



# The Parish Beacon

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November 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

All Saints Day is upon us yet again. It is a time when we remember those that have passed away in the faith. Feelings for and memories of our loved ones, flood our thoughts again. We remember those that have gone before us to see Jesus face to face this past year.

We look back even further than the year. Many loved ones now dwell in the presence of their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

When celebrating the Service of the Sacrament, Pastor prays “It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times...Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the *company* of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying.”

The company that is referred to are those Saints that have departed from this earth. We join in their everlasting song of praise to God. We sing with them:

**“Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored; heav’n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.”**

When we approach the Table of the Lord for Communion, the communion railing doesn’t end but extends to heaven. Our loved ones, who have been brought home by Christ, are in heaven with Christ. At the communion table, we are as close as we can be to our loved ones as we dwell on this side of eternity; we join hands with those in heaven, those in eternity.

And so, as we look back on the past year, we remember all the saints that have gone before to see their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We rejoice that as Christ lives, they too will be raised on the last day.

**See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when e appears we shall be like him, because we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure. ~1 John 3:1-3**

In Christ’s Name,  
Vicar Wolfgram



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## NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

- 2 Bible Study 11:00am  
Lunch Bunch 12:00pm  
Midweek Meal 6:00pm  
Midweek Classes/Choir 6:45pm  
Youth Worship Rehearsal 6:45pm
- 3 Women's Beth Moore 7:00pm  
Board of Elders 7:00pm
- 4 Basics of the Faith 7:00pm
- 5 Grounds Cleanup 9:00am
- 5-6 Youth Led Worship at all Services
- 5 GGG at Iowa City Hy-Vee 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue 7:30am  
Basics of the Faith 8:30am  
Youth Worship Rehearsal 3:00pm
- 6 Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible 9:30am  
Prime Time Dinner 12:00pm  
Young Adult Bible Study 4:30pm
- 7 Education Committee 7:00pm  
Mission Committee 7:00pm
- 8 ELECTION DAY—Precinct IC17 at Our Redeemer  
Women's Beth Moore 9:30am
- 9 Midweek Classes/Choir 6:45pm  
Properties Committee 7:00pm
- 10 Board of Directors 7:00pm
- 12-13 Wendysue Fluegge at all services
- 12 Men's Bible Study 8:00pm  
Youth Pie Making 8:00am  
Youth Pie Pickup 10:00am
- 13 Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible 9:30am  
Initial Commitments Event 6:30pm
- 14 Outreach Committee 6:30pm  
LWML Mission Guild 7:00pm  
Preschool Board 7:00pm
- 15 Assimilation 7:00pm
- 16 Lunch Bunch 12:00pm  
Midweek Classes/Choir 6:45pm
- 17 Stephen Ministry Peers-Skip/Marcia 6:30pm  
Women's Beth Moore 7:00pm

- 18 Stephen Ministry Large Group 6:45pm
- 19-20 Commitment Celebration
- 20 Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible 9:30am  
Voters' Meeting 11:45pm  
Kids Dinner Theater 5:30pm
- 23 NO MIDWEEK CLASSES  
Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00pm
- 27 Multi-Age Sunday School 9:30am  
Adult Bible Study 9:30am  
Christmas Decorating 2:00pm
- 28 Theology 101 7:00pm
- 29 Women's Beth Moore 9:30am
- 30 Bible Study 11:00am  
Lunch Bunch 12:00pm  
Advent Service 1:00pm  
Advent Meal 5:10pm  
Sing-a-long 6:00pm  
Advent Service 6:10pm  
Midweek Classes/Choir 7:00pm  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Parent meeting 7:00pm



### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Saturday 5:30pm      Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am**  
**Communion on November 5, 6, 19, 20, and 23**

**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—6:45pm**

**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:



Trunk-or-Treat

**Sunday, October 30**  
**4:00 pm – 5:00 pm**  
*With optional Potluck Dinner to follow*



Wednesday, November 2  
6:00pm  
Freewill Offering  
Chili, cheese, & crackers  
Veggie sticks  
Pumpkin Bars



**April 9, 2017 at 2:00pm**  
**Call Bob Lentfer 541-7719 or**  
**Cynthia Fruendt 338-5546**  
**Before November 1**



*A Man Named Martin*  
Room 208  
November 6  
4:30-5:30pm

God is able to do  
Immeasurably  
**MORE**  
...according to the power that works within us...  
Ephesians 3:20

**Initial Commitment Event**  
**November 13**

**Commitment Celebration**  
**November 20**



WENDYSUE FLUEGGE  
November 12/13 at all services



Prime Time Dinner  
November 6  
12:00pm  
Fellowship Hall



Christmas & Cookies  
With Dinner  
December 11  
5:30pm – 7:30pm



PIE PICK UP  
Saturday, November 12  
10:00am  
Kitchen



November 23  
7:00pm

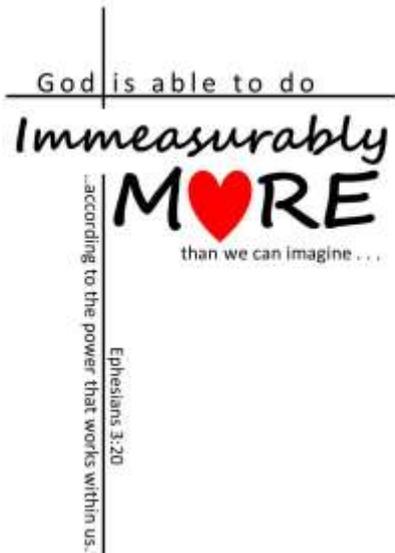


Cookie Walk  
December 3  
9:00-11:00am

**Basics of the Faith**  
**November 4-5, 2016**  
**Fri. 7 – 9 pm**  
**Sat. 8:30 – 2:30 pm**

**GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS**

Advent begins November 27  
Decorating November 27 2:00pm  
Christmas & Carols December 3 & 4  
Christmas & Cookies December 11-6pm  
Christmas Program - December 18 - Noon  
Live Nativity - December 18



# Immeasurably M♥RE,

## Simple Definition of **COMMITMENT**:

(According to Merriam-Webster's Learner's Dictionary)

- A promise to do or give something
- A promise to be loyal to someone or something
- The attitude of someone who works very hard to do or support something

Commitment neither begins with *Immeasurably More* nor ends when *Immeasurably More* is fulfilled. That attitude of someone who works very hard to do or support Our Redeemer is seen in many places—look at the staff, elders, and board members; look at all the Sunday School, Midweek, and Vacation Bible School volunteers; look at those who have painted, cleaned carpets, refurbished the sanctuary, renovated the new parsonage, and restored the vicarage; look at those who plant, weed, mow, and shovel snow; look at those little niche jobs—watering the plants, taking the recycling and so very many more.

As we were confirmed, we made promises to be faithful to God by faith, word, and deed. Joining Our Redeemer we pledged to uphold those promises and support this congregation.

Our congregation has approved a nearly one and a half million dollar facelift to meet the needs of our present situation. It is soon time to commit to *Immeasurably More* - to individually decide whether and how much we can offer in monetary support of the vision we have created. Join with others at the Initial Commitments Event for the opportunity to fellowship, worship and pledge your support.

**Respond by Sunday, November 3 to attend the Initial Commitments Event.**

**Mail or deliver your RSVP card to the church office or email [orlc2020rsvp@ourredeemer.org](mailto:orlc2020rsvp@ourredeemer.org).**



**Initial Commitments Event: Sunday, November 13, 6:30 pm - by reservation only**  
**Reminder that RSVP means respond please-either accepting or declining**

**Commitment Celebration: after each church service, weekend of November 19 and 20**

### **Additional *COMMITMENT Opportunities:***

Have no fear! If you do not attend the Initial Commitments Event, you may bring your commitment to the November 19/20 worship services. You may mail or deliver your commitment card to the office at any time.

Annual giving letters will be mailed early in November and may be returned to church during *Thanksgiving, Thanks-living*.

Thanksgiving Eve service	Wednesday at 7:00pm
Thanksgiving Weekend services,	Saturday 5:30pm
	Sunday 8:00am and 10:30am

During these services, there will be a time to bring the commitments forward.



6<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation



7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation



8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation



High School

# Youth & Children on Wednesday Night Fall 2016



Kids Club

Photos by Crissy Pence & Kara Hartwig



# Stephen Ministry

By Marcia Hulse

We care, Christ cures.

We are beginning the process of recruiting people interested in being part of our next Stephen Ministry training class - beginning in January 2017. We would like to have our class roster completed by mid-December.

As Stephen Ministers you will need the confidence that comes from knowing you are equipped to handle all sorts of situations. Caring well requires skills, and skills are learned.

Stephen Minister trainees come to the task of caring with gifts, characteristics, and strengths that suit them for this role. The training they receive helps them honor the care receiver's legitimate expectations for quality care. It also provides the caregivers with the confidence that they are competent and equipped to meet the demands they will face. Training will be the fulfillment and rounding out of the potential of each Stephen Minister trainee's traits and gifts.

Stephen Minister trainees initially learn in 50 hours of training all the basics they need to begin establishing caring relationships and to participate in peer support groups. Some of the areas covered in the training includes listening effectively, dealing with feelings, confidentiality, using the resources of Christianity, being assertive, and a number of topics dealing with specific life crises.

*"There is one body and one Spirit - just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given according to the measure of Christ's gift... The gifts He gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." Ephesians 4:4-7, 11-13 NRSV*

Ephesians 4:4-7, 11-13 talks about equipping the Saints. What is equipping? It has to do with making ready, preparing the people of God for their ministries. This preparation certainly includes the gifts that God gives, but it also very definitely includes the training that Stephen Ministers receive. Equipping is the difference between launching people into caring on a wing and a prayer - with tremulous hope - and sending them out as well-prepared as we can make them.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church has many members, with many kinds of expertise, and many skills and gifts. We are people called to many ministries, all of which are necessary for the church to be what God made it to be. The body of Christ reaches its potential when Christ is the head and when those in ministry are trained for their tasks. That is why we put such a strong emphasis on the Stephen Ministry training.

Please consider taking the training. For more information contact a Stephen Leader. The leaders are Pastor Hartwig, Bill Benson, Marcia Hulse, Kathy Schweer and Kevin Sellers. Applications are available in the church office.

## STEPHEN LEADERS

Rev. Brent Hartwig	338-5626
Bill Benson	517-881-9848
Marcia Hulse	351-7059
Kathy Schweer	466-3084
Kevin Sellers	339-9804

# 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat



Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

October 7 & 8

Photos by Karyl Bohnsack





KUDOS



**Our Redeemer's**

Board of Directors recognizes

HOT DOG CREW

served over 540 hot dogs at  
City High Homecoming Parade.

*Thank you all!*

## PRAY WITHOUT CEASING...

*For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. ~Philippians 2:13*

Thank you, Lord, that you not only save us from our sin, but you continue to cleanse us and guide us down the path of life. Help us let go of every weight that holds us down and hang on to your eternal purposes.



*Tom Strumpel and Becky Behrens*

## Board of Directors - October

- September ended with total income of \$50,274.87 with expenses of \$53,269.67 giving a negative cash flow of \$(2,994.80).
- Year to date income \$470,356.38 with expenses of \$487,092.58 giving a negative cash flow of \$(16,736.20). The deficit is currently the same as last year at this time.
- Salary presentation for called and support staff was reviewed by board.
- Property committee has depleted their budget, yet have more expenses in the coming months. Is looking into companies for sidewalk snow removal this winter.
- Vicar Wolfgram is rewriting 7<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation curriculum so that they will not have homework since the 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes do not have homework.
- Fall small group going well. 15-20 are attending Midweek Adult Study and both women's groups going well.

## Trivia Challenge



October 23 winning team also includes Kaja Mueller

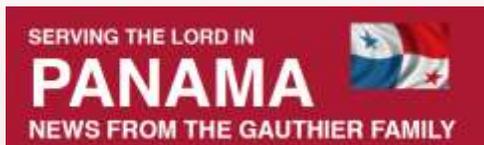


*We have the privilege to teach 3-5 year olds about letters, numbers, rhyming, and their Savior, Jesus Christ.*

## Enroll TODAY

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

Contact [preschool@ourredeemer.org](mailto:preschool@ourredeemer.org) or 319-338-3949.



We have lived in the Dominican Republic for a little over two months now. We figured that a unique way to share our experiences would be a few "Highs & Lows" of our time overseas so far.

### Lows:

- Our neighbors' dogs barking all night long.
- 2 car accidents involving motorcycles (neither of us were driving or injured).
- Dealing with 'gripe' (common cold in Spanish) overseas.
- Power outages resulting in food spoiling in our refrigerator.
- Missing a good glass of cold milk (UHT milk is nothing to write home about - google it for more info.).

### Highs:

- The installation of a new vicar at the church in Licey.
- The construction of a new church and school building in Licey.
- Our progress in learning Spanish.
- 5 youth confirmed at the church in Palmar Arriba.
- The joint Reformation service with all the Lutheran congregations in the DR.
- Buying fresh fruits and veggies



## DIABETES AWARENESS

### **Are You at Risk for Diabetes?**

You can prevent or delay type 2 diabetes. Stay at a healthy weight, eat well and be active. With these steps, you can stay healthier longer and lower your risk of diabetes.

### **Small Steps for Your Health**

There are many things the "experts" tell us to do to get to and stay at a healthy weight and prevent type 2 diabetes: Choose healthy foods, make healthy meals, be active 30 minutes a day. But where should you start? It's easier to make lifestyle changes one step at a time—over months and years. Think of each small step as one piece of your effort to change your habits. Making changes one step at a time gives you the best chance to reach and stay at a healthy weight and prevent type 2 diabetes. The good news is that making just a few small changes can have a big impact on your weight and health.

### **Is Your Health at Risk?**

People around you may tell you that you have a problem with your weight or health. But what do you think? If you don't believe you have a problem, you will probably not want to make changes. You may even resent or be angry at the people pushing you to change. If you do think you have a problem, you will probably succeed. Step number one: accept that you have habits you need to change.

### **Are You Ready, Willing, and Able to Change?**

To succeed at making lifestyle changes you need to answer YES to the question, "Are you ready, willing, and able to change?" The experts say that for people to change, making the change must be important to them. In other words, you must have good reasons to change. For example, maybe you want to live long enough to see your grandchildren grow up. You must have more reasons to change than reasons not to change. The experts also say that you must be confident—believe that you can change. To succeed, take what you want to do and break it down into small steps.

### **What are You Ready, Willing, and Able to Change?**

To answer this next question, think about your current eating and activity habits. What foods do you buy? How active are you? Try to keep honest food records for a few days to get a true picture of what you eat. Based on your current habits, start with a few changes that are easy to tackle. Pick some changes that you want to do the most, and that will make the biggest impact. Perhaps choose one change in your eating habits and another in activity. Remember; don't try to change everything at once. For example, maybe you tend to eat a bowl of ice cream every night while you watch TV. Can you switch that ice cream to a healthier snack? Maybe fruit or a small bowl of cereal? Or just a smaller portion of ice cream? And can you take 15-minute break from the TV and go for a walk?

### **For each goal, think about:**

- How long will you try to reach this goal? Keep it short.
- Is it easy to do in your regular daily life? Keep it realistic.
- Is it limited in scope? Be specific.
- How often will you do this?

**Keep your goals realistic. Don't try to do too much too quickly. Let's look at three examples of realistic goals.**

- Eating: For the next month (how long), four days each week (how often) I will eat two pieces of fruit a day — one at breakfast and one as an afternoon snack. (realistic and specific).

- Eating: The next five times (how long) I go to a fast food restaurant (how often), I will order a small French fries and a single hamburger, rather than a large French fries and double hamburger (realistic and specific).
- Physically active: For the next month (how long), four days each week (how often) I will take a 15 minutes walk after lunch (realistic and specific).

Set 1 to 3 goals at a time. Write them down. Put them in a place where you will see them often — on the refrigerator. Get more realistic tips on changing your eating habits or learn more about physical activity.

### Did You Succeed?

The last step is to see how you did at making the change. Once the time you set is over, look at the goals you set. Ask yourself these questions: Did you succeed? Did you set your sights too high? Did something happen in your life to keep you from being successful?

### What is Your Next Step?

Start the lifestyle change cycle again. Choose some new goals to work on. Slowly, goal by goal, over time you'll be eating healthier and being more active... and you'll be at a healthier weight. You'll also be on your road to preventing or delaying type 2 diabetes.

All information obtained from:

<http://www.diabetes.org/are-you-at-risk/lower-your-risk/>

<http://www.diabetes.org/are-you-at-risk/lower-your-risk/small-steps.html>



**Time to start thinking COOKIES!** The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual LWML Guild Cookie Walk will be **Saturday, December 3rd, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00**. Please consider donating as many cookies as possible for this event. Workers are needed on Friday and/or Saturday. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex on Sundays and in the church office during the week. Posters will be available for your office bulletin board or where you shop. Please help us advertise this great event! Proceeds from the Cookie Walk will be given to mission projects. Thank you for your help!



October 15, 2016

Dear members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church,

At the beginning of August, we packed up and said goodbye to our vicarage congregation in New Braunfels, Texas and moved back to the seminary for our final year. Now classes are in full swing again here in Saint Louis, and it's beginning to feel like fall! We'd like to take a moment to thank you again for your prayers and financial support and give you an update on our family.

Virginia, Simeon and I thoroughly enjoyed vicarage. The members of Cross Lutheran Church were kind and generous and provided a wonderful setting to practice pastoral duties: preaching, teaching confirmation and Bible classes, visiting the sick and homebound, and attending meetings. Direct exposure to the pastoral ministry in a congregational setting made me excited to become a pastor, but I have a lot to learn, and I'm glad to have this year of classes before graduating. Saying goodbye was harder than we'd anticipated. New members receive a rock to place with the other members' rocks in a hollow cross structure outside the sanctuary. On our final Sunday, we were each given a rock and told we had become part of their family.



So here we are in Saint Louis. We live on campus in "the woods" — apartment style "married housing" across the soccer field from the academic buildings. Being so close means Virginia and Simeon can come to chapel in the mornings, and I can come home for lunch. Besides a heavy load of classes, I'm playing on the soccer team and participating in intramural sports. Virginia is staying home with Simeon and doing photography in her spare time. She has also enjoyed being part of a weekly Bible study with other fourth year wives, and she's looking forward to the women's retreat next weekend. We feel settled here, and we're enjoying being family together during this busy time before welcoming our second son in February! (Type this in your address bar to watch us find out the gender: [goo.gl/QzAHZR](http://goo.gl/QzAHZR))

While I'm excited to be a pastor, I feel there is more studying I can do. I am particularly interested in the Early Church and the transmission of the teaching given by Christ to the Apostles and handed down to us. Our plan as of now is to stay at the seminary next year to continue studies before receiving a call. Please pray for us as we make these decisions.

Thank you again for your prayers and financial support. God's blessings on your ministry at Our Redeemer. We look forward to visiting you in November or December.

Peace in Christ,

*John, Virginia, & Simeon Vanderhyde*





# Parade Party



*Wednesdays  
October 5*



Photos by Kevin Sellers



# LWML SUNDAY

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Pictures courtesy of Cheryll Davisson and Beth Hargens



**Sunday  
Early Service**



**Sunday  
Late Service**





Project Holiday will distribute holiday meals to 1,700 local families this December. To donate, visit [www.jccrisiscenter.org](http://www.jccrisiscenter.org) or look out for red and white Project Holiday tags throughout the community this November and December.

**Take a tag and contribute today!**

The Crisis Center of Johnson County, 1121 Gilbert Court, Iowa City, IA 52240

*Additional information and tags are available on the bulletin board outside the library.*

From the ladies (LWML and Comfort-Tiers) of Our Redeemer: We wish to again, thank each and every one of you and your hearts and hands to have donated either items, money or used and new goods towards making LWR kits and quilts, and to Lillian Moyer for sewing the school bags and the majority of the quilts. The total for the fall collection ended up with four vehicles taking 70 school kits, 6 sewing kits and 429 quilts (100 boxes total) to Cedar Rapids' Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, to be placed in the semi taking them to Minnesota! We really appreciate all of your donations and couldn't do any of this without all of you --thank you from the bottoms of our hearts!



MISSION	OCTOBER PAYMENT
Iowa District East	\$4,166.67
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca	625.00
UIHC Chaplain Fund	416.67
Mission Bishkek	250.00
Lutheran Family Service	625.00
Military Bible Stick	250.00
Orphan Grain Train	375.00
St. Paul's Chapel	375.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7083.34</b>
<b>Member Contributions</b>	
Transforming Campus Ministry	233.65

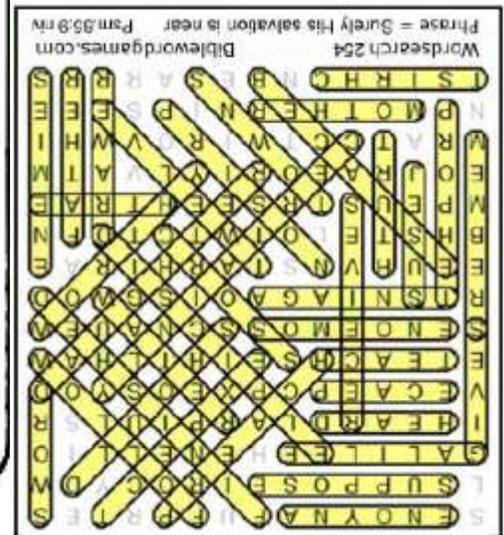
# BIBLE WORDGAMES

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LWML Card Shop  
Holiday News

Thanksgiving has a way of slipping by without much fanfare. We have some pretty fall cards to send to remind your loved ones that they are thought about this holiday, too. We have a variety of dinner napkins also. Stop by and check them out.

As always, thanks for your support. Happy Thanksgiving!



## Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 254 Matt 10 34-11 3

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HEARD MEMBERS  
JESUS MOTHER  
PEACE PREACH  
PRISON PROPHET  
SWORD RECEIVES  
TRUTH REWARD  
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TOWNS SOMEONE  
TWELVE SUPPOSE  
WATER WORTHY

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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## Membership Changes and Official Acts

<u>Death</u>	
Sarah Wardenburg	10-18-2016
<u>Removed</u>	
Tamra Cook (Justin, James, Joseph Johnston)	10-5-2016
Terry Wall	10-5-2016
Matthew & Katie Pronk (Anna)	10-20-2016
Jessica Coffman, Michael Coffman, Annie Witte	10-20-2016
Barbara Strang	10-24-2016
<u>Marriage</u>	
Jade Bruckman & Brett Woods	10-15-2016

# Youth

*Midweek Meal at 6:00 pm*

Meal Crew: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families  
(meet at 5:40pm)

## Confirmation Classes

*Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:45 pm*

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade—Lecture

Unit 2: God's Grace to His People Israel

With the help of God, Joshua leads the Israelites into the Promised Land. After Joshua died and the Israelites were settled in the Promised Land, they went through "The Judges Cycle".

MEMORY DUE: None

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade—Small Group

The Ten Commandments: 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Commandments

We look at Achan who was punished in Joshua 7 for taking a few things found in Jericho. We also read about King David and his selfish son, Absalom.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade—Small Group

EXAM

*The test will cover:*

- *Forgiveness*
- *Office of the Keys*
- *Confession and Absolution*

**EXAM: Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Fall on the Farm

October 9

Thank you to The Thompson family in Newhall for having us out to their farm and the hayrack ride!



## 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			

2	Midweek Meal <i>Meal Crew: 8th Grade Families</i>	6pm
2	Youth Worship Rehearsal <i>High School</i>	6:45—8pm
5	Youth Worship Rehearsal <i>High School</i>	3—5pm
5	Youth Worship Service <i>Confirmation &amp; High School</i>	5:30pm
6	Youth Worship Rehearsal <i>High School</i>	7am
6	Youth Worship Services <i>Confirmation &amp; High School</i>	8am—noon
12	Youth Pie Sale <i>Confirmation &amp; High School</i>	8am—noon
18-20	IDW Youth Gathering <i>Registered High Schoolers</i>	Des Moines
30	8th Grade Confirmation Parent meeting <i>A parent or both must attend</i>	7:00—8pm
30	Service Project: Help set up for Cookie Walk <i>High School</i>	7:00—8pm

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### **DEADLINES**

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

**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 pm.

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

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

### **VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND SCREENING**

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church has been in ministry with children and youth for almost 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.

# TOUCH TONE

*Romans 12:7-8*

Try to 'touch' someone each day,  
As you move along life's way.  
Do not forget to smile a "Hi!"  
To a stranger passing by.  
If a widow you can't phone,  
Call someone else who's all alone.  
To listen and 'bend an ear'  
Are not too common, I fear.  
The trend to 'not get involved'  
Has this world turning cold.  
Show someone that you're concerned;  
Don't be scared of 'getting burned'.  
Put your feelings on the shelf,  
Think of others, not of yourself.  
Ask the Lord to show the way,  
When for solutions you pray.  
Let your true concern and love  
Be reinforced from above.  
Give others some time from your life,



*Carol Schuldt*