



Reflections



**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
And Preschool**

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Weekly Newsletter - January 14/15, 2017

~ *Second Sunday after the Epiphany* ~

THROUGH THE DIVINE SERVICE:
F.I.T. 4 WORSHIP

Sunday Morning
January 15-
February 19
9:30 am
Fellowship Hall

The Athanasian Creed teaches us that true Christian worship can be recognized in two ways. First, we worship the triune God, that is, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The second way we recognize Christian worship is that it is centered on Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God. Our worship is “divine” because it is Christ-centered.

The structure of the Divine Service is the story of God’s work of salvation – the essence of the Bible itself. In the Divine Service, God invites us to take part in that story, to be immersed in it and find our place at the table. As we take part regularly, this story becomes our story.

January 15, 2017

Confession & Absolution

January 22, 2017

Kyrie & Hymn of Praise

January 29, 2017

The Creeds

February 5, 2017

Holy Communion Part One:
Preface to Lord’s Prayer

February 12, 2017

Holy Communion Part Two:
Pax Domini to Nunc Dimittis

February 19, 2017

Benedicamus and Benediction

February 25/26, 2017

Guest Preacher/Bible Study



BAPTISMS THIS WEEK



ONE LORD
ONE FAITH
ONE BAPTISM

Aurora Joy Magsamen
Saturday, January 14, 2017
5:30 pm

Parents
Robert Francis Magsamen
Jennifer Mary Howard Magsamen

Sponsors
Tom Hall
Samantha Thompson



Lose anything? Check out the lost & found tables outside the office door. There is a large assortment of items left around church. Whatever is not claimed by January 29 will be discarded or given away.



The LWML Baby Shower is coming soon! On Saturday, January 28th at 10:00 am, all ladies of all ages are invited to play games, enjoy food and fellowship, and bring gifts for babies around the world!

Every gift you bring will be packed into a Lutheran World Relief Baby Kit and given to a mom and baby in need. Our baby gift "registry" is based on the items each kit includes:

- lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies)
- long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (no feet)
- receiving blankets (cotton, flannel, or lightweight crocheted or knitted, up to 52")
- cloth diapers (flat-fold preferred)
- jackets, sweaters, or sweatshirts with hoods (or include a baby cap)
- baby socks
- dark-colored hand towels
- bars of gentle soap
- large diaper pins

Baby clothes should be sizes 6 to 24 months and can be gently used if in excellent condition. See <https://lwr.org/wp-content/uploads/Baby-Kit-Assembly-Instructions.pdf> for more details.

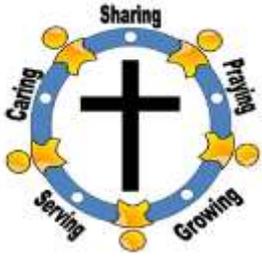
Invite a special lady and join us on the 28th to help mommies and babies everywhere!



The LWML will hold their 22nd Tasting Bee on Saturday, April 1, 2017. Yes--April Fool's Day--so beware--ha ha!! This year's theme for the Tasting Bee is: "Good Food, Good Friends, Good Times". We always have a good time with our good friends and lots of good food at our Tasting Bee! Please consider attending the Tasting Bee for "just a taste" of what all the good cooks in our church bring. Also--please consider decorating a table, bringing a dish to share along with the recipe or helping in the kitchen. There will be tables set up in the Narthex to sign up if you would like to decorate a table, bring a dish/share the recipe or help in the kitchen.



Personal Care Kits, Baby Care Kits and Fabric Kits are assembled in the spring-----so if things are on sale for Christmas or people get new things for their babies/toddlers and want to give away what is too small or not used, we'll definitely take them!! The lists of what we need are on the LWML table across from the kitchen along with the blue bins to receive donated items. Especially needed are tee shirts & footless sleepers sizes 6-24months.



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.*

Upcoming Events for Small Group Ministry ...



Join us Friday evening to view the movie, *War Room*. This movie is a compelling drama with humor and heart that explores the power prayer can have on marriages, parenting, careers, friendships, and every other area of our lives.

On Saturday, we will complete the 5 sessions of the *War Room Bible Study* based on the movie. We will discover the power of prayer, develop strategies to battle the real Enemy through prayer, dig deeper into the spiritual discipline aspects of prayer, and study God's Word together.

Be sure to join us for a great weekend!

Friday, January 20 from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm and Saturday, January 21st from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Cost: \$20.00/couple

Registration fee includes study books, lunch and snacks. Complete the registration form below and return the bottom half to Denise Holda by January 17th.

Contact Denise at smallgroups@ourredeemer.org with any questions. Please let me know if you would be interested in childcare and I will try to provide childcare for the event.



God is able to do
Immeasurably
MORE
than we can imagine ...

**126 Pledges for
\$624,797.64**

**Cash in hand
\$106,066.41**

**Expenses to date
\$41,821.72**

Ephesians 3:20
...according to the power that works within us.

BASICS OF THE FAITH



Appropriately titled, this course begins a six unit examination of the basics of the Christian Faith. Taken from the Bible and as understood by the Lutheran Church, we will explore the role of the triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The revelation of God through the Bible and the role of the catechism will be discussed first. The Biblical message of Law and Gospel will be detailed. Finally, we will end with discussing the victorious and sanctified life of the Christian.

This class is recommended for people joining Our Redeemer or members who would like a refresher on the Lutheran faith.

Contact Pastor Hartwig (bhartwig@ourredeemer.org) or the church office (redeemer@ourredeemer.org or 319-338-5626) if you plan to join this class.

Winter
February 3-4, 2017
Fri. 7 – 9 pm; Sat. 8:30 – 2:30 pm



LLL Meeting
January 24
7:30pm
Fellowship Hall

2017 Domestic Mission Trip: Chicago UKANDU

Trip Dates: June 24 - July 1st

Information Meeting: January 29th at 12 pm (after late service) in the fellowship hall led by Pastor Hartwig

Deadline to sign up: February 5th

How to sign up: E-mail Anita Nicholson (anita-nicholson@uiowa.edu)

Mission Committee funds will cover the trip expenses for adults (college age and older).

The mission committee members are supporting the 2017 Domestic Mission Trip: UKANDU Chicago. This mission trip is ideal for adults (college age and older) who are interested in working with youth and adults. Our Redeemer youth are also participating in UKANDU Chicago.

The UKANDU organization has been building relationships with inner-city Chicago ministries through [Chicagoland Lutheran Educational Foundation](#) [CLEF], [Lutheran Church Charities](#) [LCC], and multiple individual ministries. The partnership with these organizations, churches, and schools has opened up doors for more ministry possibilities and given us new connections each year. Our faith family continues to grow in Chicago and we truly feel called to keep our efforts focused where relationships are being built!

UKANDU is a Christian mission organization dedicated to helping youth and adults become the heart and hands of Christ to those in need around the world. Our proactive philosophy lives in Scripture and is reflected in our unusual name. "I (You) CAN DO all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13) And, "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10).

The work of UKANDU is to reach out to as many of God's people in all places and in all circumstances as the loving, caring and merciful hands of Christ. We believe in helping youth and adults experience the joy of fulfilling the "good works" prepared by God for them to do by creating mission trips that serve God by serving His people here on earth.

UKANDU upholds the Bible as the inspired, unchanged Word of God, which has revealed to us God's rich plan of salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ. It is out of this awesome gift of grace that we, as leaders and participants of UKANDU, feel led to serve God in any manner possible and to demonstrate what the Lord has done in our lives to those we meet.

UKANDU INFORMATION obtained from: <https://ukanduchicago.wordpress.com/>



CHALLENGE

February 5, 2017
Following Late Service

**THIS EVENT IS EXCELLENT
FOR OUTREACH!**

Call 338-5626 for more
information.

**SIGN UP IN THE CHURCH
OFFICE!**

What is the Trivia Challenge? Trivia challenges are informal, fun competitions where eight person teams battle to see who has the greatest knowledge of trivia.

How does the Trivia Challenge work? The challenge is run in rounds. During each round the host asks a series of ten questions per round. The teams discuss the answers at their table and the teams record their answers on their score sheet.

At the conclusion of each of seven rounds, the sheets are collected and checked for accuracy. Meanwhile, the answers are revealed to the participants.

At the conclusion of the seven rounds, total scores are added up and a traveling trophy is awarded to the winning team.

What do we eat? We will begin this event with a potluck of appetizers and hors d'oeuvres that can be snacked upon throughout the challenge.

Invite your friends and family, form a team, and host a party!



January 26
7:00—9:00 pm
Board Room

Holy Scripture, God's Word

THEOLOGY 101

The word theology is derived from two Greek words: *Theos* (God) and *Logos* (work, speech, or reason). Therefore, theology in its simplest terms is rational discussion about God. It has been described as “the science of God and his relationship to man and the world” and “the attempt to reduce religious truth to an organized system.”

This year's study will focus upon the Christian faith using the book titled The Christian Faith by Robert Kolb. In this book, the author presents the basic teachings of the Christian faith from the Lutheran framework. This framework presents all the articles of faith in accordance with the Scriptures and also correctly distinguishes between Law and Gospel.

January - March Portals of Prayer, IDE Today, and Lutheran Journal are available on the Welcome Center
January - **March Today's Light is available** on the wire rack outside the office
Offering envelopes available in coffee area.



Building Healthy Families Life can be hard and relationships can cause pain. When someone hurts you, you may find that it is difficult to trust again. God does not abandon you in the pain, but promises to stay with you. Through all of life's challenges, God never breaks His promise to you: "I will never leave you, I will never forsake you." (Hebrews 13) He also puts people in place to be there, including LFS counselors who are available to help with troubled relationships and the pain they leave behind.

Lutheran Family Service
(319) 393-1000

MARILYN PAETZ
30th Anniversary Celebration

Let's thank Marilyn for 30 years here at Our Redeemer and join with her in celebrating this anniversary!

Cake & Punch
Follows 10:30 am service
Sunday, January 29

2017 Flower Calendar is available in the library. Choose your date early!

Our Redeemer Preschool Weekly Newsletter
 January 9-13, 2017
Wise Men Find Jesus



Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller Assistant, Kate Ramsey
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Enjoy reading a little bit about what we get to do in preschool!

GREAT THIS WEEK

- Pajama days
- Answering questions on animals that hibernate
- Coming up with places that animals live
- Writing the letter Ww

BIBLE LESSON

This week in preschool we talked about the Wise Men who followed the star to find baby Jesus!

CRAFT TIME

- Stars—with glue, markers, paint, glitter!!!!
- Teddy Bear Puppet

PUZZLES

- Magnetic boy & girl
- Various Animals

SENSORY TABLE

- Kinetic sand, dinosaurs, trucks

SMALL MANIPULATIVES

- Animal lacing
- Sorting shapes
- Matching colors

TEACHER TIME

- Letter Ww formation & sound
- Categorizing with animals

NEXT WEEK

- 16—No School
- 17—Iowa City Library visit
- 19—Quincy's birthday celebration

Thank, Thank, Thank You God
 (Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

Thank, Thank, Thank You God,
 Thank You
 now we pray,
 You have
 given all we
 need,
 To live through
 everyday.



Ww (To Mary Had a Little Lamb)

Willy would not wear a hat, wear a hat, wear a hat;
 Willy would not wear a hat. It made his hair too flat.

"I wish you would," Aunt Wanda said, Wanda said, Wanda said.
 "I wish you would." Aunt Wanda said and plopped one on his head.



SNACK NEXT WEEK you get to bring snacks and be our line leader! M/W/F = 16 kids; T/TH= 16 kids

- Monday: NO SCHOOL MONDAY
- Tuesday: Wesley
- Wednesday: Julia
- Thursday: Quincy
- Friday: Norah

You only need to bring 2 healthy food groups for snack. If you are packing your child's lunch, remember all food groups

Scholastic Book Orders Due TODAY!



Fat old five goes down and around. Put a flag on top and see what you've found!

Happy birthday to Lukas! He turned 4 on 1-7-2017! May God continue to bless him in this next special year of life!



Happy birthday to Samuel! He turned 4 on 8-29-2016! May God continue to bless him in this next special year of life!



Youth Happenings

Confirmation Classes

6:45 pm on Wednesday, January 18th

6th Grade — Lecture

Unit 2: God's Grace to His People Israel

Poetic Books

The 5 Poetic books of the Bible are Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon.

"Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever." Psalm 118:1

Memory Work: Psalm 118:1

7th Grade – Small Group

The Lord's Prayer: 3rd and 4th Petitions

4th Petition: "Give us this day our daily bread."

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

8th Grade — Small Group

The 3rd Article of the Apostles' Creed

All believers in Christ are brothers and sisters in the family of God. We call this family the holy Christian church, or the communion of saints.

Why is the church called the communion of saints?

The communion of saints is a group of people who believe that Jesus has taken their sins away and express their thankfulness to Him in their lives.

Measurements for Robes: Weds, January 25th (during class)



Confirmation Winter Retreat

Friday, February 3rd—Saturday, February 4th

All 6th, 7th and 8th graders

Cost: \$45.00

Mark your calendars!

High School

College Care Packages

Wednesday, January 25th

6:45 pm

We'll be praying for our current Our Redeemer college students and packing College Care packages for them.



Items to fill the packages will be purchased using Thrivent Action Team funds.



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Summer Servant Event Registration UKANDU 2017

UKANDU 2017 is a week-long servant event held in Chicago

When is it? Sat, June 24 – Sat, July 1, 2017

Who can go? current 8th – 12th graders

What will we be doing?

At UKANDU, youth participants and adult chaperones work together to serve others in the inner-city of Chicago.

Possible project areas are:

Painting * Vacation Bible

School * Landscaping * Construction *

Outreach—Street Evangelism * Food Pantry/
Soup Kitchens * Sport Camp



Total Cost? \$200.00 per person

(\$100.00 deposit due with registration form)

Prize Account funds may be used towards

registration costs. Scholarship funds available, talk to Pastor.

Want more information?

See Kara with any questions.

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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 20th 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.