## November 2017 Monthly Newsletter for Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

## The Big News for November is What's Planned for December!

Council changed the dates of the **Christmas Gift Café** and the **Yuletide Feast** to make it possible to have the Christmas Gift Café early in the Advent season, so as to catch the holiday shopping crowd before they have all their gifts.

That is why the Christmas Gift Café will be on Saturday, December 2 (the day before the First Sunday in Advent, exact times to be determined), but the Yuletide Feast will be the weekend after (Sunday, December 10; but more about the Feast when we get closer to December).

The Christmas Gift Café will be our only fundraiser between now and the end of the year, so it is an important part of reaching our budgetary goals for 2017. It will take a significant contribution in people's time and talents to make the Christmas Gift Café a success.

This year, Keri Wehlander and Kim Hoath will share in the coordinating responsibilities for the event. The necessary sign-up sheets and lists of responsibilities will go out soon, but in the mean time please consider the following needs and how you might help to make the Christmas Gift Café a reality this year:

Helpers will be needed to:

- Organize and staff the café portion (making the coffee & tea, staffing the kitchen, gathering supplies and goodies)
- Organize the sale tables, which will be made available to crafters in exchange for a fee/rent/donation (rates still to be worked out)
- Reserve and pick up the small square tables that help to make the café portion such a hit.
- Donate baking or run the bake sale table
- Recruit or volunteer to offer live music
- Oversee the advertising in the community
- Help to clean up our hall and church when the event is over.

If you are not physically able to do any of these jobs, do not fear! Your prayers for, and presence at the event will help to make it a positive experience for everyone, and, by the grace of God, something that will help us make ends meet.