



Reflections



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
And Preschool

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Weekly Newsletter - May 7/8, 2016

~ *Seventh Sunday of Easter* ~

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday Mornings

9:30 am

Fellowship Hall

- May 8 "Denominations Around our Town"
Review
- May 15 Grad breakfast—**No adult class**
- May 22 Start "God in the Jukebox"
- May 29 "God in the Jukebox"
- June 5 No Class—CHRIST CARES SUNDAY

Graduation Breakfast

May 15 at 9:15 am

Please plan to join us for the 2016 Graduation Breakfast as we celebrate seven seniors who are about to graduate. We will pray, support, and encourage Devyn Alt, Mark Becker, Sarah Benson, Jenna Bower, Ryan Bruckman, Morgan Kimball, and Noah Siems. As a congregation we promised to support and encourage them as they were confirmed. So, please join us to continue to be there for these seniors.

If you are able to donate food items, please sign up in the church office.

Please sign the graduate books in the narthex - add a message of encouragement, congratulations, or wisdom!



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

- Vision 2020 Survey
Fill out your survey **TODAY** either online or pick up a paper copy in the office
<http://survey.lcef.org/s3/Feasibility-Assessment-Our-Redeemer-Iowa-City-IA>
Complete on line surveys or return paper copies to the office by May 11
- Voter's Meeting **Saturday**, May 21 at 9:00 am

TRINITY LUTHERAN LWML TASTING LUNCHEON will be held on Friday, May 20 from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm in the Trinity Lutheran Church fellowship hall., Cedar Rapids. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased by calling Vel Kane (365-0147) or Diana Koehn (396-7899). A recital will be held from 11:45 am – 12:15 pm in the church sanctuary by Ann Lawrence, soprano, accompanied by her husband, Dr. David Lawrence. Come enjoy good food, good fellowship, and good music.



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.

Devotions: Carol Zimmermann

Sign up in the office.

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:

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| 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!

2016 LWML Iowa East District Convention

The recently opened Orphan Grain Train collection center in Clemons will be the recipient of the ingathering items collected during the convention. Please bring items for Mercy (Hygiene) Kits. Each kit consists of 1 each: bath towel (dark), wash cloth (dark), bath-size bar of soap (wrapped), adult -size toothbrush, sturdy comb, stick deodorant, 6 Band-Aids (3/4") secured together, and 1 or 2 tissue packets. All items should be new. Place in the blue tub across from the kitchen downstairs.



Repurpose Your Purses for Mites!

Donate your gently-used purses at the convention. Then, bring home a “new-to-you” purse when you make a donation to Mites for Mission!

Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) is matching up to \$500 to support Mites for Mission!

Not attending the Convention? You may still donate purses in the blue tub across from the kitchen to be delivered by Cheryl Davisson.

Christ Cares Community Service Sunday

June 5, 2016

Beginning the weekend of May 14/15, you will have the opportunity to represent Our Redeemer Lutheran Church by signing-up to volunteer to serve our community. Below is a list of agencies who need our assistance with descriptions of volunteer activities:

Briarwood

Play bingo with residents.

Chatham Oaks

Volunteers will mingle with residents and make general conversation. Bingo and various card games may be played with residents.

Community Car Wash

The Our Redeemer Lutheran Church car wash will be hosted at the Eastside Hy-Vee.

Crisis Center

Indoor work and painting

Domestic Violence Shelter

Yard work

Elder Services

Many individual yards need clean-up

Emerson Pointe

Play Bingo with residents.

Harvest Preserve Foundation

Weed, trim, and possibly mulch. There will be multiple sign-up sheets.

Hope Lodge

Dusting, vacuuming, cleaning kitchen, etc.

Housing Fellowship

Yard Work at three sites. If rain, then cancelled.

Iowa City Rehabilitation and Health Care Center

Garden work and visiting residents

Lantern Park

Visit and play games with residents

Our Redeemer

Help with lunch in Fellowship Hall and make cards

Ronald McDonald House

Provide, prepare, clean up meal at Ronald McDonald House

Secret 1883 Octagonal Barn

Painting and other restoration

**NO 10:30 AM SERVICE
JUNE 5!**

Regular Saturday, June 4

5:30 pm Divine Worship

Sunday, June 5

8:00 am Divine Worship

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



LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICE
Caring for Families in Iowa Since 1901

Building Healthy Families: The Scriptures are full of references to mothers and their unique qualities. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 isn't typically thought of as one of them, but there are many mothers who are great examples of the high calling of love described there: *Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.* Happy Mother's Day to all women who so lovingly care for others!

Lutheran Family Service
(319) 393-1000

Silent Auction for Preschool – TODAY!


How can you help the Preschool provide tuition scholarships for children? It's easy! Simply place a bid on one or more of the baskets displayed in the narthex. The theme baskets are practical and full of fun items. You and/or your family will certainly enjoy their contents. OR....they would make a wonderful gift for any person or family!

The themes are: Creative Kids, Handy Tool Kit, Movie and Pizza, Variety Pack, Automobile Accents, Wine Basket, Ice Cream You Scream!, Dentist Basket, Baby Basket, and Crayola Kids, Star Wars, Summer Fun, Baby Essentials, Handmade Rugs (by Gil Glandorf), and Cake and Cookie Creations.

Today through Sunday, May 22, you will have an opportunity to increase your bid as you check out other bids for the basket(s) that interests you. The Preschool Committee will then close bids on the afternoon of Sunday,

May 22. You will be contacted if you've won!


Your participation will help us provide opportunities for those who are unable to attend our preschool due to lack of funds.



Our Redeemer Preschool Weekly Newsletter
May 2nd - 6th, 2016

From Saul to Paul

Director/Teacher: Kaja Mueller Assistant: Kate Ramsey
Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949 www.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org preschool@ourredeemer.org



Number 9 NINE

Bible: Saul's Conversion

JESUS TIME: During our Jesus Time, we got to learn about how a man named Saul who did not like Christians became a believer of Jesus. His sins were forgiven by God and then God changed his name to Paul. Our sins, too, have been forgiven and in that we rejoice!

TEACHER TIME: Number 9 NINE, counting nine, patterns with 9, and interactions with categorizing objects. What goes with this object; like jam & toast, rain & umbrella, etc.

CRAFTS: We have been working on some special gifts for all you mothers out there!

ICE CREAM CENTER: The kids have really loved being imaginative with our ice cream center, serving others some special pretend treats and learning how to take turns leading with their imagination.



SENSORY TABLE: The Kinetic Sand is still going strong in our sensory table. The kids loved that Mrs. Kate brought in some of her own sea shells so we could make impressions of them, hide them in the sand, and discover them with our friends. Thanks Mrs. Kate!

Put a lawn sign out today!

Don't have one?

Pick one up in the narthex of church.



A loop and down line - that's the way to make nine!

Preschool Open House,

May 10th, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm!

The goal of the evening is for potential families to join preschool next year to get acquainted with what we do here, for the kids to see and do, and the teachers to be able to talk and socialize. Any current preschool family is encouraged to come, especially if their child is going to come next year to preschool.



Enroll TODAY!

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.

There are discounts for being a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, if you have multiple children in our preschool, or if you refer a new family who enrolls. Scholarship Money is available for those who apply. Please see Kaja Mueller for more information.

Contact preschool@ourredeemer.org or 319-338-3949.

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.



CHAMBER SINGERS GETTING "BACH" TO BASICS

Fresh from their triumphant Iowa City premiere of Arvo Part's "Passio," the Chamber Singers of Iowa City shift musical gears and conclude their 45th season by returning to their musical roots with a performance of two of Johann Sebastian Bach's finest works, "Magnificat" and "Ascension Oratorio". The performance will be at the Opstad Auditorium at City High School, on Sunday, May 15, 3:00 pm. Both pieces will be accompanied by vocal soloists and orchestra.

Bach's "Magnificat" is a musical setting of the Biblical Cantic of Mary, believed to be Mary's response to the announcement by the angel Gabriel that she is to become the mother of the Savior. Bach wrote his "Ascension Oratorio" in 1735, based on the gospels of Luke, Mark, and Acts of the Apostles.

Please join us as we conclude our 45th season with these two magnificent choral masterpieces. Tickets may be purchased via the Chamber Singers web site, from any member of the choir, or at the door the day of the performance.



If you can help out with special music for Sunday during the summer, please contact Twyla Freeman at 230-2371 or taf13146@ourredeemer.org.



June 13th - 17th from 9 - 11:30 am

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church & Preschool—2301 E. Court St, Iowa City #338-5626

Key Bible Verse: “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.” Psalm 23:1

VBS 2016 is “farm-tastic!” In Barnyard Roundup VBS, your children learn that Jesus gathers us together! They’ll look into the Bible, God’s Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts where Jesus graciously gathers us together to be with Him in His abundant provision and saving protection, now and forever. Registration is open for children age 3 years (potty-trained) through current 7th graders. High school students can volunteer to work! They will get to enjoy a fantastic week here at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church & Preschool this summer. The transformation from church home to VBS theme is amazing! Our mornings begin with a spectacular opening, which is followed by great Bible lessons, fun crafts, games, snacks, and recreation. Student Registration Forms are in the church office and online at:

<https://vbsmate.com/OurRedeemerChurchPreschool>

NEEDS!!! We always need snack and paper products. The list is in the church office.

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

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are always needed to help us reach approximately 200 children! We have a Volunteer Registration Form in the church office. You can contact Kaja Mueller, #338-5626 or dce@ourredeemer.org. VBS Training Dates will be for all volunteers on Monday, June 9th (7:00 pm) and Sunday, June 12th (11:45 am); you are required to come to one of them. Kaja Mueller will be leading this hour of training. We will play a few games that you are encouraged to play with your classes and then we will get into the details of the week. A Potluck Lunch on June 12th will be for anyone who wants to stay after late worship and help set up for the week of VBS. June 12th. You don't need to even be a leader in any way to help out. Just help move tables and set up decorations! The more hands the merrier.

SPONSORSHIP

Please consider sponsoring a child for Vacation Bible School (VBS). Each \$10 in sponsorship will help one child receive the music CD, crafts, snack, and a free Bible if they do not have one at home.

We focus each year on regularly reading God’s Word from the Bible. At least 65% of the children who attend our VBS are non-members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church & Preschool, and often many may not have a Bible at home. Our VBS outreach event helps us to reach many children from our congregation and the community (approximately 200 children total).

Your Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City/Zip: _____
 Phone#: _____
 Email: _____



Number of Children you would like to sponsor: ____
 (Suggested donation of \$10/child)

Amount You Are Donating _____

Please return sponsorship to the church office. *Thank You! We ask you to also remember to pray for these children during the week of VBS. Thank you for your support!*

HELP!

Youth Happenings

FOOD DONATIONS STILL NEEDED FOR GRAD BREAKFAST!

13 Breakfast Casseroles 2 Gallons of Milk 2 Gallons of Orange Juice

Sign up in the church office.



Graduation Breakfast

for Our Redeemer's graduating high school seniors

Sunday, May 15th

9:15 am—10:15 am

Fellowship Hall

Open to the entire congregation

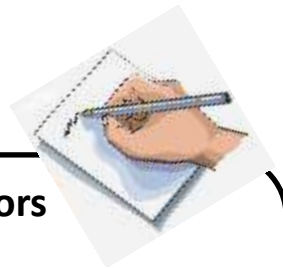
CLASS OF 2016

Devyn Alt Ryan Bruckman
Mark Becker Morgan Kimball
Sarah Benson Noah Siems
Jenna Bower

Blessing Books for Seniors



Please sign the graduate books in the narthex - add a message of encouragement,



**Looking for a babysitter?
Sign your kids up for
Parents' Night Out!**

WHEN: Saturday, May 14th from 5:00—8:00 pm

WHERE: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

COST: Freewill donation (*this is a fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering*)

WHAT WILL YOUR KIDS BE DOING? There will be indoor activities, outside play time (weather permitting) and a story time. Dinner will be provided.

Denise Schwarting and Kara Hartwig are the adult leaders.

Money raised goes to support the youth who are going to the National Youth Gathering this summer.

Sign up in the church office.

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

Chaperone Meeting

Sun, May 15th

12:00—1:00 pm

Board Room

Participants & Chaperones Meeting

parents don't need to attend

Weds, May 25th

6:30—7:30 pm

Fellowship Hall



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.