



Reflections



**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
And Preschool**

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Weekly Newsletter - November 8/9, 2014

--Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost ~

**Building
up the
Body**
through
GOD'S WORD

**Sunday Mornings
9:30 am
Fellowship Hall**

So Abraham called that place
"The Lord will provide";
as it is said to this day, "On the mount
of the Lord it shall be provided."
Genesis 22:14, NRSV



SUNDAY SCHOOL

In Sunday School this week, students will study the account of Abraham and Isaac." By God's grace, Abraham didn't have to make his sacrifice, but God did. He sacrificed His own Son so that we could have salvation. Discuss, "How do the sacrifices we make

compare with the sacrifice God made to save us from sin's punishment?"

| Date | <i>Building Up the Body— Adult</i> |
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| November 9 | Psalm 7 - 41 |
| November 16 | Psalm 42-78 |



PRIME TIME DINNER

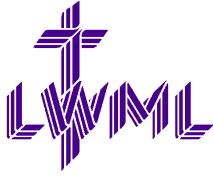
**Sunday, November 9 after late service
Fellowship Hall**

Members of Our Redeemer 60 years or older are invited to the annual **PRIME TIME DINNER** hosted by the Human Care Committee and prepared by Chef Steve Rudin with his usual culinary expertise! This is always a delicious meal and good time, and best of all, it's **FREE!** No need to RSVP, just show up! Chuck and Pam Huss will be sharing their Antarctica experience.

SEE YOU ON NOVEMBER 9!!

November LWML Monthly Meeting

"First Hand Experiences of Global Health Care" is the topic of our guest speaker, **Anita Nicholson**. Anita will be speaking about her first hand experiences of Global Health Care as a volunteer in Swaziland.



WHEN: Monday, November 17th at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

DEVOTIONS: Katherine Kelly

HOSTESSES: Marilyn Albright and Pat Sexton

****Important reminder: each of the LWML monthly meetings, retreats and special events are open to all women, age 18 and older, of Our Redeemer to attend at any time.**

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Wedding Parament

We apologize for the confusion regarding the status of the paraments. We would like to purchase a white parament with a gold cross and two wedding rings for the pulpit, and a matching stole for the pastor. We have \$430 of our needed total of \$450. If you would like to contribute, please write "wedding parament" on the memo line on your check. If you have any questions, please contact Shana Stuart (337-9465 or shanastuart21@gmail.com). Thanks.



Please visit the Lost and Found tables in the Narthex and collect anything that belongs to you. After November 16, whatever remains will be thrown or taken to Goodwill.



SNOW REMOVAL SIGNUP

Please sign up in the church office if you can help with the sidewalks at church. Having many volunteers can make this a small commitment of time and effort.

CARD SHOPPE



O Give Thanks!

Yes, thank you for supporting the LWML Card Shoppe. The clearance sale was successful and if there is room we will continue to have a clearance shelf or two.

NOW, it is autumn and our attention turns to the approaching holidays. So, please continue to give thanks by way of a card to family and friends. We have Thanksgiving cards available and will have Christmas cards in a couple of weeks. Spread the gratefulness and joy with those you love.



Iowa East District LWML is looking for a Young Woman Representative to attend the LWML National Convention in Des Moines on June 25-28, 2015. The age requirement is 22-35 years old, & the cost may be paid by the District.

If you are interested in going or have questions please call or text Melissa Mullane at 936-5827. Thank you!



The Annual LWML Guild Cookie Walk will be Saturday, December 6th, 9:00 am to 11:30. Please start pulling out your cookbooks or visiting your favorite recipe websites for the cookies you will bake. We would appreciate donations of as many cookies as possible! Workers will be needed on Friday, December 5th and/or Saturday, December 6th. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. During the week the sign-up sheets will be in the church office. Posters will be available for pick-up next week for your office bulletin board or where you shop. Proceeds from the Cookie Walk will be given to missions. Thank you for your help!

DATE CHANGED

Friday, December 19th, 2014

Members of Our Redeemer and friends gather together for food, fun, and fellowship. Our dinner will be pizza with some sides while we watch a Christmas movie. Decorating Christmas cookies, to take home and give away, will be the main activity. God's Word will be shared before the evening is done.



**RONALD MCDONALD
HOUSE CHARITIES**

Remember to 'keep tabs' on the soda can tabs or others of the same sort and place them in the large jar downstairs by the soda machine as they will go forward to support The Ronald MacDonal House. Collecting pop tabs is a great way to teach kids about philanthropy and the importance of recycling while raising funds to help children and their families at the same time. Some Chapters raise thousands of dollars with their pop tab collections – up to \$30,000. Thank you.

Event: Thrivent Annual Membership Dinner
When: November 23, 2014
Time: 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Where: Terry Trueblood Park Lodge
 579 McCollister Blvd
 Iowa City, IA

Come have dinner. Visit with other chapter members. Meet the fund raisers and recipients of Care Abounds in Communities events. Learn how the chapter members request, organize and complete events that help people in our communities.

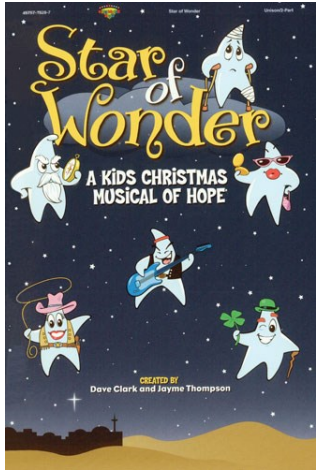
RSVP to Kevin Sellers by telephone (319-339-9804) or email (klksellers@q.com) no later than November 19th.

English with International Students

The International Student Ministry at St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel in Iowa City is in need of volunteers. This ministry works to connect native English speakers to international students with the hope they will be able to help the students improve their English skills, navigate a new culture, and most importantly, share the Word of God. There are many volunteer opportunities with this program, such as being an English conversation group leader, a conversation partner, or even participating in on-going events. For more information, please contact ISM Director Rachel Black at ismstpaul@gmail.com or (319)337-3652.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday School music time: 9:15-9:30 am. (3 years through 3rd grade) and 10:00-10:15am (4th through 8th grade) are singing the Christmas Program songs until December 14th. There is a sign up sheet in the church main office for volunteers.



We are moving along in our practicing for “Star of Wonder,” our 2014 Christmas program! Remember to reserve **Sunday, December 14th** on your calendar for the day we will perform our program after the 10:30 worship service.

The speaking parts and solos in the program have been assigned. If your child received a speaking part, you should have a script for them to begin memorizing their line(s). We will not use scripts during the program, but perform from memory.

We still need other students to fill the non-speaking roles for the program.

Here are the roles we have available for any interested students:

Stars, Angels, Shepherds, Ram, Sheep (black or white)

All of these roles will have special costumes that the children will wear for the program. If your child does not want any role, they can wear nice “Christmas” clothes for the day of the program. We will have a 12-inch “star” for them to wear on the front of their clothes if they choose (it will not hurt their clothes—no pins).

*******We will be doing a costume fitting for all students who would like a part Sunday, November 9th during Sunday School hour. *******

If you have any questions, please contact Allison Haack alliehaack@gmail.com (319-688-9513) or Kaja Mueller (338-5626).

**Due to the backlog of quilts to be tied,
please come also on Tuesday mornings until noonish to tie—whenever you can!**



Thrivent Financial is a Champion for Churches

So far this year, we have distributed more than \$23 million in grant funds to churches nationwide through the Thrivent Choice® program.

You Can Be a Champion, Too

During this season of gratitude, we're encouraging eligible Thrivent members to direct available Choice Dollars® to churches. Doing so helps provide necessary funding so churches can continue their important ministry of strengthening communities and changing lives. It's easy and just takes a few minutes. [Direct Choice Dollars Now.](#)

Polychoral Splendor

November 16, 3:00 p.m.

Adult: \$17 • Senior: \$14 • Student: Free • Purchase tickets at the door or online

First United Methodist Church, 214 East Jefferson Street

Our season kicks off with the sumptuousness of polychoral music, with its thrilling musical dialogue between multiple choirs. The church will ring with the chorus, organ and brass music of Giovanni Gabrieli to the present, including "Ye Shall Have a Song," the radiant double-choir finale to Randall Thompson's The Peaceable Kingdom.

Join us Sunday, November 16 at 3pm at First United Methodist Church in Iowa City, 214 East Jefferson Street. Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$14 for seniors, and free for students, and can be purchased online at <http://www.icchambersingers.org/tickets/> or at the door.



Patricia Morrow 333-4639 or patmor319@gmail.com will take any boxes that people would like to put together to a collection site. They will need to be at church by Monday, November 17. Instructions are below.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE

how to pack your shoebox

1 SHOEBOX

Use an empty cardboard or plastic shoebox (average size). You can wrap the box and lid separately, but wrapping is not required.

2 BOY OR GIRL

Decide whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.

3 FILL WITH GIFTS

Fill the box with a variety of quality gifts that will bring delight to a child (see Gift Suggestions).

4 INCLUDE \$7 AND SHIPPING LABEL

A donation of \$7 per box is critical to transport your gift and deliver it into the hands of a child in need.

Standard Shipping Label: Donate \$7 per box by check to Samaritan's Purse (note "OCC" on the memo line) and place it in an envelope on top of the items inside your shoebox. Print and cut out an appropriate boy/girl label from page 2 of this PDF download. Mark the correct age category and tape the label to the top of your box.*

Follow-Your-Box Shipping Label: Donate your \$7 online and discover the destination of your shoebox. We'll email you a special Follow-Your-Box label to print and use. Later, you'll receive a notification about the destination of your shoebox gift.

5 PRAY

Ask God to use your gifts to show His love to the child who will receive your shoebox.

6 DROP OFF

Place a rubber band around each shoebox and take it to the nearest drop-off point during National Collection Week, third week in November. For locations, visit samaritanspurse.org/occ, or call 1-800-353-5949.

You can also send your shoebox gift to:
Samaritan's Purse, 801 Bamboo Road,
Boone, NC 28607

* If you are preparing multiple gifts, please make one combined donation.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

ALL AGES

TOYS! Start with a central item that a child will cherish, like a beautiful doll, a deflated soccer ball with pump, or a plush stuffed animal. Then add quality items like cars, musical instruments, puzzles, jump ropes, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES such as pencils, pens, crayons, notebooks, coloring books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS such as toothbrushes, bar soap, washcloths, combs, etc.

ACCESSORIES such as socks, hats, t-shirts, flip-flops, hair bands, sunglasses, etc.

A PERSONAL NOTE and photo of you and your family/group. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.

YOUNGER CHILDREN:

Blankets, sticker and picture books, blocks, finger puppets, pages of colorful stickers.

OLDER CHILDREN:

Small tools, tape measures, sewing kits, fabric squares, etc; deflated balls with pumps and needles; solar calculators, rulers, scissors; jewelry; deodorant

DO NOT INCLUDE

used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; seeds; chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans.



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Bus Trip to Creation Museum

Ellen Bauer, a LCMS member from Waverly, IA, is planning a bus trip on December 4-7, 2014 to the Creation Museum (near Cincinnati, OH) for the ChristmasTown event they have each year. Ellen has personally been there the past two years and had this to say:

"It is really a great experience. It brings Christmas to a whole new level. They explain the culture Jesus was born into. The Magi do a drama explaining how Daniel had told them of a coming Savior and they watched for his star. There is a special theater presentation called "Christmas Star" which explains the star and how it was "God's star", not some comets crashing together etc. The Christmas lights are incredible."

Ken Ham will be lecturing at 4pm on Saturday (Buddy Davis will also be joining him). The normal hours of the museum are 10am - 6pm, but for ChristmasTown they are open until 8pm.


The bus trip includes: the bus ride (and driver's tip), three nights at the Country Inn and Suites, (the motel serves a nice breakfast) a two day pass into the Creation Museum. (Everyone can tour and enjoy the museum all day Friday and Saturday. ChristmasTown runs 5-8pm.) Two star gazer tickets (Christmas Star and Created Cosmos) and a ticket to Dr. Menton's workshop are included. Everyone is responsible for their noon and evening meal.

The price of the trip is as follows:

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| Single | \$580 | Double | \$420 | Triple | \$370 | Quad | \$340 |
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If you or your anyone in your congregation is interested in this trip, please contact Ellen Bauer at 319-352-5435 or by email: ellen.bauer@mchsi.com.

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College Care Packages

Donations Needed

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> .. Puzzle Books (word searches, Sudoku) (crossword puzzles) .. Tooth Paste/Tooth Brush .. Febreze .. Mints .. Granola Bars .. Fruit Snacks .. Stationary | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> .. Gum .. Chap Stick .. Stress Balls .. Notebooks .. Pens .. Pencils .. Cards .. Hand Sanitizer .. Stamps | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> .. Highlighters .. Scissors .. Staplers .. Pencil Sharpeners .. Toiletries .. Cleaning Supplies .. Toilet Paper .. Envelopes .. Nerf Football/Basketball | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> .. Coloring Books .. Crayons, Colored Pencils, Markers .. Band-Aids .. Words of Encouragement .. Water Flavor Packets .. Frisbees .. Etc. . . |
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Student Name: _____

College: _____ Dorm: _____

Address: _____

Apt #: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Notes to Share with Student: _____



PARISH NURSE POSITION AVAILABLE

Please contact Anita Nicholson, health ministry chair, at 337-2164 if interested.

Accountable to:

Senior Pastor, Health Ministry Committee

Supervised by:

Senior Pastor; Chair, Health Ministry Committee

General job description:

The Parish Nurse coordinates the health maintenance needs of congregational members. With the assistance of the Health Ministry Committee, he/she advises the committee about strategies to promote wellness of the members.

Typical duties:

1. Meets with Pastor to identify priorities for member needs.
2. Makes home health and hospital visits to members in person and/or by phone. Provides spiritual support and counseling to members on health issues such as bereavement, acute and chronic illnesses.
3. Coordinates appropriate health resources and referrals.
4. Maintains appropriate records.

This is a paid position - 4 hours per week.

Please prayerfully consider applying for the Parish Nurse position. This is a wonderful way to serve the health needs of the congregation.

Nurses from the Health Ministry Committee welcome phone calls from church members who have health related questions or concerns. We want to help advise members on health resources in the community until the parish nurse position is filled.

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| Diane Burke | 683-2775 |
| Erica Davisson | 541-7242 |
| Anita Nicholson | 337-2164 |
| Barb Schanbacher | 351-3998 |



Did you know...?

21.6 million students attend 4,500 colleges and universities in the United States, but the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) has fewer than 200 registered campus ministries. “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.” (Matthew 9:37 ESV)

On Sunday, November 23, our guest pastor will be Rev. Greg Fairow, executive director of Transforming Campus Ministries, a nonprofit LCMS Recognized Service Organization whose mission is to help others make Christ-followers on campus. He and his wife Teresa, who will join him, were members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church a few years ago.

Pastor Fairow has equipped church leaders from coast-to-coast to seek and seize their opportunities to share Christ’s love on college and university campuses.

He’s also the campus pastor at Concordia University in Portland, Oregon, and he’s a certified mission coach by the LCMS’s Center for U.S. Missions.

A special offering to support Transforming Campus Ministries will be received. Your generous support will be appreciated.



I wanted to thank everyone who celebrated with me on my 10 years in ministry. What a blessing this time has been serving the people of God here at Our Redeemer. Thank you for all the prayers and support for myself and my family. Let us look to the future on how God will bless us all.

Kaja along with my family Aaron, Evelyn & Kean



Treasures is moving!

Treasures Quality Resale Shoppe financially supports the ministry of Bridgehaven Pregnancy Support Center by providing the community with high-quality, affordable clothing, collectibles, household items, books and toys.

Join us for our **GRAND OPENING**

at our new location!

Thursday, Nov. 13

10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
405 8th Ave SE

www.treasurser.com

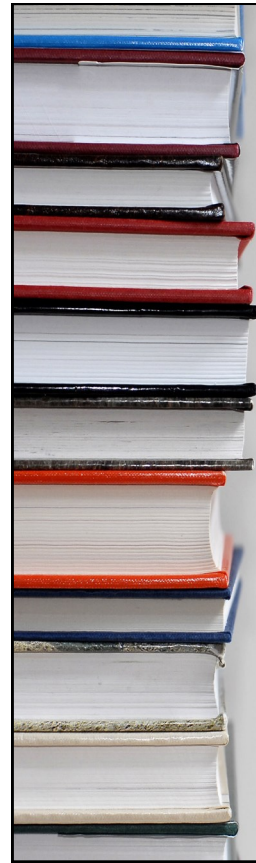
Library News

Our library is **GROWING**, thanks to the latest donations from **Kathy Schweer**.

Newly processed this week are over 60 books including beautiful collections of inspiration to be checked out. Also nine DVDs.

Thanks, Kathy!

Please take the time to check out these new and exciting resources our library has to offer as well as those listed in the November *Beacon*. Please return all materials within a 3 week time period, so others can enjoy them, as well. Thank you! Rita Johnson & LWML Committee



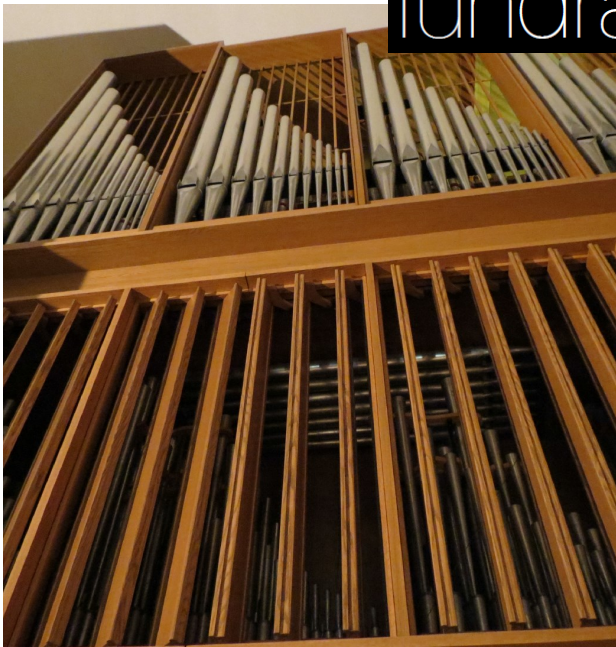
**Lutheran Digest is available at the
Welcome Center**

1971 UI Clapp Recital Hall Casavant Organ

fundraising concert

First Presbyterian Church, Iowa City, will host a

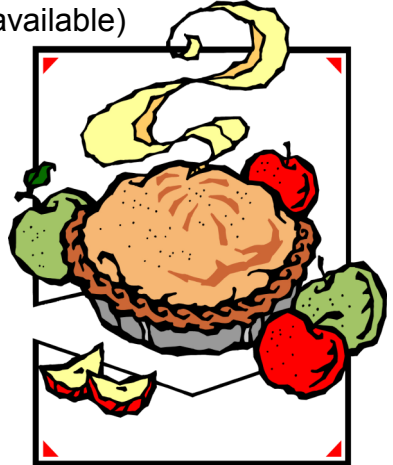
fundraising concert Sunday, November 9, 3 pm, for the former UI Clapp Recital Hall Organ. Featured in the concert will be Dr. Delbert Disselhorst, retired University Organist, and Ms. Gerhild Krapf, UI alumnus and daughter of the late Gerhard Krapf, who established the UI organ department. The program will include works by several composers including the infamous J.S. Bach and Gerhard Krapf. The former Clapp instrument, a mechanical action organ built by Casavant Frères, was removed from the flood-damaged facility in 2013, and will be restored and installed in the new St. Andrew Presbyterian Church sanctuary by Dobson Pipe Organ Builders of Lake City, Iowa. Admission is by a \$10 suggested donation. A reception with a video about the project will be shown following the concert. For more information on the project, please visit



**Please join us for the *First Annual Pie Making Party!*
**Tuesday Nov. 11th, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm in the lower level of
 Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2301 E. Court Street Iowa City****

**Elder Services is in need of 80 volunteers!
 Bring a friend, and join in the party!**

- 4 hour shifts preparing Apple Crumb Pies! (Shorter Shifts are available)
- Many of the stations can be accomplished while sitting!



Stations include:

- Peeling & coring (equipment provided)
- Pie assembly
- Topping application
- Packaging
- Box builders
- Label application
- Spice mixers
- Clean up

Please RSVP to Sandy at sandreasen@elderservicesinc.com or 319-338-0515 x 1012

The 200 Apple Crumb Pies are being prepared for Second Helping—a complimentary Soup Supper that will include the Crumb Apple pies for sale. The event will be held Sunday Nov 16th at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church from 5:00 – 7:00. RSVP's are needed.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16
 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

SECOND HELPING
 SOUP & APPLE PIE SUPPER



RSVP BY NOON NOV. 10TH TO
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SANDREASEN@ELDERSERVICESINC.COM

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 APPLE CRUMB PIE, COMPLIMENTS OF ESI

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 AND TAKE THE ELEVATOR TO THE LOWER LEVEL.



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Our Redeemer Preschool Weekly Newsletter

November 3rd—7th, 2014

God's House

Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller
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Assistant, Kate Ramsey
www.ourredeemerpreschool.org



Letter: **Ww**

Biblical: **Building the Tabernacle**

In our **JESUS TIME** Pastor Hartwig was able to come down and talk about the building of the Tabernacle. It was another way God was with his people. We remember also today that God is with us. We know we can come to Jesus anytime and He will listen.



During **CRAFT** this week we worked on making a wagon filled with a watermelon W. We are always practicing how to hold a scissors, write our names, and color in the lines.

This week's **SNACKS** were a beef log, pretzels, and skim milk. Next week it will be cheese, apple slices, and water. A note to parents: we always offer the healthy snack to your child.

Next week: No classes on Wednesday. Thursday & Friday Scholastic Book orders are due.



Welcoming a new student Micah to Tuesday/Thursday Class!

Thank you Officer Mebus for coming to visit our preschool!



Preschool Christmas Wish List



1. **SANDPAPER** (NEW OR USED) for our sensory table and some art projects coming up.
2. **PUPPET STAND** so we can store puppets neatly when not in use. (\$20)
3. **4 DOLL BEDS** from IKEA (\$20)
4. **NON-STICK ROLLING PINS** for our play dough and our kitchen (\$10)
5. **2 WOODEN TOOL SETS** for a portable work bench (\$35)



Just 4 Youth



30 Hour Famine

Every year, hundreds of thousands of students in the U.S. and around the world unite to do the Famine. Join them, and your group will learn about hunger, raise funds to help the hungry, and then go hungry yourselves for 30 hours. Through the Famine, teens grow closer to Christ and each other — all while helping to save the lives of hungry kids.

ALL LYF,
Please plan to join us on November 21st and 22nd as we will gather to raise funds for World Vision, learn about world hunger, and begin to make an impact in the lives of the hungry right here in our own community.

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- 14-16 Careers for Christ (Concordia University Chicago)
- 21-22 30 Hour Famine
- 27 Thanksgiving
- 30 Combined Grade Sunday School



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- 7 Youth Night
- 19 Christmas & Cookies
- 14 Children's Christmas Program
- 14 LYF Christmas Party
- 14 LYF Live Nativity
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas
- 29 NO Sunday School Winter Break
- 31 New Year's Eve

Youth Night

Plan to join us on Sunday, December 7th from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm as we continue our Sunday Night Youth Night for ORKS and LYF (Fifth grade through high school). We will meet on the first Sunday of every month and explore what love is and how we can share it! We will be walking through the 5 Love Languages and using it to discuss love that we might share with those around us. We will also do some group building activities and large group games. Hope to see you all there!

The 5 Love Languages



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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.

Last weekend of Spring Break March 20-22, 2015



LAKE RATHBUN IOWA



HONEY CREEK RESORT
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ON RATHBUN LAKE

Schedule of fellowship time:

- Friday night bonfire devotional
- Saturday morning devotions/traditional Iowa breakfast buffet
- Saturday night dessert bar
- Sunday buffet breakfast from restaurant
- Sunday morning service

Lots of free time to explore and enjoy the amenities of Honey Creek individually, as a group or a family! With hotel accommodations, guests receive four wristbands for the indoor water park that may be used each day of their stay.

WATER PARK

The time to reserve is NOW!

- Call Marsha Whisler at 641-724-1406
- Ask for reservations under Our Redeemer Church Family Weekend
- If she is not available, please leave your name and a daytime number where you can be reached
- Be prepared with number of people, how many adults and the ages of children (for buffet planning purposes)
- Have your credit card handy-charges for room, Saturday breakfast buffet, dessert buffet will go directly to your bill
- Although the group will be eating together Sunday morning, this will be a regular buffet from the restaurant that you may pay for or add to your bill at that time

www.honeycreekresort.com

Based on double occupancy (double queen rooms for 2 nights), includes Saturday breakfast, Saturday dessert bar \$150.27 per person. Sunday buffet will be additional \$9.58 (includes tax, children 10 & under \$5.27) that will be paid or charged to your room at that time. Room charges will not increase for extra people, but charges will be added for the buffets (Saturday breakfast \$15.15 adult, \$11.30 10 & under, 2 & under no charge; dessert bar \$8.82, 2 & under no charge).

Other meals are at your own discretion and expense. The meeting room will be available for games, socializing, etc. when not meeting there for buffets or devotions.



Christ Cares had a great response to the request for used greeting cards that will have a second life in making new cards on Christ Cares Sunday. Thank you!

Greeting card size envelopes will be needed for them. There is a collection box in the church office.

Living through Loss

A monthly educational program for bereaved individuals tackling the social and practical aspects of grief.

1st Wednesday of the Month

December 3: Take Note

Through piano and song, Maggie Mowery will play and discuss how music can soothe and comfort those who are grieving.

The Kirkwood Room

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Learn more and apply online at

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Lutheran Hour Ministries and speaker of **The Lutheran Hour Rev.** Gregory Seltz invite you to join them on the cruise of a lifetime, September 28 to October 11, 2015. This 14 day journey will be a chance to renew your spirit, further your faith and increase your Biblical knowledge. You will have the chance to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and the Apostle Paul as you tour Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Galilee, Ephesus, Patmos and more! You will also have the opportunity to extend your cruise with an Athens & Corinth pre-tour. Rev. Gregory Seltz will give lectures during days at sea. For more information go to www.lhm.org/biblecruise or see brochures on wire rack outside of the office.



Building Healthy Families: God allows many opportunities for us to meet people who don't know Him as their Savior. In work, in recreation, in community events, and in friendships they are there if we take the time to see and notice them. Who will God place in your path who needs a

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 Denise Schwarting at 325-6153 or Becky West at 430-3809.

Registration in the church office.