



Reflections



**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
And Preschool**

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Weekly Newsletter - January 16/17, 2016

~ *Second Sunday after the Epiphany* ~

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday Mornings

9:30 am

Fellowship Hall

COUNCILS AND CREEDS

January 10-February 21

If someone were to ask a Christian today, “how do you know what it is that you believe about Jesus,” one would likely point to the Bible or the historic creeds as fundamental references. But there was a time, in the early church, when Christians did not have the benefit of the creeds, and the document we know as the New Testament did not exist! This time period was one of great theological strength where the foundational beliefs of the church were debated and classified.

Week 2 - First Council of Nicaea (325)

Week 3 - First Council of Constantinople (381)

Week 4 - Council of Ephesus (431)

Council of Chalcedon (451)

Week 5 - Second Council of Constantinople (553)

Third Council of Constantinople (680)

Week 6 - Second Council of Nicaea (787)

Week 7 - Athanasian Creed



LLL Meeting
Tuesday, January 26
7:30 pm
Fellowship Hall




Swaziland Mission trip
(tentative dates May 28th to June 10th)

Informational meeting: January 18th, 7:00 pm

Location: Anita Nicholson's home
(19 Galway Circle, Iowa City)

Members going on this mission trip will work with parish nurses and rural home-based care teams that visit rural homesteads. We will also volunteer on inpatient units at a local hospital. We will care for clients with acute and chronic health problems. Swaziland has the highest rate of AIDS in the world so much of the care centers on HIV/AIDS care, treatment and education on prevention strategies. We will focus on providing physical, emotional, social, and spiritual care to clients. The Swaziland health care providers will appreciate our spiritual support.

ACTION TEAMS



There has been interest and a little confusion over what projects have been funded by Action Teams. We know of around \$3000 in funded projects from last year—there may have been more.

To avoid duplications and have a record of the assistance given by Thrivent in 2016 over the course of the year, please let the church office (redeemer@ourredeemer.org) know if you have an approved project going so that we will have a record. Thanks!



BASICS OF THE FAITH

New to Our Redeemer or time for a refresher class? 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.

Winter

February 5 - 6, 2016

Weekend Immersion

Fri. 7 – 9 pm; Sat. 8:30 – 2:30 pm



Walkathon for Mites

January 25-29

9:00-10:00 at

Coral Ridge Mall



Winter blues? Take a break and walk with friends, pray, and pledge your mites every weekday morning January 25-29. A list of missionaries to pray for as you walk (or for any wishing to pray for them) will be available on the LWML table on January 14. If the time doesn't work for you, walk on your own or with friends at another time. Gather as a group on Saturday, January 30 at 8:30 am for a walk in the church hallways, an informal breakfast in the fellowship hall at 9:00 am and stay for a Bible study at 9:30 am.

Sign up sheet and a complete description are available in the church office or talk with Cheryl Davisson at 319-648-4660 or email vcbe@windstream.net.



Please get
resumes to
Pastor soon!

BOOKKEEPER NEEDED

Quick Books is coming to Our Redeemer in January. Larry would like to retire (again). The position is for 20 hours a week. Please contact Pastor at 338-5626 or bhartwig@ourredeemer.com to apply for this bookkeeper position.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR STEPHEN MINISTRY

Sometimes it takes more than a parka or a blanket to keep another person warm. Sometimes it takes the presence of a caring Christian friend.



Stephen Ministers share the warmth of God's love with those who need it most: the lonely, the depressed, the grieving. Is God calling you to reach out to those who are hurting?

TURN IN YOUR APPLICATIONS NOW! You can still pick up an application form in the church office. A new training class for Stephen Ministry has been rescheduled for February 2, meeting Tuesday nights from 6:45-9:15pm. For more information contact Pastor Hartwig at 338-5626 or bhartwig@ourredeemer.org today.

Lutheran Digest & Portals of Prayer
available at the Welcome Center

2016 Envelopes in the narthex coffee area



January 28
7:00 pm

The word theology is derived from two Greek words: *Theos* (God) and *Logos* (work, speech or reason). Therefore, theology in its simplest terms

is a 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.”

To Martin Luther, pure doctrine was not just the correct content of Scripture, but also that content conveyed effectively into the lives of those who hear God’s Word.



Thank you to everyone who sent us cards, gifts and food during the seasons of Advent and Christmas!

Melissa and I are thankful to be a part of such a loving congregation!

-Vicar and Melissa Adelsen



THE OTHER END OF LIFE

Rev. Dr. James Lamb, newly retired from Executive Directorship of Lutherans For Life, will be in Cedar Rapids on Sunday, January 31, 2016. He will present a workshop entitled “The Other End of Life” (end-of-life issues_ from 1:30 to 4:00pm at Trinity, Cedar Rapids. childcare for the workshop on Jan. 31. Please RSVP to renfrod@trinitycr.org or call the office at Trinity (366-1569) by noon on Friday, January 29 if you would like childcare (number and ages of children would be helpful). This is open to the public. Questions? Thank you!

Schedule (1:30-4:00):

Brief Opening Devotion

Session 1 - Theological Aspects of End of Life Issues
(45 minutes)

15 minutes of Q & A

Break - Refreshments will be served

Session 2 - Practical Aspects of End of Life Issues
(45 minutes)

15 minutes of Q & A

Brief Closing Devotion

Kids Club

* Registrations are in the church office.

Our Kids Club is a church-sponsored weekly program for young people. **LITTLE LAMBS** is for children 3 years through Kindergarten. **CROSSTOWN** is for children in 1st and 2nd grade. **FAITH EXPLORERS** is for children in grades 3 through 5. Classes start at 6:45 pm with openings. The children learn Bible stories and Bible verses, sing songs, play games, and participate in craft and mission projects. Children earn awards for completing memory work. For more information about our Kids Club, please contact Denise Schwarting at 325-6153 or Becky West at 430-3809.

COMFORT-TIERS

Watch for the February *Beacon* to learn the record-breaking number of quilts finished this year and where they went.



Now, let us not rest, because Lillian has boxes and boxes of tops and middles that need sheets or fabric by the yard for the backs! At this rate, perhaps we can exceed this past year's total once more! Please search your linen closets and ask your neighbors, friends and relatives for any they don't need and might wish to part with, as there are still shivering folks of all sizes out there!

PASTOR MARK EISOLD, recently returned Missionary from Peru will be at King of Kings Lutheran Church on Friday, January 22 at 7:00 pm to give us a wrap up of his *five years of church planting in Lima, Peru* (pop. 10 million). Pastor Eisold is the first LCMS pastor to start mission work in all of Peru. Today there are five mission stations served by three full-time pastors and a deaconess with another pastor to be called soon. Two of these are new opportunities which put the missionaries in the midst of thousands of people driven from their mountain homes in recent decades by civil war (70,000 killed). Come hear this wonderful, exciting first-hand account. It will be a Friday evening very well spent! King of Kings Lutheran Church is just east of exit 28 off of I-380 north of Cedar Rapids. Take exit 28 (Toddville/Robins). Go east on County Home Rd (less than ½ mile) to light and turn right onto North Center Point Rd. Church is on left about ½ mile.

Sunday, February 7, 2016

11:45am—1:30pm

Sunday School & Kids Club volunteers Education Enrichment

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a light lunch that will be provided for you. You will have time to talk with your directors and be taught by Pastor.

RSVP to Kaja Mueller dce@ourredeemer.org or 338-5626 x14

- I. Opening & Prayer
 - II. Lunch & Ice Breaker
 - III. Pastor
 - IV. Divide into Directors and their groups
 - * Kids Club (Youth Room)
 - * Sunday School (Fellowship Hall) teachers
- Closing & Prayer—in your rotation sections



Thank you from the Board of Education for making this commitment to our children.

"Our Mission is to nurture and support families; equipping them for a lifetime of learning, praying and celebrating God's love in every aspect of life." Children's Ministry

Raising Money for Our Redeemer Lutheran Church & Preschool by **web searching** through GoodSearch. Just join GoodSearch.com to raise funds for Our Redeemer Lutheran Church! GoodSearch donates money to your favorite cause when you search the Internet, shop online or dine out at local restaurants! Use GoodSearch.com to search the Internet and they donate a penny per search to your cause. Use GoodShop.com when you shop online and they donate a percentage of every purchase and offer over 100,000 coupons to help you save money too! Sign up for their GoodDining program and they'll donate a percentage of your restaurant bill when you eat at any one of thousands of participating restaurants. It's really easy; it's free and turns simple everyday actions into a way to make the world a better place. Please sign up today to help support Our Redeemer Lutheran Church or choose your own. Go to





Beta Sigma Psi National Lutheran Fraternity at Iowa State University is based upon three core values; spiritual, scholastic, and social. By being a member of this fraternity, men are encouraged to grow in these three values and also gain leadership experiences that will help them for a lifetime. The alumni chapter is providing three \$1500 scholarships to incoming Christian men for their education at Iowa State.



Scholarships must be postmarked by March 1, 2016 for the first round of applications, June 1, 2016 for the second round, and July 5, 2016 for the third round. Application can be made online at <http://epsilon.betasigmapi.org/recruitment/scholarship/>. For applications, contact Nathan Hollander by phone at 630-352-8882, by email at njh@iastate.edu, or at

Beta Sigma Psi
c/o Scholarship Committee
2132 Sunset Drive
Ames, IA 50014

The Darryl Jahn Memorial Scholarship only takes a few minutes for students to apply for and also includes a brief interview during a visit, so it is a fairly easy process. Recipients of the scholarship are not required to join Beta Sigma Psi.

2016 FLOWER CALENDAR

Sign up to provide flowers for your special Sunday today. The calendar is located on the wall next to the desk in the library.



COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Donations of items to fill the Care Packages are requested from the congregation.

Please drop off in the box in the Narthex.

Youth will be packing these Friday, January 22.
Items should be at church by Wednesday, January 20.

Suggestions include:

Puzzle Books (word search, Sudoku, crossword puzzle)
Coloring Books
Crayons, Colored Pencils,
Markers
Notebooks
Pens
Pencils
Highlighters
Scissors
Staplers
Pencil Sharpeners

Toiletries
Toothpaste
Toothbrush
ChapStick
Band-Aids/First Aid Kit
Water Flavor Packets
Granola Bars
Fruit Snacks
Pop-Tarts
Trailmix
Mints
Gum
Fun socks/cozy socks

Fun socks/cozy socks
Foam Football/Basketball
Frisbees
Stress Balls
Playing cards
Uno/Skipbo/card games
Flameless candles
Picture frames
Cards
Stationary
Stamps
Envelopes
Words of Encouragement
Etc....



Our Redeemer Preschool Weekly Newsletter
January 11th - 15th, 2016



Jesus is Powerful

Director/Teacher: Kaja Mueller Assistant: Kate Ramsey
Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949 www.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org preschool@ourredeemer.org

Letter: Kk Number: 4 FOUR

Bible: Jesus Heals Jairus's Daughter

JESUS TIME: In our Bible story this week, we learned how Jesus brought back Jairus's daughter from death. We learn that God is so good and that we have no greater helper than Jesus, who saves us from sin, death, and the devil. We can always trust Jesus with all our problems.

ARTS & CRAFTS:

- M is for Mittens - *posted in the hallway*
- Color matching clothes pins
- Watercolor snowflakes
- Independent artwork

SONGS/CHANTS:

- "Animal Action"
- "WHITE"
- "Ha La La La"
- "My God Is So Great!"
- "Letter M"

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SCIENCE CENTER: Mystery Bottles

SENSORY TABLE: Gold Tees & Plastic Styrofoam



Building Healthy Families: LFS has a new look and a new website! Learn more about what we do and help that is available, read blog posts from LFS counselors and staff leaders, find out about outreach events in your area, learn about ways you can partner with us to make a difference here in Iowa...all through the new website! Check it out at www.LFSiowa.org today! **Lutheran Family Service** at (319) 393-1000 .

Mm (*To This Old Man*)

Monkey see. Monkey do.
Come meet monkey in the zoo.
If you make a face, he might make one, too.
Monkeys love to mimic you!



January

I had a little snowman
He had a carrot nose.
Along came a bunny,
And what do you suppose?
That hungry little bunny,
Looking for his lunch,
Ate that snowman's nose. . .
Nibble nibble, crunch crunch!



Youth Happenings

Confirmation

Classes on Wednesday, January 20th

6th Grade Small Group

Homecoming

After being exiled (banished from their native land), the tribes of Judah and Benjamin along with the Levite priests prepared to go back to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple. This homecoming was made possible because the Lord moved Cyrus, king of Persia, to issue a proclamation that said, "The LORD God of heaven has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and has charged me to build Him a house at Jerusalem in Judah."

MEMORY DUE: none

7th Grade Lecture

The Lord's Prayer—2nd and 3rd Petitions
2nd Petition: "Thy kingdom come."

What does this mean? *The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.*

3rd Petition: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

What does this mean? *The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.*

HOMEWORK DUE: Intro & Petition 1 pages

MEMORY DUE: Hebrews 4:16

8th Grade Lecture

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.

HOMEWORK DUE: none

MEMORY DUE: none

MEASUREMENTS FOR ROBES: Weds, Jan. 20th
(this week during class)

High School Youth

"Pack for College"

Friday, January 22nd

6-8 pm

Dinner & packing College Care packages

Sign up in the church



Basics of the Faith

7:00 – 9:00 pm on **Friday, Feb. 5th** and 8:30 am – 2:30 pm on **Saturday, Feb. 6th**
in the Fellowship Hall

WHO? All parents of 7th and 8th grade Confirmation students

WHAT TO EXPECT? Pastor leads the workshop at a very casual, upbeat pace. Lunch on Saturday provided.

COST? Free

REGISTRATION? Sign up in the church office by **Weds, Feb. 3rd**.



Confirmation IDE Winter Retreat & Sno-Olympics



Youth Winter Retreat

For all 6th, 7th and 8th grade Confirmation students

6:45 pm on Friday, January 29th until Saturday, January 30th at 4:15 pm

We'll carpool together to Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca in Solon. Parents if you'd like to be a chaperone or driver, please contact Kara.

Registration forms are due **Weds, Jan. 20th**.

Additional registration forms can be found in the church office.

Cost is \$45 per student. Please make checks payable to "Our Redeemer Lutheran Church" with "Confirmation Retreat" on the memo line.

OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

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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 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.