



Reflections



**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
And Preschool**

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Weekly Newsletter - April 23/24, 2016

~ *Fifth Sunday of Easter* ~

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday Mornings

9:30 am

Fellowship Hall

Denominations Around our Town

April 24	Pentecostal
May 1	Non-denominational
May 8	Review
May 15	Grad breakfast—No adult class
May 22	Start “God in the Jukebox”

BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

Maren Elizabeth Roiseland

Monday, April 18

Parents

Kevin Nils Roiseland
Tiffany Ann Malcom Roiseland



Kennedy Chapman

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Parents

Joshua Alan Chapman
Stephanie Rae Klett Chapman



ONE LORD

ONE FAITH

ONE BAPTISM

Sponsors

Christina Magruder

William Dean Clark

Sunday, 10:30 am

Parents

Grant Edward Clark
Stephanie Elizabeth Fisher Clark

Sponsors

Alexsandra & Corey Peterson



JOIN THE
FUN

CHALLENGE

May 1, 2016

Following Late Service

**Come form a
new table or join
a partially filled
table. There is
always room for
more.**

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.

Everyone brings snacks to munch and share.



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



LWML LADIES
NIGHT OUT
Wednesday, May 18
6:00 pm
Cedar Ridge Winery



LADIES NIGHT OUT

Ladies night out will include a tour of Cedar Ridge Winery, wine tasting, and a meal with pizza and appetizers. The amount for each meal will be \$20 plus an 18% gratuity for the large group—total of \$23.60. Any additional beverages or purchases will be extra. It will be very helpful for people to come with the correct amount.

Want to carpool? Meet at church at 5:15 pm.

Sign up in the office. Devotions: Carol Zimmermann



Special Voter's Meeting

Saturday, May 21, 2016
9:00 a.m.

Dear Our Redeemer Members,

Please give this meeting date your prayerful consideration. In the past months, some great improvements have been made at Our Redeemer – a new roof, sanctuary remodel, and our purchase of the 512 First Avenue property. These projects were accomplished at a minimal cost because of the many, many hours of volunteer time and talent. Thank you very much to those individuals!

Volunteers have also come forward and spent numerous hours preparing a list of improvements we can accomplish in the near future. Several items are maintenance issues that require our attention and others will make our church more welcoming and appealing in appearance. An important goal is to be debt-free after investing in these necessary improvements.

All of us lead very busy lives, but I encourage you to consider attending the Voter's Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on **Saturday, May 21**, so you will be informed of the direction Our Redeemer is heading.

Blessings,

Steve Scott
Chair, Board of Directors

LWML is collecting recyclable items as a fundraiser for our IOWA EAST DISTRICT ENDOWMENT FUND. It is given to full time church workers.



ITEMS ACCEPTED ARE:

Cell phones	eReaders
Lap tops	MP3s
Tablets	Pads
Metal access inkjet cartridges	
Laser cartridges	

NOT ACCEPTED ARE EPSONS, REFILLABLES, TONER TUBES. OR ONE TIME USE CARTRIDGES.

See the list on the cupboard door above the LWML collection box located in the storage area behind the kitchen. Thank you!

Thank you to all who have donated supplies for our kitchen.

Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you to all who donated supplies, valuable time to set and take down for the prayer walk. Many people from church and our community spent whatever time they needed focused on Christ. The prayer walk is truly one of God's Blessings.

~Dianna Reuter

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

2016 6th Grade Parent Teacher Conferences

Meet with Pastor in the Office Board Room

Wednesday, April 27th

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

Vacation Bible School



50 days till VBS

Registrations Available in the church office and online

<https://vbsmate.com/OurRedeemerChurchPreschool>

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

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.

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

We Need:

- * Arts & Craft Leader
- * Games Leader
- * Trail Guides to help the classes get from place to place



Building Healthy Families: Spouses, want to build up your marriage? Stop and think about your spouse's gifts. (No, not the ones you received for your birthday!) What are their talents and spiritual gifts? What do they love to do? What are their accomplishments? Recognize them, name them, and communicate your respect for them . . . to your spouse and to others. It's one way to build a great relationship!

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.

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

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, 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 18th—22nd, 2016



God Gives the Holy Spirit

Director/Teacher: Kaja Mueller

Assistant: Kate Ramsey

Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949

www.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org

preschool@ourredeemer.org

Number: 8 eight

Bible: Pentecost Acts 2

JESUS TIME: During our Jesus Time, we talked about when God sent the Holy Spirit to Jesus' disciples. At Pentecost '50 days after Easter' there was a loud wind and what looked like flames of fire above the peoples heads. These acts revealed the gift of the Holy Spirit. This brought many people to hear God's Word, to repent of their sins, and to be baptized! God's love is so amazing, big, and made for everyone to receive. It is by the power of the Holy Spirit that we are able to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

TEACHER TIME: Number 8 worksheet or craft to work on some fine motor skills

CRAFTS: A spider (since they have 8 legs), and Mrs. Twyla Freeman brought a spring craft for us to do.

Sensory Table: Corks, tongs, buckets, containers!

READING CENTER:

- The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs!* As Told To Jon Scieszka
- Ten Pigs An Epic Bath Adventure* By Derek Anderson
- Curious George* By Margret and H.A. Rey's
- Curious George: And The Dinosaur* By Margret and H.A. Rey's
- Curious George: And The Dump Truck* By Margret & H.A. Rey's
- Curious George: At The Beach* By Margret and H.A. Rey's
- Curious George: At The Railroad Station* By Margret & H.A. Rey's
- Curious George: Gets A Medal* By Margret and H.A. Rey's
- Curious George: Goes Hiking* By Margret and H.A. Rey's
- Curious George: Goes To A Restaurant* By Margret & H.A. Rey's
- Curious George: Goes To The Hospital* By Margret and H.A. Rey's
- Curious George: Makes Pancakes* By Margret and H.A. Rey's
- Curious George: Plays Baseball* By Margret and H.A. Rey's
- Curious George: Visits An Amusement Park* By Margret and H.A. Rey's

WORKING ON: At the end of Circle Time, the kids work on spelling their names, counting the number of letters in their names, or saying their birthdays. At home you can work on helping your child learn their address, or their phone numbers. These are all practical things that will help your child as they grow.



We teach our students about letters, numbers, and the world around us, but our most enjoyable task is telling young children about Jesus and His love for them.

Registrations now for the 2016-2017 school year!

Happy Birthday to JULIA

who turned 4 years old on Wednesday!!! May God continue to bless her in this special year!



Make an 'S' but do not wait. Go right back up and make an eight.



Please donate bubbles for the kids!



Youth Happenings

Confirmation

Classes on Wednesday, April 27th

6th Grade Small Group

Test

The Bible is divided into 2 parts: the Old Testament and the New Testament. There are 66 books in the Bible. Be prepared to name all 66, and know the keywords for each book (think of the hand signs).

NEXT WEEK: Carnival Night—6pm Dinner

7th Grade Small Group

Test

The test will be over what we learned about Baptism. Baptism is a sacrament instituted by Christ, has a visible element and offers forgiveness of sins.

NEXT WEEK: Carnival Night—6pm Dinner

8th Grade Lecture

Christian Life

As believers in Christ, we live out our Christian faith in all our vocations.

NEXT WEEK: Carnival Night—6pm Dinner



Saturday, May 14th, 2016

5:00—8:00 pm

Babysitting Fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering participants

More information to follow.

High School

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.

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.

Blessing Books for Seniors



A blessing book has been created for each senior with his/her Confirmation verse on the cover.

All congregational members are encouraged to write a short note or Bible verse in the blessing books.

Blessing books are located in the Narthex.



NYG Payment #2 Due:
\$115.00

Due on Sun, April 24th, 2016

Make checks payable to "Our Redeemer"

NYG Group Activity

We are forming 2 teams for the Trivia Challenge on Sun, May 1st.

Sign up in the church office or with Kara.

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.