

# ROYAL REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL COUNTDOWN



Dear Royal Redeemer Lutheran School Families,  
What a wonderful week with remarkable attendance, wellness, and a great continuation of our learning through the second week of Advent. This second week, we light a blue or purple Bethlehem Candle symbolizing **faith** and Mary and Joseph's faithful journey into Bethlehem. For God's promise fulfilled from the Old Testament (Isaiah 9:6) we experience great **joy**, which is the rose colored, Shepherd's Candle, we light this Sunday. We pray you experience great joy, amid all the hustle and bustle, and all the changes. After all, the most important things remain; God's amazing love for all people in the gift of Jesus. At school, great joy abounded as every door was decorated and the "halls decked". Our students prepared for their special Christmas programs to share with you, and continued working hard in their school work each day! This week, please note the special festive dress days (see page 4) and be prepared for recess, gym, and the changing temperatures! May you be filled with all joy

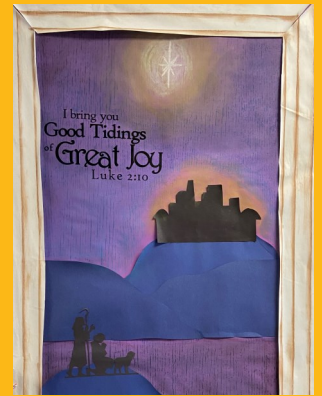


This week ahead! Kindly in Christ, Mrs. Malone  
*"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."* – Luke 2:10



## 10. Faith First

Thank you Mrs. LeBaube for telling the story of the shepherds sharing the news of the birth of our Savior and encouraging all of us to "lift and show" the love Jesus has for us with everyone this Christmas season and beyond. This coming week Pastor Harris will be leading all of our preschool and K-8 Chapels. Please join us Wednesday for our K-8 online Chapel linked here: [December 16 at 9:50.](#)



## 9. New School Website:

Have you seen it? All resources, calendar, teacher sites, ways to support, and soon, our new Registration Forms, will be available for you! Check it all out at: [www.rrls.org!](http://www.rrls.org)



## 8. Lutheran West Drama Department Presents - Disney's Newsies!

All students and staff involved worked incredibly hard both in the spring and this fall to bring this production to the Jochum Performing Arts Center stage. Although COVID prevented us from hosting you in the audience in person, we hope you will enjoy this show virtually from the comfort of your own home, with multiple showings now through January 3rd. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased through this link: [NEWSIES!](#)



## 7. Redeemer Kids at Home

This week's advent theme was "Gather" and we hope you all enjoyed those tasty little donuts. If you haven't completed week 2 yet, here is the link for the video: [Angels Spoke to Mary & Joseph](#). Week 3 is coming up and the theme is "Share". We can't wait to see what special treats you will be "sharing" with us. A new video will be released on Sunday on the Royal Redeemer Lutheran Church the channel.



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## 6. Feeling Festive

We are feeling Holly, Jolly and Blessed this Christmas season. Join in on the fun with creative Christmas attire, see [page 4](#) for the schedule

this coming week. Also feel free to wear your Christmas socks and accessories all week.



## 4. Deck the Halls

The staff at Royal Redeemer Lutheran Church and School are participating in a friendly competition to the Deck the Halls for Christmas. We need your help to select the “peoples choice award”. Watch for all the pictures to be posted on the Royal Redeemer Lutheran School Facebook page next week (follow our page now to be notified). The photo/door with the most “Likes” will win.



## 3. Chapel Offering/ Helping Hand Fund

We are still collecting donations for our Helping Hands Fund.

The helping hand fund will bless others in our school community who are going through some financial hardships this year.



## 5. Preschool Corner

Dear preschool families,

We are excited as we look forward to next week and our Happy Birthday Jesus celebrations. This week we have spent our days learning about the Christmas story, preparing for our Annual Christmas Program, and even creating priceless handmade gifts for our families!

While our Christmas program is going to look a little different this year, we hope it brings you as much joy watching it, as it did for us to make it! We are telling the Christmas Story through song this year, a video of the performance will be going live at 5:00 pm next Friday the 18th, (it will be available to view after as well). Please keep an eye out next week for a Take-Home Program in your child's folder, with lyrics to the songs so you and your family can sing along. The link for the performance will also be public and shareable, so you can watch it together, from a distance, with extended family and friends. Plan a time to cozy up with your loved ones and watch our precious and talented preschool children share the story of Jesus's birth!

Blessings and peace on the weeks ahead,

**Avery Zacharias**  
Early Education and Preschool Director



## 2. Important Dates

- ⇒ Dec 16-18 - Preschool Happy Birthday Jesus parties
- ⇒ Dec 21-Jan 1 - Christmas Break, No School
- ⇒ Jan 4 Registration Begins for Current Families for 2021-22
- ⇒ Jan 18 - Martin Luther King Day, No School

## 1. LUNCH MENU *\*Grilled Cheese is an alternate menu item daily. \*Milk is an ala cart menu item and is charged.*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Dog on a Bun Sweet Potatoes Cucumbers w/ Ranch Fruit Milk	Egg and Cheese Biscuit Hash Brown Tomato Slices Fruit Milk	Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup Tossed Salad Fruit Milk	Chicken Tenders and Waffle Corn Apple Raisin Compote Milk	Turkey and Cheese Croissant Broccoli and Cranberry Salad Fruit Milk





# Royal Redeemer

LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

December 10, 2020

Dear Royal Redeemer Family:

Have you been busy getting ready for Christmas? Whether you're continuing to watch services online, working through the Redeemer Kids' "Home Sweet Home" Advent activities or spending extra time in His word, I pray your focus remains on the coming of our Lord and Savior this Advent season!

I'd like to share that **Pam Ries, RN**, our Congregation Nurse, is retiring. Her last day with us is Friday, December 18. We are so thankful for the time she devoted to caring for our Royal Redeemer family. Please join me in praying for Pam and for His blessing upon this next stage in her life.

For those who have recently inquired, the newest editions of **Portals of Prayer** and **Hopeful Living** are available for pick-up. They are in a sealed tub just outside of the Central Entrance.

*a love worth demonstrating*

Twice this week, we witnessed **God's amazing provision!** A local nursing home called and asked if we might be able to bless residents who wouldn't be receiving any visitors or presents this year. The Royal Seniors stepped up and offered to meet this need! Additionally, two women from a community agency just showed up with gift cards – the exact number we needed to fulfill our Adopt-a-Child gift distribution quota. God's will is certainly accomplished in all kinds of ways!

It bears repeating: your unwavering generosity is such a gift to Royal Redeemer and the countless people we serve. God blesses us through you, and that enables us to become a blessing to others. You have proven your faithfulness time and again, especially during this season of Advent. Thank you! If you need more information about Advent Generosity, visit this link – **Advent Generosity**.

*a message worth sharing*

We are approaching the third Sunday in Advent. In our "Home for Christmas" series, I'll share a message about "**A Hope Restored**," based on Luke 2:11. The good news of this Christmas is that God gives us the gift of hope by restoring our relationship with Him through faith, transforming our life and rewriting our eternity.

*a truth worth holding*

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord." (**Luke 2:11**) This glorious message was shared with simple shepherds by a heavenly angel, but not everyone chose to believe this. Yet, here we are, two thousand years later, celebrating this very truth! Through faith in our Christ as our Savior, our hope will remain solid and secure.

Please continue to check your email, Facebook, and our website for updates. May God watch over you and your loved ones and keep you in His protection and in good health.

In the love of Christ,  
Pastor John Zahrt



Let's all be holly and jolly during the week before Christmas and have some fun wearing various Christmas attire. Following is a schedule for Monday, December 14 – Friday, December 18. You are welcome to wear fun Christmas socks/jewelry/ties during the whole month of December!

Monday, December 14	Christmas pajamas
Tuesday, December 15	Color-grades (different shirt colors and jeans) Preschool - yellow/orange/gold shirts Office and Church Staff – purple shirts Kindergarten – red shirts 1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> grades - red shirts 3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> grades - green shirts shirts and jeans 5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grades – silver/gray 7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grades – blue/navy
Wednesday, December 16	Dress up in your best Christmas attire (Uniform or better)
Thursday, December 17	Festive Christmas sweaters (aka ugly Christmas sweaters) with jeans
Friday, December 18	Dress in red and/or green shirts with jeans