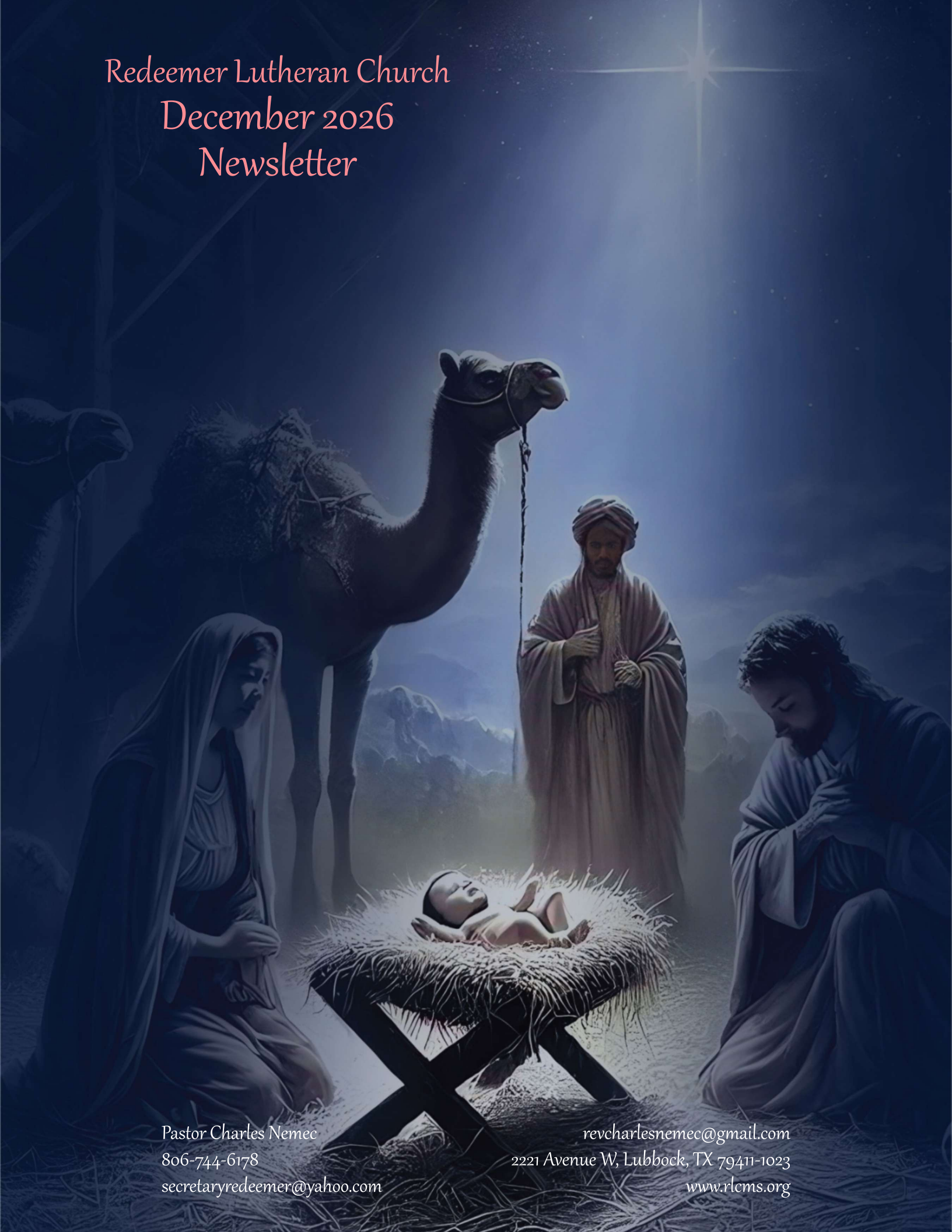
# Redeemer Lutheran Church
# December 2026
# Newsletter



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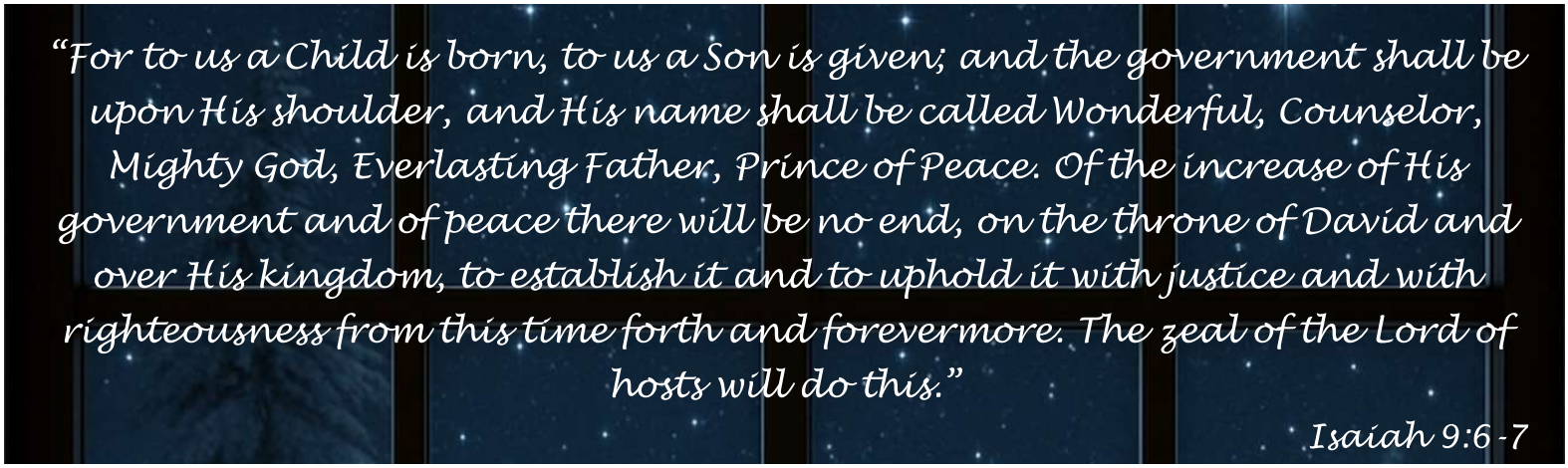


It is interesting going to the store and seeing the shelves of Christmas decorations as you walk by. You can find two or three or even ten rows of Christmas stuff, and yet, the interesting part is usually the nativity scenes are secluded to maybe just one shelf, maybe two. That is sad because that means everything else takes front and center as if the other decorations are more important. Please do not get me wrong. It is okay to have Christmas lights, trees, and wreaths in your home. They are beautiful, but what we experience from the unbelieving world this time of year is an emptiness that needs to be filled. There is no hope or peace with their view of Christmas, just a happiness which only lasts, well, till the world is done with this special holiday and is ready to move on to Valentine's Day. Unfortunately, people celebrate Christmas without the true meaning of it. If you are not Christian, the best meaning you can give is what the holiday movies share, "It is about being with family and having a great time." Now do not get me wrong. It is wonderful to get together with family for Christmas Eve and Day, but tell that to the children whose parents went through a divorce. Tell that to the widow who is all alone and feels forgotten by her family. Tell that to the parents who mourn because they have children who died, and there will be no gifts to give them either for the first time or again after five years. There must be more to Christmas than what the secular world has to give us. To be honest, they do not really celebrate Christmas and give it the reverence it needs. To them, it is just a party.

But we Christians know the true meaning of Christmas. In fact, the meaning of Christmas is given to us in that very word itself. The word Christmas is actually two words, Christ's Mass. There it is, Christ. This holy day in the Church Year is about that baby in the manger in Bethlehem, the Word made flesh to dwell among us mankind to redeem us from sin and death. That is the meaning of Christmas, and as Christians, we should not hide Jesus behind everything else. Jesus should outdo everything else. Jesus the Christ is the Child and Son Isaiah prophesies in the verses above. God's people of old looked forward to the birth of this Messiah, the One who would finally claim the throne of David and rule for eternity for the good of His people. Now He has appeared as an infant born to the virgin Mary and went to the cross to suffer for our sakes, so that in this baby we have forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Salvation unto us has come! Whether you are alone or with people, whether you are mourning or rejoicing, find peace in the Christ Child, for He came for you to save you from your sins and from death. God's peace be with you this Christmas and always. Amen.

Pastor Nemec

## Wednesday Bible Study

We will only be meeting **December 2, 9,and 16 at 11 am.** We are studying **1 Corinthians.** Come join us and bring a friend.

## Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

Join the men Saturday, **December 5th at 9:00 am.** Come early if you would like to help cook or just want to keep the cooks company. Men of all ages are welcome! Bring your appetite, your cooking skills and invite a friend to come along.

## Apple Core Care Group

We will not meet in December. Please contact Patty Perkins 806-473-7333 for more information.

## Lutheran Confessions Class

We will only be meeting **December 2, 9, and 16 at 6pm**.

## Events

**DECEMBER 5 -** Men's Breakfast
**DECEMBER 12 -** Campbell / Longbine Wedding
**DECEMBER 28 - JANUARY 2** Pastor's Vacation
**JANUARY 6** - Epiphany Service w/ Communion @ 7pm

## Advent & Christmas Services 7PM

**DECEMBER 2** - The Christ
**DECEMBER 9** - Son of God
**DECEMBER 16** - Son of David
**DECEMBER 23** - The Savior

**DECEMBER 24** 6pm
**DECEMBER 25** 10am

## Braille

Braille will be taking a break until January. If you want more information on this project please contact Barbara Davis for details at 806-790-7267. More volunteers are welcome!!

## Christmas Services

There will be a Christmas Eve service **December 24th at 6pm.** There will also be a Christmas Day service with Holy Communion **December 25th at 10am.**

## Children's Sunday School

Come join us Sundays after the service for Sunday School. The children will be diving into the characters of the nativity: **Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and of course, baby Jesus.**



# 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

Thank you to everyone who donates flowers for the Altar. With refrigeration, most arrangements can be used for up to four weeks. Flowers can be donated to commemorate an event/person or simply to give glory to God. The 2026 flower calendar is now up on the Sacristy door.

## 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

## 2026 Church Calendar

The church 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.

## 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.

## 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**



## Our Staff

**Pastor Charles Nemec**
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***Secretary*** Rebecca Clark

***Organist*** Cynthia Merrell

***Custodian*** Krista Holder

## *MEETING DATES*

**BOARD OF ELDERS**
**January 3, 2026**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
**January 10, 2026**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**
**To Be Announced**



## ELDER SERVING

**December**

**Steve Platten**

## BOARD OF ELDERS

***Chairman***
Harvey Fleischhauer
Richard Holder
Steve Platten

## Counters

Rebecca Clark
Judy Lingnau

## Altar Circle

Krista Holder

| Date | Usher |
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| December 6<br>Holy Communion | Levi, Grason, Richard |
| December 13 | Nicholas, Steve |
| December 20<br>Holy Communion | Nicholas, Grason, Richard |
| December 27 | Steve, Grason |

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

***Chairman***
Clifford Gruetzner
***Vice Chairman***
Empty
***Treasurer***
Patty Perkins
***Secretary***
Barbara Davis

## TASK FORCE LEADERS

***Maintenance***
Empty
***Publicity & Evangelism***
James Clark
***Human Resources***
Empty
***Keeper of the Keys***
Cynthia Merrell
***Sunday School Superintendent***
Rieka Obenhaus

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| orship<br>Grason<br>Study | 28<br><br>Birthday:<br>Christianna Nemec | 29<br><br>Birthday:<br>Danielle Talkmitt | 30<br><br>Pastor On Vacation<br><br>December 28 - January 2 | 31 New Year's Eve<br><br>Birthday:<br>Jackie Patterson | | |

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**Steve Pla**

# December

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| 2 | Numbers 25 | 12 | Numbers 35 | 23 | Deuteronomy 10 |
| 3 | Numbers 26 | 13 | Numbers 36 | 24 | Deuteronomy 11 |
| 4 | Numbers 27 | 14 | Deuteronomy 1 | 25 | Deuteronomy 12 |
| 5 | Numbers 28 | 15 | Deuteronomy 2 | 26 | Deuteronomy 13 |
| 6 | Numbers 29 | 16 | Deuteronomy 3 | 27 | Deuteronomy 14 |
| 7 | Numbers 30 | 17 | Deuteronomy 4 | 28 | Deuteronomy 15 |
| 8 | Numbers 31 | 18 | Deuteronomy 5 | 29 | Deuteronomy 16 |
| 9 | Numbers 32 | 19 | Deuteronomy 6 | 30 | Deuteronomy 17 |
| 10 | Numbers 33 | 20 | Deuteronomy 7 | 31 | Deuteronomy 18 |
| | | 21 | Deuteronomy 8 | | |

