

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*
- **Growing Your Christian Influence** *Conference Room*

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

LORD'S SUPPER

We're thankful that The Lord has brought you to worship today. Since we are participating in the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion today, you should consider these questions and be able to give an affirmative answer to each before you come forward:

- 1) Are you a baptized believer in Jesus? (Acts 2:38,39)
- 2) Do you understand you are a sinner and in need of God's forgiveness? (Romans 7:24,25a)
- 3) Do you desire His forgiveness and intend to amend your life by the power of His Holy Spirit? (Romans 6:1-4)
- 4) Do you believe that the Body and Blood of Jesus are present with the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of your sins? (1Corinthians 10:16) If this is not your belief, or if you still have questions, please talk to a pastor or elder before you commune.

RESTAURANT NIGHT TO SUPPORT MARCHING COUGARS

Eat delicious Avanti's food and support the CLS Marching Cougars! Pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center and present it with your order at Avanti's on Rockwood any time on January 18. The CLS band will get 20% of the proceeds to help fund performances, fun activities, and our upcoming trip to Washington DC in 2019!

BAGS 4 MY CAUSE

We're excited to announce that Redeemer Care Ministry has been selected to be a part of the Schnucks *Bags 4 My Cause* program, which is designed to support local causes and hunger relief organizations.

For every reusable Hunger bag purchased at the Schnucks stores in Peoria during the month of January, \$1.00 is donated to our Care Ministry. And with \$1 = 4 meals, this program has the potential to truly make a large impact! Please pass this exciting news on to your friends and family!

GROWING YOUR CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE

Begins January 7 at 9:40 a.m. in the Conference Room

You have earned a position of trust with someone, maybe a family member, or a teammate, or someone in your small group. You aren't John the Baptist, but you know Jesus and you care.

Considering and applying these five skills will help you point your care-receivers to Christ, who can give them grace, peace, rescue, abundant life, and salvation. Contact Jeff Shoumaker for materials.

NEW SMALL GROUP STARTING JANUARY 11

Join us for a twice-monthly group meeting on Thursdays or Fridays beginning in January. The purpose of this group is to bring individuals together for support as devoted followers of Christ. Participants will be encouraged to apply Scriptures and readings that will engage them in personal and Kingdom growth. We'll begin at noon and conclude at 1:00 p.m.

Participants are asked to identify a preferred general location, such as East Peoria or Grand Prairie. Please also include a preference for location with food provision or one that requires bringing your own lunch. RSVP or ask questions by calling 657-1722. This group will be led by Jeff Shoumaker and Brian Carlin.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 14, 9:30 a.m. in the Life Center

Please plan to attend this short congregational meeting, where members will vote on a lay delegate to attend the district convention with one of the pastors this summer.

CONCORDIA OPEN HOUSE

Join us on Sunday, January 21, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. to see what this K-8 Christ-centered school has to offer. Tour the school while learning about our curriculum; religious education; technology; fine arts; athletics; missions; and student, parent, and teacher community.

INTRODUCING SALT & LIGHT

During the past few years we have encouraged people to report on acts of personal mission by checking one of the boxes on the attendance card. It may surprise you that 500 people placed this offering to God in the plate over the past year. Through Salt & Light, we would like to begin sharing some of these stories with you. *Let us pray for one another, that people see "...your good deeds, and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."*

SALT & LIGHT

Stories of real people at Redeemer



One of my fellow teachers doesn't own a car and takes the bus. Can you imagine waiting for a city bus in these negative temperatures?

I offered to give her a ride, but she was proud and bragged that she had worn two pairs of socks and would be okay. I hugged her, assured her that I loved her and was not taking no for an answer. She cried.

God has blessed me with a car, and I will use it for His purpose.

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

youth & children

MONKEY JOE'S

Join us for an evening at Monkey Joe's with KFC and SLAM. The 1st-5th graders are invited to play on the bounce houses and slides at Monkey Joe's on Friday, January 12th, from 6-8 pm. Bring a friend! Please note that all children will need to sign a waiver at Monkey Joe's before participating.

TANZANIA MISSION TRIP

May 31 - June 13, 2018

This trip will be largely evangelism and will visit Mwadui Lutheran School (one of Redeemer's missions). Redeemer's mission board will subsidize team members with \$1200. Remaining cost to team members will be approximately \$1800 and support-raising will be encouraged. An optional safari at the end will cost an additional \$1200.

Contact Karen Moser at 309-691-3721 or Jeff Shoumaker at 309-691-2333 by January 22 if interested.

Find out more at <https://www.lcms.org/worldwide-regions/africa/tanzania>

RLC CONNECT

You may have heard something about RLC Connect in the past. But what exactly is RLC Connect? It's an easy way for the Redeemer family to connect with each other and discover more about our family's activities. This online tool allows you to access the church directory, interact with others in the groups in which you participate, subscribe to specific calendars, and even download your giving statements.

Church staff and leaders already have been using RLC Connect, and you have likely seen it put to use through event invitations, online forms, group emails, and the check-in system for kids. Now, we would like to invite you to sign in to RLC Connect and take advantage of the great features.

Visit www.redeemerlutheran.com and click on the RLC Connect link for informational videos and instructions on how to sign up.

On January 14, at the beginning of the Sunday School hour, we will briefly give an overview of RLC Connect and give you a chance to sign in. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or Jen Roettjer.

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FINANCIALS November 2017 / YTD

Income*
\$181,119 / \$2,069,098

Expense
\$183,533 / \$2,050,150

Net (+/-)
\$(2,414) / \$18,948

*YTD income includes
\$30,765 mortgage rebate