



Reflections



**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
And Preschool**

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Weekly Newsletter - January 21/22, 2017

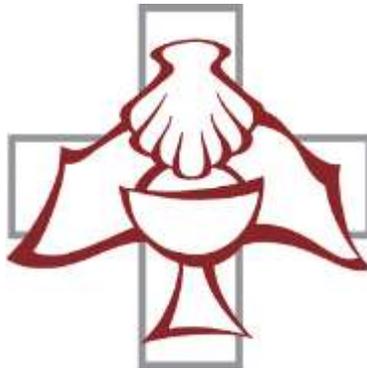
~ *Third Sunday after the Epiphany* ~

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

Sunday Morning
January 22-
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 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



MARILYN PAETZ
*30th Anniversary
Celebration*

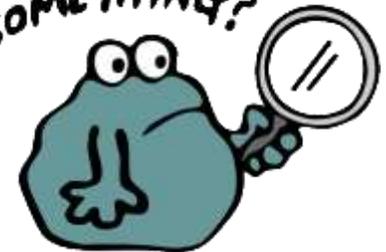
*Let's thank Marilyn for 30 years here
at Our Redeemer and join with her in
celebrating this anniversary!*

Sunday, January 29

Cake & Punch

Follows 10:30 am service

**LOOKING FOR
SOMETHING?**



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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.



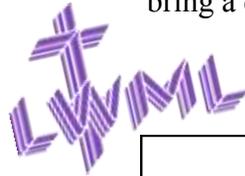
The LWML Baby Shower is coming soon! On Saturday, January 28th at 10:00 am, all ladies of all ages are invited to play games, enjoy food and fellowship, and bring gifts for babies around the world--they need not be wrapped! Please sign up on the table in the narthex if you plan to attend.

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.

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The LWML National Convention is gearing up for Albuquerque, New Mexico! At this convention we will be celebrating 75 years of the founding of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League!

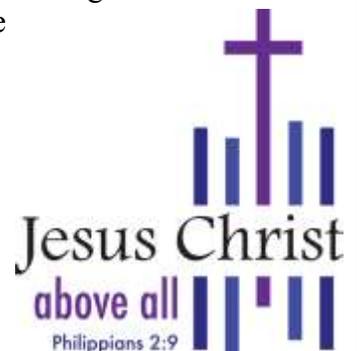
JUNE 22-25, 2017, is the date. Check out the information available on line at www.LWML.org, or find your LWML Quarterly in your communication mailbox!

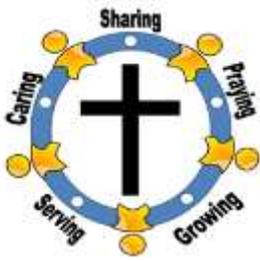
If you wish to catch a ride on the IED bus, please contact Vickie Ozburn ASAP at vaozburn@gmail.com. A bus registration form is available on line at www.lwml-ied.org, and must be sent in to Vickie before February 3rd.

Beginning February 1st, send in your convention registration and payment as soon as possible. If you are riding the bus you do not need to register for a hotel as Vickie will be registering the group for a block of rooms.

All Iowans will receive priority seating at this convention, as we were hostesses from the most recent convention.

See you there!





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.*



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!

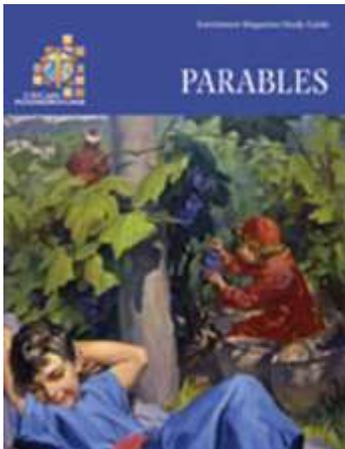
Upcoming Events for Small Group Ministry ...

NEW WEDNESDAY CLASS

LIFELIGHT SERIES: PARABLES

January 25-April 19 (9 sessions)

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm



This study is part of the *LifeLight* Bible study series of in-depth studies of Bible books. The goal of *LifeLight* is that through a regular program of in-depth personal and group study of Scripture, more and more Christian adults may grow in their personal faith in Jesus .

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!

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.

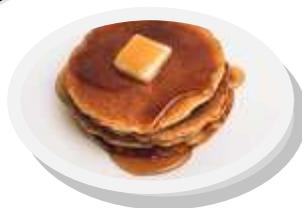
UKANDU upholds the Bible as the inspired, unchanged Word of God, which has revealed to us God's rich plan of salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ. It is out of this awesome gift of grace that we, as leaders and participants of UKANDU, feel led to serve God in any manner possible and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

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



Mission Committee Members
Denise Holida
Miriam Meyer (Chair)
Anita Nicholson
Val Penney
Robert Powers
Joe Robinson

PANCAKE DAY



It's that time of year again. Time to get ready for Our Redeemer's annual Pancake Day.

This year, on Saturday March 4th, we will again be supporting the Crisis Center with the proceeds from this event.

In your communication box, in the narthex, there is a Pancake Day flier and a ticket booklet with more information. There are also volunteer sign-up sheets in the church office. Volunteers will be needed for set up, serving and clean up. Please consider donating a few hours of your time to help with this event.

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 January 26
 7:00—9:00 pm
Board Room
Holy Scripture, God's Word



Building Healthy Families Do you think the values and morals of Americans seem to be declining? If so, you are joined by 81% of people recently surveyed by the Barna Group and the American Bible Society who agree. Their research also indicates that most people blame this trend on movies, music and TV, not on a documented decrease in Bible reading. At every opportunity, lead your family to read and study the Word, allowing God to teach and direct your choices and behaviors as He promises to do in *Isaiah 48:17*: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go."

Lutheran Family Service
 (319) 393-1000

Calling All New Members

Join the hosting Assimilation Committee for brunch, fellowship, and to learn about Our Redeemer ministry opportunities.



When: Sunday, February 12, following the 10:30 worship service
Where: Church Fellowship Hall

Who is a new member? If you have joined Our Redeemer in the last year and have not yet been able to attend a new member brunch, you're invited. RSVP to the church office, 319-338-5626 or Cory Strumpel 319-627-4322.

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

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



Younkers

Community Days Coupon Booklet
 Youth Fundraiser

\$5.00 per booklet
 Booklet includes a \$10 off coupon

This valuable coupon booklet can be purchased for just \$5 each, good toward a great selection of merchandise at Younkers during the special **Community Day Sale February 23 - 25, 2017.**

Our youth keeps 100% of the sales from each booklet sold.



Casting Crowns

US Cellular Center, Cedar Rapids
Friday, April 7th @ 7:00 pm
\$33.00 per ticket
See Kara for ?'s or to buy tickets.
Deadline: Sun, Feb. 19th



The Bible is Important

Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller

Assistant, Kate Ramsey

Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949

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preschool@ourredeemer.org

Thanks to all those parents who send their child's boots and shoes because it has been wet outside. I am ready for snow really anything but ice.

BIBLE LESSON

As a Jewish boy at the age of twelve, Jesus had visited the temple to learn more from His teachers, pray, praise God, and read from God's Word (we know as the Bible). We too get to go to church to learn from teachers, pray, praise God through songs, and read from the Bible. Some children really enjoyed sharing that they get to sing to God.

BOOKS

- Planes
- Trains
- Automobiles



CRAFT TIME

Assemble shapes to make a train

TEACHER TIME

- Letter Tt formation & sound
- Assessments for March 1st parent teacher conferences

OTHER LEARNING CENETERS

- Blocks—new letter cube blocks
- Coloring—letter of the week activities, stickers
- Dramatic Play—new superhero capes
- Playdough—new colors
- Puzzles—new lacing, numbers, shapes
- Sensory Table—Kinetic sand
- Small manipulatives
- Store
- Writing table/craft table



NEXT WEEK

- 24/25—Tornado Drill, Iowa City Children's Museum is coming to our class
- 26—Celebrating Ingrid's Birthday 7-26-2013



Tax information will be passed out to you next week for the 2016 year.



Tt (*To Reuben, Reuben*)

Tina takes tap-dancing lessons.

Tap! Tap! Tap!

She taps all day.

She has no time for toys or games.

She'd rather tap than play.

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

Monday: Joanna

Tuesday: Ollie

Wednesday: Tess

Thursday: Ingrid

Friday: Lillyan

You only need to bring 2 healthy food groups for snack. If you are packing your child's lunch, remember all food groups must be present even though they might not eat them.



Happy birthday to Quincy! He turns 4 on 1-22-2017! May God continue to bless him in this next special year of life!



Make Time to play with your kids—Go Fish



Go fish is the classic number identification game. Take turns asking each other if they have a certain number is a great way to practice recognizing the different numbers.

Thank you to all who ordered books through Scholastic. Remember, you help our class earn FREE books and supplies with every order. Thank you for supporting your child's reading both at home and in the classroom!



Enrollment for the 2017-2018 Preschool year will begin in February. Enrollment will be opened first to Current Preschool Families and church members . After 2 weeks it will be opened to the public. When you receive the enrollment form please return it as soon as you can due to the fact that space is limited.

Youth Happenings

Confirmation Classes

6:45 pm on Wednesday, January 25th

6th Grade — Small Group

Unit 2: God's Grace to His People Israel

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."

7th Grade – Lecture

The Lord's Prayer: 4th and 5th Petitions

5th Petition: "And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."

We recognize and acknowledge that God forgives us; we should likewise forgive others.

8th Grade — Lecture

The 3rd Article of the Apostles' Creed

The 3rd Article is about the work of Sanctification through the 3rd person of the Holy Triune God, the Holy Spirit.

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

EXAM: Weds, February 1st



Confirmation Winter Retreat

All 6th, 7th and 8th graders

Friday, Feb. 3rd

6 pm to

Saturday, Feb. 4th

11 am

Comfort Suites,
Coralville

Cost: \$45.00

4 male chaperones are still needed

Registration Form & Payment Due:

Sun, January 29th

place in Kara's mailbox in the church office

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.

OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

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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.