



Reflections



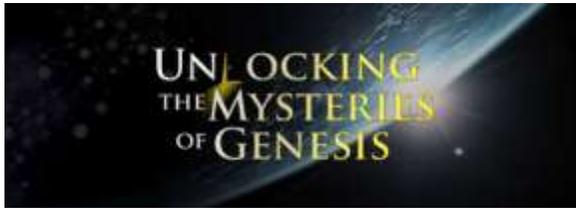
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
And Preschool

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Weekly Newsletter - October 21/22, 2017

~ Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost ~



October 15, 22, November 5
November 18-December 10
Sunday Mornings
9:30 am-10:15 am
Fellowship Hall

Targeted to the millennial generation, *Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis* supports a Biblical worldview with empirical scientific evidence and offers defensible answers to some of the most provocative and controversial questions of faith and science. Through interviews with leading experts, on-location investigations, insights from cutting-edge research, dynamic animation, and stunning visuals. *Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis* takes viewers on a memorable journey through some of the most fascinating topics in creation science.



Katie's
P A N T R Y
Established 1525

Please **SIGN UP TODAY** in the narthex to participate in our celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation on October 29th. After late service, we will be celebrating with a German meal based on food found in Katie Luther's pantry. Among other things, the meal will feature bratwurst, chicken schnitzel, German potato salad, spaetzel, and beer. Signing up helps the cooks know how much food to prepare for all the guests.

Toward the end of the meal, enjoy a skit about Martin and Katie Luther.

Please have food donations here by Saturday, October 28 at noon.



Wear red for Reformation
on October 28/29

Stephen Ministers Care

When was the last time someone really listened to you? We're talking about that undistorted, full-attention kind of listening. That's one of the ways Stephen Ministers care for others.



Will you consider serving in this way? If you have questions about Stephen Ministry, either plan to attend an informational session on **Tuesday, October 24 at 7 pm** in the Fellowship Hall or call one of the Stephen Leaders. Applications are available in the church office.

STEPHEN LEADERS

Rev. Brent Hartwig	338-5626
Bill Benson	517-881-9848
Marcia Hulse	351-7059
Kathy Schweer	466-3084
Kevin Sellers	631-8924



CEDAR RAPIDS
FOLLIES

March 25, 2018

2:00 pm

Paramount

Cedar Rapids

*Last
chance*



I will be ordering tickets on or about October 23. Price is yet to be determined. If you would like to join us for the Follies, please advise Bob Lentfer by October 23 by calling 338-8996.

Your local Stub Hub,
Bob

BAPTISM



Noah Allen Christensen
Saturday, October 21, 2017
5:30pm

Parents

Tyler Carl Christensen
Krista Kae Farnsworth

Sponsors

Alex Sullivan
Brooke Christensen

ONE LORD
ONE FAITH
ONE BAPTISM

THINKING OF PLANS FOR
SPRING BREAK (2018)?



Would you like to serve in Latin America? The Mission Comm. has chosen the site of our international mission trip for next year. Lord willing, we plan to travel to Panama to support the LCMS missionary family of Pastor Gauthier. Tentative dates are March 10th to 17th. Talk to Mission Committee member for more information and pray "God's will be done" regarding your plans.



Coffee Serving 2018
Sign your group up to serve coffee in 2018 today! The new schedule is on the counter in the office.



TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Sunday, October 22, 2017

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

With optional Potluck Dinner to follow

What is a Trunk-or-Treat? It's when several congregational members and committees get together at church, park their cars in the parking lot, open up the trunks of their cars, and kids come to each car to Trunk-or-Treat. We will be opening our Fellowship Hall for a potluck dinner at 5:00 pm.



Signups are in the office:

1. Register children to be Trick-or-Treaters
2. Register your car, mini-van, or truck to give out candy. Vehicles should be decorated with a unique theme. Make sure you bring enough candy or treats for everyone. You don't have to have children to register your vehicle.
3. Register if you can bring something to share.

Join us for this fun event and invite friends!

Do you Knit or Crochet?

We could you use your skills to make a blanket for one of our graduating high school seniors.



We need you to knit or crochet a twin size afghan (4 feet by 6 feet) personalized with the graduate's high school colors. We ask you to donate your time and the yarn for this project.

The blankets need to be completed by May 2018 for the Graduate Breakfast. We also ask that you be present for this graduation celebration.

There are 7 seniors in the Class of 2018.

If you can help, please sign up in the church office. Questions? Contact Kara Hartwig.

Our Redeemer's Human Care Committee

has enlisted a group of volunteers who may be willing to help you with a small job should you not be able to do it. These would be of short duration such as:

- Rides to the doctor, bank, drugstore
- Very light lawn or house work for someone during recovery after a hospital stay
- Tech support for computer
- Provide a meal after a hospital stay
- Move a piece of furniture
- Change light bulbs, etc.

Lawn mowing, snow-shoveling, and other heavy jobs or jobs that take a long time will probably not be something we can do.

So, if you need a little assistance or you would like to help in these areas, call Dave Hintze at 351-5873 and we will see what we may be able to do for you.





October 26

7-9 pm

Room 208

The word theology is derived from two Greek words: *Theos* (God) and *Logos* (work, speech, or reason). Therefore, theology in its simplest terms is rational discussion about God.

In *Wittenberg vs. Geneva*, Brian Thomas provides a Biblical defense of the key doctrines that have divided the Lutheran and Reformed traditions for nearly five centuries.

To get to the heart of the matter, Pastor Thomas focuses solely upon those crucial scriptural texts that have led Lutheran and Reformed scholars down different paths to disparate conclusions as he spars with popular Calvinist theologians from the past and the present.



FUNDRAISING NIGHT

Help support

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**at the Panera Bread bakery-cafe at
1646 Sycamore Street, Iowa City, IA 52240**

Present this flyer when you dine with us on
Wednesday, November 15, 2017, and we'll donate a portion of the
proceeds from your purchase to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.
It's a handcrafted, delicious meal, all for a great cause!

Learn more about Fundraising Nights at Panera Bread at:
www.PaneraBread.com/fundraiser

Panera Bread® Gift Card and Panera Catering purchases are excluded from this event.
Rapid Pick-Up orders placed online may count for this event if receipt is presented to a manager or cashier.
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FUNDRAISING NIGHT

Vision 2020 Fundraiser

Enjoy eating out? Dine out for Vision 2020!

Take the flyer above or one from the office and eat at Panera at 1646 Sycamore Street, Iowa City on Wednesday, November 15 between 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm. A portion of the proceeds from your purchase will be donated to Our Redeemer for Vision 2020. If you are willing to order separately, take more than one flyer. The more we use, the higher the percentage of sales Our Redeemer will receive.

Our Redeemer Preschool Weekly Newsletter

October 16-20, 2017

Dinosaur Week



Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller Assistants, Sara Cross & Sheena White
Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949 www.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org preschool@ourredeemer.org

Letter Aa Number 2 Two M.W.F = 18 children T.TH = 14 children

In our **JESUS TIME**, we talked about how Abraham and Sarah received a gift from God. They received a baby boy when they were very old. A gift from God sometimes requires a lot of patience and waiting. We see many times in the Bible how God surprises people by blessing them in many different ways. We received an amazing blessing from God, the gift of eternal life through Christ Jesus.

CRAFT this week was eye dropper maple leaves and building a dinosaur out of shapes.

Our **LEARNING CENTERS** have been filled with dinosaurs and animals.

Our **LIBRARY** is filled with our pumpkin and dinosaur books.

During our **TEACHER TIME**, your child worked on the letter Aa. Assessments will continue during this time for parent teacher conferences.

T-shirts will be for sale anytime throughout this year for \$7. Please ask if you would like one.



Thank you to all who ordered books through Scholastic. Remember, you help our class earn FREE books and supplies with every order. Thank you for supporting your child's reading both at home and in the classroom!



Aa (To Down by the Station)

A is for Alice, who met an alligator, swishing down the alleyway on Apple Avenue. "Shoo!" said Alice, "I'm allergic to all gators: Ah-choo! Ah-choo!" Off she flew.

October

(Tune: London Bridge)

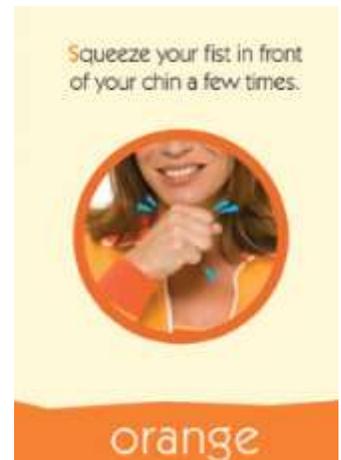
Autumn leaves are falling down,
falling down, falling down,
Autumn leaves are falling down,
to the earth below.
Watch them as they dance and whirl,
dance and whirl, dance and whirl
Watch them as they dance and whirl
It's autumn time!



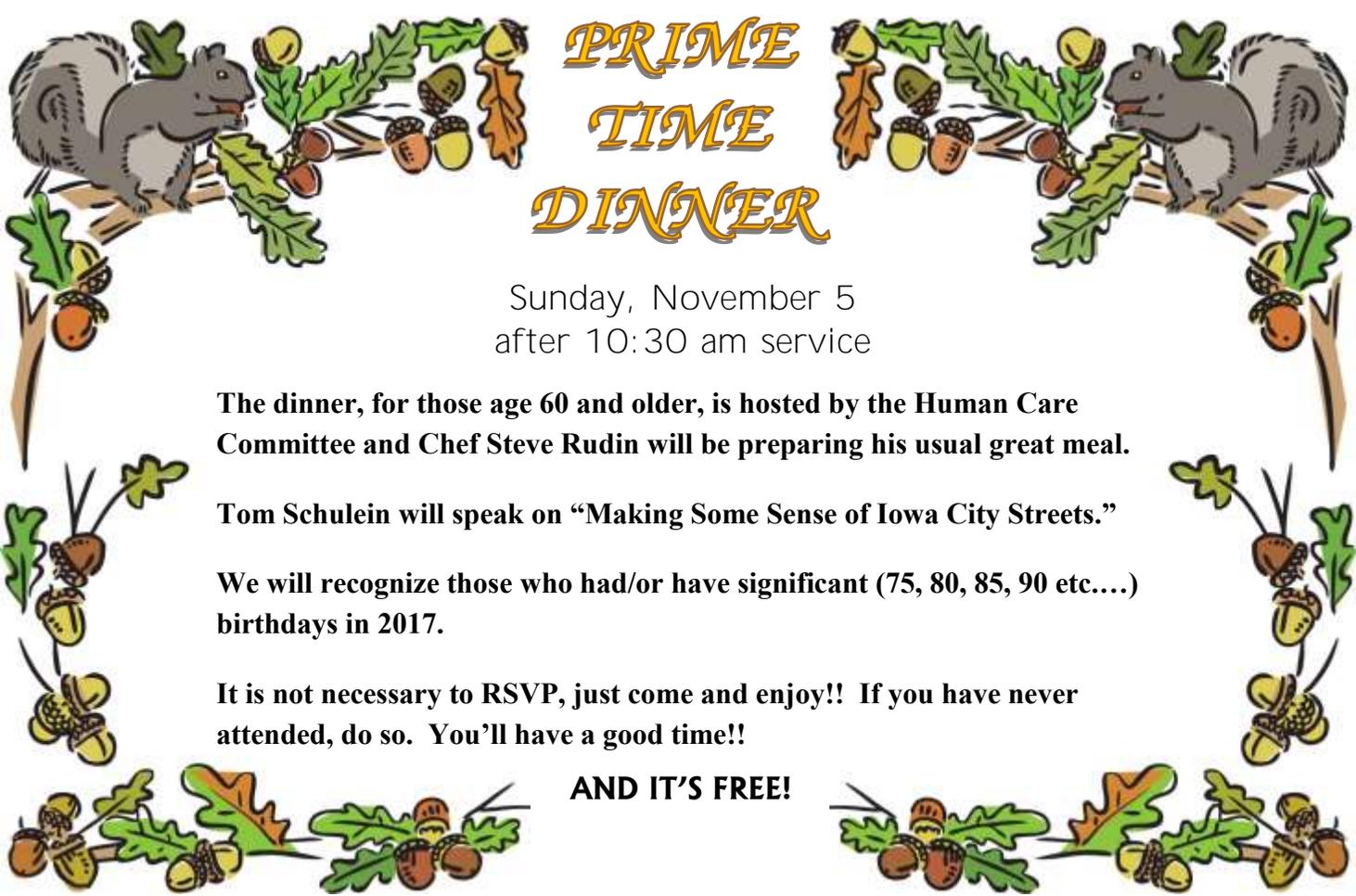
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Big line
Big line
Little line



There is a box outside the preschool where you can drop off items. If it is a larger item, please contact Kaja Mueller, Director. Preschool will receive 50% of the profit from these donated items that are sold at Stuff. All items given to Stuff will be a donation if they cannot sell them. If desired, you can make an appointment on your own and donate up to two storage tubs full of items on your own. *Consigner No. #38168*



PRIME TIME DINNER

Sunday, November 5
after 10:30 am service

The dinner, for those age 60 and older, is hosted by the Human Care Committee and Chef Steve Rudin will be preparing his usual great meal.

Tom Schulein will speak on “Making Some Sense of Iowa City Streets.”

We will recognize those who had/or have significant (75, 80, 85, 90 etc....) birthdays in 2017.

It is not necessary to RSVP, just come and enjoy!! If you have never attended, do so. You'll have a good time!!

AND IT'S FREE!



An Old Time Gospel Music Sing-A-Long and Jam Session hosted by the band “Heavens Callin’” that includes Kevin Kaufmann, Skip and Marilyn Kempnich will be held on Saturday, October 28 from 3-4:30 pm at UpTown Bill’s, 730 S. Dubuque, Iowa City. Bring your voices, instruments, family, friends. Join the fun or sit back and enjoy listening.



All
Saints
Sunday

ALL SAINTS DAY RECOGNITION

Please send the church office names of people who have died since All Saints Day in 2016 (November) and that you would like to have recognized on November 5, along with their date of death and their relation to you. Church members that have died will also go on the list. Please have these to 338-5626 or redemer@ourredeemer.org by **October 30**.

FLOWER CALENDAR

Flower calendars have moved to the bulletin board in the hallway next **to the bride’s room.**



The 2018 calendar is now available for those would like to get their Sunday early.

Invest for the future and save money for the church at the same time!

Our Redeemer saves money on the loan that will be assumed when the major construction gets underway if we can produce at least 70 investors from the congregation. Not only are the loan fees waived by attaining the first level (worth at least \$7500 in savings), but depending on the tier, a rebate on the loan rate saves money over the life of the loan.

Below is a chart that shows the number of investors needed for each rebate level. Currently there are 46 investors and 24 more would be needed to reach level one.

Shared Blessings Rebate %	Eligibility Threshold	Total Investors Required	Investors Needed
0.250%	7.5%	70	24
0.375%	15%	139	93
0.500%	25%	231	185

Investments have very competitive rates, particularly for the young investors or first time investors. See chart to the left. As little as \$25 opens an account for your kids or grandkids. Even if the grandkids do not go to Our Redeemer they count—just list Our Redeemer as the member congregation. Each child counts as one investor and husband and wife count as two on either a joint account or if they choose to invest separately.

There are brochures with application forms in the office or online at lcef.org. Carole White (card below) can answer further questions.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund
where investments build ministry

Carole White
Vice President

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carole.white@lcef.org

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Lutheran Church Extension Fund
where investments build ministry

Investment Interest Rates - Sept. 2017			
MINIMUM	TERM	RATE	APY
Young Investors (Y.I.) StewardAccount® (portion of balance over \$1,000 earns second-tier rate)			
\$25-\$1,000	---	3.500%	3.557%
Over \$1,000	---	1.000%	1.005%
PartnerPLUS Term Note-Fixed			
\$500-\$25,000	2 yrs.	2.000%	2.015%
\$500-\$25,000	4 yrs.	2.500%	2.524%
Over \$25,000	2 & 4 yrs.	1.000%	1.005%
Family Emergency StewardAccount			
\$25	---	1.000%	1.005%
ConnectPLUS Term Note-Fixed			
\$500-\$5,000	2 yrs.	3.000%	3.034%
Over \$5,000	---	1.000%	1.004%

10733 Sunset Office Drive, Suite 300
St. Louis, MO 63127-1020
800-843-5233
lcef.org

For online applications, click on Fast Form at lcef.org.



We have several openings for ushers in both early and late services. All males (high school and older) are asked to consider taking an usher position. You usher one service, once a month. If interested in early service see or call Dave Freundt (338-5546). If interested in late service see or call Dave Hintze (351-5873). Thanks in advance for volunteering.

OCTOBER LIBRARY NEWS:

If you look in the library, you will see **CHANGES** taking place. There will soon be two library locations. We have already divided resource materials. Those that pertain to Adult Education, now reside in the new Adult Education Room. A check out system will soon be ready.



OVERDUE NOTICES have been placed in your communication mail boxes. If you find one there, it is urgent that you get those overdue materials returned as soon as possible.

After **NOVEMBER 1ST**, No more checking out materials from the main library, until further notice.

We will soon be packing all library materials for temporary storage. That will take place the week before Thanksgiving. When our renovation is complete, the library will be back up and running as soon as we are given the OK.

Please hold off donating materials, until further notice. Monetary gifts, however, are much needed and welcomed. Our funds are low, so by the time our new library is all set up, it will be nice to be able to purchase new materials.

Don't forget, if you have any supplies stored in the library, it is urgent that you find new places for them.

Thank you so much for your continued support of the Our Redeemer library. We pray our Narthex/Chapel/Library renovation will generate much excitement. Praise God as we *"put on our new self."*

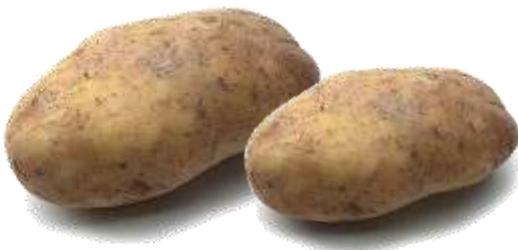
Rita Johnson, Librarian
johnsonrk@mchsi.com
319-358-8972
Communication Box #153



Adopt a Trophy



Along with the need for committees to claim and relocate what they have stored in the library before renovation, the plants and trophies must relocate. If you can make a home for one of the library plants or would like any of the trophies, please have a look and take what you would like. Items not adopted will be thrown away.



POTATO DISTRIBUTION

St. Mark's United Methodist Men will distribute approximately 42,000 pounds of potatoes to needy families and households on Saturday, November 11th, from 9 am to noon at the Salvation Army, 1116 Gilbert Court, Iowa City. For more information, contact St. Mark's United Methodist Church at 337-7201 or Art Kistler at 337-4415.

What are you going to do next?



We're going to Walt Disney World. July 2018
Join the Hartwig family at Disney for several days of fun.

There will be a TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm for anyone who thinks they may be interested in the July 15-21 Disney trip. If you are unable to attend and think you may have an interest, please speak to Pastor as soon as possible.



Building Healthy Families: God is the Lord and Giver of Life at all ages and stages. Yet many countries and six of our United States have now legalized Physician's Assisted Suicide, allowing a person with a terminal illness to receive a lethal, life-ending prescription medication from their physician to end life on their own terms. Iowa is targeted as one of the next states to consider this legislation. Guised in soft words such as compassion and self-determination, this practice cruelly exploits the fear of suffering and the frustration felt when we cannot restore to health those whom we love. It not only usurps authority that belongs to God, but also opens a wide door to abuse of frail and dependent elderly, disabled adults and children and those with mental illness. It also puts insurance companies in the position of withholding life-saving treatment for anyone because the "cheapest" treatment for anyone will always be death. LFS is committed to educating others about this critical, emerging issue. Contact Rev. Jim Lamb (jlamb@LFSiowa.org) to arrange an educational event in your community.

Lutheran Family Service
Learn more at LFSiowa.org

SHARE
YOUR
MUSICAL
TALENTS!



Both choir and bell choir would love new members. **Choir** practices Wednesdays at 6:45 pm in the music room—come and join.

Bell choir polls members to find free weekends and practice times so this is not an every week commitment. Bell experience is not necessary. Ability to read music is helpful. Contact Louise Klopp to join or for more information.

Praise Team will hold three jam sessions for anyone interested—November 26, January 7 and March 4. These will all take place in the sanctuary from 12:00-1:00 pm. Come for just these sessions or come to see if you want to join the Praise Team.

*Louise Klopp 319-530-2368 or
harmoniousglass@gmail.com*

IT IS CLERGY APPRECIATION DAY!!

Clergy Appreciation Day is observed on the second Sunday in October. Originally called Clergy Appreciation Day of Honor, Hallmark Cards established this day in 1992. It is a time to recognize the work of ministers, pastors, and priests in the United States. This national day also falls in National Clergy Month, which is observed each October.



Clergy Appreciation Month is a special time that congregations set aside each year to honor their pastors and pastoral families for the hard work, sacrificial dedication and multiple blessings provided by these special people. It is typically scheduled in October, but can be held at any time that is convenient for the church and the community. It is also important to remember that appreciation, affirmation and prayer support of our spiritual leaders is appropriate throughout the entire year.

The nature of the service provided by pastors and their families is unique. God has entrusted to them one of the most precious of assignments — the spiritual well-being of His flock. When a pastor becomes ineffective, the very souls of his or her parishioners are endangered. When eternity is in the balance, we should all be concerned.

Pastors and their families live under incredible pressures. Their lives are played out in a fishbowl, with the entire congregation and community watching their every move. They are expected to have ideal families, to be perfect people, to always be available, to never be down and to have all the answers we need to keep our own lives stable and moving forward. Those are unrealistic expectations to place on anyone, yet most of us are disappointed when a pastor becomes overwhelmed, seems depressed, lets us down or completely burns out.

That's why God has instructed us to recognize His servants.

"The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching" (1 Timothy 5:17).

The good news is that we can make a difference! Clergy Appreciation Month is one way we can counter the negative erosion in the lives of our spiritual leaders with the positive affirmation they need.



On October 21 and 22, a basket is available in the narthex for cards, notes of appreciation, and small gifts for Vicar Scheele and Pastor Hartwig.

Youth Happenings

Confirmation Classes

Wednesday, October 25th at 6:45 pm

6th Grade—Small Group

EXAM—Unit 1: God's Grace to His People in Ancient Times

Exam covers Genesis through Deuteronomy. These first 5 books of the Old Testament are known as the "Books of the Law", "Books of Moses", the "Torah" and the "Pentateuch".

EXAM: Weds, October 25th (this week!)

7th Grade—Small Group

The Ten Commandments

The focus will be on the 5th and 6th Commandments and how both relate to respecting life.

MEMORY DUE: none

8th Grade—Lecture

Confession and Absolution

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

EXAM: Weds, November 2nd

High School

Rehearsals
for Youth Worship
Weekend
November 11th—12th



Confirmation and High School

Youth will be helping with all three worship services. Youth need to sign up to help serve at Youth Worship.

Confirmation Youth: Greeters and ushers

High School Youth: Youth Praise Team member (sing or play an instrument), Bible lesson readers, or skit actors

REHEARSAL DATES for High School Youth:

- Weds, Oct. 25th from 6:45 pm—8:00 pm
- Sun, Oct. 29th (following Reformation Lunch) from 2:00 pm—4:00 pm
- Weds, Nov. 1st from 6:45 pm—8:00 pm
- Sun, Nov. 5th from 5:00 pm—8:00 pm
- Weds, Nov. 8th from 6:45 pm—8:00 pm
- Sat, Nov. 11th from 3:00 pm—5:00 pm (then stay for Saturday worship @5:30 pm)
- Sun, Nov. 12th starting at 7:00 am (then stay for

Our Redeemer Youth Pie Fundraiser



Cost: \$12 per pie

- Dutch Apple
- Double Crust Apple

Due to limited freezer space at the church, please plan to purchase your pies on Sat, Nov. 11th between 11 am—12:30 pm.

Any questions? Call #319-338-5626 OR email: youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org

Saturday, November 11th
between 11:00 am—12:30 pm
in the Fellowship Hall

*The High School Youth of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church will be selling homemade **unbaked, frozen** apple pies: Dutch Apple (crumb topping) and Double Crust Apple.*

There will also be a limited quantity of peach pies available, as supplies last.

Youth Help with Pie Fundraiser

Youth Families will be making the pies on **Saturday, November 11th** from 8:00 am until 12:30 pm.

This fundraiser is for Confirmation and High School Youth (6th—12th grades).



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.