



# The Parish Beacon

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May 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I sat to the side of the sanctuary. I arrived early, and not only did I observe the pews fill up with well-dressed people, but I could feel the excitement in the air. It was palpable. As the organ bellowed notes, the men and women present belted out the hymn.

This was the Vicarage placement service at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. I was present because I had been informed we would be receiving a candidate, in fact, Andrew Wolfgram (*see his letter to the congregation on page 11*).

Fifty-five men received a Vicarage assignment that day. As a part of the seminary training, the seminarians complete a 365-day Vicarage or internship. One fourth of their seminary training is spent learning at Vicarage church. One fourth is spent learning on-the-job. It has been a privilege to watch Vicar Adelsen grow over the past eight-and-a-half months, and we look forward to the same with Vicar Wolfgram.

***Of anything Vicars learn, of anything we as Christians learn, the most important is to share the Gospel!***

Prior to Jesus' ascension, He told His disciples, "*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth*" (Acts 1:8).

Filled with that power, the disciples began the task that every generation of Christians since then has continued. We are to share the Gospel in our homes, neighborhoods, at our places of work, and beyond. Being a witness for Jesus is more than attending church or being busy in church work. We share the Gospel so others will come to know Jesus as *the way, the truth, and the life* (John 14:6).

Go and share the Gospel!



Pastor Hartwig



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# MAY ACTIVITIES

- 1,7,8 Vision 2020 Survey Opportunities
- 1 Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible Study 9:30am  
Trivia Challenge 12:00pm
- 2 Carnival Night Setup—Education 7:00pm  
Mission Committee 7:00pm
- 3 Human Care 6:30pm  
Stephen Ministry Training 6:45pm  
Youth Committee Meeting 7:00pm  
Properties Committee 7:00pm
- 4 Bible Study 11:00am  
Lunch Bunch 12:00pm  
Carnival Night 6:00pm
- 5 Christ Cares Meeting 5:00pm  
Board of Elders 7:00pm
- 6 Basics of the Faith 7:00pm
- 7 GGG-Iowa City Hy-Vee 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue 7:30am  
Basics of the Faith 8:30am
- 8 Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible Study 9:30am
- 9 Outreach Committee 6:30pm  
Preschool Board 7:00pm  
Mission Guild Board 7:00pm
- 10 Preschool Open House 6:30pm  
Stephen Ministry Training 6:45pm
- 11 Theology 101 7:00pm
- 12 Board of Directors 7:00pm
- 14 Men's Bible Study 8:00am  
Youth Baby Sitting 5:00pm
- 15 **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR BIBLE CLASS**  
Graduation Breakfast 9:15am
- 17 Stephen Ministry Training 6:45pm  
Assimilation 7:00pm
- 18 Bible Study 11:00am  
Lunch Bunch 12:00pm  
LWML Mission Guild Ladies Night Out 6:00pm
- 21 Voters' Meeting –2020 9:00am
- 22 *Children's Choir*  
Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible Study 9:30am

- 23,24 Preschool Ceremony/Graduation
- 24 Stephen Ministry Training 6:45pm  
LLL Meeting 7:30pm
- 25 Stephen Ministry Peers-Marcia/Skip 6:30pm
- 28 Men's Bible Study 8:00am
- 29 Multi-age Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 9:30am
- 31 Men's Bible Study 8:00am

## BAPTISM THIS WEEK



**Rhett Alan Marks**  
*10:30am, May 1*

***Parents***

Jared Wayne Marks  
Carmen Connie Muhlenbruck  
Marks

***Sponsors***

Kyle & Ali Carlson

**ONE LORD  
ONE FAITH  
ONE BAPTISM**

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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

**Choir rehearsal Wednesdays at 6:00pm**

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

Watch *Reflections* for information on:



Ladies Night Out  
Wednesday, May 18  
6:00pm  
Cedar Ridge Winery



VACATION BIBLE  
SCHOOL  
June 13-17  
9:00am



Preschool Open  
House  
May 10  
6:30pm



Carnival Night  
Wednesday, May 4  
6:00pm  
Fellowship Hall



Child  
Care  
Available

Youth Baby Sitting  
April 14  
5:00pm  
Fellowship Hall/  
Toddlin

Teacher Training  
June 9 at 7:00pm  
June 12 at 11:45pm



Christ Cares Sunday  
June 5  
NO 10:30 am  
WORSHIP  
Dinner Follows  
Committee meets  
May 5 & June 1 at 5pm



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May 11  
7:00pm  
Board Room



CHALLENGE  
May 1, 2016  
Following Late Service

Bach to Basics  
May 15  
3:00pm

Chamber Singers  
Opstad Auditorium,  
City High



Graduation Breakfast  
Sunday May 15  
9:15am  
Fellowship Hall



Fill One Out  
TODAY

Vision 2020 Survey  
April 30 May 1, 7, 8

Paper copies available at church or online

<https://lcef.app.box.com/s/z47sttkynrmnk7qe3n5v35vw7as0576>

Voters' Meeting  
May 21 at 9:00 am  
Fellowship Hall



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



Basics of the Faith  
May 6, 7-9pm  
May 7, 8:30am-2:30pm



Easter flowers bring  
May gardens.

Thank you, Cynthia  
Fruendt and Melissa  
Mullane, for the  
Easter orders, Brenda  
Johnson and Linda  
Diggelmann, for the  
outside planting.

Thanks to all the people  
who purchased flowers.

Photos by Kevin Sellers





**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....



Thursday Beth Moore Small Group

Photo courtesy of Denise Holida

The Adult Midweek small group just finished “A Study of the Incarnation” for our last Bible study. This study helped us to better understand the incarnation of Jesus Christ. Some of the topics included: “Why God Became Man”, “Why Not An Angel” and “Where the Lord May Be Found”. These topics lead to some great class discussions!

Make plans now to join this small group in the fall, as we will begin meeting again on September 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in Room 208 during the coming school year. All adults are welcome to join us!

Blessings, Denise Holida  
Director of Small Group Ministry



On behalf of the students of the Martin Luther High School Concert Choir and Troubadours, I would like to thank you and the members of Our Redeemer Lutheran for hosting us on March 11. Since we've been back I often find myself reflecting on the experience my students and I shared with you. It was a joy to spend quality time with you and the members of Our Redeemer and to encourage each other in our common faith through the gift of music.

The meals served at all our host churches were excellent, and the offerings received will help tremendously with travel and publicity expenses. A special word of thanks to all of those involved with the organization of student housing. I've heard so many great stories about the hospitality and warmth our choir members received from your families.

Again, thank you for being a part of our tour. Without your willing hands and hearts, it would not have been possible. May God continue to bless your ministry and work at Our Redeemer. Should our groups head your direction in the future. I hope that we can visit with you again.

In His Service, Tim Franz, Music Department Chair



Thank you  
for everything you do,  
U of I ER workers!  
  
- Our Redeemer  
Lutheran Church.





# Stephen Ministry

We care, Christ cures.



**Front:** Kevin Sellers (leader), Marty Wenck, Bill Benson (leader), Melissa Adelsen, Vicar Adelsen, Pastor Hartwig (leader)  
**Back:** Charma Wenck, Becky Behrens, and Marcia Hulse (leader)

## STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINEES PARTICIPATE IN A WEEKEND RETREAT

On the weekend of April 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>, five Stephen Minister trainees Vicar and Melissa Adelsen, Becky Behrens, Charma and Marty Wenck and the training staff of Pastor Hartwig, Kevin Sellers, Bill Benson and Marcia Hulse were able to grow in grace and knowledge at Honey Creek Resort in Moravia, Iowa.

By having a retreat, we were able to cover five of the 18 modules needed to complete the 50 hours of Stephen Ministry training.

The retreat, besides saving five weeks of time, brought the group much closer together in learning to care for others and themselves. The retreat included humor, good food, challenging topics, worship and prayer and a chance to speak positively about one another.

I am confident that this new class will be excellent in caring and letting Christ cure. We are always looking for more members to be trained. Please prayerfully consider this great opportunity to serve others.

*~Bill Benson*

## CHRIST CARES SUNDAY



Are you looking for ways to serve the Iowa City community? Look no further. The annual Christ Cares Community Service Sunday is June 5.

What could you be doing on June 5? The day begins with the Divine Service at 8 a.m. and then the volunteers go out into the Iowa City community and serve in various ways: from painting to gardening, to cleaning, to serving food. Families will be able to serve together. At noon, all of the volunteers will return to church to share in fellowship with food and stories of the day. There is something for everyone!

Stay tuned for more specifics as we move closer to June 5! We serve because Jesus Christ serves!

Acts 20:35: "In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

If you have any questions, please contact Vicar Adelsen. Committee members: Erica Davisson, Steve Faga, Pastor Hartwig, Marcia Hulse, Dave Johnson, Marilyn Kempnich, Skip Kempnich, Kaja Mueller, Julie Nieland, Eric Rossow, Art Schwarting, Denise Schwarting, Mark Wilson, Pam Wilson.



## 10 Reasons to Keep Fit as You Age

"Physical activity" means any movement of the body that is made by skeletal muscles -- and requires energy to accomplish. "Physical fitness" means the ability of a person to do physical activity. Physical fitness can be measured by determining endurance, power and flexibility. (Dr. Bryant - chief exercise physiologist for the American Council on Exercise)

How physically independent you are, depends on how well you can function physically. That is one of the best reasons to stay physically active -- but it's not the only reason. The American Council on Exercise has put together a list of 10 reasons you should make physical activity a part of your everyday life.

To be safe, talk with your doctor before you start or add to an exercise plan. Even a little bit of exercise will help. "A little activity is better than no activity," Dr. Bryant says.

### **1. It increases bone density and limits osteoporosis.**

Osteoporosis affects 10 million men and women. The disease makes your bones weak and brittle. Exercise increases bone strength. The best kinds of exercise to make bones stronger are weight-bearing exercises like walking and resistance exercises such as lifting weights. (You also need vitamin D and calcium for good bone health.)

### **2. It helps you stay independent.**

The point of being active, Dr. Bryant says, is to maintain your ability to function. What is important is being able to play with grandchildren, go out with friends and just do the things you have to do." Studies show, he adds, that people who exercise over their lifetimes can avoid being disabled at the end of their lives. Those who don't exercise, if they live long enough, are sure to experience disability.

### **3. It increases metabolism.**

Metabolism measures how your body handles and uses nutrients. Strength training increases muscle mass, which raises metabolism. One benefit is that your body uses more of the calories you take in because your resting metabolic rate increases. That leads to less body fat and makes it easier to control your weight.

### **4. It reduces your risk for falls.**

There are two reasons for this. The first is that exercise lets you practice keeping your balance and reacting to things around you. The second is that exercise can help arrest a natural decline in muscle fitness. "Of all the various benefits from exercise," Dr. Bryant says, "the most important for seniors is muscular fitness.

### **5. It makes you more flexible.**

Doing things that put your body through the full range of movement helps keep it flexible. Dr. Bryant says these activities don't need to be structured. "Any kind of activity is going to produce results," he says.

### **6. It's a reason to be sociable.**

Exercise groups are a good way to meet people. Since one of the best strategies for increasing your activity is to do it in a group. Check at the community center or local health club for special exercise groups for seniors. You can also ask your friends to join you.



## 7. It improves your mood.

Exercise is good for your mind. Studies show it reduces depression. It can also lift your self-esteem. "People's mental and social well-being is closely related to their physical well-being," Dr. Bryant says. "When you are physically active you improve your sense of what you can do."

## 8, 9 and 10. It helps your entire body.

It improves the way your lungs work, helps prevent and control diabetes and is good for your heart. "There is not a single system in the body that is not positively affected by exercise," Dr. Bryant says. All of the body's systems deteriorate with age. "We used to think that was a function of aging," he says. "But as much as 50 percent of it can be attributed to a lack of physical activity. Exercise will alter that. It will slow the breakdown. In some cases it can even reverse it." Being active will help you live well.

Information obtained from:

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Pictures by  
Kara Hartwig



  
Alleluia!  
He is alive!





Photos courtesy of Donna Saehler, Allison Haack, and Cheryl Davison



Door Prizes

Melissa Mullane  
Marilyn Kempnich



Kitchen Jennifer Kooker  
Valerie Sexton



Chairpersons (left to right) Jennifer Kooker,  
Lynne Westphal, Donna Saehler, Sandy Wagner

\$1787 collected for tickets, donations & cookbooks

Proceeds will be split amongst Swaziland Parish Nursing, Our Redeemer Preschool Scholarships, and seminary student Joe Hanson

# Greetings From Our 2016-2017 Vicar

Hello! Greetings from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis.

My name is Andrew Wolfgram. My wife, Cassie and I are excited to receive the call to be your Vicar this year. I look forward to meeting you all as we gather around the Word of God as brothers and sisters in Christ.

I was born in St. Louis only months before my dad was called as a pastor in rural North Dakota. After living in a small farming town for 6 years, my dad was called to Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Bismarck, ND, where my family has lived ever since. I went to a Lutheran elementary grade school and graduated from Bismarck High School. I then went to Concordia University Wisconsin and graduated with a Pre-Seminary Major in 2014. Throughout elementary, high school and college I enjoyed singing. I was a member of many choirs and enjoyed meeting new people along the way. I have enjoyed becoming a runner since college, running marathons. During my time at the Seminary, I have enjoyed working security on campus in addition to working in our Fieldhouse to help stay healthy and active.



My wife, Cassie and I met when we worked together at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads (an LCMS camp in North Dakota). We have been happily married for 4 years this upcoming summer. Cassie was born and raised in Wisconsin Rapids and graduated from Luther College in Decorah, IA with a degree in Music Education. The past few years, Cassie has been working for Lutheran schools and has taught all grade levels preK-12. She has also become an independent 31 consultant at the Seminary to supplement her teaching income.



There are many things that I am looking forward to while spending my vicarage at your church. I look forward to getting to visit with each and every one of you during vicarage. I look forward to seeing how God has used you in your community. Over vicarage I hope to learn and hone my skills in preaching, teaching and visiting those that are in the hospital and shut-in.

*Dear Heavenly Father,*

*Thank you for this congregation to which you have sent me. We look forward to meeting one another in the months to come. We thank you for this opportunity to learn and grow in your name. Gather us together in your name. Help us to grow in love and care for one another as you have shown us how to love one another. May you bless this year as a year of growth in and for your name. All this we pray for in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord and Savior. In His name we pray. Amen.*

In Christ,

Andrew Wolfgram

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND A FREE ORGAN RECITAL AT CHRIST THE KING, 325 Mormon Trek, on May 1 at 3:00 pm by Dr. Charles Barland. Dr. Barland is a former organist at Christ the King, having served from August of 1990 to August of 1993. He has performed throughout the United States and in Germany, Northern Ireland, Scotland and England. His recital will include Bach, Mendelssohn, Pinkham and others as well as inviting congregational singing.



KUDOS



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

BOB POWERS

for his organized leadership,  
chairing the Pancake Day fundraiser for  
the Crisis Center.  
\$9,000 raised in 2016

*Thank you!*



**Special Voter's Meeting**

Saturday, May 21 at 9:00am

Dear Our Redeemer Members,

Please give this meeting date your prayerful consideration. In the past months, some great improvements have been made at Our Redeemer – a new roof, sanctuary remodel, and our purchase of the 512 First Avenue property. These projects were accomplished at a minimal cost because of the many, many hours of volunteer time and talent. Thank you very much to those individuals!

Volunteers have also come forward and spent numerous hours preparing a list of improvements we can accomplish in the near future. Several items are maintenance issues that require our attention and others will make our church more welcoming and appealing in appearance. An important goal is to be debt-free after investing in these necessary improvements.

All of us lead very busy lives, but I encourage you to consider attending the Voter's Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 21, so you will be informed of the direction Our Redeemer is heading.

Blessings, Steve Scott  
Chair, Board of Directors

# MARCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES



- February ended with total income of \$61,691.45 plus \$223.00 suspense income (\$143.00 Youth and \$80.00 Sports Banquets not distributed to correct account prior to end of month) with expenses of \$50,402.92, giving a cash flow of \$11,511.53.
- Year to date income \$162,288.34 plus \$223.00 suspense income with expenses of \$161,235.28, giving a cash flow of \$1,276.06.
- Elders' Meeting discussion centered around doctoral class in Israel for Pastor Hartwig that will count as three credits toward doctorate and runs from August 8-25.
- Properties
  - ◊ Mulch around church from LLL grant
  - ◊ Creek bank–rock concrete for bank erosion
  - ◊ Sidewalk edging to be done
  - ◊ 440 S 1<sup>st</sup> Ave stone walkway repaired, deck boards, railings, and steps replaced
  - ◊ 512 S 1<sup>st</sup> Ave 4 seasons porch inspected for footings and level floor
- Preschool auction baskets are fewer this year.
- Vision 2020
  - ◊ Presentations had 55-60 on April 10, about 20 on April 12. Good support from those who attended
  - ◊ 1/3 cost for maintenance work that will need to be done regardless. 512 S 1<sup>st</sup> Ave included in costs to be debt free after capital campaign. Cost approximately \$1.5 million
  - ◊ Saturday morning meeting, May 21. John Sproul will do presentation followed by a voter's meeting. Requesting that committee chairs and Board members attend. Decided that absentee voting will not be allowed.



And they  
are off

Pictures by Karyl  
Bohnsack



Concordia-  
Chicago



# CONFIRMATION RETREAT CHICAGO-2016

In front of the Bean, Millennium Park

Oriental institute at the  
University of Chicago.





Stephanie Borst

# WELCOME

## New Members

Welcome Stephanie Borst and husband Ryan (non-member)! Stephanie is a dietician at UIHC and Ryan works for Rockwell Collins. They are both from Burlington and expecting a baby girl in early June. Stephanie graduated from Iowa State in 2010 and earned her Masters degree from Illinois State in 2012 before moving to Iowa City. They now reside in North Liberty.

Both enjoy bike riding and rode Ragbrai last year. Ryan also does woodworking. They enjoy monthly dinners with friends.

## Membership Changes & Official Acts

<b><u>Transfers In</u></b>	
Justin & Amie Slapnicka (Ciara, Meredith)	4-14-2016
<b><u>Baptisms</u></b>	
Maren Elizabeth Roiseland	4-18-2016
Kennedy Rae Chapman	4-23-2016
William Dean Clark	4-24-2016
<b><u>Removed</u></b>	
Mayra Jackson	4-5-2016
Erik & April Fitzer (Chloe, Addison)	4-21-2016
<b><u>Transfer Out</u></b>	
Bruce Justman	4-21-2016
Lori Robinson	4-26-2016
<b><u>Affirmation of Faith</u></b>	
Stephanie Borst	6-19-2016
<b><u>Death</u></b>	
Maren Elizabeth Roiseland	4-21-2016

## Silent Auction for Preschool Starting Next Weekend!

How can you help the Preschool provide tuition scholarships for children? It's easy! Starting next Saturday and Sunday, theme baskets will be displayed in the narthex. All you have to do is bid! The theme baskets are practical and full of terrific items. Look next week and consider bidding on one of the theme baskets. They're great as gifts or just plain fun for you.

The themes are: Handy Tool Kit, Pizza and a Movie, Variety Pack, Automobile Accents, Wine Basket, I Scream for Ice Cream, Dentist Basket, Baby Basket, and Crayola Kids, Star Wars, Summer Fun and Cake and Cookie Creations. More details next week!

We teach our students about letters, numbers, and the world around us, but our most enjoyable task is telling young children about Jesus and His love for them.

Register now for the 2016-2017 school year!



# BIBLE WORDGAMES

## Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 247 Matt 8:14-27 Jesus the Healer 2

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

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Answers on page 17



A huge thank you to everyone for making the Tasting Bee a great success—the committee, the cooks, the decorators, and the attendees helped earn the \$1787 from ticket sales, donations, and cookbook sales. The proceeds will be split amongst Swaziland Parish Nursing, Our Redeemer Preschool Scholarships, and seminary student Joe Hanson.

Thanks are due for all the contributors to the Lutheran World Relief kits and quilts - particularly the Comfort-Tiers. Mission Service chairs Sandy Wagner and Lynne Westphal organized the packing and the three drivers to deliver 187 quilts, 22 baby kits, three fabric kits, and \$25 shipping to the pickup point in Cedar Rapids.



Visited Our Redeemer  
as a guest preacher

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" Mark 16:5-7.* Christ has risen! He has risen indeed! Alleluia!

This Easter season brings Tyler and me to an exciting time in our lives! We've completed interviews for placement in areas of team ministry and look forward to what God has planned for us next! The interviews we had were in the Midwest area and we'd be very happy to go to any of the locations! God is doing some amazing things through His people and we're very excited to join Him on His mission!

This quarter brings a little lighter course load for Tyler, but he always knows how to fill it up with work or other things! He is currently taking MissionShift, Isaiah and the Prophets, and Pastoral Leadership. He is definitely glad to have completed a lot of his courses early on since the impending call has been weighing heavily on his mind. With the little extra time he has, he started watching four kids from our fieldwork church and working in the campus store, each only a couple times a week. Needless to say, Tyler enjoys staying busy and also spending lots of time with people (and kids)!

My work at DynaLabs has been very rewarding and worthwhile! I have gained so much experience and really enjoy the people I get to work with. We were fortunate enough in the Chemistry department to get a brand new laboratory. We moved all of our glassware and instrumentation up a flight of stairs, without too much trouble! The company has definitely been expanding and they are looking to hire more people. I am very excited about this with meeting new people, but also very willing to share the workload! I know it will be difficult to leave, but I know I'll have some wonderful memories to take with me!

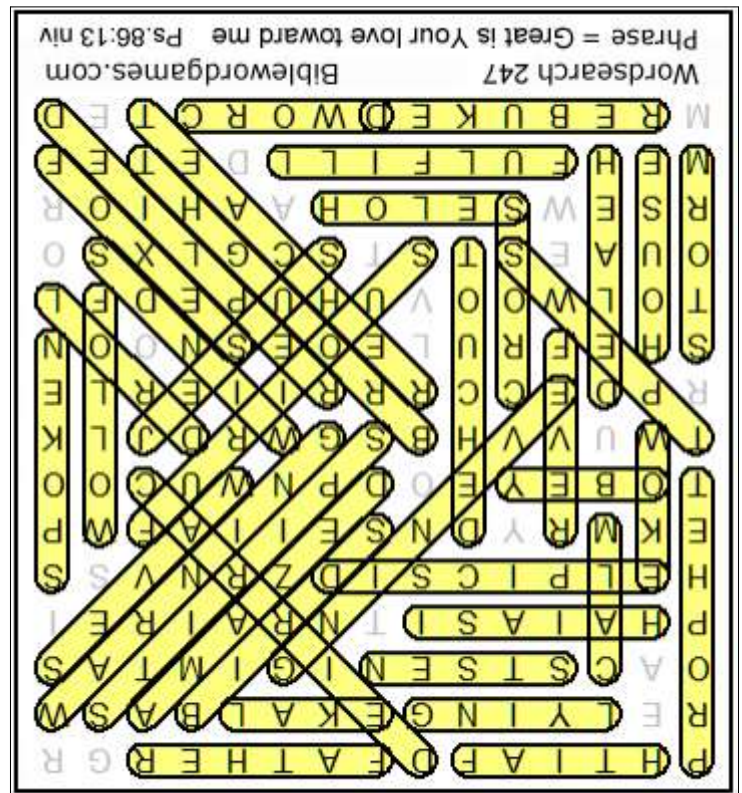
We have truly enjoyed creating these cards and writing the letters. We genuinely appreciate all of your generosity, support, and prayers! Thank you for being such a blessing in our lives and we hope and pray to be a blessing to others. *"But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed."* Isaiah 53:5.



Tyler Carter



Natalie Carter



# Youth

## April Service Projects

### Hospital Worker Appreciation & Youth Lock-Out (pictures page 6)

- 8<sup>th</sup> graders and high school youth made cards of appreciation to give to the Hospital ER Workers who work the night shift
- Thrivent funds paid for snacks and treats that were delivered along with the cards to Mercy & UIHC during the Youth Lock-Out
- Thrivent funds were also used to buy items for the Crisis Center
- During the Lock-Out, the youth competed against each other to buy the most items for the Crisis Center

### Prayer Walk

#### NYG Group Activity & Service Project

Some of the youth who are going to the National Youth Gathering (NYG) in July attended the Prayer Walk held at Our Redeemer on the Wednesday during Holy Week.

- Before they went into the Prayer Walk, Pastor Hartwig explained what the Prayer Walk is and that it was started because of a past NYG experience.
- Then, the participants were put into groups of 2 or 3 to go around to the various prayer stations.
- After the Prayer Walk, the group helped take down and clean up the event stations. *(service project)*
- After clean-up, Dianna Reuter told the group about the first Prayer Walk which she attended during the 2010 NYG that was also held in New Orleans.



# Looking Ahead...

## May

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

1	NYG Group Activity—Trivia Challenge Teams <i>NYG youth and adult participants</i>	<i>Following late service</i>
14	Parents Night Out Babysitting Fundraiser <i>NYG youth participants</i>	5-8pm
15	Graduation Breakfast <i>Entire congregation invited</i>	9:15-10:15am
22	NYG Payment Due \$115.00 <i>NYG youth participants</i>	Give to Kara/ church office

- Dianna brought the idea back to Our Redeemer and held the first Prayer Walk at Our Redeemer in 2011.
- One of the original stations was the “lifesaver” station where you pray until the lifesaver candy has melted away in your mouth.



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

#### DEADLINES

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

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

#### TELEVISION ~ RADIO

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

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

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

#### VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND SCREENING

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

...men are like grass...

*1 Peter 1:24*

The house is gone  
and so are the dreams and hopes for more  
prosperous times.

All that is left is an old foundation  
as the wind sighs  
through white pines.

And where have they gone?  
How long ago? Of them are there  
any signs?

Here weeds grow wild  
under lilac trees while the wind blows  
through the pines.

But look over there  
in the graveyard and see the names  
in lines.

**They're living with their**  
Maker and no longer hear winds  
through the pines.



~ Carol Schuldt