



# Reflections



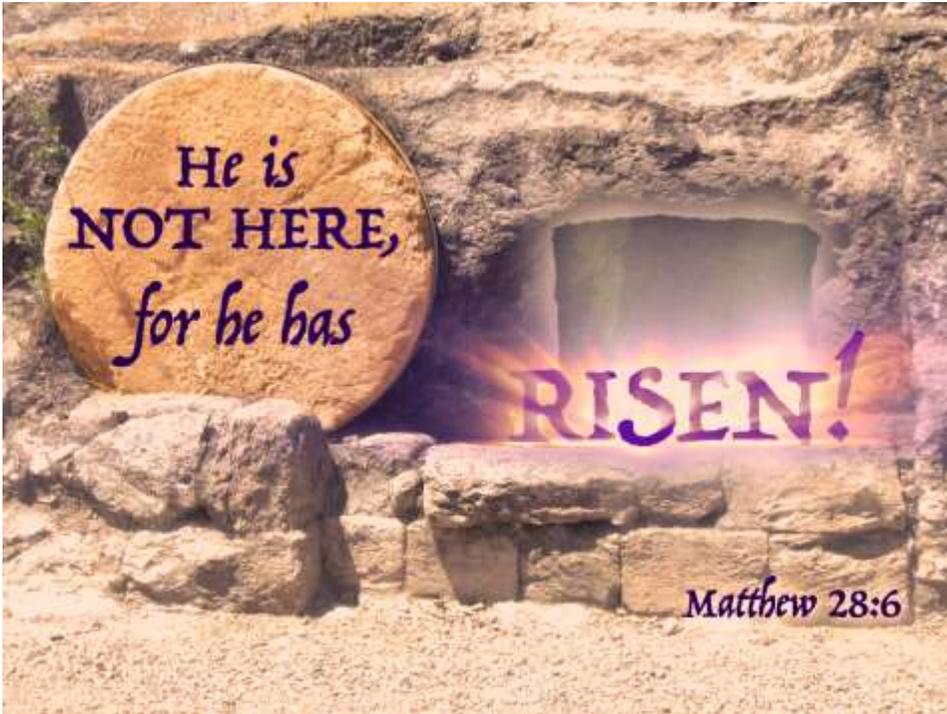
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Weekly Newsletter - April 16, 2017

~ *Easter Sunday* ~



If you ordered Easter flowers, please pick them up after late service if possible or as soon as possible after that. There is a stick in each plant with the name of who purchased it. Please find the one with your name on it. If you can't remember what you ordered, the signup sheets are in communication box #84. Thank you to all who helped beautify our services with the flowers.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT 1 PETER

BIBLE STUDY

**Starts Next Week**

April 23-May 14, May 28

Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall

9:30 – 10:15 am

In his first Letter (Epistle), Peter encourages elders in Asia Minor to watch over their congregations with patient care and nurture them in the new life God gives. These new Gentile congregations were enduring significant suffering due to persecution and alienation from the corrupt culture in which they lived. Peter describes them as God's people: chosen, holy, supremely precious to the chief Shepherd, the Lord Jesus.



LWML

**April 17**

7:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall

Lutheran World Relief packing will take place at 6:00 pm followed by the regular meeting at 7:00 pm. The program will be a video about **Teaching and Preaching in the Sudan**. Lynne Westphal will have devotions. She, Sandy Wagner, and Brenda Johnson will be hostesses for the evening.

DUE NOW - Lutheran Witness subscriptions \$15.96 (checks made out to Our Redeemer) should be left in the church office today.



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

Blessings, Pastor Mons



JOIN OUR REDEEMER KIDS-MAKE A NOISY OFFERING!

Noisy offerings will be collected during the Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30 services. The children of the congregation are asked to bring their offerings that they have collected in the banks that they were given during the *Immeasurably More* campaign. "Big kids" are encouraged to throw their loose change in the buckets as well during this second offering to help the *Immeasurably More* receipts grow. As the banks are emptied and coins put in the bucket, it makes a clanging noise and that is why it is called the "Noisy Offering." Yes, we are making a joyful noise unto the Lord! (Psalm 66:1)



**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.

**PACK YOUR INGATHERING ITEMS, GAS UP THE CAR, AND MAKE PLANS TO COME** – even bring a friend and join us for the LWML Spring Rally at St. Paul's in Marion on April 22. Registration begins at 8:30 followed by a buffet brunch. We are looking forward to greeting you as we celebrate our oneness in the Spirit of Christ. Find out about that oneness between us and the women's circle in Migori Kenya as Judy Westergren and Dorie Stanek share their experiences in Migori, Kenya. The sign up sheet is on the LWML bulletin board (RSVP by April 16). An ingathering box is also provided—see poster on LWML bulletin board for suggested items for Bridgehaven. To carpool, meet in front of the church at 7:45 am.

MOWING SIGN UP is in the church office. Sign up today. Teams of two take one week at a time. The more teams involved, the fewer weeks each has to cover! Mowers are provided. See Rob Bowman for more information or call 325-8989.





April 27  
7:00—9:00 pm  
Board Room

Church & Ministry



### 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



# April 29/30

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH will be 60 years old!

Rev. Stephen Niermann, son of the first Our Redeemer pastor, will be in the pulpit that weekend. There will be a congregational dinner after the 10:30 am worship on Sunday, April 30. Come, enjoy a catered meal and fellowship, followed by a short program celebrating the past 60 years and looking forward to the next 60! Recognition of our teachers currently sharing the Word of God will be a part of this occasion.

The top favorite 60 hymns have been decided. Stay tuned to begin singing them as a part of our celebration!

***Remember to sign up in the church office to attend the dinner!***



Our Redeemer Education Committee invites all our teachers to join us for our

Teacher Appreciation  
Our Redeemer Fellowship Hall  
Sunday, April 30, 2017  
During the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meal

*Please sign up in the church office for the anniversary meal to participate.*



## Penny Voting

On April 23 voting begins to distribute the \$5000 that the Mission

Committee is providing for missions. Penny voting (up to one dollar per person per Sunday) will determine the distribution of funds sent to each agency. Voting monies will also be sent to that mission. No denominations over a dollar will be counted in the vote, though the money would go to that organization.

Agencies include:

- Mission Central - mission training/conference center in Western Iowa that supports missionaries around the world
- Bright Stars of Bethlehem - focused on bringing hope to Palestine
- Orphan Grain Train - Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical, and other needed items to 65 countries
- Peace Officer Ministry - Christian law enforcement chaplaincy ministry resource for officers
- LAMP—Alaska Native American ministry
- Lutheran Hour - Christian outreach ministry
- Voice of the Martyrs - supports the persecuted Church around the world
- MOST Ministries - Christian non-profit that connects, trains, and sends short-term mission teams throughout the world

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ONE OF THE LAST OPPORTUNITIES IN 2017 to OBSERVE THE 500<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION with Rev. Dr. Clifford and Lois Winter of Wichita, KS, **Nov. 1-12, 2017.** Visit Luther sites: Wittenberg, Eisleben, Leipzig, Eisenach, and Erfurt plus Berlin, Munich, Vienna, Salzburg, and Prague. This **“Steps of Martin Luther Tour of Germany, Austria, and Prague”** includes round trip airfare from Chicago, professional guides, hotels, deluxe coach, 17 meals, all taxes, fees, surcharges, and portorage. Daily trip-related devotions and warm fellowship. Call 316-942-5811 or email [loiswinter@yahoo.com](mailto:loiswinter@yahoo.com) for a brochure. They are also available in the church office.



## BASICS OF THE FAITH

Appropriately titled, this course begins a six unit examination of the basics of the Christian Faith. Taken from the Bible and as understood by the Lutheran Church, we will explore the role of the triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The revelation of God through the Bible and the role of the catechism will be discussed first. The Biblical message of Law and Gospel will be detailed. Finally, we will end with discussing the victorious and sanctified life of the Christian.

This class is recommended for people joining Our Redeemer or members who would like a refresher on the Lutheran faith.

Contact Pastor Hartwig ([bhartwig@ourredeemer.org](mailto:bhartwig@ourredeemer.org)) or the church office ([redemer@ourredeemer.org](mailto:redemer@ourredeemer.org) or 319-338-5626) if you plan to join this class.

### Spring

**Friday, May 5, 2017 7 – 9 pm**

**Saturday, May 6, 2017 8:30 – 2:30 pm**



**Join Iowa City Hospice and their 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.



*Carnival Night  
May 3 at 6:30pm*

On Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> we invite all children from 3 years old through 8<sup>th</sup> 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. Contact Kara Hartwig [youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org](mailto:youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org) if you can help be in charge of a game for the night.

6:30 Dinner

7:00 Games

7:15 Prizes

7:30 Games End

7:45 Prize Room Closed



Building Healthy Families: Ann Landers once noted, "Hate is like acid. It can damage the vessel in which it is stored as well as destroy the object on which it is poured." Holding on to anger is one of the things you can do to make yourself and all those around you miserable. Talking to someone you can trust and talking to God in prayer are both effective ways to get past the unresolved hurt that lies just beneath anger.

**Lutheran Family Service**  
(319) 393-1000



The new cards have arrived . Please check them out downstairs. Easter and Confirmation greetings are out as well as the regular birthday, anniversary, wedding, baby, get well, sympathy and more. Thank you for your continued patronage. LWML.



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 applications are available in the church office.



**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**



Bridgehaven Pregnancy Support Center invites you to join them on Monday, May 8, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cedar Rapids Marriott for their Annual Fundraising Gala. We are excited to share with you what God is doing in the community through Bridgehaven. Our featured speaker for the evening will be Shawn Carney, author and co-founder of 40 Days for Life. Register by Monday, April 24 at [BridgehavenCR.org](http://BridgehavenCR.org).



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.

# Our Redeemer Preschool Weekly Newsletter

April 10-14, 2017

## Holy 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 a completed Registration Form are required at this time.

I hope you enjoy reading a little about what goes on in preschool!

### BIBLE LESSON

We covered Jesus' last week with His disciples before He died for our sins and rose on Easter morning. We talked about why we need Jesus—because we sin. On Wednesday, we were able to take the preschoolers through our church's Prayer Walk. There were prayer centers set up in our Fellowship Hall that we walked through with the kids for about 15 minutes.



### CRAFTS

Fire trucks  
Names—*glue, salt, color dye*

### READING CENTER

Fire trucks, emergency vehicles, construction vehicles, spring, Bibles

### TEACHER TIME

Patterns, shapes, tally counting

### NEXT WEEK

Easter—The resurrection of Jesus  
Letter Rr  
Tuesday—Share Day! Quincy's mom, healthy choices (teacher at City High School)  
T/W—Special crafts with Mrs. Twyla  
Th—Celebrate Julia's birthday!  
Friday—NO SCHOOL—*teacher work day*

**SNACK NEXT WEEK** you get to bring snacks and be our line leader! M/W/F = 17 kids; T/TH= 16 kids

Monday: Tess  
Tuesday: Quincy  
Wednesday: Joanna  
Thursday: Julia  
Friday: NO SCHOOL



You only need to bring 2 healthy food groups for snack. If you are packing your child's lunch, remember all food groups must be present even though they might not eat them.



Dear Families,

You can order online at [scholastic.com/readingclub](http://scholastic.com/readingclub), where you'll find a wide selection of quality children's books that are just right for your child's reading level and interests. Or return your paper order form to me with a check made out to "Scholastic Reading Club." 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! Order before noon on Friday so you get it in before Mrs. Kaja places the order.



**SCHOLASTIC DUE**

### First Time Ordering Online?

- Go to [scholastic.com/readingclub](http://scholastic.com/readingclub)
- Enter our one-time Class Activation Code, MQWNQ.
- Shop and submit your child's book order.
- Your books will be delivered directly to the classroom.

Happy birthday to Lillyan! She turned 5 on 4-13-2017! May God continue to bless her in this next special year of life!



Mrs. Kaja will start maternity leave on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Kate will be taking over with Mrs. Amy assisting on M/W/F and Mrs. Sara assisting on T/Th. Mrs. Cassie will take over all extended care (pictures in order).



**If you have any questions or concerns, Mrs. Kate's email is:** [preschoolassistant@ourredeemer.org](mailto:preschoolassistant@ourredeemer.org)

# Youth Happenings

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>**

6:45 pm Confirmation & Midweek Classes  
8:00 pm Confirmation Retreat Meeting

*Confirmation and High School Confirmation Youth & Parents*

## Confirmation Classes *Classes on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>*

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade—Small Group

*New Testament Lesson*

MEMORY DUE: "But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name." John 20:31

New Testament



### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade—Lecture

#### Baptism

*Baptism is a sacrament. Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's*

*command and combined with God's Word. Christ our Lord tells us in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."*

Mark 16:16



### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade—Lecture

#### Confirmed in Christ



*Congratulations on your Confirmation! Now, your faith journey continues as you look forward to attending worship in God's house and receiving the body and blood of Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar.*

## Confirmation Spring Retreat Meeting



Weds, April 19<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall

*Students and parents should attend*

Short meeting about the upcoming retreat to St. Louis.

## High School

# Easter Breakfast



## Easter Breakfast

All are invited!

*Hosted by the high school youth and their families*

**Sun, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am—10:30 am**

Youth and parent volunteers are needed to help during the Easter Breakfast and with clean-up afterwards.

## Sunday School Sunday

Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>  
during 8:00 am and 10:30 am  
Worship services



All grades will present their memory work to the congregation during the Worship services.

### Confirmation Memory Work

6<sup>th</sup> Graders—Matthew 28:19-20 and Ephesians 2:8-10  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders—Books of the Bible (all 66) and 2 Timothy 3:15-17

### High School Memory Work

Proverbs 3:5-6 and Psalm 23

## 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.