



# ROYAL REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL COUNTDOWN

*Learning for Life,  
Leading for Christ*

Royal Redeemer Lutheran School exists to equip each student to achieve educational excellence, inspire a lifelong love of learning, and grow Christian leaders.

## Upcoming Events & Opportunities

### December

- 12/8 Parent Info night, 5th-8th grade class trips
- 12/9 RRLS Varsity vs St. Paul @ St. Paul, 6pm (girls), 7:15pm (boys)
- 12/10 Cookies with St. Nick (See page 4)
- 12/12-12/13 Preschool Christmas Programs, 7pm
- 12/15 5-8th Grade Christmas Program, 7pm
- 2/19-1/2 No School, Christmas Break

### January

- 1/3 Classes resume & Registration opens for returning families
- 1/9 Registration opens RRLS Alumni & RRLC members
- 1/17 Community Registration begins

## Chapel News

Next week's Chapel will be lead by our 2nd grade classrooms. Families are welcome to join us at 9:10 am to hear the message with us! Please check in with the office first.

### Mission of the Month:

**Helping Hands Fund:** All offerings collected in Chapel and in our Christmas Programs will support families in need in our immediate community this Holiday season. Together we will work to lighten their burden and embrace the joy of Jesus this Christmas!

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### 5-8th Christmas Program:

Join us as the 5-8th grade Choirs and all the band students come together to present the RRLS Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 15 at 7:00pm. **ALL ARE INVITED!!** A special thanks to Thrivent Financial for their support of our concert through a monetary grant.

### Hot Lunch Program:

Lunch statements came home this week. You can send payment through your child's book bag or to the school office in an envelope with your child's name. Please **DO NOT** make payments through TADS for lunch.

### 5th-8th Grade Class Trips:

Parent information night will be December 8, from 5-6pm. Please join us in room 102 to discuss our May trips! A virtual link will be sent out, and the meeting will be recorded to share details for those who can not attend.

### Christmas Spirit:

Wear your favorite Christmas socks all month long. The week of Monday, December 12, we will kick off a week of optional festive attire: Monday—Christmas PJ's, Tuesday—Snowy Day, Wednesday—Christmas finest, Thursday—ugly Christmas sweater, Friday—Green/Red with Jeans.

### Athletic Updates:

**TONIGHT** we have Varsity home games vs St. John Nottingham at 6pm for the girls and at 7:15 for the boys. Tomorrow the Varsity girls will play at St. Paul—RRLS vs Bethany at 11am. **GO ROCKETS!**

## Next week's lunch menu:

### MONDAY

Corn Dogs  
Chips  
Corn  
Fruit  
Milk

### TUESDAY

French Toast  
Sausage  
Hashbrown  
Fruit  
Milk

### WEDNESDAY

Nachos  
Salsa and Cheese  
Corn  
Cookie  
Fruit  
Milk

### THURSDAY

Baked Potato  
With Toppings  
Yogurt  
Broccoli  
Fruit  
Milk

### FRIDAY

Hot Pretzel  
With cheese  
Cheese Stick  
Veggie  
Fruit  
Milk

Stay connected with us!



December 2, 2022



2022-2023

# Grace, Love & Fellowship *Annual Fund* Royal Redeemer Lutheran School



This year's 2022-2023 Annual Fund is tied to our church and school theme verse from **2 Corinthians 13:14**: "May the **GRACE** of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the **LOVE** of God, and the **FELLOWSHIP** of the Holy Spirit be with you all." We are united together as one family in Christ!

Last year, despite some challenging obstacles, you met the needs of RRLS! Through it all, our students achieved **outstanding** academic successes measured by remarkable assessment data. Praise God for His abundant blessings!

We ask you to prayerfully consider blessing the 2022-2023 Annual Fund. One hundred percent of your gift directly impacts our children and supports our mission to equip each student to achieve educational excellence, inspire a lifelong love of learning, and grow Christian leaders. Your donation will make a significant Kingdom impact on our students, their families, and our community for years to come.

## Where will your gift be applied?

Your gift can be allocated to any of the following needs. Or, if your gift is undesignated, it will bless the area of greatest need, whether it be one of our ministries or the operation of RRLS.

### INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

We have been investing in updated materials that either had to be replaced because the items were out of print or some were needed to meet instructional requirements. Student materials are funded by other sources, but staff materials are not. Reading, handwriting, and middle school social studies curriculum have all been updated for this school year.

### K-8 PLAYGROUND

K-8 playground improvements are still being planned. We have reached a third of our fundraising goal to date. The current playground is nearing the end of its lifespan.

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE \*

RRLS seeks to offer a Christ-centered education to everyone, regardless of their financial means. Specifically, funds would help cover tuition for preschoolers who are not eligible for outside assistance and/or for families who face unforeseen circumstances (unemployment, etc.), especially in this economic climate.

\*New from the Scholarship Granting Organization: If you're interested in learning how your gift could be a "nonrefundable" tax credit, please see the attached letter and FAQ.

## How can you support us?

### ONLINE GIVING

Visit [www.rrls.org/give](http://www.rrls.org/give).

### GIVING BY MAIL

Attach a stamp and use the enclosed envelope.

### RECURRING GIFT

Arrange for a monthly gift online by contacting our office.

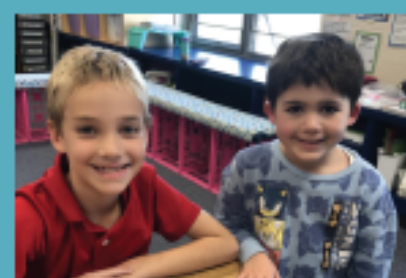
### DOUBLE IMPACT

Ask your employer to match your gift.

### PLANNED GIVING

Call and ask about legacy giving.

Thank you for faithfully praying for and supporting RRLS, a vital ministry of Royal Redeemer Lutheran Church. From all your friends at RRLS - God bless you and yours!



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# PASTOR Zahrte's Weekly Update

December 1, 2022



## a message worth sharing...

This second weekend in Advent, Pastor Dave will help us identify the signs that point us to Jesus as the Christ Child, the Messiah, our Lord. We will **Behold** the one who came to save us, focusing on a special star, a humble manger, a virgin birth, and some shepherds. Join us as we worship and receive a special sign of Jesus' gift to us through Holy Communion.

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." **Luke 2:11-12**

AMOUNT GIVEN		AMOUNT SPENT	
Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
\$590,909	\$570,886	\$646,276	\$607,145

(Does not include school finances)

## opportunities to serve & connect...

Our **King's Men** are helping serve at the R.E.A.L. Women's Christmas event. If you'd like to serve, contact Dan at [daniel.b.waldron@gmail.com](mailto:daniel.b.waldron@gmail.com).

- **New Small Group study materials:** Launching a new study called, **Advent**, by J.D. Greear. All videos available on RightNow Media.
- **R.E.A.L. Women's Ministry Bible study:** "Seamless" begins Monday, Jan. 16. Gathering Rm. [Registration link](#)
- **Royal Seniors Christmas celebration:** Sun., Dec. 11. Tickets on sale in Gathering Rm Dec. 4. [Additional information](#)
- **Night to Shine:** Friday, Feb. 10, 2023. Need LOTS of people to serve.
  - [Sponsor an attendee link](#)
  - [Buddy volunteer link](#)
  - [Volunteer team link](#)

For additional details: [ROYRED.ORG/UPCOMING](http://ROYRED.ORG/UPCOMING)

## mark your calendars...

### DECEMBER

- 4 Service of Remembrance, 6pm
- 6 R.E.A.L. Women's Ministry Christmas event, 7pm, CAC
- 10 Cookies with St. Nick, CAC
- 11 Royal Seniors Christmas party, Gathering Rm
- 12 RRLS preschool Christmas program, 7pm
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- 14 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Summit Night, 7pm
- 15 RRLS Christmas concert, 7pm
- 18 NO HS Youth Group
- 21 NO Confirmation
- 24 Traditional services, 2:30, 4:00, 6:00  
Contemporary services, 3:30, 5:00
- 25 Traditional service, 10:00am  
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### JANUARY

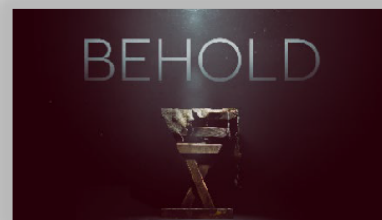
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### FEBRUARY

- 10 Night to Shine

## christmas worship schedule...

Be sure to grab an invite card this weekend!



### Christmas Eve

Sanctuary, 2:30, 4:00\*, 6:00\* (choir & handbells)  
Contemporary, 3:30\*, 5:00 (\*nursery is available)

### Christmas Day

Sanctuary, 10:00am



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Join us on December 10 for...

# COOKIES WITH ST. NICK



**St. Nicholas will share the true meaning of Christmas and why we give. Bring your whole family for cookies and cocoa, along with festive carriage rides. Advance tickets required.**

**Register online at [royred.org/upcoming](http://royred.org/upcoming)**

**Questions? Email [familyministry@royred.org](mailto:familyministry@royred.org)**





*Dear Royal Redeemer Family:*

It's hard to believe the Christmas season is already upon us -- decorations adorn homes, stores are filled with holiday shoppers, and people gather with those they love. I pray that in your preparations, **your focus remains on the greatest gift of all** - the sending of Jesus - a reminder of God's gifts of love and grace to us in Christ! Join us at one of our Christmas services - and be sure to invite a friend!

## Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Worship

### Christmas Eve Services

**TRADITIONAL** in the Sanctuary, 2:30, 4:00\*, 6:00\*

\* Choir & handbells

**CONTEMPORARY** in the CAC, 3:30\*, 5:00

\*Family service & nursery available  
(Candles at all services)

### Christmas Day Service

**BLENDED** in the Sanctuary, 10:00am

Last month we welcomed **26 new members** into our Royal Redeemer family. If you haven't already, be sure to read their bios at [royred.org/membership](http://royred.org/membership) so you can get to know them. Our next **Life with God** session, our pathway to membership, begins in January. Interested? Email Bennie at [blevy@royred.org](mailto:blevy@royred.org). We'd love to welcome you into our family!

Wishing you a blessed Christmas season!

*Pastor John Zahrt*

*Current Sermon Series*

**Nov. 27 - Dec. 25**



Join us each week for our Advent series: **BEHOLD!**

What is it about Christmas that causes so many people to celebrate at this time of the year? Why should something that took place 2000 years ago cause people to shop at malls and decorate their homes? Come and behold this Baby born to be the Savior of the world. Come and behold the impact of His life and how it changed everything. Come and behold Him!

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

- 8:30** Traditional - Sanctuary ^
- 9:30** Contemporary - CAC ^
- 10:00** Traditional - Sanctuary
- 11:00** Contemporary - CAC

## UPCOMING

\* Registration required  
^ Watch our livestream  
+ Volunteer opportunity

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## KIDDOS & YOUTH

We're guessing many of you will be shopping at Costco or Sam's Club this Christmas season! So while you're there, consider **picking up some bulk snack items** (individually wrapped and no nuts, please) to bless our mid-week youth programs. We could use things like pretzels, PopCorners, fruit snacks, granola bars, etc. We also provide **beverages** like LaCroix, bottled water, Gatorade, etc. Please leave your donations in the Commons at the table to the right of the Welcome Center. Thank you!

We're still in need of **Sunday morning Redeemer Kids small group leaders**. What a wonderful way to share your time and talents! If you'd like to serve in this way, contact Chris Koch at [ckoch@royred.org](mailto:ckoch@royred.org).

Be sure to **check the calendar** on the front for our holiday schedule concerning Confirmation, Redeemer Kids and HS Youth Group. Merry Christmas!



## RRLS SPOTLIGHT

RRLS exists to equip each student to achieve educational excellence, inspire a lifelong love of learning, and grow

Christian leaders...there are many ways coming up that you can help us in carrying out our mission!

- Come and worship with us this Advent. **Join us in Chapel** on Dec. 7 at 9:10 led by 2<sup>nd</sup> graders; on the 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:10 led by Pastor Zahrt; or the 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:50 led by Mrs. LeBaube.
- You're invited to see our **Preschoolers' Christmas program** as they celebrate Jesus' birthday on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the CAC. Our 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade music program, **"Let's Light the Christmas Tree"**, is on Dec. 15 in the CAC. The RRLS band opens the show at 6:45pm.
- Our **"Grace, Love and Fellowship" Annual Fund** launched this month. Your support will help provide funds for financial assistance, instructional materials, K-8 playground equipment or school operations. To give, visit [rrls.org](http://rrls.org) or handouts are available outside of both worship spaces. Thank you for your support!

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## CARE & MISSION SPOTLIGHT

*did you know...*

...the work carried out by our dedicated Care and Mission group requires a tremendous year-round effort. While they're especially busy this time of year, those we serve have significant needs all year long. Under the direction of Terry Close, teams of dedicated volunteers work to provide assistance and support to those within our church family, the North Royalton community, and beyond. Programs include the Food Pantry, the Care Team, Meals on Wheels, Stephen Ministry, Care and Share, Night to Shine, Prayer Warriors, the Bereavement Team, home and hospital visits, and the Service of Remembrance, among others. In addition, Terry oversees our missional efforts, working closely with amazing volunteers. These include St. Herman's, H.A.R.P., the Dominican, Cleveland Pregnancy Center, Building Hope in the City, Operation Christmas Child, and HeavenTrain. WOW. God bless our Care and Mission efforts at Royal Redeemer!

## MISSION SPOTLIGHT: ADVENT GENEROSITY

We have the most amazing church family! You continue to support the many ministries we have lifted up with your time, talents, and financial gifts. From the **1,400+ Care and Share meals** prepared and served to the **2,191 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes** we collected, and the bins FILLED of winter gear for St. Herman's men's shelter, you have blessed so many people. Thank you.

And while we "wrap up" some of the **Advent Generosity** projects for **Building Hope in the City** and **HeavenTrain**, our fundraising efforts for **Night to Shine**, held on February 10, continue. Whether you choose to volunteer your time or sponsor a prom attendee and their buddy, your willingness to bless this event for those with special needs is deeply appreciated. Visit [royred.org/upcoming](http://royred.org/upcoming) to get involved!

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*Thank you!*