

# THE DESERT STREAM



—Isaiah 35.6

January, 2026

## Redeemer Lutheran Church

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**Sunday Worship...** 9a

**Sunday School...** 10:30a

**Kids: Bible History**

**Adults: St. Matthew**

**Midweek Bible Study:**

**+ 1 Peter +**

**Thursdays, 6 PM**

**At Redeemer & Teams**  
(No Class on 1/1, 1/29.)

**Elders & Council @**  
RLC—Mon. 1/5 6:30p

**Decorations Take**  
**Down**—Sun. 1/11 after  
worship

**Ladies' Guild Meets @**  
RLC—Sun. 1/18 after  
worship

**Book Club**— Next:  
Gene Veith's book The  
Spirituality of the Cross.  
Next meeting TBA.

Please Contact Pastor—

• **Private Confession**

• **Christianity 101**

• **Jr. Confirmation**

**The Congregation  
Prays:**

**A Devotional Guide  
In Sunday's Bulletin!**

## *Epiphany—Short and Sweet*

The date of Holy Easter varies from year to year. Each year, the church compensates for this in the Epiphany season—which may be as short as one or two Sundays, or it may extend to as many as five Sundays before it finally culminates in Transfiguration Sunday: we glimpse the glory of Christ in full strength, so to speak, before He comes down the mountain and turns His face toward Jerusalem and His impending sufferings and Cross.

Epiphany means God shines. God shines in Christ. God is making Himself known to us in His Son as Lord and King for His people, and as Savior of all the nations. This year the whole season fits in the month of January.

So we have a short, sweet season once again, for us to glimpse the glory of the Lord. That glory is manifest for us, so that we, who didn't know God, believe in God or seek God, might *see Him*, and put our trust in God in His coming into our world and our life, in the flesh of Christ, and in the Gospel words and gifts of Christ.

Epiphany: Magi from the East come to Jerusalem to worship the newborn King. They bring their gifts to Him. He receives their gifts and their worship, though they were foreigners and strangers in Israel. We glimpse Jesus as Savior for all nations.

The Christ child—Whom we left behind in Jerusalem was found safe and sound with the teachers in His Father's House, about His Father's business. He blesses our life and makes it holy from very childhood.

The Lord Jesus, guest at the Wedding of Cana, blesses house and home, marriage and family, with His presence and with His blessing. He turned water into wine, He thus revealed His glory. His disciples believed in Him.

The same Lord Jesus—faithful and full of grace and truth, gives us glimpses of His glory in healing the centurion's servant (Epiphany 3, Mt 8.1-13) and in calming the storm (Epiphany 4, Mt 8.23-27). He teaches about His kingdom—mixed as it is in this world, and under the cross (Epiphany 5, Mt 13.24-30).

Transfiguration moves up each year to be the last Sunday after Epiphany, for us to hear the Father's voice: This is My Beloved Son, with Whom I Am Well pleased. Listen to Him! *God so bless our ears and hearts.* This year, that Sunday falls on January 25th, the Conversion of St. Paul. Christ is glorified in this: that He magnifies His great patience, loving kindness, longsuffering and mercy!

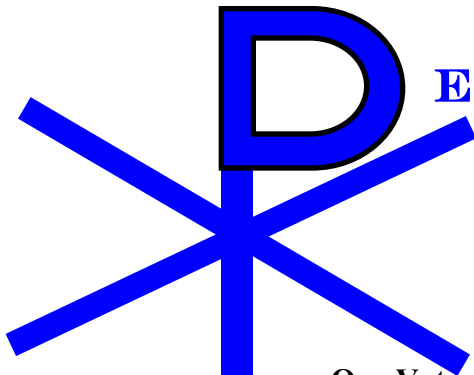
God grant it, I'll see you Sunday!

With Love,  
Pastor Hamilton

### **January Church Clean-up Days:**

- **January 10th at 9AM**
- **January 17th at 9AM**

**Fire Pit Evening  
With Cigars & Scotch  
Monday, January 26**



# DESERT STREAM CLASSIFIEDS

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*In response to various requests from some of our membership to stay informed about meetings, plans and projects, this back page of our newsletter is provided. Please let Pastor know if there is more that we can do to keep everyone in touch and informed!*

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**Redeemer Lutheran  
Church of Scottsdale**

*Please Promote our  
Worship Services and  
Online Content*

**Thank you to all our  
Volunteers: Altar  
Guild, Music, Ladies  
Guild, Kitchen,  
Properties—And  
Volunteers for our  
Sunday School!**

**Please Pray for all  
these efforts!  
Thank You to  
Everyone!**

Thank you to all of the **Ladies of Redeemer** for your volunteer efforts! Regular reports are given in the meetings: Treasury, Alpha Pregnancy Center, Fellowship, Hospitality, Altar Guild, Sunday morning Fellowship.

***Come to Church!  
Come to Bible Study!  
Bring a Friend!***

**Our Voters met on Monday, December 1st at 6:30 PM at the Church.**  
What follows is unofficial minutes:

Summary: The Voters approved the proposed budget for 2026 and set a tentative goal for January to commit to the purchase and installation of new signage on Jomax Road. Reports from the Pastor and Trustees were presented. The proposed budget was previously presented to the council and elders, and to the congregation on Sunday, November 30.

Meeting was called to order by President Mike McIver at 6:30 PM. Pastor opened with prayer. Roll call: Mike McIver, Dick Welling, Norm Hartigan, Jim Bonnell, Pastor Hamilton were in attendance.

Item: Secretary's minutes were reviewed and presented for ratification. M/S/P  
Item: Pastor and Trustees reports delivered. Elders: No formal report. Evangelism: Web city services (website design) and BQRSD Media (Lutheran online presence) are contracted to help the congregation in the coming weeks and months.

Item: Low Voltage lights have been purchased and are in planning stages for installation.

Item: New sign commitment, tentatively, after the first of the year.

Item: Social media—Brittany Babbler (BQRSD Media) has access to our Facebook page and is setting up an Instagram account for the congregation. She will be updating our online presence three times weekly for the term of the contract.

Item: Approval by consensus was granted to get a 20 yard rolloff for January work days.

Item: Mike asks leaders to begin to document information for various duties of office.

Adjournment at 7:30PM –M/S/P

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

\*Addenda/Update: 1) A website update is being undertaken in connection with our online media campaign. 2) The sign project has been moving forward, with new designs presented to the leadership, and contributions were being accepted before the end of 2025, in order to take advantage of a potential 10% cost reduction offered before the end of the year. *More information to come...*

- **Midweek Bible Class continues on Thursday Evenings at 6PM, in person at Redeemer and on Microsoft Teams.** Please join us as we continue to study **the book of 1 Peter**. Your Link to join online:

<https://teams.live.com/meet/9367419412339?p=3VieYxdvLBUh2dpyl>

Thank you to all of our musicians, teachers, parents, coaches, seamstresses, and friends whose work went into a lovely **Children's Service for Christmas!** Thank you again to all who are making such great **Puppets for Sunday School Openings!**