February 3rd and 10th at 7pm**.



Apple Core Care Group Bible Study

Ladies mark your calendars! We are meeting again **February 10th at 6:00pm** at Marcia Earley's house. Please contact Patty Perkins 806-473-7333 for more information.

Braille

Braille will meet every **Tuesday at 1:30pm**. If you want more information on this project please contact Barbara Davis for details at 806-790-7267. More volunteers are welcome!!

Office Hours

The office will be closed **February 17th** for Presidents' Day.

Bulk Flower Ordering

We need someone to take over getting the bulk flowers for occasions like Advent, Lent, etc. If you would be interested in taking on this endeavor, please talk to Betty Holder.

Nurturing Center Fundraising Banquet Coming **March 13, 2025** the Nurturing Center will be having their Annual Fundraising Banquet. There is no charge for the dinner, but at the end there will be an opportunity to make a private donation. If you would like to attend the banquet or have questions, please contact Patty Perkins.

Sewing the Heart!

WE PROVIDE
PREGNANCY TESTS
ULTRASOUNDS
PARENTING CLASSES
BABY ITEMS
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
AND RESOURCES

OUR MISSION:

TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUALLY TAILORED
COMPASSIONATE AND CONFIDENTIAL
ASSISTANCE TO PREGNANT WOMEN

STARTING 2024 NEW PROGRAMS

MEN ONLINE CLASSES
MOM SUPPORT GROUP
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR LICENSE

WE ENVISION A CULTURE WHERE WOMEN AND MEN FACED
WITH PREGNANCY DECISIONS ARE SUPPORTED AND
EMPOWERED TO CHOOSE LIFE FOR THEIR UNBORN CHILD.

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Bilingual
Services

Redeemer Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Mission Statement

The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

Ladies Quilting Group

The Quilting Group meets regularly on the First and Third Monday of each month at 9 am to prepare quilts for various local non-profit organizations. The group would like to thank all of you who have previously donated to this project and ask for continued support.

If you like to quilt, please come join them.



MITES!

If you would like to be involved in the good works that our Mites do, you can pick up a box from the LWML table in the Parish Hall. It is amazing what these small amounts will do. At the end of the day, you can put your loose change in the box, then bring your full box to church and give it to Krista Holder.

Altar Flowers

We encourage members to help us adorn the Altar every Sunday. The 2025 Flower Calendar is posted on the Sacristy door in the Parish Hall. If you would like to honor an occasion with flowers, please sign up. The cost of the flowers is based upon the size and number of arrangements. Please contact the church office for further information.

Sunday Announcements

If you have an item of information you wish to share with the congregation, please write it down and give it to Pastor prior to the Sunday service so that it may be included in the announcements.

Bulletin & Newsletter

Please contact Rebecca concerning any meetings or other events that you wish to have published in the bulletin or the monthly newsletter. The deadlines for these are:
Bulletin - Wednesday at noon
Newsletter - 20th of every month

2025 Church Calendar

The calendar is on the desk in the office. If you have an event that needs to be on there, please let Rebecca know so the date is reserved.



Online Giving

We have a **“Give Now”** option on our Website **“rlcms.org”**. You can give a one time offering or set up a recurring offering. Just go to the website and hit the “Give Now” option on the menu and follow the directions. If you have any questions you can contact
Patty Perkins 806/473-7333 or
Rebecca 806/744-6178.

Lutheran Hour

Remember to tune to KFYO 790 AM at 8:00 am each Sunday morning to hear the Lutheran Hour broadcast. If you are outside the Lubbock broadcast area, the Lutheran Hour is also broadcast on KPET 690 AM in Lamesa at 11:30 am You can also listen live on Facebook **@lutheranhourministry** Or the Website **LHM.org**

Facebook

The Sunday bulletin and newsletter are available on the Redeemer Lutheran Church website: **www.rlcms.org**
SERVICES ARE BEING STREAMED LIVE ON FACEBOOK
@Historic Redeemer Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Parking

Please let the church office know if you need to park your vehicle in the parking lot for a period of time so we do not tow it.

Our Staff

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Secretary Rebecca Clark

Organist Cynthia Merrell

Custodian Krista Holder

MEETING DATES

BOARD OF ELDERS

March 2, 2025

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 9, 2025

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

February 2, 2025



ELDER SERVING

February

Harvey Fleischhauer

BOARD OF ELDERS

Chairman

Harvey Fleischhauer
Richard Holder
Steve Platten

Counters	Judy Lingnau Richard Holder
Altar Circle	Krista Holder

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman

Clifford Gruetzner

Vice Chairman

Empty

Treasurer

Patty Perkins

Secretary

Barbara Davis

Date	Usher
February 2 Holy Communion	Isaiah Clark Clifford Gruetzner Richard Holder
February 9	Clifford Gruetzner Steve Platten
February 16 Holy Communion	Isaiah Clark Steve Platten Richard Holder
February 23	Isaiah Clark Clifford Gruetzner

TASK FORCE LEADERS

Maintenance

Empty

Publicity & Evangelism

James Clark

Human Resources

Empty

Keeper of the Keys


Cynthia Merrell

Sunday School Superintendent

Rieka Obenhaus

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<p>1 9am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study Birthdays: Cynthia Merrell</p>
<p>2 9:30am Worship w/ Comm. Ushers: Isaiah, Richard, Clifford 10:45am Bible Study</p>	<p>3 9am Quilting 7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study Birthdays: Reid Campbell</p>	<p>4 1:30pm Braille</p>	<p>5 11am Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 9:30am Worship Ushers: Bill, Steve 10:45am Bible Study</p>	<p>10 6:00pm Apple Core Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study Anniversary: Harvey & Bernice Fleischhauer</p>	<p>11 1:30pm Braille</p>	<p>12 11am Bible Study Anniversary: Steve & Mary Catherine Platten</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 9:30am Worship w/ Comm. Ushers: Isaiah, Steve, Richard 10:45am Bible Study</p>	<p>17 9am Quilting Office Closed</p> 	<p>18 1:30pm Braille</p>	<p>19 11am Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 9:30am Worship Ushers: Isaiah, Clifford 10:45am Bible Study Birthdays: Angela Merrell</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 1:30pm Braille Birthdays: Bernice Fleischhauer</p>	<p>26 11am Bible Study Anniversary: John & Diane Mann</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>ELDER SERVING Harvey Fleischhauer</p>

- February 1st
Proverbs 13
- February 2nd
Proverbs 14
- February 3rd
Proverbs 15
- February 4th
Proverbs 16
- February 5th
Proverbs 17
- February 6th
Proverbs 18
- February 7th
Proverbs 19
- February 8th
Proverbs 20
- February 9th
Proverbs 21
- February 10th
Proverbs 22
- February 11th
Proverbs 23
- February 12th
Proverbs 24
- February 13th
Proverbs 25
- February 14th
Proverbs 26
- February 15th
Proverbs 27



Let the
word of Christ
dwell in you
richly.

Colossians 3:16

- February 16th
Proverbs 28
- February 17th
Proverbs 29
- February 18th
Proverbs 30
- February 19th
Proverbs 31
- February 20th
Ecclesiastes 1
- February 21st
Ecclesiastes 2
- February 22nd
Ecclesiastes 3
- February 23rd
Ecclesiastes 4
- February 24th
Ecclesiastes 5
- February 25th
Ecclesiastes 6
- February 26th
Ecclesiastes 7
- February 27th
Ecclesiastes 8
- February 28th
Ecclesiastes 9

