



# Reflections



**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
And Preschool**

First Avenue and Court Street  
Iowa City, IA 52245  
Phone: 319-338-5626

Email: [redeemer@ourredeemer.org](mailto:redeemer@ourredeemer.org)  
[www.ourredeemer.org](http://www.ourredeemer.org)

Weekly Newsletter - January 20/21, 2018

~ *Third Sunday after the Epiphany* ~

## WILL THE REAL JESUS PLEASE STAND UP?



Through March 25  
Sunday Mornings  
9:30 am-10:15 am

When is the last time you stepped up to the counter and ordered one medium-size Jesus, extra generous, and heavy on the bling? Or maybe you like your Jesus supersized! No? Perhaps you prefer yours extra small, and hold the onion, please.

Here is the same question: When's the last time you took a hammer and a chisel to the Jesus of the Bible and formed Him into your own personal Jesus?

*Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up?* not only reminds us who the real Jesus of the Bible is, but it also reveals to us twelve false christs who are embraced, loved, promoted, and revered—even by well-meaning Christians.

## Sunday School SCHEDULE

- 9:15 am Music Preschool B—4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School
- 9:30 am Sunday School Preschool A-4<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 10:00 am Music 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades
- 10:15 am Sunday School/Music Ends

January 21—*God's Servant Stephen* Acts 6-7

We are crushed and enraged at the accusations of God's Law, but the Gospel brings peace and quietness. In church, the pastor speaks the same Word of God as Stephen speaks in Acts 7:60, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them," and gives us peace through the Words of the Absolution, "for His sake {God} forgives you all your sins."



LLL Meeting  
January 23  
7:30pm  
Fellowship Hall



Room 215—**Toddlin' Classroom**

Changing table, rocking chair, and extra toys have been moved to the Toddlin' room to allow asbestos removal in the nursery area. Please feel free to use this area as a nursery during services.



The LWML will hold their 23<sup>rd</sup> Tasting Bee on Saturday, April 7, 2018. This year's theme for the Tasting Bee is: "Music and Memories". We all have our own favorite music or songs from church, our school days (Grade/Jr. High/High School/College), our team's fight song, music to relax us, etc.--for so many of us, music is the soundtrack to our lives, and so many memories come flooding back every time we hear that special music.

Please consider attending the Tasting Bee for "just a taste" of what all the good cooks in our church bring. Also--please consider decorating a table, bringing a dish and recipe to share, or helping in the kitchen. There will be tables set up in the Narthex beginning February 4<sup>th</sup> to sign up if you would like to decorate a table, bring a dish/recipe to share, or help in the kitchen. Thanks to everyone who has contributed and attended in the past. It is a fun day with so many amazing tables and the BEST food ever!!

-----

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, January 27 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.



## CHALLENGE

**February 11, 2018**  
**Following Late Service**

### **What is the Trivia Challenge?**

Trivia Challenges are informal, fun competitions where teams battle to see who has the greatest knowledge of trivia.

We will begin this event with a potluck of appetizers and hors d'oeuvres that can be snacked upon throughout the challenge.

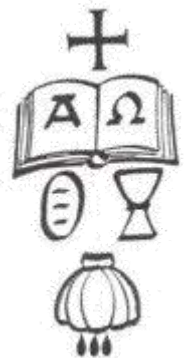
Invite your friends and family, form a team, and host a party where the place and the entertainment are provided.

Call 338-5626 for more information.

***Sign up in the office!***

## BASICS OF THE FAITH

**February 2-3, 2018**  
**Friday 7 – 9 pm**  
**Saturday 8:30 – 2:30 pm**



Appropriately titled, this course begins a six unit examination of the basics of the Christian faith. Taken from the Bible and as understood by the Lutheran Church, we will explore the role of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The revelation of God through the Bible and the role of the catechism will be discussed first. The Biblical message of Law and Gospel will be detailed. Finally, we will end with discussing the victorious and sanctified life of the Christian. Let the office know if you are interested in attending, either as a review or in preparation for becoming a member at Our Redeemer.



**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.**

## ***Upcoming Events for Small Group Ministry ...***

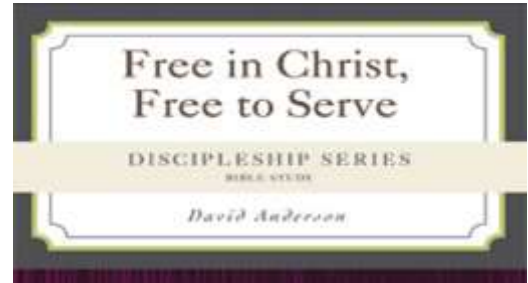
### DISCIPLESHIP SERIES: FREE IN CHRIST, FREE TO SERVE

January 17, 24, 31, February 7  
Wednesday nights  
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, “If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:31–32

This course is one of several adult Bible studies in the *Discipleship Series*. The purpose of this series is to help Christians dig into Scripture to explore some of the primary teachings of Christ Jesus. That’s how disciples are made--by the power of His Word.

What does it mean to be free in Christ and free to serve? In this study you will learn about the bondage of sin and its power. You will also study how Christ has set us free from the consequences of sin.



## **CREATION MUSEUM**

Bus Trip  
with Roger  
& Ellen  
Bauer



Include a trip to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter in your summer plans! The Bauers are leading two bus trips scheduled June 4-8 and August 6-10. The 56 passenger Windstar bus leaves Waverly on Monday morning at 6:00 am. The bus ride is an edutainment experience to help you understand what you will be seeing. We spend Tuesday and Wednesday at the Creation Museum and on Thursday travel 40 miles south to the Ark Encounter. Friday is a travel day home. Contact Roger and Ellen Bauer at 319-352-5435 or by email at [ellen.bauer@mchsi.com](mailto:ellen.bauer@mchsi.com). Trip costs range from \$1040 for single occupancy to \$525 for a quad room. A \$100 deposit is required to reserve your seat. *Brochures are available in the office.*



Iowa City Hospice offers a 7-session Understanding Your Grief support program to adults who are dealing with the death of a loved one. Pre-registration required. The next Understanding Your Grief support program will be offered on Mondays from 4:30 - 6:00 pm, **starting February 5, 2018 and ending March 19, 2018**. To register, please contact Shannon Napier or Julie Bockenstedt at 319-351-5665.







Room 208

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.



### FROM THE COMFORT-TIERS:

FYI: The Comfort-tiers made and distributed 1020 quilts and 140 baby quilts this year thanks to all who donated money during our coffee hours and also with donated linens of all sorts and sizes! We thank you muchly! We could not have done half this amount without you and Thrivent Action Teams.

Also, because someone asked and I was curious, too, I found I hadn't kept track in the late 70's when we started, but we met only once a month during the winter and aimed for 100/year. Sometimes we didn't make that goal. Lillian joined us in late 2001 and, long story short, we have made at least 9984 quilts, 1411 baby quilts and 40 lap robes. I pray that they went to needed places in the world... Thy Will Continue To Be Done!

Carol Schuldt <<<<<< Come and tie with us! We have many ready for fingers to knot!

Date	Topic (7:00 – 9:00 pm)
February 15	The Lord's Supper – Part I
March 22	The Lord's Supper – Part II
April 26	Kept in the True Faith



Looking for something? Maybe this is your location:

- ⇒ Crisis Center box is outside the office
- ⇒ Copies of bulletins, *Reflections*, and *Beacon* are on the wire literature rack outside the office.
- ⇒ Offering envelopes are in your mailbox (Please return them to the office if you do not wish to use envelopes)
- ⇒ Coffee and treats in the fellowship hall
- ⇒ Nursery will be sharing with the Toddlin' room—changing table, rocking chair and extra toys have been added



A group of Our Redeemer friends have reserved group tickets for “Murdered By The Mob” Dinner Theatre at the Old Creamery Theatre for Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held in the newly opened Price Creek Event Center in Amana. A fantastic Italian feast will be served with a heaping side of mob bosses, murder, and merriment. Group tickets are just \$46.00/person. Seating begins at 6:00 pm, show starts at 6:30 pm. Dinner choices will be meat lasagna, vegetarian lasagna, or a gluten free option. Contact Denise Holida before February 1<sup>st</sup> if you would like to join us for a fun evening at 319-930-0165 or email [smallgroups@ourredeemer.org](mailto:smallgroups@ourredeemer.org).

# Our Redeemer Preschool Weekly Newsletter

January 16-19, 2018

## Outer Space Week

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



### Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>—No Class

If you have not already, please sign up in the hallway



Outer Space Week was great! We talked about planets, stars, space, astronauts, and so much more. Ask your child about what they would eat if they went to the moon.

#### CIRCLE TIME

- Letter Yy
- Color White
- Shapes
- Planets



#### READING CENTER

- Outer Space
- Bookmobile kids choices

Little line  
Big line



#### CRAFT TIME

- Letter Y cut, whole punch, lace
- Snowman with Mrs. Twyla



#### NEW CENTERS

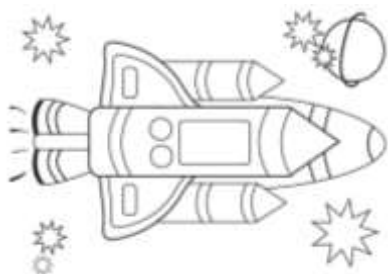
- Puppets
- Store with cash registers
- Work Bench
- Music Time

#### TEACHER TIME

- Letter Y

#### JESUS TIME

Many people throughout the world live in fear. Jesus's family discovered that He was not with them after a journey home from the temple. They were scared. We pray that when we feel scared or afraid, we can find peace in knowing that we are never alone because God is always with us.



NEXT WEEK: you get to bring snacks and be our line leader! M/W/F = 16 kids; T/TH = 13 kids



- Monday: Quincy
- Tuesday: Ingrid
- Wednesday: Galvin
- Thursday: Henry F.
- Friday: Beatrice

You only need to bring 2 healthy food groups for snack of the 5 presented in our Credible Food List packet. If you are packing your child's lunch, remember all food groups must be present even though they might not eat them.

Shop Online: [scholastic.com/readingclub](http://scholastic.com/readingclub)

Class Code:  
MQWNQ

**SCHOLASTIC DUE**  
January 18 & 19

Our Redeemer Preschool takes place in ordering books through Scholastic Book Club, online. Anyone can submit their order online. Kaja Mueller will place the order on a designated Friday. Every purchase you make earns FREE books and educational supplies for our preschool classroom. The arrival of the book box is always a highlight. Happy reading!

Ordering online is fast and easy: [scholastic.com/readingclub](http://scholastic.com/readingclub)

- ENTER the one-time Class Activation Code (MQWNQ)
- SHOP from a carefully curated selection of the best books
- SUBMIT your order and earn FREE Books for our classroom
- All book orders will be shipped to our classroom so we can celebrate the joy of reading together!

**Yy** (To If You're Happy and You Know It)

If you think that yams are yummy, yell out, "Yes!"

If you think that yams are yummy, yell out, "Yes!"

If you think that yams are yummy, yell out, "Yes!" and rub your tummy. If you think that yams are yummy, yell out, "Yes!"





VISION  
20/20  
*Eye on the Future*

# RENOVATIONS CONTINUE

## What's happening?

### ASBESTOS REMOVAL MOVES TO THE NURSERY & BRIDE'S ROOM

Asbestos removal has been completed in the narthex. Starting Monday, the asbestos will be removed from the nursery and bride's room. **Please heed the warning signs and do not disturb the contained areas.** All entrances will be open; however, there will be a barrier in the middle of the upper hallway in those areas. Please access from either end of the hallway during that time.



**Building Healthy Families:** : Have you experienced the grief and loss of infertility? Or do you have parenting experience and room in your heart and home for one more child? Would you prayerfully consider adopting a child, possibly one who exists today as a waiting frozen embryo, in need of a forever family? Adoption builds a family through love that transcends genetics, biology and culture. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about domestic, international or embryo adoption invite them to contact Kim Laube, LFS's Director of Life Ministries at [klaube@LFSiowa.org](mailto:klaube@LFSiowa.org) or call your closest LFS office. LFS adoption workers are available statewide to provide both pregnancy counseling and adoption services.

**Lutheran Family Service**  
Learn more at [LFSiowa.org](http://LFSiowa.org)

### Preschool FALL ENROLLMENT



#### 2018-2019 School Year Registration

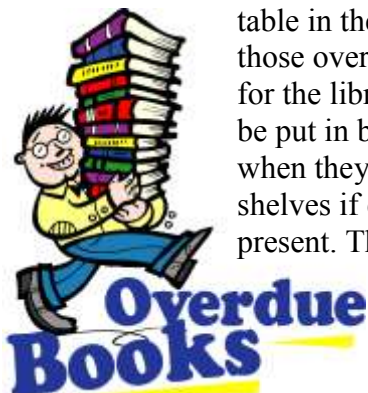
To register for the 2018-19 school year, please fill out our registration form and submit it to our office with the registration fee. Please note that current families and church families' enrollment will open January 25<sup>th</sup>. New families' enrollment will open February 8<sup>th</sup>.



### HAWAIIAN SHIRTS FOR DEPLOYED SOLDIERS

With Rob Ghabel presently deployed, Sarah has become interested in supporting the troops in an effort started by a military mom to send Hawaiian shirts to deployed soldiers. It has been a very successful morale builder and reminder that folks at home care. If anyone has good condition adult Hawaiian shirts to give, new or used, please drop them in the box in the office. Sarah will make sure they are forwarded to the coordinator. Money for shipping is also very useful.

Just a reminder that there is a box under the signup table in the office to return those overdue materials for the library. Things can be put in better order when they go back on the shelves if everything is present. Thanks!





# Youth Happenings

## Confirmation Classes (6<sup>th</sup>—8<sup>th</sup> Grades)

Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade—Small Group

Unit 2: God's Grace to His People Israel

**Homecoming**

**EXAM:** Wednesday, February 7

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade—Small Group

The Lord's Prayer

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Petitions**

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade—Lecture

The Lord's Supper

**CONFIRMATION PAPER ROUGH DRAFT DUE:**

Weds, February 7

## High School



### UKANDU

### Summer Servant Event

*For all 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and High School Youth*

**Dates for UKANDU:** June 23—30, 2018

#### *What will we be doing?*

Youth participants and adult chaperones work together to serve Chicago-land communities.

#### **Project Opportunities** (you request top 3):

Painting \* Vacation Bible School \*

Landscaping \* Construction \* Outreach—

Street Evangelism \* Food Pantry/Soup

Kitchens \* Sport Camp

#### **Total Cost? \$200.00 per person**

*\$51.50 non-refundable deposit due at registration*

#### **How do I register?**

Contact Kara now. (Call the church office or email youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org)



### Confirmation Winter Retreat

6:00 pm on Friday, January 26 through  
11:00 am on Saturday, January 27

**Comfort Suites, Coralville**

*For all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Confirmation students*

**FORMS & \$40.00 PAYMENT DUE:  
Sunday, January 21**

### College Care Packages "Packing Night"

Wednesday, January 24

6:45 pm

Fellowship Hall

*High School Youth and Kids Club service project*



**THRIVENT  
FINANCIAL**



### High School Midweek

Wednesdays  
at 6:45 pm

January 31 & February 7  
Youth Room

## OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

Office: 338-5626      Fax: 338-9171      Website: <http://www.ourredeemer.org>      Preschool: 338-3949  
 Prayer Chain: 351-5297 or [prayerchain@ourredeemer.org](mailto:prayerchain@ourredeemer.org)      Special Announcements Line: 338-3505

<u>STAFF &amp; EMAIL</u>	<u>PHONE NO.</u>	<u>STAFF &amp; EMAIL</u>	<u>PHONE NO.</u>
Brent Hartwig, Senior Pastor <a href="mailto:bhartwig@ourredeemer.org">bhartwig@ourredeemer.org</a>	338-5626 (church) 337-2403 (home)	Kaja Mueller, Preschool Director <a href="mailto:preschool@ourredeemer.org">preschool@ourredeemer.org</a>	338-3949 (preschool) 338-5626 (church)
Luke Scheele, Vicar <a href="mailto:vicar@ourredeemer.org">vicar@ourredeemer.org</a>	338-5626 (church)	Sara Cross, Preschool Assistant <a href="mailto:preschoolassistant@ourredeemer.org">preschoolassistant@ourredeemer.org</a>	338-3949 (preschool)
Sarah Gabel, Bookkeeper <a href="mailto:bookkeeper@ourredeemer.org">bookkeeper@ourredeemer.org</a>	338-5626 (church)	Kara Hartwig, Youth Coordinator <a href="mailto:youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org">youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org</a>	338-5626 (church)
Denise Holida Director of Small Group Ministry <a href="mailto:smallgroups@ourredeemer.org">smallgroups@ourredeemer.org</a>	338-5626 (church) 930-0165 (cell)	Louise Klopp, Director of Choirs <a href="mailto:choirdirector@ourredeemer.org">choirdirector@ourredeemer.org</a>	338-5626 (church)
Marilyn Paetz, Organist <a href="mailto:organist@ourredeemer.org">organist@ourredeemer.org</a>	351-4262 (home)	Marnie Schrader, Children's Ministry <a href="mailto:childrensministry@ourredeemer.org">childrensministry@ourredeemer.org</a>	319-530-1563 (cell)
Kevin Sellers Director of Technology <a href="mailto:technology@ourredeemer.org">technology@ourredeemer.org</a>	338-5626 (church) 631-8924 (cell)	Laurel Sellers, Office Coordinator <a href="mailto:redemer@ourredeemer.org">redemer@ourredeemer.org</a>	338-5626 (church)
Sheena White, Preschool Assistant <a href="mailto:preschoolassistant@ourredeemer.org">preschoolassistant@ourredeemer.org</a>	338-3949 (preschool)		

### 2018 Board of Elders

Bill Benson	517-881-9848
Vaughn Davisson	319-648-4660
Jim Eick	338-1293
Skip Kempnich	351-5297
Eric Kooker	339-0175
Val Penney	354-1453
Denny Schrader	461-7318
Arlan Thompson (Chair)	338-2938
Marty Wenck	330-2761

### 2018 Board of Directors

President	Alan Meyer	319-461-1748
Vice President	Myrl Holida	319-351-4301
Secretary	Jennifer Kooker	319-339-0175
Treasurer	Larry Freeman	319-400-8356
Board of Elders	Arlan Thompson	319-338-2938
Properties	Dave Johnson	319-333-9606
At Large	Jeff Kucera	563-316-1088
	Barb Schanbacher	319-351-3998
	Kevin Roiseland	319-230-5247

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.