



Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 26

9:30 am Worship/Communion
9:30 am Sunday School

Monday, January 27

6:00 pm Sit Happens
6:30 pm Life Long Faith Formation
7:00 pm Finance Committee

Tuesday, January 28

7:00 pm Property Committee

Wednesday, January 29

6:30 pm Bible Study

Thursday, January 30

1:00 pm Backpacks Packing
7:00 pm Choir
7:30 pm NA

Friday, January 31

Saturday, February 1



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Upcoming Events



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February 9 - Souper Bowl of Caring

This marks the 35th Year of the Souper Bowl of Caring!

As has been our tradition, we will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items to stock our food pantry for the rest of the winter. From Sunday, January 26 through February 9, you may place your donations in the bin marked with the team you are rooting for in the Super Bowl. Whose team will win? This is a fun way to help us win the fight against hunger in our community. ***We have included an insert in the Messenger listing the food items we collect,*** or visit our web site to download the list: <https://messiahsouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Food-Pantry-List-of-Needed-Items-1.pdf>



Friendship Sunday, February 16, 2025

Invite your friends and family to join us for Worship on this Sunday and immediately following the service we will go down to Shaheen Hall for a Soup and Sandwich luncheon along with some great conversation and getting to know our neighbors. This is hosted by the Fellowship Committee.



February 18 – WELCA Meeting and Bible Study

7:00 pm Bible Study led by Janet Stroble, ALWL.

Carol Winter will lead devotions and Carol and Marilyn Winter will be the Hostesses.



March 1 – World Day of Prayer Service

WELCA will be the host this year for the World Day of Prayer.

More information to come.

| January 26, 2025 | Service Assistants |
|----------------------------|---|
| Ushers | Mike Larson, Brian Bair, Al Cole, Sally Congdon, Kim Brofee |
| Lay Assistant | Anita Bair |
| Communion Assistant | Candy Watkins |
| Acolyte | Doriann Morris |
| Altar Guild | Sue Shoemaker, Yvonne Kaiser |
| Greeters/Presenters | Carol Hessert, Pam Eveleth |
| Cantor | David Bausinger |
| Flower Delivery | Susan Bryan |

**Pastoral
Care**

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staff will assist you. After
hours, please press "3" for a
Pastoral Emergency to be
connected directly to the
Pastor.

January 19, 2025: Attendance: 90; Offering: \$2,450.38; Capital Campaign: \$10.00

IN BLESSED MEMORY

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Luke Haefner on the anniversary of his 34th birthday, January 25, by his mother, Patti, his brother John and his sister-in-law, Jennifer and nephew James.

The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Francis A. Gephart, Jr. by his family.

Bible Readings

Sunday, January 26: *Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21*

Monday, January 27: *Psalms 119:89-96; Jeremiah 36:1-10; 1 Corinthians 14:1-12*

Tuesday, January 28: *Psalms 119:89-96; Jeremiah 36:11-26; 2 Corinthians 7:2-12*

Wednesday, January 29: *Psalms 119:89-96; Jeremiah 36:27-32; Luke 4:38-44*

Thursday, January 30: *Psalms 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 34:1-7; Acts 10:44-48*

Friday, January 31: *Psalms 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 35:20-27; Acts 19:1-10*

Saturday, February 1: *Psalms 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 36:11-21; John 1:43-51*

Reminder: *Articles for the Messenger and Bulletin are due in the office by Monday at noon.*

Wanted: Cookie Tins! Wondering what to do with those tins that were gifted to you for Christmas now that all the cookies have been devoured? Re-gift them! Cookie tins may be placed in the Food Pantry bin in the elevator alcove over the next few weeks. We will use them to package the home-made cookies we send out with the food baskets next Christmas.

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm for Bible Study and Fellowship. All are Welcome!



The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Children - **Bible Birds and Beasties** - Did you hear about the donkey who talked? Or the man who lived inside a big fish? Children will love this collection of best-loved Bible Stories, with Noah, Jonah, Daniel, Elijah, the stories of Jesus--and a few surprises too, all quirkily illustrated by the amazing T. S. Spookytooth! Book on Children's shelf.

Adult - **The Eagle – Don't Despair, passages in the Gospel of John** - The Bible contains some of the most comforting, reassuring words in history. Many of these timeless passages can be found in a single book: the gospel of John. Ron Lavin begins his series on the gospels by exploring John's words of encouragement and how they still speak to us through the ages. **This book can be used as a Bible Study or support group setting. It can also be used simply as a lifeline for people who need a ray of light in their own personal darkness.** This book is in the Teaching Curriculum section.

Daniel's Closet



Daniel's Closet at Redeemer – Saturday, January 25, 8:30-11 a.m.

Daniel's Closet is a ministry of Redeemer Lutheran Church on Washington Boulevard to provide free clothing to anyone who has a need, regardless of income. **All are welcome to come and "shop" the closet** ... all they ask is that you take only what you need personally or can share with a friend.

Donations are accepted at Messiah in the blue bin in the alcove by the Chapel.

Daniel's Closet is especially in need this month of ...

- **coats** for everyone ... *all sizes!*
- **men's clothing** in all sizes but *especially small and medium*
- We are in **desperate need of children's clothing ... for boys, girls, and babies.**
- People are always looking for **shoes.**
- We need **hats and gloves for the blessing hedges, especially hats for men and boys as well as gloves for everyone.**

You may also drop off donations at Redeemer on Thursday, January 23, from 4-6 p.m.

Looking for a way to serve while making friends with fellow Christians in our community?

Help is always needed to sort the clothing. Sorting will take place at Redeemer on January 23 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. **and** every Wednesday morning from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Our friends at Redeemer thank you for your support. 😊



It is time that we cover more flower cans. I have the wallpaper cut; all I need are several volunteers. If you are interested, please contact the church office with days of the week and times that you would be available. Then we can set one or two days that fit the greatest number of individual's schedules. Thank you. Chuck Luppert



Help Wanted: Snow Removal ~ Help is needed to clear the walks around the church property after it snows. Position requires dependability and the flexibility to be available within a reasonable period of time following a snow/ice event. This is a paid position - **\$20/hour**. If you or someone you know is able to help, please contact the church office.