



The Parish Beacon

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May 2015

Dear Christian Friends:

Ascension Day - an often overlooked Christian holiday is coming - Thursday, May 14, 2015.

Then Jesus took them out to a remote area, blessed them, and “*was taken up into Heaven*”(Luke 24:51) before their eyes. Joyfully they went back home and waited - waited for the gift Jesus had promised would come to them.

Before He departed, He commissioned them:

“*Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything [He had] commanded [them]*” And He added His promise, “*And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age*” (Matthew 28:19-20).

The book of Acts tells the story of what happened as those disciples, armed with Jesus' promise to be with them, started their own community and then branched out into all nations, preaching and teaching, baptizing and discipling others, performing miracles in Jesus' name, facing persecution and death for the sake of the Gospel.

The book of Acts ends after 28 chapters, but the work is not over. The story goes on through the lives and witness of the thousands of Christians who have picked up the task where the first disciples left off.

Your story may never be written down for other Christians to read, but those around you are seeing it unfold. They are hearing you speak the Gospel message; they are recipients of the good deeds you do in the Lord's name; other workers for the Gospel are equipped by your financial and prayer support; they take notice of the stand you take in defense of Truth over the lies with which Satan would blind the world.

No, it's not over. We have the privilege of carrying on Jesus' work till He comes again to take us to Himself, saying, *Well done, good and faithful servant!*”(Matthew 25:21)

In the love of Christ,



OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

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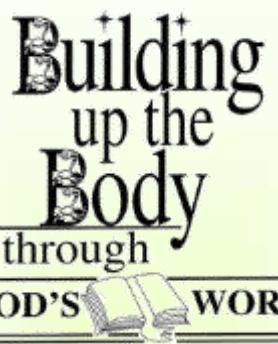
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MAY ACTIVITIES

- 2 GGG Hy-Vee 1st Avenue 7:30am
3 Sunday School 9:15am/Bible Class 9:30am
Feasibility Forum 2:00pm
Youth Night 6:30pm
4 Carnival Night Set Up 6:30pm
Mission Committee 7:00pm
5 Human Care 7:00pm
6 Bible Study 11:00am
Lunch Bunch 12:00pm
Carnival Night 6:00pm
Properties Committee 7:00pm
7 Board of Elders 6:30pm
8 Knitting Small Group 1:30pm
9 Men's Bible Study 8:00am
10 Sunday School 9:15am/Bible Class 9:30am
11 Outreach Committee 6:30pm
Preschool Board 7:00pm
Mission Guild Board 7:00pm
13 Welcome to ORKS 6:30pm
14 Board of Directors 7:00pm
17 Graduation Breakfast 9:15pm
Trivia Challenge 12:00pm
18 LWML Mission Guild at Monica's 6:00pm
19 Assimilation 7:00am
20 Bible Study 11:00am
Lunch Bunch 12:00pm
Thrivent Wall Build 5:30pm
Welcome to LYF 6:30pm
21 Preschool End of Year Program 11:15am
Board of Elders 6:30pm
22 Preschool Graduation 11:15pm
23 Men's Bible Study 8:00am
24 Bible Class 9:30am
Combined Grade Sunday School 9:30am
25 MEMORIAL DAY—Office Closed
26 LLL Meeting 7:30pm
31 Sunday School 9:15am/Bible Class 9:30am



Readings for next week:
Amos 6 - Jonah 1

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

**READ THE BIBLE IN
TWO YEARS**

**April 26 is the last day
to bid on Preschool
Scholarship baskets!**

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 is on summer hiatus.

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

Watch *Reflections* for information on:



May 8
1:30 pm
Library

Feasibility Forum

April 30 7:00pm
May 3 2:00pm
Fellowship Hall



LLL Meeting
May 26, 2015
7:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

SAVE THE DATE

Preview "That's Entertainment" at fundraiser Saturday,
June 6
City High

Prime Time Dinner
November 1
Noon
Fellowship Hall



Carnival
Night
May 6
6:00 pm



Alaska Mission Trip
July 5-15
Contact
Miriam 319-461-1759
Anita 319-337-2164



CHALLENGE
May 17 at Noon
Fellowship Hall

LWML
Ladies Night Out
May 18
6:00 pm
Sign up in the office



Grad Breakfast
May 17
9:30 am



CHRIST CARES
HELPING
HANDS
SUNDAY
June 7
8:00am Worship
Community Service
Noon lunch in the
Fellowship Hall



New Member Brunch
May 3
12:00 pm



CANCELLED
New Member Brunch
May 3
12:00 pm

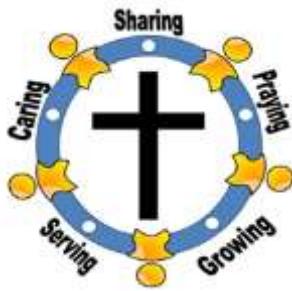


LWML Convention
June 25-28
Des Moines

WELCOME
to
ORKS

May 13
6:30pm
Fellowship Hall

WELCOME
to
LYF
May 20
6:30pm
Fellowship Hall



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....

The Tuesday morning women's small group finished their study on "A Woman's Heart" by Beth Moore. This was an in-depth study focusing on the fascinating account of the building of the tabernacle, the significance of its intricate design, its pivotal role in God's eternal plan, and the grand fulfillment of its purpose by Jesus Christ. The group was challenged to prepare their hearts like the holy of holies, to become a home for His love and glory.

Plan now to join this small group in the fall as they study "Jesus, the One and Only" by Beth Moore, based primarily on the Book of Luke.

Contact Denise Holida at smallgroups@ourredeemer.org with any questions.



Tuesday morning Beth Moore "A Woman's Heart" Bible study group
members present at the March 24 session.

Photo from Shana Stuart

I am so thankful for all the wonderful people who gave donations, came and helped with set up and take down for the prayer walk. I felt very blessed to have this support. *Dianna Reuter*

I know that my Redeemer lives! He quiets my spirit when I am afraid. He helps me to endure the pain when I hurt. He restores my soul with thoughts of love and encouragement. "Lo, I am with you always:" no matter what happens or how it turns out. I am blessed to have prayer warriors praying for me – such knowledge helps me through the dark hours of night or day. I am thankful to have felt that last Friday (April 17) and now in these days of healing.

Your sister in Christ, *Sue Hansen*



Last week before Bob Unzeitig died but after the printing of *Reflections*, he requested that a thank you go out for those who had visited and supported him.



MISSION	APRIL PAYMENT
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca (Budget)	625.00
Iowa District/Synod Budget)	4,166.66
IUIHC Chaplain Fund	416.66
Mission Bishkek	250.00
Lutheran Family Services	625.00
Military Bible Stick	250.00
Orphan Grain Train	375.00
St. Paul's Chapel	375.00
TOTAL	\$7,083.32

Special Voters' Meeting

The following statement was accepted to amend Our Redeemer bylaws at the Special Voters' Meeting on April 12:

The marriage policy of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Iowa City, Iowa, a member congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, is and always has been consistent with the Synod's beliefs on marriage. We believe that marriage is a sacred union of one man and one woman (Genesis 2:24-25), and that God gave marriage as a picture of the relationship between Christ and His bride the Church (Eph. 5:32). The official position of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, as set forth in 1998 Res. 3-21 ("To Affirm the Sanctity of Marriage and to Reject Same-Sex Unions"), is that homosexual unions come under categorical prohibition in the Old and New Testaments (Lev. 18:22, 14; 20:13; 1 Cor. 6:9-10, 1 Tim. 1:9-10) as contrary to the Creator's design (Rom 1:26-27). These positions and beliefs can be found on the LCMS website, along with other statements, papers, and reports on the subject of homosexuality and same-sex unions and "marriage." Our pastors will not officiate over any marriages inconsistent with those beliefs, and our church property may not be used for any marriage ceremony, reception, or other activity that would be inconsistent with our beliefs and this policy.



KUDOS



Our Redeemer's

Board of Directors recognizes

JOHN ROBINSON

For installing electricity to the floor
pods and assisting with the wiring for the
sanctuary sound system

DIANNA REUTER

For organizing the Silent Wednesday
Prayer Walk

Thank you all!

April Board of Directors Meeting

Church Properties report: Sanctuary renovation is almost complete; an outdoor churchyard cleanup will be held April 25 (the parking lot will be restriped also); the foundation for the utility building will be laid following cleanup, with building construction to follow immediately; Star Equipment sent a disclaimer stating that the new kitchen stove was not being operated according to manufacturer's recommendations, thus the Board passed a motion to have all the stove pilot lights lit and adjusted accordingly by Star Equipment. A sign will be posted in the kitchen warning about tampering with the stove's proper operating system.

Staff Reports:

Pastor: The Elder Services lunch program has not been successful because of staffing concerns, thus it is likely the program will be discontinued soon.

Kaja Mueller: Preschool activities-Held a Spring Program with parents, singing at worship was on April 12, scholarship fundraising baskets are on display and open for bids

Family Life-Sunday School Sunday, F.A.S.T. Sports Banquet, Teacher Appreciation Dinner are all planned for April 26.

Seth Illich: Activities-Confirmation Retreat in the Twin Cities, 5th/6th grade retreat at Williamsburg, LYF Post-winter Retreat in Dewitt, Graduation Breakfast for 6 seniors in May, and a Summer Youth Conference in New Orleans for four Our Redeemer participants.

Discussion item: Vision 2020

A Feasibility Study is underway to gauge how much money Our Redeemer can effectively raise for future building projects; five Forums are scheduled for congregational information and participation. The Forums will include a presentation by the architect with designs for potential renovations and additions.



Another Swaziland Mission Adventure!

I am excited to share that I leave May 19th for 3 weeks in Swaziland with my Coe College Nursing Students to work with Parish Nurses and home-based health care teams.

I feel truly blessed to share health care mission work with my nursing students. Our trip is similar to last year where we will go out into the rural areas to provide health care. Our assistance is greatly appreciated as 70% of the population lives in rural areas and experience extreme poverty. The people face daily challenges such as lack of running water, little food supplies, and no cars for transportation.

We are able to do so much as rural health care providers. We care for clients with acute and chronic illnesses, facing even greater challenges. Imagine caring for a sick loved one, being hungry, and having to walk a mile to local bore hole (well) to access clean water. We bring food packages, clean drinking water, and necessary medications, as well as provide physical, emotional, social, and spiritual support.

The Parish nurses and rural health care teams continue to follow up on families who have lost loved ones from AIDS, to help them through the grieving process. It is common to see grandparents raising their grandchildren due to the death of mothers and fathers from AIDS.

We look forward to working with “Our Fortress Orphanage”. Busisiwe Vilakazi started the orphanage in 2013 and cares for 16 boys between the ages of 3 and 7. She started the orphanage to meet the needs of local children who lost their parents to AIDS. People in surrounding homesteads were having difficulty caring for the children due to poverty and lack of food to feed their own family. Another orphanage is needed for young girls, yet she lacks funds to build.



I continue to wire money to the Parish Nurse Program and a rural home-based health care team. The money helps purchase food packages, medications, and medical supplies. I also provide financial support to Our Fortress Orphanage.

I want to thank all of you for your continued support of my mission work in Swaziland! Many of you continue to donate directly to the “Swaziland” account at Our Redeemer on a regular basis. I am grateful for your generosity!

Jabu, Anita, Thandi

I also want to thank the LWML for donating a portion of Tasting Bee proceeds to Swaziland.

Swaziland donations continue to be welcomed.

Donations can be placed in the collection plates during church service. Checks written to: Our Redeemer – with “Swaziland” in the memo section or cash in an envelope labeled “Swaziland account”.

God Bless! Anita Nicholson

Swaziland Orphans





Letter from Seminarian Tyler Carter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Spring is here! We are so very excited to see all of the beautiful colors this year, especially here in Michigan. We have greatly enjoyed our time here and thankfully we have a little more time to spend in Grand Rapids. We're hoping the weather will be warm enough to spend some time at the beach before we leave.

God has blessed us greatly this year with such a wonderful vicarage, and we are very thankful for that! The love and support at Immanuel has been more than we could ask for and we thank you all for your prayers and love during this experience. We hope and pray that you are all doing well during this Easter season.

Tyler is now finishing up a busy time of the year! With Pastor Bickel (Supervising Pastor) away on a couple trips, Tyler has been taking over majority of the duties. He has been learning a lot and knows he will always be learning. I find it so much fun to watch him grow. God is so good! Tyler has been helping with quite a few things, such as: youth group, confirmation class, young professional's Bible study, home bound visits, discovery class, social media, Sunday service, Sunday school, and more! The list seems long. He loves what he is doing and is excited to take all this experience with him wherever we go!

I am still employed as a Lab Technician through Agropur, which is based out of Canada and focuses on aseptic packaging for different customers. A couple different products we produce are Muscle Milk and Silk Almond and Soy Milk. I recently became full time on second shift, as opposed to part time on second shift. I enjoy what I do, but am excited to head back to St. Louis to my last employer and focus on more Chemistry-related testing. My co-workers here are great to work with and I've appreciated their kindness and hard work. They will definitely be remembered and missed.

We have been slowly planning for next year in St. Louis, since this year has been going so fast. We will truly miss our time here in Grand Rapids, but we will have some wonderful friendships to take wherever we go. We are all brothers and sisters in Christ!

We thank you again for your generosity and support. We hope you have a wonderful Easter with friends and family. He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

God's Blessings,

Tyler Carter

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Tyler Carter".

Natalie Carter

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Natalie Carter".

Scavenger Hunt



March 27



Pictures by
Kara Hartwig





Stephen Ministry

By Bill Benson

Questions you have always wanted to ask about Stephen Ministry .

In thinking about what to include in this month's Beacon article, I thought it would be educational to answer the most common questions we get about Stephen Ministry.

1. Why is it called Stephen Ministry? Stephen was one of the first laypeople commissioned by the Apostles to provide caring ministry (Acts 6). It is sometimes called the Stephen Series because it describes the steps a congregation follows to implement the caring ministry system.
2. How many congregations are using Stephen ministry? There are more than 11,000 congregations enrolled with hundreds more enrolling each year. There are over 150 denominations and all 50 states, plus 10 Canadian provinces and 24 foreign countries that have Stephen Ministers.
3. What size congregations use Stephen Ministry? The numbers range from 100 members to congregations with over 10,000.
4. What are Stephen Leaders? Stephen leaders are pastors and lay leaders who direct Stephen Ministry in their congregation. They have attended a one-week Leader's Training Course on how to train effectively.
5. What is a Stephen Minister? Stephen Ministers are laypeople who receive Christian caregiving training in their congregation and then provide one to one Christ-centered care to hurting people. Each Stephen minister typically has one care receiver at a time and meets with that person once a week.
6. What types of caregiving situations are Stephen ministers used in? Stephen ministers provide care for members facing a variety of crises of life challenges—people experiencing grief, divorce, cancer, financial difficulties, hospitalization, chronic illness, loneliness, a spiritual crisis, or other life struggles.
7. How does a Stephen ministry benefit pastors? Pastors tell us that Stephen Ministry deepens, expands, and extends the caregiving capacity of their congregations. We can care for more people than a pastor could alone.
8. What is the meaning the logo? The Stephen series logo symbolizes that we are all broken people and that we are only made whole through the cross of Jesus.
9. How many Stephen Ministers does Our Redeemer have? Currently we have 11 commissioned Stephen ministers . Our goal is to have 20 Stephen Ministers to do more caring so Christ can cure.

Stephen Leaders: Pastor Hartwig, Bill Benson, Kathy Schweer, Kevin Sellers, Marvel Titone



This beautiful quilted cross was created by Beth Benson and Ruth Langehough, for the use on our Lutheran Women's Missionary League bulletin board center. You will find it across from the kitchen at Our Redeemer!

Tasting Bee April 18, 2015



Monies raised plus \$500 Matching Funds from Thrivent go to Swaziland Parish Nurses, Preschool Scholarship Fund, and seminary student Joe Hanson.



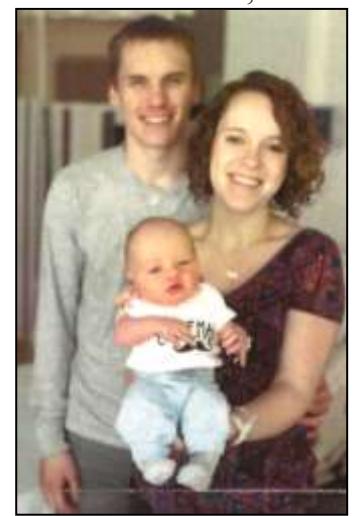
Thanks to all who helped with the Tasting Bee--those who make recipes, decorate tables, direct the kitchen, plate the desserts and breads, solicit door prizes and, of course, Pat Sexton, Angie Hotz, Sheila Alt, and Samantha Nelson for their leadership.

March 24, 2015

Dear members of Our Redeemer,

Virginia and I enjoyed meeting you all last month. Thank you for your hospitality and for your gift to help with seminary. We are humbled by your generosity and encouraged knowing that you are praying for us. Seminary has been a blessing and we can't thank you enough.

We have news! We're happy to announce that Simeon David Vanderhyde was born Monday, March 16. Virginia stopped teaching about a week before he was born, and she will not return to work. I took a week off from seminary classes to be with Virginia and Simeon. Our families both came to meet him and witness his baptism. What a blessing that God has committed himself to a plan for Simeon that started in his baptism and ends in his re-creation! We pray that God will help us to train him in the way he should go and faithfully share the gospel with him as he grows. Today everyone but our moms left, and I went back to school. Please pray for us as we learn how to take care of our little bundle during this busy time.



The last couple of months have brought other changes besides the baby. At the end of February, on a cold night in frigid temperatures and freezing rain, Virginia and I said goodbye to our first home, an apartment half a mile from the seminary campus, and moved into a professor's house a little further off campus. Dr. Henry Rowold kindly let us housesit for him while he teaches at China Lutheran Seminary in Taiwan for the next few months. The extra space has been wonderful with family visiting. This has been another of the many ways God is providing for us.

This quarter my classes are fantastic. I am particularly enjoying Pastor as Educator and Athanasius. I have almost no teaching experience in my background, so it has been exciting to apply myself to studying the discipline. After the first few weeks I find myself wishing I had three or four more education classes to look forward to. In Athanasius, we're studying the thought of Athanasius by reading many of his writings. There is so much we can learn from his unique, 1700-year-old perspective. Much of his worldview can address contemporary issues and bring fresh theological insight for preaching and teaching in a congregation. I'm thankful for the opportunity to study and excited to get out there and do ministry!

This May I will take a class focused on learning about the geography, culture, and history of the Holy Land for the purpose of teaching and preaching the gospel. We will study maps intensively and then travel to Israel for two weeks. Some of the students that went last year have already used what they learned in their Bible classes and preaching. I'm thankful to be able to go and excited to make the most of it!

Call Day is April 29th. That means in about a month we will know where we are going on vicarage! We are open to going anywhere and excited for what God has in store. Please pray that God will bless our vicarage year as I continue to be formed to be a pastor and as our little family continues to take shape.

Peace in Christ,

Joshua & Virginia Vanderhyde



Our families at Simeon's baptism

Mission News of Pastor Michael Parris

April 2015

Je su fu huo le (Jesus is risen)

Did you worship on Resurrection Sunday? We, at the Concordia Lutheran Preaching Station in Macau, did also.

At 10:00am we had worship with Holy Communion. The sermon focused on the catechism question “Why is the resurrection so important and comforting?”



At 11:00am we once again gathered for worship. The waters of baptism were poured upon the head of a young Chinese man who had been taking catechism instruction.

Following worship we had a “pot-luck” lunch. Yes, the Lutheran tradition of “pot-luck” meals has reached China. The gathering of food included such delicacies as Pizza Hut chicken wings and, a Chinese favorite, chicken feet.

Later we colored Easter eggs and played games. By the way, I don’t eat chicken feet. But I did enjoy the Pizza Hut chicken wings.



Friday night Bible study at the English Center.
After the lesson the children do crafts.

Learning English Through the Bible

Every Friday night we have Bible study for adults and children. We use the teaching of English to draw people to the Center.

The children’s lesson include the Bible study, singing and crafts. The adult lesson begins with a vocabulary lesson with words that relate to the Bible study for that night.

Sometimes student participants know very little about Jesus. Some speak very low-English. So it can be very challenging. We usually have a volunteer translator for both **classes**.

CONTACT INFO

Pastor Michael Parris, Macau

To support my mission work financially, you may send a tax-deductible gift

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Missionary Support
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St. Louis, MO 63179-0089

Make checks payable to LCMS International and write *Parris* on the memo line.

OR

Mission Central
47018 Highway E16
Mapleton, Iowa 51034
712 882 1029

Family, friends and contributors will be on the newsletter list. If you would like to be on the mailing list contact Michael.

My email is
Michael.parris84@yahoo.com

Thank you for prayers and donations. You are certainly welcome to share this newsletter with others.

Pray

- We continue with the ongoing task of applying for visa and work permits. Pray that God will bless us with the permits we need
- We have three or four students who have been thinking about baptism. Pray that God would open their hearts to the water and the Word
- Pray that God would bless us with GEO teachers.

Have you ever heard of the Golden Lotus? It is a depiction of a blooming flower; a major tourist attraction in Macau.

The purpose of the Golden Lotus is to symbolize the new life that Macau offers to its citizens and tourists.

However, true newness comes only in Christ. Recently, a young man who often worships with us told me that only 10% of Macau is Christian. What an opportunity we have to proclaim a Savior who offers true newness.

“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you” - Ezekiel 36:26





CONFIRMATION TRIP

April 17-19

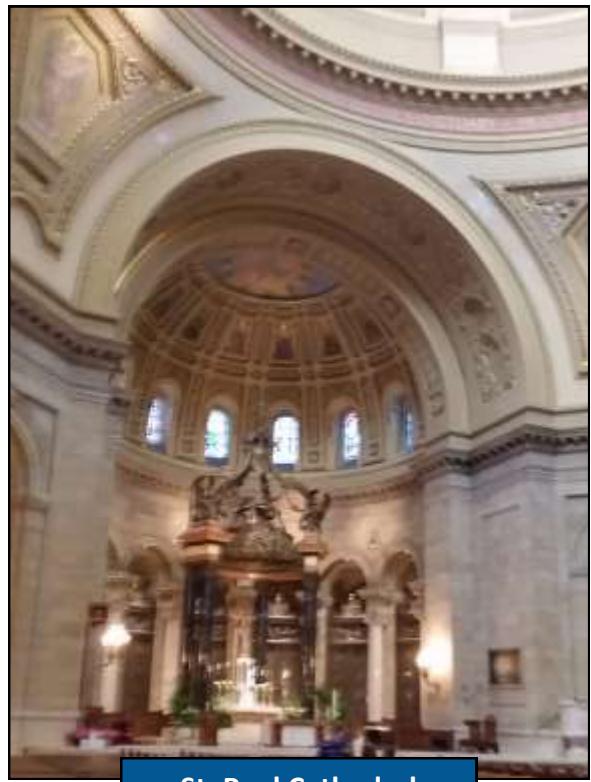
Photos courtesy of Karyl Bohnsack



Concordia St. Paul



Minnesota History Museum
Making Medallions



St. Paul Cathedral

CONFIRMATION CLASS of 2015



Front Row: Madison Daniel, Christian Schwarting, Hunter Kopf, Samuel Gienapp, Sophie Stephens

Back Row: Luke Young, Luke Becker, Pastor Hartwig, Seth Illich (DCE), Dillon Bruckman, Isaac Pinnell, Philip Rocca III, Timothy Simmons

Photo courtesy of
Country Oaks

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Megan and Trent
Miller

WELCOME *New Members*

Welcome Megan Miller and husband Trent. Megan is a nanny and student . She previously lived in Kalona. She likes sports, spending time with children, traveling and mission trips.

Dwain and Rita are living in Tiffin, having previously lived in Conroy and Williamsburg. They come to Our Redeemer from St. Paul's in Williamsburg. Dwain is a retired transportation director for Corn Seed Company who likes hunting, fishing, and woodworking. Rita is a retired registered nurse. She likes walking, cooking, and caring for grandchildren. Leisure activities include travel and time with family- daughter Teresa, husband Brian Fetzer, children Allison and Brynnley and son Jeff, wife Amy, children Desmond & Archer.



Dwain and Rita
Knock



Beth Benson was the featured speaker at the April 20 meeting of the LWML Mission Guild, showing the techniques for making a Bali basket.

Photos by Cheryll Davisson



2015 Alaska Mission Trip planning:

Registration deadline is May 4th with \$200 deposit. Possible activities

include flying to one of the villages to teach Vacation Bible School or helping with construction projects. We will be working with Lutheran staff in Alaska to match interests and talents of volunteers with the local needs.

Near the end of the trip, travel to Anchorage to witness the "Christian Dip Netting" - Salmon Frenzy starting July 14th in which Christians witness to the fishermen.

Dates of July 5-15th are contingent on airfare rates—estimate \$800-1000.



Membership Changes & Official Acts

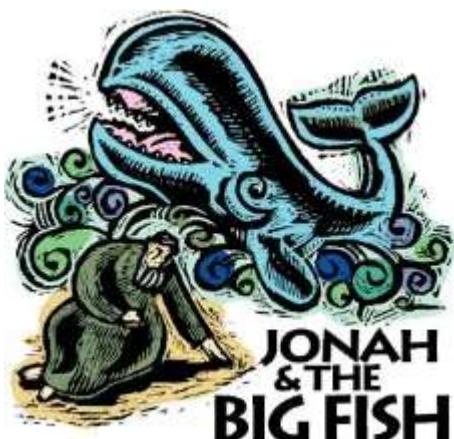
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Mikaila Huedepohl	4-2-2015
Randy Knottnerus	4-2-2015
Heather Jahn (Gwendolyn)	4-2-2015
Terra Untrauer	4-13-2015
<u>Transferred In</u>	
Eric Rossow	3-31-2015
<u>Confirmation</u>	
Luke Becker	3-29-2015
Dillon Bruckman	3-29-2015
Madison Daniel	3-29-2015
Samuel Gienapp	3-29-2015
Hunter Kopf	3-29-2015
Isaac Pinnell	3-29-2015
Philip Rocca III	3-29-2015
Christian Schwarting	3-29-2015
Timothy Simmons	3-29-2015
Sophie Stephens	3-29-2015
Luke Young	3-29-2015
<u>Received</u>	
Philip Rocca III	3-29-2015
<u>Funeral</u>	
Bob Unzeitig	3-22-2015

Christian Bible Reference Site

All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word and click its first letter then its last letter to highlight it. After you have found all the words, click the leftover letters in the correct order to form the mystery answer.

Bible Word Search: Jonah

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Angry
Assyria
Call
Capital
Compassion
Complained
Disobedient
Doom
Enemies
Evil
Fish
Grace
Jesus
King
Love
Miraculous
Misery
Ninevites
Obedience
Outcasts
Overboard
Overthrown
Pagans
Punishment
Reluctant
Sackcloth
Sacrifice
Sailed
Salvation
Swallowed
Tarshish
Thanksgiving
Vine
Violence
Wind
Worm

Mystery Answer: Prophet

Iowa City Librarian Visit



2015-2016 Preschool 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. Contact preschool@ourredeemer.org or 319-338-3949.

ORKS & LYF 2014-2015 Calendar

Youth Ministry!

Youth Night

Plan to join us on Sunday, May 3rd from 6:30 pm to 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

GRAD BREAKFAST

On Sunday, May 17th we will gather to honor the seniors who are about to graduate from high school and move on to college. Please join us as we pray for, support, and encourage these young men and women to continue in their faith even as their journey takes them away from a church that has been their home.

We will share a meal, share stories, pray, and give them a gift that will remind them of the love that we have for them.

Please sign up in the church office to attend and/or to donate food items. Thanks!



<u>May</u>						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	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
3	Youth Night				6:30pm	
6	Carnival Night				5:30pm	
10	Mother's Day					
17	Grad Breakfast				9:15am	
17	Trivia Challenge				11:45am	
24	Memorial Day Sunday School				9:30am	

<u>June</u>						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
31	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	1	2	3	4
7	Community Service Day					
10	Summer GAP Kickoff				6pm	
14	Worship at Mercer Park				10:30am	
15-19	Vacation Bible School					
17	GAP Lunch at Pizza Ranch				12:30p	
21	Summer Sunday School Starts					
21-27	LYF Summer Servant Event					

Trivia Challenge

Gather a team of up to 8 people to compete in the semi-annual Trivia Challenge. We will be playing, eating, and laughing on Sunday, May 17th following the 10:30am service. Lunch is a potluck style affair, so please bring a dish or drink to share!



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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.



Listen

Revelation 2:7a



I hear a sparrow chirping,
Purple martins conversing
The nighthawks' raspy voices,
What each and every bird says...
...songs that Celia cannot hear.



I hear instruments of strings,
Bagpipes during Highland Flings,
Calliopes' songs to the sky,
Some percussion marching by...
...notes that Celia cannot hear.



I hear joking on TV,
Arguing 'mid groups of three,
The tone of love between friends,
A pastor who His flock tends...
...voices that Celia cannot hear.



I hear a rapids' roar,
And the wind's...making things soar.
The rains splash against my boot,
Or dry leaves crunch underfoot...
...things that Celia cannot hear.

I hear a child cry at night,
A car's horn at a stoplight,
Water boiling on the range,
Or sounds that I know are strange...
...warnings that Celia cannot hear.

I hear the light switch turn off,
A distant covered-up cough;
The house is quiet at last.
I hear the silence's loud blast...
...the 'sound' that Celia hears.

~Carol Schuldt