



# Reflections



**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
And Preschool**

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Weekly Newsletter - April 16/17, 2016

~ *Fourth Sunday of Easter* ~

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday Mornings

9:30 am

Fellowship Hall



LWML MEETING  
Monday, April 18

7:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Irene Reinking will speak on the Liberia Partnership Mission

Devotion: Cynthia Fruendt  
Hostesses: Rita Johnson  
Kathy Folkmann

Ladies Night Out signup for Wednesday, May 18 to Cedar Ridge Winery is in the office.

## 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.

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# 101

April 21  
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.

**Due TODAY!**



LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE. 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 to Our Redeemer.



- 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 am-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.



**This is a final invitation** for the June 7-10, 2016 bus trip to the **Creation Museum**.

The Creation Museum, just south of Cincinnati, OH is a day away on a Windstar bus, which has a restroom. We will spend two days at the Creation Museum. The hours of the museum are 10am-6pm. Wednesday evening we will go to an open air mall and Thursday evening there is an option to go to the Cincinnati Reds/St. Louis Cardinals baseball game (Tickets are \$12 and are right behind home plate).

If you are interested in this trip, give us a call at 319-352-5435 and we can give you prices, pick up points and other details. The Creation Museum is based on Genesis 1-11, the basis of our Christian faith and truly brings the Bible to life.

## 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



## Student Aid

Student Aid is available through LWML – Iowa East District for high school graduates that have enrolled and been accepted at any LCMS synodical training school and are preparing for full-time professional work in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Each applicant must be a member of a congregation within Iowa East District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

For more information go to <http://lwml-ied.org/student-aid/>

Or contact Cynthia Kofoot, LWML – IED Student Aid Committee Chairman  
Phone: 641-736-4595  
Email: ckofoot@yahoo.com

### 2016 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Teacher Conferences

Meet with Pastor in the Office Board Room

#### Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

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

## Carnival Night

On Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</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.

## 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. **CROSSLTOWN** is for children in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

June 13<sup>th</sup>—17<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
3 years to 8<sup>th</sup> grade

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](mailto:kaja@ourredeemer.org)



Registrations Available in the church office and online

<https://vbsmate.com/OurRedeemerChurchPreschool>



Building Healthy Families: “The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it...,” proclaims Psalm 24. Many will celebrate Earth Day on Friday. We can celebrate, too, knowing that God has graciously given us this earth to live in and have dominion over, but that it is not ours. It is His. This week, talk with your children about ways to live and act that show respect and care for all that God has so marvelously made for our use. In so doing, honor not the creation, but the Creator.

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



CAMP IO-DIS-E-CA is now receiving registrations 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](http://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](mailto:diggelfa@mchsi.com)

## 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!!



CHRIST CARES SUNDAY

June 5

NO 10:30 am SERVICE

Coming soon—ways to serve your community & schedules

Beta Sigma Psi National Lutheran Fraternity at Iowa State University is based upon three core values: spiritual, scholastic, and social. By being a member of this fraternity, men are encouraged to grow in these three values and also gain leadership experiences that will help them for a lifetime. The alumni chapter is providing three \$1500 scholarships to incoming Christian men for their education at Iowa State.



Scholarships must be postmarked by June 1, 2016 for the second round, and July 5, 2016 for the third round. Application can be made online at <http://epsilon.betasigmapi.org/recruitment/scholarship/>. For applications, contact Nathan Hollander by phone at 630-352-8882, by email at [njh@iastate.edu](mailto:njh@iastate.edu), or at

Beta Sigma Psi  
c/o Scholarship Committee  
2132 Sunset Drive  
Ames, IA 50014



The Darryl Jahn Memorial Scholarship only takes a few minutes for students to apply for and also includes a brief interview during a visit, so it is a fairly easy process. Recipients of the scholarship are not required to join Beta Sigma Psi.



Our Redeemer Preschool Weekly Newsletter

April 11<sup>th</sup>—15<sup>th</sup>, 2016

# Jesus' Ascension

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Assistant: Kate Ramsey

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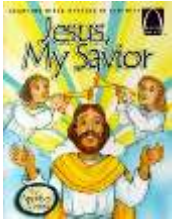
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Letter: Vv

Bible: Jesus Returns to Heaven Acts 1:6-11

\* \* \* The updated May calendars have been passed out.



**JESUS TIME:** During our Jesus Time, a new word was introduced, ascend. We talked about Jesus ascending into heaven to prepare a place for us, but that He is also with us at all times even though we cannot see Him. Pastor Hartwig was able to come down and read to us "Jesus My Savior."

**TEACHER TIME:** Letter Vv activities, matching capital and lowercase letters.

**SPECIAL SONGS WITH MRS. ALLISON:**

"What A Mighty God We Serve"  
"Jesus Rose from the Grave"  
"5 Little Jelly Beans"

**CRAFTS:**

Vv is for Volcano  
Water color painting  
Planting green bean seeds



**Sensory Table:** Corks, tongs, buckets, containers!

**READING CENTER:**

*Viva Vipers Valentine* by Maxwell Higgins  
*Who Goes To the Vet* by Scholastic Publishing  
*I Love Bugs!* By Philemon Sturges  
*I Just Forgot* by Mercer Mayer  
*I Was So Mad* by Mercer Mayer  
*It's Mine* by Mercer Mayer  
*Just A Mess* by Mercer Mayer  
*Just Going To The Dentist* by Mercer Mayer  
*Just Grandma And Me* by Mercer Mayer  
*Just Me And My Mom* by Mercer Mayer  
*That's Not Fair* by Mercer Mayer  
*The New Baby* by Mercer Mayer  
*When I Get Bigger* by Mercer Mayer



Please donate bubbles for the kids!

**CLOSING:** During our circle closing time, we review things that we have talked about. This week we have been discovering how creative God is by talking about a frog life cycle. We reviewed what things are in the air such as airplanes, balloons, planets, the sun and the moon. This may seem like something that comes naturally to you and I, but the kids are learning every moment.

**INTERESTING:** During our Learning Center Time we have been talking about not forgetting to clean up and remembering your name marker. These help the children close their minds to one activity to be able to move onto another.

## No School April 22nd

# Vv

(To The Hokey Pokey)



Van puts his violin under his chinny-chin. He plays it very loud, and he makes his Aunt Vi proud. Vi loves to hear him play, so Van visits her each day. And that's all there is to say!

## FROM: 4Cs Community Coordinated Child Care

Dear Early Childhood Providers,

Just sending this as another reminder--please share this information with your families about these **FREE** family-friendly festivals sponsored by Community Partners for Protecting Children, Johnson County Social Services and Prevent Child Abuse of Johnson County.

**Saturday, April 16 – North Liberty** (North Central Junior High) 12:00-2:00 pm  
**Saturday, April 16 – Tiffin** (Tiffin City Park) 12:00-2:00 pm  
**Saturday, April 23 – Iowa City** (Lower City Park) 12:00-2:00 pm

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and **Kites for Kids** honors all of the children in Johnson County who have been impacted by abuse. Please share with families that it's a great idea to **bring lawn chairs or blankets for sitting on the ground!**



# Youth Happenings

## Confirmation

**Classes on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

#### Review for Test

*We will review for next week's test.*

MEMORY DUE: Acts 1:8

TEST: Weds, April 27<sup>th</sup>

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Lecture

#### Baptism

*Every worship service begins with the words "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit". When we hear these words, we are to remember our baptism and what God has done for us through His Word and the water. We have forgiveness of sins, life everlasting and salvation.*

HOMEWORK DUE: Final project on Baptism and Definitions from the Year

MEMORY DUE: Blessing of Baptism—What benefits does Baptism give?

TEST: Weds, April 27<sup>th</sup>

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Lecture

#### Christian Life

*<sup>12</sup>"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12*

*Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. May we share the Good News of salvation boldly and confidently in all we do to God's glory.*

## High School Youth LockOut

9:00 pm on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
until  
7:15 am on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 20<sup>th</sup>

6:45—8:00 pm

Youth Room

*Supplies provided by Thrivent*

## Graduation Breakfast

Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

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.*

Devyn Alt

Mark Becker

Sarah Benson

Jenna Bower

Ryan Bruckman

Morgan Kimball

Noah Siems

### DONATIONS NEEDED FOR GRADUATION BREAKFAST

Breakfast casseroles

Milk

Orange Juice

*Please sign up in the church office.*

## 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 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.

### **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.