



The Parish Beacon

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Tonight I watched the Disneyland 60th Anniversary television special. I remember that as a teenager I watched the Disneyland 25th Anniversary special. I had been to Walt Disney World several times in my life by then, but I could not imagine going to Disneyland. I really wanted to go. If I could only go to Disneyland!

Well beyond my teenage years, I have had the opportunity to go to Disneyland numerous times, even worked there during conferences and for three weeks just prior to the opening of Disney's California Adventure.

But again, during the television special tonight, I wanted to go to Disneyland. It would be fair to say that I was coveting a trip to Disneyland.

Coveting leads to idolatry, and as I always say, "Idolatry leads to death."

Now, I was not worshipping Disneyland, and I am confident to say that Disney theme parks are not my idol. But it is not always easy to tell the difference between coveting and idolatry.

Probably the most deadly idolatry in America today is to become so dominated by the desire for wealth and worldly possession that we cannot yield ourselves to love and obedience to God in Christ. The temptation for riches acts as a trap.

"But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction" (1 Timothy 6:9).

Paul tells us that the covetous person who is an idolater cannot have any inheritance in the kingdom of God (Ephesians 5:5). According to Paul, the supreme tragedy of our earthly lives would be to be so absorbed with the material goods of this life that we fail to lay hold of the eternal inheritance which God has prepared for us in Jesus.

As a body of believers, we need to deal faithfully and fearlessly with people who have wrong attitudes toward the getting and spending of money. As God's people, we are to ***"flee these things."*** We are to flee the love of money and material things and ***"pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love steadfastness, gentleness"*** (1 Timothy 6:11).

May God give us all steadfast faith as we fight the on-going battle against the temptation to follow the shallow and superficial ways of the world.

In the love of Christ,
Pastor Hartwig



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MARCH ACTIVITIES

- 1 Human Care 6:30 pm
Stephen Ministry Training 6:45pm
Youth Committee Meeting 7:00pm
- 2 Lenten Services 1:00pm
Lenten Meal 5:10pm
Lenten Services 6:10pm
Properties Committee 7:00pm
Midweek Classes 7:00pm
- 3 Board of Elders 7:00pm
- 5 Pancake Day 7:00am - 1:00pm
GGG - Iowa City Hy-Vee 1st Avenue 7:30am
Variety! 7:00pm
- 6 Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Study 9:30am
440 1st Avenue Open House 12:30pm
- 7 Education Committee 7:00pm
Mission Committee 7:00pm
- 8 Women's Beth Moore 10:00am
Stephen Ministry Training 6:45pm
- 9 Bible Study 11:00am
Lunch Bunch 12:00pm
Lenten Services 1:00pm
Lenten Meal 5:10pm
Lenten Services 6:10pm
Midweek Classes 7:00pm
- 10 Women's Beth Moore 7:00pm
Board of Directors 7:00pm
- 11 Martin Luther High School Concert 7:00pm
- 12-20 Iowa City Spring Break
- 12 Men's Bible Study 8:00am
- 13 Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Study 9:30am
Roller-skating at Wellman 1:00pm
- 14 Stephen Ministry Peers - Marcia/Skip 6:30pm
Outreach Committee 6:30pm
Preschool Board 7:00pm
Mission Guild Board 7:00pm
- 15 Stephen Ministry Training 6:45pm
Assimilation 7:00pm

- 16 Lenten Services 1:00pm
Lenten Meal 5:10pm
Lenten Services 6:10pm
Spiritual Growth Event 7:00pm
- 20 Palm Sunday/Confirmation at 10:30am Service
Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Study 9:30am
- 21 LWML Mission Guild 7:00pm
- 22 Women's Beth Moore 10:00am
Stephen Ministry Training 6:45pm
LLL Meeting 7:30pm
- 23 Prayer Walk 11:00am - 7:00pm
- 24 Maundy Thursday Services 1:00pm
Maundy Thursday Services 7:00pm
- 25 Kiwanis Breakfast 6:30pm
Good Friday Services 1:00pm
Good Friday Services 7:00pm
- 26 Men's Bible Study 8:00am
- 27 Easter Sunday Services 8:00am & 10:30am
Easter Breakfast 9:15am
Easter Egg Hunt 10:00am
- 29 Stephen Ministry Training 6:45pm
- 31 Theology 101

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 in Lent at 7:00pm
Non-Lent 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:



Sports Banquet
February 28
12:00pm
Fellowship Hall



Vicar Adelsen, Speaker
March 21
7:00pm
Fellowship Hall



Prayer Walk
March 23
11am to 8 pm
Fellowship Hall



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



February 29
March 31
7:00pm
Board Room

Need set up volunteers
Tuesday, March 22
11:30am-6:00pm

Sign up to help in the
church office



Takedown
March 23
8:00pm



Retreat
April 1-3
Honey Creek Resort

March 6
12:30-2:00pm
440 1st Avenue



Roller-skating
March 13
1-3 pm
Wellman



Donations sign up for
Easter Breakfast in
church office



Teacher Appreciation Dinner
April 3
6:00pm
Fellowship Hall



March 9
12:00pm
Fellowship Hall



Confirmation Spiritual Growth Event
March 16
7-8:00 pm
Sanctuary



THANKS FOR VOTING
THRIVENT CHOICE FOR ORLC

Thanks to everyone who has used their Thrivent Choice dollars for the church or the preschool. In 2015 Our Redeemer Lutheran Church received \$4,276 and the Preschool received \$1,235. The dollars add up to make those few minutes it takes to vote worth while!



SUNDAY BLOOMS

Flowers are now being purchased at 1st Avenue Hy-Vee when you order Sunday flowers. The sign up in the library remains the same.

The new minimum price per vase is \$25. Linda Berryhill will still find out what you want,

order, and provide them with your name for billing to be paid directly to Hy-Vee. As always, pick up your flowers early in the week (after late service is just fine) and make sure you leave the metal liners at church. There are plastic containers in the sacristy or in the room behind the kitchen.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

March 2
to March 9

Lent

Services 1:00 & 6:10 pm
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





A few weeks ago, I told you of the \$250 grant given me by Thrivent to go towards making quilts for the two Shelter Houses. I was told that there were about 104 clients that slept there nightly. Thanks to the monies and mostly Comfort-tiers, there were 117 quilts donated to them within 3 weeks! So, I wish to thank my hubby, George, and son Joel for carrying and toting me around to find supplies, and ten of the Comfort-tiers, mostly Lillian, who sewed away to help me make this goal. I also wish to thank those who donated supplies,

including one of my neighbors.

But imagine my astonishment to hear this past week that there were actually around 170 homeless partaking of their services during those cold snaps we had! But we have fulfilled our obligation there and we are aiming at the next batch of World Relief quilts now—I would imagine there is now a need in Fiji due to the devastating hurricane that hit there this past week. There is always a need somewhere in the world, so please keep those donations coming! Thank you all from my heart to yours...



HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Host families are needed for 45 Martin Luther High School students after the concert on Friday, March 11. We are in need of several more host homes. Please sign up today or call 338-5626 or email redeemer@ourredeemer.org.

Hosting responsibilities will not begin until after the concert which takes place at 7:00 pm. Meet following the concert in the fellowship hall to be paired with your guests.

Please serve the students breakfast and have them back to church by 7:15 am on Saturday, March 12.

Lynne Westphal is coordinating dinner for the choirs to be served at 5:15 pm. Please sign up if you can help with this - either providing food or helping to serve or clean up.

If you are unable to do either, plan to come enjoy their concert with Tim Franz, Music Department Chair and Choral Director at Martin Luther High School in Greendale, Wisconsin, a small southern suburb of Milwaukee. He directs both the Martin Luther Concert Choir and the Martin Luther Troubadours. Every year since 1978, these groups have traveled to Missouri Synod congregations throughout the United States bringing with them inspirational and uplifting choral music in a variety of styles. The Concert Choir is a 40-voice choir which performs traditional sacred music. The Troubadours are a select group of 23 singers who use contemporary Christian music to convey the message of salvation through Christ Jesus. There is an overlap of students in these two groups and the total number of people on this tour will be approximately forty-five.

WELCOME!!

Sarah Gabel will soon be joining the staff as bookkeeper. A starting date will soon be announced.

BIBLICAL FIGURES OF LENT



Back-Kevin Sellers (Pontius Pilate), Grace Hartwig (Jairus' Daughter), Diana Bowman (Widow's Mite), Marty Wenck (John, the Disciple Jesus Loved), Joseph Van Zante (Simon of Cyrene), Arlan Thompson (Simon Peter), Marlene Thompson (Mary), Erica Davisson (Woman at the Well)
Front-Miriam Meyer (Martha), Sam Gienapp (Mark), Mark Wilson (Andrew), Ryson Stuart (Clean, a man with leprosy), Daris Honemann (Judas)



Photos by Crissy Pence



Stephen Ministry

We care, Christ cures.

Stephen Minister Leaders are meeting with a group of five for Stephen Ministry training. The 50 hours of training began February 2 and continues into May, including a weekend retreat April 1-3. Marcia Hulse will be training in St. Louis in mid-April to gain skills that will assist her as a member of the leadership team.

Five of the most valuable gifts Stephen Ministers can have are:

FAITH (1 Corinthians 12:9)

The spiritual gift of faith is an unshakable trust and a deep conviction that God faithfully and reliably keeps promises. Christians with this gift have a profound belief and confidence in their relationship with Jesus that becomes an example for others.

MERCY (Romans 12:8)

Christians endowed with the spiritual gift of mercy have an exceptional ability to perform acts of kindness and compassion. Those with this gift show mercy even to those undeserving of it. Their deeds of unmerited love are modeled after God's redemptive sacrifice of Jesus, a gift of loving mercy we did not deserve.

TEACHING THE FAITH (Romans 12:7; 1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11)

The spiritual gift of teaching the faith is the ability to clearly explain the Christian faith and equip individuals to apply it in their daily lives. Those who have this spiritual gift communicate with both words and actions—they live what they teach. The life of someone who teaches the faith is often his or her best lesson, following the example of Jesus, the master teacher.

ENCOURAGEMENT (Romans 12:8)

The gift of encouragement includes the ability to inspire, comfort, motivate, strengthen, affirm, and be present with others so that they can meet life's challenges with confidence. Encouragement points to the promise of the Holy Spirit's presence and the hope that is ours in Christ. Those with the gift of encouragement instill this hope in others, offering consolation and inspiration to them in their joys and trials. It is assuring others that they are not alone and that they can indeed follow God's call for their lives.

KNOWING (1 Corinthians 12:8)

The spiritual gift of knowing is having a deep, personal relationship with Jesus Christ and sharing the insights gained from it with others. Christians with the gift of knowing communicate much more than facts when they talk with people about Jesus. They share Jesus Christ in ways that make him personal and real to others.

Pray for this new class of Stephen Ministers, that they may refine these gifts and strengthen them in God's Word, and to guide them to effectively use their particular gifts in their Stephen Ministry Training and service.

STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE YOUR CHOLESTEROL

Heart disease is the number one cause of death in the United States, and too much cholesterol in the blood can lead to it. However, it may surprise you to know that cholesterol itself isn't bad. In fact, cholesterol is just one of the many substances created and used by our bodies to keep us healthy.

There are two types of cholesterol: "good" and "bad." Too much of one type — or not enough of another — can put you at risk for coronary heart disease, heart attack or stroke. It's important to know the levels of cholesterol in our blood so that you and your doctor can determine the best strategy to lower your risk.

- **LDL (Bad) Cholesterol**

LDL cholesterol is considered the “bad” cholesterol because it contributes to plaque, a thick, hard deposit that can clog arteries and make them less flexible. This condition is known as [atherosclerosis](#). If a clot forms and blocks a narrowed artery, [heart attack](#) or [stroke](#) can result. Another condition called [peripheral artery disease](#) can develop when plaque buildup narrows an artery supplying blood to the legs.

- **HDL (Good) Cholesterol**

HDL cholesterol is considered “good” cholesterol because it helps remove LDL cholesterol from the arteries. Experts believe HDL acts as a scavenger, carrying LDL cholesterol away from the arteries and back to the liver, where it is broken down and passed from the body. One-fourth to one-third of blood cholesterol is carried by HDL. A healthy level of HDL cholesterol may also protect against heart attack and stroke, while low levels of HDL cholesterol have been shown to increase the risk of heart disease.

Work with your doctor to determine your risk and the best approach to manage your cholesterol. In all cases, lifestyle changes are important to reduce your risk for heart attack and stroke. In some cases, cholesterol-lowering statin medicines may also provide benefit.

Take a look at the tips below and see some of the things you can do every day to improve your cholesterol levels and your overall health.

- **Eat a heart-healthy diet**

To lower cholesterol, the American Heart Association recommends eating a dietary pattern that emphasizes fruits, vegetables, whole grains, low-fat dairy products, poultry, fish and nuts. You should also limit red meat and sugary foods and beverages.

STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE YOUR CHOLESTEROL (cont'd from page 8)

- Get moving

Being physically active is also important to prevent heart disease and stroke. Just 40 minutes of aerobic exercise of moderate to vigorous intensity done three to four times a week is enough to lower both cholesterol and high blood pressure. Brisk walking, swimming, bicycling or a dance class are examples.

- Avoid tobacco smoke

If you smoke, your cholesterol level is one more good reason to quit. And everyone should avoid exposure to secondhand smoke.

Eating a [healthy diet](#) and including [exercise](#) in your routine can give you the edge in the fight against heart disease and stroke. Follow your doctor's advice carefully, and if you don't understand something, ask. Let your doctor be your coach in combating heart disease and stroke.

Information obtained from:

http://www.heart.org/HEARTORG/Conditions/Cholesterol/AboutCholesterol/Good-vs-Bad-Cholesterol_UCM_305561_Article.jsp#.VsvsJcehh94

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Membership Changes & Official Acts

<u>Baptism</u>	
Aibhlinn Helen O'Shea	1-30-2016
<u>Transfer Out</u>	
Kristin (Eckman) Weis	2-11-2016
Mike Applegarth	2-23-2016
<u>Transfer In</u>	
Ryan & Jonie Murken, Kenley & Kayden	1-26-2016
Kathy Druecker	2-13-2016
<u>Death</u>	
Gloma Rosenthal	2-3-2016
Regina Stockman	2-6-2016
Bill Jahnke	2-15-2016



THANKS FOR A GREAT

KIDS CLUB SUNDAY

DENISE SCHWARTING & BECKY WEST

February 21





KUDOS

Our Redeemer's
Board of Directors
recognizes

All the volunteers who worked hours
on 440 1st Ave to update and get
ready to use as Vicar's home.

Many thanks to all who painted, did
electrical work, and plumbing.

Thank you all!



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 Presentations

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

JANUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- January ended with total income of \$51,378.43 with expenses of \$48,851.12, giving us a positive cash flow of \$2,527.31. However, \$7,751.34 of Missions should have been paid in January but bookkeeper not informed in time. The adjusted expense is \$56,602.46, giving a negative cash flow of \$-5,224.03. January is typically negative.
- Update on Vision 20/20. Feasibility study in April. Committee is exploring having 2 phases of 20/20
 - ⇒ *Phase 1* – Church updates (including Narthex, Fellowship Hall, flooring, and includes paying off mortgage on 512 1st Ave to become debt free again) – early estimate \$1.25M to \$1.5M
 - ⇒ *Phase 2* would be continuous education wing for youth and adults (approx. 6k – 7k square feet) – early estimate \$2.5M to \$3.5M
 - ⇒ Borrowed \$300K from Board for roof (which is included in Phase 1 estimate). Proposed to pay back only \$50K for emergency use fund. This would reduce Phase 1 cost
- At large reports
 - ⇒ Barb Schanbacher is now on Assimilations
 - ⇒ Kevin Roiseland is on Youth Activities
- Properties Report
 - ⇒ Proposals for wiring for humidifier and blower work received: Shay Electric (4800) and Homewood Electric (\$6800)
 - ⇒ Solar power use for the church discussed. After the end of the calendar year, some rebates/loan rates will expire or be reduced. Myrl has a contact person to whom he will go for additional information.
- Vicar had wallet stolen during late service on Jan 17th. Culprit caught and will be charged. Likely used back door to office area so not noticed entering office area by ushers. Discussion about keeping that door locked.
- Kaja Mueller Report
 - ⇒ Preschool has 11 T/Th children and 11 M/W/F children
 - ⇒ Preschool Board has decided to try extended care (as early as 7:30 and late as 5:30). Registrations going out.

Enrollment is OPEN

There are discounts for being a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, if you have multiple children in our preschool, or if you refer a new family who enrolls. Please see Kaja Mueller for more information. REGISTER TODAY! Contact preschool@ourredeemer.org or 319-338-3949.



2016-2017 Registration Form



Child's Name: _____

Please circle: Boy Girl

Date of Birth: _____

Are you a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church? Please circle: Yes No

Members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church who attend church services at least 50% of the time receive a 20% tuition discount for each child enrolled as well as a discount for those with multiple children enrolled.

DAILY SCHEDULE:

7:30am Extended Care Drop off
 9:00am Preschool Starts
 9:30am Learning Centers
 10:30am Bathroom/Snack
 11:00am Outside Recreation
 11:45am Story/Music
 Noon Preschool Ends/Pick Up
 12:00pm Lunch/Learning Centers
 1:00pm Quiet/Rest
 3:00pm Snack
 3:20pm Outside/Playground
 4:00pm Learning Centers
 5:30pm Pick Up

OTHER INFORMATION:

* Extended Care hours – Students may be dropped off any time after 7:30am. In the afternoon a student can be picked up any time before 5:30pm.

* An AM snack will be provided by a preschool student on a weekly rotating basis. Those preschoolers staying for lunch should provide their own bag lunch. No breakfast will be offered. An afternoon snack will be provided by the preschool.

* Our Preschool follows the Iowa City School District year schedule starting after Labor Day and ending before Memorial Day.

* Openings are determined on the basis of the number of children allowed on-

CHECK DESIRED PROGRAM:

_____ (M/W/F)	Preschool Program	9:00am-12:00pm	\$200/month
_____ (M/W/F)	Preschool Program with lunch	9:00am-12:45pm	\$263/month
_____ (M/W/F)	Preschool Program with MORNING extended care		\$294/month
_____ (M/W/F)	Preschool Program with AFTERNOON extended care		\$546/month
_____ (M/W/F)	Preschool Program with FULL day extended care		\$641/month
_____ (T/TH)	Preschool Program	9:00am-12:00pm	\$147/month
_____ (T/TH)	Preschool Program with lunch	9:00am-12:45pm	\$189/month
_____ (T/TH)	Preschool Program with MORNING extended care		\$210/month
_____ (T/TH)	Preschool Program with AFTERNOON extended care		\$378/month
_____ (T/TH)	Preschool Program with FULL day extended care		\$441/month
_____ (5 Day)	Preschool Program	9:00am-12:00pm	\$331/month
_____ (5 Day)	Preschool Program with lunch	9:00am-12:45pm	\$436/month
_____ (5 Day)	Preschool Program with MORNING extended care		\$488/month
_____ (5 Day)	Preschool Program with AFTERNOON extended care		\$908/month
_____ (5 Day)	Preschool Program with FULL day extended care		\$1,066/month

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Our Redeemer Preschool admits children of any race, color, nationality or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities of the Preschool. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, nationality or ethnic origin in administration of the educational or admission policies. Our curriculum is Christian-based.

Please mail your completed form along with the \$50 non-refundable registration fee made payable to Our Redeemer

Preschool to: **Our Redeemer Preschool**

2301 E. Court Street

Iowa City, IA 52245

Upon receipt of the registration fee, the enrollment packet will be sent to you containing all additional paperwork to be completed. Thank you for registering for Our Redeemer Preschool.

LWML Provides 140 Pillows to UIHC Cardiac Unit

Delivery February 4



UIHC Cardiac Pillow pictures courtesy of Pat Sexton



Walkathon photos courtesy of Ruth Langehough

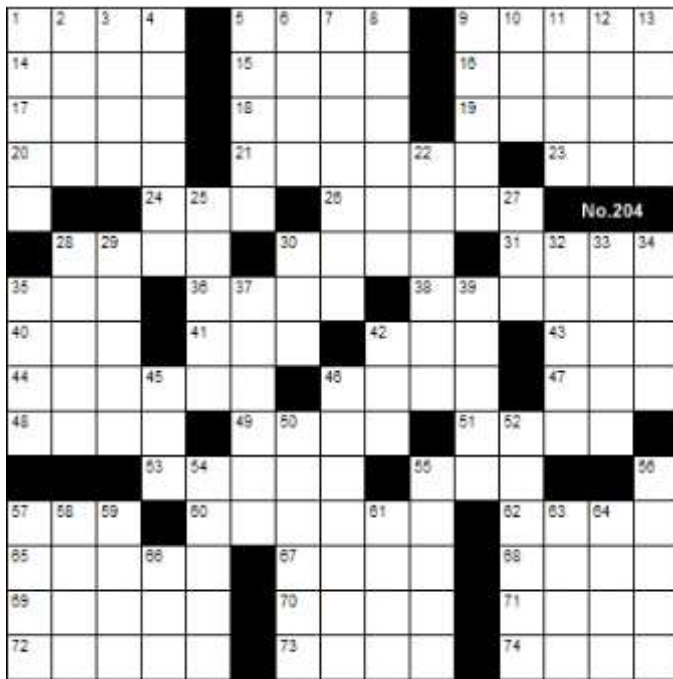


The LWML women of Our Redeemer, Iowa City, planned a “Walkathon for Mites” January 25-29 to help chase away the winter blues and provide an incentive for exercise. The participants enjoyed meeting each morning at 9:00 am at a local mall to walk (and talk) with friends, pray, and make pledges to mites. The prayers focused especially on the National and District mission projects.

On the last day, Saturday, the group met at 8:30 am at church for a walk in the church hallways, followed by an informal breakfast, an ingathering of Mites, and a Bible study on “Doing all things through Christ.” The Walkathon proved to be a wonderful opportunity to have great fellowship and to be energized both physically and spiritually during the cold winter days.

~Carol Zimmermann





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ACROSS

- 1. As ___ man who casteth firebrands (1,3) (Prov 26:18) KJV
- 5. took oil in ___ along with their lamps (Matt 25:4)
- 9. Present as an ___ pleasing to the LORD (Num 29:8)
- 14. The whole land, from ___ to Rimmon, south of Jerusalem (Zech 14:10)
- 15. We ought to ___ God rather than men (Acts 5:29)
- 16. Wherewith the ___ filleth not his hand (Ps 129:7) KJV
- 17. another name for Esau (Gen 36:7-8)
- 18. Healing compound (2 Chron 28:15)
- 19. if anyone changes this edict, ___ is to be pulled from his house (1,4) (Ezra 6:11)
- 20. to a thirsty soul, so is good ___ from a far country (Prov 25:25)
- 21. The prophet that predicted a famine in the entire Roman world (Acts 11:28)
- 23. were looking for some ___ way to arrest Jesus (Mark 14:1)
- 24. as their lives ___ away in their mothers' arms (Lam 2:12)
- 26. Its ___ length will be 25,000 cubits (Ezek 48:13)
- 28. They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with ___ (Matt 27:34)
- 30. Steering mechanism of a vessel (James 3:4) KJV
- 31. leave out
- 35. he touched the man's ___ and healed him (Luke 22:51)
- 36. there before me was a man riding ___ horse (1,3) (Zech 1:8)
- 38. Act against (Titus 1:9)
- 40. They have taught their tongues to ___ (Jer 9:5)
- 41. he shall be cast into the ___ of lions (Daniel 6:7)
- 42. If ye have faith ___ grain of mustard seed (2,1) (Matt 17:20) KJV
- 43. But we know that the law is good, if a man ___ it lawfully (1 Tim 1:8)
- 44. Pay him his wages each day before ___ (Deut 24:15)
- 46. Abner thrust the ___ of his spear into Asahel's stomach (2 Sam 2:23)
- 47. abbr. for the fourth book of the Old Testament

- 48. Isaac loved ____, because he did eat of his venison (Gen 25:28)
 - 49. another seed instead of ____, whom Cain slew (Gen 4:25)
 - 51. I ___ those who cling to worthless idols (Ps 31:6)
 - 53. earlier, before (Josh 20:9)
 - 55. the sucking child shall play on the hole of the ___ (Isa 11:8) KJV
 - 57. with the ___ of an ass have I slain a thousand men (Judges 15:16)
 - 60. see the great ___ within her and the oppression (Amos 3:9)
 - 62. Israel, who pursued ___ of righteousness (1,3) (Rom 9:31)
 - 65. when she goes to her shrine to pray, it is to no ___ (Isa 16:12)
 - 67. the people shall go out and gather a certain ___ every day (Exodus 16:4)
 - 68. Who shall change our ___ body, that it may be fashioned (Phil 3:21)
 - 69. evil men and impostors will go from bad to ___ (2 Tim 3:13)
 - 70. Every grain offering baked in an ___ or cooked (Lev 7:9)
 - 71. be in rest and at ____, and none shall make him afraid (Jer 46:27)
 - 72. every knee will bow; by me every tongue will ___ (Isa 45:23)
 - 73. By the rivers of Babylon we sat and ___ (Ps 137:1)
 - 74. Surely the nations are like a ___ in a bucket (Isa 40:15)
- DOWN**
- 1. Zerah son of Judah, was the king's ___ in all affairs (Neh 11:24)
 - 2. Darius the ___ took over the kingdom (Dan 5:31)
 - 3. hurling stones and shooting arrows out of ___ (1,3) (1 Chr 12:2)
 - 4. a ___ came to hearken, named Rhoda (Acts 12:13) KJV
 - 5. Ophir, Havilah and ____. All these were sons of Joktan (Gen 10:29)
 - 6. earneth wages to put it into ___ with holes (1,3) (Hag 1:6) KJV
 - 7. for he was ___ by marriage to Ahab's family (2 Kings 8:27)
 - 8. a sign on your hand and a ___ on your forehead (Ex 13:16)
 - 9. Absalom had appointed ___ over the army in place of Joab (2 Sam 17:25)
 - 10. Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither ___ him (Lev 19:13) KJV
 - 11. you must cancel any debt your brother ___ you (Deut 15:3)
 - 12. He prepared a ___ for them, baking bread without yeast (Gen 19:3-4)
 - 13. Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his ____, and overtook them (Exodus 14:9)
 - 22. she came from the ___ parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon (Luke 11:31)
 - 25. O sword, slash to the right, then to the left, wherever your ___ is turned (Ezek 21:16)

25. O sword, slash to the right, then to the left, wherever your ____ is turned (Ezek 21:16)
27. LORD Almighty, will ____ off the boughs with great power (Isa 10:33)
28. having caught ____ and Aristarchus (Acts 19:29)
29. Like men condemned to die in the ____ (1 Cor 4:9)
30. as a ____ doth gather her brood under her wings (Luke 13:34) KJV
32. descent of the ____ of Olives (Luke 19:37)
33. married a wife, deceased, and, having no ____ (Matt 22:25)
34. God said, Let the water ____ with living creatures (Gen 1:20)
35. Salvation is found in no one ____, for there is no other name (Acts 4:12)
37. they did not think it worthwhile to ____ the knowledge of God (Rom 1:28)
39. he leadeth me in the ____ of righteousness for his name's sake (Ps 23:3)
42. thou shalt take an ____, and thrust it through his ear (Deut 15:17) KJV
45. Make ready wherewith I may ____, and gird thyself (Luke 17:8) KJV
46. deprive (Hos 9:12)
50. you will lend to many nations but will ____ from none (Deut 15:6)
52. under his feet as it were ____ work of a sapphire (1,5) (Ex 24:10) KJV
54. A ____ who oppresses the poor is like a driving rain (Prov 28:3)
55. ____ that will not be moved; its stakes will never (1,4) (Isa 33:20)

56. A whirlwind will ____ them away (Hos 4:19)
57. he places in the ____ of the peoples a bit that leads them astray (Isa 30:28)
58. Israel vowed ____ unto the LORD (1,3) (Num 21:2)
59. fish, and all manner of ____, and sold on the sabbath (Neh 13:16) KJV
61. there is but a ____ between me and death (1 Sam 20:3)
63. let God be true, but every man a ____ (Romans 3:4)
64. Know ____ that wisdom is sweet to your soul (Prov 24:14)
- 66 The law of the wise ____ fountain of life (2,1) (Prov.13:14)



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Welcome to Padraic, Amy, and Aibhlinn O'Shea!

Amy has lived in Minnesota, Germany, Missouri, Wisconsin, Afghanistan and Iowa. Padraic has been in Clinton and Bettendorf, Iowa. Amy is a reasearcher and Padraic a statistician. They enjoy reading, board games, and watching Game of Thrones. They met while in costume.

Aibhlinn was baptized at Our Redeemer on January 30.

HELP PEOPLE TAKE THE EASTER MESSAGE PERSONALLY

By James Lamb

Date: March 9, 2015

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the single most important event in the history of the universe! And you can take that personally! It validates Jesus' payment on the cross for the sins of the world—and for your sins. It guarantees the certain hope of resurrection from the dead and eternal life for all who believe—including you. Yes, take it personally! The Apostle Paul did. He begins 1 Corinthians 15 by listing Jesus' resurrection appearances. Then he continues in verse 8, **“Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.”**

Paul was unique in the list. Everyone else followed Jesus. Paul persecuted Jesus. **“For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God”** (vs. 9). Yes, Paul was unworthy. But he knew he had a worthiness that came from Christ because of those two words, “to me”!

We at Lutherans For Life (LFL) pray that you will have a blessed Easter and that you will take the Resurrection of our Lord personally and know the worthiness and hope that comes from those words, “to me.” He appears to you in His Word of Life. He appears to you in His Water of Life, Holy Baptism. He appears to you in His Meal of Life, Holy Communion.

I also pray that you will understand the power of this message for those who feel unworthy today. A woman with an abortion in her past wrote, “I didn't feel worthy of anyone's love, and I went through life wishing that I were dead.”

Or like the college freshman, unmarried, pregnant, afraid. “I was raised to be ‘good.’ How can I tell my parents I'm not so good anymore?”

Or the ailing, elderly woman in the nursing home who says, “What good is my life? Why am I still here?”

One way to look at the ministry of LFL is that we want to help people take the Easter message personally, especially those who feel “untimely born” or unworthy or burdened. We want people like those I mentioned above to know the mercy and hope in the words “to me.”

There is more to the article by Dr. Lamb that can be found at <http://www.lutheransforlife.org/article/help-people-take-the-easter-message-personally/>. He continues to remind us that Easter contains the message of the single most important event in the history of the universe—the resurrection of Jesus Christ! AND people need to take it personally!





High School Super Bowl Party



Super Bowl Predictions Game

Each youth answered a list of questions about what they thought would happen during the Super Bowl at the beginning of the party.

Our winners were...

Christian Schwarting and Sam Gienapp tied for 1st place
Katie Loney in 2nd place

Thankfully, as Christians our victory over sin, death and the devil has been won by Christ, and we are all receive the prize of eternal life, salvation and forgiveness of sins. And we don't have to guess about that!

Looking Ahead...

March

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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| 13 | NYG Payment Due \$120.00
<i>NYG participants</i> | Give to Kara /
church office |
| 16 | Spiritual Growth Event
<i>All youth attend</i>
<i>8th graders participate</i>
<i>High school youth present</i>
<i>during fellowship time</i>
<i>afterwards</i> | 7—8 pm |
| 20 | Palm Sunday / Confirmation
<i>All youth attend</i> | 10:30 am |
| 26 | Set-up for Easter Breakfast
<i>High school youth & parents</i> | 8—11 am |
| 27 | Easter Breakfast
<i>Open to entire congregation</i>
<i>Hosted & staffed by high</i>
<i>school youth & parents</i> | 9—10:30 am |

Thank you for your support!

The youth attending the National Youth Gathering in July want to thank everyone who purchased a Younkers Community Days coupon booklet during our fundraiser! We raised \$146.00 as of this printing.



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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.

To the Unbeliever

Psalm 40: 9-10

I would speak great words of wisdom,
grace and truth.

**I would speak a poetic style using "oft",
"betwixt" or "forsooth".**

I would speak with diplomacy,
understanding and tact.

I would speak and never come
to face the fact

That of these all, I have none
or little ability

In speaking--just a knowledge
or facility

Of knowing that the base
of Christianity is true--

That Christ died for us all--
that includes you!

Carol Schuldt

