



The Parish Beacon

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Thanksgiving is coming! At my house, before the turkey and the mashed potatoes and the green bean casserole and the stuffing – can't forget the stuffing – we have a tradition of sharing one-by-one what we are thankful for in our Thanksgiving devotion. Each of us list family and friends and many blessings from God.

But here is really something to be thankful for!

How many stars are there in the sky? Who can count them?
God created and knows each of them.

How many different kinds of animals in the forests and deserts and oceans?
We have not come to the end of discovering them all,
but God has created each one in its unique way.

Nor has God been less meticulous with us, for, even though all humans have the same body structure, a face with nose, eyes, and mouth, and all our various parts, yet each of us is uniquely different from another.

Not only has God created each of us, He knows us intimately and cares about every facet of our lives and activities. David, the psalmist, wrote about this characteristic of God in Psalm 139:

*"O Lord, You have searched me and You know me. You know when I sit and when I rise;
You perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down;
You are familiar with all my ways."*

Here is really something to be thankful for!

The Creator of the universe cares so much about you that He searches your heart and mind in order that He might know you! We talk about our need and desire to know God; have you ever thanked Him that He wants to know you?

Are you thankful that you can never get away from God? That He knows when you sit, when you stand, when you go somewhere, and even when you lie down to go to sleep at night?

We can never get away from God. Should we ascend to the clouds or descend to the depths of the ocean, we would not go there alone (Psalm 139:8). God loves us so much that His presence is with us wherever we are. Yes, even when we do not feel, know, or sense it! He is there!

Like the three-year old who stamps his little foot in defiance when his parents make him go to bed when he needs rest, and like the rebellious teen who believes his parents are out to control him, we do not always recognize all that God gives us and does for us and, yes, even demands of us, is for our good because He loves us.

Sometimes we, too, stamp our feet and shout at God in defiance, while we should be thanking Him
for His presence,
for His constant care,
for His love that will not let go of us.

Tenderly He forgives our waywardness, restoring us again to His presence, giving us ever more cause for gratitude. This year, I will thank God that He desires to know me. Thanks be to God!

May your thankfulness for all God had done for you overflow this Thanksgiving! Pastor Hartwig



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NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

- 1 GGG - Iowa City Hy-Vee 1st Ave 7:30am
- 2 Sunday School 9:15am/Bible Class 9:30am
Kaja's 10 Year Anniversary Potluck 11:45am
Young Adult Bible Study 4:00pm
Financial Peace University 6:00pm
Youth Night 6:30pm
- 3 Greek Club 5:00pm
Education Committee 7:00pm
Mission Committee 7:00pm
- 4 Women's **A Woman's Heart** Beth Moore 10am
Human Care 7:00pm
- 5 Preschool Parents Group 9:30am
Bible Study 11:00am
Lunch Bunch 12:00pm
Midweek Meal 6:00pm
Midweek Classes 6:45pm
Properties Committee 7:00pm
- 6 Board of Elders 7:00pm
- 7 Children's Dinner Theater 6:00pm
- 8 Men's Bible Study 8:00am
- 9 Sunday School 9:15am/Bible Class 9:30am
Prime Time Dinner 12:00pm
Financial Peace University 6:00pm
- 10 Greek Club 5:00pm
Outreach Committee 6:30pm
Preschool Board 7:00pm
LWML Mission Guild Board 7:00pm
- 11 Bell Rehearsal 6:00pm
- 12 Preschool Parents Group 9:30am
Midweek Classes 6:45pm
- 13 Board of Directors 7:00pm
- 15 Financial Peace University Garage Sale 8:00am
- 16 Sunday School 9:15am/Bible Class 9:30am
Voters' Meeting 11:30am
Financial Peace University 6:00pm
- 17 Greek Club 5:00pm
LWML Mission Guild 7:00pm
Theology 101 7:00pm

- 18 Women's **A Woman's Heart** Beth Moore 10am
Bell Rehearsal 6:00pm
Assimilation 7:00pm
- 19 Bible Study 11:00am
Lunch Bunch 12:00pm
Midweek Classes 6:45pm
- 20 Women's **Esther** Beth Moore 7:00pm
- 21-22 20 Hour Famine
- 23 Sunday School 9:15am/Bible Class 9:30am
- 24 Greek Club 5:00pm
- 26 Choir 6:00pm
Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00pm
- 27-28 **Office Closed**
- 30 Bible Class 9:30am
Combined Grade Sunday School 9:30am



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

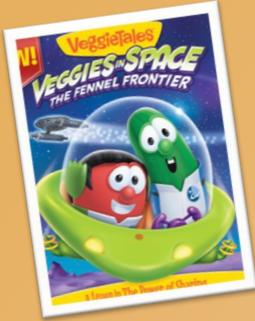
Saturday 5:30pm Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am

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

Choir meets Wednesdays—7:00pm

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

Watch Reflections for information on:



Children's Dinner Theater
November 7 at 6:00pm
Fellowship Hall
\$5 suggested donation



Thanksgiving Eve Worship
November 26
7:00pm



Kaja Mueller
Celebrate 10 years at ORLC!
November 2
Potluck after late service
Basket for Cards



Prime Time Dinner
November 9 at Noon
Fellowship Hall
Visit the Arctic with
Chuck & Pam Huss



Rehearsing
during Sunday
School



November 17
7:00pm
Board Room



THRIVENT FINANCIAL

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Annual Dinner & Voters' Meeting

November 23 at 5:00pm
Terry Trueblood Center



Anita Nicholson
On Parish Nursing
November 17 7:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

November 26 Events

Trunk or Treat



4:00 pm in the parking lot, optional chili to follow in the Fellowship Hall



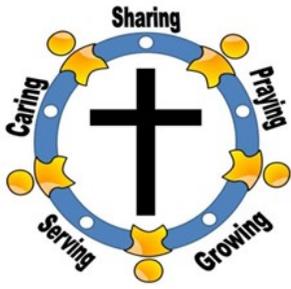
Basket in the narthex

Pastor Appreciation

New Member Brunch



Noon in the 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....

MARRIAGE MATTERS!

Early in October, a small group of married couples enjoyed the “I Still Do” Simulcast hosted at Our Redeemer. It was a day to celebrate and invest in our marriage and family! We listened to a variety of speakers and at the end of the day, realized the promise that we made to each other on our wedding day – whether it be days, weeks, or years in the past – has eternal impact on the generations to come after our us. Our marriage matters!

It was easy to say “I Do” when dressed in white or in a tuxedo, surrounded by family and friends, full of new love. Today, the words “I Still Do” have a lot more meaning because of real struggles, real pain, and real loss we have shared as a couple. Throughout the day, we looked at Scripture and learned how God designed marriage for our good and for God’s glory. We heard about the importance of living out our commitment to each other and that the richness of our marriage is in direct proportion to the sacrifices we make to one another. We learned the importance of going the distance for your marriage, having a sense of hope, and keeping Christ in the center as key factors for marriage success.

We concluded the day with a vow renewal as we recommitted ourselves to our spouse. The day was a blessing to all who attended the event! If you are interested in learning more about the day or joining a small group focused on marriage studies, email me at smallgroups@ourredeemer.org.

Blessings, Denise Holida





*Thanks,
Everyone!*

THANK YOU for all the encouraging cards, phone calls, and visits while I was rehabilitating from knee surgery. They meant a lot to me.

Steve Schultz



KUDOS

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

DAVE & BRENDA JOHNSON

**for organizing, grilling, and distributing
hot dogs during the
City High Homecoming Parade.**

Thank you all!

Parade Party



November 1 - City High Homecoming Parade



NEWS—Anita Nicholson

UPDATE ON ENTEROVIRUS D68 AND HOW TO PROTECT YOUR CHILD

According to the CDC, the United States is currently experiencing a nationwide outbreak of enterovirus D68 (EV-D68) associated with severe respiratory illness.

What are the symptoms of EV-D68 infection?

EV-D68 can cause mild to severe respiratory illness.

- Mild symptoms may include fever, runny nose, sneezing, cough, and body and muscle aches.
- Severe symptoms may include wheezing and difficulty breathing.

Anyone with respiratory illness should contact their doctor if they are having difficulty breathing or if their symptoms are getting worse.

How does the virus spread?

Since EV-D68 causes respiratory illness, the virus can be found in an infected person's respiratory secretions, such as saliva, nasal mucus, or sputum. EV-D68 likely spreads from person to person when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or touches a surface that is then touched by others.

Who is at risk?

In general, infants, children, and teenagers are most likely to get infected with enteroviruses and become ill. That's because they do not yet have immunity (protection) from previous exposures to these viruses. Adults can get infected with enteroviruses, but they are more likely to have no symptoms or mild symptoms.

Children with asthma may have a higher risk for severe respiratory illness caused by EV-D68 infection.

What are the treatments?

There is no specific treatment for people with respiratory illness caused by EV-D68.

- Talk to your child's doctor about the best way to control his or her symptoms.
- Some people with severe respiratory illness may need to be hospitalized.
- There are no antiviral medications currently available for people who become infected with EV-D68.

How to keep you and your child from getting and spreading Enterovirus D68

You can help prevent your child from getting and spreading EV-D68 and other respiratory illnesses by following these steps:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact such as kissing, hugging, and sharing cups or eating utensils with people who are sick.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or shirt sleeve, not your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces, such as toys and doorknobs, especially if someone is sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.

There are no vaccines for preventing EV-D68 infections.

What should you do if your child has asthma?

Children with asthma are at risk for severe symptoms from EV-D68 and other respiratory illnesses. They should follow CDC's guidance to maintain control of their illness during this time. CDC recommends:

- Discuss and update your child's asthma action plan with your primary care provider.
- Give your child's prescribed asthma medications as directed, especially long term control medication(s).
- Be sure to keep your child's asthma reliever medications with you and child's caregiver.
- Get a flu vaccine when available.
- If your child develops new or worsening asthma symptoms, follow the steps of your child's asthma action plan. If symptoms do not go away, call your doctor right away.
- Make sure your child's caregiver and/or teacher is aware of his/her condition, and that they know how to help if the child experiences any symptoms related to asthma.

Information: <http://www.cdc.gov/non-polio-enterovirus/about/ev-d68.html>



Until He Comes

Fall Confirmation Retreat 2014

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca hosted 44 youth for the IDE Fall Confirmation Retreat. Pastor Belz from St.

John's in Oskaloosa led our studies for the weekend as we gathered to learn about The Lord's Supper.



Sitting: Reece Caven
1st Row: Seth, Isaac, Philip, Tim, Sam, Kayla, Lindsey, Becky
2nd Row: Dillon, Hunter, Christian, Claire, Kylea, Paige, Madi, Sophie



Stephen Ministry

By Kathy Schweer

For over two years our congregation has been developing a lay caring ministry that is being used by thousands of congregations to increase care and outreach to hurting people. We have become an official Stephen Ministry Congregation. Those of you who have been members all this time, and have read our articles in *BEACON*, know that we have a Leadership Team that has been through a week-long training in St. Louis, and have trained and commissioned eleven Stephen Ministers to provide care to members of the congregation and community. Yet, many still have questions. Here are some frequently asked questions (FAQ) and some brief answers.

FAQ 1: What can a Stephen Minister do for me?

Most of all, a Stephen Minister will listen to your story. All of us experience painful times in our lives. A Stephen Minister will help you understand your situation, reassure you during times of doubt, and provide unconditional love.

FAQ 2: I may not know the Stephen Minister assigned to me. How can I trust a stranger?

Confidentiality is a hallmark of Stephen Ministry. Only the Pastor, who is the Referral Coordinator, and your Stephen Minister will know that you are a care receiver. They will not divulge any information about you or the things you share during your visits. If someone asks, your Stephen Minister will neither deny nor confirm that they are visiting you.

FAQ 3: How much time will it take if I choose to have a Stephen Minister?

The visits are usually no more than an hour, once a week, at a time and place convenient for you.

FAQ 4: What can I expect to gain if I have a Stephen Minister?

You will have a new Christian friend who can help you experience God during times when you may be wondering if God is really there. You will learn about ways to approach your situation and find a way that works best for you to improve it. Every week, you will have a Stephen Minister friend who shows up and listens to what is on your mind and heart. You will know what Christian caring really means.

FAQ 5: Why should I consider having a Stephen Minister?

If you have experienced a loss (death, divorce, out of work, financial difficulties, relationships, etc.), acute or chronic illness, loneliness, anxiety or depression, or are hurting in any way, then you may need the care and compassion that a Stephen Minister provides. Our motto is “We Care, Christ Cures”. Your Stephen Minister will give you loving, concerned, non-judgmental, caring support. You will become closer to God.

FAQ 6: How do I find a Stephen Minister when I need one?

Contact Pastor Hartwig, who will visit with you to learn about your needs and assign you to a Stephen Minister who can best help you. Members of the Stephen Ministry team also work with Pastor Hartwig, the Elders, and the Health Ministry Committee to encourage members who are going through a difficult time to engage in the Stephen Ministry program. We are here for you!

Library News

35 books and 14 new DVD family videos have been added to the library!

Thank you Pastor and Eunice Scheer for all the inspirational, Bible study, & devotional books you so generously donated. Thank you to Betty Redeker for the book, *God's Double Agent*, by Bob Fu. It is an impossible-to-put-down biography!

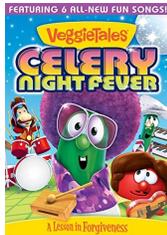
New Books - 2 Jerusalem Chronicles by Bodie and Brock, two best-selling authors of over 65 works of historical fiction.

When Jesus Wept – “Page-turning...Set against the political and religious turmoil of the times, the Thoenes’ story vividly reimagines the evolving friendship between Jesus and Lazarus.” ~ *Publishers Weekly*

Take This Cup -Woven into the fabric of prophecy, a young boy named Nehemiah must choose to embrace his destiny as cupbearer to the King of Kings. In due time, his path becomes clear. It leads to Jerusalem, and on to Jesus of Nazareth.

DVD List:

Veggie Tales



Celery Night Fever (A Lesson in Forgiveness)

Lyle the Kindly Viking (A Lesson in Sharing)

A Snoodle's Tale (A Lesson in Self Worth)

Moe and the Big Exit & The Ballad of Little Joe (Double Feature)

Family Outdoor Adventures

The Last Great Ride & Little Heroes (Double Feature)

Walking Thunder & Long Road Home (Double Feature)

Original Family Classics



Where the Red Fern Grows (3 movies in 1)

Proud Rebel

Seven Alone

White Fang (6 movies in 1)

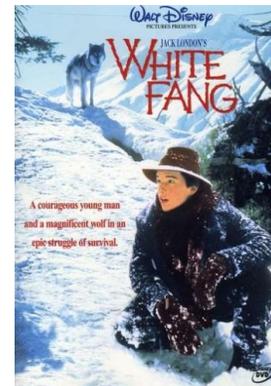
Against a Crooked Sky

Proud Rebel

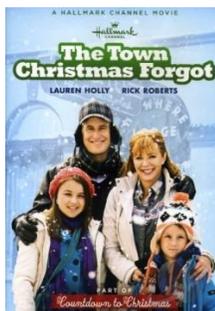
The Red Fury

Baker's Hawk

Lassie – The Painted Hills



Others -



Natalie's Rose (Double Feature)

Second Chances

The Adventures of Mickey Matson – Copperhead Treasure

Christmas

Mandie and the Forgotten Christmas

The Town Christmas Forgot (Hallmark)

Silver Bells

Please take the time to check out these new and exciting resources our library has to offer. Also, if you would be so kind as to return all materials within a 3 week time period, so others can enjoy them, as well. Thank you! Rita Johnson & LWML Committee

MEET THE HUMAN CARE COMMITTEE !!

The Human Care Committee has been active in Our Redeemer for many years. The committee is quite large but we always have great attendance and this is probably because the projects we are involved with are rewarding and fun.

Our present activities include:

PRIME TIME DINNER- We host a dinner each Fall, with entertainment, for members 60 years of age and older. We also serve a Wednesday night Advent meal and Lenten meal. Our executive chef Steve Rudin is in charge .

ANGEL TREE- We collect Christmas gifts from congregation members and deliver them to children of prisoners. Sometimes these may be the only gifts these kids get. In addition, a gift card for groceries is included in their gift bag along with information about Our Redeemer. Barb Schanbacher has chaired this project for many years.

MITTEN TREE- We collect mittens, scarfs, and hats from congregation members and give them to the Iowa City School District for distribution to students who need them. Twyla Freeman leads this activity.

CRISIS CENTER BIN IN THE NARTHEX-We collect donated food and paper products from Congregation members and it is delivered each week to the Crisis Center. The congregation is very generous as it amounts to a couple of tons of stuff each year with the VBS donating about 800 items. Dave Hintze is the delivery man.

EMERGENCY FUNDS- Funds are available, through our committee, as a grant or a loan, for members of Our Redeemer who may be experiencing a short term emergency. Examples could be a fire, loss of job, medical emergency etc. when a few extra dollars could help carry someone through. Requests for funds should be made by contacting Pastor Hartwig who will then contact the appropriate people from the Human Care Committee.

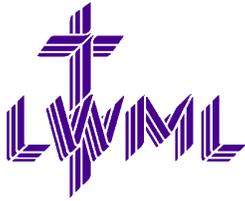
CROP WALK- We solicit walkers to get pledges to help combat world hunger.

BIRTHDAY CARDS- Cards, signed by the members of the committee, are sent to congregation members 60 years of age and older. Kathy Hudepohl takes care of this project.

NEW PROJECT- This year we are exploring the need in our congregation for people who want a little help with simple tasks such as rides for those who cannot drive, or helping with things around their homes like changing light bulbs, some light yard work, moving a piece of furniture, and other light household chores. We do not anticipate that this would include heavy tasks like lawn mowing, or shoveling snow but rather short time things that can be handled easily by a volunteer. More specifics will be coming soon and In the mean time, if you would be willing to be a volunteer who could occasionally help with this please call Dave Hintze-351-5873. When we have a list of volunteers we will notify the congregation and accept requests from those who need a little help once in a while.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS- Dave and Cynthia Fruendt, Kathy Hudepohl, Steve and LaRae Rudin, Daris and Lauren Honneman, Larry and Twyla Freeman, Barb Schanbacher, Jim and Kathy Eick, Beth and Dean Hargens, Dave and Sharon Hintze





Saturday, October 11 5:30 pm



Sunday, October 12 8:00 am



Sunday, October 12 10:30 am

Welcome, New Members

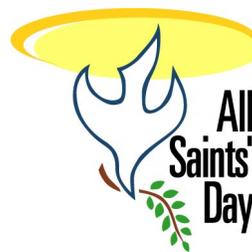


Kevin, James, and Tiffany Roiseland

Welcome to Kevin, Tiffany, and James (5 months). They moved here from LaCrescent, Minnesota, Kevin having previously lived in Chicago and Waverly. Tiffany has lived in both Colorado Springs and Dubuque. Kevin is an International Student and Scholar Advisor at Iowa and Tiffany teaches English Language Learning at West High. Kevin's hobby is homebrewing. Leisure time activities include reading and traveling where they can experience different cultures. Kevin lived in Columbia and taught English for seven months. Tiffany spent three months volunteering at an orphanage in Ghana and the couple honeymooned in India.

Membership Changes and Official Acts

<u>Transfer In</u>	
Heidi Bricker	10-1-2014
<u>Released</u>	
Kristen Boyden	9-29-2014
<u>Death</u>	
Mary Jo Villhauer	9-29-2014
Kyle Jackson	10-10-2014
Bobbie Lake Sr	10-18-2014
<u>Baptism</u>	
Lainee Mae Matheson	10-11-2014
Pearl Dawn Bricker	10-19-2014



All Saints' Day is celebrated on the weekend of November 1 and 2. If you have family or friends who have died in the past year that you would like remembered in the worship

services, please submit their names, date of death, and your relation to them to the church office by October 30.

338-5626 or redeemer@ourredeemer.org

Children and Youth MINISTRY COORDINATOR INFORMATION

Toddlin' to Jesus – Allison Haack 688-9513
 Cradle Roll – Paula Caylor 337-0620
 Sunday School – Kaja Mueller 338-5626, Kelli Kucera kellikucera@yahoo.com
 Kids Club – Denise Schwarting 325-6153 or Becky West 430-3809
 Education Committee Chair – Crissy Pence 339-4956
 Youth Committee Adult Chair - Chris and Jill Schwartz jill_kuennen@yahoo.com
 Director of Christian Education Youth Ministry– Seth Illich 338-5626
 Director of Christian Education Family Life—Kaja Mueller 338-5626
 Preschool—Mrs. Kaja Mueller & Mrs. Kate Ramsey #338-3949

Thanksgiving Trivia



Trivia

- After their first disastrous winter in the colony, the Pilgrims were assisted by a Patauxet Indian who taught them how and where to catch fish and how to fertilize their crops. What was his name?
 - a) Powhatan.
 - b) Squanto
 - c) Massawippi
 - d) Pocahontas
- How many days did the first Thanksgiving celebrations last?
 - a) Two
 - b) Three
 - c) Five
 - d) Seven
- Who was the governor of the Plymouth Colony at the time of the first Thanksgiving celebration?
 - a) Miles Standish
 - b) John Alden
 - c) Edward Southworth
 - d) William Bradford
- Who was the first U.S. President to declare a national day of Thanksgiving?
 - a) George Washington
 - b) Abraham Lincoln
 - c) Franklin D. Roosevelt
 - d) Rutherford B. Hayes
- In 1941, the U.S. Congress passed a resolution making Thanksgiving Day the fourth Thursday in November rather than the last. What was the purpose of the change?
 - a) To avoid potential snowstorms in the north.
 - b) To avoid heavy rains in the south
 - c) To extend the Christmas shopping season
 - d) All of the above.
- When do Canadians celebrate Thanksgiving?
 - a) Same as in the U.S.
 - b) Second Monday of November
 - c) Second Monday of October
 - d) Fourth Thursday of October
- What year did the Pilgrims celebrate the first Thanksgiving?
 - a) 1620
 - b) 1621
 - c) 1622
 - d) 1630
- What was the name of the ship the Pilgrims took to reach America?
 - a) The Speedwell
 - b) The Bounty
 - c) The Godspeed
 - d) The Mayflower
- What did the Pilgrims call their new colony?
 - a) Plymouth Colony
 - b) Jamestown
 - c) Roanoke
 - d) Cape Cod
- Which U.S. President established Thanksgiving as an annual holiday?
 - a) George Washington
 - b) Abraham Lincoln
 - c) Franklin D. Roosevelt
 - d) Rutherford B. Hayes
- Friendly natives from which tribe were invited to the Pilgrims' Thanksgiving celebration?
 - a) Wampanoag
 - b) Iroquois
 - c) Patauxet
 - d) Algonquin



Answers: 1b, 2b,
3d, 4a, 5c, 6c, 7b,
8d, 9a, 10b, 11a



TREASURED NEWS



Volume 3

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Issue 2

WHERE IN THE WORLD HAVE OUR MITES GONE??



Training Indigenous Pastors and Teachers

Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne, Indiana

The cultures of many countries do not encourage men teaching women. This makes sharing the Gospel through missionary pastors difficult. LWML Grant #3, Training Indigenous Pastors and Deaconesses, will provide funding for women from other countries to be trained in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Deaconess program at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, so they can carry the message of salvation back to the women in their home countries.

Please mark your offering for “missions” to help fund the remaining balance of \$70,572 to assist in the training of these missionaries.

Thank you!

Rebuilding Nord Est Haiti Lutheran School

These happy children are thankful to have uniforms to wear to school where they learn of Jesus’ love and memorize Bible verses. These uniforms are usually the best clothing they have and the hot meal they receive each day may also be the only food they eat all day.

Along with their religious instruction, they are taught French grammar, Creole, math, science, social studies, history, and geography. They appear eager to learn!

Several years ago, the enrollment at this school was over 180 students and the need for expansion was evident. The school has three levels of kindergarten through sixth grade.

Your gifts supporting LWML missions have helped to provide a safe and comfortable learning environment for many children in Haiti.



\$50,000 paid with \$50,000 remaining to be paid.

This is part of the financial newsletter that is sent to District treasurers and is available at <http://www.lwml.org/giving/treasured-news.php>
Part of the national website www.lwml.org
Iowa East District LWML website www.lwml-ied.org/

Building up the Body through GOD'S WORD

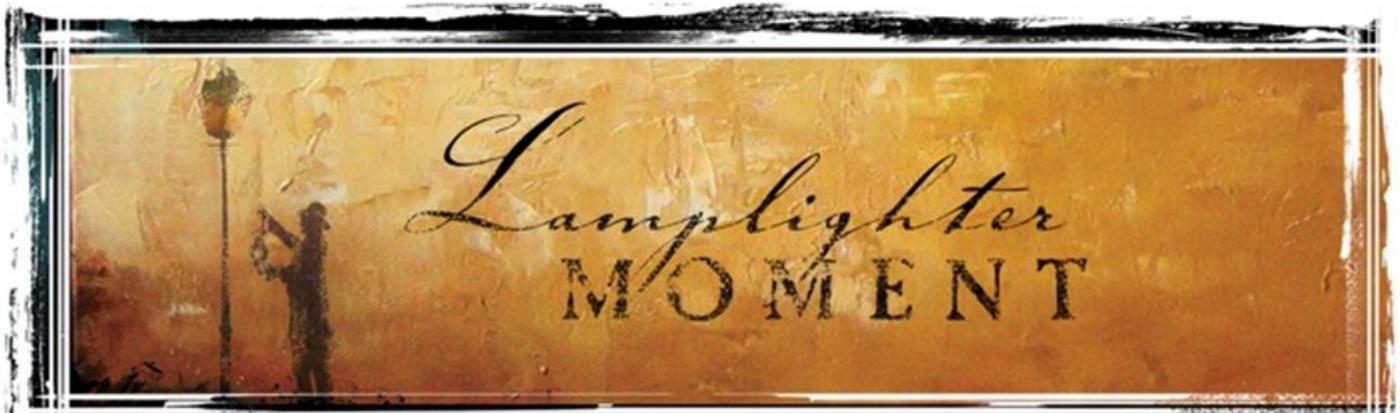
**READ THE BIBLE IN
TWO YEARS**

November is Psalm

*Readings for next week:
Job 35-Psalm 6*

Nov 1-2	Job 35 - Psalm 6
Nov 3-9	Psalm 7-41
Nov 10-16	Psalm 42-78
Nov 17-23	Psalm 79-112
Nov 24-30	Psalm 113-150

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



Raging Nations, Laughing God

“Why do the nations rage?” Psalm 2, written by David, is a treatise on the tension that exists between humanity and God—basically because man wants things his way. David, God’s chosen king, was placed in authority over land that God would survey from Egypt to the Euphrates River. He overthrew the wicked nations that occupied that space.

Some people loved David, and some—even his own people—hated him. But that didn’t matter. God had decreed that David would be king, and no one was going to change it. Nonetheless, the nations did try to change it; they raged, beat their war drums, and fought against David. So often we do the same. God places authorities over us and we rage, resist, and fight. When we do, we restrict God’s blessings and favor.

Psalm 2 is also a Messianic psalm. David, God's anointed, is a picture of Jesus the Anointed One. Just as they tried to remove David, we see the same occurrence today. Nations will fight until death but will band together when it comes to God's Anointed, especially if Jesus is at the center of attention. And they will go to the extreme to do so.

God has two responses. He either laughs at man's ridiculous attempt to have things his way or, if man doesn't yield, He responds in wrath. That transition from laughter to wrath reminds me of my dad when he would suddenly shift from smirking to unleashing his belt on my behind!

It doesn't have to be this way. There *is* a preventative measure that will restrain God from unleashing His wrath. In Psalm 2:12 David writes, "Kiss the Son, lest he be angry." One who is yielded to God submits to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Psalm 2 is referring to the Son of God! To "kiss the Son" means to submit to His rule over your life. This is illustrated today when someone bows before a leader and kisses their hand or ring.

It's easy to tell who rules your life. If Christ, you will be yielded to and humbled by the assignments He gives. If you want things *your* way, you will resist, rage, and fight. If you find yourself currently resisting, fighting, or raging, it is time to surrender and "kiss the Son" lest He be angry!

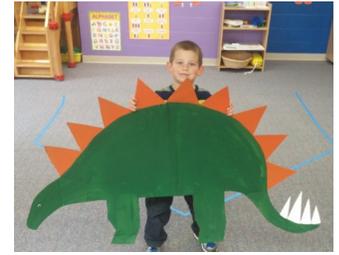
Making ready a people prepared for the Lord,

Mark Hamby



**"You shall break
them with a
ROD OF IRON,
and DASH
THEM IN
PIECES
like a potter's
vessel."**

Psalm 2:9, NRSV



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Youth Ministry!

Coffee Shop

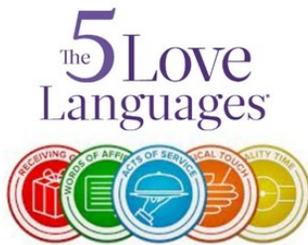
ORKS COFFEE & TREATS

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Youth Night

Plan to join us on Sunday, November 2nd from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm as we continue our Sunday Night Youth Night for ORKS and LYF (Fifth grade through high school). We will meet on the first Sunday of every month and explore what love is and how we can share it! We will be walking through the 5 Love Languages and using it to discuss love that we might share with those around us. We will also do some group building activities and large group games.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!



30 HOUR FAMINE

Every year, hundreds of thousands of students in the U.S. and around the world unite to do the Famine. Join them, and your group will learn about hunger, raise funds to help the hungry, and then go hungry yourselves for 30 hours. Through the Famine, teens grow closer to Christ and each other — all while helping to save the lives of hungry kids.

November

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	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	5	6

- 2 - Youth Night @ 6:30 pm
- 21-22 - 30 Hour Famine
- 27 - Thanksgiving
- 30 - Combined Grade Sunday School

December

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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	31	1	2	3

- 7 Youth Night 6:30pm
- 12 Christmas & Cookies 6pm
- 14 Children's Christmas Program
- 14 LYF Christmas Party 2:30pm
- 14 LYF Live Nativity 4pm
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas
- 29 No Sunday School (Christmas Break)
- 31 New Year's Eve

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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.

Picture Perfect

Ephesians 3:20-21

Picture Sin
Picture Despair
Picture Guilt
Picture Cruelty
Picture Pain
Picture you
Picture me

Picture Hope
Picture Patience
Picture Love
Picture Victory
Picture Life
Picture Christ

Picture Sinless
Picture Purity
Picture Perfection
Picture Forgiven
Picture you
Picture me
through Christ



Carol Schuldt