

JANUARY

The Messenger

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Newsletter

January 2026

Mark Your Calendars!

January 4th – 10:00-10:45 Adult Bible study, confirmation, and 4th-6th grade class Sunday Worship at 11:00 am w/o communion

January 11th– 10:00-10:45 Adult Bible study, confirmation, and 4th-6th grade class Sunday Worship at 11:00 am with communion

January 18th – 10:00-10:45 Adult Bible study. Sunday Worship at 11:00 am w/o communion. Special Voters Meeting and Leadership Workshop to follow

January 25th-10:00-10:45 Adult Bible study, confirmation, and 4th-6th grade class Sunday Worship at 11:00 am with communion

Bible Studies at Church

Ladies' Bible Study: Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Studying prayer

TAWG: (time away with God): Wednesday Evenings at 6:00 p.m. studying women of the Bible

Thursday Bible Study: Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Study: Sunday Mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Miss something from the Sermon?

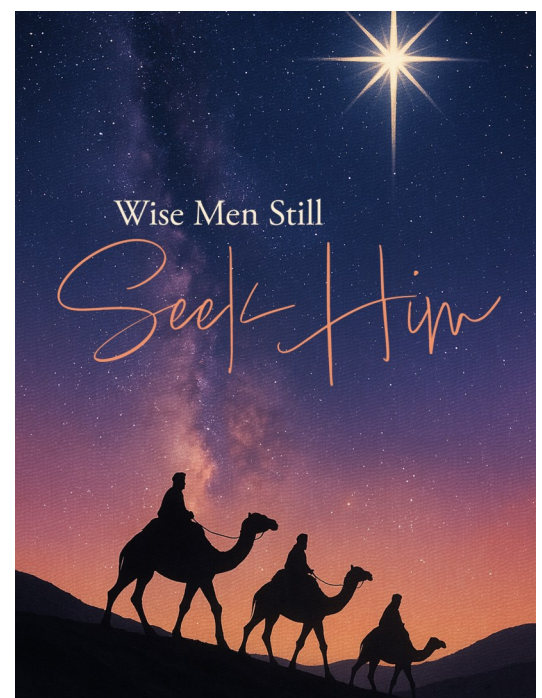
All of our worship services are livestreamed and archived on our Facebook page! You can also find them on our website at: www.orlcknoxin.com

Welcome! As January begins and the season of **Epiphany** unfolds, we are invited to step into a new year with renewed hearts—looking to the light of Christ that shines for all people. The days may still be cold and the nights long, yet the glory of our Savior is not dimmed. In Epiphany, we celebrate that Jesus is revealed: to the nations, to the weary, to the searching, and to us.

This month, we invite you to join us in **worship, fellowship, and faithful living** as we continue the Christmas promise into everyday life. Look forward to Christ-centered messages and opportunities to grow through **Word and Sacrament**, as God strengthens us for the weeks ahead. You'll also find ways to serve our neighbors with compassion and mercy—reflecting the love God has shown us in Christ.

Let us move through this season with attentive hearts and steady faith, trusting that the Light of the world still leads, still gathers, and still guides—into this new year and every day beyond.

You are a cherished part of what makes our church community whole. **Welcome home this January—walk in His light!**



Special Meeting

Special Voters' Meeting – Sunday, January 18

A **special Voters' Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, January 18, immediately following the worship service and prior to the Leadership Workshop**. The purpose of this meeting is to consider proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws that were introduced at the December Voters' Meeting. All voting members are encouraged to attend, as these matters affect the governance and ongoing ministry of Our Redeemer.

Proposed Changes to Constitutional By-Laws

(For Consideration by the Voters' Assembly)

At the December Voters' Meeting, two amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of **Our Redeemer** were introduced and discussed. These proposed changes will be brought forward for further consideration:

1. Frequency of Voters' Assembly Meetings

Previously, the congregation held seven annual Voters' Meetings, which were recently reduced to four. The proposed amendment would increase the number of annual meetings to six.

- **Current wording** (Article ____, Paragraph 1):
"Regular meetings of the Voters' Assembly shall be held on the second Sunday of the months of March, June, September, and December."
- **Proposed wording:**
"Regular meetings of the Voters' Assembly shall be held on the second Sunday of the months of February, April, June, August, October, and December."

2. Composition of the Board of Finance

The method of selecting the Offering Secretaries has changed, requiring a corresponding update to the By-Laws.

- **Current wording** (Article IV, Paragraph 1(e)(i)):
"The Board of Finance shall consist of three Offering Secretaries (one being elected annually)."
- **Proposed wording:**
"The Board of Finance shall consist of three Offering Secretaries. The first- and second-year Offering Secretaries shall each serve two-year terms, with one member being elected annually. The third-year Offering Secretary shall be the Church Office Administrator."



During the Sunday worship service on January 18, we will install our newly appointed Church Officers. If you have been appointed to a new position, please plan to join us for this special moment of dedication and blessing.



Leadership Workshop

Following the worship service, a Leadership Workshop will be held to review ministry roles, clarify expectations, and begin planning the church calendar for the year ahead. All current officers, committee members, and newly appointed officers are warmly encouraged to attend. Our hope and goal is that, through this time of learning and collaboration, we will grow together in unity and purpose—working side by side to better serve God's house and fulfill His calling for Our Redeemer Church.



Prayers Requested for Our Youth Traveling to QUAKE

Please keep Diane, our youth, and their chaperones in your prayers as they travel to **Cincinnati, Ohio**, on **Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, January 9–11**, to attend **QUAKE**. We ask for prayers for safe travels to and from Cincinnati, and that the entire group remains healthy, protected, and encouraged throughout the weekend.

QUAKE is a powerful youth event that brings together students from across the country for a time of **dynamic worship, biblical teaching, small-group connection, and spiritual growth**. Throughout the weekend, youth are challenged to grow deeper in their faith, build meaningful relationships with one another, and discover how God is calling them to live out His purpose in their daily lives.

While at QUAKE, our youth will participate in large-group worship services, hear inspiring messages from guest speakers, and engage in activities designed to help them apply God's Word in practical ways. The theme for this year is **[INSERT THEME HERE]**, centered on **[INSERT BIBLE VERSE HERE]**, reminding students of God's truth and His calling on their lives.

Please pray that our youth have a meaningful and joy-filled experience, that their hearts are open to God's work, and that they return home renewed and strengthened in their faith. We are grateful for this opportunity and for your continued prayers and support as we invest in the next generation.



January Worship Service Volunteer Schedule

PowerPoint

Jan. 4 Gracie Krueger
Jan. 11 Diane Cruz
Jan. 18 Jana Hazelton
Jan. 25 Sharon Krick

Usher Schedule

Jan. 4 Meda Sullivan, Renate Banta, Linda Watkins, and Jim Watkins
Jan. 11 Meda Sullivan, Joyce Hanselman, Phil Hamand, Mike Lord, and Sindi Lord
Jan. 18 Meda Sullivan, Mel Lenig, Linda Bachert, and Keith Enger
Jan. 25 Meda Sullivan, Larry Mick, Bob Duffee, Becky Wirebaugh, and Diane Cruz

Communion Assistant

Jan. 11 Mel Lenig
Jan. 25

Acolyte

Jan. 4 Emma Brammer
Jan. 11 Neva Balaszek
Jan. 18 Hudson Hazelton
Jan. 25 Layla Brammer

Lector Schedule

Jan. 4 Kathy Dedloff
Jan. 11 Jana Hazelton
Jan. 18 Harper Hazelton
Jan. 25 Shannon Pitts

Children's Message

Jan. 4 Diane Cruz
Jan. 11 Billie Krueger
Jan. 18 Billie Krueger
Jan. 25 Megan Hamand

We are deeply grateful for each of our faithful volunteers who serve with such dedication and joy every Sunday. Your willingness to give your time and talents is a true blessing to our church family. Because of you, our worship services run smoothly and our ministry continues to thrive.

As our church grows, so does our need for helping hands! We invite others to join this amazing team of servants. Whether you can greet, set up, sing, teach, or simply lend a hand where needed, your participation will make a difference. Thank you for serving so faithfully — we thank God for each of you!



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