



The Parish Beacon

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January 2015

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

Throughout Scripture, everyone who has come into the presence of the Lord has been in awe of Him and has adored Him.

Think of Moses and the burning bush. Quietly watching over his father-in-law's sheep, Moses saw a bush on fire but not being consumed. When God spoke to Moses telling him to remove his shoes, Moses realized who was speaking, and "Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God" (Exodus 3:6). But he listened and spent 40 years showing adoration to God by obediently leading God's people according to God's direction.

Think of Isaiah and his vision. Isaiah writes about the vision through which God called him to be His prophet: "I saw the Lord...high and lifted up... [and the angel] called to another and said. "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts." His reaction was to confess his sinfulness and, like Moses, to adore God by answering His question, "Whom shall I send?" with "Here am I. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:18).

Think of the Wise Men and their gifts. The Wise Men came in search of the newborn King, bringing their gifts and bowing before Him in adoration. Matthew 2:11 records, "And going into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him." And they offered to the Christ Child the gifts they had brought for Him, "gold and frankincense and myrrh."

Think of the shepherds and their angelic revelation. The shepherds adored Him, too. They heard about Jesus from the angels as they sat outdoors watching their sheep and ran to Bethlehem to see the Christ Child. They didn't have gifts to bring as the Magi did, but they, too, responded in adoration. Luke writes, "And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning the Child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them" (Luke 2: 17-18).

God gives gifts to each of us and uses us to tell the Good News of the birth of His Son Who came to bring us forgiveness of sins, salvation, even life eternal.

So think of our response.

Sometimes, like the Wise Men, we give monetary gifts to support mission and ministry. Other times, like the shepherds, we "make known... [what has] been told [us] concerning the Child." And all the time, by God's grace, all of us can respond in faithful obedience to God's Word.

In these ways, we adore our Savior.

Merry Christmas!
Pastor Hartwig



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JANUARY ACTIVITIES

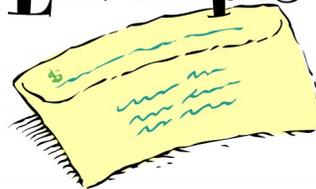
- 1 **Office Closed**
- 2 Congregational Ski Trip
- 3 GGG - Iowa City Hy-Vee 1st Ave 7:30am
- 4 Sunday School 9:15am/Bible Class 9:30am
ORKS Kings Party 11:30am
Youth Night 6:30pm
- 5 Greek Club 5:00pm
Education Committee 7:00pm
Mission Committee 7:00pm
- 7 Midweek Meal 6:00pm
Midweek Classes 6:45pm
Properties Committee 7:00pm
- 8 Women's **Esther** Beth Moore 7:00pm
Board of Directors 7:00pm
- 9-10 LYF Winter Retreat
- 9 Knitting Small Group 1:30pm
- 10 Men's Bible Study 8:00am
Board of Elders 9:30am
- 11 Sunday School 9:15am/Bible Class 9:30am
- 12 Greek Club 5:00pm
Preschool Board 7:00pm
- 13 Women's **A Woman's Heart** Beth Moore 10am
- 14 Bible Study 11:00am
Lunch Bunch 12:00pm
Midweek Classes 6:45pm
- 15 Theology 101 7:00pm
- 18 Sunday School 9:15am/Bible Class 9:30am
SG Turbo Leader Lunch 12:00pm
- 20 Assimilation 7:00pm
- 21 Outreach 2015 Fair Sub-committee 5:45pm
Midweek Classes 6:45pm
- 22 Women's **Esther** Beth Moore 7:00pm
- 23 Basics of the Faith 7:00pm
- 24 Men's Bible Study 8:00am
Basics of the Faith 9:00am
- 25 Sunday School 9:15am/Bible Class 9:30am
- 26 Greek Club 5:00pm

- 27 Women's **A Woman's Heart** Beth Moore 10am
LLL Meeting 7:30pm
- 28 Bible Study 11:00am
Lunch Bunch 12:00pm
Midweek Classes 6:45pm
- 30-31 IDE Junior High Winter Retreat



**Deadline to send in
Convention Workers Form
January 15**

Offering Envelopes



**Available in the narthex
Now in alphabetical order
Many numbers have changed!**

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

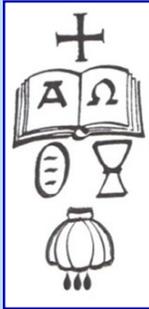
Saturday 5:30pm Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am

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 meets Wednesdays—7:00pm

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

Watch *Reflections* for information on:



January 23
7:00-9:00pm
January 24
9:30am-3:30pm



January 15
7:00pm
Board Room



December 31
7pm



January 9
1:30 pm
Library



January 2



LLL Meeting
January 27, 2014
7:30 pm
Fellowship Hall



January 9-10



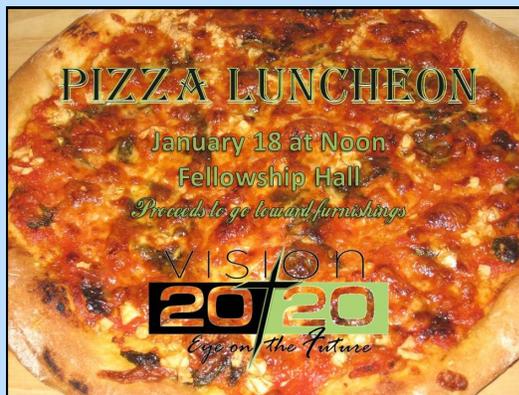
Junior High
Winter Retreat
January 30-31

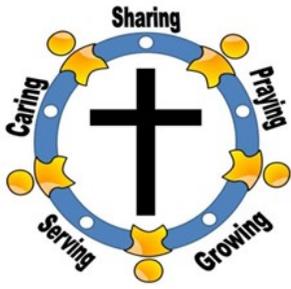


Des Moines Convention
Worker Application Deadline
January 15



PANCAKE DAY
March 7
Coming soon to
Reflections





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....

Small Group Ministry is sponsoring a Vision 2020 pizza fundraiser on Sunday, January 18 at noon in the fellowship hall. *Reflections* will have details soon.



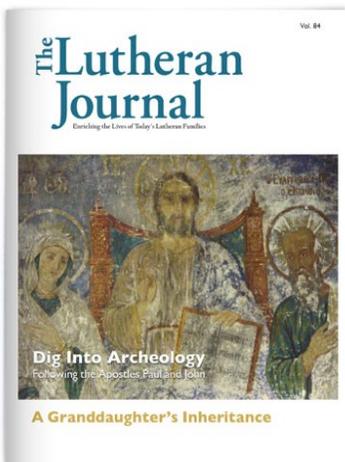
Friday, December 19



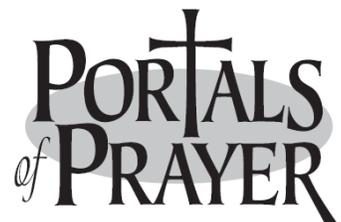
Photos courtesy of Kara Hartwig



Thank you Falbo Brothers Pizzeria for donating the pizza.



January-March Portals of Prayer & The Lutheran Journal are available at the Welcome Center



Board of Directors Minutes

PROPERTIES: Mike Applegarth outlined proposed 2015 expenses including sidewalk repair, parking lot stripes, contract maintenance, pipe asbestos removal, cracked window replacement (board room) and water treatment in the air/heating system totaling \$9,872.

Rather than fixing kitchen stoves to meet emission standards, two new stoves were purchased for \$3,354; the old ones will be sold to Elder Services.

INSURANCE UPDATE: Larry compared four different Property and Liability program options for Our Redeemer, sharing coverage details and premium costs (ranging from \$7,342 to \$11,527 annually). A motion was passed to switch our current Church Mutual policy to Brotherhood Mutual (premium: \$8,286).

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: LCEF has been chosen to organize and direct the campaign; a feasibility study (cost:\$9,000) will soon begin to develop a campaign process and to determine how much Our Redeemer can raise.

VISION 2020: The Task Force is trying to define the scope of construction/refurbishment possibilities and needs within the projected financial campaign. At present, Merritt Construction is fine-tuning the original plans to see if costs could be lowered and still meet Vision 2020 expectations. The Board's primary responsibility will be in setting a limit on how much Our Redeemer will borrow from the bank (Hills Bank will charge approximately 5.5% annual interest). Plans for immediate sanctuary work (pews, carpet, altar arrangement, etc.), and an update will be presented at the January Board meeting.

I wish to thank Pastor and Mrs. Hartwig for stopping by for a Christmas visit and thank you so much, Emma Hartwig, for the Christmas letter that came along with them. I so much enjoyed it.

Best wishes and God bless you all,

Arlene Sell



KUDOS

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

ALLISON HAACK

For directing the children's Christmas program

BRRENDA JOHNSON

BETTY KELLY

KATHERINE KELLY

For chairing the successful Cookie Walk

Thank you all!



The Human Care Committee is excited to have served 7 families with 47 gifts for 17 children and their families purchased by Our Redeemer members. Thank you for participating in this very important program, bringing the message of Christmas to them. God Bless you all !!!



Cervical Cancer Awareness

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) – cervical cancer is the easiest gynecologic cancer to prevent, with regular screening tests and follow-up. Two screening tests can help prevent cervical cancer or find it early:

- The Pap test (or Pap smear) looks for *precancers*, cell changes on the cervix that might become cervical cancer if they are not treated appropriately.
- The HPV test looks for the virus (human papillomavirus) that can cause these cell changes.

The Pap test is recommended for all women between the ages of 21 and 65 years old. During the Pap test, the doctor collects a few cells from the cervix and the area around it. The cells are then placed on a slide or in a bottle of liquid and sent to a laboratory. The laboratory will check to be sure that the cells are normal.

If you get the HPV test along with the Pap test, the cells collected during the Pap test will be tested for HPV at the laboratory. Talk with your doctor, nurse, or other health care professional about whether the HPV test is right for you.

When you have a Pap test, the doctor may also perform a pelvic exam, checking your uterus, ovaries, and other organs to make sure there are no problems. There are times when your doctor may perform a pelvic exam without giving you a Pap test. Ask your doctor which tests you are having, if you are unsure.

When to Get Screened

You should start getting regular Pap tests at age 21. The Pap test, which screens for cervical cancer, is one of the most reliable and effective cancer screening tests available.

The only cancer for which the Pap test screens is cervical cancer. It does **not** screen for ovarian, uterine, vaginal, or vulvar cancers. So even if you have a Pap test regularly, if you notice any signs and symptoms that are unusual for you (i.e. abnormal vaginal bleeding or discharge, pelvic pain or pressure, abdominal or back pain, bloating, changes in bathroom habits, and itching or burning) see a doctor to find out why you're having them. If your Pap test results are normal, your doctor may tell you that you can wait three years until your next Pap test.

If you are 30 years old or older, you may choose to have an HPV test along with the Pap test. Both tests can be performed by your doctor at the same time. When both tests are performed together, it is called *co-testing*. If your test results are normal, your chance of getting cervical cancer in the next few years is very low. Your doctor may then tell you that you can wait as long as five years for your next screening. But you should still go to the doctor regularly for a checkup.

If you are 21–65 years old, it is important for you to continue getting a Pap test as directed by your doctor—even if you think you are too old to have a child or are not having sex anymore. If you are older than 65 and have had normal Pap test results for several years, or if you have had your cervix removed as part of a total hysterectomy for non-cancerous conditions, like fibroids, your doctor may tell you that you do not need to have a Pap test anymore.

HPV vaccine helps prevent some types of cervical cancer

Some types of the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) can cause cervical cancer in women and can also cause other kinds of cancer in both men and women. The HPV vaccine works by preventing the most common types of HPV that cause cervical cancer.

HPV vaccines are safe and effective. They can protect males and females against diseases (including cancers) caused by HPV. HPV vaccines are given in three shots over six months; it is important to get all three doses.

The CDC recommends all boys and girls ages 11 or 12 years should get vaccinated. Catch-up vaccines are recommended for males through age 21 and for females through age 26, if they did not get vaccinated when they were younger.

All information obtained from:

http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/cervical/basic_info/screening.htm

<http://www.cdc.gov/HPV/>

Christian Bible Reference Site

Bible Word Search: Isaiah: Prophet And Book

contributed by Brent

All the words listed below are in the puzzle—left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word and circle it. After you have found all the words, write down the leftover letters in the correct order to form the *mystery answer*.

P W D T O N D E M E E T S E D	By His stripes, Closed mouth,
R R E I R E J E C T E D S G L	Counselor, Darkness, Day of trouble,
I R E A V O G O D S A V E S O	Esteemed Not, Gentiles, Glory, God
N I L D R A L L O Y E J N E G	Saves, Gold, House of David,
C G N I I E D E O I N U I P C	Intercession, Judah, Lie with lambs,
E H E T E C H F S R D D L I L	Light, No Comeliness, Predicts Jesus,
O T P N E W T E O N Y A E R O	Prince of Peace, Prophet, Rejected,
F E H R T R I S A E U H M T S	Righteous, Sawed in half, Smitten of
P O S G O I C T J L S O O S E	God, Tender plant, We are healed
E U I U I P L E H E E U C S D	-----
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Mystery Answer:
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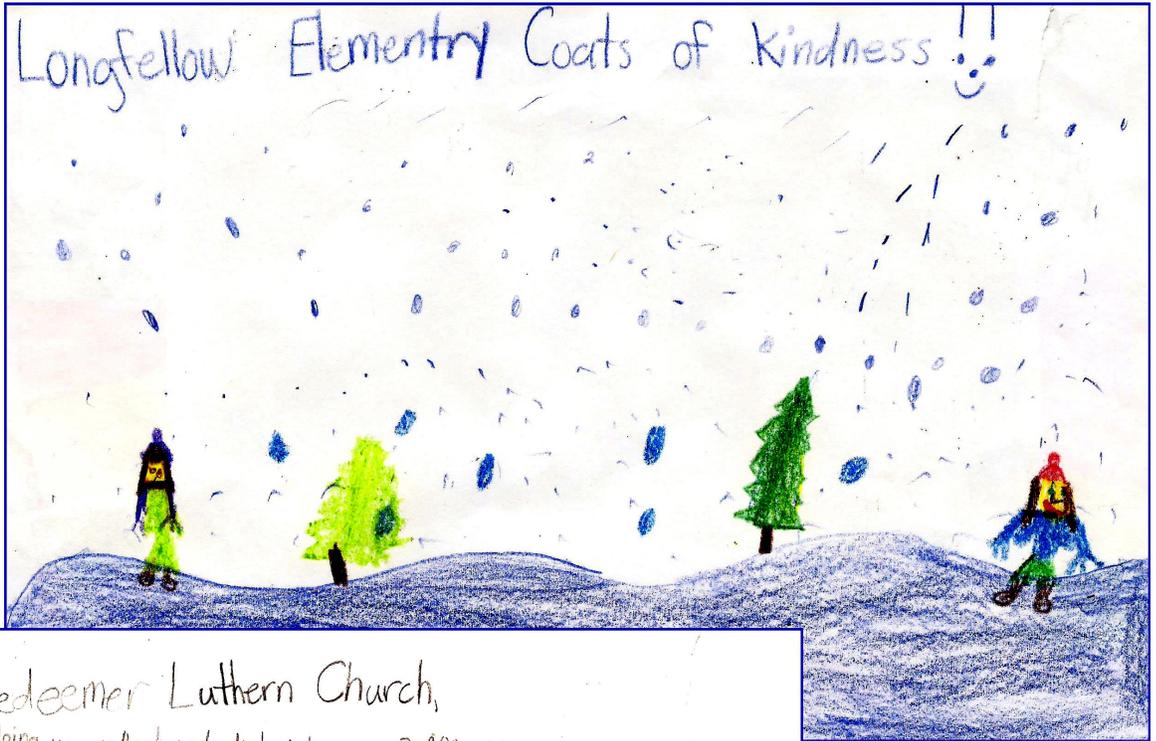
ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
Orphan Grain Train (Voted and sent in November for matching funds)	\$200.00
IDE Chaplaincy Endowment Fund	\$300.00
Lutheran World Relief (Matching funds available for LWR in December)	\$200.00
LCMS World Relief	\$300.00
Concordia Seminary Food Bank – St. Louis	\$300.00
Concordia Food Bank & Clothing Coop – Ft. Wayne	\$300.00
Dakota Boys Ranch	\$200.00
LAMP (Lutheran Indian Mission)	\$200.00
Lutheran Bible Translators	\$100.00
Swaziland	\$100.00
Julie Lutz	\$1,500.00

Cookie Walk-December 6 (above)

Christmas Party-December 15 (below)



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COY KZAH



Dear Our Redeemer Lutheran Church,
Thank you for helping us collect and distribute over 3,000 winter items (1,000 coats) to students and families in the Iowa City Community School District. We think you Rock!
Thanks,
Mrs. Rocca's Class



December Mission Payments	
Consultation of Religious	\$ 625.00
Concordia Seminary	250.00
Crisis Center (Budget)	83.37
Food for the Poor (Budget)	250.00
Iowa District/Synod Budget)	4,050.00
District Church Plant (Budget)	675.00
Lutheran Hour	625.00
Personal Missions	1,000.00
Total	\$7,558.37





Stephen Ministry

By Kevin Sellers

As we begin the New Year, it's good to look backward and see where we have been and vitally important to look forward and see where we are going. As we look backward we see all the steps Stephen Ministry has accomplished:

- Selection of Stephen Leaders
- Trial testing of training materials
- Selection of Stephen ministers
- Training and in-service with Stephen ministers
- Identifying and contacting care-receivers
- Matching caregivers and care-receivers

Now what? We need more members to step up to Paul's challenge in Galatians 6:3 to bear one another's burdens. Stephen ministry equips people to care in a uniquely Christian way. As we start the New Year is God calling you to serve?

As a review, I would like to again share with you all the components that make up Stephen Ministry.

The first component is Stephen Leaders. At Our Redeemer the leadership team is composed of Pastor Hartwig, Kathy Schweer, Kevin Sellers, Marvel Titone and Bill Benson. Our task is to:

- Build awareness
- Recruit and train
- Meet with care receivers to assess needs
- Match care-receivers with caregivers
- Provide initial and ongoing training and support. As Stephen leaders we received a week of special training in St. Louis.

The second component is the caregiver (the trained Stephen Minister). We are blessed at Our Redeemer to have the following caring people: Dianne Clark, Cathy Nelson, Shari Sedlacek, Sarah Gabel, Marcia Hulse, Marlene Thompson, Marvel Titone, Arlan Thompson, Steve Faga, Skip Kempnich, and Kevin Sellers. These people bring high quality Christ-centered care to members experiencing difficult times. After assignment by Pastor the caregiver and care-receiver meet weekly in the home for Christian care. The meeting is confidential and only women are paired with women and men with men. As the relationships are being made the Stephen ministers meet on a regular basis for continuing education and support groups.

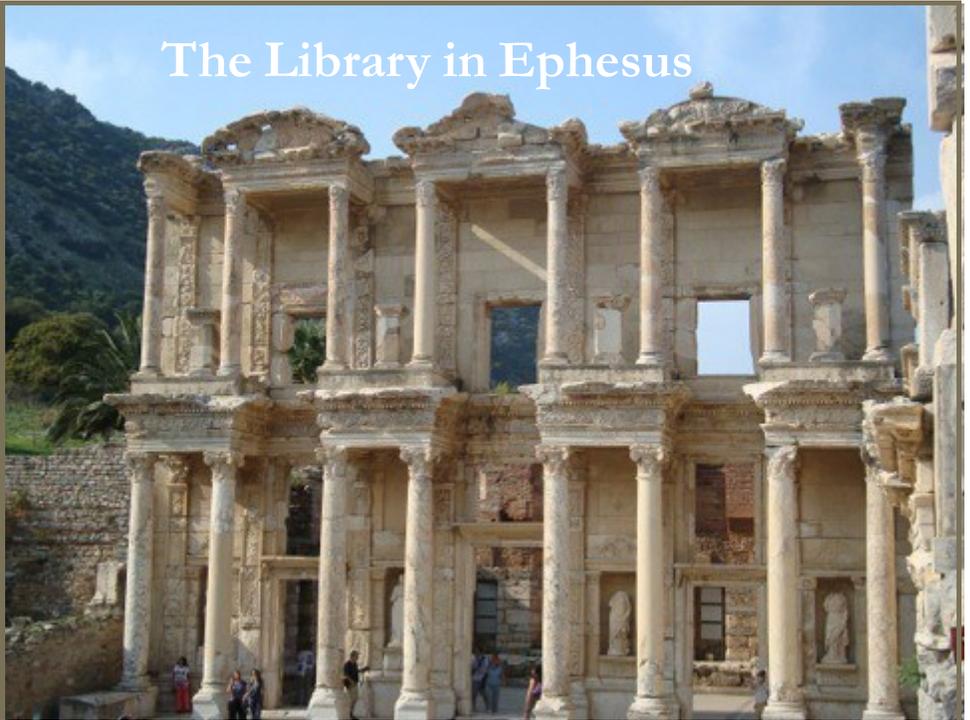
The third component is the care-receiver. These people have asked for help or Pastor has suggested to them a Stephen Minister would be helpful. It's important to remember the Stephen minister helps Pastor care. Some guidelines to be aware of:

- The relationship of Stephen Minister and care-receiver is confidential.
- It is always man to man and woman to woman.
- If a care-receiver has needs that exceed what a Stephen minister can provide referrals to the proper professional.

That's a short review. Any member of the Leadership team would be more than happy to answer questions about the ministry. Remember We care Christ cures. Can he use you?

We have been blessed this year in so many ways. One blessing forefront in our minds is the arrival of our new pastor, Joe Asher and his wife Jennie from Chicago, IL. We are confident their presence will open up new avenues of ministry here in Ankara and that they will be a blessing to many.

We are also thankful for the opportunity we had to visit so many of you in the States this past summer. Getting reacquainted with our friends and partners is always an uplifting experience for us—especially when we get a chance to worship with you!



The Library in Ephesus

Turkey Tidbits

From the Petersens

Thank You! We thank you for your ongoing support of the work and ministry that is taking place here in Turkey. Of course, we can only be here because of the generous support of friends like you! If you would like to make a monetary, tax deductible, donation or know of someone who would, please send your gift to: LCMS World Mission, 1333 S. Kirkwood Road, St. Louis, MO 63122-7295 and in the memo line note: Petersen Support-Turkey

Prayer Requests: Please join us in praying for the government of Turkey and for the ongoing unrest in regions bordering this country; that God would touch the hearts of those in leadership of the ISIS terrorist organization and that the Turkish leaders would show wisdom and diplomacy as they work to eliminate the ongoing threat to many Syrian and Iranian refugees streaming over the borders into southern Turkey (far away from us).

Children and Youth MINISTRY COORDINATOR INFORMATION

Toddlin' to Jesus – Allison Haack 688-9513

Cradle Roll – Paula Caylor 337-0620

Sunday School – Kaja Mueller 338-5626, Kelli Kucera kellikucera@yahoo.com

Kids Club – Denise Schwarting 325-6153 or Becky West 430-3809

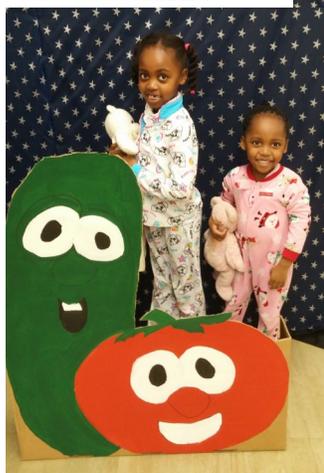
Education Committee Chair – Crissy Pence 339-4956

Youth Committee Adult Chair - Chris and Jill Schwartz jill_kuennen@yahoo.com

Director of Christian Education Youth Ministry– Seth Illich 338-5626

Director of Christian Education Family Life—Kaja Mueller 338-5626

Preschool—Mrs. Kaja Mueller & Mrs. Kate Ramsey #338-3949



Movie & Dinner Night



Children's Christmas Program



December 14th "Star of Wonder" Musical

Pictures By Kaja Mueller

Thank you Hy-Vee for donating 100 apples for the children's goodie bags.





TREASURED NEWS



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REBUILDING NORD EST HAITI LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Paid \$50,000 with \$50,000 Remaining



Meet Archeline Madeus, a beautiful young wife and mother who, at an earlier age, lived at the House of the Lambs of God Orphanage (MADO). Her parents, who had little education, if any, were not able to support all their children by working in the gardens.

Archeline was 15 years old when she and two of her sisters moved into MADO to receive a better education and to have their physical and spiritual needs met. She was then diagnosed with tuberculosis and started 5th grade. During her five years at the orphanage, she became a “room leader” and a mother figure to many of the younger girls. She helped them with their homework, braided their hair for school, ensured their school uniforms were clean, and that daily prayers were said.

In 2012 Archeline married Pepe who works for the ministry in Quanamithe. She has completed a three-year preschool-kindergarten teacher training program in July 2014 and teaches pre-school, thus allowing her to contribute to the family income.

Archeline and Pepe have a daughter, Esther, who will soon attend the preschool. They understand the ministry of the school and orphanage and continue to faithfully serve the school and church.

Our mites have made a difference in Archeline’s life. We thank God for what He is doing through us in this ministry in Haiti.

Boys from school and orphanage help with the floor.



One of the orphan girls inside a classroom with partial walls.



This is part of the financial newsletter that is sent to District treasurers and is available at

<http://www.lwml.org/giving/treasured-news.php>

Part of the national website www.lwml.org

Iowa East District LWML website www.lwml-ied.org/



The Season of Epiphany

In western Christian tradition, **January 6** is celebrated as **Epiphany**. Epiphany is the climax of the Advent/Christmas Season and the Twelve Days of Christmas, which are usually counted from the evening of December 25th until the morning of January 6th, which is the Twelfth Day. This is an occasion for feasting in some cultures, including the baking of a special **King's Cake** as part of the festivities of Epiphany.

For many Protestant church traditions, the season of Epiphany extends from January 6th until Ash Wednesday, which begins the season of Lent leading to

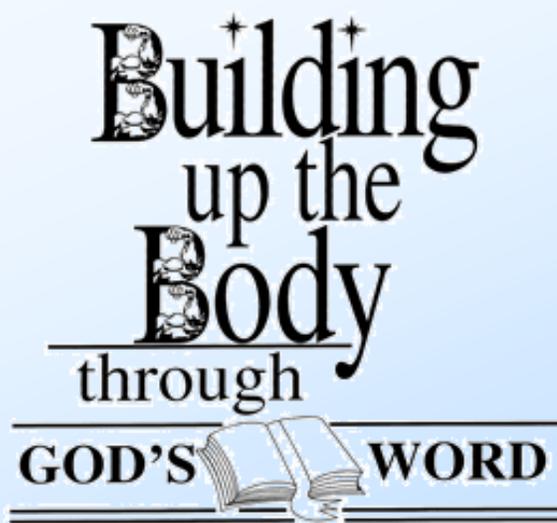
Easter. Depending on the timing of Easter, this longer period of Epiphany includes from four to nine Sundays. Other traditions, especially the Roman Catholic tradition, observe Epiphany as a single day, with the Sundays following Epiphany counted as Ordinary Time. In some western traditions, the last Sunday of Epiphany is celebrated as Transfiguration Sunday.

The term *epiphany* means "to show" or "to make known" or even "to reveal." In Western churches, it remembers the coming of the wise men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child, who by so doing "reveal" Jesus to the world as Lord and King. In some Central and South American countries influenced by Catholic tradition, Three Kings' Day, or the night before, is the time for opening Christmas presents. In some eastern churches, Epiphany or the Theophany commemorates Jesus' baptism, with the visit of the Magi linked to Christmas. In some churches the day is celebrated as Christmas, with Epiphany/Theophany occurring on January 19th.

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Membership Changes & Official Acts

<u>Transfer Out</u>	
Daniel and Jane Odem	12-9-2014

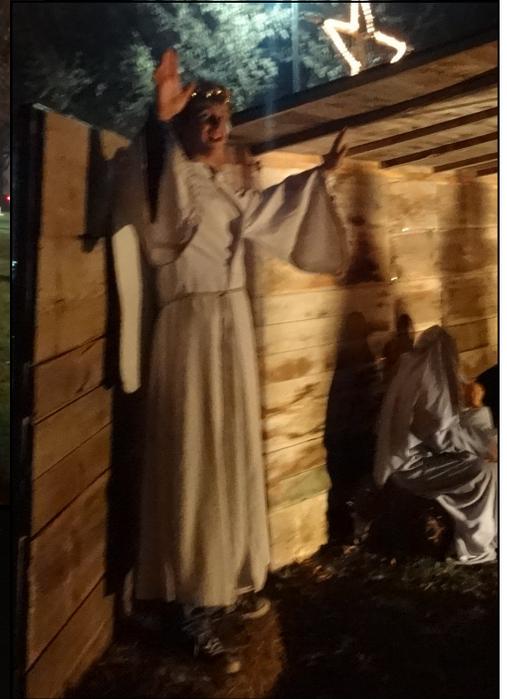
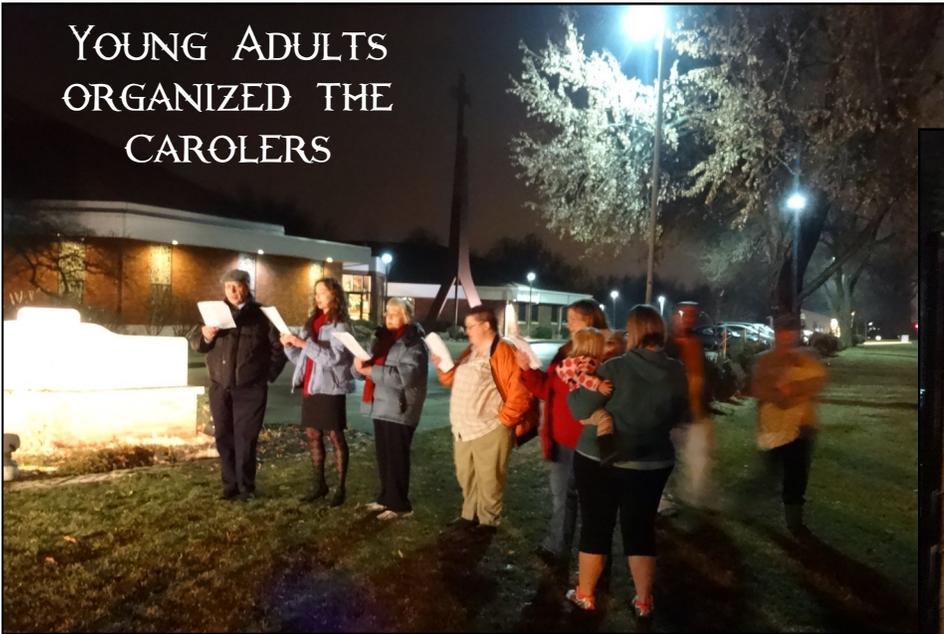


*Readings for next week:
Song of Solomon 5 - Isaiah 6*

**Sunday mornings
9:30 – 10:15 am
Fellowship Hall**

**READ THE BIBLE IN
TWO YEARS**

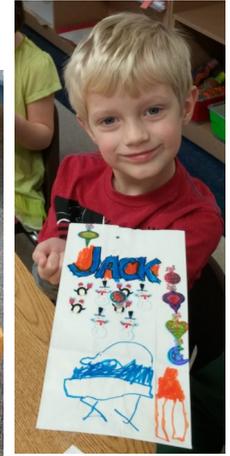
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LIVE NATIVITY
Sunday, December 14





2015-2016 Preschool Enrollment will open in February and March of 2015
 In February we will open enrollment for all church members and current preschool families. There are discounts for being a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, if you have multiple children in our preschool, and if you refer a new family who enrolls.



Youth Ministry!

Coffee Shop



ORKS COFFEE & TREATS

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0448A5AE2CA46-coffee16

Youth Night

Plan to join us on Sunday, January 4th from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm as we continue our Sunday Night Youth Night for ORKS and LYF (Fifth grade through high school). We will meet on the first Sunday of every month and explore what love is and how we can share it! We will be walking through the 5 Love Languages and using it to discuss love that we might share with those around us. We will also do some group building activities and large group games.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

2015 Ski Trip

January 2nd, 2015

Registration forms available in the Church Office.



January						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	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	30	31
2	Congregational Ski Trip					
4	ORKS Kings' Party					11:30am
4	Youth Night					6:30pm
7	MW Classes Resume					6:45pm
9/10	LYF Winter Retreat					
30/31	IDE Jr. High Winter Retreat					

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
1	Super Bowl Party					4:30pm
8	F.A.S.T. Sports Banquet					11:30am
8	Is the Bible Reliable?					6:30pm
15	Valentine's Day Deliveries					2pm
15	Is the Bible Reliable?					6:30pm
18	Ash Wednesday (<i>No MW Classes</i>)					
22	Is the Bible Reliable?					6:30pm
27/28	ORKS Lock-In					7pm-7am

OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

Office: 338-5626 Fax: 338-9171 Website: <http://www.ourredeemer.org> Preschool: 338-3949
 Prayer Chain: 351-5297 or prayerchain@ourredeemer.org Special Announcements Line: 338-3505

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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.

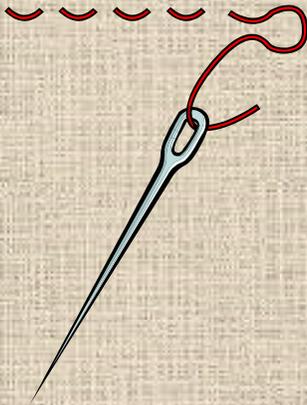
Lutheran Hour Ministries on Radio—WMT 600 AM Radio on Sunday mornings at 6:30 a.m., and **KXEL 1540 AM Radio** on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

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.

Developing Seamstress

1 Peter 2:2



She sewed on a snap, like a tiny crown,
But it wouldn't work--it was upside down.
She sewed a curve, then had to rip it out:
It was supposed to be straight, not come about.

She sewed a seam, then stopped to cry and pout,
For the outside turned in and the inside out.
She stuck her thumb, then she cut her finger.
Her thread broke; she'd misthreaded her Singer.

She cut some things too large, some much too small.
Sometimes she'd end up with nothing at all.
She'd try not to cough (her mouth held a pin),
She'd sew a side seam--"Why's this hem caught in?"

Her circle skirts might look a little square:
"If I keep on moving, no one'll know what's there!"
But she kept trying, improvement set in.
She said to herself, "This time I can win!"



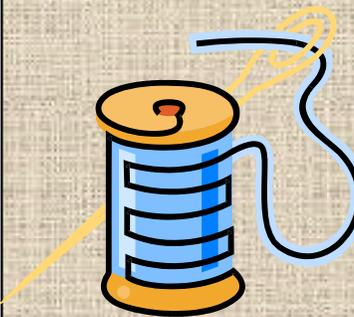
She tried curtains, drapes, sport coats and jackets,
Blouses, skirts, dresses, with or without plackets,
Then sewed a simple dress for her wedding
And a quilt top or two for others' bedding.

She kept on growing, despite all setbacks.
She covered a couch, learned how to use tacks.
And so, fellow Christian, do you now see
How you, too, can 'sew' and not just be

A beginner of God, content to just say,
"I love you, Lord", and 'curve' on your own way?
You will make mistakes, some 'seams' will be wrong;
The Lord will help you, and make your 'thread' strong.

Just baste your 'seams' with courage and love;
Use 'patterns' fit for others and God above.
Attack each new project with vim and verve,
A willingness to attempt--your Lord to serve.

Teach others to 'stitch', 'embroider', 'darn', 'mend'--
Whate'er is needed till you reach the end
Of your 'thread' on this earth. Through all your strife,
Keep your eyes on God's pattern--Christ and Life!



Carol Schuldt