

December 2018 Newsletter for Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

TIS THE SEASON: DECEMBER AT ORLC

The Yuletide Feast (December 2) is our annual First Sunday in Advent get-together where we enjoy each other's company over a feast with turkey and all the trimmings. This year the Sunday School will be presenting their Christmas play (a puppet show) at the Yuletide Feast. As usual, we will end the evening with a Christmas carol sing-a-long. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; dinner starts at 6:00. If you want to attend, but have not signed up to bring a dish or to help with set-up or cleanup, let Louise Quandt know you are coming so we have a count of how many to set up for.

Christmas Bake & Wine Café

Many of you will remember the Christmas Gift Café of the last few years. The Christmas Bake & Wine Café is similar, but definitely not the same event. There will be no craft tables or gifting tables other than one for the "Grandmothers for Africa", and, of course, the bake sale table. The emphasis of this new event will be on the atmosphere and fellowship. You will be able to purchase a hot beverage and baking, or a glass of wine with a plate of fruit and cheese. Come and enjoy a little break from your holiday shopping or from running your errands on Saturday, December 8, at the Christmas Bake and Wine Café. Doors are open from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

3rd Sunday in Advent Choral Service, featuring the Christmas Cantata "The Winter Rose" by

Joseph Martin. This was the composition that our choir performed in New York's Carnegie Hall together with numerous other choirs in a 300 voice mass choir with orchestra. The choir now presents this music, not as a concert, but in the context of our Sunday morning worship, where we will also hear the Scriptures read, the Gospel proclaimed, and where the congregation will sing several hymns. Don't miss out, Sunday, December 16, at the usual 10:00 a.m. worship time.

Christmas Eve Services (Monday, December 24)

As in years past, we will have two Christmas Eve Services:

At the 4:00 p.m. Children's Service, we will act out the Christmas story in an improvised play for children, and the children at heart, to dress up and immerse themselves in the story. The story will be punctuated with appropriate Christmas carols.

The 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service will be a traditional Christmas Eve service with Christmas hymns, lessons, sermon, and, of course, the singing of "Silent Night" to candlelight.

Christmas Day (Wednesday, December 25)

On Christmas Day we will have a Service with Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m. We will also sing some Christmas hymns that we don't always get to in the other services.