

Worship

Saturday: 5pm
Sunday: 10:30am
Hmong: 1pm

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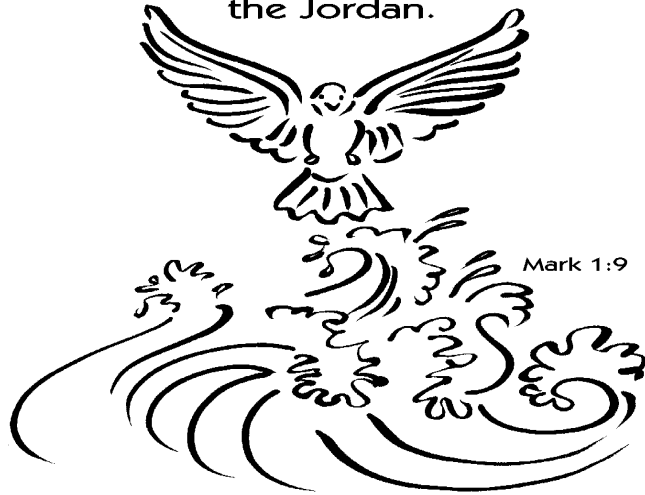


Redeemer Lutheran Church
and 3K/4K Preschool

1712 Menasha Ave., Manitowoc, Wisconsin

January 7 & 8 2012

At that time Jesus came
from Nazareth in Galilee and
was baptized by John in
the Jordan.



AS WE GATHER

Today we recall an 'old' event in history, the Baptism of Our Lord. God's Word teaches us that it is also a 'current' event producing a new creation and new life for each person who is baptized into Jesus Christ. In the beginning God was pleased with His new creation---light (*Genesis 1:4*); at Jesus' Baptism the Father was pleased with Jesus, His Son (*Mark 1:11*); and at our Baptism into Christ, we are pleasing to God and therefore are able to "walk in newness of life" (*Romans 6:4*).

January 7 & 8 2012
“The Baptism of Jesus”

*We ask that as you enter the sanctuary you use this time to prepare your heart for worship.
Please refrain from conversation. Keep your conversation between you & God.*

OPENING ANTHEM: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (Handbell Choir)

SHARING OF THE PEACE

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING HYMN “ Jesus Name Above All Names”

**Jesus, name above all names, Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord,
Immanuel, God is with us, Blessed Redeemer, living Word.**

**Jesus, loving Shepherd, Vine of the branches, Son of God,
Prince of peace, Wonderful Counselor, Lord of the universe, Light of the
world.**

**Jesus, way of salvation, King of kings, Lord of lords,
The Way, the Truth, and the Life, Mighty Creator, my Savior and friend.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: When God spoke creation into existence, He saw that it was very good. But humanity, from Adam and Eve to every successive generation, has rebelled against God. When our Lord was baptized, the Father was well-pleased with Him, and in our Baptism we were joined to His death and resurrection. As baptized children, in God's view, we are new creations! Let us therefore confess our own sinful rebellion and call on our gracious heavenly Father for pardon and peace.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

Pastor: Lord God,

People: we confess that we have not been faithful creatures; we have rebelled in our thinking, we have spoken in anger, and we have acted without regard to Your will or reign. In Your mercy You have graciously joined us to the Body of Christ, and for His sake, forgive us our sins. By Your Holy Spirit, turn our hearts to love You and our neighbors with all that we are and have.

Pastor: "The death Christ died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." *Romans 6:10-11*

Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE Saturday: "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" #394 vs.1-3
Sunday: Sing, Sing, Sing

Chorus

***We will sing sing sing
And make music with the heavens
We will sing sing sing
Grateful that You hear us
When we shout Your praise
Lift high the name of Jesus***

Verse 1

*What's not to love about You
Heaven and earth adore You
Kings and kingdoms bow down
Son of God You are the One
You are the One we're living for*

Verse 2

*You are the love that frees us
You are the light that leads us
Like a fire burning
Son of God You are the One
You are the One we're living for*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit.

People: Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life;

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 1:1-5 (*God calls a good creation into being.*)

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. ³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Romans 6:1-11 (*Christ's baptism gives us new life.*)

¹ What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. ⁵ If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷ because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "We Are Not Alone" (Senior Choir)

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:4-11 (*Jesus is baptized.*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴ And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of

whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” ⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord" #405 vs.1-4

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Pastor: In the beginning God's Spirit hovered over the water, part of His good creation. When Jesus was baptized in the water of the Jordan River the Father declared His Son to be pleasing to Him. In our Baptism, Paul wrote, we were joined to our Lord's death and resurrection, enabling us to "walk in newness of life." Let us reaffirm our faith in what God has done for us through Holy Baptism.

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin. We pray that You would behold us, on whom You have bestowed true faith and in whom through this sacred flood you have caused all sin to be drowned and die. Grant that we continue to be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, living in newness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

People: I do renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

People: Yes, I believe.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

People: Yes, I believe.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

People: Yes, I believe.

Pastor: The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life + everlasting.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH [1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Pastor: For the whole body of Christ on earth, that the Holy Spirit would move us to reflect the goodness of our Creator and the grace of our Redeemer, that the light of faith might shine on those who walk in darkness that they too may come to the knowledge of the one true Savior, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who serve in our government and for leaders of world nations, that our heavenly Father would provide direction, wisdom, and counsel as they pursue justice within their borders and peace among nations and for the members of our armed forces and all those who maintain order at home, that He would protect and guide them to serve people in dignity and honor, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who tend the good earth and travel the waters of this world, that God would instill in them a love for His good creation, restoring it where there is pollution, cultivating it to produce bountiful crops, and managing its copious resources that everyone may have sufficient food needed to support this body and life, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all who call out to our heavenly Father for healing and relief, community and comfort, especially..., that our Lord would surround them with caring friends and knowledgeable professionals that they may rejoice in renewed health and joy according to Your holy and gracious will, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. who taught us to pray....

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those
who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

OFFERING (*Please use this time to fill out the friendship pads and pass them down the pew.*)

OFFERTORY HYMN Saturday -"As with Gladness Men of Old" #397
Sunday – Thy Word

***Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path.
When I feel afraid, Think I've lost my way, Still you're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear As long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.***

***Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path.
I will not forget Your love for me, and yet My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide, And hold me to your side.
And I will love you to the end.***

***Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path.***

OFFERTORY

2012 Executive Board Installation and Recognition of Outgoing Board Members.

President: Steve Hamann *Replacing Basil Buchko*

Director of Spiritual Growth/Evangelism: Aaron Utecht
Replacing Van Neff who replaced Mike Canty in March 2011

Director Of Property & Legal: Rick Wolfe *Replacing Bill Lutz*

Recording Secretary: Nicole Densow *Replacing Andrea Behnke*

Continuing Executive Board Members

Steve Groddy, Bill Hilgendorf, Lisa Battin, Angie Ausprung (Until June) Jim Beke (Until June)
Lisa McDougal, Collin Hass

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with You now and forever.

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace, and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

HYMN "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" #395 vs. 1-4

SERVING US THIS WEEKEND:

Preacher: Pastor Zachary M. DeArmond

Liturgist: Pastor Eric W. Kolonich

Organist: Kris Neustadter

Greeters on Saturday: Edward & Marlene Bessler

Greeters on Sunday: Brian & Diane Bies

Ushers on Saturday: Tom Baryenbruch, Don Bowe, Ryan Kabelowsky

Ushers on Sunday: Randy & Kim Berres, Bill Ballard

CD Recording: Joanne Thompson

Delivery: Donna Carty & Fran Rettinger

Altar Guild: Sharon Strouf & Ellyn Bui

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Attendance: Sat.: 96 Sun.: 82 \$9507

Altar Flowers this weekend have been presented to the glory of God by Tom & Ginger Baryenbruch in memory of their daughter Jennifer's Birthday

Praying for the Families of Redeemer

In 2012, we are going to take the time to specifically pray for each and every family unit at Redeemer . You will notice that in our weekly prayers in worship we will pray for these families. Not only will we pray for them in worship, but the pastors here at Redeemer will be praying for these families during the week in our personal devotions. Join us in your weekly prayers and devotions as we lift up to God in prayer our Redeemer Family.

In Our Prayers This Week:

Families: Don Ahrens; Kyle Andrastek; Michael, Kim, & Amber Andrastek; Amy & Abigail Andrews; Chris, Angie, Riley, Emma, Regan & Eden Ausprung; Bill & Nancy Ballard; Joan Barnard; David & Bonnie Barnes

Special Prayer Requests: Ben Mueller at Holy Family



Read Through the Bible in One Year!

Have you read through the Bible cover to cover?

Join the Leadership Team here at Redeemer

as we make this happen!!

Below you will find readings for the upcoming week
as we begin this journey through the Scriptures together!

Each day has two sets of Scripture readings

(Old Testament & Wisdom Literature/New Testament)

for personal devotion, and it will also include a FAMILY reading
that you can use for Family Devotions.

I pray that you will make this a priority for your life
and the life of your family!

DAY	OLD	√	WISDOM NEW	√	FAMILY	√
Jan. 9	Gen. 1-2		Job 1-2		Gen. 1	
Jan. 10	Gen. 3-5		Job 3-4		Job. 1	
Jan.11	Gen. 6-8		Job 5-6		Gen. 6	
Jan.12	Gen. 9-11		Job 7-8		Gen. 11	
Jan. 13	Gen. 12-15		Job 9		Gen. 15	
Jan. 14	Gen. 16-18		Job 10-11		Gen. 17	

The Lord's Week at Redeemer

Monday, January 9

8:00a.m. Finance Committee
7:00p.m. Java in the Word

Tuesday, January 10

7:00a.m. Men's Bible Class
9:15a.m. Ladies Bible Class
6:00p.m. Thailand Meeting

Wednesday, January 11

6:30p.m. Senior Choir
7-8:15p.m. Confirmation
7:30p.m. Handbells

Thursday, January 12

7:00p.m. Board Meeting

Friday, January 13

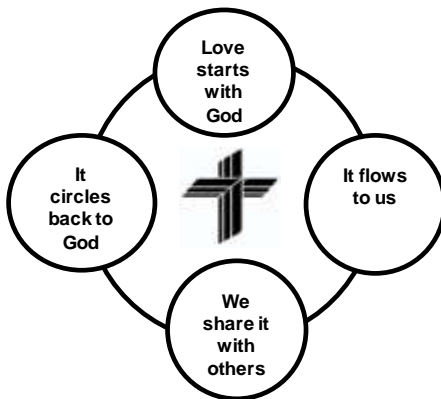
Saturday, January 14

5:00p.m. Worship (C)

Sunday, January 15

10:30 a.m. Worship(C)
1:00 p.m. Hmong Worship
6:30-8:00p.m. Women's Small Group

Mission Opportunities Right Here At Home!



Acts 1:8

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Do you have a passion for missions? Do you want to help, but can't go overseas? Do you think there are plenty of mission opportunities in our own backyard? Well, we do too!

A new group is being formed to look at community mission opportunities right here at home. Come join us at the first meeting which has been scheduled on **Tuesday, January 17th, at 7:00 p.m. at Redeemer.**

Remember the mission field is all around us! Call Karen Beke (682-1785) or Jennifer Kolonich (629-2335) for more information. Check out the newsletter for additional information.



Feeling Alone?

Who Am I?

What Am I Doing Here?

Come and find out the answers to these questions as Pastor Kolonich leads this NEW small group.

On the First Saturday of every month, men gather at Redeemer to hang out, fellowship and study God's Word together.

When:

Saturday, February 4, 2012 @ 9:00a

COFFEE!! DONUTS!!

WHERE?

REDEEMER

Bring a Friend!



WINTER FEST

Due to no snow Winter Fest will be Cancelled

***The Sunday Evening Women's Small Group
at
Jenn's Java***

Will reconvene after New Year's,
beginning on

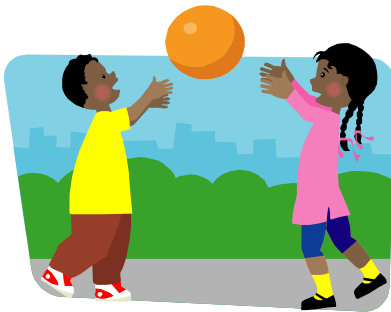
January 8, 2012, 6:30-8 p.m.

The small group has decided to meet WEEKLY starting in 2012, so
mark your calendars now and come join us in prayer,
study of God's word, and fellowship.

Let's grow together as sisters in Christ!

REGISTRATIONS FOR 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration for preschool is now open to all members of Redeemer Lutheran Church. Please call Preschool/church at 684-3989 to enroll your child. May our Lord continue to bless our ministry with children and families. Thank you to all the families and members who have supported and prayed for the Preschool at Redeemer. With God's blessing may we continue to do Mission work in Manitowoc County.



Redeemer's Thailand Mission Project Nan, Thailand



January Birthday's

Jan.9 Bob Golen, Karen Beke, Justin Massart

Jan. 10 Eden Ausprung

Jan.11 Lisa Hamann, Betty Kuhn

Jan. 12 Justin Popp, Sally Miller, Carlee Walters

Jan. 13 Ione Kueter

Jan. 14 Dorothy Poertner, Kim Pagel

January Anniversary's

Jan. 8 Jeff & Laura Werner

If you signed up for poinsettia's you may take them home with you after worship today.