



Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church

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DECEMBER 2018 UPDATE

WEBSITE www.redeemercatawba.com

828/241-2371 – CHURCH



ADVENT 2018: What Child Is This!

December 5: *“The Child Who Is Zechariah’s Hope”* Luke 1:5–25

December 12: *“The Child Who Is a Virgin’s Great Son”* Luke 1:26–38

December 16: *“The Child Who Is John’s Joy”* Luke 1:39–45

Soup and Sandwich Supper at 6:00 p.m.

Midweek Advent Worship at 7:00 p.m.

REDEEMER'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday December 16th at 6:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP 5:00 p.m.

A service focusing on joyful prayer and hearing the good news that Christ is born for us.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

At 11 p.m. we will have a candle light service with Holy Communion.

CHRISTMAS DAY LESSONS & CAROLS WITH THE LORD'S SUPPER 10:00 a.m.

On Christmas morning we will have a service of Lessons and Carols at 10:00 a.m. with Holy Communion. Please come and sing with the angels and with God’s people: Glory to God in the highest!

POINSETTIA ORDERS – Due by December 3rd. Pickup and complete an order envelope in Narthex and include your payment of \$11 for each poinsettia you wish to order. See Lynn Westray if you have questions.



REDEEMER ANGEL TREE

Again this year Redeemer will have an angel tree to assist children from Catawba Elementary School to have a blessed Christmas. Members are invited to select one or more of the Angels (children) from the tree, purchase the gifts, wrap and return them to Redeemer wrapped and tagged by December 16th. Questions or anyone wishing to make a monetary donation, please see Connie Burkett.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE JANUARY 2019

Phillip Davis has agreed to coordinate for Redeemer a blood drive on January 17, 2019 from 2-6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. More details to come in January.

THANKS TO OUR YOUTH LEADERS AND KIDS

They will be decorating Redeemer for Christmas on December 9th at 3:00 p.m. They welcome anyone who wishes to assist to join them.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Redeemer’s children and teachers have been working since October on the 2018 Christmas program with final practice dates December 2nd and 9th at 2:00 p.m.

The performance takes place on December 16 at 6:00 p.m. invite your family and friends to join us here at Redeemer as our Sunday school brings us the Christmas Story.

HAPPENINGS AND CELEBRATIONS

Memorials Received

In loving memory of Melvin Little . . .

Bryant and Rita Isenhour
Michael and Jeannie Little
Darrell and Sandy Mundy

In loving memory of Barbara & Warren Raymond ...

Peggy Bell
Bill and Fran Little

In loving memory of Mike Grandstaff II

Bill and Fran Little

LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

Currently has a 40-month note available at 4%. The LCEF supports LCMS individuals and ministries through loans and ministry support services. They are advising and assisting Redeemer with our building project. Pick up and application in the Narthex if you would like to take advantage of this 4% return or speak with George Wilson, Redeemer's LCEF Representative.

VOLUNTEERING IS SO REWARDING

Teamwork accomplishes so much more and volunteers are needed to assist in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence. On December 26-29 become a Disaster Relief Volunteer to help those who are in need. Contact Pastor Eric Hollar 828/244-7201 if you would like more information or can sign up as a volunteer.

Another way to help out is to make an appointment and donate blood January 17, 2019 at Redeemer.

DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES: Dean Bruns, Bill Knauf (1), Tracie Onsager (2), Kelsie Herman (3), Ashlyn Houston, Peyton Wesson (5), Kelsie Lael, Sandra Yount (8), Judi Moser (9), Joanna Wilson (17), William Robinson (21), Zoey Rose (23), Madelyn Rose (25), Chloe Todd (28)

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Mr. & Mrs. Allen Bumgarner (6), Mr. & Mrs. Jim Brown (11), Mr. & Mrs. Chad Lail (15), Mr. & Mrs. Barry Edwards (17), Mr. & Mrs. Joe Midkiff (18), Mr. & Mrs. Allen Sherrill (19), Mr. & Mrs. Devin Houston (22), Mr. & Mrs. Michael Pray (23), Mr. & Mrs. Robert Eury (24).

BIRTHDAYS: Elsie Johnston (3), Michael Medlin (4), Zoey Rose (8), Bryant Isenhour, Carroll Yount (11), Nicholas Bumgarner, Glenda Frazier, Michael Rivers (12), Bryce Bratton, Cindy Pray (13), Janice Yount, Lori Yount (17), Ann Garvin, (18), Greg Fisher, Karen Rohde (19), Rita Isenhour (21), Jeffrey Medlin (22), Jody Sigmon (24), Phillip Davis (25), Amanda Eury, Rodney Lowrance, Johnny Wesson (26), Adam Matthews (27), Taylor Laney (30), Cassidy Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Tammy Bell (31).

If your December celebration is not listed above, please drop a note in the basket on the Secretary's office door.

YTD as of November 18, 2018

Average Sunday Attendance	119
Budget Needs	\$177,088.01
Contributions/Receipts	(\$172,400.35)
Over/(Short) of Budget	(\$ 4,687.66)

*May the peace and hope of
Christ's birth
be with you now and in the days ahead...*