

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

Our Redeemer's Voice

January



As we welcome this new 2024 year, let's welcome our new
(*) Church Council Members:

Pastor– Sarah T.

President– Ian C.*

Vice President - Rick G.*

Treasurer - Caroline V.

Recording Secretary– Karen D.

Building and Grounds– Mike C.

Christian Ed.– Vacant

Community Life– Pam D.*

Finance– Madeline E.

ORCCC– Marla A.*

Social Ministry– Loni I.

Stewardship– Joanne H.

Worship and Music– Stacy M.*

Thanks to you and those within your committee's/
ministries for volunteering your time and talents!

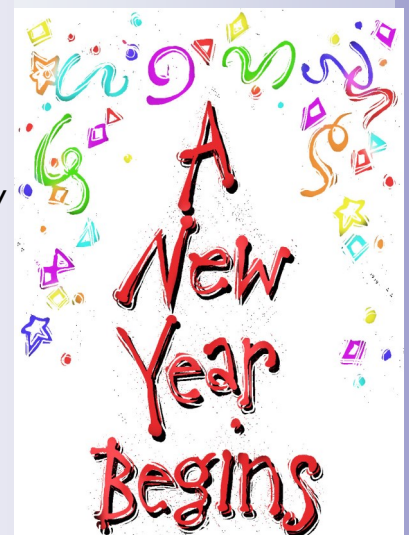
Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 9:00 - 2:00 pm.

Please be advised Pastor Sarah's hours may defer from our
new office hours.

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Remember in Your Prayers

Remember in your Prayers: Ana, Binista, Claudia, Craig, Danielle, Mark, Scott, Tara B., Liz B., Judy C., Lilly D., Mary F., Evy H., Fran K., Ted J., Adam and Blaire J., Dave M., Karl-Heinz W., R. Wuschke, The Glover Family, The McIntire Family, those homebound, in nursing homes, recovering and/or taking treatments, those serving our country both home and abroad, those who face difficult situations or problems, and those who are hurting or struggling or have lost loved ones.



Prayer requests can be made by emailing Alice W. at alwuschke@gmail.com. Names will remain on the list for three months, unless otherwise indicated. Requests must be resubmitted to continue an additional three months.

Happy Anniversary

Nick & Jill S. 01/19



This Month's Birthdays

01/06 Donald D.

01/06 Jill S.

01/07 Christine S.

01/10 Erika B.

01/12 Karen D.

01/15 Karen G.

01/16 John S.

01/18 Brittney B.

01/26 Helen O.

01/28 Tara B.

01/28 Connor B.

01/29 Laura S.

01/30 Marcus G.

01/31 Brenda G.

From the Pastor's Desk

THE STORY CONTINUES

(Adapted from the sermon for 12-3-2023)

“Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.” -Mark 13:35-37



Usually, a new year invites us to put the past year behind us, turn the page, or start a new chapter. This year, however, I invite you to consider how the story—your story that has been written over centuries and generations—continues.

The first season of the church year, Advent, actually begins in late November or early December, four weeks before Christmas Day. It is a time of looking ahead to the arrival of Christ, both at Christmas and at the fullness of time. We look ahead for what is to come, and we get ready. As I was thinking about this, it struck me as somewhat similar to the attention given to how we're expected to act or feel during this time of year—being good to ensure we're on the “nice list” for example.

We think about these things a lot in December, but are we really as concerned in July or August?

Many holiday movies end with a resolve to make the spirit of the season last all year—generosity, kindness, goodwill, love, and care. But then January arrives, then February, and so on, and we rarely see a “part two” set in the middle of summer or in the late fall with that same cast and holiday spirit.

If no one in the house knows when the master will return—in the evening, midnight, early morning, or dawn—then why not bring back the spirit of Advent throughout the year?

Maybe we will.

Maybe we do already, and we just need to point it out so that we turn our attention there. One commentary I read for this passage noted the difference between getting ready and staying ready. It's there in the parable. Keep awake; stay ready.

How do we keep that practice throughout the year? What are those things we can do each day, or each week, to keep ourselves spiritually awake?

How do we stay ready?

May we all take some time with that question in this new year. May we hold on to the answers and ideas we find, too, so we can revisit them again as the story continues.

Community Life

The Community Life Ministry is creates, plans and offers opportunities for Fun and Fellowship outside of Church Services. They meet every 1st Sunday of the month to enjoy food at a local restaurant while also enjoying each others' company. There is a sign up sheet in the church hall bulletin board to sign up. For more information on upcoming activities, review our calendar, bulletins and church bulletin board.

2023 Gift Exchange at the Tap Room



Community Life

Upcoming Events!

January 7th: Join us every 1st Sunday of the month for lunch after church. This is an opportunity for good food, fun and fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board with more details!

January 28th: Game Night. Join us after the second service. Food will be provided (sandwiches, pasta salads, chips, and drinks) Everyone bring cards, dominoes, favorite board games, etc. We will set up a tv for our die-hard football fans, too. Please Sign up on the church bulletin board by January 18th. This will help with food options and planning, Thanks!

February 4th: Join us every 1st Sunday of the month for lunch after church. This is an opportunity for good food, fun and fellowship. This month we will place names and addresses in a hat to be drawn and receive a “secret valentine” from a congregational member mailed before February 14th.

February 11th: Super Bowl Party at Pam and Gary’s house. Pregame games and prizes. Prize every quarter! Come around 4 and stay as long as you like! For more details email office@lcor.org.

Stewardship

The Stewardship Campaign has been over for a month. We have received many giving cards and thank everyone who has submitted their completed cards. If you have not sent in your Giving card, Please do this as soon as possible. We would like to have all cards returned-regardless of your choice-to pledge or not.

Also, if you are planning on E-Giving, we would like your response. This helps us to complete our budget for the year-and see what we can share with our various communities.



Sunday School Schedule

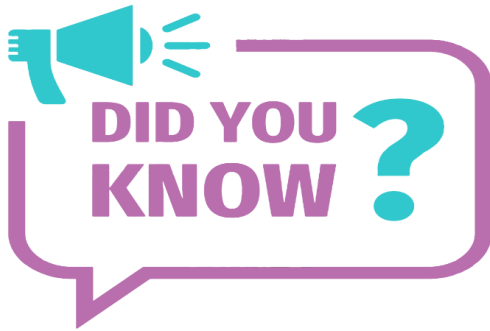
- ♦ 01/07/2024 - Jesus' Baptism. Mark 1:4-11
- ♦ 01/14/2024 - No Sunday School
- ♦ 01/21/2024 - Jonah and the Big Fish. Jonah 1-4
- ♦ 01/28/2024 Teaching and Healing. Mark 1:21-28



Adult Sunday School Schedule

- ♦ January 7th, 1st John and 2nd John
- ♦ January 14th , 3rd John and Jude
- ♦ January 21, Revelation: Introduction
- ♦ January 28, Revelation: The Prophetic Message, the first vision
- ♦ February 4th, Revelation: The Prophetic Message, the second vision
- ♦ February 11th, Revelation: The Prophetic Message, the third vision and epilogue

LCOR Connections

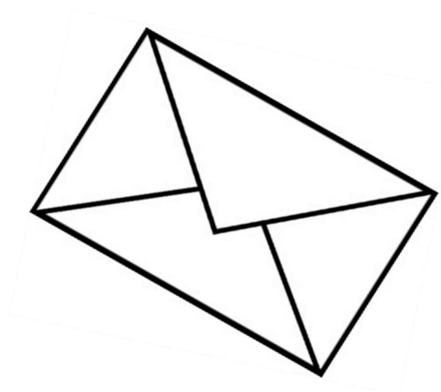


LCOR has an Online Member Directory
To sign up or update your info Contact
office@lcor.org



2024 Giving Envelopes

Your 2024 Giving Envelopes are available to be picked up. Please take your envelopes home with you on your next visit. If you do not see your envelopes, please let the church office know at office@LCOR.org and we will get you some. If you are e-Giving or no longer wish to receive envelopes, please let us know. These will be available until Ash Wednesday (02/14/2024)






January 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 Office Closed 7:15 am - 8:15 am Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom	2	3	4 7:15 am - 8:15 am Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom	5	6
7 8:30 am Cont. Service 9:30 am Fellowship; Christian Ed. 10:30 am Trad. Service 12:00pm Com. Life Lunch 6:30 pm Conf. Class	8 7:15 am - 8:15 am Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom Worship and Music Meeting 6:30 pm	9	10 Mutual Ministry Meeting 7:00 pm	11 7:15 am - 8:15 am Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom ORCCC Board Meeting 6:00 pm	12	13
14 8:30 am Cont. Service 9:30 am Fellowship; Adult Christian Ed. only 10:30 am Trad. Service 6:30 pm Conf. Class	15 Office Closed 7:15 am - 8:15 am Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom	16	17 Church Council Meeting 7:00 pm	18 7:15 am - 8:15 am Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom	19	20 
21 8:30 am Cont. Service 9:30 am Fellowship; Christian Ed. 10:30 am Trad. Service 6:30 pm Conf. Class	22 7:15 am - 8:15 am Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom	23	24	25 7:15 am - 8:15 am Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom	26	27 Church Council Retreat 8:30 am – 2:30 pm
28 8:30 am Cont. Service 9:30 am Fellowship; Christian Ed. 10:30 am Trad. Service Community Life Game Day after 2 nd Service 6:30 pm Conf. Class	29 7:15 am - 8:15 am Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom	30	31	7:15 am - 8:15 am Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom		

For more details, visit our website, www.lcor.org; and check out our weekly bulletins and mid-week announcements.

January 2024 Server Schedule

							
Altar Guild	Eucharistic Minister	Ushers	Lay Reader	Acolytes	Greeter	Projectionist	Tellers

January 7, 2024

8:30 AM	Judy S.	Linda M.	Chris V.	Jen D.	Kara V.	Linda M.	Daniel E.	Patty S.
10:30 AM	Loni I.	Loni I.	Gary D.	Loni I.	X	NEED	X	

January 14, 2024

8:30 AM	Karen D.	Marla A.	Joanne & Lenny H.	Marla A.	Jenny M.	Karen G.	NEED	Bob B.
10:30 AM	Alice W.	Alice W.	Bob B.	Alice W.	X	Carol B.	X	

January 21, 2024

8:30 AM	Jessica C.	Martha P.	Rich B.	Martha P.	Alex R.	Paul B.	Greg R.	NEED
10:30 AM	Sallie B.	Sallie B.	Pete D.	Don J.	X	Don J.	X	

January 28, 2024

8:30 AM	Patty S.	Lynne H.	Paul B.	Paul B.	Greg R.	Lynne H.	Alex R.	NEED
10:30 AM	NEED	Caroline V.	Bob B.	Caroline V.	X	Carol B.	X	

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

Server Volunteers Needed—All roles come with appropriate training and we don't expect people to be scheduled more often than once a month. If you can help in any of these roles or if you are just looking for more information, contact Karen DiCanzio at dicanzio@comcast.net. Tellers do not need to be just from the second service, tellers can come from the first service as well.

MythBusters

MYTHBUSTERS

WORSHIP ASSISTANT EDITION

Myths

#1 You have to have been a member of LCOR for several years before you can assist at worship.

Busted The only requirement necessary to assist at worship is your desire to do so. Many of our current worship assistants are not officially members

#2 Assisting at worship requires a large amount of time.

Busted Some roles need an early arrival of 15 mins. before and/or after (e.g., altar guild requires about 15" before and/or after worship and ushering or greeting requires that you get to worship about 15" early as well.) Some roles are done completely within the worship service (e.g., Eucharistic minister or reader.)

#3 Being a worship assistant requires extensive training

Busted Brief training (15 minutes or so) is provided for things like being a Eucharistic minister. Shadowing an experienced assistant is how other roles are taught (such as ushering or altar guild.)

#4 There are age and gender requirements for assisting at worship.

Busted The only requirement for Acolytes and Ushers is for them to be old enough to carry something safely. Operating the projector requires an ability to read, push a button and pay close attention during the service. Everyone can fill every role.

#5 LCOR has more than enough worship assistants.

Busted The goal is for folks to be scheduled once a month or less. You are encouraged to share what Sundays you are not available; however, last-minute changes are made by trading with someone else. Folks are very flexible and helpful in this regard. Additional worship assistants are needed for all the worship roles including altar guild, Eucharistic minister, reader, usher, acolyte, greeter, projectionist (8:30 service only), and teller.

#6 If I inquire about being a worship assistant, I'll get roped into doing it for the rest of my life.

Busted Questions are encouraged and there'll be no strong-arming or minimum requirement. Some folks are only available every other month, some are unavailable in the summer, and some have only specific dates each month they can commit.

Questions can be directed to Karen DiCanzio at dicanzio@comcast.net

Updates, News and Information



Our website www.lcor.org has the latest information. There you will find the following:

- Upcoming events
- Calendar of services, meetings and opportunities
- Information on our ministries and the best ways to get involved

You can also find and follow us on Facebook for the latest on LCOR by clicking on the link below:

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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.

Fall, Winter, and Spring Worship Schedule Starts 9-10-2023

8:30 am – Contemporary Worship

9:30 am – Fellowship Time;
Christian Education

10:30 am – Traditional Worship

Summer Worship Schedule

8:30 am – Contemporary Worship

9:30 am Fellowship Time

10:00 am – Traditional Worship

