

The Parish Beacon

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April 2020

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ –

Last week, Kara and I were doing our weekly Friday grocery shopping. We usually hit the shopping “Bermuda Triangle” of Aldi’s, Costco, and Wal-Mart. It is the triangle where my money goes missing. And quickly too!

Anyway, we were shopping and there was hand sanitizer on the shelf. The person in front of me grabbed four giant bottles. I, then, grabbed the last two bottles. I looked at Kara to ask whether we really needed both of these. Immediately, she said you should put one back. So I did.

Again, at Hy-Vee there were three gallons of 2% milk on the shelf. I only took two. For the third gallon, I took 1% milk. With everyone home all day, we have gone through seven gallons of milk this week alone.

The hoarding that we hear about on the news and that we are warned against by signs posted in stores is truly happening in an exorbitant way. This isn’t a fast shopping burst before a snow storm or a hurricane. The sustained rate of hoarding among some people produces empty aisles and barren shelves which are a visible manifestation of our societies materialism.

Materialism is the love of money and possession and that love of material stuff causes us to find our identity, meaning, and purpose outside of God. It is allowing money and possessions to become the center and the control of our lives.

God created us to love people and use things, but our hearts have changed to loving things and using people. The love of material things will destroy our relationship with Jesus because the blessings that God has provided become more important than the giver Himself.

When we focus on material things, we become independent and self-sufficient. We become very prideful in what we’ve accomplished and own, and our purpose in life is to gain more and more stuff of this world.

Instead, let us focus on Christ.

*“looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God” (Hebrews 12:2).*

At this time, when each of us seems to have more spare time than before, use it to connect to family and friends through phone calls and social media. Yes, practice hospitality. And let us use this time to connect with Christ. Spend time reading the Word of God. Spend time in prayer. Maybe even, **“Be still, and know that I am God”** (Psalm 46:10a)

Blessings,
Pastor Hartwig



OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

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APRIL ACTIVITIES



Tasting Bee

As the co-chairs of this year's Tasting Bee, we have decided that the event will be canceled. There is uncertainty when gathering restrictions will be lifted and there isn't opportunity to finish sign-ups, hand out tickets, and other things that would be done on Sunday mornings. It isn't reasonably feasible that this be done by e-mail and we believe that we need to work on reducing stress rather than adding to it. When the church reopens we will be able to return payments made by check and cash. Checks have not been cashed and we have tracked who paid by cash. We pray that you all are staying safe and look forward when we can all gather in worship and praise again! God is always in control.

Lynne Westphal
Sandy Wagner
Donna Saehler
Jennifer Kooker

Dear Members & Friends of Our Redeemer,

At this unprecedented time it is impossible to include a calendar for the month of April. Please check the online calendar to stay up to date. If you have any questions, please call the Church Office at 338-5626 or email me at:

redeemer@ourredeemer.org

May the Lord watch over everyone and keep us safe.

Yours in Christ,
Lorrie

Christ commands:

"Contribute to the needs of the saints.

Therefor we show hospitality."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

****Watch your email for links****

Saturday 5:30pm YOUTUBE

Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am YOUTUBE

Sunday School 9:15am ZOOM

Adult Bible Study 9:30am ZOOM

******Communion on April unknown at this time due to COVID19 situation.******

Comfort-Tiers meet Thursdays at 9:00am
Not meeting until further notice.

Choir practice Wednesdays at 6:45pm
Not meeting until further notice.

Praise Team Practice schedule varies—
Contact Myrl Holida myrl-holida@uiowa.edu or
Louise Klopp choirdirector@ourredeemer.org



Membership Changes and Official Acts

MISSION	February
Iowa District East	\$3,333.33
UIHC Chaplain Endowment Fund	\$333.33
TOTAL	\$3,666.66
Consultation of Religious	\$625.00
Concordia Seminary	\$250.00
Lutheran Hour	\$500.00
IDE Student Aid Fund	\$1,075.00
MONTH TOTAL	\$2,450.00
MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS	
Concordia Seminary Food Bank	\$144.00
Lutherans For Life	\$300.00
TOTAL	\$444.00

<u>Transfer Out</u>	
Alan & Miriam Meyer	3-5-2020
<u>Baptism</u>	
Carter James Borntrager	3-14-2020



LENTEN SCHEDULE

April 1	LENT	YOUTUBE Service 6:10 pm
April 5	PALM SUNDAY	YOUTUBE Service 10:30 am Confirmation to be scheduled at later date and time.
April 8	SILENT WEDNESDAY	Prayer Walk -CANCELLED
April 9	MAUNDY THURSDAY	YOUTUBE Services 1:00 & 7:00 pm
April 10	GOOD FRIDAY	YOUTUBE Services 1:00 & 7:00 pm
April 11		YOUTUBE Service 5:30 pm
April 12	EASTER	YOUTUBE Services 8:00 & 10:30 am ZOOM Children's Easter Message 10:00 am

Easter to be celebrated when the congregation can gather together again.

Prayer of the Church/Fifth Sunday in Lent/March 29, 2020

We come, O Lord, with the dry bones of our broken hopes and disappointed dreams. Bind us up in Christ, that we may learn to pray with confidence, trusting in Your mercy to supply us with all things needful to us and to our salvation.

Almighty God, everlasting Father, You saw Israel in their despair and raised them up to hope by placing Your Spirit upon them. Join us together with the communion of saints in Christ, even though we must for a time stand apart. Raise us up from our weariness and grant us Your Spirit, that we may be strong in faith, bold in witness, holy in life and steadfast in hope.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, everlasting Father, Your Son has given us the new birth of water and the Word and planted faith in us, that we might be Your own children. Bless Your Church. Supply her with able, fearless and caring pastors to nurture us in Your Word. We especially pray for the seminarians we are supporting: **Andrew Thompson** (2nd Year), **Connor Wondrasch** (Vicarage), **Greg Barto** (4th Year), and **Joshua Otterman** (4th Year), and we ask a special blessing upon our Vicar, **Miguel Gonzalez-Feliciano**. Keep Your Church in Your mercy.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, everlasting Father, raise up faithful fathers and mothers and those who will teach and pray in Your name in every Christian household. Let households pray together and share Your Word together through devotions.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, everlasting Father, You hold in Your hand all the might of man. Give to us good government and faithful leaders who will heed Your Word and pursue righteousness and justice. Bless and defend us against all destruction, especially from this deadly pandemic, and teach us to be patient and faithful citizens of this land, using ourselves and our resources wisely for the good of all.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, everlasting Father, Your Son shed tears for Lazarus, whom He loved. Grant Your compassion, patience and endurance to all who suffer illness, who are troubled in mind or whose time on earth is short. [*We especially pray for **Tom Barnes** (Melody Strom's stepfather), **Jeanette Cain** (Vaughn Davisson's cousin), **Charles Calef**, **Jody Cole** (Charles Calef's friend), **Keri Cotè** (friend of Sara Cross), **Emee Elkeurti**, **Ron Freeman** (Larry Freeman's nephew), **Danny Fuhrmeister**, **Don Hein**, **Gabe Hundley** (grandson of Karen Abernathy), **Ken Jensen** (Ron Westfall's nephew), **David Jones** (Lonne Loney's uncle), **Brad Koelper** (Donna Saehler's nephew), **Creedon Miller** (son of Duane and Florence Miller), **Tonda Moyer** (Lillian Moyer's daughter-in-law), **Barb Nace** (Doris Siemer's niece), **Don Netser** (Melissa Mullane's father), **Ephraim Newland** (Kathleen Loney's nephew), **Sharon Paulus** (Sandy Wagner's sister), **Joyce Pence** (Chad Pence's mother) **Steve Schultz**, and **Eric Wilson** (Arlan Thompson's friend)].*

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, everlasting Father, You daily and richly grant us all things we need for this body and life. Bless our labors, and grant us wisdom to use the fruits of those labors wisely and well, for the care of our families, for the poor in their needs, and for the support of Your work in this congregation. Preserve us from fear and greed as we live and work alone, and turn us instead in love toward our neighbors however distant.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, everlasting Father, Your Word continues to go forth and bear good fruit. Bless the missionaries planting churches near and far. We especially pray for **Brian Gauthier** in Panama, **Anton Lutz** in Papua New Guinea, and the **Parish Nurses in Swaziland** or eSwatini. Bless those churches with whom we partner in the worldwide work of the Gospel, especially Panama and bless the congregations now struggling to fulfill Your bidding and do what You have called them to do in Your name.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

[*we pause for a moment for silent prayer*]

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Christ commands: “Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality”. Romans 12:13

March 30-April 19

Person	Scripture
Thomas	John 20:24-31
Ananias	Acts 5:1-11
Stephen	Acts 6
Philip	Acts 8:26-40
Ananias	Acts 9:1-19
Cornelius	Acts 10:1-8, 22-33
Lydia	Acts 16:11-15
Philippian Jailer	Acts 16:25-40
Dorcas	Acts 9:36-43
People of Malta	Acts 28:1-10
Aquilla	Acts 18:1-10; Romans 16:3-4
Philippian Church	Philippians 1:1-11

Upcoming Sunday School Lessons for Kids

Date	Lesson Title/Text
3-29	A Weather Wonder– Jesus Calms a Storm Mark 4:35-41
4-19	A Life Restored-Jairus’s Daughter Mark 5:21-24, 35-43
4-26	The Fish-and-Bread Sign-Jesus Feeds Five Thousand John 6:1-15
5-3	A Hearing Aide-Jesus Heals a Deaf Man Mark 7:31-37

Birthdays

Sun. 3/29	Kathy Bell, Toby Brase
Mon. 3/30	Grant Anderson, Chris Norenberg, Melissa Wade, Lyle Wagner
Tues. 3/31	Brian Buelow, Dennis Miller, Brent Nelson, Lucy Robinson, Shannon Siems, Martin Wenck
Wed. 4/1	Timothy Simmons
Thurs. 4/2	David Bohnsack, Rochelle Mullet, Nathaniel Stoll
Fri. 4/3	Christopher Sexton, Olivia Warner
Sat. 4/4	Jacob Carlson, Barb Farnsworth, Angel Josten, Shane Rasmussen, Pamela Wilson

We have received word that the LWML is cancelling the pick-up of our LWR kits that was scheduled for Saturday, April 18th—so we will not be taking any quilts, baby kits, personal care kits or school kits up to Cedar Rapids on April 18th, and our LWML will not meet on April 13th to pack the kits. Thank you so much for all of your contributions to help us make these kits. We will continue to take contributions and will continue to put together kits to take up to our LWR pick-up in October when we are able to all get together again.



Digital Services Available During Iowa City Public Library Closure



Did you know that the Iowa City Public has a number of excellent digital (online) services that you can enjoy from your home and computer while the downtown library and Bookmobile are closed?

With your library card, you can enjoy:

- eBooks
- digital audiobooks
- magazines
- movies
- listen to local music
- “The New York Times” newspaper
- animated picture books
- the history of Iowa City on the Digital History Project
- the ICPL streaming video site for a variety of programs

Don't have an ICPL card? No problem. Simply contact us by phone or e-mail and we can issue one online.

Need help navigating the ICPL digital offerings? Give us a call and let us help you.

Is there a genre of books or movies that you enjoy? Are you an armchair traveler? Let our librarians help make your selections.

The librarians are still working in the library (10 AM – 5 PM) despite the closure of the building to the public and are ready and willing to help you or make suggestions. Let us entertain you!

Here is our contact information:

Phone: (319)356-5200

Website: www.icpl.org (to access e-mail and live chat with librarians)

April 18th
(9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.)



Outside spring clean-up, you either love it or dread it! But it doesn't have to be...with the right tools and the right strategy, we can turn spring clean-up into an easy one Saturday project! There are a variety of projects for everyone's ability level. Let's cut our cleaning time in half by teaming up with a partner (rolling up your sleeves) and getting to work! Look for the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Counter in the Narthex.

Lawn Mowing HELP Needed



You provide the labor, the church will provide the mowers (both a riding mower and a push mower). All help is welcome. Teams of two will take a week at a time - the more people that sign-up, the fewer weeks your team will be assigned to mow. If you have questions you can contact Dave Yansky or anyone on the Properties Committee. Sign-up sheets are already out on the Welcome Counter in the Narthex.



Iowa
Prayer Rally
for Life
2020



ROAD TRIP!! WHY? WHERE? “PRAYER RALLY FOR LIFE” at the Iowa State Capitol

It was like a Small Group Meeting on wheels. There was fellowship, laughter, sharing, food, and prayer as we traveled to the Annual **PRAYER RALLY FOR LIFE** at the Iowa State Capitol Building in Pastor’s van.

Leaving just before 9:00 am got us there in time to wander and look at the various ProLife Vendors in the Rotunda and eat a cookie or two. Prominent and active vendors: **Lutheran Family Service, Iowans for Life, Iowa Right to Life, The Family Leader, Restored by Grace, Dubuque Right to Life** and others.

They all came like us and hundreds of Iowans to support and to say with our words, prayers and presence to ProLife legislators **“We support your ProLife legislation!” “We are praying for your wisdom and strength!” “Continue to pass laws that fall within the Will of God and bless His Kingdom here on earth!”** Our Gospel Voices were heard and we in turn heard the Gospel Voices of a number of legislators, including Governor Kim Reynolds who came to the Rotunda to speak passionately in that public setting about the Sanctity of all Life – Born and PreBorn. They spoke about their determined efforts to pass legislation to

PROTECT THE PREBORN and to “NEVER, NEVER, NEVER GIVE UP!!”

Colossians 1: 16 tells us this – **“For by God all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether Thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by God for God.”** God is the inventor/ designer of government. He created it “for Himself”, to bring glory to Himself. As Christians, we are very aware that some legislation brings glory to God and some does not. It is good to speak with our Gospel Voices in support of that which does bring God His glory.

While we all attempted to visit with our Representative, only Denise Johnson’s Rep. was there and he, ***in a totally unexpected act of Hospitality***, invited Denise, Cory and myself into the front of the House Chambers to sit in the House Leader’s Chair and have an official photograph taken. He volunteered that he had voted for the latest ProLife legislation.

Our Small Group had now expanded to include this Representative who needed to hear the Gospel and to be encouraged to be strong in the Will of God to protect of all God’s creations including the PREBORN.

Next year we will take the “ROAD TRIP” again, do plan to come along.



Trivia Challenge

February 2020

13 Teams
Participated!



To the left: Minions 4, the Trivia Challenge winners!



To the right: Eight is Enough was presented the trophy by the winning team



To the right:
A big thanks to our wonderful judges/scorekeepers:
Kara Hartwig & Bev Prem



To the left:
Trivia players loading up on brain food. Notice Laurel Sellers is trying to decide what to select.

We had a fantastic turnout for the Trivia Challenge. We had enough people that the long tables were used for one of the teams! Everyone is looking forward to the next Trivia event and Pastor's challenging trivia questions. Thank you Pastor for being the host of the event.

Note from the Editor: Apologies for forgetting to get this Trivia Challenge in March Beacon

Board Reports

TREASURER'S REPORT-Larry Freeman

- Current financial status—20K in the red for the current year (last year-17K).
- Consider refinancing Vision 20/20 loan in light of lower interest rates.

ELDER'S REPORT-Arlan Thompson

No Report

AT-LARGE REPORTS-Barb Schanbacher

- Human Care-Successful peanut butter and jelly drive for the Crisis Center.
- Outreach-Planning summer activities.

CHURCH PROPERTIES-Dave Johnson

Signups for mowing teams is ongoing

- Spring Cleanup day is April 18.
- Repair work at Vicarage driveway to be done.
- Sidewalk repair at church to be done.
- 2 Eagle Scout projects are underway.

VISION 2020-Dave Johnson

No Report

STAFF REPORTS

Pastor's report:

- Attended meetings in Panama regarding establishing relationship with Panama Lutheran Church.
- **The Board approved a MOTION to establish a relationship with the Panama Lutheran Church to share our time, talents and treasures.**
- Attended Best Practices Conference in Arizona.

Vicar's report:

- Attended the meetings in Panama and Arizona.
- Working on plans for Johnson Country Fair and Christ Cares Sunday.

Pre-school:

- Kaja announced next year's enrollment so far at 12 children in M-W-F (limit 18) and 10 in the T-Th. (limit 16) classes.
- Pre-school basket sale project is underway Movie night is April 3.

Youth:

- The Confirmation trip is planned unless the state dictates otherwise.

OTHER BUSINESS

- The Board agreed with Pastor that we would conduct business as usual in light of the corona virus pandemic, unless the State Health Department dictates otherwise.
- The Prayer Walk will be modified to minimize direct contact.
- The pre-school will follow guidelines set by the ICCSD.

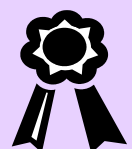
OTHER CONCERNS

None to report

KUDOS



Our Redeemer's
Board of Directors
recognizes:



Julie Nieland

For sharing her creative talents in beautifying all areas of the church. She supervises the selection and decoration of the church at Christmas, in addition to decorating for other events such as the Senior Breakfast, New Member Brunch and other occasions that take place in the Gathering Space and elsewhere in the church.

Thank you !

How to Protect Yourself



Know How it Spreads



- There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- **The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.**
- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
 - Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
 - Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. The virus can live up to 3 days on surfaces (i.e. door handles, tables, etc.).

Take steps to protect yourself



Clean your hands often

- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol**. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth** with unwashed hands.

Avoid close contact



- **Avoid close contact** with people who are sick
- Put **distance between yourself and other people** if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for [people who are at higher risk of getting very sick](#).

Take steps to protect others



Stay home if you're sick

- **Stay home** if you are sick, except to get medical care.

Cover coughs and sneezes



- **Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- **Throw used tissues** in the trash.
- Immediately **wash your hands** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Wear a facemask if you are sick



- **If you are sick:** You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then you should do your best to cover your coughs and sneezes, and people who are caring for you should wear a facemask if they enter your room.
- **If you are NOT sick:** You do not need to wear a facemask unless you are caring for someone who is sick (and they are not able to wear a facemask). Facemasks may be in short supply and they should be saved for caregivers.

Clean and disinfect



- **Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.** This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- **If surfaces are dirty, clean them:** Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

8th Grade Passover Meal



Droplets of blood (wine) on the plate for the 10 plagues.

Pastor led a special Passover Meal for the 8th graders and their parents as part of their unit on Holy Communion.



Matzo ball soup



Bitter herbs for the bitterness of slavery in Egypt



Jesus is our Passover Lamb



Christ's body and blood, shed for us for the forgiveness of sins.





Submitted by Marcia Hulse

Stephen Ministry

We care, Christ cures.

Our congregation has a group of people skilled in caring for those facing challenges in their lives. These people, called Stephen Ministers, have undergone training to develop and nurture their caring skills. Following their commissioning, they began their caring ministries in our congregation. Our Stephen Ministers are working with people who are experiencing many different kinds of difficulties and stress in their lives.

A Stephen Minister is assigned by Pastor Hartwig to a care receiver when the care receiver's needs are suitable for that Stephen Minister's care, and only with the care receiver's permission.

Who might receive care from a Stephen Minister? Care receivers may be hospitalized, grieving the death of a loved one, separated or divorcing, homebound, unemployed, adjusting to the birth of a child, or otherwise experiencing difficulties.

Each of us has times when we are lonely, grieving, hurt, or in need of care (someone to listen to us). In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul tells us that such troubles can bring spiritual growth to the sufferer. But when we who are in Christ suffer, we also find comfort through Christ, and one of the ways we find this comfort is through others who have found Christ's care and comfort in their sufferings (2 Corinthians 1:4-6). Our Stephen Ministers offer this Christ-like care to those in need.

Think about your life and the lives of the people around you. Are you going through a time of crisis or challenge? Do you know someone who is suffering from grief or loneliness? Is one of your friends struggling to find meaning in life after he or she has retired or after all the children have gone? Could you or someone you know benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister?

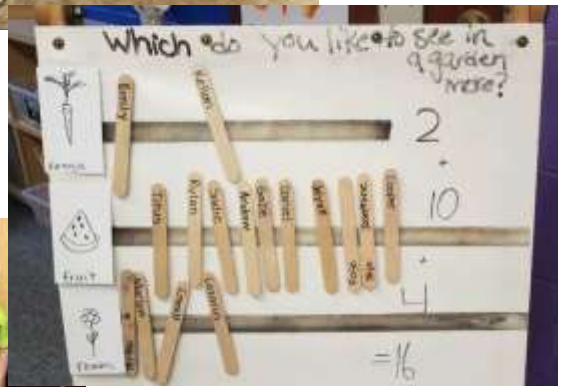
If you have questions about the work of the Stephen Ministers in and around Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, feel free to talk to one of the Stephen Leaders or Stephen Ministers. Please consider whether you know of someone who needs their care. And we ask you to remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

If a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church could use some extra Christian care, tell that person about our Stephen Ministry and *get their permission* to refer him or her to Pastor Hartwig.

Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Romans 12:13

STEPHEN LEADERS

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



Preschool Enrollment for 2020-2021 school is open.
 Share the word!
 Class Enrollment: M/W/F = 12 T/Th = 10

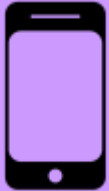




Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade

Children's Coordinator Marnie Schrader mvschrader@icloud.com (319) 530-1563



Sunday School Update

While we are unable to gather at church, I will be inviting you to gather for Sunday School on the Zoom app beginning on each Sunday at the regular Sunday school time of 9:30 am. The link will be sent through an email from the church office. I hope you will set your kids up so we can continue to fellowship & learn more about **God's word!**



Kid's Club

Happenings

Every Wednesday check your email for various Lenten and Easter activities to do at home during this time of social distancing!



Concordia Publishing House Free Resources

During this time, CPH is offering free copies of the Happy Times children's activity bulletin and free Family Devotions.

Go to cph.org and click on the For Home resources link and it will take you to the downloads.

Celebrate Lent & Easter at Home!

Easter Coloring Pages
<https://pin.it/4aaOKmF>

Lenten Craft
<https://pin.it/5nBHLNU>

Netflix Movies for Holy Week
<https://pin.it/4VAiG3T>

Lenten Pretzel Recipe
<https://pin.it/55ZYM2U>

Lenten Prayer Chain
<https://pin.it/1gxyF2f>

40 Days of Lent Daily Calendar
<https://pin.it/2eGcplV>

Youth

6th - 12th Graders

April

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Dates for April Youth events will be sent via email and/or text messages to Youth families.



Youth Sunday School Confirmation & High School

Join Kara on the Zoom app for Youth Sunday School on Sunday, March 29th at 9:30 am.

3/29 Jesus Calms a Storm

4/5 Jairus's Daughter

4/12 EASTER



An email with the link will be sent by the church office for you to join the Zoom Youth Sunday School session.

Looking forward to spending time in God's Word with you this Sunday morning!

Free Resources from the LCMS National Youth Gathering



Visit the **LCMS Gathering** YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/lcmsgathering> to watch videos from last summer's LCMS National Youth Gathering.

Several videos, including "God Made Carl", are available to view.

GATHERING THEME BIBLE TEXT:

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1

Also, check out the LCMS NYG Instagram page for posts to remind you that our Real.Present.God. is with us always.



High School Card Night

On March 4th, the High School Youth made personalized cards for each of the 8th grade Confirmands. We are blessed to have a creative and artistic group of students!



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DEADLINES

Reflections (printed weekly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) each Wednesday by 5:00 pm

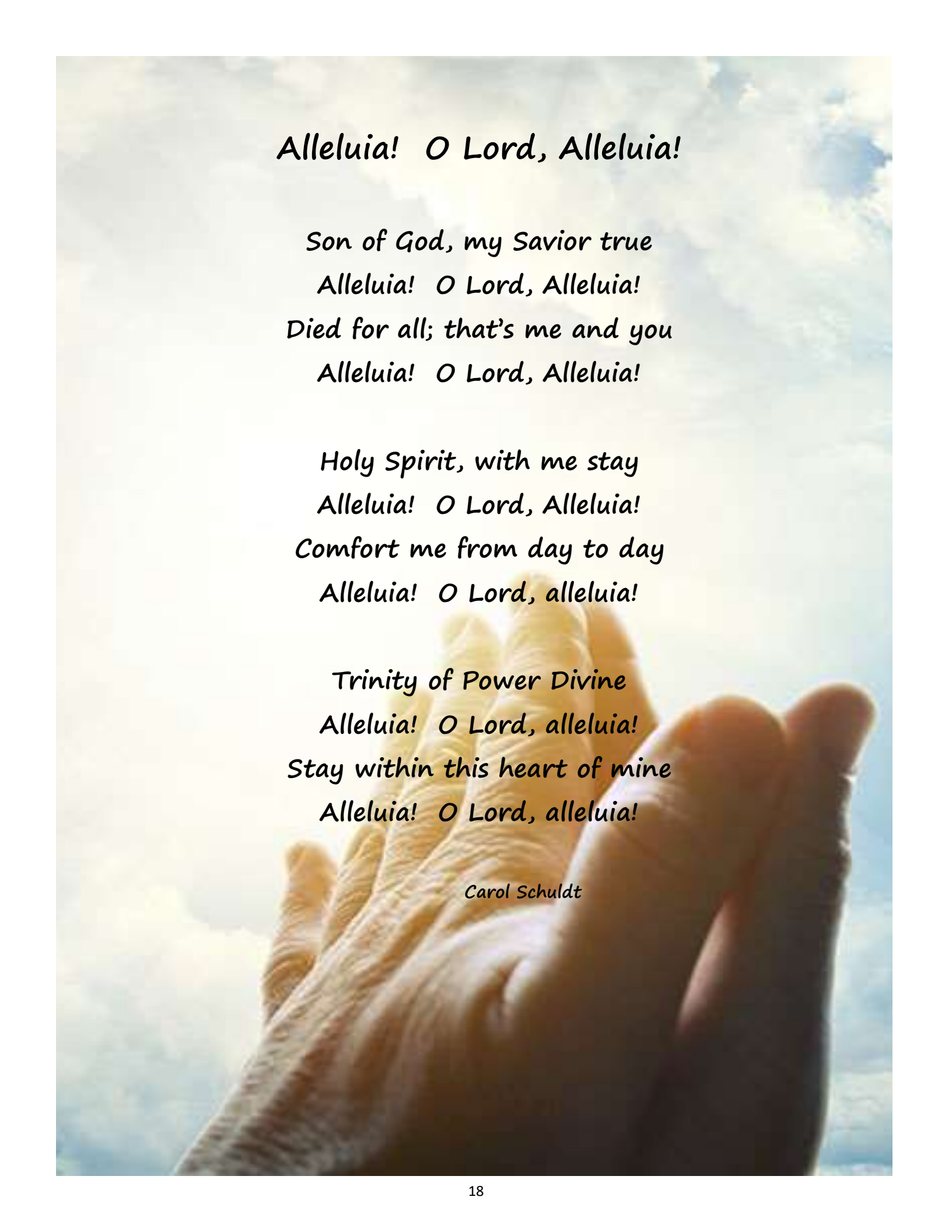
Beacon Newsletter & Church Activities Calendar (printed monthly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) by noon on the 20th of each month.

RADIO

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 a strong, caring ministry with children and youth. To promote the safest and most secure environment possible all employees and volunteers, both new and existing, undergo a background screening before working with younger members. Performing background checks provides safeguards and peace of mind to our staff, volunteers, parents, youth, and children.



Alleluia! O Lord, Alleluia!

*Son of God, my Savior true
Alleluia! O Lord, Alleluia!
Died for all; that's me and you
Alleluia! O Lord, Alleluia!*

*Holy Spirit, with me stay
Alleluia! O Lord, Alleluia!
Comfort me from day to day
Alleluia! O Lord, alleluia!*

*Trinity of Power Divine
Alleluia! O Lord, alleluia!
Stay within this heart of mine
Alleluia! O Lord, alleluia!*

Carol Schuldt