



The Parish Beacon

Volume 36 – No. 10

November 2015

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

What is the first task of the Christian steward?

It is this time of year that I preach a three-part sermon series on Stewardship. Every year I emphasize that stewardship is time, talent, and treasure, but what is the first task of Christian stewardship?

Could it be to give thanks?

We express our gratitude, first of all, for the Son who has won our salvation for us. We gratefully acknowledge to God all the gifts He daily and richly makes available to us, and we are aware of our responsibility to manage faithfully all the resources our Creator has entrusted to us.

How thankful we can be for all those blessings! What a privilege to be called to be God's partner in the stewardship of the Gospel! Paul wrote, thanking the Philippians for their "partnership in the gospel from the first day until now" (Philippians 1:5).

How did the Philippians participate with Paul in this partnership?

The verses following tell us that they, along with Paul, received the grace of God which He imparts to us through His Holy Word and Sacraments. They supported, encouraged, and prayed for Paul as he carried out his work for the Kingdom, and his heart rejoiced that they continued steadfastly in faith.

As members of the Body of Christ, the Church, we are all partners in the Gospel. Each of us has been given gifts by the Holy Spirit that enable and equip us for this partnership (1 Peter 4:10). Thus we speak of our faith, telling the message of the Gospel wherever and whenever God gives us opportunity, even if it means that we, along with Paul, suffer for it (Acts 4:20). We perform acts of service that help our neighbors (Matthew 25:34-40). By the grace of God, we "...let [our] light shine before others, so that they may see [our] good works and give glory to [our] Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

Being a good steward begins with giving thanks. Hmmm?

Maybe that is why each year we call our stewardship campaign – Thanksgiving, Thanks Living.

Maybe that is why we bring our pledge cards forward on Thanksgiving.

Just maybe, good stewardship begins with thanks giving.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Pastor Hartwig



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NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

- 1 Sunday School 9:15am/Bible Class 9:30am
Prime Time Dinner 12:00pm
Youth Led Worship Rehearsal 2:00pm
- 2 Education Committee 7:00pm
Mission Committee 7:00pm
- 3 Women's Beth Moore 10:00am
Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm
Youth Committee Meeting 7:00pm
- 4 Bible Study 11:00am
Lunch Bunch 12:00pm
Midweek Meal 6:00pm
Midweek Classes 6:45pm
Properties Committee 7:00pm
- 5 Board of Elders/Directors 7:30pm
- 7 GGG Iowa City Hy-Vee 1st Avenue 7:30am
- 8 Sunday School 9:15am/Bible Class 9:30am
Youth Led Worship Rehearsal 2:00pm
Kids Dinner Theatre 5:30pm
- 9 Outreach Committee 6:30pm
Preschool Board 7:00pm
LWML Mission Guild Board 7:00pm
- 10 Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm
- 11 Midweek Classes 6:45pm
- 12 Women's Beth Moore 7:00pm
Board of Directors 7:00pm
- 13 Knitting Small Group 1:30pm
- 14 Youth Pie Fundraiser 8:00am
Men's Bible Study 8:00am
Pie Sale Pick-Up 10:00am - noon
Youth-led Rehearsal 4:00pm/Worship 5:30pm
- 15 Youth-led Worship 8:00am
Sunday School 9:15am/Bible Class 9:30am
Youth-led Worship 10:30am
Voters' Meeting 11:45am
Young Adult Bible Study 4:00pm
- 16 LWML serving at Hope Lodge 5:00pm carpool
Swaziland Mission Trip Meeting 7:00pm

- 17 Women's Beth Moore 10:00am
Assimilation 7:00pm
- 18 Bible Study 11:00am
Lunch Bunch 12:00pm
Midweek Classes 6:45pm
- 19 Theology 101 7:00pm
- 20-21 30-hour famine
- 22 Sunday School 9:15am/Bible Class 9:30am
Mission Auction 12:00pm
- 25 Thanksgiving Eve Worship 7:00pm
No Midweek classes
- 26-27 **Thanksgiving—office closed**
- 28 Men's Bible Study 8:00am
- 29 **No Sunday School/Bible Class 9:30am**

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY:

Christ is our Passover Lamb, whose blood was shed for our forgiveness, life and salvation.



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 or
Louise Klopp choirdirector@ourredeemer.org

Watch *Reflections* for information on:

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Bible Study
November 15
4:00pm
Vicar Adelsen's - 519 S. Scott Blvd



Youth Pie Fundraiser
Saturday, November 14
Youth Pie Assembly 8:00am
Pick Up from 10:00am-Noon
Fellowship Hall



Wednesday, November 4
6:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Turkey & Noodles
Mashed potatoes
Mixed salad
Bread
Pumpkin Cake
Drinks

Children's Dinner Theater
Sunday, November 8
5:30 pm
Fellowship Hall



November 19
7:00pm
Board Room



Monday, November 16
5:00pm
Hope Lodge



Sunday, November 15
Following 10:30am Worship
Fellowship Hall



Sign Up TODAY!
Saturday, December 5
9:00am



Wednesday, November 25
7:00 pm

For 60 & Over

**Selections
from
"Nunsense"**

**No RSVP
Come & enjoy!**

Prime Time Dinner
November 1
After 10:30 am service
Fellowship Hall



Youth Led Worship
November 14 5:30pm
November 15
8:00 am & 10:30am



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 Adult Midweek Small Group just completed the study “5 Things You can do to Witness Christ”. This book helped us to understand the importance of our life as Christian’s to bear witness to Jesus. Even though the Bible does not have a section titled “How to Witness Christ”, the Scriptures tell us about being witnesses and needing to share God’s Word with others. We were encouraged to use our Luther’s Small Catechisms with witnessing, as it’s a condensed version of faith, and being prepared if someone asks us for a reason “for the hope that is in you” (1 Peter 3:15).



Please feel free to join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in Room 208.

Blessings, Denise Holida

Our Redeemer has 18 youth registered for the National Youth Gathering (NYG) next summer in New Orleans. The theme of NYG 2016 is “In Christ Alone” and will focus on the book of Philippians. Although the gathering itself is months away, the youth will meet as a whole group and also as smaller groups for Bible studies, fundraising activities, planning meetings, and fellowship opportunities months prior to the gathering. Please keep these youth and chaperones in your prayers.

“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.”

Philippians 1:3-5



In Christ Alone

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Trunk or Treat



October 25

*Pictures courtesy of
Crissy Pence &
Melissa Mullane*





Stephen Ministry

WANTED!

The Stephen Ministry Team is seeking members of the Our Redeemer community who have a strong desire to support fellow members in crisis. The **ONLY** requirement is a willingness to focus on being a caring presence. No prior experience is necessary as training and support is provided. Contact Pastor Hartwig or any other member of the Stephen Ministry Leadership Team to answer questions or register for our next training class.
We Care, Christ Cures!



MISSION	OCTOBER PAYMENT
Iowa District/Synod	\$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	\$6,458.32



Photo courtesy of Jennifer Kooker



NEWS—Anita Nicholson



Health Benefits of Spiced Teas

Consider investing in a box of assorted spiced teas to enjoy this season. What can spiced tea do for you? Spiced tea offers drinkers the benefits not only of tea, but also of the various spices added to the tea blend. Tea is a source of antioxidants that may boost your immune system and help ward off diseases. Spiced tea also contains vitamin B, vitamin C, potassium, magnesium and carotene, all essential minerals and nutrients for a healthy body. Different types of spices mixed with green, white or black teas can be blended to offer the drinker a variety of health benefits. Take a look at the top three benefits below. Also, remember spiced tea benefits are primarily anecdotal. Always check with your health care professional to determine whether spiced tea is appropriate for you.

Antioxidants Spiced teas, whether white, black or green, typically contain a high amount of antioxidants that help strengthen your body's immune system. Depending on the types of antioxidant the tea and its blended spices contain, health benefits may include improved protection against certain illnesses and diseases, stronger mucous membranes, fever reduction and effectiveness against some bacteria and viruses. Herbalists often suggest taking teas spiced with turmeric to ingest the antioxidants that aid kidney and liver function or cinnamon to help reduce blood pressure and cholesterol. Ask your health care provider whether spiced tea can offer you the benefits of antioxidants.

Inflammation and Pain Relief Some spiced teas such as cayenne and black pepper tea, ginger root and cloves tea may contain antioxidants and other polyphenols that can help reduce inflammation and provide pain relief. Herbalists often recommend cayenne pepper spice, which is high in the inflammation pain-fighting capsaicin, to people who suffer from such inflammatory diseases such as arthritis or bursitis. Saffron-spiced tea contains antioxidants that may help reduce fever and inflammation. Cloves are an anti-inflammatory spice used frequently to relieve gum pain and sore throats. Clove tea is high in magnesium and is a good source of vitamin C and vitamin K. Check with your physician before taking spiced tea to reduce inflammation or relieve pain.

Emotional Calm and Depression Lifts Some spice teas, such as ginger tea, may help relieve nausea and gastric distress. The traditional Indian chai teas are blended with spices specifically designed to promote calm and peace of mind. Chai blends typically include black pepper, cloves, nutmeg, ginger, cardamom, cinnamon and fennel. The anise spice, a sweet licorice fragrance, has been used in teas for centuries in folk medicines to help instill harmony and emotional balance. Your medical doctor can help you decide whether spiced tea can benefit you.



Information obtained from:

<http://www.livestrong.com/article/276825-what-are-the-health-benefits-of-spiced-tea/>



Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

The Lutheran World Relief boxes of quilts and kits that you had probably seen at the basement entryway, are on their way to countries where needed thanks to the five, yes, five, vehicles that were needed to transport them to the semi parked at Trinity in Cedar Rapids. Inside the boxes were totals of 581 quilts, 88 school kits, 26 personal care kits and 4 fabric (sewing) kits!! We thank Him for His goodness to you for being able to donate so many supplies for those in need, especially during the migration of people avoiding war zones and also those whose lives are disrupted by floods, hurricanes and earthquakes. We ask blessings on the workers at LWR that they send these supplies to the places that need them most and blessings on those who receive them.

Thank you again for your donations, and please remember to ask others to donate their used sheets, torn, stained, mended—it doesn't matter, sewing scraps, fabric not wanted, drapes or curtains—really, anything washable in cold water. We shall also be asking for T-shirts, sizes large and up for the use of making diapers. They can be any color, have logos on, paint drips, holes, etc, as we turn them inside out before sewing. We do ask that any donations be washed before bringing to church. The blue tubs across from the kitchen are the place to put all donations. Thank you VERY much for all you do!

Lillian Moyer wishes to thank Beth Benson, the Comfort-Tiers, Thrivent and the LWML for providing her with a new sewing machine for the making and tying of quilts. Many hands make light work (and also speed things along!). We understand this is Lillian's ninth machine to use for making these quilts! Blessings to all who made this possible and praise Him for His goodness!



Membership Changes & Official Acts

<u>Marriage</u>	
Christine Gill (NM) & Ethan Huber (NM)	10-3-2015
Scott and Jane Jones—reaffirmation of vows	10-16-2015
Lori Warden and Jesse Drahos	10-24-2015
<u>Baptism</u>	
Colten Nicholas Hunter	10-4-2015
Titus James Mueller	10-18-2015
Shana Denise (Andrews) Siems	10-18-2015
Eva Lorren Bolton	10-18-2015
Tahle Lorren Siems	10-18-2015
<u>Released</u>	
Brooke Robinson	10-5-2015
<u>Death</u>	
Evelyn Whetstine	9-22-2015
Norma Ostrem	10-28-2015

It's the beginning of the flu/soup season once again. One of the stores had a special on Progresso Soup and in buying some of the cans, you may notice a very small rectangle next to the universal code on the back of the label that is marked 'Boxtops for Education.' Campbell's Soups have a dotted line around their code that looks different, but we do send these to an Indian school in AZ for their use. So please cut them out and place them in the little basket on the card table across the hall from the kitchen. If you are afraid you might forget to do it, you can perhaps cut them out before putting them in your pantry. Then anyone who works in the kitchen won't need to remember to do that! Thank you.



7th & 8th
Confirmation
Retreat

All Confirmands



OUR REDEEMER

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
October 9 & 10
Photos by Karyl Bohnsack



Dodge Ball



Infection Tag

Happy birthday, Carol!



S'mores



Service Time



GaGa Ball



Getting Acquainted

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." Psalms 107:1. This past year was such an incredible blessing for Natalie and I, not only in the many positive experiences we shared, but also in the challenging and overwhelming situations. It's so amazing to see how God has been molding us and forming us for His service and ministry. I hope and pray we *never* lose sight of His guidance and direction.



This past summer we were able to have our own little adventure. We went camping in Cripple Creek, Colorado and at the Grand Canyon in Arizona before heading to Pinetop-Lakeside, Arizona for a wedding. It was all very beautiful and we loved being on the open road! We were also able to visit our family before heading out west. It was such a great joy to see our family again and we hope to make a few more trips this school year.

The classes I have for this quarter are: Church Revitalization, MissionShift, Systematics 4, and John and the Catholic Epistles. I have really enjoyed these classes so far and have been able to wrestle with different topics and ideas. This school year has already started out with quite the bang! I am currently working General Labor, which has me setting up for different events, and the Cafeteria. They tend to keep me fairly busy, which has been helpful financially.

Natalie has started her new journey at DynaLabs in Saint Louis. She has been there since late August and really enjoys the work she is doing and the people!

Dynalabs is an analytical testing lab that tests pharmaceuticals for pharmacies and pharmaceutical drug companies in the United States, Canada, and Australia. She is employed as a Chemist and spends her days in the lab and doing paperwork. I know this job is definitely what she loves doing and I hope she continues to find great opportunities along the way!

We want to thank you so very much for all the support and prayers for the past 3 years and into our last year of school! We have truly enjoyed our experience at Seminary and in Saint Louis. If you would like to contact us, our new address is: 2004 Bellevue Ave Apt G, Saint Louis, MO 63143.

God's Blessings,

Tyler Carter

Natalie Carter

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Crissy Pence, Photographer



Thrivent and the LWML Mission Guild recognize the women of the congregation



Pictures courtesy of Cynthia Freundt



Saturday, October 10 - 5:30 pm Service



Sunday, October 11 - 8:00 am Service



Sunday, October 11 - 10:30 am Service

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ELDERS

- ◆ New member brunch well attended
- ◆ Early Communion Survey being discussed
- ◆ 2016 staff budget completed

PROPERTIES

- ◆ Board room window was replaced
- ◆ Parking lot striped and asphalt repaired
- ◆ New maintenance building now has walls and roof
- ◆ Much refurbishing (electrical, sheet rock, flooring, etc.) completed on 512 S. 1st Avenue

CHAPEL OF LOVE - Details will be shared soon with congregation about this incremental funding project regarding eventual rearrangement of the narthex/chapel area.

VISION 2020 - As a consequence of the Feasibility Study results, financial planning is underway with revised costs for two forthcoming building phases:

- ◆ Reconstruction of the narthex and chapel area, aiming for forum discussions early next year
- ◆ Consider additional space for Youth Ministry and Adult Education



KUDOS

Our Redeemer's
Board of Directors
recognizes

ROB GHABEL
For replacing, servicing, and
providing a new server for
the church network

JANEEN MCKILLIP
For creating the confirmation
acolyte schedule

Thank you all!

Parade Party

Thursday, September 27th

5:30 p.m.





FRIENDSHIP
BENCH
PRESENTED TO
PRESCHOOL

Thank you to the local girl scout troop for making a buddy bench. They built this bench to support friendship. They presented it to the kids club on September 30th. This will reside on the west side of church.



Building
up the
Body
through
GOD'S WORD

Readings for next week:
Hebrews 1 - 7

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

READ THE BIBLE
IN TWO YEARS

TRIVA CHALLENGE VICTORS



October 11, 2015

photo provided by Alison Haack

Early Communion Topic



Below are the results of the Early Communion Survey that was distributed on the weekend of Sept 26th. The results were split into 2 groups. The first section is people that answered Yes to Question 1. The second section is people that answered No to Question 1. The results of this survey show that people are very interested in this topic. The Board of Elders will continue to talk about this. If you have questions or comments, please contact an elder.

Early Communion Survey Results

1. Do you have children, grandchildren, etc. at ORLC in second thru seventh grade? **16 Yes**
2. Did you know that the LCMS church has practiced Early Communion? **12 Yes; 4 No**
3. Are you interested in learning more about practicing Early Communion? **8 Yes; 8 No**
4. If Early Communion was practiced at ORLC, do you have children, grandchildren, etc. that would be interested in this? **9 Yes; 7 No**

Additional comments below:

- May the spirit continue to lead us as a congregation regarding this challenge, opportunity, and blessing!
- I welcome this discussion. I believe communion and confirmation should be instituted separately.
- Lord willing, would be a great idea.
- It sounds a bit messy. Maybe the parents would be more involved if they were in charge of the child's spiritual education, not just the church.
- I think our current practices are good. I do not believe 2-6th graders are ready for communion.
- Is this really necessary?
- I think this is a great idea. I feel like my kids are missing out on a gift from God that would strengthen their faith. They have asked why they cannot take Communion.

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1. Do you have children, grandchildren, etc at ORLC in second thru seventh grade? **33 No**
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Additional comments below:

- Need to know the criteria. Who? Why? All members should understand this to help make a thoughtful decision.
- Would there be dissension amongst the classmates or with other children in the class that they are not worthy? Being confirmed together unites, will this divide?
- This would be for the matter to the individual and their family where is should be.
- Our grandchildren all have been with Early Communion. They had 6 weeks of classes on what Communion is about. And then they did go on to Confirmation. We have found it to be a good thing.
- Probably too young.
- I am in favor of Early Communion for those whom the pastor has met with before taking early communion.
- Keep it the same. Communion is a serious thing. I question whether a 5th grader could comprehend what all is involved.

Early communion cont'd on page 15

- I question whether the younger children would be really ready. If mainly 5th graders, I don't see why they cannot wait another year and just go through confirmation first, like everyone in their peer group.
- What is the true purpose?
- I think it is a good idea.
- It might be beneficial to some youth in the congregation who want to participate. It should start at 3rd or 4th grade.
- I believe our current program makes the most sense given the age and educational abilities of the children.

ASSIMILATION NEW MEMBER BRUNCH

The Assimilation Committee held a New Member Brunch on September 27, 2015. It was a great opportunity to learn more about each other as we enjoyed a delicious meal. The Assimilation group appreciated the participation from Elders, staff, and their families, as we welcomed the fourteen new members in attendance.





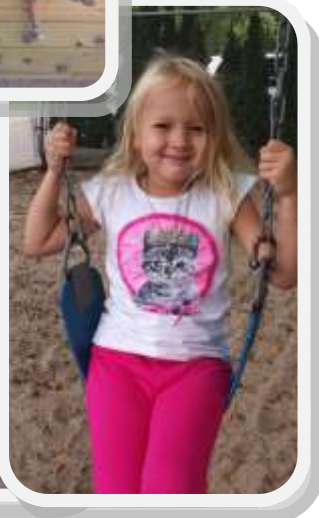
OCTOBER FALL FUN!!



With Mrs. Kaja on maternity leave, Mrs. Kate has been leading the classroom. Mrs. Amy and Mrs. Sara also help teach and have enjoyed October with our preschool students! Currently we have 11 preschool students on Monday/Wednesday/Friday and 8 on Tuesday/Thursday. We welcome a child after they turn 3 and can go to the bathroom on their own.

Throughout the school year we talk about how God has created everything and how much he loves us! We learn our letters, numbers, shapes, seasons, songs, finger plays, and how we fit into the world!

Keep looking in the *Reflections* and *Beacon* for great pictures, examples of what we do, and take home ideas for all families.



Famous Bible Quotations III

- 1) **“Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have _____.”**
 A. eternal life B. the light of life C. the grace of God D. the light of God
- 2) **“Enter by _____; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it.”**
 A. the word of God B. the narrow gate C. faith in Him who sent me D. the gates of heaven
- 3) **“The spirit indeed is willing, but the _____ is weak.”**
 A. mind B. soul C. will D. flesh
- 4) **“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world _____.”**
 A. through him B. from its sins C. from the evil one D. by the word of God
- 5) **Which Bible book is this quote from? “A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.”**
 A. Psalms B. Proverbs C. Isaiah D. 1st Corinthians
- 6) **Which Bible book records this quote from the Apostle Paul “In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”**
 A. Isaiah B. Mark C. Acts D. Revelation
- 7) **In _____ are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.**
 A. heaven B. the kingdom of God C. my Father’s house D. the life to come
- 8) **Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you _____.**
 A. peace B. rest C. life eternal D. the kingdom of God
- 9) **Which Bible book is this quote from? “For dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.”**
 A. Genesis B. Exodus C. John D. 1st Corinthians
- 10) **“No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and _____.”**
 A. Satan B. Baal C. Buddha D. money

ANSWERS: 1) eternal life; John 8:12 2) the narrow gate; Matthew 7:13 3) flesh; Matthew 26:41 & Mark 14:38
 4) through him; John 3:17 5) Proverbs; Proverbs 15:1 6) Acts; Acts 20:35 7) my Father’s house; John 14:2
 8) rest; Matthew 11:28 9) Genesis; Genesis 3:19 10) money; Luke 16:13



Looking Ahead...

November

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	1	2	3	4	5

- 1 Youth Worship Rehearsal 2-3 pm
- 8 Youth Worship Rehearsal 2-3 pm
- 14 Pie Sale Fundraiser 8 am—12 pm
- 14 Youth Worship Rehearsal 4-5 pm
- 14-15 Youth-led Worship Services
- 20-21 30 Hour Famine



6th Grade Confirmation

6th Grade Small Group Leaders
Kate Bolton, Rob Bowman



Pastor Hartwig
6th Grade Lecturer



7th Grade Small Group Leaders
Chris Schwarz, Faith Pedersen



Vicar Adelsen
7th Grade Lecturer



7th Grade Confirmation



8th Grade Confirmation

8th Grade Small Group Leaders
Art Schwarting, Kara Hartwig



Pastor Hartwig
8th Grade Lecturer

Class Pictures courtesy of Crissy Pence

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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.

On the 23rd Psalm

The shepherd treads the earth

Patiently guiding his flock

Seeking good forage and water for them

Protecting his flock with strength and wisdom

Enduring rain

storms

the chill of the night

and the jeers of others

who consider his work too menial

too lonely

too simple

too dirty.



So, also, my beloved Savior treads, lovingly.

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