

Redeemer Lutheran Church Announcements – January 17, 2021

THIS WEEK		
Sun	8:00 AM	Worship w/Communion
	9:15 AM	Worship w/Communion
	10:30 AM	Worship w/Communion
	3:00 PM	Installation Service for Pastor Rathje
Mon	6:30 PM	Worship w/Communion
Tues	7:00 AM	Faculty Meeting
	1:30 AM	Bible Hour
	4:00 PM	Catechism Class
Thu	6:30 PM	Starting Point Class
Sun	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Worship
	10:30 AM	Worship
	11:45 AM	Voter's Meeting
SERVING TODAY		
Pastor James Borgwardt		
Stephanie Ehlke, organist		
IN-PERSON WORSHIP		
January 10/11 – 276 across 4 services		

THE INSTALLATION FOR PASTOR RATHJE is today - Sunday, January 17th at 3:00 pm. The afternoon service time allows fellow pastors from the area to be part of the installation. Professor Mark Schroeder from Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, and longtime classmate of Pastor Rathje, will be the guest preacher. The congregation is invited to attend the installation worship as we welcome Pastor Chris and Beth Rathje and family to Redeemer.

YOUR OFFERING REPORTS FOR 2020 are available in your bulletin slots. The entries are the second half of 2020. If you'd like a report that shows the entirety of 2020, please contact the office.

KINDERGARTEN BIBLE HOUR begins this Tuesday afternoon January 19. Bible Hour will run for 7 weeks, from 1:30-3:00, in the Kindergarten room. Bible Hour is for incoming Kindergarten students, to teach them simple Bible truths as they become familiar with the classroom, the teacher, and most importantly, their Savior. If you know of anyone who may be interested in our Redeemer Kindergarten for next year, please contact Mrs. Schwefel at 238-1441.

VOTERS' MEETING – Next Sunday, we will hold our winter voters' meeting. This year, we are combining the elections for 2021 that are usually done in November, and the Annual Report meeting in January, which is sort of a State-of-the-Church meeting as we briefly review our year in ministry for 2020. To that point, copies the 2020 Annual Reports are available by the office window. Please take just one per household. An electronic copy will be sent early this week with a congregational-wide email blast. Those nominated for election to serve a three-year term, either on a Board, or as a Council Officer, are as follows: Treasurer: Steve Wendler; Trustees: Cody Schoepke (i), Kevin Baumbach, Justin Budiag; Adult Discipleship: Neil Kammer; Elders (3) – Karl Lundberg (i), Mark Putz, Jeremy Thiesfeldt, Kevin Otte, Tom Lorenz; Evangelism: Calab Voss, Jacob Trapp; WLA Plenary: Lee Neumann, Dan Schwarz. We thank the following men for finishing two terms of service: Ross Boelk, Trustees; Bill Heinkel & Tim Pruss, Elders; Jared Putz, Evangelism; and Marty Nell, WLA Plenary Board.

WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN ACADEMY

- **Forward in Faith** - A capital campaign has begun at WLA to pay for the purchase of land for a new campus, pay off all current capital debt, and to establish a campus fund to maintain the current campus and to develop plans for the new campus. More information about this exciting project will be coming soon!
- **Graduation Date Change** - One of the lessons we learned as we navigated the special circumstances last school year was that having graduation on Saturday morning had distinct advantages over the traditional Sunday afternoon time. So, barring any need for postponement, the 2021 WLA Graduation Service will be held on Saturday, May 29, at 10:00am. Thank you for your cooperation and patience. Please pray that we will be able to celebrate our graduates in person on that day.
- **New WLA Monthly Newsletter** - We recently sent the first edition of our new digital monthly newsletter to WLA supporters. It should have made its way to your inbox, but if it didn't, just follow this link and click on the Join Our Email List button at the top of the page and we'll be sure to send it your way next month.



FEBRUARY MINISTRY UPDATE – Starting the first week of February, we are able to resume some elements of our ministry that have been put on hold, and tweak one of our worship offerings:

- **MOMS & TOTS** had gathered outdoors in the warmth of September and October before taking a break for winter. In February, this ministry will have two sessions each Wednesday morning, with coronavirus precautions in place that allow us to comfortably meet in the gym, with zero cross-traffic with our School ministry. Due to the popularity of the program, and the materials needed to run it, pre-registration and a nominal fee are required. Find out more at momsandtotsfdl.com.
- **SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS FOR ADULTS** – Starting February 7, our pastors will lead Bible classes at 9:15 and 10:30 AM, the same time as our 2nd and 3rd Sunday services. This will allow for smaller gatherings in the fellowship hall than what we're used to, allowing us to socially distance. Since the two identical classes coincide with worship times, the two options will better serve members' schedules than just one option. The sessions will last around 40 minutes, similar to a non-communion service. More information next week. (We are not planning to resume children's Sunday School this winter.)
- **MASK UPDATE FOR 9:15 SERVICE:** In adapting our worship offerings and precautions during this coronavirus pandemic, we've tried to meet three Bible-directed goals:
 - Follow Jesus' mandate to "Love One Another" by being considerate of one another's needs and concerns (John 15, 5th Commandment).
 - Follow the governor's indoor mask mandate (Romans 13, 4th Commandment).
 - Meet all of our members' worship needs as best as we can so that everyone can be comfortable in worship, especially when worshiping in-person (Hebrews 10:25, 3rd Commandment).

Therefore, starting on February 7th, we are making the 9:15 AM Sunday service "Mask-Recommended", while keeping the other three worship times "Masks-Required". Even though we have members who have legitimate reasons for not wearing a mask in worship (e.g.: they qualify for the medical exemptions outlined in the state mandate), some don't attend in-person since they don't want others to feel uncomfortable, and they themselves might feel uncomfortable being the only one without a mask. Designating one of our four services as mask-recommended (not to be confused with "maskless") will allow attendees to focus on worship without the issue of masks/no-mask being a distraction. This still gives plenty of options for members who are most comfortable in services where everyone is wearing a mask.

We ask that everyone follow a practice of "Masks-on-the-Move" – such as wearing a mask when moving through the Gathering Area. For those who have the need to worship without a mask in the 9:15 service, feel free to remove your mask once you're seated in your pew, similar to how things are done at restaurants. The one exception is the balcony. Out of consideration for our organists who attend multiple services, we ask that those in the balcony in the 9:15 service continue to wear their masks throughout worship. The elders will review this update at the end of February.



SECOND IMPRESSIONS UPDATE - Happy New Year and God's blessings to all of you! Thank you so much for your support during 2020! We are looking forward to continuing to serve you in 2021.

Despite all of the changes with COVID, by the Grace of God, Second Impressions continues to be blessed with strong sales. We are looking for additional volunteers to help with our ever growing inventory and list of "Things To Do!" There is something for everyone. Even if you are able to contribute two hours of your time each month, it all adds up! Join our team and enjoy Christian fellowship and comradery while making a difference in our community. Give us a call at (920) 907-9900 or stop at the store for further details.

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