



# Reflections



**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
And Preschool**

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Weekly Newsletter - March 18/19, 2017

~ *Third Sunday in Lent* ~

## SUNDAY MORNING ADULT 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, yet we're among the

most discontented people in the world.

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.



March 22  
Salad Buffet

## 2017 Roller Skating Event

Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> ~ 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm 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 – 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dce@ourredeemer.org).



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| Through<br>March 29<br>Lent  | Services 1:00 & 6:10 pm<br>Midweek Meal 5:10 pm<br>Midweek Class 7:00 pm<br>Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm        |
| April 5<br>Lent              | Services 1:00 & 6:10 pm<br>Midweek Meal 5:10 pm<br>Midweek Class 7:00 pm<br>Spiritual Growth Event 7:00 pm |
| April 9<br>Palm Sunday       | Confirmation at 10:30 am   |
| April 12<br>Silent Wednesday | Prayer Walk 11 am - 8 pm<br>(No midweek)   |
| April 13<br>Maundy Thursday  | Services 1:00 & 7:00 pm  |
| April 14<br>Good Friday      | Kiwanis Prayer Breakfast 6:30 am<br>Services 1:00 & 7:00 pm  |
| April 15                     | Easter Worship 5:30 pm   |
| April 16<br>EASTER           | Easter Worship 8 & 10:30 am<br>Easter Breakfast<br>Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am                                |





LWML

March 20

7:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall

Jerry Wilske will talk on Why Would You Care For A Prisoner? Why and How? Bev Prem will have devotions. She and Laurel Sellers will be hostesses.



## LWML — IED COLLEGE 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.

## TASTING BEE DETAILS

The LWML will hold their 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. Tickets for the Tasting Bee can be picked up in the Narthex after the 8:00 and 10:30 services on March 19<sup>th</sup> and March 26<sup>th</sup>. Also----if you haven't given your recipe to Sandy, please send it to her no later than Monday, March 20. Her email address is: [packratsandy@yahoo.com](mailto:packratsandy@yahoo.com).

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Plan to join your LWML Sisters in Christ at the Spring Rally for a morning of food, fellowship, Experiences of your fellow Cedar Rapids LWML members Dorie Stanek and Judy Westergren during the IED LWML mission trip to Kenya in July and August of 2016. The Zone business and updates from the district are included. Registration begins at 8:30 on Saturday, April 22 with a brunch at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Marion. Come, see, and experience our oneness in Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-13). The sign up sheet is on the LWML bulletin board (RSVP before April 16). An ingathering box is also provided—see poster on LWML bulletin board for suggested items for Bridgehaven.




**An Old Time Gospel Music Sing-A-Long and Jam Session** hosted by the band "Heavens Callin'" that includes Kevin Kaufmann, Skip and Marilyn Kempnich will be held on Saturday, March 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.



## CREATION MUSEUM


Roger and Ellen Bauer of Waverly are once again arranging a bus trip

to the Creation Museum July 31-August 4. Details are posted on the bulletin board by the library for anyone interested.



**PRESCHOOL SUBSTITUTES NEEDED**

Preschool is looking for some substitutes while Kaja Mueller is on maternity leave. Preschool needs an on-call extended care substitute from 7:30 am-9:00 am and then from Noon until 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. This position would start April 17<sup>th</sup> and go through May 26<sup>th</sup>. This is a temporary position now, but could turn into something for the 2017-2018 school year. During the school year, Preschool is in need of an on-call teacher/aid substitute from 8:45 am until 12:15 pm, Monday through Friday. Please contact the Preschool Director and Teacher at [preschool@ourredeemer.org](mailto:preschool@ourredeemer.org) for more information.



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

**WORD**  
OF *God*  
remains forever.  
1 Peter 1:25

1957-2017 YEARS



**April 29/30**

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH will be 60 years old!

As a part of our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, we are going to compile our 60 favorite hymns to use during our worship services. The messages in hymns are powerful! They teach. They console. They preach. They energize. Hymns speak to us as we go about our daily activities, in times of stress, and times of praise. They may bring peace or clear confusion. Different hymns speak to different people. The person who expresses displeasure at a particular hymn may not realize the joy and the happy memories that same hymn brings to a fellow member, and vice versa.

Send the office your Top Ten! The results will be tabulated and we will sing them during services, starting at the 60<sup>th</sup> celebration. Leave a list on Laurel's desk or email [redemer@ourredeemer.org](mailto:redemer@ourredeemer.org).

## APPLY NOW!



A new Children's Ministry part-time position (10 hours a week) was approved by voters on February 19. This position will entail administration for aspects of children's ministry including Sunday school, VBS, and other activities such as Christmas & Cookies, children's dinner theater, roller skating, etc. Please contact Pastor Hartwig at 338-5626, drop off a resume, or send by email to [bhartwig@ourredeemer.org](mailto:bhartwig@ourredeemer.org).





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 **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



**phone:** (515) 619-2739

**e-mail:** [betasigscholarship@iastate.edu](mailto: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**



Starting today, you can stop by the table in the narthex to sign up for ordering your flowers for the Easter Sunday altar. We will again order these from HyVee. Easter Lilies, Tulips, Daffodils, and Hyacinths will be available for \$10 each. Other plants available in 6" pots will be Mums (solid and tri-color), Hydrangea, Begonia, Oriental Lily, Cyclamen, Azalea, Violet, Mini Rose Bush, and Kalanchoe. Some of these are available in 4" pots. We will have a complete list with sizes and prices. Stop by and order your plants at the table in the narthex the next few Sundays. We will be there after both services. Make checks payable to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, memo line: Easter Flowers. Call Cynthia Fruendt (338-5546) or email [dcfruentd@msn.com](mailto:dcfruentd@msn.com) with any questions or to order flowers. Thank you for helping to beautify our Easter Services.



Lutheran Witness subscriptions will need to be in by April 16. 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 made out to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. 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.



**Join us and our Honorary Family, the Classy Chassy Cruisers, for the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Iowa City Hospice Walk for Dignity, on Sunday, April 23, at 1 pm at Willow Creek Park.** Funds from the Walk generate vital support for our exceptional end-of-life care, available to all regardless of ability to pay. A Time of Remembering will take place at 11:30 am, with children's activities and refreshments starting at noon, and the 1- or 3-mile Walk routes beginning at 1 pm. For more information visit [www.iowacityhospice.org](http://www.iowacityhospice.org), contact Judy by [email](mailto:judy@iowacityhospice.org), or call 319-688-4213.

*April—June Portals of Prayer are now available at the Welcome Center*

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March 23  
7:00—9:00 pm  
Board Room

**New Obedience, New Beginning**



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@cs.edu](mailto:navaj@cs.edu).

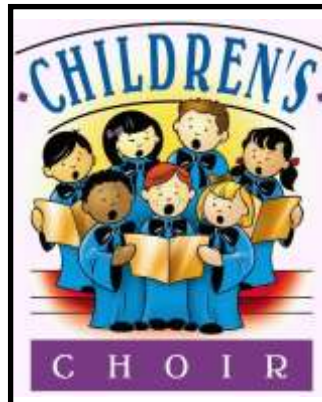
## Lenten Scavenger Hunt

April 2<sup>nd</sup> , 6:00-8:00 pm



Join us for a Walking Taco's supper and a special scavenger hunt that focuses on Jesus and the Lenten message!!

Please RSVP by signing up in the church office by Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Contact Kaja Mueller in the church office or at [dce@ourredeemer.org](mailto:dce@ourredeemer.org).



### REHEARSALS

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

*Performing  
March 26*



### LLL Meeting

March 28

7:30pm

Fellowship Hall

### IDE DISTRICT OFFICE – POSITION

**OPENING:** The Iowa District East district office is seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of Communications / Technology Coordinator. Interested applicants may obtain a copy of the job description from the church office, on the district website at [www.lcmside.org](http://www.lcmside.org), or by contacting Sherry Brendes at 319-373-2112 with questions. Qualified applicants must submit their resume and cover letter before April 14, 2017, to: Sherry Brendes, Iowa District East-LCMS, 1100 Blairs Ferry Road, Marion, IA 52302, or via e-mail to [sherry@lcmside.org](mailto:sherry@lcmside.org).



# Spring Break Week

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

**Enrollment for the 2017-2018 Preschool Year has started.  
A \$50 deposit and completed Registration Form are required at this time.**

As it is a little quieter this week around the preschool due to Spring Break, I can reflect a little more. I was able to sit down with parents during conferences all day on March 1<sup>st</sup> and concentrate on sharing what a blessing their child is to our preschool. It is always great being able to openly communicate with parents on their child's progress, their strengths and their difficulties. The best thing that we get to do at Our Redeemer Preschool is put all things in the perspective of being saved, sanctified, and redeemed children of God. Mrs. Kate and I work very hard to encourage the kids to follow God's word in the Bible as preschoolers, as well



as encourage parents to train their children up in the way of the Lord (Proverbs 22:6). There is always lots to do and planning to be done so that our preschoolers get the best experience they can while they are with us for such a short time. Always an exciting time in Preschool!

Mrs. Kaja <<



*1 Corinthians 15:57—“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

Plans are already being made for VBS this summer. We need all the help we can get. More information about snack, trail guides for each class, and sponsorship will come in future Reflections and Beacons.

**RIGHT NOW YOU CAN:**

1. Register a child online here: <https://vbsmate.com/events/OurRedeemerChurchPreschool/5283>.

We ask for a donation of \$10 per child to help fund VBS. *No one helping this week receives any money from your donation. It all goes towards the kids!*

2. Share with Kaja Mueller that you could lead Crafts, Music, or Games for the week!

Kaja Mueller [dce@ourredeemer.org](mailto:dce@ourredeemer.org)      Co-VBS chair Tiffany Roiseland



# Youth Happenings

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT

5:10 pm Lenten Meal

6:10 pm Lenten Worship service

7:00 pm Confirmation/Midweek Class

## Confirmation Classes

*Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>*

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade — Small Group

#### Gospel of Mark 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.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade — Lecture

#### Baptism

What great and precious things are given in Baptism?

1. Works forgiveness of sins
2. Rescues from death and the devil
3. Gives eternal salvation to all who believe this

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade — Lecture

#### Passover Meal

As a class, we will eat a Passover Meal together, and Pastor will explain the significance.



## High School Youth Lock Out

9:00 pm on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>  
until 7:15 am on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

*for High School students and their friends*

Pick up an info packet in the church office to give to your friends. Each participant must have an Emergency Medical Form on file at church.



Lock Out Schedule  
*Times and locations are subject to change*

|          |   |
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| 9:00 pm  | Meet at church  |
| 9:30 pm  | Load bus  |
|          | Movie at Sycamore Mall                                      |
| 12:30 am | Bowling at Colonial Lanes                                   |
|          | Falbos Pizza  |
|          | Walmart ( <i>service project</i> )                          |
|          | Games   |
|          | Trip to the ERs & police station ( <i>service project</i> ) |
| 6:00 am  | Breakfast at Village Inn                                    |
| 7:15 am  | Arrive back at church                                       |

*COST: \$20.00 per person + breakfast money*

**Sign up in the church office by Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.**



**Tickets are still available for Casting Crowns**

\$33.00 per person  
**Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

US Cellular Center in Cedar Rapids

*Sign up in the church office by Sun, March 26<sup>th</sup>.*

## FUSE

*(Faith Unites Students Everywhere)*

High School Youth Event  
*at West Liberty High School*

Sun, March 26<sup>th</sup>  
3:30 pm until 7:30 pm

Cost: \$10 per person

Sign up in the church office by Sun, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW TIME & NOW \$10!**

## 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 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. For more information on Lutheran Hour Ministries go to [www.LHM.org](http://www.LHM.org).

### 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.