



The Parish Beacon

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Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Two-thousand years ago, Jesus changed the world. He changed the world for the better. Far better.

When Jesus became Incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and made man, the world was in need of a savior. Some people looked for a savior, while others didn't actively look for a savior. But all of mankind was in need of saving.

Since the Fall of Adam and Eve, the world had become increasingly corrupt and began attempting to replace the True God with man-made objects. The world had turned away from the True God.

The only civilization that had knowledge of the True God – Israel – had only a few who spoke on behalf of God. But these few people gave the good news of a savior to those who would listen. It would take centuries for these prophecies to become fact. God is certainly on a different timeline than us.

Through the Holy Spirit's inspiration, the prophets wrote of this future hope:

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” (Isaiah 7:14)

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)

As an adult, this Jesus would perform many miracles displaying His Almighty power over creation. He turned water into wine, He caused the lame to walk, He healed lepers and He raised the dead. Jesus gained a popular following. Crowds gathered to welcome Him into Jerusalem with palm branches and blankets covering the road as Jesus rode in on a donkey on that famed Palm Sunday.

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” (Zechariah 9:9)

Still, these miracles were not good enough. When He called Himself equal to God, that was the final straw.

The Jewish leadership did not want to lose their power over their people. When they finally got their chance to arrest Jesus, they took it. Then under the Roman authority, Jesus was tried for calling Himself equal to God. The crowds shouted, “Crucify Him!”

“Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:4-5)

Three days after Jesus' death upon the Calvary Cross, He rose from the dead! He changed the world. Jesus is our present hope! Some 2,000 years later, Jesus remains as the most talked-about person by all of humankind. The thing is, Jesus is not just a person; He is also 100 percent God. He is our savior!

Eternal life is a gift from Jesus for those who believe in His promises!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Vicar Adelsen



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APRIL ACTIVITIES

- 1-3 Stephen Ministry Retreat
- 2 GGG at 1st Avenue Hy-Vee 7:30am
- 3 Sunday School 9:15am/Bible Study 9:30am
Young Adult Bible Study 4:00pm
Teacher Appreciation Dinner 6:00pm
- 4 Education Committee 7:00pm
Mission Committee 7:00pm
- 5 Women's Beth Moore 10:00am
Human Care 6:30pm
Stephen Ministry Training 6:45pm
Youth Committee Meeting 7:00pm
- 6 Bible Study 11:00am
Lunch Bunch 12:00pm
Midweek Meal 6:00pm
Midweek Classes 6:45pm
Properties Committee 7:00pm
- 7 Board of Elders 7:00pm
- 9 Men's Bible Study 8:00am
LWML Spring Zone Rally/Hiawatha 8:30am
- 10 Sunday School 9:15am/Bible Study 9:30am
Vision 2020 Presentation 12:00pm
- 11 Outreach Committee 6:30pm
Mission Guild Board 7:00pm
- 12 Stephen Ministry Training 6:45pm
Vision 2020 Presentation 7:00pm
- 13 Midweek Classes 6:45pm
- 14 Board of Directors 7:00pm
- 15-17 Confirmation Retreat - Chicago
- 16-17 Vision 2020 Survey
- 16 Tasting Bee 11:00am
- 17 Sunday School 9:15am/Bible Study 9:30am
- 18 LWML Mission Guild 7:00pm
- 19 Stephen Ministry Training 6:45pm
Assimilation 7:00pm
- 20 Bible Study 11:00am
Lunch Bunch 12:00pm
Midweek Classes 6:45pm

- 21 Theology 101 7:00pm
- 22-23 Senior High Lock Out
- 23-24 Vision 2020 Survey
- 23 Men's Bible Study 8:00am
- 24 Sunday School 9:15am/Bible Study 9:30am
- 26 Stephen Ministry Training 6:45pm
- 27 Midweek Classes 6:45pm

BAPTISM THIS WEEK

Zander Lincoln Ohlmann
5:30 pm, March 26



**ONE LORD
ONE FAITH
ONE BAPTISM**

Parents
Jeffrey Walter Ohlmann
Amie JoAnn Wortman Ohlmann

Sponsors
Trevor Ohlmann
Ashley Dobry

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30pm Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am

Comfort-Tiers meet Thursdays at 9:00am
Need more tiers anytime between 9:00 am to noon
No expertise or materials required-Coffee provided

Choir rehearsal Wednesdays at 6:00pm

Praise Team Practice schedule varies—
Contact Myrl Holida myrl-holida@uiowa.edu or
Louise Klopp choirdirector@ourredeemer.org

Watch *Reflections* for information on:



Liberia Partnership Mission
April 18
7:00pm
Fellowship Hall



LWR Packing
April 11
6:00pm
Hallway/Kitchen



Bible Study
April 3
4:00 pm
440 1st Avenue



Tasting Bee
Saturday April 16
11:00 am
Fellowship Hall
Recipes go to Sandy Wagner



Preschool Open
House
May 10
6:30pm



Retreat
April 1-3
Honey Creek Resort



March 31
April 21
7:00pm
Board Room



Saturday, April 9
8:30am
Zion Lutheran/Hiawatha



CHALLENGE
May 1, 2016
Following Late Service



Teacher Appreciation Dinner
April 3
6:00pm
Fellowship Hall



April 15-17
Chicago



Vision 2020 Presentations
Sunday, April 10 at 12pm
Tuesday, April 12 at 7 pm
Fellowship Hall



Preschool Fundraiser
Themes due April 27
Baskets due May 2
Auction May 7/8,
14/15 and 21/22



Senior High
April 22-23



Basics of the Faith
May 6-7



SPORTS BANQUET



Garret Jansen
Football

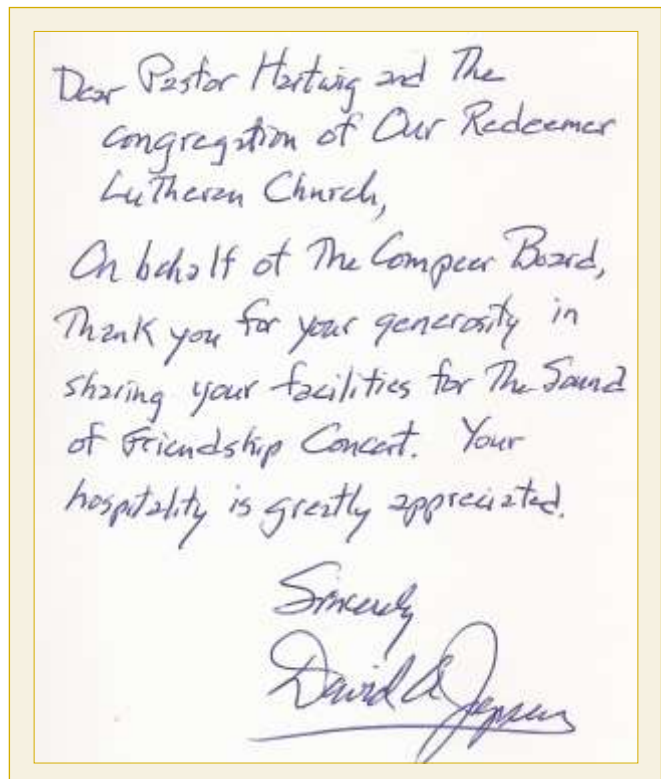
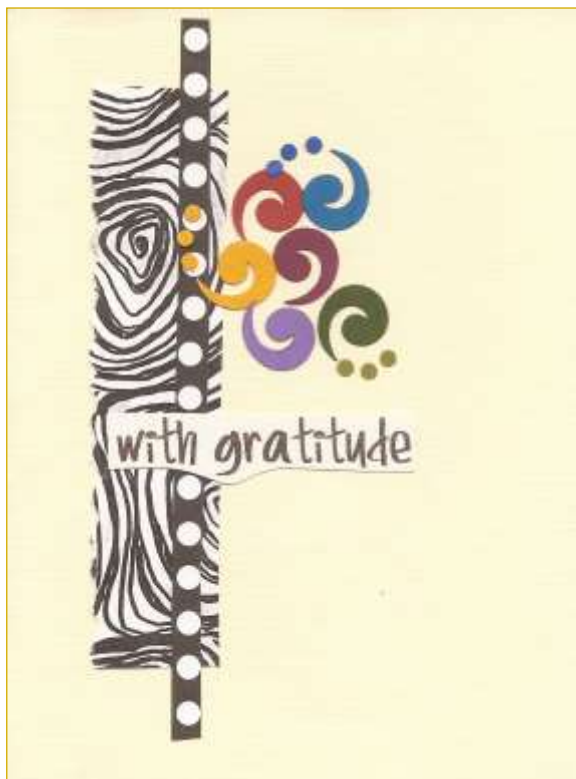
Levi Paulsen
Football

Emma Fougstad
Swimming

Landon Paulsen
Football

Alyssa Klostermann
Volleyball

We want to thank all who were able to share a meal and to hear five University of Iowa athletes talk about their Christian faith with us on Sunday, February 28th. Every week on the university campus there is a group of athletes who gather together to read and talk through the Bible. Athletes in Action is one of the Christian groups that meets at the University Of Iowa and Jim Goodrich is their leader. Thank you for your support in prayers and through monetary donations. We thank God for this year and look forward to next year.



COMMUNITY PANCAKE DAY



The Mission Committee would like to thank the congregation for helping make this year's Pancake Day a success. A special thank you to all the volunteers. The annual Pancake Day could not happen if not for the generosity of all the volunteers. More than 1150 people were served, and the estimated dollar figure of \$8000 was collected to support the Crisis Center of Johnson County. The final dollar amount is not available yet.

- Denise Holida
- Miriam Meyer (Mission Committee Chair)
- Anita Nicholson
- Val Penney
- Bob Powers



The Orphan Grain Train would like to thank all the volunteers who donated, both their kitchens baking desserts, and their time selling desserts. \$750 was raised for this wonderful outreach to those in need.

~Walt & Bev Prem





Stephen Ministry

We care, Christ cures.

Three years ago, five members of the Our Redeemer Lutheran Church community embarked on a journey commissioned to improve the overall well-being of ORLC members by providing support during a time of need. Yes, the Stephen Ministry initiative at Our Redeemer has reached its third anniversary.

In some respects, it is hard to believe that the program is only three years old as it is an endeavor that has encompassed countless hours of work, making it a focus of the daily lives of all laborers involved in the ministry. This level of commitment makes it easy to forget just how long the process has taken. Yet, the evolution of the ministry has been incredible.

The ministry has grown from a commission to actuality within a relatively short period of time. We currently have a team of nine active Stephen Ministers meeting with individuals, addressing the needs of members of the Our Redeemer community. We are in the process of training another group of volunteers to join the ranks of active Stephen Ministers, affording the ability to expand our support efforts to even more members. In addition, we are welcoming a new member to the Leadership Team, replacing a founding member who is pursuing other interests.

We have begun reaching out to other Stephen Ministry programs within the greater Iowa City community, joining with them to expand our need for ongoing education for existing Stephen Ministers. Last Fall, we hosted a single day workshop focusing on understanding the nature of dementia and the needs of those affected by this increasingly prevalent disease. We look forward to future cooperative endeavors with our fellow Stephen Ministry teams.

Yet, we cannot forget that we have more to accomplish. We are in need of even more active Stephen Ministers as our goal of meeting the care needs of all members of our ORLC community remains unfulfilled. We also need to allow a time of rest and recuperation for existing Stephen Ministers. There comes a time when a break from care giving is necessary. We do not want the ministry to be slowed by a lack of active Stephen Ministers.

At the same time, we want and appreciate the opportunity to provide a Christian-based caring relationship with ALL members of the ORLC community during their time of need. Please, prayerfully consider asking for the support of a Stephen Minister when that time arises. Please contact Pastor or any member of the Stephen Ministry team to arrange for the services of one of our active Stephen Ministers.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank all of the members of the Stephen Ministry team for your past, present, and future endeavors related to our Stephen Ministry program. It has been, and continues to be, an honor and privilege to work with you.

Kevin Sellers

ROLLER SKATING

Sunday, March 13



SPIRITUAL GROWTH EVENT



Wednesday, March 16, the confirmands answered questions about their faith and presented their banners.
Left to right: Michael Kimball, Rodney Wittich III, Nathaniel Glandorf, Kayla West, Kylea Greve, Paige Rocca, Lindsey Bolton, Claire Behrens, Reece Caven, Kyle Clark ~photo by Kara Hartwig

RECEPTION FOLLOWING



Left to right: Nathaniel Glandorf, Lindsey Bolton, Kylea Greve, Paige Rocca, Kayla West, Claire Behrens, Michael Kimball, Rodney Wittich III, Kyle Clark, Reece Caven ~photo by Kelli Kucera



Spring into health!

Tweak Your Diet.

Eating the right foods can help keep your heart healthy—and you don’t have to completely overhaul your diet to do it! Try these simple, tasty trade-offs to your everyday meals.

Swap refined white bread products for fiber-rich whole grains. Brown rice, whole wheat pita, and oatmeal cereal are good choices to help control both blood pressure and cholesterol for a healthy heart.

Replace processed foods with fruits and veggies. Make them half of your plate at each meal. From spinach to berries, they are chock full of fiber and nutrients like magnesium and potassium that the heart needs to function at its peak.

Trade red meat for salmon, mackerel or other fish at least twice a week. Fish are high in heart healthy omega-3 fatty acids and low in artery-clogging saturated fats.

Exchange mayo for a creamy avocado spread. Avocado is loaded with heart-healthy monounsaturated fats.

Choose low sodium nuts over chips. Just a handful of walnuts, almonds or other nuts supply plenty of monounsaturated fats.

Switch from salt to herbs for seasoning foods. Sodium raises blood pressure and strains your heart. Try basil to flavor green beans or rosemary on carrots. Limit ketchup, barbecue sauce and other sodium-rich condiments.

Information obtained from:

http://www.healthadvocate.com/emails/heart_health/HA-M-1601021-1FLY_HeartHealth_VF.pdf

Membership Changes & Official Acts

| <u>Baptism</u> | |
|---|-----------|
| Camden Arthur Grosvenor | 3-13-2016 |
| Zander Lincoln Ohlmann | 3-26-2016 |
| <u>Transfer In</u> | |
| Scott & Kari Kibby, Nathan, Erin, Megan | 3-7-2016 |
| <u>Confirmation</u> | |
| See confirmands listed on opposite page | 3/20/2016 |



Small Group Ministry Mission Statement: *To grow in grace using our spiritual gifts, through good stewardship for the benefit of the group so that the body of Christ may be built up.*

Updates from Small Group Ministry....



Tuesday Beth Moore Small Group

Photo courtesy of Diana Bowman

The Tuesday morning and Thursday evening women's small groups are wrapping up or have just completed their study this past year on "Jesus The One and Only" by Beth Moore. This study focused primarily on the Book of Luke, as we looked closely at Christ's life. We went into the hills of Galilee with Jesus, across the lake with the Master, and finally concluded our study on the road with the Savior – His face set toward the cross.

This study allowed us to get to know Jesus more personally, to walk on the dusty roads of the Holy Land

as Christ had done over 2,000 years ago, to walk in His footprints and hear Him speak. As our study ended, we joined the disciples on the Mount of Olives for our last earthly glimpse of Christ as He ascended into Heaven.

Here are just a few of the comments from the small group members' reflections on this study:

- The study helped me to understand and know Jesus Christ more
- The study made me think about the human emotions Christ experienced
- It got us turning the pages between the Old and New Testament and helped us in connecting God's wonderful plan of salvation
- Strengthened my relationship with Christ
- Showed us how important Jesus is to our salvation
- We liked learning more about Christ in the fellowship of female friends

Be sure to watch for new women's studies starting next fall!



Thursday Beth Moore Small Group

Photo courtesy of Denise Holidia



KUDOS

Our Redeemer's
Board of Directors
recognizes

HOWARD HINTZE

For many hours spent cleaning and organizing church documents, records in the storage room behind the kitchen.

Thank you!



Vision 2020 Presentations

- Sunday, April 10 at 12:00pm
- Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00pm

Vision 2020 Survey

- April 16 & 17
- April 23 & 24

Vision 2020 Voting

- Voter's Meeting Saturday, May 21 at 9:00am

MARCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- Information regarding solar panels was presented and presenter left handouts (attached to Minutes in Board book/office). No formal estimate given for a building the church size but gave a ballpark of \$200K – 300K. Discussed presentation later in meeting and decided not to pursue panels at this time but possibly down the road if there is a new addition.
- February ended with total income of \$49,159.29 with expenses of \$60,377.13, giving us a negative cash flow of \$-11,217.84. Year to date income \$100,575.82 and expense \$109,078.56 with a negative cash flow of \$-8,502.74.
- Elders continue to discuss communion (including proper care of communion elements and trays/cups), early communion, and creeds of church. They are doing a study each meeting on the historical content of creeds, theology of creeds, and what Luther/other church leaders say about them.
- Human Care – three crocheted blankets for cancer care patients or for others struggling with health issues have been distributed with four more to be worked on.
- Pancake Day a success. More Crisis Center volunteers participated than in the past.
- Pastor and Vicar went to Phoenix for a Best Practices Conference (for LCMS Pastors, DCEs, and teachers).
- Biblical Figures had a good turnout – received good suggestions for next time in two years.
- Sports Banquet had five students from UI though turnout was small. Looking for ways to increase attendance.
- Louise Klopp is requesting new skirts for bell choir table and sheet music holders.
- Requesting all staff, directors, and committee members wear nametags. Pushing for all members to do so.



The BANANAS Song

He's a peach of a Savior He's the apple of my eye
He prunes back the branches when the branches get too high
He bears His fruit in season and His love will never die
And that's why I'm bananas for the Lord

CHORUS:

Glory, glory we're the branches
Glory, glory we're the branches
Glory, glory we're the branches
And that's why we're bananas for the Lord



Thank you to Thrivent Financial for giving us money to purchase an Alphabet line!



Uu

(To The Eensy Weensy Spider)

My uncle's ukulele goes unka, plunka, doo.

Each night he strums it underneath the moon.

Unka, plunka, plunka, doo ...

I hear Uncle's happy tune floating upstairs to my room.



Outside fun



X marked the spot on our treasure hunt!



NEW!

*P*resentations

VISION

20/20

Eye on the Future

Sunday, April 10th

Tuesday, April 12th

NEW!

*P*roposal

NEW!

*P*lan

Greetings everyone,

As you may have guessed, we are all well and although a little shaken from the realization that these terrible events are happening in close proximity, we are also using this as an opportunity to reach out and share with others who are nervous or unsure about the future and where their lives are heading. We are grateful for the opportunities the Lord is placing in our paths.

Things are stable and we have good people around us who are helping us and watching out for us, just as we are trying to do the same for them.

Here are some new updates:

- This past December we had a fantastic turn out for the Christmas "Messiah" performance. Nearly 200 people came for the event, over 30 from the local community. We are gearing up for our Easter performance and hope to have a similar turn out. Please pray that minds and hearts would be opened to the powerful Easter message of our Messiah's gift of salvation.
- We were also told in December that the focus for the Turkey field would shift to Word and Sacrament ministry (including church planting) and that the education office would be shut down in order for more emphasis to be placed in this area. Please pray for these new transitions.
- With the ongoing situation in Syria, we've also been trying to work with local groups that are helping the massive flow of refugees here in Ankara. One group, in particular, has been working with over 5000 refugees to try and provide them with basic food and clothing supplies on a regular basis. Their system makes food distribution available about once every 6 weeks for each family that is registered. The whole family has been getting involved, along with many others both on our team and within the ex-pat community. We hope to have pictures and more details soon.
- This past week, Enoch spoke with almost 70 future religion teachers (seniors) at Ankara University about Christianity and answered questions they had about what we believe and many other ideas like heaven / hell / purgatory (Muslims believe in something similar to this) and the concept of original sin (Muslims do not believe in this). There was great discussion! (spoiler alert: no conversions, but great opportunities for future talk about the Way the Truth and the Life). Pictures coming soon.

We are gearing up for Sydney's high school graduation this summer!! Whaaaatt?!?! The shock is still there and we're also trying to work out the transition for her to the US for college, etc. Please keep all these works in your prayers as well. There are many decisions for the Petersen's this year and we appreciate all your prayers and support.

That's all for now, but a more colorful and "pictureful" report should be coming very soon. I just have to speak with the editor about it. Thank you for your patience.

We pray your Lenten journey is blessed and filled with much searching and finding of our Savior and His free gift of salvation at the foot of the cross and the empty tomb.

Blessings and peace,
The Petersens



Missionary who received part of the
Karen Redus Memorial

Ryan, Jonie, Kayden and Kenley Murken



Welcome to the Murkens!

Ryan and Jonie Murken,

along with daughter Kenley and son Kayden, transferred to Our Redeemer from Faith Lutheran Church in Hastings, NE. Ryan is a sports writer for the Iowa City Press Citizen and Jonie is an accountant. They enjoy going to sporting events.

WELCOME New Members

Kathy Druecker



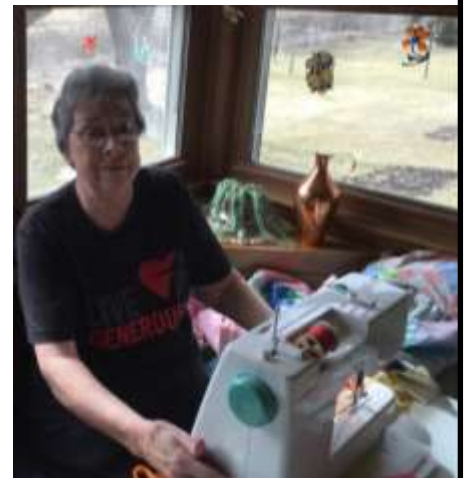
Welcome, Kathy!

Kathy Druecker is retired, having worked for a lawyer and various Tanger Mall stores. She grew up on a farm in Iowa County and now lives with her son, Mike Gerholdt, in Iowa City. She graduated from City High in 1968, was confirmed and married by Pastor Niermann at Our Redeemer. In 1994 she got her Associates of Applied Science in Interior Design from Kirkwood. Blessed with good health, she likes to volunteer and enjoys outdoor activities and yardwork. Kathy strives to complete 10,000 steps per day to stay healthy.



THRIVENT ACTION TEAM

Carol Schultdt's Thrivent Action Team provides Iowa City Shelter House with quilts.



Pictures from Carol Schultdt



BIBLE WORDGAMES

1. What happened to the wife of Ananias after she lied to the apostles? (Acts 5:10)

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|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| A. she repented | B. she was put out of the church | C. she died |
| D. she was forgiven | E. she was struck with blindness | |
2. How did the Holy Spirit first appear to the apostles? (Acts 2:2)

| | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| A. thunder and lightning | B. a strong wind | C. an earthquake |
| D. like a dove | | |
3. Who was the first man to sell his land and give the money to the apostles? (Acts 4:37)

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| A. Lucius | B. Justus | C. Barnabas |
| D. Stephen | E. Jason | |
4. What was the field called that was purchased with the money given to Judas? (Acts 1:19)

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|-------------|------------|------------|
| A. Apollyon | B. Abaddon | C. Fullers |
| D. Acedama | | |
5. How many were gathered with the disciples after the ascension of Jesus? (Acts 1:15)

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|--------|--------|-------|
| A. 50 | B. 100 | C. 70 |
| D. 120 | | |
6. What happened to Ananias after he lied to the apostles about his land sale? (Acts 5:5)

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|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| A. he was stoned | B. he left the church | C. he hung himself |
| D. he died | E. he repented | |
7. At which Holy Day did the Holy Spirit first appear? (Acts 2:1)

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|----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| A. Passover | B. Pentecost | C. Feast of Tabernacles |
| D. Feast of Trumpets | | |
8. Who was chosen to take the place of Judas Iscariot? (Acts 1:26)

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|-------------|-------------|------------|
| A. Stephen | B. Sergius | C. Timothy |
| D. Barsabas | E. Matthias | |
9. How many were added to the church on the day that the Holy Spirit arrived? (Acts 2:41)

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| A. 3000 | B. 500 | C. 2000 |
| D. 1500 | | |
10. What did the apostles do right after the Holy Spirit came upon them? (Acts 2:4)

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|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| A. went to the temple | B. spoke in tongues | C. raised the dead |
| D. healed the sick | | |
11. Which Old Testament prophet spoke of the Holy Spirit? (Acts 2:16)

| | | |
|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| A. Joel | B. Daniel | C. Jeremiah |
| D. Isaiah | | |
12. About what time of day did the Holy Spirit first appear? (Acts 2:15)

| | | |
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| A. midmorning | B. noon | C. dawn |
| D. late afternoon | E. midafternoon | |
13. What was the first recorded miracle done by Peter in the name of Jesus? (Acts 3:6)

| | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| A. cast out a demon | B. healed a lame man | C. cured a leper |
| D. healed a blind man | | |
14. What did Peter tell the people they should do to receive the Holy Spirit? (Acts 2:38)

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| A. repent | B. pray and fast | C. pray and ask for it |
| D. repent and be baptized | E. pray and repent | |

Answers on page 17

Dear family and friends at Our Redeemer,

Greetings in the name of Christ! We are so thankful for all of you and the way God has blessed us through you. We would like to take a moment to tell you the latest about our family and what we've been up to.

I (Josh) enjoyed experiencing the Advent/Christmas season from the pastor side of things. While it was a busy season with double the services and multiple Christmas parties to attend, I especially enjoyed preaching, teaching, and writing about what God did for us by the incarnation of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Now that the Christmas season is over my Thursday morning bible study has begun again and we are studying the Holy Spirit. I love talking about how He is not a mere transcendental force that gives us power, but rather God really present with us, uniting us to Christ by faith and interceding for us with groanings too deep for words (Rom 8:26).

In 7th Grade Confirmation class we are studying the Apostles' Creed. I think this is vital training for these young men and women as they grow up in a society that increasingly does not know the Christian story. My goal is for them to leave this class able to articulate their faith not only to other Christians but also to those who have never heard.

During the past five years Virginia has been hired as a photographer for family photos, engagements, weddings, and more. Now she has a website! (virginialeepphoto.com) She hopes to build a part-time business as a creative outlet and supplemental income. Last month Virginia also started a bible study for moms to attend with their children. Usually six moms, three of them un-churched, come and have a great time reading God's Word, eating pumpkin bread, and walking to the Purple Chair for story time.



Simeon is walking all over the house now! He had wanted to walk for so long; life just got a lot more fun! It continues to amaze us how quickly he changes and grows.

In January, we were blessed to visit with friends from college and seminary. Since Craig and Christa Reiter were in Houston for a seminary donor event, we decided to make the three-hour

drive to see them and the city. A highlight of the trip was touring the space shuttle at the Houston Space Center!

Thank you again for all of your prayers and support. May the Lord bless you and keep you in 2016.

With much love,

Joshua, Virginia, & Simeon Vanderhyde

Visited Our Redeemer
as a guest preacher

Answers to Bible Wordgames:
1. C, 2. B, 3. C, 4. D, 5. D, 6. D, 7. B, 8. E, 9. A, 10. B, 11. A, 12. A, 13. B, 14. D

Youth



Easter Breakfast Fun Facts

Ever wonder how many donations are needed to host the Easter Breakfast?

Take a look at the fun facts below to see how many items our generous church members donated.

40 dozen Eggs

50 lbs Fresh Fruit

36 lbs Hash Browns

25 lbs Sausage Links

10 dozen Donut Holes

20 dozen Mini-Muffins

And many other food items and paper products!

The youth want to thank everyone who donated items for the Easter Breakfast!

Looking Ahead...

April

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
|-----|-----|------|-----|------|-----|-----|
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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

15 – Spring Confirmation Retreat

17 *Confirmation youth*
(all 6th, 7th & 8th graders)

23 – Lock Out 9:00 pm on Fri

24 *High school youth & 8th graders* until 7:00 am Sat

24 NYG Payment Due \$115.00 Give to Kara/
NYG youth participants church office

Ongoing Weekly Activities for Youth (6th - 12th grade)

Confirmation (6th –8th graders)

Sunday School

meets every Sunday from 9:15—10:15 am
6th graders—Room 208

Teachers are Joseph Van Zante, Bryce West
and Drew West

7th & 8th graders—Board Room in the church office
Teacher is Josiah Coblentz

Children's Choir

meets on Sundays from 10:15—10:30 am
Kindergarten– 8th graders—Music Room
Children's Choir Director is Allison Haack

High School

Sunday School

meets every Sunday from 9:15—10:15 am
High school— Youth Room
Teacher is Heidi Bingenheimer

Midweek

meets every Wednesday from 6:45—8:00 pm
High school—Youth Room
Leaders are Vicar Adelsen and Kara Hartwig



Confirmation Classes on Weds nights from 6:45—8:00 pm

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2016 Board of Elders Congregational Assignments

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Each family of the Our Redeemer flock is assigned alphabetically by last name to an elder to insure each family is prayed for and feels they “have an elder”. It is the sincere feeling of the Board of Elders that we are to love and be of service equally to the entire body of believers. We encourage any one of you to contact any one of us so we can share your spiritual journey, ideas or concerns.

DEADLINES

Reflections (printed weekly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) each Wednesday by 5:00 p.m.

Beacon Newsletter & Church Activities Calendar (printed monthly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) by noon on the 20th of each month.

TELEVISION ~ RADIO

Our Redeemer Worship Service on Public Access TV Channel 18 every Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

The Lutheran Hour Television Ministries talk show “On Main Street” is shown on **Public Access Television Channel 18** on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. and Sundays at 10:00 p.m.

Lutheran Hour Ministries on Radio—WMT 600 AM Radio on Sunday mornings at 6:30 a.m., and **KXEL 1540 AM Radio** on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND SCREENING

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church has been in ministry with children and youth for over 55 years. Our insurance carrier, Church Mutual, strongly encourages us to promote the safest and most secure environment possible by screening all employees and volunteers, both new and existing, especially those who interact with children. Performing background checks will provide safeguards and peace of mind to our staff, volunteers, parents, youth and children. Additional details will be forthcoming as we put this screening process in motion.



New Creation

Romans 6:1-14

The butterfly emerges from a cocoon

The crocus from its bulb

The bear from his den

The river from the ice

The chicken from an egg

A tree from a seed

The Babe from His mother

The sinner from eternal death



~ Carol Schuldt