



# The Parish Beacon

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February 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Ashes show our need for Jesus.

Ash Wednesday falls on February 10<sup>th</sup> this year and that day marks the beginning of the season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, Christians receive ashes upon their forehead to serve as a symbol of our repentance and of our mortality. This symbolism shows our need for Jesus and for the forgiveness and life He freely provides. As the ashes are placed upon our foreheads, we hear these words from Genesis 3:19: *“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”*

When we leave the church grounds on Ash Wednesday, many of us will go to public places, such as the mall or a department store. The ashes can serve as an evangelism tool. Some people may ask you, “What is that on your head?” And you can respond and talk about how Jesus has saved you from your sins.

Eventually, everyone who wears the ashes will wash them off. As we all wash off the ashes from our foreheads, we remember our baptism and the sense of cleansing and relief thanks to Jesus Christ’s death and resurrection.

When Ash Wednesday is over, we continue through the 40 days of Lent that leads up to Holy Week. These 40 days are solemn in preparation for Easter. Many of us will fast, or give up an earthly desire during Lent. Lent’s 40 days symbolizes the 40 days that Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness.

When Easter arrives, we again remember what Christ has done for us by his glorious resurrection. And at Christ’s second coming, we will have a resurrection like His.

In Jesus’ Name,  
Vicar Peter Adelsen



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## FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

- 1 Education Committee 7:00pm
- 2 Human Care 6:30pm  
Stephen Ministry Training 6:45pm  
Youth Committee Meeting 7:00pm
- 3 Midweek Meal 6:00pm  
Midweek Classes 6:45pm  
Properties Committee 7:00pm
- 4 Board of Elders 7:00pm
- 5 Basics of the Faith 7:00pm
- 6 GGG - Iowa City Hy-Vee 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue 7:30am  
Basics of the Faith - 8:30am
- 7 Sunday School 9:15am/Bible Study 9:30am  
Education Enrichment 11:45am  
Young Adult Super Bowl/Bible Study 3:30pm  
High School Super Bowl Party 5:00pm
- 8 Outreach Committee 6:30pm  
Preschool Board 7:00pm  
Mission Committee 7:00pm  
Mission Guild Board 7:00pm
- 9 Women's Beth Moore 10:00am
- 10 Bible Study 11:00 am  
Lunch Bunch 12:00pm  
Ash Wednesday Divine Service 1:00pm  
Ash Wednesday Divine Service 7:00pm  
NO MIDWEEK CLASSES/NO MEAL
- 11 Women's Beth Moore 7:00pm  
Board of Directors 7:00pm
- 13 Men's Bible Study 8:00am
- 14 Sunday School 9:15am/Bible Study 9:30am  
NYG Kickoff Meeting 12:00pm
- 15 LWML Mission Guild 7:00pm
- 16 Stephen Ministry Training 6:45pm  
Assimilation Committee 7:00pm
- 17 Lenten Divine Service 1:00pm  
Lenten Meal 5:10pm  
Lenten Service 6:10pm  
Midweek Classes 7:00pm

- 18-22 Pastoral Conference--Vicar & Pastor attending
- 20 Compeer Concert 6:30pm
- 21 Sunday School 9:15am/Bible Study 9:30am  
Voters' Meeting 11:45am  
Biblical Figures of Lent 5:30pm
- 23 Women's Beth Moore 10:00am  
Stephen Ministry Training 6:45pm
- 24 Bible Study 11:00 am  
Lunch Bunch 12:00pm  
Lenten Divine Service 1:00pm  
Lenten Meal 5:10pm  
Lenten Service 6:10pm  
Midweek Classes 7:00pm
- 25 Women's Beth Moore 7:00pm
- 27 Men's Bible Study 8:30am
- 28 Sunday School 9:15am/Bible Study 9:30am  
Sports Banquet 12:00pm
- 29 Mission Committee 7:00pm  
Theology 101 7:00pm

### 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 December Wednesdays at 6:00pm**

**Praise Team Practice schedule varies—**  
**Contact Myrl Holida [myrl-holida@uiowa.edu](mailto:myrl-holida@uiowa.edu) or**  
**Louise Klopp [choirdirector@ourredeemer.org](mailto:choirdirector@ourredeemer.org)**

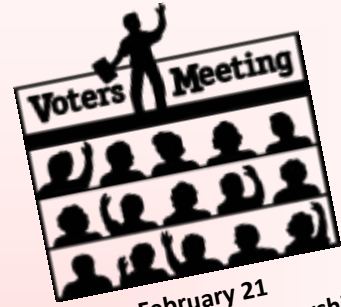
Watch *Reflections* for information on:



February 10  
Services 1 & 7 pm  
NO MIDWEEK  
CLASSES OR MEAL



"Heart to Heart"  
Erica Davisson discusses  
heart health  
February 15  
7:00pm  
Fellowship Hall



February 21  
Following 10:30 am worship  
Fellowship Hall



February 29  
7:00pm  
Board Room



Sports Banquet  
February 28  
12:00pm  
Fellowship Hall



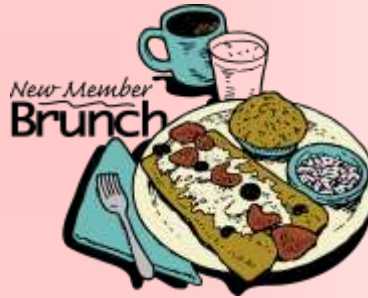
STEPHEN  
MINISTRY  
Training Class  
Starts February 9  
Tuesdays 6:45-9:15pm



Pancake Day  
Saturday March 5  
7am—1 pm  
Fellowship Hall



In Christ Alone  
LCMS YOUTH GATHERING  
NYG Kickoff Meeting  
February 14  
12:00pm  
Fellowship Hall



New Member Brunch  
March 6  
12:00pm  
Fellowship Hall



February 3  
6:00pm  
Fellowship Hall  
Freewill offering



February 21  
5:30 - 7:30 pm  
Fellowship Hall



Bible Study & Super Bowl Party  
January 7  
3:30pm  
Vicar & Melissa Adelsen's



Basics of the Faith  
February 5 7-9pm  
February 6 8:30am



Education Enrichment  
February 7  
11:45am  
Fellowship Hall

## BAPTISM THIS WEEK



**ONE LORD  
ONE FAITH  
ONE BAPTISM**

**Isabella Grace Schwartz**  
5:30 pm, January 30

**Parents**

Padraic Stephenson O'Shea  
Amy May Johnson O'Shea

**Sponsors**

Cody Johnson  
Crystal Bailey

## LENTEN MEALS

HELP NEEDED! There are groups signed up for only three of the five meals to be served during Lent. If anyone would like to serve on either February 24 or March 16, please let the church office know at 338-5626 or [redemer@ourredeemer.org](mailto:redemer@ourredeemer.org).

February 17 LWML  
February 24  
March 2 LYF  
March 9 Human Care  
March 16



# LENTEN SCHEDULE

February 10 **Ash Wed** Services 1 & 7 pm, *No Midweek*

February 17 **Lent** Services 1:00 & 6:10 pm  
to March 9 Midweek Meal 5:10 pm  
Midweek Class 7:00 pm  
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm

March 16 **Lent** Services 1:00 & 6:10 pm  
Midweek Meal 5:10 pm  
*No Midweek Classes*  
Spiritual Growth Event 7:00 pm

March 20 **Palm Sunday** Confirmation at 10:30 am

March 23 **Silent Wednesday** Prayer Walk 11 am - 8 pm  
No midweek

March 24 **Maundy Thursday** Services 1:00 & 7:00 pm

March 25 **Good Friday** Kiwanis Prayer Breakfast 6 am  
Services 1:00 & 7:00 pm

March 26  
Easter Worship 5:30 pm

March 27  
EASTER  
Easter Worship 8 & 10:30 am  
Easter Breakfast 9:00 am  
Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am





# ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday Mornings

9:30 am

Fellowship Hall

## *COUNCILS AND CREEDS*

**Through February 21**

Week 4 - Council of Ephesus (431)

Council of Chalcedon (451)

Week 5 - Second Council of Constantinople (553)

Third Council of Constantinople (680)

Week 6 - Second Council of Nicaea (787)

Week 7 - Athanasian Creed



Dear Members of Our Redeemer,

Mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance (Jude 1:2)! It's hard to believe it has been almost a year since we visited and met you all. We continue to be humbled by your generosity and encouraged by your love. Thank you especially for the gift you sent for Christmas.

Here at Cross in New Braunfels, I will be working toward creating opportunities for members to play sports together in the community. Please pray that God would work in it for good. You and your ministry are in our prayers.

Peace in Christ,

*Joshua, Virginia, and Simeon Vanderhyde*



Did you grab the wrong coat?

Ardith Cushing wore a coat home last Sunday that, on closer inspection, is not hers. If you have a long maroon lightweight coat, take a look to see if you might have hers. It was on the rack to the left of the upstairs doors. Call 354-3158 to arrange a swap.

Coming February 21  
5:30 - 7:30 pm  
Fellowship Hall

Plan to come meet the people who played a role in the time leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus!

*Watch Reflections for more information (all ages welcome)*

Lenten Devotions available at the Welcome Center



Praise to Him who showers blessings on us daily! We have counted and totaled the numbers that we have recorded during our sewing and tying quilts and found to our amazement, if our math is correct, that the total exceeds any year-end total yet!!! Praise Him again!

To the Lutheran World Relief, we sent 49 quilts and five blankets in the spring and another 581 quilts in the fall. The Salvation Army received 10 quilts and one lap robe while the Shelter House was given 105 quilts. Six more quilts, made in one day, went to the Mission Auction, and 20 quilts were sent to the LWML Convention for Orphan Grain Train. Hope Lodge received 40 quilts, and Beth Benson's group made 42 quilts while the Comfort-tiers tied 46 more for the Domestic Violence Shelter which makes the grand total of quilts for the year as being 899!!! And we must not forget the other 142 baby quilts Lillian made for the University of Iowa Hospital.

In His name and give Him all the glory, the Comfort-tiers, thanking you all for your donations! We couldn't have gotten this total without Him and you!



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE CRISIS CENTER



The Crisis Center of Johnson County is looking for volunteers to work in our Food Bank and to answer the Crisis Line/Chat/Text. We would appreciate the help in spreading the news by publishing this information in your church bulletin and/or making an announcement.

The deadline for volunteer applications is Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Applications can be downloaded and printed or filled out on-line here: <http://jccrisiscenter.org/pages/get-involved/volunteer.php>

We are currently seeking to fill the following positions in the Food Bank:

- **Front Desk Specialist**
- **Client Interviewer (Bilingual Opportunity for Spanish, French and Arabic)**
- **Storeroom Specialist (Bilingual Opportunity for Spanish, French and Arabic)**
- **Client Choice Operator (Bilingual Opportunity for Spanish, French and Arabic)**

We are currently seeking to fill the following positions in the Food Bank:

- **Crisis Intervention Volunteer**

If you have questions about volunteering or you would like more information please contact Jay Capron, Communications Coordinator at [jay.capron@jccrisiscenter.org](mailto:jay.capron@jccrisiscenter.org) or by calling 319-351-2726, Ex. 106.



# Stephen Ministry

**We care, Christ cures.**

Exciting news, There WILL be a Stephen Ministry Training class starting February 2! Currently, the class has three members, but there is room for more. So, if anyone is interested in Stephen Ministry training, there is still time to register. Just pick up a registration form, complete and return it to Pastor Hartwig as soon as possible. Questions concerning the nature of the training can be directed to any members of the Stephen Ministry team.

In addition, we are pleased to announce that Marcia Hulse has agreed to serve as a member of the Stephen Ministry Leadership Team. Marcia will be replacing Marvel Titone, who has stepped down to pursue other interests. Marcia will begin serving on the leadership team immediately and will be receiving additional Stephen Ministry Leadership training during the first part of April. Marcia is currently serving as an active Stephen Minister and as a Peer Supervision Group co-leader. We are excited to have Marcia serving as a member of the leadership team.

Please remember, if anyone desires the services of a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Hartwig or any member of the Stephen Ministry team. We are ready to provide confidential, Christ-centered support for all members of the Our Redeemer community during their time of need.

Finally, please remember all members of the Stephen Ministry team in your thoughts and prayers.

## Stephen Leaders

Bill Benson  
Pastor Hartwig  
Marcia Hulse  
Kathy Schweer  
Kevin Sellers

## Stephen Ministers

Dianne Clark  
Steve Faga  
Sarah Gabel  
Marcia Hulse  
Skip Kempnich  
Cathy Nelson  
Shari Sedlacek  
Kevin Sellers  
Arlan Thompson  
Marlene Thompson  
Marvel Titone

*Applications to become a Stephen Minister are in the church office.*



## VIRAL GASTROENTERITIS (Stomach Flu)

Viral gastroenteritis is an intestinal infection marked by watery diarrhea, abdominal cramps, nausea or vomiting, occasional muscle aches/headache and low-grade fever. The most common way to develop viral gastroenteritis — often called stomach flu — is through contact with an infected person or by ingesting contaminated food or water. If you're otherwise healthy, you'll likely recover without complications. But for infants, older adults, and people with compromised immune systems, viral gastroenteritis can be very serious.

There's no effective treatment for viral gastroenteritis, so prevention is key. In addition to *avoiding food and water that may be contaminated*, thorough and *frequent hand-washings* are your best defense. Depending on the cause, viral gastroenteritis symptoms may appear within one to three days after you're infected and can range from mild to severe. Symptoms usually last just a day or two, but occasionally they may persist as long as 10 days.

### Adults - call your doctor if:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not keeping liquids down for 24 hours</li> <li>• Vomiting for more than two days</li> <li>• Fever above 104 F (40 C)</li> <li>• Blood in vomit/stool</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dehydration —excessive thirst, dry mouth, deep yellow urine or little or no urine, and severe weakness, dizziness or lightheadedness</li> </ul>
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### Infants and children

#### See your doctor right away if your infant/child:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CHILD/INFANT</li> <li>• Has a fever of 102 F (38.9 C) or higher</li> <li>• Seems lethargic or very irritable</li> <li>• Is in a lot of discomfort or pain</li> <li>• Has bloody diarrhea</li> <li>• Dehydration — low fluid intake and urination</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• INFANT</li> <li>• Vomiting more than several hours</li> <li>• No wet diaper in six hours</li> <li>• Bloody stools or severe diarrhea</li> <li>• Sunken soft spot on the top of head</li> <li>• Dry mouth or cries without tears</li> <li>• Unusually sleepy, drowsy or unresponsive</li> </ul>
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There's often no specific medical treatment for viral gastroenteritis. Antibiotics aren't effective against viruses, and overusing them can contribute to the development of antibiotic-resistant strains of bacteria. Treatment initially consists of self-care measures.



## Home treatment and dehydration prevention:

- **Let your stomach settle.** Stop eating solid foods for a few hours.
- **Try sucking on ice chips or taking small sips of water.** You might also try drinking clear soda, clear broths, or noncaffeinated sports drinks. Drink plenty of liquid every day, taking small, frequent sips.
- **Ease back into eating.** Gradually begin to eat bland, easy-to-digest foods, such as soda crackers, toast, gelatin, bananas, rice and chicken. Stop eating if your nausea returns.
- **Avoid certain foods and substances until you feel better.** These include dairy products, caffeine, alcohol, nicotine, and fatty or highly seasoned foods.
- **Get plenty of rest.** The illness and dehydration may have made you weak and tired.
- **Be cautious with medications.** Use many medications, such as ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin IB, others), sparingly if at all. They can make your stomach more upset. Use acetaminophen (Tylenol, others) cautiously; it sometimes can cause liver toxicity, especially in children. Don't give aspirin to children or teens because of the risk of Reye's syndrome, a rare, but potentially fatal disease. Before choosing a pain reliever or fever reducer discuss with your child's pediatrician.



## Home treatment for infants and children

- **Help your child rehydrate.** Give your child an oral rehydration solution, available at pharmacies without a prescription. Talk to your doctor if you have questions about how to use it. Don't give your child plain water — in children with gastroenteritis, water isn't absorbed well and won't adequately replace lost electrolytes. Avoid giving your child apple juice for rehydration — it can make diarrhea worse.
- **Get your child back to a normal diet slowly.** Gradually introduce bland, easy-to-digest foods, such as toast, rice, bananas and potatoes.
- **Avoid certain foods.** Don't give your child dairy products or sugary foods, such as ice cream, sodas and candy. These can make diarrhea worse.
- **Make sure your child gets plenty of rest.** The illness and dehydration may have made your child weak and tired.
- **Avoid giving your child over-the-counter anti-diarrheal medications,** unless advised by your doctor. They can make it harder for your child's body to eliminate the virus.

If you have a sick infant, let your baby's stomach rest for 15 to 20 minutes after vomiting or a bout of diarrhea, then offer small amounts of liquid. If you're breast-feeding, let your baby nurse. If your baby is bottle-fed, offer a small amount of an oral rehydration solution or regular formula. Don't dilute your baby's already-prepared formula.

Information obtained from:

<http://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/viral-gastroenteritis/basics/definition/con-20019350>

# WELCOME

## *New Members*



Lynne & Jack Thomas

Welcome to Jack and Lynne Thomas who come to us from Sycamore, Illinois, having lived in a variety of places-Richmond, Virginia; Champaign and Bartlett, Illinois; Houston, Texas; Clinton, Cedar Rapids, Ames, Davenport, Le Claire, and now Riverside, Iowa. Jack is self-employed and Lynne is Associate Director of the University of Iowa Community Home Care Association. They have one child, Casey. Leisure activities include gardening, fishing, exercising, and cooking/baking.. Their interests here at Our Redeemer include kitchen activities and small group participation.

## **Membership Changes & Official Acts**

<u><b>Baptism</b></u>	
Isabella Grace Schwartz	12-27-2015
Zettie Belle James	1-10-2016
<u><b>Transfer Out</b></u>	
Mark & Susan Ferguson	1-5-2016
<u><b>Death</b></u>	
Florence Calef	12-28-2015
David Moyer	1-15-2016
Virginia Means	1-17-2016



# CONFIRMATION KINGS PARTY

January 10



Pictures by Kara Hartwig





## KUDOS

**Our Redeemer's**  
Board of Directors  
recognizes

MELISSA MULLANE

For spear-heading, ordering and  
arranging Christmas poinsettias that  
also supported a 4Cs fundraiser  
(Community Coordinated Child Care)

MARILYN PAETZ

For her dedication, extra effort,  
and hours for  
Advent and Christmas services  
(including Saturday nights and new  
11:30 pm Christmas Eve service)

*Thank you all!*



# JANUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

- December ended with total income of \$84,560.24 with expenses of \$67,743.73, giving us a positive cash flow of \$16,816.51.
- 2016 ended with income is \$665,658.21 with expenses of \$652,440.52, resulting in a positive cash flow of \$13,217.69.

## ELDER'S REPORT:

- Bylaws review starts at the next meeting
- Myrl Holida is chairman, Skip Kempnich vice chairman for 2016

## CHURCH PROPERTIES REPORT:

- Mike Applegarth has offered to donate trailer for church maintenance use. Will look into registration and insurance questions.
- Old parsonage almost ready for painting, cleaning, and repair
- New garage is being insulated and dry walled. Chris Bower has donated materials and labor
- Rob Bowman is new chair

## STAFF REPORTS:

### Pastor Hartwig

- Mid-year vicarage paperwork done. Working on call paperwork for next Vicar.
- Hired Account Temp to move us to QuickBooks. A less expensive temp will take over until bookkeeper can be hired—2 applications received with 2 additional inquiries.

### Vicar Adelsen

- Continues nursing home visits, Bible classes and sermons

### Kaja Mueller

- Maternity leave is over
- Preschool totals 10 on T/Th and 11 M/W?F
- VBS materials have arrived
- SS and Midweek training being planned

### Denise Holida

- Marriage Retreat weekend is being planned



**OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH – 2016  
Board of Directors, Committee Chairs**

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**Board of Directors Committee Oversight**

<u>Group</u>	<u>Reports to</u>
Board of Directors	Congregation
Board of Elders	Congregation
Church Properties	Board of Directors
Assimilation	At Large-Kevin Roiseland
Auditing	Chair, Board of Directors
Christian Outreach	At Large-Dave Johnson
Contributions	Treasurer
Education/Family Life	At Large- Kevin Roiseland
Health Ministries	At Large-Barb Schanbacher
Human Care	At Large- Barb Schanbacher
Missions Committee	At Large-Dave Johnson
Nominating Committee	Pastor
Preschool Committee	At Large- Kevin Roiseland
Small Groups	At Large-Dave Johnson
Technology	At Large-Barb Schanbacher
Youth Activities	At Large-Barb Schanbacher
Worship Committee	Pastor

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*Elders listed on page 19*



## 20 t 20 UPDATE

In 2012 we set out on a journey we have called Vision 20/20. Through the years, several committees have been formed and some dissolved. Good work has been done. A lot of effort and energy has been poured into this project by many. The entire roof of Our Redeemer has been replaced. It was just a year ago that our sanctuary sat stripped of carpeting, pews, and well, everything. As the sanctuary took shape, smiles dawned upon many faces. There was an excitement in the air.

As we moved back into the sanctuary, we began a round of five presentations on the vision of 20 t 20. The scope was broad and the cost was high. Following the presentations surveys and in-person interviews were conducted by Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF). At the end of June, LCEF gave a presentation on their compiled results. Several conclusions stood out:

- Youth ministry was very important.
- There were concerns and questions about preschool.
- The gymnasium was out.

But this was not the end of the Vision 20 t 20 journey. We must keep our eye on the future. By the end of summer, the Vision 20 t 20 steering committee was regrouping and re-planning, keeping these points in mind. It was then that 512 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue was purchased. 110 people attended the Voters' Meeting, and all 110 people voted to purchase the property. Through the Fall and early Winter, renovations were made to the property. At the first of this year, Pastor Hartwig moved from 440 to 512, and now we are in the process of cleaning up and painting 440 to prepare for Vicar Adelsen's occupancy.



Other changes continue at church. Notice that the inside handles of the sanctuary and fellowship hall have been removed and push plates added. Following the removal of the black marks on the stairs, the stairways are getting new grip tape installed.



This is all part of Vision 20/20. Vision 20/20 was not simply one design, but what you saw last year was a mile marker in this journey. When Walt Disney built Disneyland in 1955 it was plan number 17. Sixteen different designs were discarded along the way. Please plan to join the Vision 20 t 20 team for presentations that will be forthcoming this Spring to explain the new proposal. We must keep our "Eye on the Future."



Our Redeemer Preschool Weekly Newsletter  
January 25<sup>th</sup>—29<sup>th</sup>, 2016



# Caring & Powerful

Director/Teacher: Kaja Mueller      Assistant: Kate Ramsey  
Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949      www.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org      preschool@ourredeemer.org

Letter: Ii

Number: 5 FIVE

Bible: Jesus Feeds Five Thousand

**JESUS TIME:** In our Bible story this week, we learned how a young boy brought Jesus his lunch, 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish, to feed over 5,000 people. We need to trust that Jesus also cares for our needs and provides abundantly for us each day. We have been talking about what foods are healthy and help make our bodies strong. It has been fun hearing **what are the kids' favorite foods.**

**CRAFTS:**

- Igloo with packing peanuts
- Gluecream Ice Cream Cones
- Playdough
- Free Style

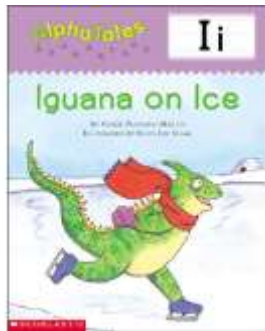
**SONGS/CHANTS:**

- "Letter I"
- "Shake Another Hand"
- "This Little Gospel Light Of Mine"
- "Snap, Crackle, Pop—What is for Lunch"

**SCIENCE CENTER:** Light Table

**STORIES WE READ:**

- "Ice Cream Soup" Ann Ingalls
- "Alpha Tales: Iguana On Ice" Carol Pugliano-Martin
- "Letter Ii" Scholastic Reading
- "Jesus Feeds 5000 People Big Book" Eileen Ritter



Fat old five goes down and around. Put a flag on top and see what you've found!



**Ii (To Clementine)**

In an igloo on an island in a sea of icy water,  
Lived an inchworm named Ignatius and his itsy-bitsy daughter.  
She was smaller than an inkblot and her name was Isabel.  
She didn't need a cradle 'cause she slept in a seashell.

**DO IT AT HOME**

We had a great time exploring a fun way to paint with a glue/shaving cream mixture.

JANUARY SNACK TIME PRAYER

Thank, Thank, Thank You God  
(Sung to Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

Thank, Thank, Thank You God,  
Thank You now we pray,  
You have given all we need,  
To live through everyday.



Current preschool families will have the first opportunity to register for the school year of 2016-2017. Registrations will be handed out in February. Further information will be coming soon.

# BIBLE WORDSEARCH

Wordsearch 244 and Solution

## Bible Wordsearch Sermons of Jesus 4

Wordsearch 244

Matt. 7: 1-12

R	O	O	D	E	R	C	A	S	I	T	O	I	S	E
R	E	H	T	A	F	K	N	A	L	P	P	F	K	S
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E	E	G	O	C	H	I	L	D	R	E	N	E	U	M
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E	E	T	A	E	A	Y	O	R	R	S	D	S	I	K
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E	L	C	V	K	H	E	T	H	N	O	J	W	S	L
C	R	E	H	T	O	R	B	E	K	R	K	L	O	R
D	S	D	O	O	G	I	V	E	N	P	E	V	I	L

- BREAD
- BROTHER
- CHILDREN
- CLEARLY
- FATHER
- GIVEN
- GOOD
- HEAVEN
- JUDGED
- KNOCK
- MEASURE
- OPENED
- OTHERS
- PEARLS
- PIECES
- PROPHETS
- RECEIVES
- REMOVE
- SACRED
- SAWDUST
- THROW
- TRAMPLE
- DOOR
- EVIL
- EYE
- FEET
- FINDS
- FISH
- GIFTS
- KNOW
- LAW
- LOOK
- MORE
- MUCH
- PIGS
- PLANK
- SEEKS
- SNAKE
- SPECK
- STONE
- SUMS
- TEAR
- TIME
- TURN
- UNDER

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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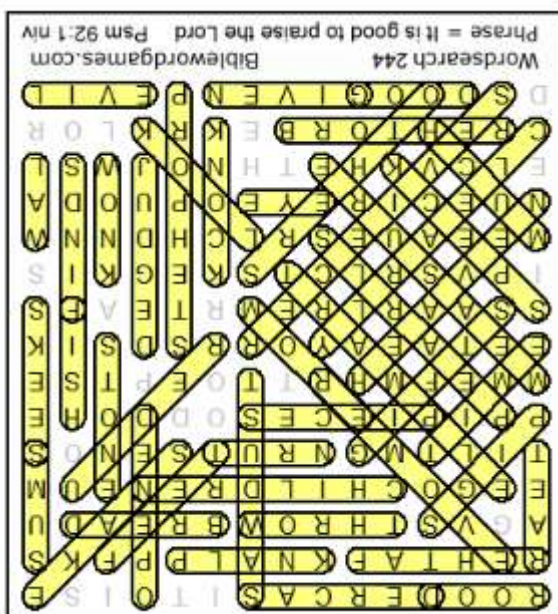


**Friday, January 2**

Pictures by Kara Hartwig



**High School Packs  
College Care Packages**





# Looking Ahead...

## February

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	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					

- 3 Midweek Meal *All* 6 pm —6:45 pm  
*Meal followed by Confirmation class*
- 7 Super Bowl Party *High School* 5 pm—8:30 pm  
*Pastor's House*
- 10 Ash Wednesday Worship Service *All* 7 pm
- 14 NYG 2016 Potluck & Kickoff Meeting *NYG 2016 registrants and their parents* 12 pm -1:30 pm  
*Fellowship Hall*



Thank you to everyone who donated items for the College Care packages! The high school youth were able to put together 25 packages. Each box was filled with a variety of items including a notecard from the youth with each college student's Confirmation verse handwritten inside. Thank you also to Thrivent for the Thrivent Action Team funds to help pay for postage to send the boxes! To God be the glory!

## Confirmation

**Classes on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Join us for the Midweek Meal at 6:00 pm**

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Small Group EXAM tonight!

MEMORY DUE: none  
TEST: Weds, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Lecture

The Lord's Prayer—4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Petitions  
4<sup>th</sup> Petition: "Give us this day our daily bread."  
5<sup>th</sup> Petition: "And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."  
HOMEWORK DUE: Petitions 2-3 pages  
MEMORY DUE: Proverbs 28:13

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Lecture

#### Lord's Supper

*It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us to eat and to drink.*

HOMEWORK DUE: Rough draft of Confirmation paper

TEST: Tonight, Weds, January 27<sup>th</sup>

## HIGH SCHOOL SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 7

5:00 pm

Hartwigs - 512 S. 1st Ave.



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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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.





## Not Just For Peter

*John 21:15-17, 19b*

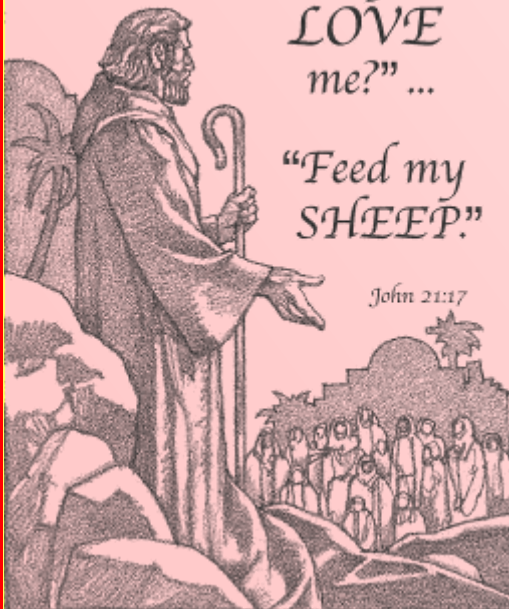
Do you love Me?  
Tell Me now.  
Do you love Me?  
Show Me how.  
Do you love Me?  
Feed My sheep.  
Do you love Me?  
My commandments keep.  
Do you love Me?  
More than earthly life?  
Do you love Me?  
More than child or wife?  
Do you love Me?  
From temptation flee.  
Do you love Me?  
Tell others of Me.



*“Do you  
LOVE  
me?” ...*

*“Feed my  
SHEEP.”*

*John 21:17*



Carol Schuldt