

# Redeemer REVIEW



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*from the Pastor...*

*Rev. Donald Jordan*

## DON'T TRY TO FIGURE OUT GOD

So you really are trying to figure out God, his ways, his plans, and his methods of dealing with humans? Do you find that much of this endeavor is trying to delve into the secret things of God that seem difficult, if not impossible, to figure out?

We want to see God but cannot. We want to hear God but cannot. We want to sense God but cannot.

Moses begs God (Exodus 33:18) as he wanted to see the glory of God, but God refused. "You cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." (v.20) So then God indicated to Moses that he could only see a bit, but not the whole God. "You shall see my back, but my face you cannot see." (v.23).

Martin Luther used this passage to indicate how God may be known to sinners. We cannot see God's face, his glory, no matter how much we try or how hard we work at it.

The attempts to know God as He is, whether by philosophy, mystical experience, speculation, or any other way is simply the theology of glory, which God condemns. It is the theology of natural man and of the heathen, of cults and sects, and, sadly, of some theologians of the church.

Luther indicated that there are really only two theologies by which man lives. One is called a theology of glory and the other is the theology of the cross.

All too often, we try to figure out God by what we see and experience, those things that are visible and known to man. So, man is constantly coming up with ideas about God and his ways, but these ideas are false and are not useful. Man is a fool by nature. Man has his own ideas and thoughts about God by nature, but these are not accurate.

What we need to know about God and his glory must come from the back-side things of God, hidden



in suffering and the cross. The theologian of glory looks to power, majesty, and uses intellect to explain God. But the theologian of the cross looks to Jesus the crucified One.

In the cross we see humiliation, suffering, agony, and death of the God-Man, Jesus Christ. This apparent weakness and shame manifests God for us and here on the cross God becomes visible to us. What is visible of God is his back side on the cross.

The cross is the revelation of God. Luther said, "God can be found only in suffering and the cross." So, theology is theology of the cross. Any other theology is a false theology and is to be rejected.

The cross is the revelation of God in Christ and the only place where God makes himself visible. God, by nature is hidden from our senses. We cannot see, touch, smell, or sense him. But, although God is hidden from our eyes, he does reveal himself to us in his Word. He speaks to us in his Word and God reveals himself to us in his Word, both the written Word of the Scripture and the incarnate Word in the person of Jesus Christ.

As you live your life, you cannot figure out God and his ways. No man can see God or know him by experience or insights. God is only known in the revelation of His Son, and here we plainly see God's ways for us in Christ.

As we enter the season of Advent, preparing to celebrate the birth of our Savior, let us ponder, pray, meditate, sing, read, and ponder the mystery of God and His ways. And then rejoice that Christ is the sufficient revealer of God. We know what we need to know. We have what we need for our life and salvation. Stick with what is revealed in Scripture, for there is where we meet and know God. And that is enough for us to handle.

*Pastor Jordan*

## REDEEMER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

January 1, 2016 – October 31, 2016

**INCOME/EXPENSE – ACTUAL:**

<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$152,691.50</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Administration	\$116,222.23
Christian Education	413.43
Evangelism	37.18
Fellowship	54.24
Public Relations	1,074.40
Stewardship	496.45
Trustees	<u>\$31,599.36</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b><u>\$149,897.29</u></b>
<b>NET ORDINARY INCOME:</b>	<b>2,794.21</b>
<b>CHURCH FACILITY RENT INCOME</b>	<b><u>981.30</u></b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>3,775.51</b>
<b>RETAINED EARNINGS</b>	<b><u>\$18,916.06</u></b>
<b>FINAL INC./EXP. BALANCE</b>	<b>\$22,691.57</b>

**ASSETS/LIABILITIES:**

**CHURCH**

Directed Funds (TCB)	\$84,363.49
Operating Funds (TCB)	\$22,691.57
Mission Trust Fund (Thornburg)	\$246,150.47
Scholarship Fund (Stifel Nicolaus)	<u>\$277,931.80</u>
<b>TOTAL CHURCH ASSETS/LIAB.:</b>	<b>\$631,137.33</b>
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL ASSETS:</b>	<b><u>\$21,871.68</u></b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS/LIABILITIES:</b>	<b>\$653,009.01</b>
<b>SCHOOL INCOME</b>	<b>\$65,508.00</b>
35% to Miss. Trust Inc. 3,000 Miss.	\$22,927.80
30% to Scholarship Fund	\$19,652.40
20% to Facilities Reserve Fund	\$13,101.60
10% to School Reserve Fund	\$6,550.80
5% to Musician & Concert	\$3,275.40

## MISSION SUPPORT 4Q 2016

**QUARTER 4 - LOCAL MISSION**

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### SUBMISSION DEADLINE

for the January Redeemer Review is  
 Tuesday, December 27, 4:00 p.m.  
 Your articles and photos are welcome!

## BAPTISM

**GRACELYNN MARIE EASTMAN**  
 NOVEMBER 6, 2016



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09 CAROL VARLEY  
12 FRED SHERMAN III  
17 DR. NORMAN McCANN  
18 TYLER YOUNG  
20 IRENE BEVERS  
20 JERRY BRANDT  
20 JUDY BRINSON  
20 CAROL NELSON  
23 OSKAR JOKSCH  
23 KIT MAESTAS  
24 DEE SCHUKEI  
26 ALICE DURFEE  
28 ALLEN THOMPSON  
28 MICHAEL THOMPSON  
30 HAROLD URNESS



### DECEMBER BAPTISMAL DATES

01 JOHN DURFEE  
03 LOUISE URNESS  
04 ELAINE SWEITZER  
05 LARRY POHLAD  
06 BRI LOFINK  
08 MEGAN GODSIL  
08 CYNDIE HOLDERBEIN  
10 WILL SCHLESENER  
11 KAYLEE SCHUKEI  
11 KYLE SCHUKEI  
15 EVELYN GRAHAM  
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19 TERRY BRINSON  
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# TECHNOLOGY



It is easy to be overwhelmed by the sheer amount of resources available to us today—a far cry from what was available when we went to our local library many years ago to do research for a paper. Talk to your grandchildren or great-grandchildren about how they go about researching information for a school paper. Then tell them about using the card catalog at the library, writing notes on 3x5 cards, copying by hand quotes you might want to use, and not even being able to take home certain reference books.

The information we can find online is an explosion that just keeps happening. We can hold in our hand, via our smartphones or tablets, both the good and the bad of the internet. Impossible to grasp or evaluate everything, but as we continue to explore using technology for godly purposes we will look at more resources that are available to us as confessional Lutherans. Resources that hopefully will provide encouragement, points to ponder and maybe even questions to discuss at length and even take you back into research mode.

One mode of distributing information, thoughts, writings, comments or various other resources is via a “blog.” Now the problem is that anybody can write a blog about just about any subject. As we continue over the next few months we will explore not only additional websites but some blogs. We will, however, look at blogs that have been written by confessional Lutherans and are resources that Pastor Jordan can endorse. Though that does not mean he or you will agree with everything written in a blog, it can provide a basis for interesting discussion.

Let’s begin this discussion with the familiar words of the Collect that we generally pray before Bible study. (You can find this Collect on the inside cover of the Lutheran Study Bible and also in the Lutheran Service Book.)

*BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

This was the closing paragraph of the blog written on September 8, 2016 by Rev. Larry A. Peters, and is a worthwhile blog to read about the need and benefit of taking in or *eating* the Word of God. Quoting from the blog:

*Faith comes by hearing and it stays by hearing -- hearing not only what is outside of you but the Word of God that the Lord has planted within you. Planted and rooted in you, this faith grows and sustains, endures and remains, and commends us when Christ returns in His glory.*

His blog can be found at: <http://pastoralmeanderings.blogspot.com/>

Pastor Peters calls his blog “Pastoral Meanderings, The Random Thoughts of a Lutheran Parish Pastor.” He has been a Lutheran Pastor for 36 years, and currently serves in Clarksville, TN where he has been for 23 years.

Many blogs, but not all, allow comments to be made. While it is not necessary to read the comments, if a particular post sparks something within you it is interesting to see if you are tracking along the same lines as others or have a very different opinion and might want to add your own comment. Also blogs usually give you the opportunity to share the blog on various social media sites or to email the post to somebody else. Blogs are generally searchable, though the length of archival posts may vary from site to site.

Graphics are often very integral to blog sites and Pastoral Meanderings does have suitable graphics. Many are more contemporary, sometimes even an appropriate cartoon, but very often there is an old woodcut or icon that is truly worth pondering on its own merits.

Most blogs have a subscription option where every time there is an update you will receive notification, or you can simply go to the site whenever you want to. You could bookmark the site on your device for ready reference.

**See if you can find!** In emails with Pastor Jordan while writing this article and wanting to reference where this Collect could be found, he noted a change in wording from the Study Bible and the LSB. There are, however, two places in the LSB where this Collect is written and the one retains the older more descriptive, digressive language and the other the newer language.

Go on a hunt for these two places and see if you can spot the slight variation. What, in your opinion, is more consistent with the scriptural references Pastor Peters gives in his blog? There is also a comment about this on the blog.

As further reference, older hymnals used this Collect in the “Service of the Word” where there was not communion. If you have an older hymnal, see what you find.

What scriptures “stick to your ribs” and sustain you through both the highs and lows of life? Discuss this with a friend the next time you meet for coffee. Are you well-nourished?

**HYMNS THAT SING OF CHRIST: LSB 383**  
**"A GREAT AND MIGHTY WONDER"**

A great and mighty wonder,  
 A full and holy cure:  
 The virgin bears the infant  
 With virgin honor pure!

*Refrain:*

*Proclaim the Savior's birth:  
 "To God on high be glory a  
 And peace to all the earth!"*

The Word becomes incarnate  
 And yet remains on high,  
 And cherubim sing anthems  
 To shepherds from the sky.

*Refrain:*

While thus they sing your Monarch,  
 Those bright angelic bands,  
 Rejoice, O vales and mountains,  
 And oceans, clap your hands.

*Refrain:*

Since all He comes to ransom,  
 By all be He adored,  
 The infant born in Bethl'em,  
 The Savior and the Lord.

*Refrain:*

All idols then shall perish  
 And Satan's lying cease,  
 And Christ shall raise His scepter,  
 Decreeing endless peace.

*Refrain:*

The original Greek text by St. Germanus (634-734) is designated in the *Menaea*, the Greek Orthodox Calendar, to be sung on Christmas Day. The *English Hymnal*, in 1906, adapted it to the tune *Es Ist Ein Ros*. This combination of text and tune has proved very popular and has thus been copied by various hymnals. This lovely carol tune, dating perhaps from the 14th or 15th century, first appeared in printed form in Cologne in 1599. We also sing another hymn to this tune, *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*.

Germanus (634-734) was born in Constantinople of a patrician family. Ordained to the priesthood in 668, he became one of the clergy at the "Great Church," St. Sophia. He was later leader of the clergy there. He gained great influence from his reputation for piety and learning. In 715 he was appointed patriarch of Constantinople. During his tenure he was a staunch opponent of the Iconoclasts. Consequently he was forced to resign in 730 because he refused to yield to Iconoclastic Emperor Leo III.

**SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS**

**2016 - 2017**



**Advent Services**

Evening Prayer

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

November 30, December 7, 14

**Christmas Caroling at Nursing Homes**

Windsor Chico Creek, 4:00 p.m.

587 Rio Lindo Ave

Windsor Chico Care Center, 4:30 p.m.

188 Cohasset Lane

Sunday, December 18

**The Nativity of Our Lord**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Saturday, 7:00 p.m., December 24

Christmas Day Divine Service

Sunday, 10:00 a.m., December 25

(No Bible Class)

**New Year's Eve**

**Eve of the Circumcision**

**and Name of Jesus**

Hymn Sing, 6:30 p.m.

Evening Prayer, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 31

**Epiphany of Our Lord**

Matins

Friday, 10:00 a.m., January 6

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

**CHRISTMAS WREATHS**

The youth will offer Christmas wreaths again this year. They are the same great wreaths as last year from Christmas Forest and will be available using the EZ Plan for direct ordering. You can order online at [www.ChristmasForest.com](http://www.ChristmasForest.com). Enter RLYG in the club code field at check out. Wreaths will be delivered directly to the addresses you enter online. Redeemer Youth Group will earn a portion of each sale.

**2017 CALENDARS**

Also available are 2017 "God's Creation" calendars. Several youth are planning to attend the Higher Things gathering in Bozeman, Montana this summer. Funds from these sales and from the wreath sales will go towards trips to Higher Things Conferences. Cost of calendars is \$7 each. You may purchase on Sunday mornings in the Parish Hall. See Dianne Scott, Lori Jordan or Xiao Wenslaff for more information.

## OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Each year before Christmas, several Mary/Martha members pay visits to our homebound bearing Christmas cards and small gifts.

Between December 1st and 15th, a basket will be in the Parish Hall to receive monetary gifts and items that would be appropriate for the individual's needs or preferences. The donations will be used to purchase ingredients for baked items.

### SUGGESTIONS:

A new or used Christmas ornament

Notes or stationery

Stamps

Tissue packs

Small candy item

Miniature Christmas tree

Christmas Garland

Puzzle book

Scripture related items

Thank you for remembering our homebound members.

## HEALTH MINISTRY

For the 10th year, Blood Source has visited our Parish Hall and held blood drives. This year, 19 units were donated on November 13th.

We wish to thank all who registered or gave blood. Donating blood really does help save lives!

This past year, several members received blood and it was possible because people like you were willing to donate. Another big THANK YOU to all of you.

*In Christ, Shirley Wilson*

## LWML NOTES

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, Dec. 4th after worship:

\* Simple decorating of parish hall - all invited to help.

\* Cards for homebound signed to bring then cheer - all invited to help.

\* Jewelry will be in the hall for offerings to help support missions. Need gifts for Christmas or other celebrations! Have a look! ☺

Next business meeting is Saturday, January 7th, 2017.

*Your Sister in Christ, Kathy Sweet*

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

The campus ministry gather of students and young adults is Sunday, December 4, 5:00. Come for a dinner and Bible study as we learn and grow together in God's Word. Contact Pastor Jordan.

## HELP OUR COMMUNICATIONS

All members with email addresses are routinely sent notices and prayer requests. Those without email are notified with the phone notification system which provides voice mail and/or text messages.

There is no cost to provide email notices and a small cost to provide phone voice messages or text messages.

If you are not receiving notices, advise the office manager and please indicate your preferred method of communication.

## THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS

Each Thursday, 9:30 - 11:00, we meet in the Fireside Room. The current study is "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" (LSB 395). Come and learn from the Scripture as we examine this wonderful hymn of Philip Nicolai.

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The monthly men's Bible study is Saturday, December 3, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. We are using the book "On Being a Christian - A Personal Confession" by Rev. Henry Hamann. Prepare by reading chapter four, "Through Christ I am a Free Person." Pastor Jordan, teacher.

## SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS

Join us each Sunday, 8:45 - 9:45 in the Parish Hall. Pastor Jordan, teacher.

November 20 study is "Outreach...the Mission in Our Back Yard." We don't need to go to foreign countries to be in the mission work of God and his kingdom. Mission work is as close as your backyard and down the street right here in Chico. Consider all who don't know Christ who live all around us. This study will help to focus God's Word on the vital task of bringing the Gospel to all as we serve as missionaries of Christ.

We will study "Christmas in Isaiah" from [www.whatdoesthismean.org](http://www.whatdoesthismean.org), for the four Sundays in Advent. These studies will examine the prophecies that the Holy Spirit has given us in the Old Testament book of Isaiah. Pastor Jordan, teacher.

## ALTAR GUILD

Poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas may be brought to church on Sunday, December 18. The sanctuary Christmas tree will be decorated that day following the worship service. All are encouraged to help. Thank you.



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October 28, 2016

Dear Pastor Jordan, and the Leadership and Congregation of Redeemer Lutheran Church:  
Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,

We are in receipt of your most gracious and loving gift, to be equally distributed between Our Savior Lutheran Church, Chester and First Lutheran Church, Greenville as you requested.

We cannot even begin to express our heartfelt and sincere thanks and appreciation for your blessed kindness to us and your faithful love for the Lord's Church. Be assured that we will use these funds wisely, through prayer and leading of the Holy Spirit, to reach our communities for Christ, to know Him, and to make Him known.

*"We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us."*  
(2 Corinthians 8:1-5 ESV)

Again, we cannot speak more thankfully for your caring love for the work of the Gospel and for the strengthening of His people as we serve our Savior and do the work that He has prepared in advance for us to do.

In Christ Alone,

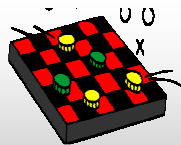
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## Game Night!

Friday, 7:00 p.m.  
December 16

*Bring your favorite game!*

## WOMEN'S KAFFEEKLATSCH



Monday, December 19  
10:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON

*Come and join us!*

# Christ Mass

*From the evening of December 24th through January 5th  
(The Twelve Days of Christmas)*

## The Theme

The word “Christmas” strikes a joyful note in our hearts! The practice of giving presents and exchanging greeting cards, even if over-commercialized, still reflects the idea of God’s goodwill toward men, and men toward one another.

As the Christmas carol reminds us, there are 12 days of Christmas. The best practice is to delay any celebrating until the actual feast, and then continuing the festivities through the Feast of the Epiphany. The days between Christmas Day and New Year’s Day, inclusive (the Octave of Christmas), may especially be celebrated as a week long extension of Christmas Day itself.

The theme is “The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.” We are celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God with us.

The date of Christ’s birth is unknown, but it is generally agreed that the date of December 25th was settled upon to give Christians an alternative to the pagan festival of the unconquered sun (the god Mithris), which occurred at the winter solstice, when the sun began to climb higher in the sky again. The Roman Emperor, St. Constantine the Great (288-337 AD), is accredited with setting the date during his reign, sometime around 320-330 AD.

The shepherds are at the manger during the Christmas season, while the wise men are placed at a distance, to indicate that they are coming from afar. The wise men will replace the shepherds at the manger on the Feast of the Epiphany.

## The Mood

The birth of Christ, is a cause for great joy, because He took on our human flesh in order to unite us once again with God by dying for our sins. Our rescuer has come! Anticipation has been building up all during Advent, and now our joy bursts forth in light and song! The center of our attention is Christ, Who comes to us in the blessed sacrament, the “Christmas dinner” *par excellence*. The joy flows over to the home celebration, with the family gathered together for dinner and the exchange of presents. The tree should not be put up until December 24th, and lighted in the evening. The exchange of presents reminds us of the gifts which Jesus brings: love, joy, peace, and forgiveness of our sins.

Evening devotions may be held each of the 12 days, with appropriate Bible reading, the Collect (Prayer) for Christmas Day, and carols sung. Each person may open a small present each day, such as candy, cookies, a ball, a picture, or whatever ingenuity may suggest. A different refreshment may be served each day. These things will help sustain the mood of celebration for the whole season. The Epiphany, the 13th day, closes the Christmas observance and the tree and decorations are removed after January 6th, or, in the church, after the Sunday following January 6th if the feast is transferred to that day.

Christmas is also a time for charitable works and giving to others. Jesus came as a servant king, to give the most precious gift, salvation. Share this gift with others, and you will be showing the true spirit of Christmas!

## The Colors

The color for Christmas is white. It reminds us of the light of Christ, His holiness and purity. Accents of red, perhaps in the poinsettias or other flowers, and of green, in the tree and decoration, are also prominent. Red reminds us that Jesus came to shed His blood for us; green is a symbol of eternal life which He gives to all who believe in Him.

# December 2016

January 2017

December 2016

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 27	28	29	30	Dec 1	2	3
John of Damascus, Second Sunday of Advent - 8:45am SS/Adult Bible Class 10:00am Divine Service 11:15am Fellowship - LWML 5:00pm College/Young Adult	Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	Nicholas of Myra, Pastor 9:00am Quillers 9:30am Matins (Sanctuary) 10:00am Circuit Pastors Meeting (Fireside Room)	Ambrose of Milan, Pastor and Hymnwriter 7:00pm Advent Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)	9:30am Bible Class (Fireside Room) 6:30pm Bell Choir Practice (Choir Loft)	Office Manager's Day Off	8:00am Men's Bible Study (Fireside Room) 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Third Sunday of Advent 8:45am SS/Adult Bible Class 10:00am Divine Service 11:15am Fellowship (Parish) 11:30am Blood Pressure 1:00pm KXXX Sermon	Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	Lucia, Martyr	7:00pm Advent Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)	9:30am Bible Class (Fireside Room) 6:30pm Bell Choir Practice (Choir Loft)	Office Manager's Day Off	1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:45am SS/Adult Bible Class (Parish Hall) 10:00am Divine Service 11:15am Fellowship (Parish) 4:00pm Christmas Caroling (	Adam and Eve Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off 10:00am Women's Kaifeeklatsch (Sharon Schaffert's)	Katharina von Bora Luther 9:00am Quillers	St. Thomas, Apostle	9:30am Bible Class (Fireside Room) 6:30pm Bell Choir Practice (Choir Loft)	Office Manager's Day Off 7:00pm Game Night (Parish Hall)	Daniel the Prophet and the Three Young Men 11:00am Murdo Marriage Vow Renewal 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
The Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Day 10:00am Divine Service (Sanctuary) 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour	Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off St. Stephen, Martyr	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist 4:00pm January Redeemer Review Deadline	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	6:30pm Bell Choir Practice (Choir Loft)	Office Manager's Day Off	The Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Eve 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour 7:00pm Candlelight Service
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist 4:00pm January Redeemer Review Deadline	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	David 6:30pm Bell Choir Practice (Choir Loft)	Office Manager's Day Off	Eve of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus - New 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour 6:30pm Hymn Sing 7:00pm Evening Prayer

<b>OFFICE MANAGER'S HOURS</b>	<b>TUE - THU</b>	<b>8:30AM - 4:30PM</b> <b>(1/2 to 1 hr. lunch)</b>
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