

December 6, 2020



Love

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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements
Pastor Appreciation

*Men's Chorus – "Celebrate the Child"

Advent – Love

Praise Singing

*"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Congregational Prayer

*"Away in a Manger"

We Hear God's Word

Message – Discipleship Essentials: Redemption

Scripture – Isaiah 53:4-6; 1 Corinthians 15:55-58; Luke 1:66-68, 76-79

We Respond to God

Prayer

Special Music – Sawyer Bruins
"Redemption Song"

Blessing

**songs played at both 8am & 10am services*



FOUR GIFTS

Grace.Redemption.Justification.Adoption

Nov. 29-Dec. 20 - Based on Discipleship Essentials: (Chapters 10-14)

THREE ESSENTIAL ACTIONS IN REDEMPTION

Jesus...

1. P _____ the Ransom:

He came as the ransom, in flesh.

*Luke 1:68 ...because he has **come***

*Isa. 53:4 Surely he **took up** our infirmities*

*and **carried** our sorrows, yet we considered him **stricken** by God, **smitten** by him, and **afflicted**.*

2. P _____ the Ransom:

*Luke 1:68 ...and has **redeemed** his people...*

3. P _____ the Ransomer:

1 Cor. 15:55 "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

15:56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

15:57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

APPLICATION: Stand firm and _____ fully

*1 Cor. 15:58 Therefore, my dear brothers, **stand firm**. Let nothing move you. Always **give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord**, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*

PRACTICAL NEXT STEPS:

Join the group reading the Gospel of Luke on the Bible App. Find the link on our Facebook page for "Insider - Luke."

Bless a shut-in every day with a phone call.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Where else have you seen redemption movies or books?

What are you doing to stand firm as one redeemed?

What "work of the Lord" have you done this week?

What "work of the Lord" do you believe God wants you to do?

Will you give yourself fully to this work?

Upcoming Events

- Dec 6** 8:00am – Pastor Kevin
 9:00am – Sunday School
 10:00am – Pastor Kevin
 6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Dec 7** 10:00am – Shepherd Meeting
- Dec 8** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
 7:00pm – Consistory Meeting
- Dec 9** 6:30pm – Bible Class, Women’s Bible Study, Youth Praise Team
 7:30pm – High School Youth Group, Men’s Bible Study
- Dec 13** 8:00am – Pastor Doug
 9:00am – Sunday School
 10:00am – Pastor Doug
 5:00pm – Caroling
 6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group

Youth News

Middle School – Tonight we’re talking about prophecies and the amazing way Jesus fulfilled them throughout his life! See you at 6:30!

High School – It’s our last week of girls and guys Bible Study! Girls meet in the youth room, guys meet in the sanctuary, 7:30-8:30.

Christmas Card Distribution – The youth group students will have a table set up for Christmas gifts and cards through December 27th. We will pass your addressed Christmas cards (first and last names if possible) out to the correct church mailboxes - all we ask is that you donate the money you would have spent on stamps to the youth group in the box on the table. If you are giving cards to any of the shut-ins, we ask that you mail those to them this year since we don’t have people delivering media to the nursing homes at this time. Thank you so much for your support!

Opportunities to Get Involved

Women's Missionary Circle is inviting women of the church to join them throughout the year on a monthly basis to grow together in God's Word through bible study, support one another through prayer and fellowship, and to stay in touch with the missionaries our church supports by sending letters and praying for them. This is a great opportunity to grow in your faith, build relationships with other women, and be a blessing to those serving God around the world.

Bulletin Board News

Offering may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby. December benevolent schedule: 12/6 Missionary Salary, 12/13 Camp Manitoqua Mission Trip, 12/20 Words of Hope, 12/27 eCenter for Hope & Vision.

Winter Clothing Drive – We will be holding a winter clothing drive for our local schools November 11th – December 9th. Women's ministries have challenged our Bible classes in a donation challenge!! Please look at your mailbox insert for more details.

Love Offering – This year's recipient is Mark Vossekuil. A second offering will be collected each week in Sunday school class (parents, please explain to your children that one offering goes in the regular offering and the other should be given to a Sunday school teacher). You may also donate by placing your offering in a labeled envelope in one of the white, locked offering boxes through December 24th.

Christian Home Update – The Christian Home is looking for donations of 300-500 piece puzzles for the residents. Donations may be dropped off at the front desk.

12 Days of Christmas: The Christian Home plans to make the 12 days prior to Christmas a time of surprise, excitement, and love for the residents. The plan is for every resident to have something positive, every day leading up to Christmas. You are invited to join them in making this a joyful holiday for the residents. Some ways you can do that are with gifts, phone calls, cards, food, window visits, books, etc. Any items should be labeled for the resident and may be dropped off at the front desk.

Food Pantry Donations – The Waupun Food Pantry is looking for donations of hamburger. If you would like to donate, you may drop it off at the food pantry.

P - praise R - repent A - ask Y – yield

Praise: We praise you, Lord, for the healing you've brought thus far to those listed below. We rejoice in your power to heal and your compassion to see us through.

Repent: Lord, we confess that we take healing for granted and lack faith to pray boldly for miracles. Forgive us for doubting your power and love.

Ask: Father, give us a greater hunger for Your Word, a clearer vision for the future, and a stronger will to go wherever You lead. •May our community, nation and world find hope in Jesus as we obey Your call. •Grant us wisdom and discernment as the church evaluates affiliating with a new denomination. •Pour down Your peace, healing, and protection on teachers, parents, healthcare workers, and those listed below.

Yield: We surrender to Your plans and commit ourselves to obey Your Word each day. Amen.

THIS WEEK... Pray for Ron Vande Zande for a full recovery from surgery. Pray for Heidi Schindel as she recovers from an infection. Pray for the family of Ken Kamphuis as he passed away.

Healing: Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Harlan Bossenbroek, Josie Buiter, Paul Elenius, Vance Elzinga, Alvin Harmsen, Sharon Harmsen, Dan Hopp, Dave Rumley, Rollie Schroeder, Dale Schultz, Azyrah Ter Beest, Bryan Ter Beest, Brysen Ter Beest, Carl VanderKooi, Ron Vande Zande, Mark Vossekuil, and Silas Willey.

Military Personnel:

Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in New Mexico; Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in the Middle East, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder; Mitch Miller, (former youth group student) Marine deployed to the Middle East; Jim Hopp, a Marine stationed in Hawaii; and for the leaders of our country and the troops stationed overseas.

Shut-ins: Members in assisted living, nursing homes or those confined to their home: **Anchor Communities (Brandon):** Dale Kastein **Barrett House:** Lowell Glewen **Christian Home:** Gladys Kastein, Helen Straks, Junice Vande Zande, Warren & Kay Vande Zande **Evergreen:** Glen Loomans **Home:** Margaret Hoekstra, Dayton Ter Beest **Maple Meadows:** Arlene Henning **Marvin's Manor:** Eleanor Loomans **The Meadows:** Donna Kastein

Missionaries: Bob Abel – Remember Nhu, Steve & Amanda Bialy – Converge, Chris Briggs – CCCD, Mandy Kimes – His House Christian Fellowship, Andy Lickel – InterVarsity, Jersey & Preston Sheldon – Overland Missions, Randy & Wanda Potratz – SIM, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ