



# Tidings

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WINTER 2019-2020  
DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY  
EDITION



## FROM THE PASTOR

“... and a little child shall lead them.”  
Is. 11:6.

This scriptural scrap gets used in many ways, from gentle joking when a toddler is the first to leave a room to predicting the Messiah. I think of it often at Redeemer, because children so often lead us in worship.

I am profoundly grateful and joyful that this is true. From Karter or Evie bringing up the offering plates, to Kiara and Tristan serving communion, Analiyah and Josiah reading scripture, and all the babies “helping” me preach—the leadership of children is very right and very good for a healthy and forward-looking community of faith.

Kiara, age 11, is leading his whole family to church. Without my asking, he called his mother with me present and asked, flat-out, to be baptized at Redeemer.

It took my breath away. After talking with me a few minutes, she asked if all of her children could be baptized together.

I’m thankful to Aris for getting all the names, birthdates, and sponsors correct, and we are going to celebrate to the rafters on December 8th. Children are a compelling reason to take on the challenge of making our building ready for the next decades of ministry, to sacrifice on their behalf so they will have a place to lead others ... to Jesus.

*Rev. Dr. Lisa Bates-Froiland*

## MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY BREAKS/ NOON RUN SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving Break: Nov. 27 - Dec. 1, 2019  
NO NOON RUN MEAL SERVED DURING THIS BREAK

**SOUP AND SANDWICHES**  
**MON. DEC. 2ND THROUGH FRI. DEC. 6TH**

Christmas Break: Dec. 8, 2019 - Jan. 26, 2020

**NOON RUN WILL BE OPEN SUNDAYS ONLY**

Danielle Braze will cook hot meals & Christ Church Mequon will serve on the following Sundays:

Sunday, December 22, 2019 from 12-1pm

Sunday, December 29, 2019 from 12-1pm

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020 CLOSED**

Sunday, January 12, 2020 from 12-1pm

Sunday, January 19, 2020 from 12-1pm

*Students return with soup & sandwiches Monday, January 27, 2020*

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# News Blasts

## Household of children to be baptized December 8

**K**iara Lathrop, confirmation student and communion assistant, will be baptized with his four siblings during worship. Several others will join the congregation that day. What a celebration!

## Christmas Eve at Redeemer

**W**e worship at 4pm, beginning with a Christmas recital by the youngest musicians at Redeemer. Like last year, our young people will guide us through the Nativity story. We are actively recruiting this year's baby Jesus . . .

## Office help during Aris' maternity leave

**D**o you have free time during the day? From Jan 1 to April 1, we will be looking for someone to answer phones and the door from Mondays 8 to 2pm (could be split into two shifts); Wednesdays (until 10:30am only); Fridays 8 to 2pm. Contact Pastor Lisa via email [pastorlisa@redeermilwaukee.org](mailto:pastorlisa@redeermilwaukee.org).

## Welcome Statement/Annual Meeting

**S**unday, January 26th from 11:30am to 1pm in the Auditorium. As always, a review of the ministry and finances of this church. But this year, we will have the momentous opportunity to vote on a Welcome Statement that will appear on our website, bulletins, etc., making it abundantly clear that everyone, inclusive of everything, are welcome to participate in the worship and life of this congregation. The committee working on the statement includes: Claire Allen, Lisa Miller, Todd Koch, Aaron Musser, and Laurna Prantil.

## Upcoming Blood Drive at Redeemer

**R**edeemer members Maureen Lloyd and Krista Johnson have teamed up to organize Pastor Lisa's thought of hosting a blood drive at Redeemer. This act of kindness is very dear to Pastor Lisa as we have 3 women associated with Redeemer who have or will be closely affected by the donation of blood. We do this in honor and support of Marcia Allen, who was just 3 pints shy of her goal of 100 pints of donated blood; Kim Whitmore who experienced a placental abruption and had to have her entire blood volume replaced...she would not be here today if not for donated blood; and for Aris Townsend who will undergo surgery with a high risk of blood loss and will need a blood transfusion come January 2020. We ask that you uplift these women in prayer. As details develop on the blood drive, we will keep you informed on how you can participate and show support.

## INTERNSHIP UPDATE by Mark Fraley



I have experienced a whirlwind of activity at Redeemer since arriving in early September. On my first day, I went with Pastor Lisa and Aaron to do baptism prep at the Mannas. I have spent a number of Wednesday afternoons at Noon Run listening and building relationships. And, I spent time with Redeemer leaders focused on hiring and working with the architects to help realize Redeemer's vision of serving our neighbors in new and better ways.

Every week, I look forward to worship at Redeemer. I love the sense of community and connection which permeate Sunday mornings. From Prayers of the People to Sharing the Peace to serving Communion with Pastor Lisa and Tristan, each moment seems so full of our humanity and the sacred. In the middle of this, I preached my first sermon at Redeemer and felt the support of the Redeemer community in that moment.

Amazingly, my time with Redeemer already has me engaging in work outside of Wisconsin. In the midst of all of this, I had the chance to participate in an anti-racism training sponsored by Ben Groth's church in New Orleans. This experience has me thinking how to apply what we learned as part of my internship and in future ministry. On November 13-20, I will be in El Salvador with a Redeemer delegation. I look forward to what the future holds in the next few months.

## *Pregnancy Update/ Maternity Leave by Aris Townsend*

*Dear Redeemer & Friends,*

*I come to you as your Communications Specialist of 4.5 years to graciously say thank you for all of your prayers thus far for my family and I during my pregnancy. The saying "every pregnancy is different" has never felt so real until now.*



*My 1st pregnancy with my daughter Drew Lily is considered a breeze in comparison to my 2nd time around with my son. The things I thought I knew became so foreign and it created a first time experience all over again. Early on in my pregnancy, I learned that I had an abnormality with the placement of my placenta. As a result of this, my placenta has begun to attach itself to my uterine wall. This condition is known as placenta accreta. Since this discovery, I have had an appointment just about every week to keep a close eye on my placenta and the baby.*

*The biggest concern for my pregnancy with this condition is the delivery and its risk factors. Due to the placenta attaching itself to my uterine wall and the risk of severe blood loss that can occur if doctors try and separate them; they plan to perform a hysterectomy along with my delivery. It is safer to do so and I have come to terms with the Lord blessing me with 2 children. As of this month, I have a full team of high risk doctors performing my surgeries at Aurora Sinai, who have been helpful in educating me every step of the way. My original due date was February 16th, 2020, but due to the complexity of the surgery; they have scheduled to take the baby at 34 weeks on January 6, 2020. My son will more than likely spend time in the hospital as he gets strong enough to come home. This will be the hardest part for me.*

*I will be away from Redeemer on maternity leave January-March 2020; returning the beginning of April 2020. I won't be able to see you all, but I will be able to feel your prayers. This situation is new and has brought much anxiety, but I am trusting that everything will be fine. I love you all and please continue to lift my family up in prayer as we will need it very much. Thank you and take care of yourselves.*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST, 2019**

following worship service

Redeemer hosts a

## **Lefse Packer Party**

with our partners Living Hope Saukville and  
Christ The King Port Washington

Lefse making and the football game will take  
place in the lower level of the church.

Plan to bring a snack or drink item  
to share please!.

**GO PACK GO!!**

## Rev. Mick Roschke's **“GIFTS SEMINAR”**

In January 2020, on the 12th and 19th after  
worship, Pastor Mick will lead the  
congregation in a Gifts Seminar.

Pastor Lisa wants all our members to discern  
their gifts and apply them to the needs of  
others.

We want ALL to participate! Each session will  
be about 30 minutes.

**WHO we are in God's gift to us;  
WHAT we do until our life is our gift to God!**

Peace,  
Rev. Mick Roschke

### **BUILDING UPDATE by Rev. Lisa Bates-Froiland**

The congregation council and staff hired Monique Charlier of Rivet, Inc. in July  
to ready ourselves for a possible renovation of Redeemer's physical plant.

She helped us to interview architectural firms and the subcommittee selected  
Uihlein Wilson Ramlow Stein on September 13th, 2019.

On October 24th, staff and three additional members of the congregation met with the  
architects to discuss needs for physical space, both present and future.

The following week, teams of engineers studied the mechanical systems throughout the church,  
looking at conditions in order to recommend repairs/renovation or demolition/new build.

The next meeting with architects and council subcommittee is set for Nov 26th.  
Documents and preliminary drawings are available for review in the main office.

Our first conceptual drawings of what's possible will be coming out in early December  
(Advent, the season of HOPE).

The congregation's first giving appeal will lead us toward the birth of Jesus  
and the birth of a new look for Redeemer Lutheran Church.

# Music Ministry

*Director of Music, Aaron Musser*



Hello everyone!

Exciting musical things are happening at Redeemer:

## *First, Redeemer Choir!*

Come sing with us! The Redeemer Choir rehearses every Thursday night from 7:00pm-8:30pm, singing in worship 2 Sundays per month. We help lead the congregation in song, sing pieces that speak to the heart with meaningful melodies, harmonies, and texts, and improve our musical sensibilities in a positive, growth-oriented environment. If you have ever sang in a choir or would like to give it a try, join us on Thursdays!

## *Second, Christmas!*

I'm organizing a music recital to begin the Christmas Eve worship service. I'm looking for musicians, young and old, who would be like to participate! If you or someone you know is interested, please contact me at [music@redeermilwaukee.org](mailto:music@redeermilwaukee.org) or 605-759-6784.

## *Third, Noon Run Choir!*

I'd like to offer singing opportunities to the folks that come to Noon Run. I'm thinking Sundays, 12:45pm-1:45pm. I'd like some help organizing this, so let me know if you are interested!

## *Fourth, Winter Vespers!*

This event is a musical meditation. It's an opportunity to listen to music and to calm yourself in the presence of God. If you'd like to know more, ask a choir member about it! The Winter Vespers is scheduled on Thursday February 27, 7:30pm-8:30pm @ Redeemer.

If you have any questions about music at Redeemer, send me an email at [music@redeermilwaukee.org](mailto:music@redeermilwaukee.org).

Cheers to the months ahead,  
Aaron Musser

# Financial Giving for Redeemer's Mission

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



As we enter the final stretch of the 2019 calendar year, we are in a position to finish the year slightly favorable to our budget. Though we are running slightly behind on Net Ordinary Income (-\$602.83) vs. our Budget through October, I can share that we are ahead of budget in our Tithes/Offerings. This is a strong indicator that our income in total will blend out favorably given our historical tendency to have a strong November and December. I am also happy to say that our expense management through the first half of 2019 is also proving fruitful as reflected in our 9% reduction vs. budget expense, driven primarily by better than expected building maintenance expense.

**Our current financial numbers through October 2019 are:**

<b>Redeemer Financials-</b>	<b>2019 Calendar Year</b>
	<b>January- October 2019</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 275,069.38</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ (275,672.21)</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$ (602.83)</b>

As we enter the season of thanksgiving and reflection for all the good that God has provided us, I do encourage you to give. Give so that Redeemer can continue to be on strong financial grounds, and through that financial strength, Redeemer can continue to serve so many in our church community and beyond.

With Love in Christ,  
Solomon Tesfai

## Live Update in El Salvador from Pastor Lisa November 14, 2019



Redeemer members & friends in El Salvador on the patio of their guesthouse

Our Redeemer delegation to El Salvador (plus Kelly & spouse David Anderson of Living Hope/Christ The King) had a busy first day. We visited the "Hungry Church," a ministry founded by former Salvadoran gang members deported back from the United States. With their supportive care, returnees have a much better chance of getting work and forming positive social connections, rooted in christian faith.

Then we went to Casa Esperanza, a day facility for people living on the streets. We fully participated in their version of the Noon Run Meal!

From there, we traveled to Concordia, where Bishop Gomez told us of the hope that unites them in the face of a new government that uses the media to practice "Astute, Repressive" techniques that advantage the rich while leaving out the poor. Pastor Santiago spoke about the privatizing of the water supply.

Last, we toured a new trauma center that inspired us, once again, about what Redeemer might offer our neighborhood in the future, God willing!

# Redeemer's Picture Gallery

## Sierra Manna's Baptism, Beer & Hymns, Solar Panel Dedication, Governor's Office Visit to Redeemer, Reformation Sunday, Church Life



# Partner Spotlight

## MARQUETTE CAMPUS MINISTRY

*In our Summer Tidings 2019, we said farewell and best wishes to longtime program administrator, Gerry Fischer. We now have the pleasure of getting to know the New Program Administrator for Marquette Campus Ministry!*



### A Word from Griffin Knipp:

Having spent most of my adult life working alongside the Jesuits in the pursuit of building the kingdom of God, the decision to come to Marquette University was an easy one for me. I am thrilled to be a part of this community as I have been in Milwaukee for the last 4 years and seen how impactful it is on future and current leaders in Milwaukee.

Before coming to Marquette, I was the Campus Minister at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School. The high school opened in 2015 and as a member of the founding staff, I was so proud to see our students excel in all aspects of their life. Cristo Rey had a special relationship with Marquette University and it was clear that many of our students would be going to Marquette. So when the position of Campus Minister for Social Justice and Community Outreach became available I was thrilled to apply and bring my expertise to the University to work with students who wanted their faith to make an impact on the community, and also to help speak about being a place that is safe and welcoming for students of color which I believe is crucial to the mission of a Christian institution.

We invite Redeemer to take part of a weekly meal of bread and soup over a discussion of different social justice topics in a series called "Soup with Substance" every Wednesday at noon in the Alumni Memorial Union.

## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is so happy to be in relationship with our friends at Redeemer. With more than 100 years as neighbors on Wisconsin Ave, Redeemer and St. Paul's have had a lot of great experiences partnering with and getting to know one another.

With the beginning of Pastor Delaney's ministry at St. Paul's in 2019, a new chapter of this friendship began. It has been so fun to partner for weekly Bible study on Wednesdays, joint worship opportunities on Pentecost and Reformation, as well as Dinner church in October. Redeemer and St. Paul's share a commitment to our neighbors and our identity as Lutheran Christians on the Near West Side.

In the months ahead, we hope to continue working and worshipping together, and dreaming up new ways to be in relationship with one another. If any of our friends at Redeemer are interested in getting together, you are welcome to join us for Advent worship on Wednesdays in December 2019, Dinner Church, reconvening in February 2020 and our monthly outreach at Kim's Closet the third Wednesday of each month.

If you would like more information about what God is up to at St. Paul's, don't hesitate to check out our Facebook, follow us on Instagram @stpaulsmke, or contact the church office at 414-933-7825.

Thank you for your friendship!

-Your friends at St. Paul's



## Thursdays

Redeemer Choir Rehearsals, 7-8:30pm in the Sanctuary.

## 4TH & 5TH Saturdays

Human Concerns Urban Ministry shares food, clothing, and prayer in Redeemer's dining hall.

## Sundays-Fridays

Redeemer hosts Noon Run Meal from 12-1pm on Sundays through Fridays during Nov. 17-22; Nov. 24-27; Dec. 2-6; Jan. 27-31, 2020; February 2020 (soup & sandwiches provided by Marquette)

## Sundays

Redeemer welcomes Danielle Braze to cook hot meals for Noon Run on Dec. 22 & 29, 2019 and Jan. 12 & 19, 2020

## LAST Sundays

Men's Bible Study, 9am in the Redeemer Fireside Lounge; every last Sunday of the month.

## November 21st

Senior Connections Center, 10am-1pm  
Redeemer Dining Hall, Lunch \$2.50

## November 24th

Bees & Gratitude Sunday, 10am  
Pastoral Intern, Mark Fraley preaching.  
Charlie Koenen's BEESENTATION to follow in Upper Lounge or Auditorium

## December 1st

Lefse/Packer Party following worship service on the lower level of the church joined by Living Hope Saukville and Christ The King Port Washington

## December 8th

New Members Sunday & Family Baptism, 10am

## December 17th

PASTOR LISA'S 50TH BIRTHDAY!!  
Be sure to reach out and wish her a Happy Birthday. She deserves all the love.

## December 19th

Senior Connections Center, 10am-1pm  
Redeemer Dining Hall, Lunch \$2.50

## December 20th

Los Posados in Cedarburg at Cedarburg Cultural Center, W62N546 Washington Ave. Cedarburg, WI 53012 from 5-7pm. Parade & Mexican food. Redeemer Choir will be singing.

## December 24th

Christmas Eve Worship Service, 4pm

## January 6, 2020

Aris' delivery of baby boy and surgery.  
Maternity leave is from Jan-Mar 2020

## January 12th & 19th

Rev. Mick's Gifts Seminar following worship service

## January 26th

Annual Meeting in the Auditorium, 11:30am-1pm

## February 13th

Senior Connections Center, 10am-1pm  
Redeemer Dining Hall, Lunch \$2.50

## February 16th

Pulpit Swap: Rev. Lisa Bates-Froiland preaches at Living Hope/Christ The King Port Washington & Rev. Kelly Nieman-Anderson preaches at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

## February 27th

Winter Vespers, a musical meditation, 7:30-8:30pm in the Redeemer Sanctuary.