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Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - January 23/24, 2021

~Third Sunday after Epiphany~

Adu	Ilt Bible Class	Enduring Mission; Here I-Am		
	HERE I AM! PROPHETS			
Date	Prophet	Area(s) of the Bible		
January 24	Jeremiah: Helpless Man, Hopeful Plan	Jeremiah 29, Romans 8:18-30		
January 24 January 31	Jeremiah: Helpless Man, Hopeful Plan Hosea: Even When it's Tough	Jeremiah 29, Romans 8:18-30 Hosea 1, 3, 14		
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Upcoming Sunday School Lessons for Toddlin' through High School THEME: "God Leads His Nation"

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
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



Please sign up or you can call Lorrie at the Church Office 319-338-5626 Popcorn is provided.

January 28/6:00pm Fellowship Hall Rated PG



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 at 319-338-5626.

Prayer of the Church/Third Sunday after the Epiphany/24 January 2021

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

Lord God, heavenly Father, You desire not the death of a sinner but that all would repent and believe the Gospel. In the epiphany of Your Son, Your time of salvation and Your kingdom have come near. As this world passes away, give faithfulness and urgency to Your Church to proclaim the Gospel of our God to all people.

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

Here I am

Lord God, heavenly Father, as You called Simon Peter and Andrew, James and John to follow You and made them fishers of men, so send faithful preachers of Your Gospel in our time. Increase the spirit of generosity to all who support the missionaries, seminaries, colleges and other institutions of our Church for the spread of the

Gospel and the service of the Church.

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

Here I am

Lord God, heavenly Father, give comfort and faithfulness to the married, and strengthen them to pass on the faith to the next generation. Show kindness also to the unmarried and assure them of the holiness of their place in life. The Lord answers, calls to us, and we respond:

Here I am

Lord God, heavenly Father, preserve our nation with its rulers. Call to repentance those who have forgotten You. Do not let disaster befall us, but preserve us in peace and quietness.

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

Here I am

Lord God, heavenly Father, help us all to be freed from anxiety and help us to be undividedly devoted to You. Give us confidence in the resurrection and the peace of a clean conscience by the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name.

The Lord answers, calls to us, and we respond: Here I am

Lord God, heavenly Father, graciously behold and help those for whom we pray: [We especially pray for *Doro-thy Blume* (*Carol Schuldt's sister*), *Charles Calef, David Caplin* (*Lillian Moyer's son-in-law*), *Gordon Carlson* (*Susan Carlson's father*), *Jody Cole* (*Charles Calef's friend*), *Emee Elkeurti, Aubrey Galindo* (*friend of Schrader's*), *Gabe Hundley* (grandson of Karen Abernathy), *Ginny Illich* (Mother of DCE Seth Illich), *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*].

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This past week Ginny Illich died. She is the mother of our former DCE Seth Illich. We pray for the family and friends:

Lord God, heavenly Father, we pray for the family and friends of *Ginny Illich*. We give you thanks for the faith that Ginny knew, lived, and shared with others. You placed into her a strong faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. We ask, O Lord, that you comfort those who grieve. Fill them with your grace, your mercy, and your peace.

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

Here I am

Lord God, heavenly Father, we silently bring before you our prayers: [*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. 1/24 Jean Graves, Shari Sorensen

Mon. 1/25 Cynthia Fruendt, Andrew Huedepohl, Robyn Rasmussen

Tues. 1/26 Norvin Coblentz, Jane DuVall, Michelle Johnston, Sharon Lake

Wed. 1/27 Rebecca Bell, Denise Johnson

Thurs. 1/28 Kelly Baker, James Brachtel, Marge Lemke, Julie Piegors

Fri. 1/29 Erica McDowell-Sexton, Miranda Moore, Andrae Nariane, Arlan Thompson, Bordie Woods

Sat. 1/30 Austin Bell, Katherine Kelly, Jeffrey Kucera, Phillip Schmid

STEWARDSHIP January 16/17				
TIME TREASURES				
Equipping Disciples Video 1/12	87	Contributions	\$5 <i>,</i> 833.78	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 1/16	66	A Little Farther	\$2,045.00	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 1/17	93+49+118=260	Monthly needs for budget	\$64,902.00	
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	326	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	36+67=103	

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

<u>Sunday, 1/24</u>		Wednesday continued	
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	Thursday, 1/28	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
District 13	2:30pm	Christ in Film	6:00pm
<u>Monday, 1/25</u>		<u>Friday, 1/29</u>	
Staff Meeting	1:00pm		
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	<u>Saturday, 1/30</u>	
		Basics of the Faith	12:30pm
		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
<u>Tuesday, 1/26</u>			
Women's Beth Moore Bible Study	9:30am	<u>Sunday, 1/31</u>	
SM-Large Group/Marcia	6:30pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
LLL Meeting	7:30pm	Sunday School-In Person	9:20am
		Adult Bible Class-In Person/ZOOM	9:20am
Wednesday, 1/27		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am
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College Care Packages	6:45pm	Installation of Officers at Sunday services.	Jan. 31
Midweek	6:45pm	Thank you for worshipping with us!!	



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 PANCAKE DAY IS GOING VIRTUAL <u>Even Though We Will Not Be Meeting In Person</u> Our Support Is Still Needed For

Community Formerly The Crisis Center

ORLC's Pancake Day is the single biggest fundraising event for CommUnity

PLEASE MAKE A DONATION ON OR BEFORE MARCH 6th.

Cash / Check / On-Line Make checks payable to ORLC. Memo line = Pancake Day. This will ensure that the funds collected will support CommUnity. On-Line donations can be made through the CommUnity website. https://builtbycommunity.org/pancake-day

HEAR YE!! HEAR YE!! VOTERS MEETING FOLLOWING THE LATE SERVICE!! FEBRUARY 21



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, <u>https://www.lwml.org/2021-convention</u>. 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. The Mission Committee is looking for new leadership for the 2021 Pancake Day. Bob Powers has decided to retire from leading the Pancake Day



event. Pancake Day is an important outreach to the surrounding area. The funds raised are always ontributed to a local charity.

For the past 10+ years Our Redeemer Lutheran Pancake Day has supported **CommUnity** Service (formerly Crisis Center). Contact any Mission Committee member or the church office for more information.

> Denise Holida, Anita Nicholson, Val Penney, Bob Powers (Chairman)



HEY EVERYONE!! THE 2021 FLOWER CALENDAR IS UP!!

The 2021 Flower calendar is up on the bulletin boards by the restrooms ready to take signers for the year. Do you have a special occasion approaching? Why not flowers for the altar? There are still many dates that are empty that need names filled in.



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: <u>redeemer@ourredeemer.org</u>.

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



Life can be hard, and relationships can cause pain. When someone hurts you, you may find that it is difficult to trust again. God does not abandon you in the pain but promises to stay with you. Through all of life's challenges, God never breaks His promise: "I will never leave you, I will never forsake you." (Hebrews 13) He also puts people in place to be there when you need them, including Lutheran Family Service counselors who are available to help with troubled relationships and the pain they leave behind.

Lutheran Family Service - www.LutheranFamilyService.org





COLLECTING FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS

Imagine having to choose between a meal or purchasing a notebook. School Kits are sent to places where even the few required school supplies may be more than a family can afford. Pencils and paper can help write a positive future.

This is a great time of year for back to school bargains. While shopping, why not pick up a few items for the school kits. *Each School Kit* requires the following items (all new):

Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper, approximately 8x10 ½"; no loose leaf paper.

One 30cm/inches ruler One pencil sharpener

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Lutheran World Relief

One **<u>BLUNT</u>** scissors Five <u>**UNSHARPENED</u>** #2 pencils with erasers, secured with rubber band Five ballpoint pens (no gel), secured with rubber band One box of 16 or 24 crayons One 2 ¹/₂' eraser Backpacks are sewn for these items by Lillian Mover and others</u>

Personal Care Kits are also needing items:

One light-weight bath-sized towel (between 20"x40" and 52"x27"), dark color preferred Two bath-size bars soap in original wrappings, any brand (4-5oz) One adult sized toothbrush in wrapping or from multipacks with each in a business sized envelope One sturdy comb One metal nail clippers

Drop your items into the blue bins in the downstairs hallway across from the kitchen door .



Lunch Bunch meets the first and third Wednesday of each month. Lunch Bunch will be meeting again on February 3 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.

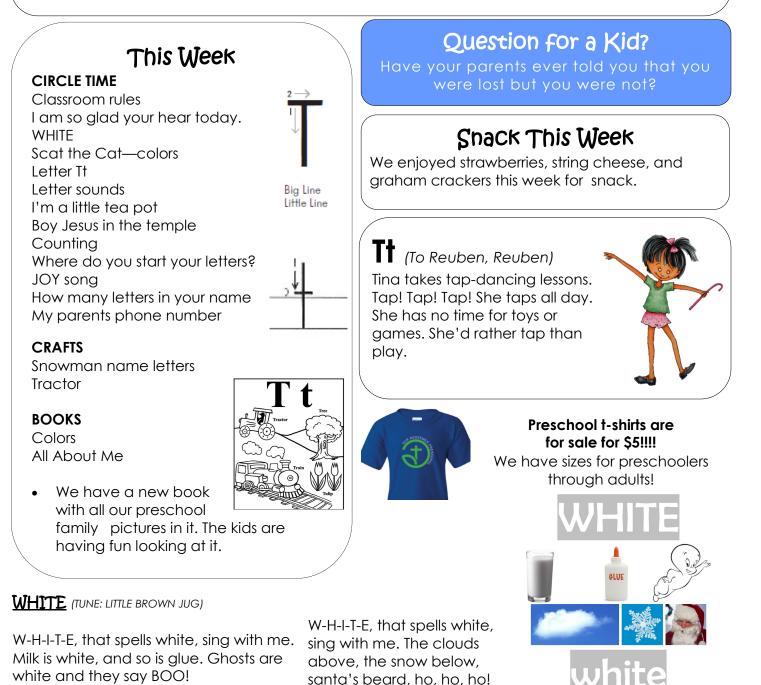


Preschool Newsletter

January 18-22, 2021

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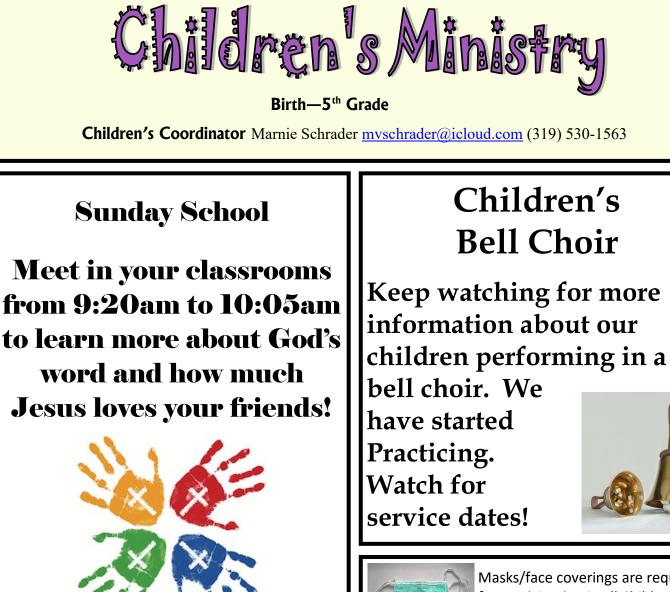
Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller Assistants, Kate Ramsey -M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949 www.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org preschool@ourredeemer.org Our Redeemer Preschool where children play, learn, and arow in Jesus!



white and they say BOO! Consign items by

Quality Consignment Stores

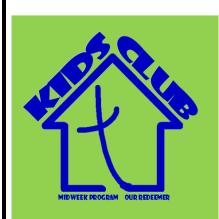
Consign through the Stuff; this is a fundraiser for our preschool. You can donate items by dropping them off yourselves or placing them in a box outside the preschool. Preschool will receive 50% of the profit from the donated items that are sold at Stuff. All items given to Stuff will be a donation if they cannot sell them. <u>Consigner Numbers:</u> Iowa City #43522 Coralville #38168







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

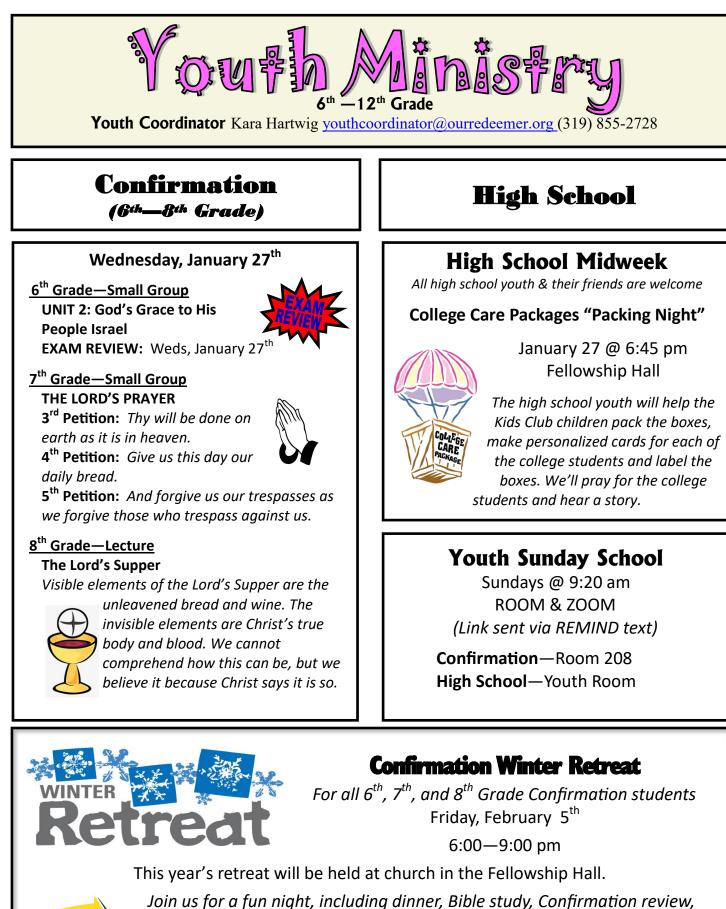


Kid's Club 6:45pm to 8:00pm

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

This week we are learning about Hannah.

Contact Marnie Schrader to sign up!



FREE

Sign up at: <u>https://forms.gle/B3BznSoXe2AFFYnT9</u>

and games!

OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

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2021 Board of Elders		2021 Board of Directors			
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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.