

THE DESERT STREAM



—Isaiah 35.6

February, 2026

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship... 9a

Sunday School... 10:30a

Kids: **Bible History**

Adults: **St. Matthew**

Coming Soon: **Hebrews**

Midweek Bible Study:

+ 1 Peter +

Thursdays, 6 PM

At Redeemer & Teams



Note: Ash Wed. (2/18)

Midweek Bible Study
Moves to Wednesdays,
5:30 PM

Elders & Council @
RLC—Mon. 2/2, 6:30p

Ladies' Guild Meets @
RLC—Sun. 2/15 after
worship

Book Club— The Spirituality of the Cross by
Gene Veith. Next meet-
ing TBA.

Please Contact Pastor—

- Private Confession
- Christianity 101
- Jr. Confirmation

The Congregation
Prays:
A Devotional Guide
In Sunday's Bulletin!

We're Going...

As I started writing this little article it was sunny and warm. I checked the temperature outside and saw sixty-nine degrees. The sky was bright and clear. I love Arizona! Meanwhile, I have been making last-minute preparations for a little travel.

At my destination, the temperature hovered at *seven degrees below zero*. The *Wind Chill Factor*—if you're familiar with that—would bring your experience down to seventeen degrees below. Besides the temperature, as it turns out, Minneapolis is not really the happiest place in world to be these days. Loved ones keep telling me: keep warm and be careful!

I gave up my flannel-lined blue jeans. I don't know what happened to the two or three sets of long underwear I used to keep close by for when I needed them. If I can be honest (maybe too honest, and I'm sorry about that) I've been kind of dreading the trip.

But you see, I have a daughter (and a son-in-law) and a son who happen to be in Minnesota right now. My In-Laws are there too. **I love them all**. So, I am going. I am going where I otherwise wouldn't be going; at a time when I otherwise wouldn't dare go. And even though I know it's barely anything alike, and ridiculously dramatic, I still can't help but be reminded of Jesus, and encouraged by what He did.

When the city that was his destination was full of the restlessness of unbelief, and frigid with the coldness of hearts that were hardening against Him and His call to repent and believe, the Lord Jesus knew what was waiting for Him there. His mind was made up. He was going to go to Jerusalem anyway.

The Lord Jesus told His disciples, in words that make us marvel—because of what He knew, and because of what He was willing to do and endure for us and for the life of the world: "**See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles.³⁴ And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise.**"

What would make Him do this? When He knew the danger wasn't just a threat but a certain thing for Him? But **He loved them all**. His disciples. His friends. His enemies. The Gentiles who would be agents of His cruel sufferings and death on the cross. His love for God and for sinners moved Him to give Himself to be our sin-bearing Savior. And in Him all our sins are forgiven. Thank God! God grant it, I'll see you Sunday!

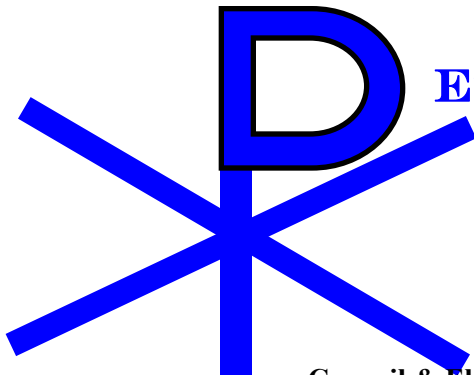
With Love,
Pastor Hamilton

Fire Pit
Friday, February 6th at 5:30 PM

Next Work Party
Scheduled for March

Ash Wednesday—Feb. 18
Service at 4 PM, Supper After
Midweek Bible Class at 5:30

Lent Wednesdays: Services, 4 PM
Supper After, Bible Class at 5:30



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

**Please Pray for all
these efforts!**

**Thank You to
All!**

A special **Thank You**
to all of the **Ladies of
Redeemer** for your
volunteer efforts!

A special **Thank You**
to all the **Volunteers
at our Clean-Up
Events!** The Property
is looking wonderful!

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

Council & Elders met on Monday, January 5th at 6:30 PM at the Church.

What follows is unofficial, abbreviated minutes. *President Mike McIver called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. In attendance were Mike McIver, Pastor Hamilton, Jim Bonnell, Norm Hartigan, John Colville, Brian Carlson and Dave Richards.*

Pastor Hamilton opened the meeting with a prayer. Mike McIver discussed things he was thankful for in 2025. He gave a report on accomplishments, including: Low voltage lights that have been purchased. The new sign is underway. Mike thanked Jim for his efforts and reported that the sign company is currently getting permits.

- Pastor Hamilton presented a written Annual Report (available at the usher's table at church or upon request to Pastor) outlining some objectives, including visitations to guests within 36 hours and ushers staffing.
- Bryan Carlson presented his financial report (available upon request). December income was a net negative, but positive for 2025 by about \$4,000.
- The cost of the new sign is \$34,602. The Church has received designated contributions for the sign of \$9,600 to date. The Church has also received designated contributions of \$7,000 for the new organ and \$3,500 for the low voltage lights in addition to worship service offerings.
- Pastor Hamilton presented the Evangelism report: The Church now has an Instagram presence. Views and engagements of the Church's pages have increased significantly.
- Mike McIver and Jim Bonnell gave a property report: November Church workday have been well-attended, accomplishing much. Two workdays had been scheduled for January 10th and 17th. A roll-off dumpster was to be delivered. The Church firepit has been resurrected and will be used for social events. Low voltage lighting is being planned for the installation, with trenching under the sidewalk to install the lights. Mike McIver fixed the timer for the parking lot lights. The GFCI outlet for the patio lights in the pavers is bad and needs to be replaced. Mike McIver is going to identify and mark all the breakers. The Hamiltons are going to paint the classrooms
- Jim Bonnell gave a thorough report on the new sign: The installer is currently getting permits. The sign will be delivered within 8 to 9 weeks of receipt of permits. We may need 20 amp breakers and 12 gauge wire to be installed for the sign. The sign is cloud managed and changed via a wireless router.
- Old Business: Jim Bonnell generated a list of vendors the Church uses for repair and maintenance.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Midweek Bible Class continues on Thursday Evenings at 6PM, in person at Redeemer and on Microsoft Teams. This class moves to Wednesdays at 5:30 on 2/18. Please join us as we continue to study **1 Peter**. Your Link to join online:

<https://teams.live.com/joinmeeting/9367419412339?p=3VieYxdvLBuNh2dpyl>