

Redeemer REVIEW



REDEEMER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

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from the Pastor...

Rev. Donald Jordan

I AM SORRY

Luther's Small Catechism, written in 1529, is a blessing to all of us as it continues to confess the truth of God's Word. Lutheran pastors always instruct catechumens, both young and old, in the six chief parts as preparation for Holy Communion in the Lord's church.

The chief characteristic of the Small Catechism is its simplicity and concise manner of teaching the Bible with simple questions and answers, so that all can easily understand and comprehend the Scriptures that God has written in the Bible.

In 1551, another section of the Small Catechism appeared as "Christian Questions with Their Answers." These were prepared by Dr. Martin Luther for those who intend to go to the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

We believe that preparation, instruction, repentance, and confession of the true faith is necessary for those who would receive the Lord's body and blood at the altar.

And it is vital to understand that, though the pastor has instructed us in Christian doctrine, we are to examine ourselves and ask ourselves certain questions in order to properly prepare to partake of the Eucharist.

Let us take a quick look at the first several of twenty questions that comprise this preparation for Holy Communion.

1. "Do you believe that you are a sinner? Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner."

We are to believe as an article of faith that we are sinners, that we have sinned against God and one another. This is not a matter of saying that we are not perfect or that we've made mistakes in life. This is clear and pointed. "I am a sinner." This is our



condition, our original sin, that we inherited from our parents. That's our natural condition and we must admit it.

2. "How do you know this? From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept." One need not dig too deeply into one's sinfulness, but simply to read the Ten Commandments, which show us our sin, as we have not perfectly loved God and our neighbor. You don't feel or think that you are a sinner.

You know it because God's Law has revealed this to you.

3. "Are you sorry for your sins? Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God." Contrition is godly sorrow over sins and we must have a sorrow, that we are truly sorry for our sins against God in so many ways. It is more than simply regret, but this sorrow is worked by the Holy Spirit as more than just a bad feeling or a sickening feeling in the gut. This sorrow is a work of God through His Law, as we exhibit true sorrow and remorse over what we have done.

Question four, five, and following indicate we are lost and condemned, but that our hope and confidence is found in Jesus Christ, the God-Man, who died on the cross for our sin.

So, let us then ponder this and live in repentance. Godly contrition and repentance occurs each and every day as we confess our sins to God and to one another. This sorrow, knowing that we are truly sorry, leads us to complete faith and confidence in Christ, our Savior, who graciously forgives our sins and washes us clean in his blood as this is given to us in the Gospel and Sacraments.

There is much emphasis given to practicing closed communion in our Lutheran Churches and this is correct and must be maintained. However, we should not overlook the ongoing

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REDEEMER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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January 1, 2017 – October 31, 2017

INCOME/EXPENSE – ACTUAL:

ORDINARY INCOME:	\$146,323.15
EXPENSES:	
Administration	\$117,897.78
Christian Education	819.54
Evangelism	1,019.46
Fellowship	561.68
Stewardship	405.39
Trustees	<u>\$36,745.93</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	<u>\$157,449.78</u>
NET ORDINARY INCOME	\$-11,126.63
CHURCH FACILITY RENT INCOME	500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$-10,626.63
RETAINED EARNINGS	<u>\$33,879.70</u>
BALANCE (Total Equity)	\$23,253.07

ASSETS/LIABILITIES:

CHURCH

Directed Funds (TCB)	\$138,825.42
Operating Funds (TCB)	\$23,253.07
Mission Trust Fund (Thornburg)	\$257,901.32
Scholarship Fund (Stifel Nicolaus)	<u>\$314,525.35</u>
TOTAL CHURCH ASSETS/LIAB.:	\$734,505.16
TOTAL SCHOOL ASSETS:	<u>\$23,151.30</u>
TOTAL ASSETS/LIABILITIES:	\$757,656.46
PARSONAGE INCOME	\$11,500.00
Minus Renting Expenses	00.00
Parsonage Deposit	\$1,000.00
Disbursed to Pastor Jordan	<u>\$10,500.00</u>
Net Parsonage Income	00.00

SCHOOL INCOME \$36,583.00

35% to Mission Trust Fund (Thornburg)	\$12,804.05
30% to Scholarship Fund (Stifel Nicolaus)	\$10,974.90
20% to Facilities Reserve Fund (Thrivent)	\$7,316.60
10% to School Reserve Fund	\$3,658.30
5% to Musician & Concert Fund (TCB)	\$1,829.15

For more details or an explanation,
see the office manager.

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HYMNS THAT SING OF CHRIST: LSB 331

“THE ADVENT OF OUR KING”

The advent of our King
Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing
In strains of holy joy.

The everlasting Son
Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself a servant's form puts on
To set His servants free.

O Zion's daughter, rise
To meet your lowly King,
Nor let your faithless heart despise
The peace He comes to bring.

As judge, on clouds of light,
He soon will come again
And His true members all unite
With Him in heav'n to reign.

Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.

All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

Charles Coffin wrote the text of this original Latin hymn, which was included in the *Parish Breviary* (1736). The words are so like the thoughts of Christians everywhere, as we look forward to the advent of our King, the Lord Jesus Christ. It was almost a century later when this hymn was published, that John Chandler (1806-1876) began translating the hymns from that publication into English. *Lutheran Worship*, like most other modern hymnals, has altered Chandler's translations considerably. Says Percy Dearmer in *Songs of Praise Discussed*, "As we are bound to re-echo the theology of Parish in the reign of Louis XIV, we have modernized it rather freely and we thus have here a paraphrase rather than a translation of Coffin."

Charles Coffin (1676-1749) was born at Buzancy in the Ardennes in Northern France and educated at Deplessis College of the University of Paris. In 1701, he became a member of the faculty at the College of Doirmans-Beauvais in the University of Paris, and its principal in 1712. From 1718-1723, he was rector of the University of Parish. Thereafter he returned to his former position at Doirmans-Beauvais.

He wrote a number of Latin hymns that were also published. Coffin's hymns, characterized as "direct and fitted with the spirit of grace," are remarkable for their pure latinity and scripturalness. We have another of his hymns in our hymnal:

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry - LSB 344

The tune is St. Thomas by Aaron Williams (1731-1776) and Williams seems to have spent most of his time in and around London as a music engraver, teacher of music and psalmody, and compiler and publisher of Psalm tune collections. At one time he was also clerk of the London Wall Scots Church. Other tunes in our hymnal sung to St. Thomas are:

I Love Your Kingdom, Lord - LSB 651

Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul - LSB 814

SIT-N-STITCH



SIT-N-STITCH on Sat 12/16/17 from 9AM-3PM. Enjoy fellowship and potluck lunch while sewing, embroidering, knitting, crocheting, or tatting your personal project in the parish hall. You can address your Christmas cards, update your shopping list, or just hang out. Bring a friend or neighbor, come for a short while or much of the day.

Barbara Thomas and Lucie Woolery

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE for the January Redeemer Review
is Tuesday, December 26 - 4:00 p.m.**

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Monday, December 18, 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON

at Sharon Schaffert's

PASTOR JORDAN'S SERMONS

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930 AM Saturday/Sunday 1:00 PM
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www.kkxx.net (live and podcasts) KKXX Chico, CA
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2018 HIGHER THINGS YOUTH CONFERENCE ~ YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISERS



Higher Things is pleased to announce the 2018 Youth Conference, "Sanctified." Our youth will attend July 31 - August 3, in Tacoma Washington as they look at the Ten Commandments and how God has called us to be His own people in Christ.

"You shall be holy to me, for I the LORD am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine." (Leviticus 20:26)

The youth attending are Yuhuan Wenslaff, Yufei Wenslaff, P.J. Maestas and the chaperones are Diane Scott, Paul Maestas, and Pastor Jordan.

You can help by participating in our youth fundraisers!

CALENDAR SALES

Redeemer's Youth Have Begun Their Annual Calendar Sales. These beautiful, high quality, full-color, wall calendars are perfect for the home or office and make great gifts.

Each month contains a Scripture verse reminding us of God's love. The calendars will be on sale for \$7 each on Sundays in the Parish Hall.



CHRISTMAS FOREST

Redeemer Lutheran Youth Group is selling Christmas decorations. The sales have begun and we are offering a variety of wreaths, swags, garlands, and ornaments.



Order your gorgeous Christmas Forest gifts now from one of our members or order online.

Go to
www.ChristmasForest.com



Add to Cart to order a forest fresh wreath.

Enter RLYG in the club code field at check out.

Redeemer Lutheran Youth Group will earn a portion of the sale!

Thank you for supporting Redeemer Lutheran Youth Group!

CAMPUS MINISTRY



The next College/Young Adult Dinner & Discussion is Sunday, December 3, 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We will learn from the video, "A Man Named Martin - The Movement."

MONTHLY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible study meets this Saturday, December 2, 8:00 a.m. Read Chapter 5, "Living in Two Kingdoms." Books are available in the narthex. Pastor Jordan, teacher.

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS

Thursday Bible class is studying I John 5 study from www.whatdoesthismean.org. The next study is "Justifying Christmas."



BIEDERSTADT SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are being accepted for the Biederstadt Memorial Scholarship, formerly offered to students going into LCMS church work, and now extended to anyone attending an LCMS university or seminary.

Board of Elders

Lutheran Apps for All Ages

Have you heard it said, or said it yourselves, “Well, that’s for the younger generation.” True, mostly true, doesn’t apply. Where do you fall on that spectrum? And, does it depend on the app or the type of communication device? Does age play a factor in how we answer?



Occasionally it is good to browse for new apps that are available for Christian study. This is one that recently appeared on the Android platform (sorry could not find it for iPhone but you can probably find individual apps for each of the writings). This is what is contained in the app as these works are all in the public domain. App is called *Writings of Martin Luther*. The picture shown is the app icon.

Martin Luther's 95 Theses [1517]

Small Catechism

Large Catechism

Sermons

The Parable of the Sower

Christ's Holy Sufferings

On Faith & Coming to Christ of Martin Luther

Enemies of the Cross of Christ

Christ Our Great High Priest

The Twofold Use of the Law & Gospel: "Letter" & "Spirit"

Of The Office of Preaching

The Wheat & The Tares

Address to the Nobility (R.S. Grignon, tr.)

Commentary on the Epistle to the Galatians

Concerning Christian Liberty; with Letter of Martin Luther to Pope Leo X.

Commentary on Genesis, Vol. 1: Luther on the Creation

Commentary on Genesis, Vol. 2: Luther on Sin and the Flood



The LWML app is not new but updated with the new logo and more content. Good for personal information and devotions as well as for society needs.

Digging back into history a bit, did you use the Arch Books with your own children or perhaps as gifts to other children? This year Concordia Publishing House released 3 new Arch Books. Check out the *Reporter* online:



<https://blogs.lcms.org/2017/new-arch-books>

Some additional digging on the blog “Steadfast Lutherans” found a post about Arch Books.

<http://steadfastlutherans.org/2016/11/advent-good-time-to-pair-arch-books-to-the-lectionary-and-the-season/>



Going to that link you can find a table listing Arch Books and the one-year lectionary. This table has a column that gives all the scripture references. Click on “Pairing Arch books with the Lutheran lectionaries” and then you can sign up for updates (CPH blog) to search for 3-year lectionary and Arch books.

While the 500th Anniversary Celebration of the Reformation reaches its close, the Reformation is still vital and teaching resources for teachers, parents and grandparents is worth mentioning.

<https://lutheranreformation.org/resources/for-teachers/>

Take a look at what is there, especially if you remember flannelgraph! This is a new and updated, digital, flannelgraph and might be helpful during cold and flu season for younger children when they have to be kept inside and quiet. There are explanation pages when you click on the tabs.

Another kid-friendly source from LCMS Worship is “Kids in the Devine Service:

<https://www.lcms.org/worship/youth-in-worship>

Advent is coming and there is a great children’s bulletin insert for that. You could also, however, download it and use it for your family devotions if it is not in your bulletin. Make sure to check out the other seasons as well.

Last, but not least, You Tube is a great resource for just about any query though does require some discretion. One that you may not have explored is Higher Things. (The same Higher Things that produces devotional materials found in our narthex.) Did you know you can do a catechism review via You Tube? There you can go through the entire Small Catechism with Pastor Mark Buetow.

Question: Did Martin Luther use technology and social media and what do you think he would do with computers, smart phones, tablets, etc.? This might be a good dinner time discussion topic that leads into a godly usage of technology dialog as well.

preparation that all Lutherans should engage in each Sunday as they approach Holy Communion. Though we are confirmed members of the church, our Lord desires that we examine ourselves and test our beliefs in order to partake worthily of the body and blood of Jesus.

All are admonished and encouraged to use the Small Catechism and Lutheran Service Book, page 327, as these "Christian Questions With Their Answers" assist and guide us in proper spiritual preparation for the Holy Supper of Jesus.

A blessed communion to you and, by the way, one more question – are you sorry for your sins?

Let the answer to that question aid and direct you to the Savior who forgives your sins. And then, please, come to the Sacrament with great joy and gladness to receive the gifts of Jesus' body and blood, all for the forgiveness of the sins of which you are sorry.

Pastor Jordan

HEALTH MINISTRY

BloodSource Blood Drive

November 12, 2017

The BloodSource Blood Drive was a success. Thank you to all who participated! Your donations save lives! Thanks to Bri Lofink and Shirley Wilson, coordinators.

On Tuesday, November 14, six members met for our end-of-year business meeting. The agenda included election of officers for the coming year. Members had earlier received a mailed letter asking for nominees for office, since the current Board of officers would be stepping down after serving four years each.

There were no nominations brought forward so then the election was not held. The group informally discussed what would happen to the society if no officers were elected but no decisions were made at this time, due to the small number of members present.

We brought up that our Coins for Christ support a current seminary student, and we support such causes as a Kenyan orphan, the LWML Mission Grants, the ministries in Kenya, the Jesus Center, etc.

If you are a member of Mary Martha and would like to run for office, please contact Kathy Sweet, Julie McCann, Linda Allen or Michelle Sweet.

We ask that Redeemer members keep our organization in your prayers, that we would be guided with the Lord's will and that those who wish to lead the organization will step forward.

Our final activity for the year will be decorating the Parish Hall after church on Sunday, December 10. We will put up a minimum of decorations in the Parish Hall and on the church doors. Please bring something for coffee hour such as cookies, nut bread, etc. Please join us on Dec. 10th!

The Board of LWML--Mary Martha





Place your CRV plastic and aluminum beverage containers in the bins located in the Parish Hall. Proceeds support the Youth Group.



Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chico
Special Service and Events 2017 - 2018
www.redeemerchico.org

Advent Services

Wednesdays, December 6, 13, 20
Evening Prayer, 7:00 PM

Christmas Caroling at Nursing Homes

Sunday, December 17

4:00 – Windsor Chico Creek, 587 Rio Lindo

4:30 – Townsend House, 10 Ilahee Lane

The Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24

Candlelight Service, 7:00 PM

The Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Day

Monday, December 25

Divine Service, 10:00 AM

New Year's Eve - Eve of the Name of Jesus

Sunday, December 31

Hymn sing begins at 6:30

Evening Prayer, 7:00 PM

Epiphany of Our Lord

Saturday, January 6

(no service)



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CONFIRMATION OF ADULTS - NEW MEMBERS - OCTOBER 29, 2017

ROBERT & LINDA REAN



Robert "Bob" Rean was born in Westwood, California April 10, 1947. He moved to Anderson, California with his family in 1950, where he attended school until 1963. They moved to Sacramento where he graduated high school in 1965 and then went to work for Southern Pacific Railroad. In 1967, he moved to Chester and went to work at Cellius Pine Lumber Co.

Bob married Ruby Rice in 1970 and went to work for Plumas County. Ruby died in 1994 of a brain aneurysm. He says, "Linda saved me from drinking myself to death and we were married in 1995. I love her two children and four grandchildren like my own."

Bob likes to hunt, fish and camp. He retired in 2004 from Plumas County as a road maintenance supervisor. His mother and sister still live in Sacramento.

Linda was born May 15, 1945 in Sacramento, California. Her daughter, son-in-law, and two youngest grandchildren live in Chico. Her Son and his wife live in Chester and have two children.

After different jobs, Linda worked 25 years as a medical transcriptionist and finally as the supervisor of the medical records department at Seneca Hospital in Chester.

Linda says her brother, Glenn Cheney, a pastor at Chester Wesleyan and then at Butte Bible Fellowship, has had a tremendous impact on her Christian life. She grew up knowing about Jesus. She says her brother taught/showed her by the witness of his life, who Jesus is.

Linda feels truly blessed to have a man of faith as her husband. They both love Christ and believe that the Holy Spirit is working in their lives every day.

Bob & Linda were looking for a church that preached the Bible and provided the structure of a Bible-teaching, Bible-based church where Scripture is taught and not compromised by worldly influence. They feel the Holy Spirit led them to Redeemer.

CORAZON FLORES



Corazon Flores is married to Roel Flores. They have three daughters; Winzell, Windy, and Winnielyn. She was born November 5, 1955. She was baptized in the Catholic Church in 1956. She attended Misamis University, Oromiz, Philippines for a Bachelor of Science in Business Accounting. After several positions in the Philippines, she now helps her daughter Winzell manage her care home.

Corazon enjoys books and travel. She has been blessed with the opportunity to travel Europe with her second daughter's family. She likes seeing old churches and fields of flowers. Her son-in-law, Paul, invited her to attend church at Redeemer and she became a member. She wants to learn the word of God and worship him according to the Scriptures.

2017 ELDER ASSIGNMENTS

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HALL - MORENO
NELSON - SWEET
TEFELSKI - ZIMMER

Advent

From the First Sunday in Advent through December 24th

The Theme

Advent is the beginning of the church year. Beginnings are exciting! God, in His mercy, has given us a little more time to prepare for His coming. "Advent" means "coming of the Lord." This refers not only to Christ's historical coming but more especially to His present and future coming. The Palm Sunday cry resonates in this season as well: "Behold! Your King comes, to you, lowly and humble."

There are three "comings" intertwined in the celebration of Advent. The First Sunday--Jesus will come at the end of time to usher in the Kingdom of Glory; 2nd Sunday--He comes in the present, in His Word; 3rd Sunday--again concerns His coming in the present, in His Sacraments; 4th Sunday--His coming into the world at His Conception (not Birth). These three are not kept separate, but are blended into a continual "coming."

The Mood

You don't begin a party before the guest of honor arrives; you make preparations. Advent is a time of preparation, not celebration. Preparation involves repentance. There is also a sense of anticipation of something tremendous about to happen. The penitential aspect is indicated by the omission of the *Gloria in Excelsis* in the liturgy until Christmas Eve. The hymns throughout the season are of Advent and not of Christmas.

An exception to the penitential mood may be made on the 3rd Sunday, marking the half-way point in our journey to the manger; the color rose traditionally is used, signifying eager hope and longing for Christ's coming; Rose-colored flowers may be used. This subduing of the penitential mood is to encourage anticipation of the coming Christmas celebration.

To build anticipation for the Feast of the Nativity, an Advent wreath may be set up, with three blue candles and one rose candle. A candle is lit the 1st Sunday, two the 2nd Sunday, two blue and the rose one on the 3rd Sunday, and all four on the last Sunday. Another practice in some churches is to set up the stable on the first Sunday, and place only a blue candle in the center of it where the manger will go; the 2nd Sunday the ox and ass are added; the 3rd some sheep join them; and the 4th Mary and Joseph are placed on either side of the candle. Then at the Christmas Eve mass, the candle is replaced by the manger and Christ Child. Both the wreath and the stable ideas are appropriate in the home as well as in the church. The wreath is removed after the last mass on the 4th Sunday, and a tree is erected in its place. If no tree is used, then the wreath may be used, but the 4 colored candles are removed, and a white candle is lighted in the center to represent Christ, the light of the world, born on Christmas Day.

The Colors

The color for Advent is blue with the meaning of joy, expectation, heaven. and the Virgin Mary. The exception may be the use of rose on the 3rd Sunday, as explained above. In the absence of rose paraments and vestments, the blue is used. The emphasis of this Sunday being brought out by flowers, the 3rd candle on the Wreath, and perhaps rose colored ribbons hanging from pulpit and lectern as book markers.

It is best to refrain from singing Christmas carols, or holding Christmas parties or dinners during Advent. The Sunday(s) after Christmas or the Epiphany are appropriate times to do those things. That is also the time for any Christmas Sunday School programs or pageants. In Church, the Christmas Tree and decorations are to be put up after the last mass of Advent, or on Christmas Eve in the home and not lighted until Christmas Eve.

December 2017

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January 2018

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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					Office Manager's Day Off	8:00am Men's Bible Study (Fireside Room) 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour
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First Sunday in Advent Mile Box Sunday 8:45am SS/Adult Bible Class 10:00am Divine Service - Rite 11:15am Fellowship (Parish)	Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	9:30am Matins (Sanctuary) 10:00am Circuit Forum (Fireside Room)	Nicholas of Myra, Pastor 9:00am Adult Catechism Class (Pastor's Study) 7:00pm Advent Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)	Ambrose of Milan, Pastor and Hymnwriter 9:30am Bible Study (Fireside Room) 6:30pm Bell Choir Practice	Office Manager's Day Off	1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour
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Second Sunday in Advent 8:45am SS/Adult Bible Class 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am LWML Mary/Maria 11:15am Fellowship (Parish)	Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	9:00am Adult Catechism Class (Pastor's Study)	Lucia, Martyr 9:00am Adult Catechism Class (Pastor's Study) 7:00pm Advent Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)	9:30am Bible Study (Fireside Room) 6:30pm Bell Choir Practice (Choir Loft)	Office Manager's Day Off	1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour
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Third Sunday in Advent - 8:45am SS/Adult Bible Class 10:00am Divine Service - Rite 11:15am Fellowship - 4:00pm Caroling (Windsor)	Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off 10:00am Women's Kaffeeklatsch (Sharon Schaffert's)	Adam and Eve 4:00pm Newsletter Deadline	Katharina von Bora Luther 7:00pm Advent Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)	St. Thomas, Apostle 6:30pm Bell Choir Practice (Choir Loft)	Office Manager's Day Off	1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour
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Fourth Sunday in Advent - Kenya Orphan Student 8:45am SS/Adult Bible Class 10:00am Divine Service 11:15am Fellowship (Parish)	Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off The Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Day 10:00am Divine Service	St. Stephen, Martyr	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 6:30pm Bell Choir Practice (Choir Loft)	David Office Manager's Day Off	1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour
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Eve of the Circumcision and 8:45am SS/Adult Bible Class 10:00am Divine Service 11:15am Fellowship (Parish) 7:00pm Evening Prayer						

OFFICE MANAGER'S HOURS TUE - THU 9:00AM - 4:00PM*

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**Lunch 1/2 - 1 hour*

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