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Reflections

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
And Preschool



Weekly Newsletter - February 18/19, 2017

~ *Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany* ~

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

FEBRUARY 19, 2017

This is the one you have been waiting for. Ask Pastor . . .
What have you always wanted to ask? He will start with the questions that were emailed to him and then take questions from the floor.

FEBRUARY 25/26, 2017

Guest Preacher, Tim Bickel, POBLO International/and Bible Study

LEARNING TO BE MORE CONTENT

Sunday Mornings
March 5-April 9
9:30 am
Fellowship Hall

Are you a contented person? Are you satisfied with your life? Be honest now. We live in what may be the most prosperous and comfortable country in the world — more possessions, freedoms, and opportunities than perhaps anywhere. Yet, we're among

the most discontented people in the world. Where did it all begin?

Lucifer, the brightest star in heaven, was not content. He wanted to sit on the Throne. A third of the angels joined in the rebellion. They were all removed from heaven. They still are not content. Eve, without sin in the Garden, was not content. She wanted to be like God. And ever since, the human race has not been content. Discontent robs you of the joy and peace that you want, and it does so on a daily basis.

But there is hope. In Philippians 4:11b it says, "I have learned (as a lesson and with some difficulty) to be content (to be satisfied or full) whatever the circumstances." The Apostle Paul confesses that he had to learn contentment and so do we.

VOTERS' MEETING. Today,

Sunday, February 19

Following Late Service

Kids Club

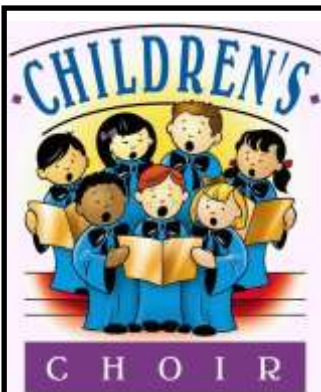
Kids Club Sunday is Today!

We get to sing and recite what we have been working on this year.

Classes are Wednesdays at 6:45pm

SPECIAL GUEST NEXT SUNDAY, February 25/26

People of the Book Lutheran Outreach is an effective international mission which primarily focuses on immigrants and refugees here in the USA. **This next Saturday and Sunday (Feb 25-26) the Iowa POBLO Advocate Tim Bickel will be our guest worship and Bible class leader with emphasis on Islam.** Before and after his 2008 retirement, Tim taught in China and Ethiopia and is well acquainted with cross cultural service. There will be a door offering to support POBLO. Please attend the church service and Bible class.



REHEARSALS

Sundays
10:15 - 10:30 am
Music Room 206

*Performing
March 26*

NOTE: Lunch Bunch Change:

**There will be NO Lunch Bunch this week on
Wednesday, Feb. 22.**



LWML Bible Study
Tomorrow, February 20
 7:00 pm
 Fellowship Hall

Vicar Wolfgram will lead devotions and a Bible study, including telling about his journey to the ministry. Cynthia Fruendt and Marilyn Albright will be hostesses.



Student Aid

LWML — IOWA EAST DISTRICT STUDENT AID GUIDELINES



Guidelines to Submit Application to Iowa East District LWML for Student Aid

Student Aid will be awarded in amounts announced by the LWML — Iowa East District. A committee of four will consider the applications for Student Aid. The LWML Student Aid will be disbursed directly to the institution in which the applicant has enrolled and will work as a supplement to any other financial aid.

Eligibility 1. Each applicant must be a member of a congregation with Iowa East District of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. 2. Each applicant must be a high school graduate who has enrolled and been accepted at any LCMS synodical training school and who is preparing for full-time professional work in the LCMS.

Application Procedure Applications for Student Aid must be in the hands of the Chairman of the LWML Student Aid Committee by May 1 of each year. Recipients will be notified by June 15 of each year. Please contact Kara Hartwig (338-5626 ext. 15) for a copy of the Application and Application Procedures.

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.

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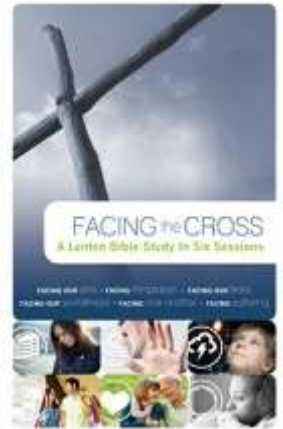


Joy converted from Islam to accepting Jesus as her Lord. Her brother found out and told their father who became very angry and tried to beat her new faith out of her. Her tearful and prayerful cries were, "Where are you God? Please help me." Through a series of miracles and the help of POBLO International she escaped Kuwait and eventually arrived in the USA. This amazing woman now is a bilingual evangelist/ missionary on staff with POBLO and shares the Gospel with USA ethnic immigrants.

You are invited to hear amazing transformations of people who have converted to Christianity when guest speaker Tim Bickel leads Saturday night and Sunday morning worship services and Bible class next Sunday, on February 25-26 at Our Redeemer. Having taught in China and Africa Mr. Bickel now hopes to acquaint and involve you in a cross cultural opportunity of reaching out to immigrants and refugees in the USA. Compliant with our laws People of the Book Lutheran Outreach is a service to welcome, be, and bring the good news to new Americans of all cultures and religions with emphasis on Islam. Accordingly, you are urged to attend the Bible class – "What Every Christian Should Know." There will be a door offering.



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 Event for Small Group Ministry ...

March 1, Ash Wednesday begins our Lenten Season. Join us for a Small Group Bible Study during the upcoming Lenten season. We hope to have several small groups church-wide participating in this 6-week study which will follow the Lenten sermons preached on each Wednesday. The small groups will meet at church or in a home. Each session in this “Facing the Cross” Bible study will include Bible readings, prayers, questions, and discussion starters related to things we are facing as Christians in this world today.

If you would like to join a small group for this exciting church-wide “Facing the Cross” Bible Study be sure to stop by the church office and fill out a registration form. Cost of the study guide is \$5.00. Registration deadline is February 22nd. Email Denise with any questions or more information at smallgroups@ourredeemer.org.



Old Time Gospel Music Sing-A-Long and Jam Session with the band “Heavens Callin” hosted by Kevin Kaufmann, Skip and Marilyn Kempnich will be held on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 3-4:30 pm at UpTown Bill’s, 730 S. Dubuque, Iowa City. Bring your voices, instruments, family, friends. Join the fun or sit back and enjoy listening.



April 29/30

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN
 CHURCH will be 60 years old!



THRIVENT DINNER

Thrivent Members: Johnson County Chapter is holding its final event on February 26th at 5 pm at Our Redeemer in Iowa City. We will have a great dinner, some entertainment, some prizes and a short meeting. Please register before the 22nd. Seating is limited, RSVP billandbethbenson@gmail.com or 517-881-9848.



Share the Love by Spreading the Love

This month Human Care Committee is switching things up a bit and sponsoring a PB&J Food Drive for the Johnson County Crisis Center Food Bank. Help us to spread the love by bringing jars of Peanut Butter and/or Jelly this month and place it in the specially marked “Spread the Love” Crisis Center Food Box in the narthex. Let’s fill the box. Thanks for your help.



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.

Mission Committee Members

*Denise Holida
Miriam Meyer (Chair)
Anita Nicholson
Val Penney
Robert Powers
Joe Robinson*

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.

2017 Roller Skating Event

Sunday, March 19th ~ 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the Wellman Recreation Center

All ages are invited to skate!

Fun and fellowship will be from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the Wellman Roller Rink which is located along Hwy 22 as you enter Wellman from the west (address: 316 – 8th Ave, Wellman, IA 52356). The cost will be \$1.00/person at the door for the skate rental. You can find food and beverages available at the rink's concession stand. Don't forget to bring friends!! Sign up in the church office on the counter. All youth/children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Kaja Mueller 338-5626 or dce@ourredeemer.org.

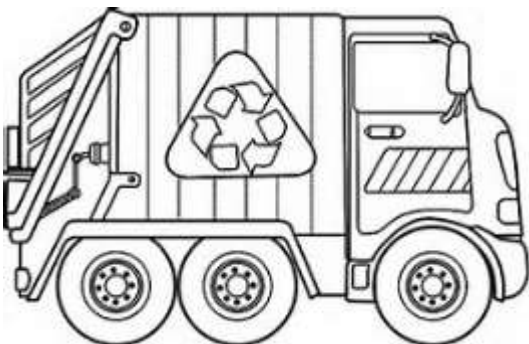


Thank You!

Thank you to all who attended the New Member Brunch last Sunday. What a wonderful opportunity for getting to know our new members. We had a nice informal time with all the right ingredients—good food, good fellowship, and great people with whom to get acquainted.

We urge all of our members to seek out our new members—look for the red ribbons on their name tags. As we welcome them and invite them into our lives, we are truly blessed by the friendship, talents, and gifts they bring into our body of Christ here at Our Redeemer.

New members, thank you again for coming and sharing your time with us. If you have any questions, feel free to call any of the committee members: Julie Nieland, Shana Stuart, Barb Gienapp, Ruth Varney, Cory Strumpel, or Pam Wilson. The Online Pictorial Directory or your printed copy contains all of our phone numbers, as well as other members you may have met in church or at the brunch.



Garbage and Recycle Pickup

As of Feb. 1 we have a new garbage pickup contract with a company that provides a garbage dumpster as well as a recycle dumpster. As you enter the outdoor garbage area, signage indicates the dumpster to the left is for trash and the dumpster to the right is for recycle items. The garbage must be in a tied garbage bag. The recycle items do not have to be sorted and should NOT be bagged. A list of accepted items for recycling is posted in the kitchen. After all events, please immediately take the recycle items and the trash to the appropriate dumpster. Please leave the kitchen and all church facilities clean after use. Thank you.

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February 21

7:00—9:00 pm

Board Room

Sacraments



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.

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

Join us next 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.



Donate \$5 and
get a Coupon
Booklet!

Youth Fundraiser
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Community Days Coupon
Booklet

Community Days Sale
February 23 - 25, 2017

If you can't shop during those dates, you can 'pre-buy' your purchases starting on Feb. 19th and then pick them up after Feb. 25th. (Please note, no cash purchases are allowed with pre-sells.) Or you can give the coupon booklet to a friend or neighbor to use.

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



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.



Ticket Order Deadline: Sun, Feb. 19th

Casting Crowns

US Cellular Center, Cedar Rapids

Friday, April 7th @ 7:00 pm

\$33.00 per ticket

Sign up in the church office & put your check (made payable to "Our Redeemer" with "Casting Crowns" on the memo line) in Kara's mailbox.



Valentines Week

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

Enrollment for the 2017-2018 Preschool Year has started. Registration is open to all!
What is required right now is the \$50 deposit and completed Registration Form.

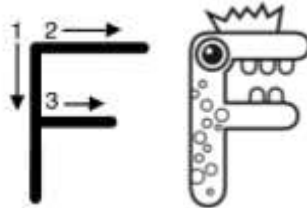
Enjoy reading a little of what we did in the classroom this week.

BIBLE LESSON

1 John 4:19 states "We love because He first loved us." This week's Bible lesson was about a young boy's small lunch (5 loaves of bread, and 2 fish) that Jesus turned into a huge meal for at least five thousand people (John 6:1-15). We really focused on how God used that small amount that was given. He prayed to God, and God provided. Jesus was sharing God's love for the people by providing food for them. We can share God's love too in all that we say and do. The kids liked coming up with ideas on how they can share God's love.

CRAFTS

Heart stamping
Valentines making
Rainbow fish



SENSORY TABLE

Playdough

TEACHER TIME

Letter Ff
Symmetry for the older kids
End of the year assessments for March 1st parent/teacher conferences

NEXT WEEK

Dinosaur Week—wear your dinosaur shirts!
Letter Dd
Jesus blesses the children
Number 7 Seven
Tuesday/Thursday—Tornado drill

Ff (To Alouette)

Five fast fishes swimming down the river.
Five fast fishes swimming down the stream.
Swimming past five floating logs.
Swimming past five floating frogs.
Floating logs. Croaking frogs.
Floating logs. Croaking frogs.
Five fast fishes.
Fa la la la la



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!

Optional Church Worship Song Performance

Wednesday night, March 8th

Preschool students are invited to sing prepared songs during this Lenten Wednesday night worship service at 6:10 pm. We have been practicing these three songs in class:

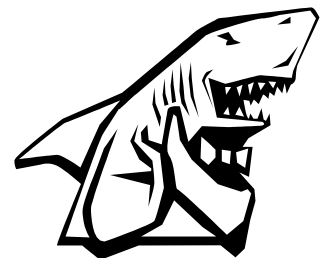
1. Do you know who died for me
2. Jesus love in a box
3. This little Gospel light of mine

A freewill offering dinner is served at 5:00 pm before the service for anyone wanting to attend.

Shark Prayer

(spoken with holding fin on head)

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



PINK (TUNE: JINGLE BELLS)

COTTON CANDY, FAT PINK PIGS,
GIRLS WITH SOCKS AND BOWS
P-I-N-K, P-I-N-K THAT IS HOW IT GOES
BUBBLE GUM, VALENTINES
THESE ARE ALL PINK TOO
PINK ICING AND PINK BALLOONS
WE CAN SPELL CAN YOU?



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Youth Happenings

Confirmation Classes

6:45 pm on Wednesday, February 22nd

6th Grade — Small Group

Gospel of Mark 1-9

The first 10 chapters of Mark talk about Jesus' three years of ministry, while Jesus' final week stretches out through chapters 11-16.

7th Grade — Lecture

REVIEW: The Lord's Prayer

Be prepared to review for the test over the Lord's Prayer.

EXAM: Weds, March 8th

8th Grade — Lecture

Sacrament of the Altar

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

CONFIRMATION PAPER IS DUE!



Wednesday, March 1st

All Confirmation and high school students and their families should plan to attend the Ash Wednesday

Worship Service at 7:00 pm.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent.



Confirmation Spring Retreat to St. Louis

Noon on Friday, April 21st until
Sunday, April 23rd
around 5:00 pm

Parents, let Pastor or Kara know if your child is attending and if you can be a chaperone.

8th Grade & High School

REGISTRATION due Feb. 19th

Summer Servant Event UKANDU 2017

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.

DUE by
Feb. 19th



Snow Tubing at Snowstar

for Confirmation and high school youth

Sunday, March 5th

Noon until 5:00 pm

Cost: \$12 for tube tickets + lunch money

Parent drivers/chaperones needed.

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.