

welcome

We are glad that you chose to worship with us today!

Guests and visitors are invited to stop by the Welcome Center for more information about Redeemer.

The nursery is available for children ages three years and younger during worship services and Bible study hour.

Join us for Bible study at 9:40 a.m.

- **Adult Bible Study:** Philippians *Life Center*

Sunday School also meets at 9:40 a.m.

- Ages 2 - 5th Grade *Preschool Wing*
- Junior High *Basement Lounge*
- High School *Youth Room (off of the Life Center)*

announcements

BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, February 20th, 2:00 - 6:00 p.m., Concordia Commons
A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Concordia Lutheran School on February 20th in the commons. To schedule an appointment, call the school at 691-8921, or visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code "Concordia".

KEY CLUB SHOE DRIVE

Help by donating your unneeded shoes! You can give ALL worn or new shoes and ANY type. These shoes will help Peoria Christian's Key Club's shoe drive fundraiser for the Crittenton Center to build an interactive outdoor classroom for kids in crisis. Not only will the raised funds be put toward the outdoor classroom, but the shoes will also be sold at a low price to micro-entrepreneurships in third world countries through funds2orgs. Place them in the buckets outside the church office.

USHERS NEEDED

Looking for a way to serve? We continue to be in need of ushers for both Sunday services. Each team of ushers serves three months out of the year, plus a few extra services. If interested, contact Dick Fletcher (for the 8:15 service) at 309-253-1204 or Mark Lowe (for the 10:45 service) at 309-648-4410.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS®

Directing Choice Dollars® is an easy way to help our church, our preschool, and the nonprofit organizations you care about most. Since 2010, Redeemer has received \$90,429! The deadline to direct any remaining 2017 Choice Dollars® is March 31. Please prayerfully consider Redeemer and/or Redeemer Early Learning Center when directing Choice Dollars®.

To learn more and/or direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars®: 1) contact your Thrivent representative, 2) visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice, or 3) call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

2018 APPALACHIA MISSION TRIP

Guys of all ages: Get ready for a great road trip! We are heading back to beautiful Appalachia this year to work with the Binns-Counts Community Center in McClure, VA. We will depart from Redeemer on April 14 and return April 20 or 21. Cost for the trip is \$350. No skill sets are required! Simply your presence on this trip can bring the Light to those in need!

Contact Matt Walsh (217-620-6860 or mwwalsh@mtu.edu) or Larry Locher (692-8506, 397-0347, or larrylocher@sbcglobal.net) with questions. We will be holding an informational/logistical meeting on Saturday, March 24, from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. Checks are payable to Redeemer and are tax deductible. If you are able to join us but cost is prohibitive, please contact Jeff Shoumaker for options.

LIBRARY NEWS

The church library recently added many new materials in the following categories: Young Adult, Lutheran Church, Fiction, Outreach, Christian Living, Bible Commentary, Biographies, Grief, Women's Studies, Life of Christ, References, and more. If you haven't stopped by the library recently, now is a great time to check out what's new! The library has resources for children, youth, and adults. Check out a couple of books and curl up with a cozy blanket and enjoy some reading.

MITES NEWS

A very special thank you to everyone for contributing to the Mite Mission grant program in January. We collected \$438.87 (\$350.87 just in change). Our collections at Redeemer are passed on to the Central Illinois District and The National Mites Mission grant program. For the 2017-2018 year, Central Illinois District Mites Mission goal is to raise \$62,500. For 2017-2019, the goal for the National LWML Mites mission grant program is \$2,000,000.

It is amazing how those pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, dollars, and checks really add up. Our next mite collection will be in April. If you need a mite box, they are always available at the Welcome Desk in the lobby.

WANT SOMETHING AWESOME FOR YOUR SPOUSE?

Surprise your spouse with a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekend is scheduled in Peoria on April 13-15. Apply now at GodLovesMarriage.org, or contact Norm and Deb Lopez at peorialmereg@gmail.com for more information. Pre-registration is required - don't miss out! Deadline for registration is March 26. Registrations after that date will be on a space-available basis.

SALT & LIGHT

Stories of real people at Redeemer



You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world... Matthew 5:13-16

Along with a few close friends, my wife and I recently volunteered at Family House. Guests stay at Family House for a reduced rate (or even for free if they are a St. Jude family) when their loved ones are getting medical care in the Peoria area.

In addition to helping serve the house guests dinner, we learned that we are not the only Redeemer connection to Family House. Some members of our young adult group also serve dinner there. Pastor Phil leads a Bible Study there regularly.

youth & children

ST. LOUIS DAY TRIP

On March 10 the junior high kids are headed to St. Louis for the day. We will leave Peoria at 7:00 a.m., take a tour of Concordia Seminary, eat lunch at a local restaurant, and then head to the City Museum for the afternoon. Cost for the day is \$40 and is due by February 21. See Jen or Pastor Phil for any questions. Register online at www.redeemerlutheran.com. Click on "Give" and then choose "Events".

HELP FEED THE HUNGRY

Saturday, March 3, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Loaves and Fish
Women of Redeemer invite men and women to help feed the hungry at Loaves and Fish, a feeding ministry at First United Methodist Church in downtown Peoria. Loaves and Fish provides hot meals each week and serves from 250-400 guests weekly. Children volunteering must be 10 years or older and must be with an adult. Volunteers will be assigned to a variety of duties.

An RSVP is required as we need to give an approximate headcount. If you would like to volunteer and make a difference, please contact Colleen Slane at crs61525@gmail.com or call 361-4648 by February 22. More information will also be provided. We hope you will join us!

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Church Mouse, a faith-based ministry that benefits Lutheran Hillside Village and Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, could use some helping hands in 2018. The Church Mouse Thrift Store needs volunteers and, occasionally, the use of a truck and driver Tuesday - Saturday between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Duties inside the store would include: sorting and hanging clothes, bagging purchases, and organizing shelves and racks. A person with a pick-up truck would be beneficial, as calls are received describing large items that cannot be easily transported. Staff would accompany you to load and unload, as needed.

If you are willing to help, you choose the day and amount of time: two hours a week, two hours a month, one day a month, etc. Contact one of the store managers: Shirley Lewis or Joan Resler at (309) 673-2363.

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FINANCIALS December 2017 / YTD

Income
\$238,554 / \$2,307,652

Expense
\$184,442 / \$2,234,592

Net (+/-)
\$54,112 / \$73,060