



Reflections



**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
And Preschool**

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Weekly Newsletter - September 3/4 2016

~ Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~

TRAVEL THE HOLY LAND WITH PASTOR!!



Meeting next week in the sanctuary!

ISRAEL: THE LAND OF MILK AND HONEY

September 11-18, October 2-9, November 13-December 18

Sunday Mornings (9 sessions)

9:30 am - 10:15 am

The Holy Land has a long and varied history. The Patriarchs, the Judges, the Kings, the divided nation, the Assyrian exile, the Babylonian exile, and the homecoming of Judah under Cyrus the Persian, which is the majority of the Old Testament, happened between the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River. This same land is the background for Jesus' ministry.

For two weeks in August, Pastor Hartwig traveled to Israel as a part of his doctorate classwork.

Throughout the autumn and winter months, he will share with the congregation what he learned and intertwine that with God's Word.

This Bible study will feature what he saw throughout each day in the Holy Land. Some discussion topics could include: Bethlehem, Jericho, Qumran, Dead Sea, Negev, Galilee, Golan, Capernaum, Mount of Beatitudes, Caesarea Philippi, Nimrod's Castle, Mount of Olives, Sanhedrin tombs, Jaffa Gate, Hezekiah's Wall, Dead Sea Scrolls, Western Wall, Bethesda and the Chapel of the Holy Sepulcher.

Join Molly Christensen, LCMS nurse missionary to Madagascar in the fellowship hall at 9:30 am

She will work with the Lutheran Church of Madagascar to provide healthcare and share the gospel with the Malagasy people. Molly will also provide community health education, and coordinate short term teams to set up clinics in rural villages. Molly will be sharing more about missions in Madagascar with us during Bible study. Please join us to hear more about the Lord's work in this part of the world!

Coffee and treats are in the fellowship hall!



RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 11

Potluck after 10:30 Service

Fall Youth Kickoff

All 6th—12th graders and parents

1:00 pm (see page 7)



MIDWEEK CLASSES START

September 14

Meal at 6:00 pm

Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm

Kids Club, Confirmation 6:45 pm

Adult Class 7:00 pm



Lutheran World Relief Kits—Here is a list of what is needed or there are lists of the items needed for the kits on the card table across the kitchen to take in your purse when shopping the ‘good’ sales. Please only donate the listed items, nothing extra, and place in blue tubs across from the kitchen to be counted later.

School Kits (all new)

Many things have been donated for the school kits. Things still needed are:

- 30cm/inches rulers
- Pencil sharpeners
- BLUNT scissors
- 2 ½’ erasers



Approximate cost to ship one School Kit overseas is \$1.40.

Though we don’t plan to ship any baby kits this fall, pick up long and short sleeved gown and/or sleepers without feet when you see them as we always run short of these. T-shirts and tops/pants sets go pretty fast, too, because we can substitute the tops/pants sets for the sleepers.

Personal Care Kits

Needed for each kit:

- One light-weight bath-sized towel (between 20”x40” and 52”x27”), dark color preferred
- Two bath-size bars soap in original wrappings, any brand (4-5oz)
- One adult sized toothbrush in wrapping or from multipacks with each in a business sized envelope
- One sturdy comb
- One metal nail clippers



Approximate cost to ship one Personal Care Kit overseas is \$2.65.



CAMP IO-DIS-E-CA

Items needed for the Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca ingathering for the LWML Fall Retreat are:

- Paper towels
- Paper napkins
- Toilet paper
- Postage stamps
- Laundry detergent

Place these in the blue tub across from the kitchen by August 8.

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.



Tuesday / Thursday Preschool class is FULL!

A waiting list will be starting

Yeah for Preschool!

I pray that you had some great quality time with your family this summer. I know my family sure enjoyed the different pace. Praise God for the enrollment to preschool this year, 24 students enrolled! 13 students will attend on M/W/F and 16 students will attend the T/TH class. Of these students there are 5 that will attend every day.

Preschool Opens September 6th!

This will be Mrs. Kate and my 4th year teaching together!
God's Richest Blessings for this school year. ~Mrs. Kaja

Bring your Kleenex boxes to the preschool! We are collecting them for the letter Bb week for activities.



We have the privilege to teach 3-5 year olds about letters, numbers, rhyming, and their Savior, Jesus Christ.

Our Redeemer Preschool

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. Please see Kaja Mueller for more information. REGISTER TODAY! Contact preschool@ourredeemer.org or 319-338-3949.

Evangelicals and a Culture of Life

Lutherans For Life Fall Conference
Zion Lutheran Church
201 First Avenue, Hiawatha, Iowa
Saturday, September 17, 2016 at 2:00 pm

Free and
open to all



On September 17, 2016, seminarian/currently Vicar Aaron Spratt will give us some food for thought on “evangelicals” and life issues. In this election year, the term “evangelical” is in many headlines. How do we as LCMS members relate to that term? It is most often seen in the legal name of many of our congregations, but society has changed. How does that affect us?

Seminarian Spratt served as vicar at Immanuel, Iowa Falls, and St. John’s, Hubbard, this past year. Prior to becoming a LCMS member and enrolling at Concordia Theological Seminary, Spratt and his wife had a difficult faith journey that included several “evangelical” churches. His experience is first-hand, and he will be sure to enlighten you with his presentation.

Sunday School Teachers Needed

No, summer is not over, but we are already looking for Sunday School teachers for the fall. We are looking for people who enjoy teaching kids, and who have a loving respect for God's Word. We are asking for a commitment from September through May. A Sunday School teacher will receive two trainings a year from Pastor, various emails, and open communication from the directors. Please prayerfully consider being a Sunday School teacher!

Contact Kelli Kucera at kellikucera@yahoo.com. Or contact the church office at 338-5626.

Teachers Needed for: Kindergarten

Sunday School materials will start being handed out Sunday August 21st. Contact Kelli Kucera with questions.



CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY – PHOTO UPDATE

The Assimilation Committee is offering photo sessions to take pictures for the member directory. Perhaps you've never had your photo taken or would like to have a new one. You will also have the opportunity to update contact information listed in the directory.



An Assimilation committee member will be available in the library immediately following each of the three services on the weekends of September 17 & 18 and October 8 & 9. The member directory is a very helpful tool for putting names and faces together, so stop by and have your photo taken!

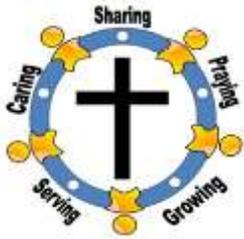
Kids Club

Classes Start on
September 14th at 6:45pm

* 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 Kaja Mueller dce@ourredeemer.org or #338-5626.

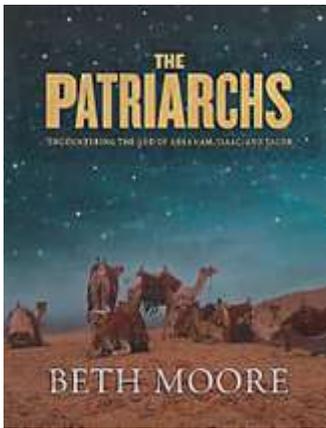




Upcoming Events for Small Group Ministry ...

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.*

Sign up in
the church
office!



The Patriarchs: Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob - provides an in-depth women's Bible study of Genesis 12-50. Discover God's pursuit of a relationship with man, and marvel as His plan to bless all people unfolds. Full of twists and turns, ruin and redemption, revelation and mystery this Bible study keeps participants captivated by the God who stars in it! Explore concepts such as blessing, covenant, and promise, and the bearing each has on a New Testament believer's life today.

Tuesday Mornings 9:30 am – 11:30 am

September 13, 27

October 11, 25

November 1, 15, 29

December 12

January 10, 24

February 7, 21

March 7

March 17-18 visit in Cedar Rapids

February 2, 16

OR

Thursday Evenings 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

September 15

October 6, 20

November 3, 17

December 1, 15

January 19

February 2, 16

Great Marriages Don't Just Happen--

Wouldn't it be great if "happily ever after" really were the end of the story?

Great marriages require intentionality and investment—just like a garden that must be watered in order to grow. FamilyLife's Weekend to Remember getaway offers:

- Biblically-based insights from top speakers and marriage experts.
- Relaxing alone time to rediscover the reasons you fell in love, free from distractions
- Helpful tools, projects, and resources for an immediate impact on your marriage.

Make plans now to attend the Weekend to Remember at the Cedar Rapids Marriott on November 4-6, 2016. There is a BOGO deal from September 6th -19th for couples to attend the conference for \$149.99 which is even cheaper than our group rate. Our group name is ORLC. Be sure to pick up a flyer in the church office for more details or talk to Denise Holida at smallgroups@ourredeemer.org with any questions.

Join The Crisis Center Team!

Here is your chance to volunteer in The Crisis Center's Food Bank or answer the 24-Hour Crisis Line/Chat/Text.

Volunteer Applications are due Friday, September 9th in order to be part of the next orientation for new volunteers. Link: <http://jccrisiscenter.org/pages/get-involved/volunteer.php>

Individuals must be at least 16 years old to work in the **Food Bank** without the supervision of a parent, grandparent, guardian or other adult companion.

Intense and rigorous training to become a **Crisis Intervention volunteer** prepares you to handle a wide range of issues and those in need for both 24-Hour Crisis Line volunteers and Crisis Chat specialists.

Special Needs: Volunteers fluent in a second language, particularly Spanish, French, Arabic

If you have questions about the application process or our volunteer needs please email at admin@jccrisiscenter.org or by phone at (319) 351-2726 ext. 106.



You are invited to the Annual Meeting of Lutheran Family Service which will take place on Thursday, September 29th at the Lutheran Family Service Office in Urbandale, 6200 Aurora Avenue, Suite 410W Urbandale, IA 50322 beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Plan to join with other Iowa Lutherans to celebrate God's historic and current work through LFS with a presentation of the year in review.

Also, please accept this special invitation from us to attend our 1st Annual Fundraising Dinner, with featured topic, Embryo Rescue. Our guest speaker will be Kimberly Tyson. Kimberly is the Marketing & Snowflakes Director, Embryo Adoption Awareness Center in Loveland, Colorado. Snowflakes matches adoptive couples with couples who have frozen embryos to donate.

The fundraising dinner will be held this same afternoon after the Annual Meeting; to start at 6:30 p.m. at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 8301 Aurora Avenue, Urbandale, IA 50322. Sign up at <http://lfsiowa.org/events/lfs-1st-annual-fund-raising-dinner/> or call 515-251-4900.

2017 Coffee Calendar is in the office.
Sign your group up now!

Pick up your Equipping Book
in the narthex

Summer IDE Today is available on the Welcome Center, the office counter, and the wire rack outside the office.



Building Healthy Families: Parenting has never been an easy job, but it is arguably harder today than ever before. Getting kids back into school routines after taking the summer off is also challenging. Is there a young family God has put in your path through your work, school, church, neighborhood or family? Take some time this week to connect with them to see how they are doing. Offer to help. With your parenting experience and a bit of your time, you may be their answer to prayer!

Lutheran Family Service
(319) 393-1000



LWML FALL
RETREAT

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
September 9 - 10

“God’s Plan for Salvation: Everyone Prepared-Everyone Saved” Colossians 3:2

The LWML Fall Retreat will be Friday and Saturday, September 9 and 10 with check-in beginning at 1:00 pm. Join other LWMLers for servant events, devotions, Bible study and speakers. Registration is available online or on the LWML table across from the kitchen.

LWML SALAD POTLUCK

Monday, September 19

6:00 pm

Oskaloosa District Convention Report
Fall Rally Planning

Hostesses will provide drinks and bread,

Youth Happenings



ALL MIDWEEK CLASSES START
1st night of Confirmation classes and High School Midweek

September 14th

Meal at 6:00pm

Classes at 6:45pm

High School Midweek Study:

"Starting at the End: Worldview, God's Word & Your Future" by Brad Alles (NYG 2016 speaker)

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION 6th, 7th and 8th Graders and Parents

- Bring your calendars to add dates and check your availability for the Acolyte schedule
- Be prepared to sign up for conference times
- Be ready to be fitted for an Acolyte robe
- Bring emergency contact information **and your child's health insurance card**

HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION 9th - 12th Graders and Parents

- Bring your calendars to add dates and check your availability
- Bring emergency contact information **and your child's health insurance card**
- Learn more about the IDW Youth Gathering in Des Moines in November
- Sign up for volunteer opportunities to earn service hours for school or scouts



The **Newsboys** w/special speaker

Bob Lenz (who has been an NYG speaker for several Youth Gatherings)



will be in **Cedar Rapids** at the US Cellular Center

on **Sun, Dec. 11th** at 6:00 pm

Our Redeemer is getting a group of youth as well as their family and friends together to go.

Group Ticket Price: **\$23.00** per person (includes tax)

Payment must be turned into the church office by **Mon, Sept. 12th** to get this group rate.

Checks should be made payable to "Our Redeemer" with "Newsboys" on the memo line.

Any questions, contact Kara at youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org

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.