



Reflections



**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
And Preschool**

First Avenue and Court Street
Iowa City, IA 52245
Phone: 319-338-5626

Email: redeemer@ourredeemer.org
www.ourredeemer.org

Weekly Newsletter - May 6/7, 2017

~ Fourth Sunday of Easter ~

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT 1 PETER
BIBLE STUDY

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.



**More info
coming soon!**

**NO 10:30 AM SERVICE
JUNE 4!**

**Regular Saturday, June 3
5:30 pm Divine Worship**

**Sunday, June 4
8:00 am Divine Worship**

**For those who share Christ Cares Day
AND those who simply wish to worship**



Through May 28, voting to distribute the \$5000 that the Mission Committee is providing for missions will take place. 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. Info sheets available on voting table.

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
- Lutheran Indian Ministries—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



LWML

May 15

6:00 pm

Gus' Food & Spirits

2421 Coral Ct. Ste 3
Coralville, IA

This will be Ladies Night Out with food, fellowship, and the installation of officers. We welcome Tiffany Roiseland as Vice President and Linda Diggelmann has been re-elected Treasurer. Sign up to attend in the church office.



Willing to provide special music this summer? It could be singing, alone or with a group, playing an instrument or a combination. Twyla Freeman will work with you to find a weekend. Call Twyla Freeman at 319-530-2371 or email at taf13146@ourredeemer.org.



Feed My Starving Children packing opportunity

Reserve your spot now to help pack meals--the Mission Committee has 15 slots! Our Redeemer will be helping to pack meals for "Feed My Starving Children" on Saturday, June 10th from 9:00—11:00 am at Iowa City High School. Children (age 5 and above) and adults hand pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children that are shipped to nearly 70 countries around the world. This is a great event for families to participate in a mission opportunity and it only involves two hours of your time!! Participants from previous years have enjoyed being able to participate in this event.

Sign up in the church office or contact Denise Holida to participate.



You're INVITED

Graduation Breakfast
9:15 am on Sun, May 21st
Fellowship Hall

The whole congregation is invited to attend the Graduation Breakfast and celebrate with the graduates and their families.

Sign up in the Narthex if you'll be attending.

Blessing Books Now through Saturday, May 20th Narthex

WHO SHOULD SIGN THE BLESSING BOOKS?

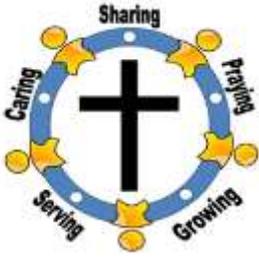
Everyone in the congregation

WHAT SHOULD I WRITE?

Write a short note of Christian encouragement, share your favorite Bible verse or simply sign your name.



Blessing Books will be given to the seniors at the Graduation Breakfast.



Small Group Ministry Mission Statement:
*To grow in grace using our spiritual gifts,
through good stewardship for the benefit of
the group so that the body of Christ may be
built up.*

Upcoming Event for Small Group Ministry ...

Adult Midweek Wrap Up

The weekly adult small group held their last small group on April 26th. We ended our year together with a study on Isaiah 43 titled "A New Thing". We know that God loves the word *new* as He instructs us to sing a *new* song and He asks us to put on a *new* self. He tells us He will give us a *new* name; God wants to give us a fresh start. We are not always excited about new. Old is comfortable and familiar. Old is routine. We sometimes resist something new because it requires change.

As we read Isaiah 43, we were able to recognize God's new work in our hearts. When we recognize God's work in our life, we see ourselves as valued and loved children of God. We can trust His work in our hearts, even if it may not make sense to us at the time. Scripture tells us in Isaiah 43:5 "*Fear not, for I am with you.*" On every new and uncertain path in our lives, God is with us! He is guiding us, leading us, and holding us in His hand. Take a few minutes to reflect on what God is doing in your life right now as you read Isaiah 43.

Be sure to join us this fall, on September 13, as we begin meeting again for adult Midweek.

Serving in Christ,

Denise Holida,
Director of Small Group Ministry



May 25
7:00—9:00 pm
Board Room

**Bring your questions—
Stump the Vicar!**



CHAMBER SINGERS OF IOWA CITY 2016-2017 season comes to a close on Sunday, May 14, 3:00 pm, City High's Opstad Auditorium. Tickets for the finale are now on sale. Join us as we fill the auditorium with the awe-inspiring sounds of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Coronation Mass" and "Vesperae Solennes de Confessore", with orchestra and soloists. Tickets may be purchased at our website, at the door, or from any member of Chamber Singers. We hope to see you there !!



WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER WEARING MY NAME TAG?

Because wearing your name tag helps –

- ◆ others to call you by name
- ◆ you to be known by others
- ◆ the vicar to match a name with a face
- ◆ encourage new members to wear their name tags
- ◆ those who have a hard time remembering names
- ◆ start conversations
- ◆ everyone to get to know each other better
- ◆ to identify those who are members and those who are visiting
- ◆ those who think they know your name, but because you're wearing your name tag, they can be sure of it.

Media Sponsor **MatureFocus**

The Church Basement Ladies
in **Rise Up, O Men** SM

Sponsored by *John and Peg Shaker*

The newest addition in the *Church Basement Ladies* series, *Rise Up, O Men*, is a musical comedy featuring the men of the church and your favorite ladies from the basement. As these hard-working farmers discuss "man stuff," they unintentionally disrupt the order of the kitchen. But that's what happens when you let the rooster in the hen house.
Will you have fun? You betcha!

Written by Greta Grooch; Music by Dennis Curley; Lyrics by Dennis Curley, Greta Grooch; Additional Material by Graydon Royce; Inspired by the books of Janet Lezoe Martin and Suzanne Nelson including the best-seller *Growing Up Lutheran*.

OLD CREAMERY THEATRE
Professional Theatre Since 1971

Anyone interested in going to Amana Old Creamery Theatre to attend the fun event of "The Church Basement Ladies in Rise Up, O Men"? We reserved tickets to attend on Sunday, Oct. 22 at 2 p.m. Group rate is \$27. If interested in reserving your ticket, please call (338-5546) or email Cynthia Freundt at dcfreundt@msn.com. Deadline to get the group tickets is May 28.

HELP!

FOOD DONATIONS STILL NEEDED FOR GRAD BREAKFAST!

- Breakfast Casseroles
- Fresh Fruit (grapes, strawberries, watermelon, cantaloupes)
- Orange Juice



Sign up in the Narthex.
Thanks for your support!

ONE OF THE LAST OPPORTUNITIES IN 2017 to OBSERVE THE 500th 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. Enjoy daily trip-related devotions and warm fellowship. Call 316-942-5811 or email loiswinter@yahoo.com for a brochure. They are also available in the church office.



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.



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. 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.

SCHOLARSHIP WEB ADDRESS:

<http://epsilon.betasigmapsi.org/recruitment/scholarship>

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



Building Healthy Families: It's been said that children may not always be good at listening to their parents, but they never fail to imitate them. The words you speak are less important than the every-day life you lead. Your children (and grandchildren) are constantly learning about life by watching you. What an immense responsibility. What an incredible privilege! Pray that God will help you to be the kind of adult that you want your child (or grandchild) to become.

Lutheran Family Service

(319) 393-1000
LFSiowa.org

Morgan Hotz and Sydney Alt are active members on the Johnson County 4-H Youth Council.

COME JOIN US!!
OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT on the Fairgrounds

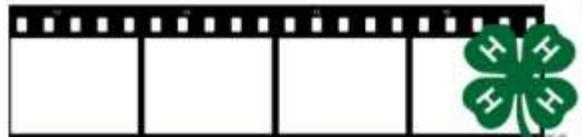


Disney Pixar's "Inside Out"
Hosted by Johnson County Youth Council

Friday, May 12th
movie begins approx. 7:30 pm/dusk
Johnson County Fair Grounds, Iowa City
Barn 3

****Free Admission and Popcorn****
bring drinks, snacks, lawn chairs or blankets.

Bring your friends!!!



More Special Days are Coming! Look for greetings for Mother's Day and graduation, now available at the LWML sponsored card shop.

Our Redeemer Preschool Weekly Newsletter
May 1st-5th, 2017



Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller Assistant, Kate Ramsey
Substitutes, Sara Cross and Amy Schmidt-Rundell

Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949 www.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org preschoolassistant@ourredeemer.org

Enrollment for the 2017-2018 Preschool year has started.
A \$50 deposit and a completed Registration Form are required at this time.

BIBLE LESSON

Jesus was on the earth with His disciples for forty days after His resurrection. The children learned that Jesus left His disciples and went up into the clouds to go to heaven. The disciples were sad that Jesus left, but happy to learn that He will come back again in the very same way. He promises us that He is always with us!

CRAFTS

Painted Butterflies—Mrs. Twyla
Painting with Cars, Trucks, Trains and Airplanes
U is for Unicorn

READING CENTER

Airplanes-Gallimard Juenesse
Car -Justine Smith
Duck on a Bike-David Shannon
Go, Dog, Go-P.D. Eastman
Pete the Cat in Go, Pete, Go-James Dean
Race Cars-Russ Flint
Sail Away-Donald Crews
Umbrellabird's Umbrella-Heather Feldman
Up and Under-Julie Durrells
Wheels-Venice Shone



SCIENCE CENTER



Caterpillars— They have now progressed into their chrysalis state. The children are able to observe them and are anxiously awaiting to see them change into butterflies. We are talking

about how God changes us and gives us new life in Jesus Christ.

TEACHER TIME

Letter Uu, writing and phonics
Handprints
Categories

SENSORY TABLE

Kinetic sand with cars, trucks, trains and road signs

SNACK NEXT WEEK Please bring a snack and be our line leader! M/W/F = 17 kids; T/TH= 16 kids

Monday: Kean
Tuesday: Abraham
Wednesday: Ella
Thursday: Ollie
Friday: Tess

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.

Next Week Events:

Monday- **Share Day with Sam's Dad, Steve!**

Tuesday/Wednesday- Wear the color Yellow

Friday- Last Scholastic Book Orders Due

(There is a coupon attached to the booklets!)

Arts & Crafts!



Improve fine motor skills & muscle control



Express creativity while experimenting with color, texture & shape!

Youth Happenings

9th, 10th and 11th Grade Youth Families Host Graduation Breakfast Volunteers Needed

Each year Graduation Breakfast is hosted by the 9th through 11th grade high school youth and their families to honor the high school seniors.

Volunteers are needed on BOTH of the following days:

SET UP DAY

Saturday, May 20th

8:00 am—11:00 am

- Decorate Fellowship Hall
- Prep food



GRADUATION BREAKFAST

Sun, May 21st

1st Shift 8:15 am—10:15 am

- Will help during early service and attend 10:30 am Worship

2nd Shift 9:00 am—11:00 am

- Will attend 8:00 am Worship and help during late service

Youth Summer Kickoff

- WHO:** All youth entering 6th—12th grades in the fall
- WHAT:** Enjoy an ice cream sundae bar, play games (divided into 2 groups: Confirmation and High School) and get “in the know” about the annual Peach Fundraiser
- WHEN:** Wednesday, May 31st from 6:30 pm—8:30 pm
- WHERE:** Fellowship Hall and outside (depending on weather)



*Everyone is invited to Grace Hartwig's graduation open house
Sunday, May 21, 2017 in the Fellowship Hall*

OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

Office: 338-5626 Fax: 338-9171 Website: <http://www.ourredeemer.org> Preschool: 338-3949
 Prayer Chain: 351-5297 or prayerchain@ourredeemer.org Special Announcements Line: 338-3505

<u>STAFF & EMAIL</u>	<u>PHONE NO.</u>	<u>STAFF & EMAIL</u>	<u>PHONE NO.</u>
Brent Hartwig, Senior Pastor bhartwig@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church) 337-2403 (home)	Kaja Mueller, Director of Christian Ed. dce@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church) 541-4827 (cell)
Kaja Mueller, Preschool Director Kate Ramsey, Assistant preschool@ourredeemer.org	338-3949 (preschool) 338-5626 (church)	Andrew Wolfgram, Vicar vicar@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church)
Sarah Gabel, Bookkeeper bookkeeper@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church)	Kara Hartwig, Youth Coordinator youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church)
Denise Holida Director of Small Group Ministry smallgroups@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church) 930-0165 (cell)	Louise Klopp, Director of Choirs choirdirector@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church)
Marilyn Paetz, Organist organist@ourredeemer.org	351-4262 (home)	Kate Ramsey, Preschool Assistant preschoolassistant@ourredeemer.org	
Kevin Sellers Director of Technology technology@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church) 631-8924 (cell)	Laurel Sellers, Office Coordinator redeemer@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church)

2017 Board of Elders

Bill Benson	517-881-9848
Vaughn Davisson	319-648-4660
Jim Eick	338-1293
Myrl Holida (Chair)	351-4301
Skip Kempnich	351-5297
Val Penney	354-1453
Denny Schrader	461-7318
Arlan Thompson	338-2938
Marty Wenck	330-2761

2017 Board of Directors

President	Steven Scott	563-889-0990
Vice President	Alan Meyer	319-461-1748
Secretary	Jennifer Kooker	319-339-0175
Treasurer	Larry Freeman	319-400-8356
Board of Elders	Myrl Holida	319-351-4301
Properties	Rob Bowman	319-325-8989
At Large	Dave Johnson	319-333-9606
	Barb Schanbacher	319-351-3998
	Kevin Roiseland	319-230-5247

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. For more information on Lutheran Hour Ministries go to 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.