



Reflections



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Weekly Newsletter - February 13/14, 2016

~ *First Sunday in Lent* ~

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday Mornings

9:30 am

Fellowship Hall

COUNCILS AND CREEDS

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.

February 14 - Second Council of Nicaea (787)

February 21 - Athanasian Creed



Valentines Delivery Volunteers Needed

Sunday, February 14th after 10:30 am worship

Anyone who would like to deliver valentines to shut ins, please meet in the narthex for your assignment and Valentines. Delivery at your discretion.

Valentines are hand-crafted by the Kids Club children.



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.org to help!

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 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.

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, 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 for more information.

Faith Talk – Hawkeye Athletes

February 28th, 12:00-1:45 pm

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

Join us on Sunday, Feb. 28th, 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



Wellman Roller Skating Event

Sunday, March 13th, 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



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.

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Denominations Around our Town

February 28-April 10

In *Denominations Around Our Town*, the teachings of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and other Christian denominations are examined and compared. Students develop a deeper understanding of the similarities as well as the differences that exist between Christian denominations.



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 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.



February 29
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.

HELP NEEDED! There are groups signed up for four of the five meals to be served during Lent. There is still an opportunity to serve on February 24. Please let the church office know at 338-5626 or redeemer@ourredeemer.org.

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

LENTEN MEALS



LENTEN SCHEDULE

February 17
to March 9

Lent

Services 1:00 & 6:10 pm
 Midweek Meal 5:10 pm
 Midweek Class 7:00 pm
 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm

March 16

Lent

Services 1:00 & 6:10 pm
 Midweek Meal 5:10 pm
No Midweek Classes
 Spiritual Growth Event 7:00 pm

March 20 **Palm Sunday** Confirmation at 10:30 am

March 23 **Silent Wednesday** Prayer Walk 11 am - 8 pm
 No midweek

March 24 **Maundy Thursday** Services 1:00 & 7:00 pm

March 25 **Good Friday** Kiwanis Prayer Breakfast 6 am
 Services 1:00 & 7:00 pm

March 26
Easter Worship 5:30 pm

March 27
 EASTER
Easter Worship 8 & 10:30 am
Easter Breakfast 9:00 am
Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am



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 to get started. Questions? Kaja Mueller, dce@ourredeemer.org #319-338-5626.





Arvo Pärt: Passio

Sunday, February 28, 3:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church

2701 Rochester Avenue, Iowa City

For the past three decades, the music of Arvo Pärt has sat atop the classical music world and even transcended it. Passio, a setting of the St. John Passion, is one of Pärt's most famous works, transporting listeners to a new sound world through his inimitable, unique compositional style. You will not want to miss this performance of one of the greatest choral works of modern times, performed for perhaps the first time ever in eastern Iowa.

Tickets: adults \$17, seniors \$14, students FREE (available [online](#) or at the door)

And join us for a special fundraiser immediately following the concert!

Northern Lights: A Chamber Singers fundraiser celebrating the radiant music of Arvo Pärt

Sunday, February 28, 5:00 p.m.
Clinton Street Social Club
18 1/2 S. Clinton Street, Iowa City

Please join the Chamber Singers of Iowa City at Clinton Street Social Club for a celebration of winter and the radiant music of Arvo Pärt. The fundraising event will feature a curated discussion of Passio, a musical performance, and hors-d'oeuvres and cocktails inspired by Pärt's native northern land of Estonia. Limited seating available, please visit our website for advanced ticketing and more details.

Tickets: \$25 available online:

www.icchambersinger.com/tickets

(319)535-0150

www.facebook.com/icchambersingers

Pancake Day Approaches!



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

This year, on Saturday March 5th, 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
Robert Powers



The Orphan Grain Train will also be holding their annual Bake Sale during the Pancake Day fundraiser. The Orphan Grain Train provides physical relief for domestic and international disasters. Please consider donating baked goods to support this Lutheran outreach to those in need. Donated items can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall on Friday March 4th.

~Walt & Bev Prem

Coming Soon Annual Printing of Member Photo Directory

We will be printing the member photo directory later this month, so if you like having a paper copy, a new one will soon be available. Laurel keeps the online version up to date, but if you have any changes that need to be made to your information (e-mail address, phone number, etc.), please let Laurel know by Wednesday, February 24, so that information will be correct in both the printed and online directories.

Thank you!

~Assimilation Committee

SOUND OF FRIENDSHIP

Compeer Program

NEW CONCERT LOCATION: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1st Ave and Court Street, Iowa City

DATE: Saturday, February 20

TIME: 7:30

Join Old Friends and New to celebrate 15 years of **COMPEER Friendships**. Enjoy music from the past and present.

TAP your toes and SING along.,

6:45-7:30 PRE-CONCERT MUSIC

- **Al Zimmerman:** Talented local pianist delighting audiences with melodic stylization.

7:30 CONCERT

- **Kol Shira:** Performing a rich diversity of international music bringing warmth, harmony, & soul.
- **Jeff Rohlwing:** Touring musician and recording artist, captivating fans with his songwriting & storytelling. Joined by fellow musician Ed Boswell.
- **Two Bit Maniac:** Local artists Aimee Underwood, Jeff Roush, and Laurie Haag bring back the golden age of Rhythm and Blues.

Your ticket to **GREAT MUSIC & DELICIOUS DESSERTS**
JUST \$20.00

Tickets may be purchased:

From a COMPEER Board Member

In the church office

At the Compeer Office, 1st Presbyterian Church, 383-6264

At the Door

For more information, call 330-4791



The New Member Brunch scheduled for Sunday, March 6, is canceled.

We are postponing this event until fall.

The congregational trip to St. Louis for the Memorial Day weekend has been cancelled.



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.

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



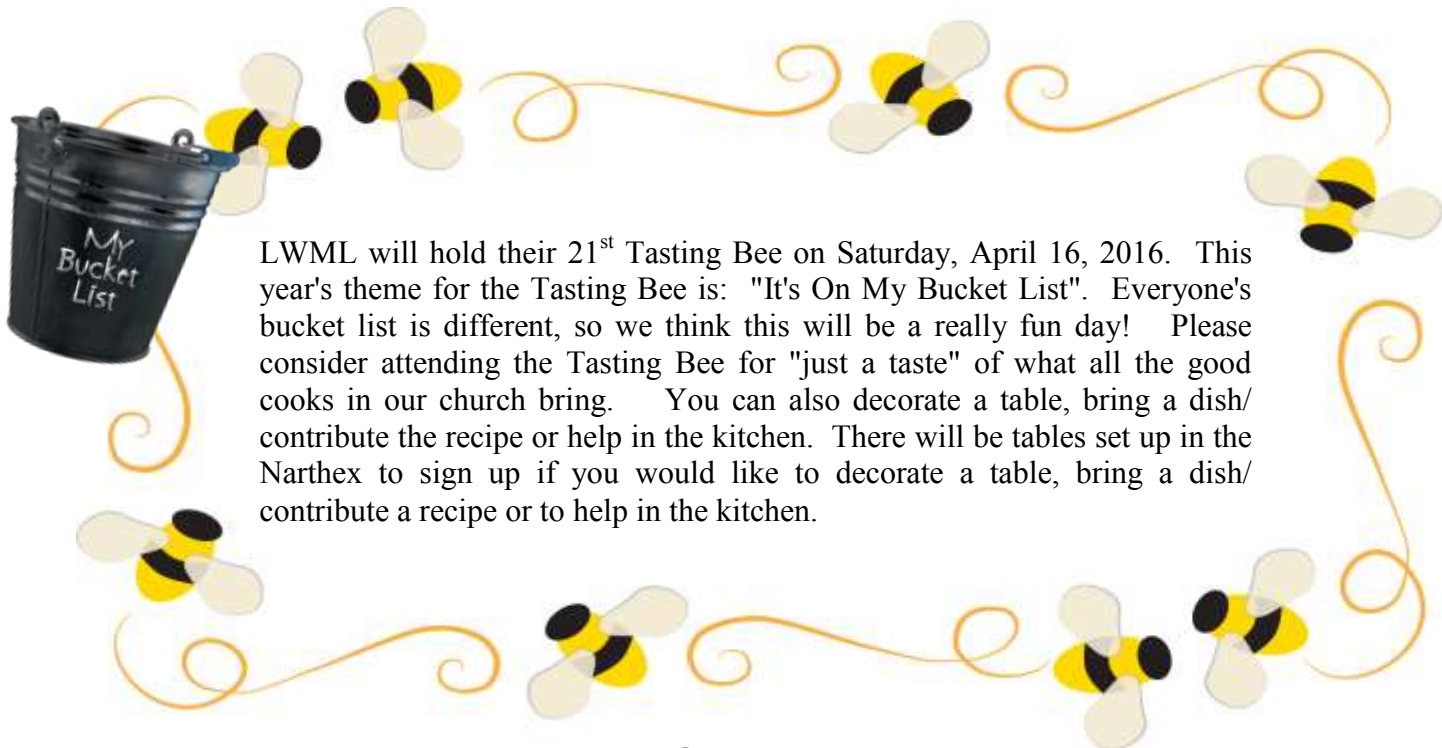
Celebrate Leap Day with Bailey Bowman, a member of American Hotel & Lodging Association. A fundraiser will be held on Monday, February 29th at the Pizza Ranch at the Iowa City Marketplace (formerly Sycamore Mall) from 5:00 - 8:00 pm. 15% of the total check will go towards her club. **In order for her club to get funding, the flyer above needs to be shown.**



Kitchen Supplies

The kitchen is in need of more supplies as we look forward to the Lenten meals and higher usage.

Supplies can be placed in the kitchen or the room behind the kitchen.



LWML will hold their 21st 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.



HEART TO HEART

Erica Davisson presents a program on heart health.

February 15

7:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Come join the LWML to learn more about taking care of your heart during this month of hearts and flowers.

Devotions: Lynne Westphal

Hostesses: Sandy Wagner
Lynne Westphal



LWR KITS & PACKING

The focus for the April 16 Lutheran World Relief pickup will be baby kits.

The things most needed for these are:

- Sleepers (no feet-they can be removed & hemmed) or gowns , sizes up to 24 months
- Soap-bath size bars of mild soap such as Ivory
- Diaper pins
- Hats
- Socks

Packing will be April 11 at 6:00 pm in the kitchen and downstairs hallway.



Building Healthy Families: Love is in the air! The buildup to one of the most expensive holidays begins today with Valentine’s Day retail spending expected to reach a record \$18.9 billion this year. As you find ways to share and celebrate your love with family members and your special someone on Valentine’s Day, take some time to reflect on the gift given to you from God your Father. Though it came at a great cost to Jesus, it comes without cost to you: *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.* Now that is true love. **Lutheran Family Service** (Please insert local LFS office telephone number.)

Lutheran Family Service

(319) 393-1000



Our Redeemer’s Human Care Committee has enlisted a group of volunteers who may be willing to help you with a small job should you not be able to do it. These would be of short duration such as:

- Rides to the doctor, bank, drugstore
- Very light lawn or house work for someone during recovery after a hospital stay
- Tech support for computer
- Provide a meal after a hospital stay
- Move a piece of furniture
- Change light bulbs, etc.

Lawn mowing, snow-shoveling, and other heavy jobs or jobs that take a long time will probably not be something we can do.

So, if you need a little assistance or you would like to help in these areas, call Dave Hintze at 351-5873 and we will see what we may be able to do for you.

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.



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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!



CHRISTIANS
Caring for each other



Our Redeemer Preschool Weekly Newsletter

February 8th - 12th, 2016



Love & Forgiveness

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

Letter: LI

Bible: The Lost Son

Spring assessments have begun for our February Parent/Teacher Conferences.

JESUS TIME: In our Bible story this week, we learned about the Lost Son. A son asked his father for his inheritance in money, and then he wasted it. The son came back to his father, asked forgiveness and the father forgave him. God also forgives us when we say we are sorry for sinning. Forgiveness is difficult to explain to young children. The best way to teach forgiveness is to model forgiveness. We are to be forgiving as God is forgiving to us.

CRAFTS:

Valentine Bags
Heart Paint Stamping



SONGS/CHANTS:

"This Little Gospel Light Of Mine"
"Jesus Love In A Box"

READING CENTER:

The Valentines Kitten Stephanie St. Pierre
Dinosaur Valentine Liza Donnelly
Valentine Friends Ann Schweninger
Mouse's First Valentine Lauren Thompson
Froggy's First Kiss Jonathan London
Be My Valentine M.J.Carr
Hugs Alice McLerran
The Day It Rained Hearts Felicia Bond
I Love You With All My Heart Noris Kern
Valentine's Day Ann Rockwell
My Monster Mama Loves Me So Laura Leuck
Valentine Cats Jean Marzollo
How Spider Saved Valentine's Day Robert Kraus
Sweet Hearts Jan Carr
Won't You Be My Kissaroo? Joanne Ryder
There Were Ten in The Bed Sing and Read Storybook, Scholastic Publishing



LI (To Ten Little Indians)

*One luscious, two luscious, three luscious lollipops:
strawberry, lemon, lime-flavored lollipops.*

Let's all lick them down to their little sticks.

We love lollipops!



We sing a fun little song to help us remember to put our winter attire on in a specific order: "I put on my snow pants, then my boots, I put on my coat, and then my hat, I put on my gloves and in the end, then I am ready to play outside!"



Happy 4th Birthday to NORAH who turned 4 years old on Tuesday!! May God continue to bless her in this next special year!



Happy 4th Birthday to ELLA who turned 4 years old on Friday!! May God continue to bless her in this next special year!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

Feb. 18th & 19th - Wear the color PINK or PURPLE
Feb. 18th & 19th - Scholastic Book Orders are due
Feb. 25th - Parent/Teacher Conferences - No Class
March 14th - 18th - Spring Break - No Classes

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

Confirmation Classes

Classes on Weds, February 17th

IMPORTANT DATES!



8th Grade Confirmation Due Dates

Weds, Feb. 17th —ALL Sermon Summaries Due

Weds, Feb. 24th —Confirmation Paper Due

Weds, March 2nd —Confirmation Banners Due

6th Grade Lecture

Gospels

The New Testament begins with the Gospels.

The word "gospel" means good news. There are 4 Gospels:

1. Matthew
2. Mark
3. Luke
4. John

MEMORY DUE: Matthew 28:18-20

7th Grade Small Group

The Lord's Prayer—5th and 6th 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.

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

There are 3 kinds of temptation:

1. *Flesh—laziness, gluttony & drunkenness, deception, to defraud our neighbor*
2. *World—hatred and envy, enmity, violence, unfaithfulness, honor, fame, power*
3. *Devil—inciting and provoking in all directions to stray you from God*

HOMEWORK DUE: none

MEMORY DUE: none

8th Grade Small Group

Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper was instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ during the evening Passover meal (on a day we now call Maundy Thursday). In this Holy Supper, Christ gives His true body and blood to all who eat the bread and drink the wine with faith.

HOMEWORK DUE: none

MEMORY DUE: none

DUE: ALL SERMON SUMMARIES



Confirmation Spring Retreat to Chicago

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

NYG Kickoff Meeting and Potluck

Sunday, February 14th
noon to 1:30 pm
in the Fellowship Hall



In Christ Alone
LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

Registered participants and their parents should attend.

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.