



Reflections



**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
And Preschool**

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Weekly Newsletter - March , 2016

~ *Fourth Sunday in Lent* ~

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday Mornings

9:30 am

Fellowship Hall

Denominations Around our Town

Through 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.



OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, March 6

12:15 - 2:00pm

440 1st Ave S

New Bookkeeper

Welcome! Sarah Ghabel starts as bookkeeper Monday, March 7.




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



Looking for a fellow member's phone number or address? Maybe you need to send an email. Pick up a new directory today for the latest information.

Remember to contact the church office with any changes so that your contact information is current. A digital photo can be inserted at any time to update your family photo. Directories are printed whenever the supply runs low so don't wait to make those changes!



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.



Volunteers are needed to help:

- Set up for the Prayer Walk Tuesday, March 22nd from 11:30 am - 6:00 pm.
- Take down volunteers will be needed immediately following the walk on Wednesday, March 23rd at 8:00 pm. Thank you.

I'll have a request for donations later .

~Dianna Reuter



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 will 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!



Sign up in the church office to assist with the church lawn mowing. Teams will be assigned for each week. More mowers mean less weeks. Contact Rob Bowman at 351-2071 or 325-8989 with any questions. Sign up is in the church office.

Many items are still needed for the Easter Breakfast:

ice, 7-up, bakery items, eggs, fresh fruit, hash browns, little smokies, margarine, milk, sour cream, pre-cooked sausage links, napkins and foil pans

Items to borrow: *4 crock pots & 2 hand mixers*

The Sign Up sheet is in the church office.

Thank you for your donations!

Kids Club

** Registrations are in the church office.*

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.

“God’s Not Dead” Concert

Thurs, April 21st

Doors open at 6 pm • Concert starts at 7 pm
Adler Theater in Davenport

We’re getting a group together from Our Redeemer to go to the Newsboys concert. You can carpool with us from church or meet us there. Invite a friend to come with us!

This event is open to the entire congregation.

Cost: \$25.20 per ticket if we have 10 or more people attending

Make checks payable to “Our Redeemer” with “Newsboys concert” on the memo line.

Sign up in the church office and turn in your payment by **Sun, March 20th**.





LLL Meeting
 Tuesday, March 22
 7:30 pm
 Fellowship Hall



LENTEN MEALS

March 9
 March 16

Human Care
 Charles Calef

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 6:30 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.





Hy-Vee will now be providing our Sunday flowers. Note the new form you will receive from Linda Berryhill prior to the Sunday you have signed up to provide flowers. You will now be responsible for contact and payment for flowers a week prior to your Sunday. The signup remains in the church library on the wall to the right of the door.

If you have questions, call Linda at 626-3014 or Laurel at 338-5626.

Name _____ ORDERING FLOWERS Date _____

NOTE: The procedure has changed because the church is now using 1st Avenue Hy-Vee Floral!

Call 337-4257 or stop by the 812 South First Avenue Hy-Vee to order flowers—make sure you mention that they are for Our Redeemer and which Sunday you are providing flowers (This MUST be done in advance, preferably at least a week ahead). They must be prepaid either by credit card over the phone or in person.

Minimum cost per vase is \$25.00 (2 vases). Be prepared to discuss what colors/types of flowers you would like if you have a preference. Hy-Vee will have the liners and deliver the flowers to the church on Saturday.

Please take your flowers home after the late (10:30am) service on Sunday or make arrangements for someone else to pick them up. Remember to put them in your own containers or the plastic disposable ones from the room behind the kitchen. The green liners are to be left at church.

Place message and/or occasion you would like in the Sunday bulletin in Communication Box 22.

 Include your name and date to provide flowers _____

If you have questions, please call Linda Berryhill at 626-3014 (leave a message).



Lutheran Witness subscriptions will need to be in by April 17. If you wish to continue your subscription or add a new one, stop by the office to check or add your address and drop off a check in the amount of \$15.96. The library carries copies of Lutheran Witness if you would like to see one—they are on the ledge to the right as you come in the door.



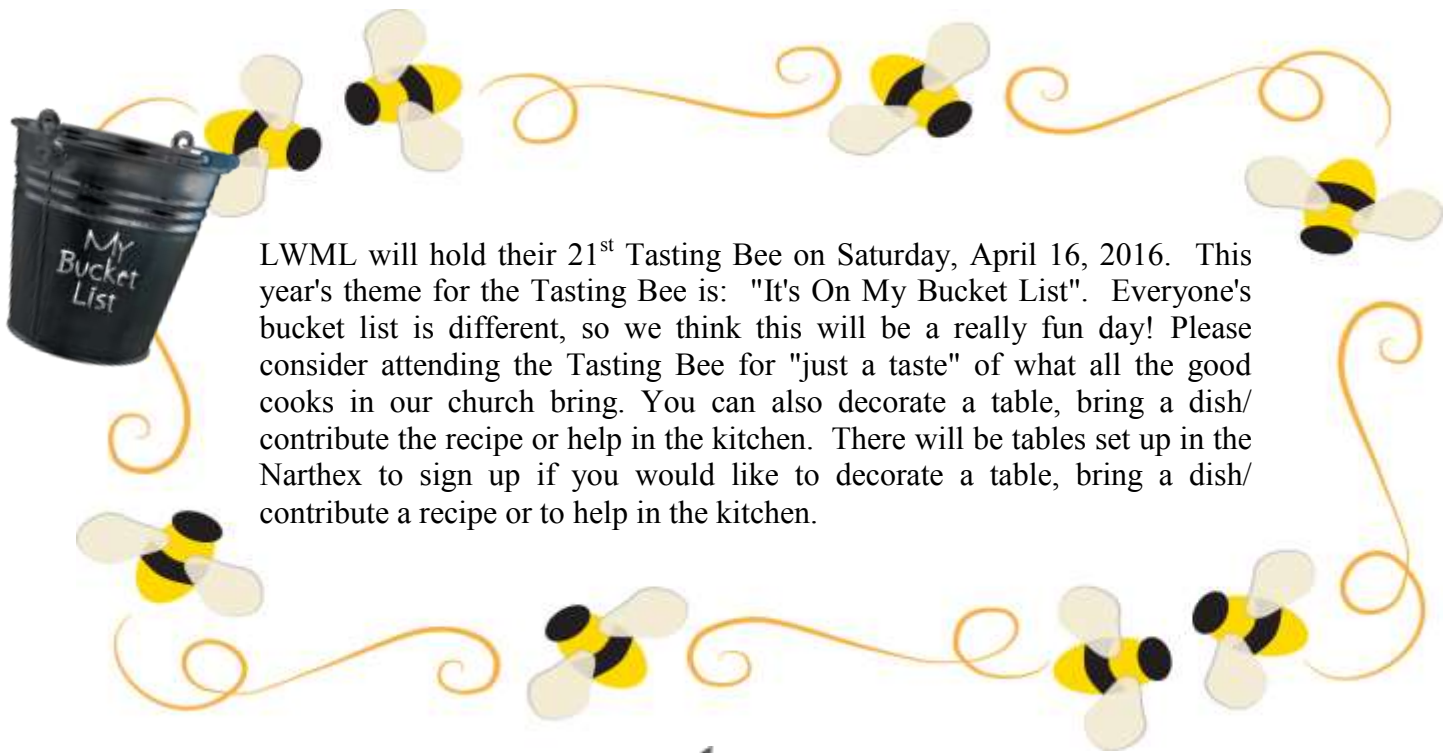
They are here !

New cards and napkins:
 Confirmation and Easter
 Mother's Day and Graduation coming next



Same price as always:
 Cards \$.50
 Boxes \$5.50
 Napkins \$3.50

Thank You and Enjoy!!



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.



Mark your calendar NOW and plan to attend the IED LWML Spring Rally, Saturday, April 9, at Zion Lutheran Church in Hiawatha. Registration is at 8:30 am and the Rally begins at 9:00 am with brunch. The theme of our rally is **Our Hands for His Hands**. Our speaker will be Dr. Ken Cearlock from His Hands Medical Mission in Cedar Rapids. The ingathering will be new or slightly used Bibles needed for the Mission. Other items include postage stamps (high priority), Clorox Wipes, Kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper, Post-It Notes, ink pens and Kuerig K-cups. Monetary donations will also help purchase stock bottles of medications and diabetic supplies. RSVP to your society president today. Zion is located at 201 First Avenue in Hiawatha.

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.

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.



Lunch Bunch and the Wednesday Bible Study will **NOT** be held on March 23.

There **WILL** be a Bible Study and Lunch Bunch on March 9 and will resume their regular every other week schedule on April 6.

The Martin Luther High School Concert Choir and Troubadours from Greendale, Wisconsin will present a Concert of Sacred Music on March 11 at 7:00 pm. The concert showcases the top two audition choirs at Martin Luther and blends both traditional and contemporary music into a unique and powerful worship experience for the audience whose participation is incorporated with the inclusion of several hymns for congregation and choir.



These two award-winning choral groups will be making this appearance as part of a nine-day concert tour which will take them to Iowa, Nebraska, New Mexico, and Colorado. The 44-voice Concert Choir will perform a variety of traditional sacred pieces including a full performance of Norman Luboff's dynamic *African Mass* in the first section of the concert. The Troubadours, a group of 23 select singers specializing in contemporary Christian music and vocal jazz, will perform the middle portion of the program with songs from some of today's most popular Christian composers including Matthew West and Jeremy Camp.

Led by Choral Director Timothy S. Franz, the Concert Choir and Troubadours have over the years consistently received 1st place ratings in Wisconsin School Music Association Festivals.

No ticket is required, but a free-will offering will be received to help the students defray the cost of the tour.



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 canceled.



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



March 31
7:00 pm
Board Room

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.

We Need:

- Napkins
- Paper towels
- Cups for coffee

Vacation Bible School!



June 13th—17th, 2016
3 years to 8th grade

Contact Kaja Mueller,
kaja@ourredeemer.org

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.



Building Healthy Families: Are you near the end of your rope from dealing with complicated blended family relationships? Are you considering remarrying and creating a blended family? Check out the helpful information in Ron Deal's book, *The Smart Stepfamily: Seven Steps to a Healthy Family*. LFS counselors are also able to help you navigate these rough waters.

Lutheran Family Service

(319) 393-1000

ACTION TEAMS

There has been interest and



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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.

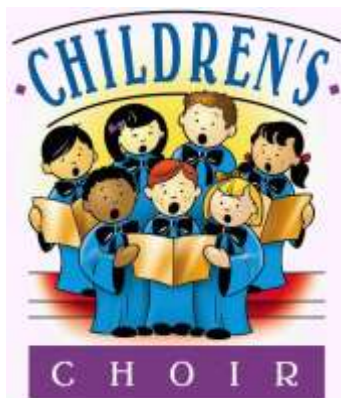
To avoid duplications and have a record of the assistance given by Thrivent in 2016 over the course of the year, please let the church office (redeemer@ourredeemer.org) know if you have an approved project going so that we will have a record. Thanks!

A Confirmation Prayer

Lord Jesus, You've watched over these youth throughout their whole lives. You've helped them grow in faith. You've nurtured them. As they are about to be confirmed, I thank You for this day where they can confirm that they believe You are their Savior! But don't let them see confirmation day as the end of their spiritual journey. Let Your Holy Spirit strengthen them through Your Body and Blood so they will see that day as confirming that they will spend the rest of their lives serving You, witnessing to others about Your saving grace. Amen.

Claire Behrens, Lindsey Bolton, Reece Caven, Kyle Clark, Nate Glandorf, Kylea Greve, Michael Kimball, Paige Rocca, Kayla West, Rodney Wittich

Confirmation is March 20 at the 10:30 am service.



You can still join the Children's Choir!!! Any child, boy or girl, can participate if they are in Kindergarten through 8th grade. Meet in the Music Room at church from 10:15-10:30am. Future rehearsals and performances will be announced to the group. Contact Allison Haack if you are interested, alliehaack@gmail.com.



Our Redeemer Preschool Weekly Newsletter

February 29th - March 4th, 2016

Elephant, Eyes, Eagle



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

Letter: Ee

Bible: Jesus Forgives Zaccheus

Number: 6 Six

JESUS TIME: In our Bible story this week, Mrs. Kaja and Vicar Adelsen shared the story about how Jesus came to Zacchaeus's house. Zacchaeus was a tax collector and collected more taxes than he should. Jesus came to dinner at his house and Zacchaeus felt so bad about what he did to people, that he asked for forgiveness and gave back all the money and more! Jesus forgave Zacchaeus, and Jesus will forgive us when we sin too!

STUDENT/TEACHER:

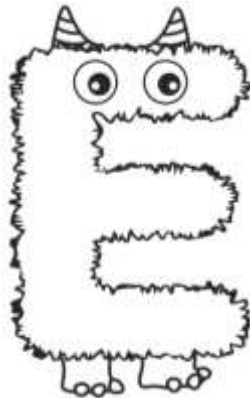
Letter E write & sound
Number 6
Rhyming

SONGS/CHANTS:

"Letter E Song & Chant"
"Color BLACK"
"Jesus Love In a Box"
March Chant

CRAFTS:

Eagle's Nest
Individual Clay projects
Bunnies from the Librarian last week



SCIENCE CENTER: Fossils, rocks, magnifying glass

READING CENTER:

The Enormous Elephant Show - Scholastic
Ed Likes Eggs - Scholastic
My Tooth Is About to Fall out - Grace Maccorone
Franklin And The Tooth Fairy - Paulette Bourgeois
Hooray For Teeth! - Gina Shaw
Going To The Dentist - Anne Civardi
Show Me Your Smile! - Christine Ricci
The Tooth Fairy - Kristen Hall
My Tooth Is Loose Dr. Moose! - Teresa Johnston
I Know Why I Brush My Teeth - Kate Rowan
Chippy Goes To The Dentist - Jane Carruth

Ee (To Yankee Doodle)

Every morning Eloise has hard-boiled eggs for breakfast. She never ever eats them fried 'cause boiled eggs are the tastiest!



Eloise the elephant thinks that eggs are dandy. She eats eleven every day and says they taste like candy.

Snack Prayer

Oh Give Thanks Unto the Lord
(sung *If You're Happy and You Know It*)

Oh give thanks unto the Lord
For this day! (Clap! Clap!)
Oh give thanks unto the Lord
For this FOOD! (Clap! Clap!)
Oh give thanks unto the Lord,
Oh give thanks unto the Lord,
Oh give thanks unto the Lord
For this day! (Clap! Clap!)



BLACK



black

B-L-A-C-K, SPELLS BLACK
B-L-A-C-K, SPELLS BLACK
FLYING BATS ARE BLACK
SCARY CATS ARE BLACK
JELLY BEANS ARE BLACK
I LI KE BLACK.

B-L-A-C-K, SPELLS BLACK
B-L-A-C-K, SPELLS BLACK
SUNDAY SHOES ARE BLACK
SANTA'S BOOTS ARE BLACK
B-L-A-C-K SPELLS BLACK.



A big thank you to Mrs. Lea Snedden, Dental Hygienist, who came in Thursday and Friday to talk to our preschoolers about how to take care of their teeth.

Youth Happenings

Confirmation Classes

Classes on Weds, March 9th

6th Grade Small Group

Gospel of Mark: Chapters 10-16

Jesus foretells His death a third time to His disciples. He makes His triumphal entry into Jerusalem on what we now call Palm Sunday. Jesus tells us the greatest commandment is "to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength". Jesus is arrested, put on trial, suffered beatings, crucified, buried, rises from the dead and appears to His disciples.

MEMORY DUE: none

7th Grade Lecture

REVIEW: The Lord's Prayer

Review for the test over the Lord's Prayer.

HOMEWORK DUE: 6th & 7th Petition pages

MEMORY DUE: All

TEST: Weds, March 30th

8th Grade Lecture

TEST during class

DUE: All Exams are DUE

8th Grade Confirmation Important Dates

Weds, March 9th—TEST

Weds, March 16th—Spiritual Growth Event

Sun, March 20th—Palm Sunday/Confirmation

Confirmation Spring Retreat to Chicago

Fri, April 15th—Sun, April 17th, 2016

All 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Students

Registration forms will be available soon.

Approximate cost is \$100.00 / student

High School Youth



Easter Breakfast

Sun, March 27th

9:00 am—10:30 am

Hosted by the high school youth and their families

Set up is on Sat, March 26th from 8:00 - 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall & kitchen.

- Prep food, set up tables, put out decorations, etc.

Volunteers are needed to work shifts during the Easter Breakfast between 7:00 am - 12:00 pm.

- Cook food, serve food, bus tables, run dishwasher, etc.

Sign up online through SignUpGenius or contact Kara at 319/855-2728 (voice or text).

NOTE: Students can earn volunteer/service hours for high school by helping, just bring your school's paperwork with you for Kara to sign. *No church prize account money is earned for helping.*



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.