ROYAL REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL COUNTDOWN

Dear Royal Redeemer Lutheran School Families, What a pleasure to meet with all of you for conferences. While it was a short week, for our students, they worked very hard! This week, we look forward to celebrating Veterans' Day as we lift up all who have served and are serving our great nation in prayer in Chapel. Students are encouraged to write letters of prayers and encouragement to members of our armed forces with support from Operation Gratitude. Our virtual letter writing campaign link is here: https://www.veteransunited.com/operation-gratitude/. In addition, see #6 for all PreK to 8th grade families to be a part of our first field trip (Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 8). This empowering virtual program will help us develop our "growth mindset" and understand the power of the word, YET! God's blessings to you! Kindly in Christ, Mrs. Malone

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2



8. Gratitude Challenge

Will you be joining us in our gratitude challenge this

month? It's never to late to start. Download a copy of the calendar here at this link: royred.org/ resources

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
grab a notebook to start your grasitude journal	2 in your gratitude journal, list 3 things you are thankful for	3 give thanks for our nation, our freedoms, and the right to vote	4 express gratitude to at least one important person in your life	5 post a Bible verse on social media or text one to a friend	6 make an effort to smile more throughout the day	7 engage in a random act of kindness
8 pray for someone in your life who	9 express thankfulness for life's hardships	10 in your gratitude journal, list 3 things you enjoy about your job	11 go one tuli day without complaining	12 say something nice to a co-worker	13 smile or say helio to a stranger	14 be intentional about spending time with loved ones
15 be intentional and pray over your offering	16 think of a way someone has helped you today	17 refrain from gossip or speaking negatively about others	18 catch a co-worker doing a good job and thank them for it	19 in your gratitude journal, list 3 things you like about yourself	20 recognize 3 things that you escally take for granted	21 send flowers or a card to someone you are thankful for
22 go outside, even in in or snow, and give anks to God for nature	23 notice the positive traits about your co-warkers	24 commit to memorizing Joshua 1:9 if you don't know it already	25 send an encouraging note or text to a co-worker or friend	26 say the prayer before your Thanksgiving meal	27 recognize today and every day as a gift from God	28 commit to doing something charitable in the month of Dec.
rest and 29 read through your gratitude journal centries	30 commit to writing in your gratitude journal regularly	1	2	3	4	

10. Faith First

Thank you Mr. Lehrke for the wonderful lesson on faith over fear. And thank you to those who have already donated to November Offering/Mission & see #7 below for a list of the most needed items. We look forward to watching our Kindergarten classes share their chapel message this week. 1st Quarter Academic Awards (grades 3-8) will follow Chap-

el, too. Please join us Wednesday for our online Chapel linked here: November 11 – 9:05am

9. Travel Reminder As some families begin to make travel plans near the



holidays, please note, states that become or are identified as high incidence of positive cases (15%+) for COVID -19, per the State of Ohio guidelines, or for travel out of the country (per the CDC), would require a 14-day guarantine following your visit. Please help us to continue to be safe, let us know of travel plans, and let us know if you must be at home. Thank you and be well!

7. North Royalton Food Pantry

Help us share necessary items and the Bread of Life in our community. Needed items are:

- shampoo
- conditioner
- bar soap
- toothpaste
- toothbrushes (individually wrapped)

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- lotion
- paper towels
- toilet paper



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6. VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP ON GROWTH **MINDSET & THE POWER OF "YET"**

We have an exciting upcoming live stream event. All of our students will experience Mindset Mission on Friday, Nov 13 from 2:00pm - 2:45pm! If your child is learning from home at that time, please use the link and password below to join. You are welcome to join, too! Make sure to log in 5 minutes early so we can get started on time.

Link: https://zoom.us/j/96285220303? pwd=Tk03VnIyRkhkZWlhZWpWb3FnaDdwQT 09 Password: NED123 We look forward to seeing everyone there!

4.More Ways to Give We are blessed by God's love and the generosity of our Royal Redeemer Family. If you are looking for additional ways to give this Advent Season **Royal Redeemer has** several missions they are supporting and they could use your help. (See page 4).



5. Preschool Corner

Dear Preschool Families,

I wanted to first say THANK YOU to those families who took time out of their day to join us for conferences this week. We truly value the partnership we have with you, and enjoyed taking those few minutes to hear your feedback, and discuss together, the next steps in your little one's education.

While it has been a shorter week for our students, it has been packed full of learning and fun! Students started discovering about hibernation this week--The bear cave in our Introduction

to Learning classroom was a big hit--they sang the Napwhere the student's hibernated, and then "woke up," as hungry bears. The Bridge to Kindergarten class completed a virtual magazine experience, with a video and game to extend their knowledge about how different animals hibernate. Students also have been helping prepare for our annual Care and Share meal offered here at Royal Redeemer for Thanksgiving. Our Kindergarten Readiness classrooms, worked on creating placemats for those that will be participating in this year's take-home meal--sharing not only their art skills, but the love and joy of Jesus with others.

I pray you all have a blessed weekend, and enjoy the sunshine!

Averv Zacharias Early Education and Preschool Director





3. Ways to Support RRLS

Did you know you can support RRLS by buying groceries? Sign up for the Apples for the Students program at Giant Eagle or Teaming Up for Education Program at Heine's. It doesn't cost anything and once you register you immediately begin to earn points that turn into dollars for our school. Your friends and family can register too!

- 2. Important Dates
 - \Rightarrow Nov. 11th Veterans' Day-thank you to all who have and are serving! God bless you!
 - \Rightarrow Nov. 13th– PreK-8 Field Trip (see #6)
 - \Rightarrow Nov 20 Picture Retake Day
 - \Rightarrow Nov 25-27 Thanksgiving Break

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Chicken Ala King	French Toast	Beefaroni	Ham & Cheese Sand-	Meatball Sub	
1/2 Biscuit	Sausage	Corn	wich	Tossed Salad	
Sweet Potatoes	Tater Tots	Roll	Potato Salad	Fruit	
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Milk	
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk		



November 5, 2020

Dear Royal Redeemer Family:

Gobble, gobble! Thanksgiving Day is just three weeks from today. As a reminder, we are offering a **Thanksgiving Eve service** on Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00PM in the Sanctuary, and will also be livestreamed. You may sign up online to attend.

With the addition of new worship times, we are looking for volunteers to spray the pews/chairs in between services with our electrostatic sprayer. As you can imagine, cleaning expenses have <u>deeply</u> <u>impacted</u> our budget. If we can find enough people to do this on a rotating basis, we can avoid paying the cleaning company to do this for us. The sprayer is easy to use and the work is fairly simple. Thank you in advance for giving this thoughtful consideration. Contact our Facilities Manager, Rus Morley, (rmorley@royred.org) if you can help. Training will be provided.

A love worth demonstrating ...

Our <u>Care and Share SignUpGenius links</u> are available on our website for volunteers and for those requesting either carry-out or delivered meals. Did you know we need to prepare 850 pounds of turkey in just two days? It takes approximately 500 volunteers to pull off this event – won't you please consider giving of your time? Of course, as always, all safety protocols will be in place.

A message worth sharing ...

Over the course of the next three weeks, we will "**REFOCUS**" and examine "**Why We Do What We Do**." Living during a pandemic offers us an opportunity to refocus our attention on the kind of people God wants us to be, the values He wants us to embrace, and His desire for us to make the most of our abilities and resources. Regardless of what we experience in life, the greatest gift we can offer our gracious God lies in understanding what He has called us to do, putting our talents to work and being faithful with what He has entrusted to us.

This weekend, I'll share a message titled, "Refocused Mission and Values." While our mission (what God calls us to do) is not always easy, and while our values (why we do what we do) can be difficult, it's worth it!

A truth worth holding-

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:24-25)

As Christians, God did not intend for us to live out our faith alone. Encouraging others and being encouraged by others is crucial to us as a community of believers. Instead of reacting to difficult times with fear or doubt, we are called to embrace our faith and encourage fellow believers to do the same.

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 Zahrte

Join us in sharing a love worth demonstrating by BLESSING OTHERS THIS CHRISTMAS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

OCC spreads the Word of the Lord to children across the globe by way of gift-filled shoeboxes containing small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. Each child receives a copy of The Greatest Gift, a colorful presentation of the Gospel in their own language. This year there are three options:

Pack a virtual shoebox using OCC's online portal at samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline

Fill a shoebox! Boxes may be picked up and dropped off at the "Central Entrance" or in the Commons or Narthex during worship. Return by November 15.

Cover shipping costs! Checks may be mailed or dropped in the offering basket by **November 15**. Make your check payable to RRLC with "OCC shipping costs" in the memo line.

Contact: Dave & Debbie Frank dfrank62@wowway.com or (216)496-0863

ADOPT-A-CHILD IN NORTH ROYALTON

This ministry provides Christmas presents for children in need at Royal Redeemer Lutheran School and in our local North Royalton schools.

We will be accepting donations of **\$25 gift cards to** Marc's, Target or Walmart ONLY. Donations may be mailed or dropped off in the offering basket by December 6. Be sure to place your donation in a sealed envelope marked with "Adopt-a-Child."

Contact: Terry Close, (440)237-7958, ext. 200 tclose@royred.org

PROJECT ANGEL TREE

This ministry provides Christmas presents for children (under 18) with a parent(s) in prison.

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This year you will have the opportunity to **virtually sponsor a child** for \$22 dollars. With the sponsorship, your child will receive a \$20 gift card, a message from their parent in prison, and an opportunity for a Bible.

To sponsor a child virtually, visit: vat.angeltreetool.org/c7f4f595-4be0-418c-a600-d18bf96f8a21

Access code: MDNZN

Contact: Terry Close, (440)237-7958, ext. 200 tclose@royred.org

ST. HERMAN'S MEN'S SHELTER & LAURA'S HOME WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTER

Our local men's and women's shelters offer a safe haven for men, women and children in need of rest and restoration. This year, they are both in great need of a basic necessity - underwear!

We're accepting donations of **new pairs of underwear** in all sizes and styles for people of all ages, as well as **MEN'S long underwear**. Drop your unwrapped donation in the designated box near each worship space during worship times or in the labeled bin located outside of the "Central Entrance" by **December 20**.

Contact: Kim Elgin, (440)237-7958, ext. 129 kelgin@royred.org

HELP US MEET OUR GENERAL MINISTRY FUND NEEDS

Due to COVID-19, this year sure hasn't been what we have expected here at Royal Redeemer. But like all things, we are trusting in God to get us through! If it is on your heart, we are accepting donations to help offset the cost of providing worship and ministry, and to help fill the unexpected gaps and costs that this pandemic has brought upon us.

Donations may be made on royred.org/give or by check. Checks can be mailed or dropped in the offering plate. Be sure your check is made payable to "Royal Redeemer" with "General Ministry Fund" in the memo line.

