

Happy New Year

The Christian Connection

2018 has been a year of changes at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. ORLC said goodbye to our longtime pastor, Ken Moland. We said goodbye to our longtime organist, Dr. Bob Swaffield. You have warmly welcomed Miriam, the kids, and I.

Change is not always the most comfortable thing imaginable. However, God has been abundantly faithful to us as we strive together for the sake of the Gospel. We have talented musicians who have stepped into the void. We have people who are gracious toward one another and work hard. We have a terrific problem of having to reconsider how we do Sunday School because we have too many children for one classroom.

When Jesus was about to ascend into heaven in Matthew 28. He made a promise to the church who were represented by the eleven disciples who were with Him. He said, "I am with you always." God is with us. As we cling to the promises of the Gospel and as we faithfully proclaim them amongst ourselves and to our community, Jesus is with us. As we meet in various committees and see to the details of ministry, Jesus is with us. His promise is not to just be around the building somewhere, but to be right there with us.

As we look ahead to 2019, Jesus promise is still true, He will stick with us the whole time. As we continue to strive together for the sake of the Gospel, we can lean upon God and His understanding to direct us in the way we should go.

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The purpose of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church is to worship God in a Bible-based, Christ-centered ministry, evangelizing, discipling, nurturing and equipping people for the spiritual well-being of every life.

Pastor Schultz



Pictures from the children's sermon and the Christmas ornament party on December 9th.



Sermon Text for January

January 6

Epiphany

Matthew 2:1-12

January 13

The Baptism of our Lord

Matthew 3:13-17

January 20

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

John 2:1-11

January 27

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Matthew 8:1-13

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on our website!**

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contact us and we can send you a
disc of the sermon.

The Pumpkin Party was a lot of fun!



Volunteer Schedule

Please mark your calendars and if there are any conflicts with your schedule, please find someone to fill your spot and let Kristine Dootson know of the substitution. If you are unable to find someone to switch with you, call Kristine Dootson @425-753-2020.

Date	Nursery	Sunday School	Lay Reader	Flowers	Coffee
1/6	Sue Rosebrook	Diana Daum	Joe Bottem	Open	WMF Celebration Sunday
1/13	Open	Kristine Dootson	Kristine Dootson	Open	Open
1/20	Pam Jussel	Helen Long	Duane Leach	Open	Open
1/27	Sherry Sorenson	Sue Rosebrook	Prosper Ruberwa	Open	Open

January Birthdays

Betty Wechsler	Jan 1
Prosper Ruberwa	Jan 1
Mariko Johnston	Jan 2
James Weidner	Jan 4
Pam Jussel	Jan 6
Margit Obsitos	Jan 13
Hillary Lewis	Jan 31

Anniversaries

Mike & Janna Bottem
1/9/81

Glenn & Judy Landguth
1/11/64



School News

- ORCS will be having their Kindergarten Information Night on January 16th from 6:30-7:30
- The Preschool Open House will be January 23rd from 6:30-7:30
- Registration for the 2019-20 school year will begin mid-February.

Our Redeemer Christian School is a non-discriminatory, non-denominational educational institution. Our Redeemer Christian School serves as an extension of the Christian ministry of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and an outreach program to our neighborhood community.

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