



Reflections



**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
And Preschool**

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Weekly Newsletter - February 4/5, 2017

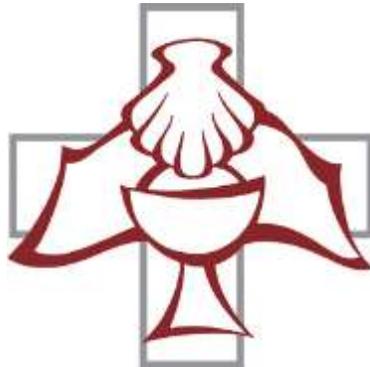
~ Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany ~

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

Sunday Morning
February 5 -
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.



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

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.



April 29/30

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH will be 60 years old!

VOTERS’ MEETING Sunday, February 19

Following Late Service



LWML Bible Study

Monday, February 20
7:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Vicar Wolfgram will lead a Bible study and tell about his journey to the ministry.

Devotions will be led by Eunice Scheer.

Cynthia Fruendt and Kathy Eick will be

hostesses.



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!

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!



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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. Recipes used should be sent to packratsandy@yahoo.com.



The Alumni of Beta Sigma Psi Lutheran fraternity will be awarding *three \$1500 scholarships* to Lutheran gentlemen entering Iowa State University in the fall of 2017.

Applicants will be evaluated on their scholastic achievement and active participation in their communities and churches. Applications posted prior to **March 5, 2017**, will be eligible for all three of the scholarships. If you are not selected for the first scholarship, however, and turned in an early application, your application will be reviewed for the second and third scholarships. Applications posted prior to **April 23, 2017**, will be eligible for the last two scholarships. All applications posted prior to **June 11, 2017**, will be eligible for the third scholarship only. Paper applications are available in the church office.

phone: (515) 619-2739

e-mail: betasigscholarship@iastate.edu.

SCHOLARSHIP WEB ADDRESS:

<http://epsilon.betasigmapsi.org/recruitment/scholarship>

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



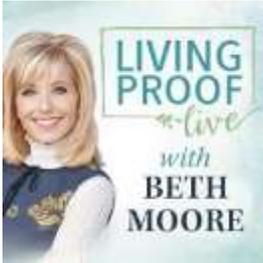
Let's hear it for
Thrivent Choice!

Supporters have directed \$5,292 to Our Redeemer and \$1,058 to the Preschool in 2016. Thank you to all the Thrivent members who have taken the opportunity to designate these funds.



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 ...



If you are attending the Beth Moore Live Event and paid the \$20.00 deposit last fall, the final payment of \$39.00 is due by February 19th. Make checks payable to "Our Redeemer" and put in Denise Holida's church mailbox in the office.

If you would like to join us, we still have 2 tickets left for the event held March 17-18.

Contact Shana Stuart or Diana Bowman with any questions.



Thank you to everyone who attended the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Baby Shower last weekend, who brought baby items and mailed baby items to Tiffany. With everyone's help, we put together 68 Baby Kits on Saturday, January 28 and have items leftover to make many more. We have 30 Baby Kits the Kid's Club put together in November----so right now we have 98 Baby Care Kits to send in April to mothers and children in need around the world. Thanks to you, babies will be clean, cuddly, and warm! A special **Thank You** to Tiffany Roiseland for the wonderful idea of having this baby shower in honor of beautiful baby Maren. God Bless You!!

Why should I consider wearing my name tag?

Because wearing your name tag helps –



- ◆ others to call you by name
- ◆ you to be known by others
- ◆ the vicar to match a name with a face
- ◆ encourage new members to wear their name tags
- ◆ those who have a hard time remembering names
- ◆ start conversations
- ◆ everyone to get to know each other better
- ◆ to identify those who are members and those who are visiting
- ◆ those who think they know your name, but because you're wearing your name tag, they can be sure of it.



Valentine Delivery

Anyone who would like to deliver valentines to shut-ins on February 12, please meet in the church narthex after 10:30 am worship. Snacks will be available for those delivering. The valentines are hand-crafted by the Kids Club children.

You are invited to

Mending Hearts

A Valentine's Day dinner with friends.
 Saturday, February 11, 2017
 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 The Kirkwood Room, 515 Kirkwood Avenue, Iowa City

R.S.V.P. by
 February 9, 2017 to (319) 338.8171

Hosted by
 Lensing Funeral & Cremation Service and Iowa City Hospice

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.

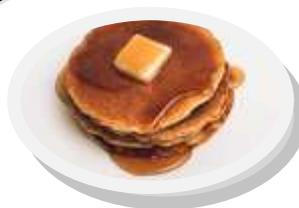
UKANDU upholds the Bible as the inspired, unchanged Word of God, which has revealed to us God's rich plan of salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ. It is out of this awesome gift of grace that we, as leaders and participants of UKANDU, feel led to serve God in any manner possible and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

February 21
7:00—9:00 pm
Board Room



St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel, our campus ministry at The University of Iowa, presents *Variety! An Evening of Talented Performers and Delectable Desserts*. The event will take place at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2301 E. Court St., Iowa City, on Saturday, April 1, at 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm). All proceeds go to sending our students to the LCMSU National Campus Ministry Conference.



Have you ever considered becoming a pastor or deaconess? If so, Rev. Jaime Nava from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis would like to meet with you at Bethany

Lutheran in Cedar Rapids on March 20 between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. Rev. Nava is interested in meeting with prospective students of all ages--- elementary school age through adults. Appointments are individual, informal, and family/friends are welcome to come with you. Appointments are not necessary, but encouraged. If you are interested in scheduling a specific time, please contact Rev. Nava at (314) 505-7224 or navaj@csl.edu.

Faith-Based Talk from Iowa Hawkeye Athletes ~ Athletes in Action

Join us on Sunday, February 26th, from Noon to about 1:45 pm, in the Fellowship Hall, for a catered meal and faith testimonies from the college athletes. Thanks to Thrivent, the meal will be free! A freewill donation basket will be present with the proceeds going towards the University of Iowa Athletes in Action program.



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

Top Songs: "Who Am I"; "Good, Good Father"; "Thrive"; "If We Are The Body"

See Kara for ?'s or to buy tickets.

Deadline: Sun, Feb. 19th



Jesus Heals the Ten Lepers

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

Enjoy reading a little of what we do in the classroom this week.

BIBLE LESSON

God has mercy on His children. Jesus healed the ten men with leprosy in Luke 17:11-19. All ten men were overjoyed, but only one man came back to thank Jesus for healing them. We receive blessings from God too. He is gracious just because He loves us, not because we deserve it. Thank Jesus every day!

ACTIVITY CENTERS

Ice Cream Shop
Store
Workbench
Sensory Table
Block
Transportation
Home Living/Castle
Kitchen
Writing
Math
Puzzles
Easels—paint, chalk

CRAFTS

Sand art
Heart pals with Mrs. Twyla
Yarn heart craft—*optional*

READING CENTER

Bibles, construction, summer, shapes

TEACHER TIME

Number 6
Opposites
Names—spelling/writing
End of the year assessments for March 1st parent teacher conferences

NEXT WEEK

Transportation Week
Letter L
Jairus's daughter is alive
Tuesday/Thursday—City Bus Tour at 11:00am
Thursday—Norah's 5th birthday
Friday—Ella's 5th birthday celebration



A line and a loop.
Six rolls a hoop.

SNACK NEXT WEEK you get to bring snacks and be our line leader! M/W/F = 17 kids; T/TH= 16 kids

Monday: Hazel
Tuesday: Atticus
Wednesday: Abby
Thursday: Norah
Friday: Ella



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.



Continue to send your child's snow pants, boots, coats, hat, and gloves with your child. It is sandy on our playground and a little muddy depending on the day. Thank you!

GAMES WITH KIDS

High/Low—Older kids who are beginning to add and subtract numbers can play a variation of War called High/Low. Instead of turning over 1 card each player turns over 2 and adds them (or subtracts them). The player with the higher answer wins. Much more fun than doing addition facts on flashcards.

STICKER FUN

Thank you to two families who have given us some great stickers. We will continue to welcome more throughout the year if you find more. Kids love printed stickers! They are fun, colorful, easy to find, inexpensive, and a wonderful teaching tool. If you have any stickers around your house or find some on a good sale, we use stickers year round in preschool and would benefit from them greatly.

Youth Happenings

Confirmation Classes

6:45 pm on Wednesday, February 8th

6th Grade — Small Group

EXAM

Be prepared to write out the names of all 66 books of the Bible and know the corresponding words for each book of the Bible that you've learned so far. Know the names of the prophets and which prophet spoke to each group of people. Know the dates of exile for the Northern and Southern Kingdoms.

7th Grade — Lecture

The Lord's Prayer: 6th and 7th Petitions & Conclusion

6th Petition: "And lead us not into temptation."

7th Petition: "But deliver us from evil."

Conclusion: "For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen."

Amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so".

8th Grade — Lecture

Sacrament of the Altar

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Other names for Sacrament of the Altar:

The Lord's Supper; Holy Communion; Eucharist

ROUGH DRAFT OF PAPER: Weds, Feb. 8th

ALL SERMON SUMMARIES DUE: Weds, Feb. 15th

8th Grade & High School

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Summer Servant Event

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 by **Sun, Feb. 19th**)

Prize Account funds may be used towards registration costs. Scholarship funds available, talk to Pastor.

DUE by
Feb. 19th

REGISTER
NOW

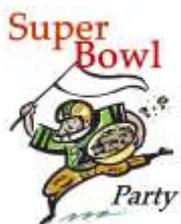
Registration is online.

To Register:

1. Go to the following webpage <https://goo.gl/forms/d4vAWrnXbPYOduZt2> and complete the requested information.
2. **Payments (make checks payable to "Our Redeemer Lutheran Church" with "UKANDU" on the memo line and return to church office)**
Payment #1 (Initial deposit) of **\$100.00 DUE: Sun, February 19th**
Payment #2 of \$50.00 DUE: Sun, March 12th
Payment #3 of \$50.00 DUE: Sun, April 2nd

Want more information?

See Kara with any questions.



High School

Super Bowl Party

5:00 pm on Sunday, February 5th

At the Hartwig's house

We'll play games, eat snacks, have fun and watch the Super Bowl.

What to bring? An appetizer or snack to share with the group.

Drinks will be provided.

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.