



Reflections



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Weekly Newsletter - April 9/10, 2016

~ *Third Sunday of Easter* ~

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday Mornings

9:30 am

Fellowship Hall

Denominations Around our Town

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.

Singing Sunday



On April 10th, the Children's Choir will be singing at the end of the 8:00 am worship service and at the beginning of the 10:30 am worship service.



Like the looks of the newly mulched landscaping? A big thank you to LLL (Lutheran Laymen's League), for their generous financial support of this project.

Meeting today!

THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN



The first presentation of Vision 2020 presented included things most people agreed were important and some aspects that were not supported by the majority. The committee and architects have regrouped, trying to incorporate those things that were high on the priority list and eliminate others in response to the feasibility study conducted in 2015.

Now is the time to make plans to attend the Sunday, April 10 or Tuesday, April 12 presentations of Vision 2020 revisited to learn more about the new proposal. In late April through early May, surveys will be available in hard copy and online to allow expression of each person's opinion, followed by a vote on May 21.

- **Vision 2020 Presentations Sunday, April 10 at 12 pm**
- Vision 2020 Presentations Tuesday, April 12 at 7 pm
- Vision 2020 Survey (change) April 30, May 1, 7 and 8
- Voter's Meeting Saturday, May 21 at 9:00 am

IT'S SPRING HOUSECLEANING TIME !!!

It's that time of the year when we all groan about cleaning out our closets and garages. We have a deal for you. Chamber Singers is holding a "Garage" sale here at Our Redeemer on Saturday, April 23. The proceeds will benefit us by providing additional funds to cover expenses for our concert season. These expenses include honoraria for vocal soloists, instrumentalists, scholarships for members, salaries for Music Director and accompanist in addition to other expenses associated with continuing to present the finest in choral music to our region.



We will take furniture, clothes, toys and other items that you want to donate. (Please no broken or damaged goods). You may drop your items off in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, April 21 and Friday, April 22 until 6:30 pm both days. The sale will be on Saturday, April 23, from 8-2 pm. We will also offer a bake sale in addition to the garage sale. If you have the need to have items picked up at your home, we can provide that too. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Schanbacher (351-3998). Thank you.



CHALLENGE

May 1, 2016

Following Late Service

What is the Trivia Challenge?

Trivia challenges are informal, fun competitions where teams battle to see who has the greatest knowledge of trivia. General knowledge and trivial interest questions are asked by a trivia host and the winner is the team which, at the end of the event, has correctly answered the most number of questions.

How does the Trivia Challenge work?

You gather a group of 8 participants to form a team.

The challenge is run in rounds. During each round the host asks a series of ten questions per round. The teams discuss the answers at their table and the teams record their answers on their score sheet. At the conclusion of each round the sheets are collected and checked for accuracy. Meanwhile, the answers are revealed to the participants. At the conclusion of the seven rounds, total scores are added up and a traveling trophy is awarded to the winning team.

What do we eat?

We will begin this event with a potluck of appetizers and hors d'oeuvres that can be snacked upon throughout the challenge.

Invite your friends and family, form a team, and host a party where the place and the entertainment are provided.

Sign your team up in the church office.

Contact the church office at 338-5626 for more information.



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.

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.

2016 6th Grade Parent Teacher Conferences

Meet with Pastor in the Office Board Room

Wednesday, April 13th

6:20 pm Annie Bower
 6:30 pm Abby Gabel
 8:05 pm Kale Clark
 8:15 pm Maddie Caylor

Wednesday, April 20th

8:05 pm Grace Morrison
 8:15 pm Faith Reynolds

Wednesday, April 27th

6:30 pm Peter Rocca
 8:05 pm Ellie Grimm
 8:15 pm William Wittich

Carnival Night

On Wednesday, May 4th we invite all children



from 3 years old through 8th grade, and their families, to attend this fun night of games and prizes. High schoolers and adults will be the carnival night booth masters! No sign up necessary.

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.

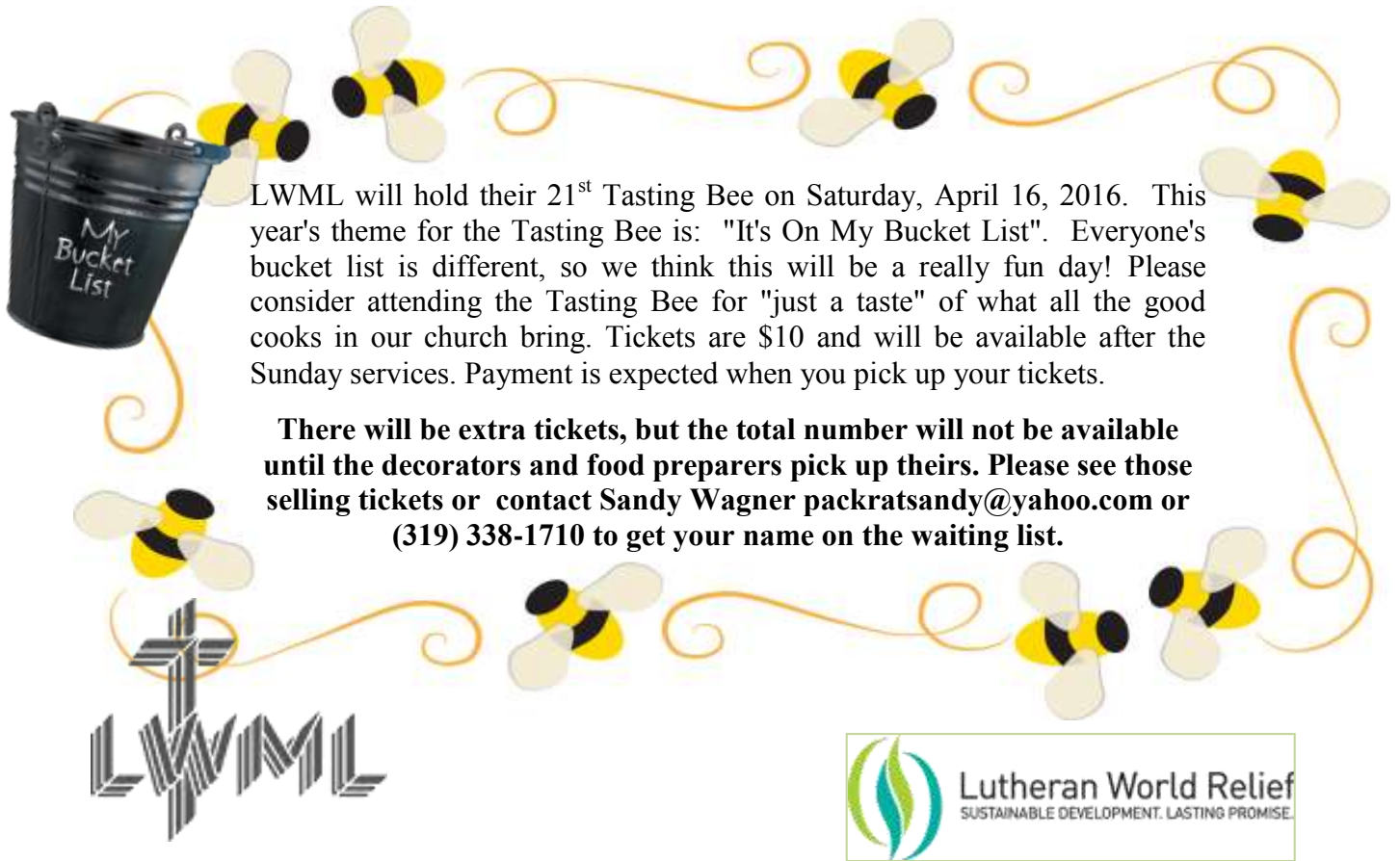
Vacation Bible School

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



Registrations Available April 24th!

We're getting ready for a great VBS! This year, we are using Concordia Publishing House's *Barnyard Roundup*. VBS children will learn that Jesus gathers us together! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts where Jesus is with us and abundantly provides for all our needs. He protects and saves us—now in this world and forever too! We need many volunteers. It is our prayer that God has VBS in His plan for your life! We know Jesus will work through YOU at VBS. Contact Kaja Mueller, 319-338-5626 or kaja@ourredeemer.org



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. Tickets are \$10 and will be available after the Sunday services. Payment is expected when you pick up your tickets.

There will be extra tickets, but the total number will not be available until the decorators and food preparers pick up theirs. Please see those selling tickets or contact Sandy Wagner packratsandy@yahoo.com or (319) 338-1710 to get your name on the waiting list.



LWML MEETING Monday, April 18
7:00 pm in the fellowship hall

Irene Reinking will speak on the
Liberia Partnership Mission

Devotion: Cynthia Freundt
Hostesses: Rita Johnson
Kathy Folkmann

LWR KITS & PACKING

Packing will take place April 11 at 6:00 pm prior to the LWML Mission Guild Board meeting at 7:00 pm. Packing will take place in the kitchen and downstairs hallway.

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
- Hats
- Sweaters or jackets (with or without hoods)


CARD SHOP NEWS



New cards and napkins:
Mother's Day
Graduation

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

Thank You and Enjoy!!



Join us on Monday, May 9, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cedar Rapids Marriott for Bridgehaven Pregnancy Support Center's Annual Fundraising Banquet. We are excited to share with you what God is doing in the community through Bridgehaven. Our featured speaker for the evening will be Melissa Ohden, an advocate for life with a powerful personal testimony. Register before Monday, April 25 at bridgehavencr.org.



Our Redeemer Preschool Weekly Newsletter

April 4th—8th, 2016

On the Road at Easter

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Letter: Ff

Bible: Jesus is the Promised Savior Luke 24:13-35

* * * A New May Calendar will be coming out next week. Sorry for the confusion.

JESUS TIME: During our Jesus Time, we discovered that not everyone found out that Jesus was alive right away. This week we focused on two disciples of Jesus who were walking to the city of Emmaus and were surprised that the man who joined them was Jesus! They were amazed and joy filled their hearts to know that Jesus was alive and their Savior had given them eternal life.



TEACHER TIME:

Letter F activities, counting, matching shapes, and writing their names.

SONGS/CHANTS:

“April Chant”

“B-L-U-E”

“Bananas Song”

“Jesus Loves Me”

“We Take Turns”

“I See The Moon”



CRAFTS:

- Fire Truck
- Rainbow Fish
- Free Style

READING CENTER:

- April Foolishness* Teresa Bateman
- Fifi Ferret's Flute* Samantha Berger
- Five Green and Speckled Frogs* Scholastic
- Four Furry Feet* Scholastic
- The Grouchy Ladybug* Eric Carle
- The Rainbow Fish* Marcus Pfister

- At the Firehouse* Anne Rockwell
- Dot The Fire Dog* Lisa Desimini
- Emergency!* Margaret Mayo
- Fire Fighters* Robert Maass
- Fire! Fire!* Gail Gibbons
- Firefighter Ted* Andrea Beaty and Pascal Lemaitre
- Poinsettia and the Firefighters* Felicia Bond
- Working Hard with The Busy Fire Truck* Jordan Horowitz



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



BLUE



blue

BLUE (TUNE: THE FARMER IN THE DELL)

B-L-U-E SPELLS BLUE
 B-L-U-E SPELLS BLUE
 HI-HO DID YOU KNOW
 B-L-U-E SPELLS BLUE?

THE BIG SKY IS BLUE
 THE OCEAN IS TOO
 HI-HO DID YOU KNOW
 B-L-U-E SPELLS BLUE?

We are entering the season of warmer weather and would appreciate donations of sidewalk chalk and bubbles.



Youth Happenings

Confirmation

Classes on Wednesday, April 13th

6th Grade Lecture

The Church Inflates

The Lord calls Saul (Hebrew name for Paul) to be "a chosen instrument of Mine to carry My name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel". Paul went on three missionary journeys to share the Good News that Jesus is the Son of God.

MEMORY DUE: None

TEST: April 29th

7th Grade Small Group

Baptism

In baptism, we are marked by God as His dear children. Not by what we have done, but by what Christ has done for us. Jesus has called us to go and share the Good News of His resurrection to all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey all that He has commanded us.

HOMEWORK DUE: none

MEMORY DUE: none

TEST: April 29th

8th Grade Small Group

Life Everlasting

How will Jesus judge all people? As Jesus describes it, the Last Day will be a wonderful day for those who trust in Him as their Savior. This will be a terrible day for those who do not believe in Jesus as their Savior for they will be condemned to hell. Believers will be taken to heaven to live in God's presence forever.

High School Youth LockOut

9:00 pm on Friday, April 22nd
until
7:15 am on Saturday, April 23rd Cost: \$20 + breakfast

Meet at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in the upper parking lot/front entrance at 9:00 pm

We'll travel by bus from location to location.

Activities:

movie 🎬 bowling 🎳 scavenger hunt 🗝
games at rec center 🎮 hospital ER worker appreciation 🏥 breakfast at Village Inn 🍳

Open to all 8th graders through 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.

COST: \$20.00 per person + breakfast money

Register to attend by signing up in the church office by Wednesday, April 20th.

Hospital Worker Service Project

High school youth will be putting together baskets of goodies for local Hospital Emergency Room workers to thank them for their service.

Wednesday, April 20th

6:45—8:00 pm

Youth Room

Supplies provided by Thrivent



Graduation Breakfast

Sunday, May 15th

9:15 am—10:15 am

Fellowship Hall

The congregation is invited to attend this celebration for Our Redeemer's high school seniors who are graduating in 2016.

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.