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Reflections

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church And Preschool

Weekly Newsletter - May 13/14, 2017

~ Fifth 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.

Her children rise up and call her blessed…

Proverbs 31:28 ESV

BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

Lucille Grace Mueller
Saturday, May 13, 2017
5:30 pm

Parents
Aaron Paul Mueller
Kaja Marie Heinecke Mueller

Sponsors
Tom & Hanni Cowley

Maryn Sue Nieland
Sunday, May 14, 2017
10:30 am

Parents
Eric Allen Nieland
Rachel Sue Curry Nieland

Sponsors
Ryan Nieland
Stefani Dimas

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.

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

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.

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

The whole congregation is invited to attend.

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

Everyone is invited to Grace Hartwig's
Graduation open house
from 3:00 pm—7:00 pm
Sunday, May 21, 2017 in the Fellowship Hall

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.

Beginning this weekend, you will have the opportunity to sign up to represent Our Redeemer Lutheran Church by volunteering to serve our community on June 4. Below is a list of agencies who need our assistance with descriptions of volunteer activities:

Briarwood

Play bean bag toss/bowling game with residents.

Crisis Center

Putting river rock around the border areas of the Crisis Center

Domestic Violence Shelter

Yard work

Elder Services

Many individual yards need clean-up

Harvest Preserve Foundation

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

Hope Lodge

Dusting, vacuuming, cleaning kitchen, etc.

Housing Fellowship

Light yard work and mulching. Youth welcome. If rain, then canceled.

Iowa City Rehabilitation and Health Care Center

Sing music, play bingo or other games, and visiting with residents

NO 10:30 AM SERVICE JUNE 4!

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR ADULT CLASS

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**

SCHEDULE FOR CHRIST CARES

8:00 –9:00am	**Worship**
9:00-9:30am	**Dismissal & travel to site**
9:30-11:30am	**Volunteer at site**
11:30am-Noon	**Travel back to church**
Noon	**Meal**

Lantern Park

Painting resident's nails and games.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Help with lunch in Fellowship Hall and make cards

Ronald McDonald House

Prepare and make crockpot meal for residents to be cooked later.

Secrest 1883 Octagonal Barn

Painting and other restoration projects

Sign up in the narthex!

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 !!

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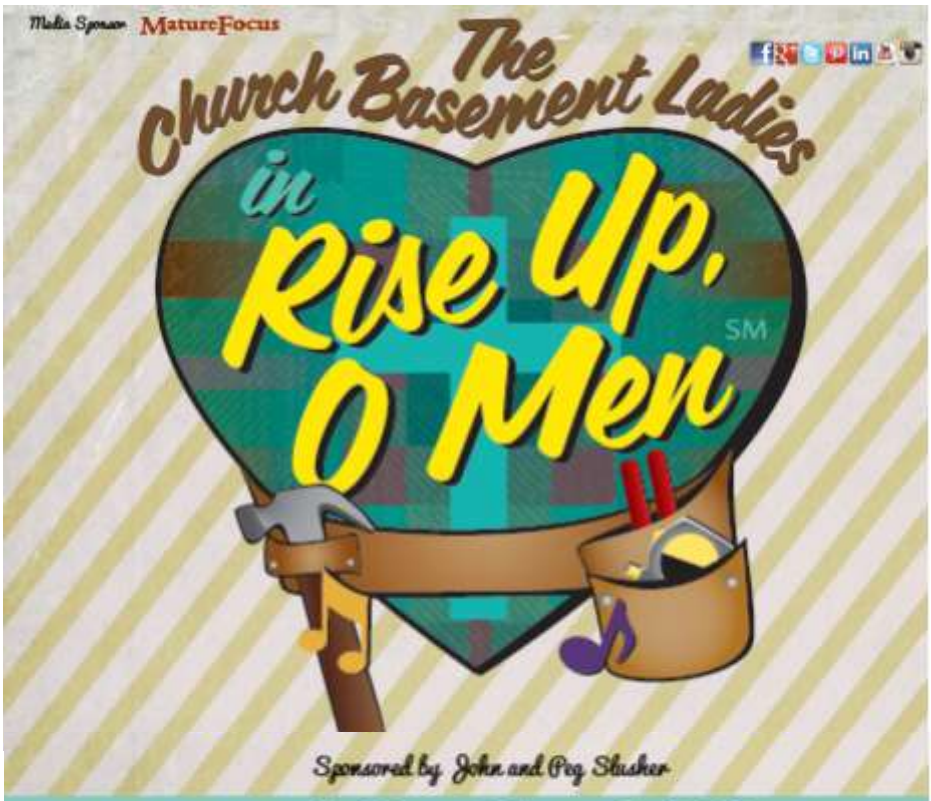
May 25
7:00—9:00 pm
Board Room

Bring your questions—
Stump the Vicar!



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 Grosch; Music by Dennis Curley; Lyrics by Dennis Curley, Greta Grosch; Additional Material by Graydon Royce; Inspired by the books of Janet Letnes Martin and Susann Nelson including the best-seller Growing Up Lutheran.

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 Fruendt at dcfruendt@msn.com. Deadline to get the group tickets is May 28.

HELP!

FOOD DONATIONS STILL NEEDED FOR GRAD BREAKFAST!

- 4 Breakfast Casseroles
- 4 lbs grapes
- 2 watermelon
- 2 cantaloupes

Sign up in the Narthex.

Thanks for your support!

SUMMER MUSIC
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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.

June 19—23, 2017 from 9-11:45am

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

Key Bible Verse: "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 15:57

At Mighty Fortress, kids learn that God is their refuge and strength. Friends may fail them. They may not ace their test or make the team, but God promises to be their rock and their salvation—their fortress and sure defense. So raise your banner! In Jesus, the victory is won!

Registration is open—children age 3 years (potty trained) through current 7th graders are invited to VBS. 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/OurRedeemeerChurchPreschool

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

VOLUNTEERS

We need a Game Leader, Trail Guides for each class, people to help with crafts, snacks, games, and in all our classes. Volunteers are always needed to help us reach approximately 200 children! All volunteers 18 years and older will need to complete a Background Check before VBS starts.

There will be a mandatory meeting for all volunteers on June 11 immediately following 10:30 am service. Her contact information is the.roiselands@gmail.com.

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!*

Our Redeemer Preschool Weekly Newsletter

May 8 -12, 2017

P is for Pentecost

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

P is for Pentecost! Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to His disciples and tongues of flames were upon their heads. They were able to speak in different languages to the people and 3,000 people were baptized that day! The children learned that they have the Holy Spirit with them, as well, to help them be brave to share the good news about Jesus with others!

CRAFTS

Growing Green Beans
Pig Puppet
Mother's Day Craft

READING CENTER

Click, Clack, Moo, Cows That Type –Doreen Cronin
Down on the Farm-Merrily Kutner
Farm Alphabet Book-Jane Miller
If You Give a Pig a Pancake-Laura Numeroff
My Farm Book-Annie Ingle
Over the Farm-Chris Gunson
The Pig's Picnic –Helen Moore
Pony-See How They Grow-Mary Ling

SCIENCE CENTER

There has been lots of excitement in and around our science center this week. The butterflies emerged from their chrysalids and have been busy strengthening their wings. We will release them next Monday and Tuesday.

SENSORY TABLE

Corn with farm animals

SNACK NEXT WEEK

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

Monday: Hazel
Tuesday: Asher
Wednesday: Abby
Thursday: Ingrid
Friday: Emily

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

*May 17th & 18th—Field Trip walk to HyVee to their outdoor garden! We will leave at 10:45 am. Anyone is welcome to join us.

*May 25th & 26th—Last days of Preschool!

A final program will begin at 11:45am in the church sanctuary upstairs. An optional lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

THANK YOU to

Mr. Steve, Samuel's dad, who shared with us some special music on his electric guitar! The kids enjoyed singing songs (*Jesus Loves Me & Old MacDonald Had a Farm)* and hearing all the different things that an electric guitar can do.

THANK YOU to Mr. Doug from Mercy Hospital who talked to us about bike and helmet safety!

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

Sunday, 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)

Reminder: VBS includes everyone through 8th grade (7th grade graduates)
High schoolers, including 8th grade graduates, are encouraged to contact Tiffany Roiseland (the.roiselands@gmail.com or 719-217-3522) or Kara Hartwig to volunteer.

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 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.