

# Our Redeemer's Voice



## Remember in your prayers

**Remember in your Prayers:** Those homebound, in nursing homes, recovering and/or taking treatments, who face difficult situations or problems, those who are hurting or struggling or have lost loved ones, those serving our country both home and abroad. Prayer request cards are available on the ushers' stand. Place the completed card in the Prayer Box. Your request will be forwarded to the LCOR Prayer Chain by Alice Wuschke. Names will remain on the list for three months, unless otherwise

indicated. Requests must be resubmitted to continue an additional three months. Please pray for the following:



Ben, Nikki, Steve Burke, Sandy Haddon, Darlene Herman, Joan Maddison, Steve Perry, Marie Schlak, Pastor Schlak, Jim Schweitzer, Art Syrol, Alison Venable, Henrik Westerholm, Dot Whiting, The Rev. Don Williams and family, Ted Wuschke.

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## Would You Like to Help the Sunday School

**Would you like to help the Sunday School children?** We need a few co-teachers to help out on Sundays. The following classes are what we need for teachers.

- 1 teacher for PreK/K starting January 6, 2019
- 1 teacher for Grade 3/4 starting January 6, 2019

### Special points of interest:

- Envelope Numbers Are Changing
- Pictures being taken in Narthex for Directories
- Messages from the church office

## Christmas Poinsettia's

Help adorn the sanctuary with poinsettias this Christmas. Large, beautiful plants will be available for purchase at \$15 per plant. They'll enhance our worship on Christmas Eve and you can take them home after the service that evening to decorate your home or to give as a gift. Sign up on the list on the bulletin board in the hallway. You can designate your gift in memory of or in honor of someone if you choose. Checks payable to LCOR can be put in the offering plate—please put “Christmas Poinsettia” on the memo line. If you'd prefer to pay in cash, simply put in an envelope marked “poinsettia”.



## LCOR Reusable Shopping Bags

**LCOR Reusable Shopping Bags - \$2 each!!!**

Has YOUR town banned plastic shopping bags? (Mansfield has recently) You are in LUCK. We have a LOT of LCOR “logo-ed” red reusable shopping bags available for purchase. They used to be \$4 each – but now for the low, low price of \$2 each, you can purchase one – AND have one donated to the Foxboro Discretionary Fund as we deliver the generously donated food items for the pantry! That's a win-win-win for all involved—YOU, the pantry AND the environment!!!

Bags and a donation can are on one of the tables in the Narthex. When we run out of the short stack there now – there are plenty to restock the pile. Show your LCOR pride when shopping. They're quite sturdy and can hold a lot!

## Help for Gilly's House

**Help for Gilly's House**

As many of you know Lenny and I have been working closely with Gilly's House, a men's sober house at 1022 West Street in Wrentham. There are currently 9-soon to be 11 residents. They have a fall wish list. Please copy and paste this link to see the items they currently need. If you would like me to deliver them please bring them to church or you can deliver them directly to Gilly's House. Take a tour while you are there. You will be pleasantly surprised at how beautiful and homey it is. Thanks for your continued support of this wonderful facility.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054baea82aabf85-fall>

Thank you for your help.

Joanne and Lenny Hensas

# From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings to you my brothers and sisters in Christ!

With this newsletter comes the acknowledgement that we are so blessed to experience another holiday season. Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays of the year. I certainly hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your loved ones. I also want the joy of Christmas and the expectation for a happy and healthy New Year will all be yours!



We have had a few of our young people, along with their parents, express a desire to receive First Communion. Typically, we have a series of three First Communion classes to prepare for First Communion. Each class lasts no more than an hour. We plan our meeting dates according to the convenience of our participating families. There are no age restrictions for receiving the Sacrament of the Alter in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. If you are interested in joining our next First Communion class, please notify me in the near future.

We have also had an interest expressed to host another Information Class. Information classes are typically offered to those who come to us from outside the Lutheran tradition. Information classes provide a basic history of Martin Luther, the Lutheran church and the prime teachings of our tradition. These classes are also open to anyone who would simply like to “brush up” on their Lutheran heritage if they are already members of LCOR. We usually select a three-hour time slot on a Saturday morning to host this class. If you are interested in participating, please let me know. We will schedule the class according to the availability of our participants.

I will be away on vacation from Tuesday, December 4 – Tuesday, December 11 in order to visit my good friend “RB” Roger Bauer in Michigan. It has been four years since I have seen this great guy and I miss him very much. While I am away on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, you will be in the very capable and caring hands of Pr. Michael Fruth who will lead worship at LCOR on this day. Thank you, Pr. Fruth!

On Sunday, December 16 the Sunday School will host its annual Christmas Pageant during the 11:00 worship service. The pageants are always a treat and bring in large crowds.

Of course, with the month of December upon us, it is time to think of celebrating the Nativity of Our Lord. We will do so on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve, with candle lighting services of Word and Sacrament at 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. As is our custom, our 5:00 service will reflect more of a contemporary worship style. Our 9:00 p.m. service will reflect a more traditional worship style. Please invite your family and neighbors to attend along with you!

How good it is to share another holiday season with you! Remember, every day is a gift!

Sincerely,

Pr. Rick Schlak

## Messages From The Church Office

- \* **We are putting together a new Church directory.** June our church secretary will be taking pictures on Sundays during the fellowship time. Pictures will be taken on the 18<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup> of November and December 2<sup>nd</sup> if it is still needed. If you wish to submit your own recent digital picture please email them to June at [Office@lcor.org](mailto:Office@lcor.org). It's been years since we have updated our directory. The pictures do not have to be formal, we would just like to update our directory with more recent pictures.
- \* On Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup> the Giving Envelopes for 2019 will be available on a table in the Narthex . Please take you envelopes home with you to help us save on postage.
- \* Please check the lost in found box in the entry way for your lost items. The church does go through this box every six months and either donates items or throws them away. This will be done sometime in January. Thank you
- \* Flower Chart Sign-up sheet...Is in the hallway off of the narthex. Please make sure you use the marker attached to the flower chart only. This is a dry erase board, and using ink on it will destroy the chart. The new 2019 chart will be available starting the first Sunday in December. The flowers you order belong to you. After both services you may take your flowers home with you.
- \* If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. The email newsletter are in color, and go out a few days before the printed version. You can read it on your computer and only print the pages you need.

## Envelope Numbers Are Changing

**Envelope numbers are changing!** Our order for envelope boxes has been reduced for next year to better match our current number of worshippers. As a result, the current list of members will be re-alphabetized for next year, (something that hasn't been done in many years) and you will probably have a new number beginning in 2019.

For those that have their contributions made electronically, you can let your bank know that your envelope number has changed, but it is not mandatory and you don't have to do it immediately as the tellers will have the updated list of which member has which number and you will be given credit accordingly.

# December Birthdays

Holly Barros  
Carol Boette  
Mason Bowman  
Camilla Burton  
Kim Dearborn-Nelson  
Jai Demers  
Tim Fairchild  
Eden Glover  
Matthew Glover  
Lynne Harrison  
Aidan Higgins  
Nancy Hopkins  
Jessica Keaney

Ayva Lopez  
Alyssa McAuliffe  
Mary McNeil  
Ken Morse  
Heather Murphy  
Jennifer Newman  
Shannon Ossenfort  
Alyson Rando  
Paula Rando  
Neila Schweitzer  
Andrew Silva  
Tanya Taft



# December Anniversaries



Chris & Jeanine McAuliffe

Shane & Sherry Stenehjem



If you do not see your name listed, then your information is missing from our database. Please contact the church secretary with the information so we can update our records. We don't want to leave anyone out.

## December 2018 Server Schedule

							
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Lay Reader</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Projectionist</b>	<b>Tellers</b>

### December 2, 2018

8:30 AM	Judy Schweitzer	Need Eucharistic Minister	Matt Vekasy Need 2nd Usher	Judy Schweitzer	Reilley Slaney	Paul Burns	Andrew Slaney	X
11:00 AM	Shirley Morris	Susan Kennedy	Shirley Blake	Ed Morris	Need Acolyte	Gary & Pam Dishberger	X	Ed & Shirley Morris

### December 9, 2018

8:30 AM	Marion Wuschke	Holly Barros	Paul Burns Rich Wuschke	Brenda Glover	JJ Blanchard	Lenny & Joanne Hensas	Matt Barros	X
11:00 AM	Need Altar Guild	Sallie Barton	Brian & Kristen Williams	Sallie Barton	Need Acolyte	Need Greeter	X	Dan & Sandy Kronenwetter

### December 16, 2018

8:30 AM	Karen DiCanzio	Rich Behlmer	Don & Linda DeVore	Marla Adams	Brandi Dumas	Need Greeter	Lucien Stenehjem	X
11:00 AM	Mary Jane Foster	Brian Williams	Pete D'Amico Need 2nd Usher	Brian Williams	Dylan Fairchild	Shirley Blake	X	Bob Boette

### December 23, 2018

8:30 AM	Judy Schweitzer	Martha Pierce	Need Ushers	Martha Pierce	Katelynn Dineen	Linda McCoy	Mackenzie Burton	X
11:00 AM	Alice Wuschke	Alice Wuschke	Need Ushers	Alice Wuschke	Annika Yanoshak	Need Greeter	X	Gary Mabee

### December 24, 2018 Christmas Eve

5:00 PM	Karen DiCanzio	Shane Stenehjem	Paul Burns Peter Geromini Need Ushers	Brenda Glover	Mackenzie Burton	Karen Geromini Lenny & Joanne Hensas	Katelynn Dineen	X
9:00 PM	Carol Boette	Martha Pierce	Bob & Carol Boette	Martha Pierce	Need Acolyte	Loni Ivanovskis	X	X

### December 30, 2018

8:30 AM	Marion Wuschke	Linda McCoy	Rich Behlmer Need 2nd Usher	Marla Adams	Need Acolyte	Need Greeter	Need Projectionist	X
11:00 AM	Ute Taylor	Need Eucharistic Minister	Need Ushers	Loni Ivanovskis	Need Acolyte	Ute Taylor	X	Bill Behling

If you are unable to serve our parish on your assigned date or time, you need to seek a replacement from the current volunteer listing. If you should notice **"NEED"** and find YOU can serve in that slot, please DO! Schedule updated weekly on bulletin board and on [www.lcor.org](http://www.lcor.org)

*You can find updated Server Schedules as well as the monthly calendar on the church's website at [www.LCOR.ORG](http://www.LCOR.ORG)—The Calendar and Server Schedule are updated on regular basis.*

# December

# 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8:30 AM Cont. Worship 9:45 AM Christian Ed 11:00 AM Trad. Worship 7:00 – 9:00 PM Band Rehearsal	3	4 6:00 PM ORCCC BOD 7:15 PM Finance	5 6:00 to 7:00 PM ORCCC Family Night	6	7	8
9 8:30 AM Cont. Worship 9:45 AM Christian Ed 11:00 AM Trad. Worship 7:00 – 9:00 PM Band Rehearsal	10	11 7:00 PM Council	12 6:30 – 7:15 PM Girl Scout Troop 82350 – Narthex	13	14	15 Deadline January Newsletter Submissions
16 8:30 AM Cont. Worship 9:45 AM Christian Ed 11:00 AM Trad. Worship/Christmas Pageant 7:00 – 9:00 PM Band Rehearsal	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 8:30 AM Cont. Worship No Sunday School 11:00 AM Trad. Worship	24 Christmas Eve Worship 5:00 PM Cont. Worship 9:00 PM Trad. Worship	25 <b>MERRY Christmas</b> Church Office Closed	26	27	28	29
30 8:30 AM Cont. Worship No Sunday School 11:00 AM Trad. Worship	31	January 1st New Year's Day Church Office Closed				

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## Altar Flowers

If you'd like to put flowers on the altar, simply sign up on the large flower chart on the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the education wing.

They may be given in honor of someone, in memory of someone, an event (anniversary birthday etc.), or simply to the glory of God! If the flowers are being given in honor or memory of someone, please write that on the flower chart. **If no reason is stated on the chart then flowers will be given to the "Glory of God."**

You must sign up a minimum of 7 days in advance. Flower arrangements are **\$35 each**. Please place your payment in the offering plate and be sure you designate the payment as "altar flowers."

These flowers belong to you, after the flowers adorn the altar area for both services, please take your flowers home.



## E-mail

If you are interested in receiving the newsletter by e-mail rather than the regular mail, please sign up on the E-Mail signup sheet on the bulletin board, or leave a note on the secretary's desk (providing your name and e-mail address). You can also send an e-mail to Office@LCOR.org with your request to be added.

Each month the e-mail version of the newsletter will be e-mailed out generally 3 days prior to when the printed copy comes out. The e-mail version is in color. You can print out only what you want printed. The format of the e-mail bulletin is normal sized paper.

For those of you concerned with computer viruses, the church computer is updated and checked weekly and all e-mail addresses are kept confidential. The e-mail bulletin is sent out to all as a blind copy so if it is forwarded the only email address that is seen is the church's.