



# Reflections



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Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
And Preschool

Weekly Newsletter - February 6/7, 2016

~ *The Transfiguration of Our Lord* ~

## 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 5 - Second Council of Constantinople (553)

Third Council of Constantinople (680)

Week 6 - Second Council of Nicaea (787)

Week 7 - Athanasian Creed



## Valentines Delivery

Anyone who would like to deliver valentines to shuts ins on February 14, please meet in the church narthex after 10:30 am worship. The valentines are hand-crafted by the Kids Club children.

## BAPTISM LAST WEEK



**Aibhlinn Helen O’Shea**  
5:30 pm, January 30

### Parents

Padraic Stephenson O’Shea  
Amy May Johnson O’Shea

**ONE LORD**  
**ONE FAITH**  
**ONE BAPTISM**

### Sponsors

Cody Johnson  
Crystal Bailey

Apologies to the O’Sheas for not getting their daughter’s name in the February *Beacon*.



February 10

Service 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm

No Midweek classes



## Wellman Roller Skating Event

Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016

1:00pm - 3:00pm

**Wellman Recreation Center Roller Skating Rink #319-646-2231**

**Directions:** Take Highway 1 and go South, then at Kalona follow Route 22 and go West (right). You will next enter Wellman and the Roller Rink will be on your left past Casey's gas station.

**The cost** is only \$1 per person that will be taken at the door. This includes skate rentals. You can purchase food at the rinks concession stand.

\*\*\*Children younger than 6 must be accompanied by an adult.\*\*\*

Sign up in the church office #319-338-5626

# YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

College and post-college young adults make up this group. The Young Adults meet for Bible study and monthly social activities.

When: Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm

Where: Vicar Peter & Melissa Adelsen's home

We will be having a Bible study first at 3:30 pm and then a potluck Super Bowl

party afterward! Please bring a dish and/or beverage to share! Our fabulous hosts, Vicar and Melissa will let us know if they will still be in their apartment or the new parsonage at that time.



*Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.*

~Romans 12:13

Our Redeemer will be hosting Martin Luther High School choir of Greendale Wisconsin, on March 11 as they

begin their 2016 tour. The Concert Choir is a 40-voice choir which performs traditional sacred music. The Troubadours are a select group of 23 singers who use contemporary Christian music to convey the message of salvation through Christ Jesus. There is an overlap of students in these two groups. Friday evening they will perform at church. A dinner for about 45 students would be served at church—please let the church office know if you could help plan this or provide food for the group. In addition, the students are in need of host homes for the night—please volunteer in the office to host one or more of these students.

Sign up in the office or call 338-5626 or email redeemer@ourredeemer to help!

## Kids Club

\* Registrations are in the church office.

### Kids Club Sunday - February 21st

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



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, March 5, at 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM). All proceeds go to sending our students to the 2017 LCMSU National Campus Ministry Conference. The conference will take place in January of 2017 at a yet to be announced location.

## LENTEN MEALS

HELP NEEDED! There are groups signed up for only three of the five meals to be served during Lent. If anyone would like to serve on either February 24 or March 16, please let the church office know at 338-5626 or [redeemer@ourredeemer.org](mailto:redeemer@ourredeemer.org).

February 17      LWML  
 February 24  
 March 2      LYF  
 March 9      Human Care  
 March 16



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](mailto: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 [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) to get started. Questions? Kaja Mueller, [dce@ourredeemer.org](mailto:dce@ourredeemer.org) #319-338-5626.







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.betasigmapsi.org/recruitment/scholarship/>. For applications, contact Nathan Hollander by phone at 630-352-8882, by email at [njh@iastate.edu](mailto:njh@iastate.edu), at

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



or

## Pancake Day Approaches!



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.



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

This year, on Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### Mission Committee Members

Denise Holida	Miriam Meyer (Chair)
Anita Nicholson	Val Penny




CAMP IO-DIS-E-CA is now receiving registration for the 2016 summer programs.

There is a poster on the bulletin board across from the library. Brochures are on the wire stand outside the church office or can be downloaded from their website: [www.campiodiseca.org](http://www.campiodiseca.org).

LWML will again provide one third the cost of camp up to \$60 for each camper. Let Linda Diggelmann, LWML treasurer, know if you would like a scholarship at 594-6908 or [diggelfa@mchsi.com](mailto:diggelfa@mchsi.com)

February 21

Following Late Service  
Committee Reports are due  
in the office now!





## ISLAM AND YOU

King of Kings Lutheran,  
3275 N. Center Point Rd.  
Cedar Rapids, IA

Saturday, March 12  
**10:00 am - 3:30pm**  
**(doors open at 9:00am)**

Islam claims to be the fastest growing religion in the world. We hear daily of fighting occurring in the Middle East and terrorism in the U.S. **But how is Islam affecting our daily life in more subtle ways?** Come hear Cynthia Khan, Director of Community Engagement for People of the Book, Lutheran Outreach, International, talk about the challenges we face as Islam spreads into our communities and neighborhoods.

A dinner will be served. Registration is \$20. Please preregister by March 5, to allow for food planning by contacting Dick Hoelz at [rahoelz@imonmail.com](mailto:rahoelz@imonmail.com) or by calling 319-363-1214. His mailing address is 3519 Heatheridge Dr. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. Late registration at the door is \$23 and the meal is not guaranteed. Checks should be made payable to IDE LLL.

A poster on the bulletin board next to the library gives further information.

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## CREATION MUSEUM Bus Trip

June 7-10, 2016



Roger and Ellen Bauer are once again planning a bus trip to the Creation Museum, departing at 6 am from Waverly, Iowa.

For more information contact Ellen Bauer, 806 Juhl Ave, Waverly, Iowa 50677, 319-352-5435, [ellen.bauer@mchsi.com](mailto:ellen.bauer@mchsi.com), or cell 319-610-2622.

There is a flyer on the bulletin board by the library that gives the costs and what is included. See [creationmuseum.org](http://creationmuseum.org) for more information.

## Faith Talk – Hawkeye Athletes

February 28<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-1:45 pm

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

Join us on Sunday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00-1:45 pm, in the Fellowship Hall, for a catered meal and faith testimonies. Cost is \$5/person to help cover the expense of the meal. Please sign up in the church office and pay for lunch on the event day. A freewill donation basket will be present with the proceeds going towards the University of Iowa Athletes in Action program.



Coming February 21

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

We will gather together for a Walking Taco dinner. Plan to come meet the people who played a role in the time leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus! You will get to guess who each player and find out WHO is WHO at the end of the evening.

This event is for anyone, so please invite your neighbors, family, and friends.

*Sign up in the church office today!*

Lenten Devotions available at the  
Welcome Center



Our Redeemer Preschool Weekly Newsletter  
 February 1st - 5th, 2016  
**Being A Good Friend**



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

Letter: Gg

Bible: The Good Samaritan

**JESUS TIME:** In our Bible story this week, we learned about the Good Samaritan and how he helped someone who had been hurt. We talked about how we get to be good neighbors to others. The kids got to put their thumbs up or down according to the neighbor pictures they were shown. Pastor Hartwig came down to us and shared with us who our neighbors are ... everyone!



Shark Prayer  
 (spoken with holding fin on head)

God is great, God is good,  
 Let us thank Him For our food!



**CRAFTS:**

Gg is for Grapes (Bubblewrap Painting)  
 Valentine Craft with Mrs Twyla

**SONGS/CHANTS:**

- "Letter Gg & Chant"
- "This Little Gospel Light Of Mine"
- "Jesus Love In A Box"
- "I Give Myself a Great Big Hug " (lining up song)

**READING CENTER:**

- Gorilla, Be Good* - Maria Fleming
- Good Night Gorilla* - Peggy Rathmann
- My Shape Book* - Southwestern Publishing
- Icky Bug Shapes* - Jerry Pallotta
- Bear In A Square* - Stella Blackstone
- The Shape Of Things* - Dayle Ann Dodds
- Rectangles* - Jennifer S. Burke
- What is a Triangle?* - Rebecca Kai Dotlich
- Triangles* - Jennifer S. Burke
- Squares* - Jennifer S. Burke
- Ovals* - Jennifer S. Burke
- Circles* - Jennifer S. Burke
- What is a Square?* - Rebecca Kai Dotlich
- There Were Ten in The Bed* - Sing and Read Storybook, Scholastic Publishing

**Iowa City  
 Library Visit**



**Iowa City Bus Tour**

**Gg** (To Ta Ra Boom De Ay)

Gert's Grandpa Gregory grew whiskers past his knee. They grew around and 'round. They grew down to the ground. "Good golly," Gert declared, "Gramp's got a goofy beard." So Grandma Gwendolyn shaved Grandpa's chin!



Current preschool families will have the first opportunity to register for the school year of 2016-2017. Registrations will be handed out in February. Further information will be coming soon.



# Youth Happenings



Wednesday, February 10  
(this week)

Since classes are cancelled this week, you are encouraged to attend the Ash Wednesday Worship Service at 7:00 pm.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Confirmation  
Due Dates

**IMPORTANT DATES!**



- Weds, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> —ALL Sermon Summaries Due
- Weds, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> —Confirmation Paper Due
- Weds, March 2<sup>nd</sup> —Confirmation Banners Due

## NYG Kickoff Meeting and Potluck



Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>  
noon to 1:30 pm  
in the Fellowship Hall

Registered participants and their parents should attend.



## Confirmation Spring Retreat to Chicago

Fri, April 15<sup>th</sup> —Sun, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Students

LWML will hold their 21<sup>st</sup> Tasting Bee on Saturday, April 16, 2016. This year's theme for the Tasting Bee is: "It's On My Bucket List". Everyone's bucket list is different, so we think this will be a really fun day! Please consider attending the Tasting Bee for "just a taste" of what all the good cooks in our church bring. You can also decorate a table, bring a dish/contribute the recipe or help 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/contribute a recipe or to help in the kitchen.

## OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

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### 2016 Board of Elders

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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 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.