



Reflections



**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
And Preschool**

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Weekly Newsletter - March 19/20, 2016

~ *Palm Sunday* ~

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday Mornings

9:30 am

Fellowship Hall

Denominations Around our Town

Extended Through April 17

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.



EASTER FLOWER SIGN UP

This will be your last opportunity to sign up for ordering flowers for the Easter Sunday display. We will again order these from Hy-Vee. Easter Lilies, Tulips, Daffodils and Hyacinths will be available for \$10 each. Other plants available will be Mums, Hydrangea, Begonia, Asiatic Lily, Cyclamen, Azalea, Gerber Daisy, Violet and Calla Lily. Most of these are available in 4" and 6" pot sizes at varying prices. Stop by and order your plants at the table in the narthex today or next Sunday. We will be there after both services. Make checks payable to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, memo line: Easter Flowers. Call Cynthia Fruendt (338-5546) with any questions or to order flowers. Thank you for helping to beautify our Easter Services.

Be sure to pick up your flowers after Easter!



Available in the narthex.

YOU'RE INVITED
to invite others to worship
and pray this Holy Week.
Invitation cards are
already made for you.
Take a card or two from
the ushers' tables and
invite others.



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



On behalf of the students and members of St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel, please accept our thanks for allowing our students to promote our 2017 National Campus Ministry Conference fundraiser, *Variety!*, at your congregation. Thank you for allowing us to hold the show in your fellowship hall! More than that, thank you for supporting this effort through your generous donations. Our students and congregation appreciate your support very much.

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.



Plan to spend some time at the Prayer Walk sometime between 11 am and 8 pm on Wednesday, March 23. Visit one or all of the prayer stations set up to provide a peaceful and soothing backdrop in the fellowship hall to direct your peaceful meditation and prayers.

Volunteers are needed to help set up for the Prayer Walk Tuesday, March 22nd from 11:30 am - 6:00 pm.

~Dianna Reuter

No Adult Midweek on March 23; all are encouraged to attend the Prayer Walk

Supplies needed:

- 7 strands Christmas lights
- 2 loaves French bread
- Small grape juice
- Lifesavers (around 10 oz. or so)
- Candles (new or used)
- 2-3 desk lamps
- 60 - 3 oz. cups

Theme Basket Fundraiser...we need your help

The Preschool Committee is requesting your help in our efforts to organize a fundraiser to provide scholarships for children whose parents are unable to meet tuition costs. Because of your willingness to participate in the past, we have been able to provide scholarships for five students in the last two years. We want to continue to provide opportunities for those who are unable to attend our preschool due to lack of funds. Therefore, we are again planning to hold a “theme basket” silent auction in the narthex on May 7/8, 14/15 and 21/22.



How can you help us provide scholarships for children? We are asking members of the congregation to sponsor a basket by collecting items for a chosen theme basket. If you are able to help us, please select a theme basket from the list below, then contact [Pam Wilson \(319-530-1920\) \(markpamwilson@msn.com\)](mailto:markpamwilson@msn.com), and begin collecting items. Last year members of the congregation and Our Redeemer Committees did a wonderful job preparing baskets, and we were able to raise \$1340 for the Preschool Scholarship Fund.

Theme basket choices will be assigned on a first-come-first-serve basis, so please let us know your choice as soon as possible. **APRIL 27** is the last date to submit your choice.

We encourage you to get together with other members to sponsor a basket.

Completed baskets should be turned into the church office by **MAY 2** so that the Preschool Committee can prepare them for display beginning May 7/8. The basket themes are:

Amanas Yummies	Around-the-House	Puzzles for Young and Old
Family Movie Time	Cake and Cookie Creations	Hawkeye Paraphernalia
Gardening Gifts	Creative Crafts	Cyclone Paraphernalia
Baby Basket	Pet Care	Toddler Eats at the Table
Theater Night Out	Crayola Kids	Apple for the Teacher
Spring Night	Dentist Basket	Birthday Party Bash
Date Night	Sports Galore	Car Trip Survival
Card Game Crazyies	Music Melodies	Family Devotions
Book Worm	Scrapbooking Bonanza	Baseball Bonus
Automobile Accents	Kids' Playtime	Vacation Bible School
Spring Cleaning	Swimming Fun	Tasting Bee (include recipe
Spa Life	Pizza and a Movie at Home	book, some ingredients,
		and gift card for the rest)

Please feel free to create a basket theme of your own.

Any “container” for your items can be used. We only ask that the basket and items be attractively arranged and ready to sell so we can get “top dollar.” We also request that you submit a starting bid (actual cost of items) for your basket.

Together we can provide for those children in need.

In service,
The Preschool Committee





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.

Items are still needed for the Easter Breakfast:

- ice (20 lbs)
- hash browns (6 lbs)
- mini muffins (8 doz)
- pre-cooked sausage links (15 lbs)
- eggs (15 doz)
- strawberries (10 lbs)
- muskmelons (6 whole, uncut)
- watermelons (3 whole, uncut)

The Sign Up sheet is in the church office.

Thank you for your donations!

And thank you to all who have already signed up!

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 (we need 2 more people to get this price)

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**.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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.



Our Redeemer Education Committee invites
Our Redeemer Teachers & Spouses

to join us for our

Teacher Appreciation Dinner

Our Redeemer Fellowship Hall
Sunday, April 3, 2016
from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm



RSVP to kaja@ourredeemer.org

****Optional childcare with a light snack, notify Kaja Mueller
dce@ourredeemer.org****



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.



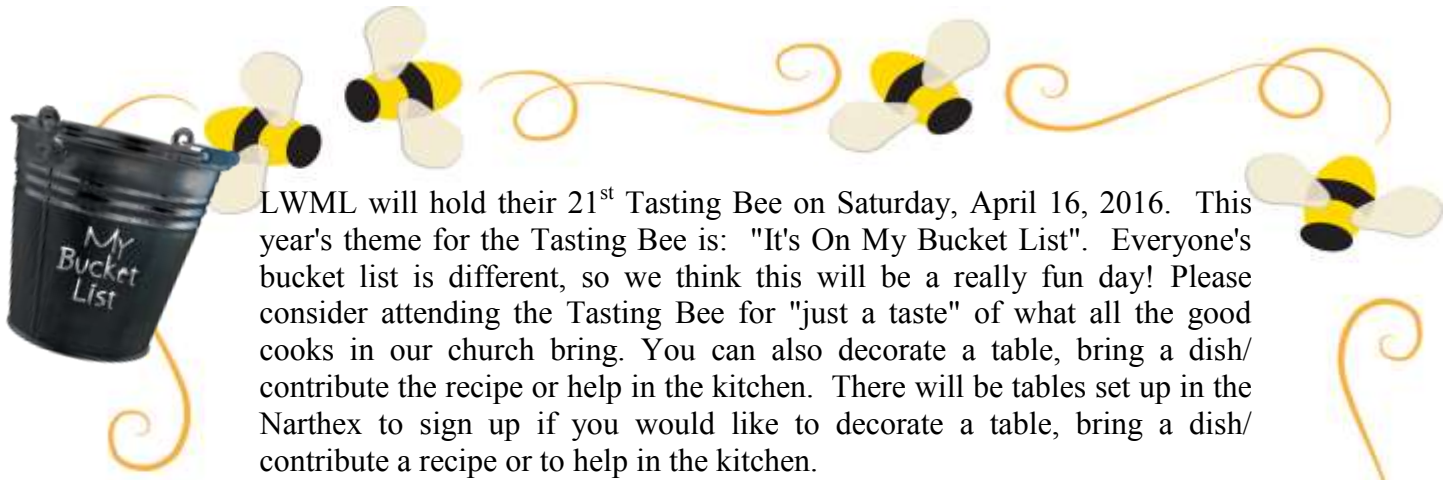
They are here !

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

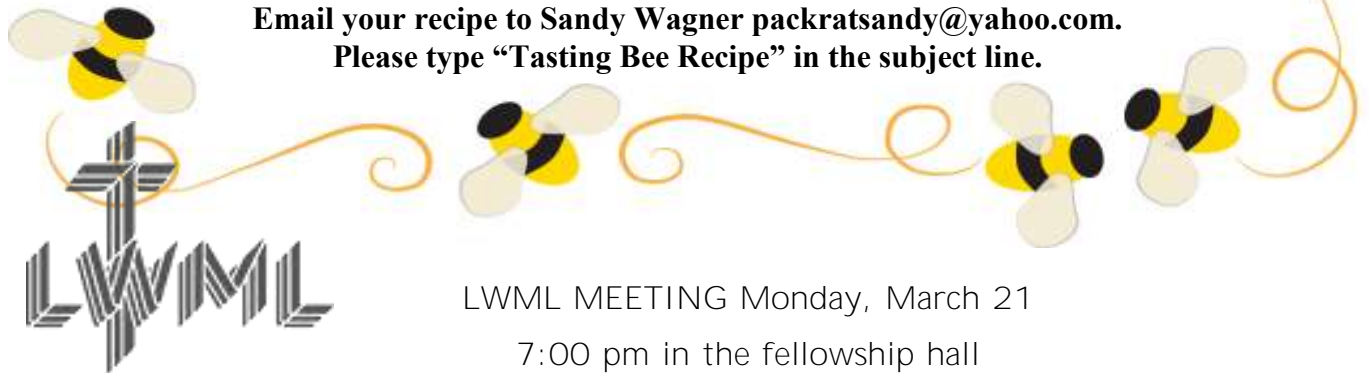


Thank You and Enjoy!!



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.

**Email your recipe to Sandy Wagner packratsandy@yahoo.com.
Please type "Tasting Bee Recipe" in the subject line.**



LWML MEETING Monday, March 21
7:00 pm in the fellowship hall

Vicar Adelsen will be leading the lesson—discussing politics and the church. He will also share what brought him to church ministry.

Devotions : Bev Prem
Hostesses: Bev Prem
Laurel Sellers

Nominations for officers will be presented.



Lutheran Women in Mission will be gathering Saturday, April 9, at Zion Lutheran Church in Hiawatha, IA, for our Spring Rally. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and the rally begins at 9:00 a.m. 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. Requested for the ingathering are new and slightly used Bibles for the Mission. Other items needed include postage stamps (high priority), Clorox Wipes, Kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper, Post-It Notes, ink pens and Keurig K-cups. Monetary donations will also help purchase stock bottles of medications and diabetic supplies. Sign up sheet is on the LWML table across from the kitchen. 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.



On Tuesday, March 29, Bridgehaven Pregnancy Support Center is holding an [Open House](#) from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. for the public to tour its remodeled building at 701 Center Point Road NE in Cedar Rapids. The remodeled space will be ceremonially opened with a ribbon cutting by the Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance at 4 p.m.

The remodel of Bridgehaven’s building was undertaken to utilize the 1,925 square foot area left vacant when the [Treasures Quality Resale Shoppe](#) moved out of the building to its new location at 405 8th Avenue SE.



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

Kitchen Supplies

The kitchen is in need of more supplies.

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

Vacation Bible School!

June 13th—17th, 2016


3 years to 8th grade

Contact Kaja Mueller,
kaja@ourredeemer.org



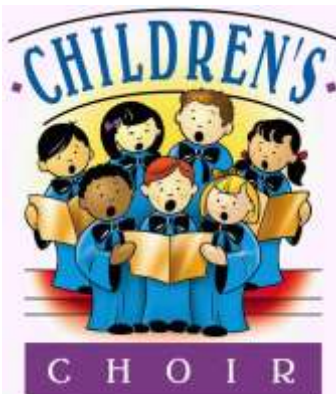
Building Healthy Families: Bold words for us to recall today when we are worried or overwhelmed with life’s challenges and temptations: “Know ye then- sin, death, devil, and everything that assails me- that you are missing the mark. I am not one of those who are afraid of you. For Christ, my dear Lord, has presented to me that triumph and victory of his by which you were laid low. And from this very gift of His I derive my name and am called a Christian. There is no other reason. My sin and death hung about His neck on Good Friday, but on the day of Easter they had completely disappeared. This victory He has bestowed on me. This is why I do not worry about you.” (Luther’s Easter Sermon, 1530) A blessed celebration of Easter to you from the Board of Directors and Staff of LFS!

Lutheran Family Service
(319) 393-1000



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

Bible Study and Lunch Bunch will resume their regular every other week schedule on April 6.



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.

April-June *Portals of Prayer* and the latest *Lutheran Digest* are available at the Welcome Center

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.



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.

If you are looking for projects to apply for Action Team funds, let the office know. We will be compiling a list of possibilities. Thanks!



Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is on for Easter Sunday Morning!
All children who are 5th grade and younger can participate.
Meet downstairs in the Youth Room at 10:00 am.





Registrations are out for the 2016-2017 Preschool year!

Youth Happenings

Confirmation

High School Youth



**Prayer Walk on
Wednesday, March 23rd**

7:00—8:00 pm

6th Grade

Attend the Prayer Walk and receive a participation slip that **COUNTS AS A SERMON SUMMARY.**

7th Grade

Attend the Prayer Walk and receive a participation slip that **COUNTS AS A SERMON SUMMARY.**

8th Grade

Attend the Prayer Walk during the time you would normally have Confirmation Class.



Set Up for Easter Breakfast

Saturday, March 26th

8:00 am—11:00 am



We need 8 more volunteers.

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

1st Shift Volunteers for Easter Breakfast

Sunday, March 27th

7:00 am—9:00 am



We need 1 more volunteer.

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

2nd Shift Volunteers for Easter Breakfast

Sunday, March 27th

9:00 am—12:00 pm



We need 10 more volunteers.

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

To sign up, call or text Kara at 319/855-2728 or email her at youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org

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.*



Registration Information

Confirmation Spring Retreat to Chicago

Friday, April 15—Sunday, April 17, 2016

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

Registration forms are in the church office.

Total cost is \$100.00 / student

Financial assistance is available, see Pastor.

Registration form and \$25.00 deposit due

Weds, March 30th

Parent/Student Retreat Meeting

Wednesday, March 30th

8:00—8:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

PRAYER WALK

NYG Group Activity

Weds, March 23rd from 7-9pm

All youth registered for NYG and adult chaperones



In Christ Alone
LEMS YOUTH GATHERING

Meet at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall to participate in the Prayer Walk.

Following the Prayer Walk, we will help take down the stations. We should finish around 9:00 pm.

All high school youth are welcome to attend with us.

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.