

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

FEBRUARY 11-12, 2024



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Opening Hymn: 413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

↑ Order of Service, Divine Service 4, LSB p. 203

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

C Amen.

Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis (Music: LSB p. 204)

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

C To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

- 2 To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**
- 3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. ... O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

↓ Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 2:1–12

¹When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

⁴Elijah said to him, “Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. ⁵The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.”

⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.” ¹⁰And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” ¹¹And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Handbell Anthem: “Pat-a-Pan”

Epistle

2 Corinthians 3:12–18; 4:1–6

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away.

¹⁵Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts.

¹⁶But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.

¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

¹Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

↑ Alleluia and Verse

(Music: LSB p. 205)

C Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! These things are written that you may believe That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:2–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

[C] I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

↓ Hymn: 416 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory
Sermon

↑ Prayer of the Church

[P] In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

[C] Lord, have mercy.

[P] For those who are called and ordained to serve in Christ's stead and by His command, that their preaching and teaching would flow from the right understanding that all Holy Scripture testifies of Christ and all that He has done, and continues to do, for our eternal salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

[C] Lord, have mercy.

[P] For the Lord's flock here at Redeemer Lutheran Church, that we would be granted faithfulness, humility and patience in our various vocations, striving to love God and neighbor in all that we say and do, and that He would soon bless us with our new Pastor, let us pray to the Lord:

[C] Lord, have mercy.

[P] For families, that parents would teach the faith to their children and that the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in all households; and for all expectant mothers, that they and their babies would be kept safe and healthy throughout their pregnancies, let us pray to the Lord:

[C] Lord, have mercy.

P For all those who have been placed in authority over us, that they would serve with integrity and honor, having the welfare of all in mind; and for our country, that division, conflict and strife would give way to unity, peace and quietness, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who are in need, . . . that God would grant them relief and comfort through the promise of sharing in eternal glory with Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the baptized, that we would heed our heavenly Father's admonition to listen to His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, as He speaks to us through His Holy Word and Sacraments; and that we would, by grace through faith, behold Him in His glory as He continues to tabernacle among us, delivering forgiveness, life and salvation through the same, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember on this day the glorious manifestation of Your Son's divinity on the Mount of Transfiguration. Teach us to listen to Jesus and ever fix our eyes on Him and His innocent suffering and death for our forgiveness. By Your grace and mercy, strengthen us to remain faithful in all circumstances of trial, temptation and persecution. Preserve us to the end, that we may die a blessed death believing in Your beloved Son with whom You are well pleased; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Communion Liturgy:

(Music: LSB pp. 208-212)

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

C 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.

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

↓ Distribution Hymns:

414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

563 Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness

↑ Post-Communion Liturgy: (Music: LSB p. 211-212)

**1 O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

[P] O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C] Amen.

[P] Let us bless the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

[P] The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

[C] Amen.

↓ Closing Hymn: 417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness

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Worship Times: Sunday at 9:00 A.M. & Monday at 6:00 P.M.

Welcome

We are glad that you have joined us today as we worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you have any questions during worship, please feel free to ask an usher at any time.

Small children are part of the Body of Christ. We always welcome them in worship. However, we understand that it may not be easy to remain still or quiet. If a break is needed, “Busy Bags” are hanging up as you enter the Sanctuary.

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Serving our Lord in Worship:

Preacher/Liturgist

Sunday: Rev. Don Krause

Monday: Rev. Thomas Schmitt

Wednesday: Rev. Don Krause

Organist

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Monday & Wednesday: Ann Rhode

Ushers

Sunday: Al Troullier & Tom Baryenbruch

Monday: John & Michele Brixius

Wednesday: Aaron Utecht & Dick Orth

Communion Assistant

Bob Gregurich

Altar Guild

Joanne Thompson & JoAnn Noffke

CD Recording

Carla Gregurich

Altar Flowers

Presented to the Glory of God by Joanne Thompson in memory of Bill.

Prayers



This Week at Redeemer

Sunday, February 11th

9:00 am Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

Monday, February 12th

8:15 am Finance

6:00 pm Worship

Tuesday, February 13th

7:30 am Men's Bible Study (NEW TIME!)

9:00 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, February 14th

5:00 pm Lenten Supper

6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship

Thursday, February 15th

Friday, February 16th

Saturday, February 17th

Sunday, February 18th

9:00 am Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

Last Week Attendance: 122 Last Week Offering: \$7,945

Special Mission Offering: \$192

Statement on Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is joyfully received here every weekend and on other holy days. At the altar, our Lord Jesus Christ delivers His true body and blood into our mouths. His gift of body and blood, given in, with, and under the bread and wine, bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation. All members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have publicly confessed this sacred gift and its blessings, and so are encouraged to commune. Other guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament are asked to meet with a pastor before communing for the first time. When you have examined yourself according to Christ's bidding (1 Corinthians 11:17-34), come to His Supper rejoicing, just as Jesus asks, knowing that our Lord meets you at His altar with joy. Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than the Holy Supper are asked to cross their arms over their chest.

Men's Bible Study NEW TIME!

The men's Bible Study on Tuesdays will now begin at **7:30am**.

2024 Altar Flowers

The sign-up sheet for 2024 altar flowers is available at the Welcome Center. Thank you to everyone that contributed flowers in 2023!

Fellowship Sign-Up

Just a reminder that there is a sign-up sheet for Fellowship at the Welcome Center. All groups/friends/families are encouraged to sign-up to host fellowship for a week. If you don't want to bake, there are always cookies available to set out. Thank you!

Call Committee Update

The Call Committee has requested additional names from the District in order for us to ensure that we are putting forth the best possible options for the role of Senior Pastor at Redeemer. We have received those names and their bios are included in the bulletin. These Pastors, along with the others previously presented are all still in consideration and their PIF's and SET's can be accessed by visiting the church office or by speaking to a member of the call committee. While we do not want to belabor the process, we do want to ensure that we are presenting the best, viable candidates to the congregation, so we thank you for your continued support and prayers as we draw near to the end of this process. If you have any questions or comments on the candidates, please feel free to speak to any member of the call committee.

Redeemer Preschool Update

Our Preschool continues to be a blessing to our church and a blessing to our community – and we give thanks to God for that, and for the amazing team of teachers that make the program the success that it is. Two of our staff, Preschool Director Patti Fellows and Preschool Teacher Jerri Rathjen have advised the Board that this will be their last year at Redeemer. Firstly, we want to express our deepest gratitude for the incredible impact they have had on the lives of so many young children that have come through the doors at Redeemer. Their dedication, passion, and nurturing spirit have created a foundation of learning and love for Jesus that will last a lifetime. Now, we start the search for those that will fill the shoes left behind. As we work towards finalizing the details and documents to officially start the search, we also ask the members of Redeemer to think of who they might know that could step into one of these roles, or to reach out to others that might be able to offer insight or recommendations. Should you have any names to pass along – or any questions, please feel free to contact Beth Utech or Michael Gregurich.

2024-25 Preschool Registration Is Open

We are now accepting registrations for preschool. All forms are available in the office or on our website. Please share this information with friends and family! Word of mouth is our best advertising.

Lenten Soup Supper

Sign-up sheets are available at the Welcome Center for our Lenten Suppers. These will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14th and continue for the next 5 Wednesdays throughout Lent. If any group would like to host a soup supper or multiple soup suppers, please sign your group up at the Welcome Center.

We Need Ushers!

We need ushers! It is getting tougher and tougher to fill our schedule. It is a pretty straight forward task to serve your fellow church members on a Sunday or Monday. Handing out bulletins, lighting the candles and ushering communion are the key responsibilities. If you are interested, please let the office or one of the board members know. We will set up training for those that sign up, and anyone currently ushering that would like a refresher course. Thank you!

Portals of Prayer

The April-June Portals of Prayer booklets are now available at the Welcome Center.

Phone Numbers

If you have a new phone number or need to remove an old landline number from your profile, please contact the church office. Many of the phone numbers in the church directory are outdated. You can email Carrie: office@redeermanty.com. Thank you!

Redeemer Lutheran Church – Mission Project

There is a student support program at the University of Pretoria, in South Africa, called Life Abundant, through which they help young adults from various townships and villages throughout South Africa as they pursue their dreams of becoming stable, productive members of society.

This process of transformation, from the scarcity of their past to the abundance we believe God has waiting down the road, means helping them address some of the obstacles they face along the way. If students cannot pay their tuition fees, or cover the cost of rent, or keep groceries in the cupboard, the team at Life Abundant step in and help out, trusting that one day they will graduate, enter the world of work, and share their own abundance with others.

One such young adult is named Rifumo. Rifumo grew up in poverty in a township in South Africa where she didn't have access to even basic health, hygiene or medical providers. Where Rifumo truly struggled was with her dental hygiene, and this was quite apparent to the team at Life Abundant when they had the opportunity to meet Rifumo for the first time. They quickly scheduled a visit with a dentist who informed them that Rifumo suffered from a hereditary condition which kept enamel from covering her teeth, and also caused them to grow in very skewed. The only solution she could determine, after consulting with colleagues in her medical fraternity, is to remove what is left of Rifumo's teeth, and provide her with both upper and lower dentures.

At present, while Life Abundant has raised partial funds, they are still trusting God for the difference of \$1,136 USD to come from somewhere. This is where Redeemer comes in. Rifumo is a Christian woman in a place where it is often challenging to

see the grace and blessings from God – but that has not weakened her faith. Helping her transform her life and give her confidence is not only something that will benefit her, but it is something that the team at Life Abundant believes will help take the beloved communities of Africa to a better place someday, because of the person that Rifumo is.

Over the next 3 weeks, we will be taking a Free Will Offering to help raise the funds to cover the outstanding balance for the work that Rifumo needs. If you feel so moved, you can leave a donation of any amount in the offering plate found as you walk into the Sanctuary; you can place a donation in an envelope with 'Rifumo' or 'Mission Project' in the offering box, or you can leave a donation with the church office.

For more information on Life Abundant, please contact Michael Gregurich.



Rifumo Khoza

Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is daily admission of one's weakness. It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without heart.



Snow Removal Update

A family has agreed to do the snow sidewalk removal for the church. However, they are out of town/unavailable the following dates: Feb 16-18, March 28-3.

If it would snow and you are willing to help with the snow removal any of the above dates, please contact Kyle Weidmayer at (517)-282-0309 or by email at kweidmayer76@icloud.com.

Thanks for your help!

Youth Game Night

Youth Game Night is on February 21st, from 6:00 - 6:30 pm (following confirmation). Please note the new location: ***Good Shepherd Church in Two Rivers!*** The February puzzle is below:

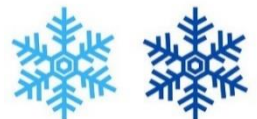
Haiku from Mark 1:
The time is fulfilled,
the kingdom of God at hand
Repent and _____.

Kwik Trip, Restocked!

The Kwik Trip cards have been restocked in all denominations (\$10, \$25, \$50, \$100). Thank you for your continued support of this preschool fundraiser!!

Winter Weather

As winter weather is upon us again there might be a time when worship or other activities may need to be canceled. Every effort will always be made to have worship. Since the most likely time to cancel something would be on a weekend, we have learned that it is easier to contact some media outlets over others on the weekend. We will try to make sure every TV station has our information, but WBAY (channel 2) and NBC26 will be the first place that information will be posted along with Redeemer's Facebook page.



Easter Lilies

If you would like to purchase an Easter lily (or other flower) to help decorate the sanctuary for the celebration of the Resurrection, please make sure to sign-up at the Welcome Center by March 4th. Please use a flower fund envelope found in your offering envelopes or an envelope found at the Welcome Center.

Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive

Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive runs Feb 11th until March 3rd. We are collecting NEW hygiene and cleaning items for local crisis agencies through The Family Radio's annual "Help for the Homeless" hygiene drive this year. Please place your donations in the Help for the Homeless collection box located in the Welcome Center. You can also make a financial donation for the purchase of supplies for our community at TheFamily.net. Supplying these items to local shelters will help them direct their limited funds to provide qualified staff, counseling, food, and shelter to those they serve. Your donations will remain in this community. More info at thefamily.net or 800-236-9364. Thank you!

Most urgent needs include:

- *Soaps: laundry, dish, soft, shower gel, 2-in-1 shampoo*
- *Trash bags (shelters especially need these for bedrooms)*
- *Diapers (sizes 3-6 and Pull-Ups)*
- *Deodorant (unscented)*
- *Wet wipes*
- *Toilet paper*
- *Paper towels*
- *Disposable razors*
- *Tampons and maxi pads*

Call List: Pastor Profiles

Kirk Clayton: Mascoutah, Illinois

In personal skills pastor Clayton receives the rating very good in tact, patience, cooperation, initiative, administration, leadership, innovation, creativity, people skills, community involvement, conference and continuing education participation, and use of computer. Pastor Clayton receives the rating outstanding in personal grooming, attitude toward Christian day school, home schooling, synod, and district.

In congregational ministries Pastor Clayton receives the rating very good in youth, young adult, singles, older adult, family, and small group ministry, ministry to the inactive, assimilation of new members, lay leadership development, personal witnessing, preaching content and delivery, teaching ability, stewardship, outreach/evangelism, sick, shut-in, outreach, and home visitation. Pastor Clayton receives the rating outstanding in children's ministry, worship, and music ministry. Pastor Clayton has received the specialized training and/or certification/experience in Conflict Resolution, Congregational Healing, Disaster Response, Counseling, and Evangelism. His worship style is noted to be traditional flexible, high liturgical flexible.

His district president writes, "Pastor Clayton has served well as the pastor of his current congregation. He is also the 2nd VP of the Southern Illinois District. He has many gifts and abilities to serve in a large congregation with multiple staff. He is eager to serve the Lord in whatever context he finds himself."

Robert Hinckley: Chamberlain, South Dakota

In personal skills Pastor Hinckley receives the rating very good in tact, patience, cooperation, and personal grooming. Pastor Hinckley receives the rating outstanding in Christian day school, synod, and district.

In congregational ministries Pastor Hinckley receives the rating very good in preaching content and delivery, teaching ability, worship, stewardship, sick, shut-in, outreach, and home visitation. His worship style is noted to be traditional flexible, contemporary flexible.

His district president writes, "Robert has demonstrated in his current call that he is a good, caring shepherd. He has done well in this particular congregation of around 400 members, and I do not think his flock wants to see him leave."

Jeffrey Kazmierski: Eau Claire, Wisconsin

In personal skills Pastor Kazmierski receives the rating very good in patience, cooperation, initiative, leadership, use of computer and social media, and attitude toward Christian day school. Pastor Kazmierski receives the rating outstanding in tact, people skills, personal grooming, attitude home schooling, synod, and district.

In congregational ministries Pastor Kazmierski receives the rating very good in young adult, older adult, and family ministry, ministry to the inactive, personal witnessing, sick, shut-in, and home visitation. Pastor Kazmierski has received the specialized training or experience in Conflict Resolution, Crisis Intervention, Disaster Response, and Evangelism. His worship style is noted to be traditional rigid, high liturgical rigid, blended contemporary.

His district president writes, "Just started doing ministry. So far so good! Good confessional pastor. Jeff is faithful in support of District and Synod and in attending related conferences and Winkels. He is currently serving as Circuit Visitor."

Jacob Sherry: Onekama, Michigan

In personal skills Pastor Sherry receives the rating very good in tact, patience, cooperation, administration, leadership, innovation, people skills, personal grooming, conference and continuing education participation, use of computer, attitude toward synod and district. Pastor Sherry receives the rating outstanding in team ministry and attitude toward Christian day school.

In congregational ministries Pastor Sherry receives the rating very good in children's youth, and older adult ministry, personal witnessing, preaching content and delivery, teaching ability, worship, and music ministry. Pastor Sherry has received the specialized training and/or experience in Disaster Response and Evangelism. His worship style is noted to be traditional flexible, contemporary flexible.

His district president writes, "Pastor Sherry is a fine pastor who is faithful to the Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions, dedicated to caring ministry, and much loved by his people. Pastor Sherry has a laid back and friendly approach. He is ready to be stretched in ministry." His circuit visitor writes that Pastor Sherry's community involvement is limited right now, but that is primarily because he and his wife having young children in the home.

Eric Skovgaard: Brookfield, Wisconsin

In personal skills Pastor Skovgaard receives the rating very good in tact, patience, cooperation, initiative, leadership, innovation, creativity, community involvement, personal grooming, conference participation; as well as attitude toward Christian day school and synod. Pastor Skovgaard receives the rating outstanding in people skills and attitude toward district.

In congregational ministries Pastor Skovgaard receives the rating very good in children, and young adult ministry, assimilation of new members, lay leadership development, counseling, preaching content and delivery, teaching ability, worship; as well as sick, shut in and home visitation. Pastor Skovgaard receives the rating outstanding in personal witnessing and outreach visitation. His worship style is noted to be traditional flexible, contemporary flexible.

Eric brings to bear his gifts of patience, forbearance, and his steadying influence to a large parish with a large school and the challenges of change. He is insightful, caring, and sensitive; while being able intellectually, he continues to “pastor” very well; loves God’s people and is loved by his people. Eric is the senior pastor, doing a good job of serving God’s people and tenderly guiding the church.

Douglas Stowe

In personal skills Pastor Stowe receives the rating very good in administration, personal grooming, conference participation, use of computer, attitude toward Christian day school.

In congregational ministries Pastor Stowe receives the rating very good in young adult, singles, older adult, and small group ministry, personal witnessing, counseling, preaching delivery, worship, stewardship, sick, and shut-in visitation. His worship style is noted to be traditional flexible, contemporary flexible.

He leads well. He is well read and puts his thoughts together well. He is professional, organized, energetic and motivated. He has also demonstrated strength in preaching and teaching. He currently serves on the district board of directors.