



~Second Sunday after Epiphany~

Adult Bible Class



HERE I AM! PROPHETS



Date	Prophet	Area(s) of the Bible
January 17	Elijah: <i>Listening to the Voice</i>	1 Kings 18-19
January 24	Jeremiah: <i>Helpless Man, Hopeful Plan</i>	Jeremiah 29, Romans 8:18-30
January 31	Hosea: <i>Even When it's Tough</i>	Hosea 1, 3, 14
February 7	Amos: <i>Prophet for Everyman</i>	Amos 1
February 14	Micah: <i>Sweet Results</i>	Micah 1, 5, 7

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
January 17	Exodus 25:1-19; 40:1-8, 34-38	A Tent for God—God with His People
January 24	Numbers 13:1-2, 25-14:24	The Fall-Short Report—The Twelve Spies
January 31	Joshua 2	The Unlikely Ally—Rahab Believes

Upcoming
Sunday School
Lessons for
Toddlin' through
High School
THEME:
"God Leads
His Nation"



BASICS OF THE FAITH

Saturday & Sunday
January 30th & 31st
12:30pm to 4:30pm

Basics of the Faith class is a two part class that will be coming again at the end of January. It is an excellent way to get a basic understanding of scripture or simply a refresher. It is open to any age who want to for their own personal growth. Sign up sheet is located on the Welcome Counter or you can call Lorrie at the Church Office..

Prayer of the Church/The Baptism of Our Lord/10 January 2021

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, You have called us into the fellowship and priesthood of Your Son, Jesus Christ. By His incarnation and great work of salvation, heaven is opened to us in Him. Give us boldness to cling to Your faithful call, that Your deliverance would not be hidden but spoken freely in all the world.

The Lord answers, calls to us, and we respond:

Here I am

O Lord, preserve the family, especially all Christian homes. Turn husband and wife toward one another in love, equip fathers and mothers for their holy duty as teachers of the faith, and preserve all children in the saving faith and certain promises of their Baptism unto life everlasting.

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O Lord, preserve Your Church here and throughout the world. Send forth laborers into Your harvest and sustain those You have sent. We especially pray for the seminarians we are supporting: **Josiah Schultz** (1st Year), **Andrew Thompson** (Vicarage), **Connor Wondrasch** (4th Year), and **Miguel Gonzalez-Feliciano** (4th Year), and we ask a special blessing upon our Vicar, **Don Stein**. Make all Christians bold in confession and unwavering in prayer.

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Almighty God, You are the Lord and You do whatever seems good to You. As every lawful authority on earth comes from You, uphold in righteousness and health our nation with its leaders. Be with all public servants, including our armed forces, police and first responders. Send peace in our time.

The Lord answers, calls to us, and we respond:

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O God, behold in mercy all for whom we pray... [We especially pray for **Dorothy Blume** (Carol Schuldt's sister), **Charles Calef**, **David Caplin** (Lillian Moyer's son-in-law), **Jody Cole** (Charles Calef's friend), **Emee Elkeurti**, **Aubrey Galindo** (friend of Schrader's), **Gabe Hundley** (grandson of Karen Abernathy), **Dora Jacobson** (granddaughter of George and Carol Schuldt), **David Jones** (Lonne Loney's uncle), **Creedon Miller** (Duane and Flo Miller's son), **Barb Nace** (Doris Siemer's niece), **Artis Ogilvie** (Tom Ogilvie's mother), **Ron Rafferty**, **Nora Sellers** (Great niece of Kevin & Laurel Sellers), **Kathy Siems**, **Rozie Siems** (Daughter of Mary Siems), **Shirley Stutzman**, **Karen Warner**, **Rhonda Waters**, **Mark Wilson**, and **Pastor Zimmermann**]. Bring healing, comfort, strength, patience and certainty to all in need. Receive our thanks for Your constant watch and merciful kindness. In every sorrow and every joy, do not let our eyes be drawn from the greater marvel of Your kindness in Christ Jesus, by whose grace and forgiveness alone we receive every blessing.

The Lord answers, calls to us, and we respond:

Here I am

Holy Lord, renew the gift of Your Holy Spirit to all who commune this day. Work in us true contrition to lament and abandon our sins, and so to come in confident faith to eat Your Son's body and drink His blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins.

The Lord answers, calls to us, and we respond:

Here I am

[*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.**

BIRTHDAYS

Sun. 1/17	Nyle Kruse, Emily Robinson, Madeline Robinson, Myranda, Robinson
Mon. 1/18	Kameron Eldridge, Kahlan Eldrige, George Norenberg, Warner Stoll
Tues. 1/19	Paula Robinson, Ronald Westfall
Wed. 1/20	Audrey Peterson
Thurs. 1/21	Henry Diggelmann, Jackson Rosenberg, Kaela Stuart-Parrigon
Fri. 1/22	Vicki Fobain, Stacey Miller
Sat. 1/23	Michel Kopf, Mildred Krogh

STEWARDSHIP January 9/10

TIME	TREASURES		
Equipping Disciples Video 1/5	80	Contributions	\$11,649.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 1/9	49+34=83	A Little Farther	\$7,308.33
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 1/10	94+150=244	Monthly needs for budget	\$64,902.00
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	374	Sunday School Adult Bible Class	35/68

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, January 17-24

<u>Sunday, 1/17</u>		<u>Wednesday continued</u>	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Adult Midweek	7:00pm
Sunday School-In Person	9:20am		
Adult Bible Class-In Person/ZOOM	9:20am	<u>Thursday, 1/21</u>	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Small Group Bible/Marlene	5:00pm	Women's Bible Study	7:00pm
<u>Monday, 1/18</u>		<u>Friday, 1/22</u>	
Ski Trip	8:00am	P.A.L.S. Group	10:00am
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm		
Stephan Ministry Info Session	6:30pm	<u>Saturday, 1/23</u>	
		Men's Bible Study	8:00am
<u>Tuesday, 1/19</u>		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
SM-Small Group/Marcia	6:30pm		
Assimilation	7:00pm	<u>Sunday, 1/24</u>	
		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
<u>Wednesday, 1/20</u>		Sunday School-In Person	9:20am
TOPS	8:00am	Adult Bible Class-In Person/ZOOM	9:20am
Bible Class	11:00am	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am
Lunch Bunch	12:00pm	District 13 Meeting	2:30pm
Midweek	6:45pm	Thank you for worshipping with us!!	



MISSION GUILD LWML NEWS

Our Mission Guild takes the month of January off and there is no meeting scheduled because of the usual challenges of winter in Iowa. We did, however, enjoy the Christmas meeting held in December, where we had the joy of giving out the profits from the virtual Cookie Walk. We were so blessed to receive over \$3000.00 in donations and we thank all of Our Redeemer's members and friends for their generosity! The list of ministries receiving donations was published in the last Beacon.

Our February meeting was originally planned as Bunco Night, but we decided to change it to a Bingo night as that can more easily fit Covid-19 restrictions. It will also be a night to make special LWML Mites offerings. Watch Reflections for more specifics on this fun-filled event. In the meantime, Serve the Lord with Gladness!



Gentle Reminder from the Assimilation Committee!



NORMALLY we would have taken photos for the church pictorial directory in September and October. But the Assimilation committee held off this fall and asked that if you have never had a photo in the directory, or it's time to update your photo, that you take one at home, a selfie, or have someone take it for you, when all are present that should be in the picture and email it to the church office for Lorrie to put into the directory. Another option is to bring a current photo to the church office. Thank you to those of you who have done that!

It's nearing the time that Lorrie will be printing new directories and it would be great to have even more of you in the updated directory. The holidays are over and we're thinking you might have new photos on your phone or camera that could be used in the directory. Please look and submit to Lorrie by Jan. 31 if possible. The email address is: redeemer@ourredeemer.org.

Include with your photo the names of everyone pictured and your contact information as you want it in the directory: address, email address, phone numbers (home, work, mobile--the ones you want listed for other members to see in the directory). If someone is missing, list their name as "not pictured". Also if you have changed any of the contact info that was listed in the old directory, please send the updated info even if you aren't sending in a photo.

It is best if the photo is head and shoulders, or a bit farther back with a larger family, and be sure the focus is clear—we get poor results trying to reproduce an out of focus photo! We have new members who'd like to get to know others in the church, and the photo directory is an excellent way to help them do that. And, who am I kidding--? It's a good reference for all of us to put names to faces!!

Thank you for your help!
Cory Strumpel and the Assimilation Committee

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened." Matthew 7:7-8).



**STEPHEN
MINISTERS
CARE**

This is the way Jesus called his disciples and involved people in kingdom ministry.

Has Jesus knocked on your heart's door? We are inviting you to think about your spiritual gifts and how you can use those gifts to bless others through Stephen Ministry.

We are recruiting for our 2021 training which starts in mid February. Applications are available on the Welcome Center Counter in the narthex.

If you have questions about Stephen Ministry, either plan to attend an informational session on **Monday, January 18, at 7:00pm** in Room 208/210 or for more information about Stephen Ministry, please speak with one of our Stephen Leaders.

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



Lunch Bunch will be meeting on January 20 in the Fellowship Hall. Bible Class is at 11:00am followed by lunch at 12:00pm. Be sure to bring your sack lunch with you. We look forward to seeing you there.

Building Healthy Families:



“She put the needs of her child above the wants of her heart...”, lovingly said by an adopting parent about their son’s birth mother. The pregnancy counseling and adoption ministry of Lutheran Family Service has witnessed this selfless act of love on the part of thousands of birth families for nearly 120 years. If you know of someone who is experiencing an unplanned pregnancy, help them connect with a pregnancy counselor to talk about their options. Be their link to a positive future for themselves, their child, and a couple ready and willing to walk with them on the journey of adoption. All services to birth families are provided at no cost, thanks to partnerships with people like you. On behalf of the families served...thank you!

Lutheran Family Service - www.LutheranFamilyService.org



College Care Packages

On Wednesday, January 27, the youth will be preparing College Care Packages. If you know or have a student in college who would like to receive a package, please send their name and college address to Kara at 319-855-2728 or youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org.

Deadline to submit names:
Sunday, January 24th

2021 LWML National Convention



Date: June 24–27, 2021

Location: Lexington, Kentucky

Theme: Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus

Scripture Verse: *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 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 12:1-2).*

Information and additional details can be found on the National LWML website, <https://www.lwml.org/2021-convention>. Hotel reservations started on January 5 at one of the contracted hotels. Early bird convention registration begins February 1. The convention will be also be discussed at our next regular LWML meeting on February 15, 2021.



Please sign up.
Popcorn is provided.

January 28/6:00pm
Fellowship Hall
Rated PG





Preschool Newsletter



December 4-8, 2021

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

Our Redeemer Preschool where children play, learn, and grow in Jesus!

This Week

CIRCLE TIME

- Classroom rules
- Igloo facts
- What is nocturnal?
- Color the line leader picks
- Letter Rr
- The wise men
- Counting
- Calendar
- Months of the year
- Number 4 four
- Numbers, before and after



Big Line
Little Curve
Little Line

CRAFTS

- Wise men
- Rainbow
- Igloo
- Free style

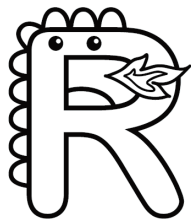
BOOKS

- Numbers
- Winter



NEW

- Igloo
- Ice cream center
- Build with big white blocks
- Create with small white blocks



Future Dates:

- Monday, January 18 —No School

Question for a Kid?

What would it be like to live in an igloo?

Rr (To She'll be Coming Around the Mountain)

Roy's dog Rover runs all over. Rover runs.
 Roy's dog Rover runs all over.
 Rover runs.
 Rover races, Rover chases,
 Rover chews on Roy's shoe-
 laces. Oh, yes, Rover runs all
 over. Rover runs.



Some Igloo Facts

- The igloo or iglu is the traditional shelter of Inuit living in the far northern regions. They are built of blocks of snow in a circular form in which the walls curve inward toward the top to form a snow vault in which the arched ceiling is self-supporting.
- A skilled igloo maker can build one in 30 minutes.
- The **Inuit**, better known to many as Eskimos, invented the igloo centuries ago.
- The best snow to use is wind packed snow.
- Some igloos can have windows built from a block of ice.
- An igloo could be any size, but normally, they are built just big enough for the family.
- A properly built igloo can withstand hurricane force wind on the open snow.



Down and over, down once more. That's the way to make a four.

Snack This Week

We enjoyed fresh cut vegetables: carrots, peppers and celery as well as a little ranch to dip them in and fat free cottage cheese.

YouTube Video in Class

We will be watching this video in class on how a young boy and his father make their igloo.

How to Build an Igloo | A Boy Among Polar Bears | BBC
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-x5QOSqP3E>

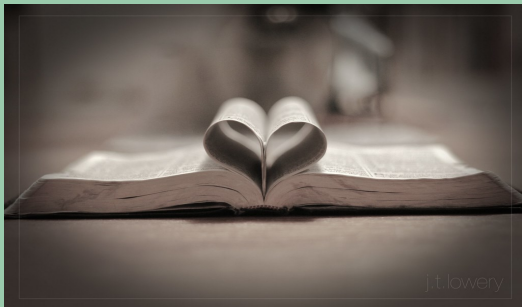
Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade

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

Sunday School

Meet in your classrooms from 9:20am to 10:05am to learn more about God's word and how much Jesus loves your friends!



Children's Bell Choir

Keep watching for more information about our children performing in a bell choir. We are setting dates for practices and services now!



Masks/face coverings are required for participation in all Children's Ministry activities at this time.



Kid's Club

6:45pm to 8:00pm

We are studying famous women in the Bible! Come and learn more about the faithful women in the Bible and how God used them!

Contact Marnie Schrader to sign up!

Youth Ministry

6th – 12th Grade

Youth Coordinator Kara Hartwig youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org (319) 855-2728

Confirmation (6th–8th Grade)

Wednesday, January 20th

6th Grade—Lecture

Old Testament: *Homecoming*

There are 6 books which cover this period:

3 Historical - Ezra, Nehemiah & Esther

3 Prophetic - Haggai, Zechariah & Malachi

MEMORY WORK: Jeremiah 29:11-12

EXAM: Weds, January 27th

7th Grade—Lecture

THE LORD'S PRAYER

3rd Petition: *Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

4th Petition: *Give us this day our daily bread.*

5th Petition: *And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.*

MEMORY WORK: Intro-2nd Petitions & Meanings



8th Grade—Small Group

The Apostle's Creed—EXAM REVIEW

Review the 3 articles of The Apostle's Creed: Father, Son & Holy Spirit.

EXAM: Weds, January 20th



THREE IN ONE

Confirmation Winter Retreat

Friday, February 5th

For all 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Confirmation students

More details to come.



High School

High School Midweek Schedule

All high school youth & their friends are welcome

January 20 **Game & Devotion** @ 6:45 pm

January 27

College Care Packages "Packing Night"
@ 6:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall



Youth Sunday School

Sundays @ 9:20 am
ROOM & ZOOM

Confirmation—Room 208

High School—Youth Room

Link will be sent via REMIND text.

We're studying the **Old Testament** from the Israelites journey in the wilderness to Solomon building the temple.



Youth Family Ski Day

Monday, January 18th

8 am— 6 pm



OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

Office: 338-5626 Fax: 338-9171 Website: <http://www.ourredeemer.org> Preschool: 338-3949
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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.