

The Parish Beacon

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April 2021

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

This weekend is Confirmation, and last night we had the Spiritual Growth Event. At that event, the students are publicly examined and they shared their confirmation verse. My confirmation verse is Philippians 4:4. It says, “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, ‘Rejoice.’”

Even though we live in a sinful world which causes us to face challenges, struggles, and heartaches, we, who have been redeemed by Christ, are joyful people. As recipients of God’s love, grace, and mercy, we can in the most difficult times find God’s strength, peace, comfort, and even joy. God does not want us to stay in a state of despair or gloom. As the Apostle Paul learned to be content in all circumstances, we can find that same contentment and even joy in the circumstances that we encounter (Philippians 4:10-13).

St. Augustine, one of the great theologians in church history, wrote, “Every man, whatsoever his condition, desires to be happy.” Where do we look for happiness? There are two paths.

Perhaps the most popular path for seeking happiness is through the accumulation of things, which can lead to temporary happiness but ultimately ends in despair and death. The path on accumulating things of the world is a very appealing path. It is a path that focuses on getting more and more. It’s a path that seeks power and prestige, which people mistakenly assume leads to ultimate happiness and security. The way of the world is centered on ourselves. It is about immediate gratification. It is about getting, taking, and hoarding. It is about an appetite for things that is never satisfied. It is about what you want now, such as a job, house, vacation, promotion, and money. This path won’t bring long-term happiness.

The other path is God’s path, which leads to sustainable happiness and life (1 Timothy 6:19). God’s path is a radically different way. It is filled with love and compassion. The focus is not on getting more and better things but on the Creator of these things. It is about faith that enables us to understand that God is the provider of all our good gifts and then expressing our thanks to Him through our words and deeds. We seek God’s guidance and direction for our lives. Through faith, we live our lives to please and serve Him by serving others. In contrast to the world’s path of getting, God’s path is centered on serving and giving. It is in our serving and giving that we find true joy.

Our happiness does not come from what we have,
but our happiness come from who we are in Jesus.

Lou Holtz, the famous football coach, said to a graduating class,
if you want an hour of happiness, eat a steak;
if you want a day of happiness, golf;
if you want a week of happiness, go on a cruise;
if you want a month of happiness, buy a new car;
if you want a lifetime of happiness, put your faith in Jesus!
Our happiness comes from who we are in Jesus. Amen!

Blessings,
Pastor Hartwig



OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sun 3/28 Worship Service-In Person/Live Stream 8:00am
Worship Service-In Person/Live Stream 10:30am

Palm Sunday/Confirmation

Mon 3/29 Staff Meeting 1:00pm
Sunlight AA Group 6:00pm

Tues 3/30 Bell Choir Practice 6:00pm
Stephen Ministry Training 6:45pm

Wed 3/31 Prayer Walk 11:00am-7:00pm
Midweek & Adult Midweek 7:00pm

Thurs 4/1 Visitation Meeting 11:00am
Maundy Thursday Worship 1:00pm
Maundy Thursday Worship 5:30pm
Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00pm

Fri 4/2 Good Friday Worship 1:00pm
Good Friday Worship 5:30pm
Good Friday Worship 7:00pm

Sat 4/3 Easter Service-In Person/Live Stream 5:30pm

Sun 4/4 Easter Service-In Person/Live Stream 6:30am
Easter Service-In Person/Live Stream 8:00am
Easter Service-In Person/Live Stream 9:30am
Easter Service-In Person/Live Stream 11:00am

Dear Members & Friends of Our Redeemer,
Office hours here at church are:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm

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

Yours in Christ,

Lorrie

“Here I am.”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

****WATCH YOUR MONDAY EMAIL FOR SIGN-UP
LINKS FOR WORSHIP****

Saturday 5:30pm In Person/LIVE STREAM

Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am In Person/LIVE STREAM

Sunday School 9:20am—In Person

Adult Bible Study 9:20am—Fellowship Hall/ZOOM

******Communion on April 3, 4, 17, 18******

Comfort-Tiers meet Thursdays at 9:00am

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

Praise Team not meeting until further notice.

As people redeemed by the King who entered Jerusalem on a donkey so that He could leave carrying a cross, let us pray for ourselves, for our brothers and sisters in Christ, and for those who cannot pray for themselves.

Heavenly Father, through Your Spirit You have called, gathered and enlightened a people and set them apart by Baptism to be Your own and live under You. Give Your blessing to and prosper the service of those who preach and teach this Gospel in the Church and all who speak and live this Gospel out within their various callings.

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

Here I am

Heavenly Father, as Your Son humbled Himself for our salvation, give to each of us and to every member of Your Church a confident faith in Christ's Passion for us, so that during this Holy Week and throughout our lives we would humbly entrust ourselves and all those whom You place in our lives to You.

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

Here I am

Heavenly Father, we rejoice to give You thanks for Your great mercies to us. Day by day without any merit or worthiness in us, Your good gifts shower down upon us. We thank You for the Eighth Grade Confirmands who will be confirmed this weekend/today.

***Tyler Bell, Nick Caylor, Connor Cross, Karsten Ghabel, Claire Hartwig,
Molly Krogh, Rachel Matel, Addyson McKillip, and Grant Wilson***

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

Here I am

Heavenly Father, You heal and restore according to Your gracious will. Behold the sick and suffering and all in any distress of mind or spirit [*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**, **Betty Holida** (Myrl Holida's sister inlaw), **Gabe Hundley** (grandson of Karen Abernathy), **Dora Jacobson** (granddaughter of George and Carol Schuldt), **David Jones** (Lonne Loney's uncle), **Lee Meraz**, **Creedon Miller** (Duane and Flo Miller's son), **Norma Miller** (Twyla Freeman's aunt), **Barb Nace** (Doris Siemer's niece), **Ron Rafferty**, **Nora Sellers** (Great niece of Kevin & Laurel Sellers), **Rozie Siems** (Daughter of Mary Siems), **Karen Warner**, **Mark Wilson**, and **Pastor Zimmermann**].*

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

Here I am

Heavenly Father, you give and you take away. Blesses be the name of the Lord. Be with the family and friend of **Kylie Hampton** (grandniece of Ruth Langehough) upon her death. Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

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

Here I am

Heavenly Father, during this Holy Week, You call Your people from around the world to follow You through Your Passion, death and resurrection. Bless the service of all those who provide special music during this week, who read Your Holy Scriptures in the assembly, who proclaim Your suffering, death and resurrection — that Your flock would be fed and Your glory revealed.

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

Here I am

[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.

Upcoming Sunday School Lessons for Kids THEME: "God Leads His Nation"

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
March 28	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	
April 4	<i>EASTER</i>	
April 11	2 Samuel 7:18-29, Psalm 24	The King of Glory—David Worships God
April 18	1 Kings 3:5-15; Proverbs 3:1-12	The Wise King—Solomon Prays for Wisdom
April 25	1 Kings 6:11-38; 11:1-11	The Unwise Wise King—Solomon Builds the Temple



COMING UP IN SUNDAY
ADULT BIBLE CLASS



SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Date	Event	Area(s) of the Bible
March 28	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	
April 4	<i>EASTER</i>	

Date	Event	Area(s) of the Bible
April 11	Witnessed	Acts 1
April 18	In Jerusalem	Matthew 28:18-20, (Mark 16:15-18), Luke 24:45-49, John 20:21-23, Acts 1:8
April 25	In All Judea	Romans 12:2, 17:22-32
May 2	And Samaria	1 Corinthians 9:20
May 9	And to the Ends of the Earth	How might we be Christ's witnesses, right here in Iowa City?

Birthdays

Sun. 3/28	Ryan Nieland, Bentli Norland, Rick Walters
Mon. 3/29	Kathy Bell, Toby Brase
Tues. 3/30	Grant Anderson, Chris Norenberg, Melissa Wade, Lyle Wagner
Wed. 3/31	Brian Buelow, Dennis Miller, Brent Nelson, Lucy Robinson, Shannon Siems, Penny Stein, Martin Wenck
Thurs. 4/1	Timothy Simmons
Fri. 4/2	David Bohnsack, Rochelle Mullet, Nathaniel Stoll
Sat. 4/3	Christopher Sexton, Olivia Warner

Stewardship February 20/21

ATTENDANCE		TREASURES	
Equipping Disciples Video 3/16	101	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	21/68
Sat. 3/20 In Person/LIVE STREAM 5:30pm	82	Contributions	\$11,634.48
Sun. 3/21 In Person/LIVE STREAM 8:00am	103	A Little Farther	\$1,425.00
Sun. 3/21 In Person/LIVE STREAM 10:30am	100	Monthly needs for budget	\$64,902.00
TOTAL WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	285	Lenten Worship 3/17	89+58=147

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR APRIL



April 1
Services at
1:00pm, 5:30pm
& 7:00pm



Good Friday
April 2
Worship at 1:00pm,
5:30pm & 7:00pm



EASTER SUNDAY
April 3-Saturday
Worship 5:30am
April 4-Sunday
Worship at 6:30am,
8:00am, 9:30am &
11:00am



April 7
Bible Class 11:00am
Lunch 12:00pm
Fellowship Hall



Spring Confirmation Trip
April 16-18



April 21
Bible Class 11:00am
Lunch 12:00pm
Fellowship Hall



April 22/6:00pm
Fellowship Hall
Rated PG-13



Noisy Offering
April 24/25
All Services



April 25



Celebration
April 28

Membership Changes and Official Acts

<u>Deaths</u>	
John Liittschwager	02-25-2021
<u>Adult Confirmation</u>	
Seth Caden Olsen	3-20-2021
<u>Student Confirmation</u>	
Tyler Drew Bell	3-28-2021
Nicholas Andrew Caylor	3-28-2021
Connor Ulrich Cross	3-28-2021
Karsten Eugene Ali Ghabel	3-28-2021
Claire Noël Hartwig	3-28-2021
Molly Jane Krogh	3-28-2021
Rachel Elizabeth Matel	3-28-2021
Addyson Rose McKillip	3-28-2021
Grant Lane Wilson	3-28-2021

MISSION	February
Iowa District East	\$3,333.33
UIHC Chaplain Endowment Fund	\$333.33
TOTAL	\$3,666.66
Concordia Seminary	\$250.00
Common Fund	\$625.00
Lutheran Hour	\$500.00
MONTH TOTAL	\$5041.66
MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS	
CommUnity Crisis Center	\$25.00
Lutherans For Life	**
Concordia Seminary Food Bank	**
TOTAL	\$25.00



Thank you for your continued support.

Pledges received for the month of February	\$22,572.95
Total amount of pledges received	\$207,133.46
Total amount pledges promised	\$358,446.16



Board Reports

TREASURER'S REPORT

- February, 2021 income-\$49,155
Expenses-\$62,815
- January/February income-109K
- February/2021 negative balance-13K
YTD negative balance- 4K

ELDER'S REPORT

- The Elders are working with Pastor and Vicar on plans for Holy Week.
- The acolytes will resume their normal activities during Holy Week.

AT-LARGE REPORTS

- Most committees are awaiting lifting of COVID restrictions before resuming their usual activities.

CHURCH PROPERTIES

- Several minor repairs around the church are completed or underway. A decision will be forthcoming about the speed bump on the lower parking lot.

STAFF REPORTS

Pastor Hartwig-

- Plans for Holy Week are being finalized.
- Nine youth will be confirmed on Palm Sunday.
- Two nursing homes have asked us to restart monthly services, possibly in April.

Vicar Stein-

- Classes are set for next year.
- Vicar will travel to Israel this summer on a seminary sponsored trip.

Youth Ministry-Kara Hartwig-

- There will not be an Easter breakfast this year because of COVID. The youth are considering other options.

Small Group-Denise Holid-

- Adult Education continues to go well.

Kaja Mueller-

- Pre-school graduation program plans are underway.

Marnie Schrader –

Other–

- The Prayer Walk will resume on Wednesday of Holy Week.
- Members are encouraged to get the COVID vaccine when they are eligible.



KUDOS



Our Redeemer's

Board of Directors recognizes:

Becky West
for her preparation and
serving of 3 of the 5 Lenten
Meals. Her efforts are greatly
appreciated!
Thank you!



We will not be having people sign up to order flowers; instead we are asking everyone to keep an eye out for some beautiful, open, potted Easter plants (Easter Lilies, Asters, Mums, Aztec Lilies, Daffodils, Tulips, Begonia, etc.) and purchase them. Drop them off at church in the Board Room during Holy Week. We will need them at church following the Good Friday services (Friday, April 2). Please mark your name on the bottom of the potted plant so you can take them back home after late service on Easter Sunday. The more plants, the more beauty. Thanks in advance for helping us out again this year.



Building Healthy Families:

With apologies to the 1970's movie *Love Story*, love means you **do** occasionally have to say you're sorry! Be willing to accept your own mistakes, recognize and admit it when you have hurt someone, and apologize. Your children will learn how to do this in their own lives (or not) by watching the example you set. *"Make this your common practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed. The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with."* (James 5:16)

Lutheran Family Service - www.LutheranFamilyService.org



Tasting Bee Announcement

Due to the continued social distancing and COVID safety recommendations, we will not be having the LWML Tasting Bee in person this year. As this LWML event is our second largest fundraiser, we are hoping that the congregation will still support this fundraiser. This year we are asking that you consider how much money you would have spent for ingredients and preparation of the recipes and donate that amount. Tickets would have cost \$10 and we are asking that you consider donating an amount equal to the number of tickets that you would have purchased. We are going to prepare a cookbook this year with favorite recipes from past cookbooks as well new recipes. We are looking for 50 recipes to be submitted for the cookbook. For every donation of at least \$10, you will receive one of the cookbooks. There will be an electronic sign up for those wishing to submit a recipe and that will come out soon. If you have any questions, feel free to contact one of the Tasting Bee chairs: Sandy Wagner at packratsandy@yahoo.com, Donna Saehler at saehler.donna@iowacityschools.org, Lynne Westphal at lynne-westphal@uiowa.edu, and Jennifer Kooker at jeneph28@mchsi.com

Please use this link if you would like to submit a new recipe or your favorite recipe from a previous years' cookbook. All recipes should be submitted by **Friday, April 9th**.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1HiLM2ts23TntmhGNbW36Tn5QISt1p1vs2VuYZKlqo/edit>



LUTHERAN WITNESS subscriptions will need to be in by April 15. If you wish to continue your subscription or add a new one, stop by the office to check or add your address and drop off a check in the amount of \$15.96 made out to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and in the memo line please put Lutheran Witness Subscription.

The Circle of Disaster and the Circle of Life



The numerous tragedies across America cause people to wring their hands, become anxious, nervous and sometimes angry, resulting many times, with more tragedies, more anxiety, more nervousness and more anger. ***IT IS A CIRCLE OF DISASTER*** with no discernable solution.

However, as usual, our Gracious God has designed for us ***THE CIRCLE OF LIFE*** that continues to be a circle, but a circle with answers and solutions. **That Circle of Life is this:** Call upon His Name, humble ourselves so God can hear our repentance and CONTINUE the **Circle of Life** with forgiveness. *We love this Bible passage from 2 Chronicles in times of national uncertainty –*

2 Chronicles 7:14 –“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and forgive their sin and heal their land.”

The Circle of Life is an ongoing process designed by God to provide relief from the disasters we humans generate because of our sin. **That relief can only come from God – the relief of forgiveness and the healing of our land.** We need the Holy Spirit to lead us (His people), to empower us (His people) through the process of Calling upon God; Humbling ourselves (His people) before God and Repenting before God of all our sins. All of our sins.

“If, My People... not the secular society, not the ones who we think should know better, not the ones we would like to blame, not any others - but ourselves (His people –Us, the church). **This Circle of Life works “If, My People...” Humble themselves, pray, seek My face and turn from their wicked ways...”**
[If, I humble myself; If, I seek God’s face, If I turn from My wicked ways.....]

God’s healing comes to and through His People. Are we hungry for a healing of our land? Let’s pray to the Holy Spirit to create a hunger for healing that comes by calling out to God, humbling ourselves, repenting and turning from our wicked ways.

Draw us into Your Circle of Life, Lord, and Forgive us.

Cory and Tom Strumpel – Our Redeemer Lutherans for Life Team

***“Be on Guard. Stand firm in the Faith. Be Courageous. Be Strong.
Let all that you do, be done in Love.” 1 Corinthians 16:13-14***



Submitted by Marcia Hulse

Stephen Ministry

We care, Christ cures.

Our Redeemer was blessed to begin another training session of Stephen Ministry in mid-February. Six candidates started their 50 hours of training necessary to enhance their characteristics of a caregiver in this distinctively Christian ministry. Each of them will bring their own special gifts and motivation to this training. Each of their caring relationships will also be unique.

The Stephen Ministry Leaders are doing everything they can to make sure the candidates have a very positive experience, are well trained, enjoy their training and service, and stay in touch with Jesus as they put others in touch with His healing power.

As a congregation we can continue to pray for this new class of Stephen Ministers, that they may refine their gifts and strengthen them in God's Word, and to guide them to effectively use their particular gifts in their Stephen Ministry training and service.

"If it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully." (Romans 12: 7-8 NIV)

Lord, you have healed us, forgiven us, and given us new life in your Son, Jesus. Thank you for loving us so. Strengthen us and help us to rely on your guidance and power in all that we do. Mold us into the people and the caregivers you want us to be. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

STEPHEN LEADERS

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

Trivia



Congratulations to the winners of the Trivia Challenge. Way to go MINIONS 5!!



March 2021



March 24, 2021

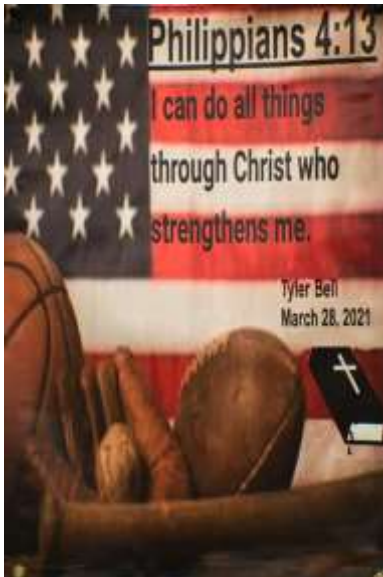
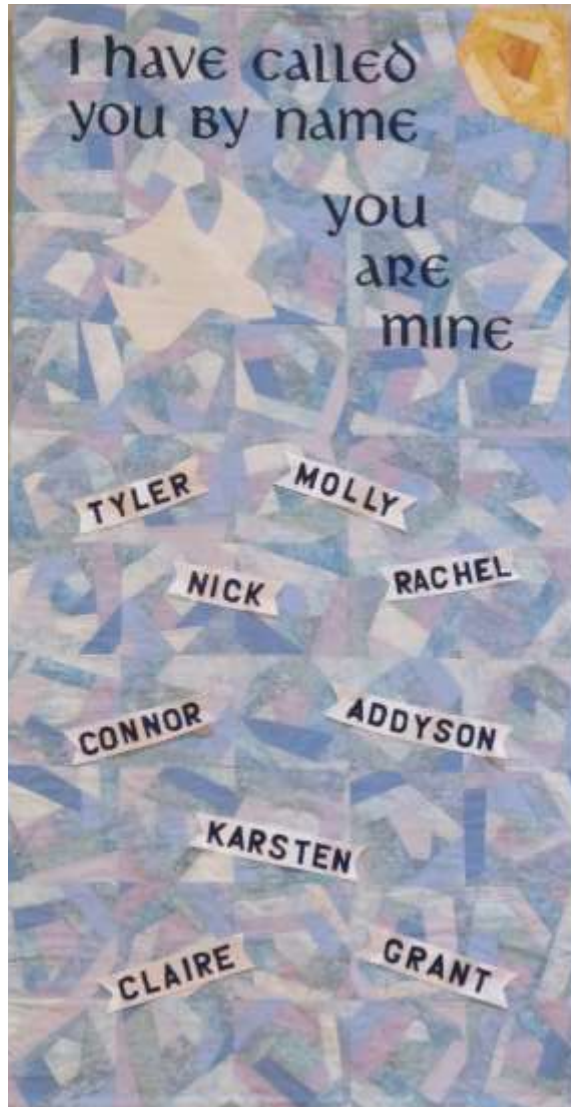
Spiritual Growth



Spiritual Growth Night

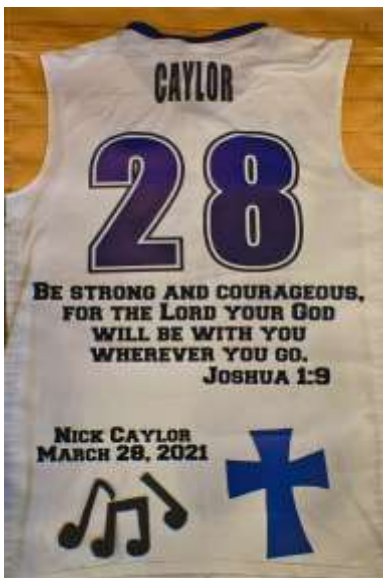
This year we have nine Confirmands who...

- answered questions on the basics of the Christian faith using the Six Chief Parts of the Small Catechism;
- presented their essays about their Confirmation verse, what their verse means to them and explained the design of their Confirmation banner;
- and are ready to publicly profess their Christian faith during the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, March 28, 2021.



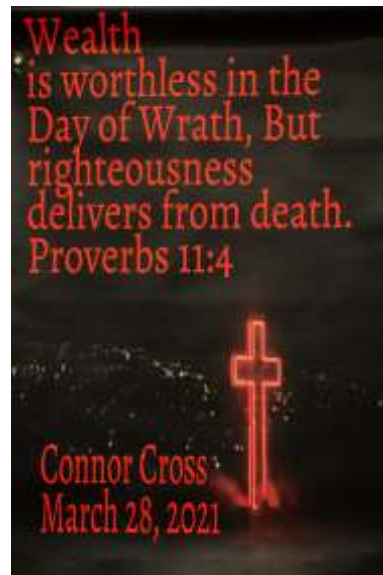
Tyler Drew Bell

Philippians 4:13
"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."



Nicholas Andrew Caylor

Joshua 1:9
"Be strong and courageous, for the Lord you God will be with you wherever you go."



Connor Ulrich Cross

Proverbs 11:4
"Wealth is worthless in the Day of Wrath, But righteousness delivers from death."



Karsten Eugene Ali Ghabel

Luke 2:10-11
 “And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.””



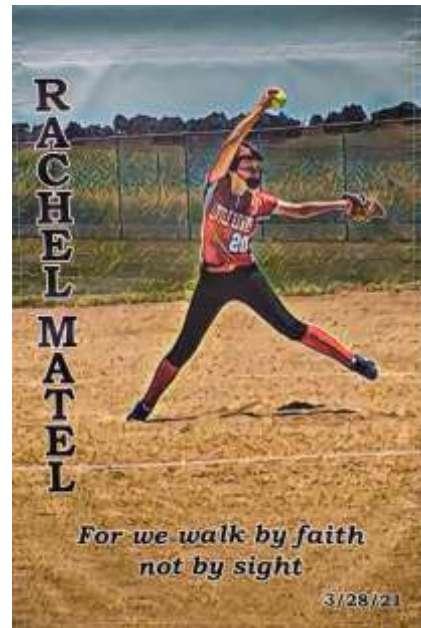
Claire Noel Hartwig

Matthew 19:26
 “But Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.””



Molly Jane Krogh

Romans 15:13
 “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”



Rachel Elizabeth Matel

2 Corinthians 5:7
 “For we walk by faith not by sight.”



Addyson Rose McKillip

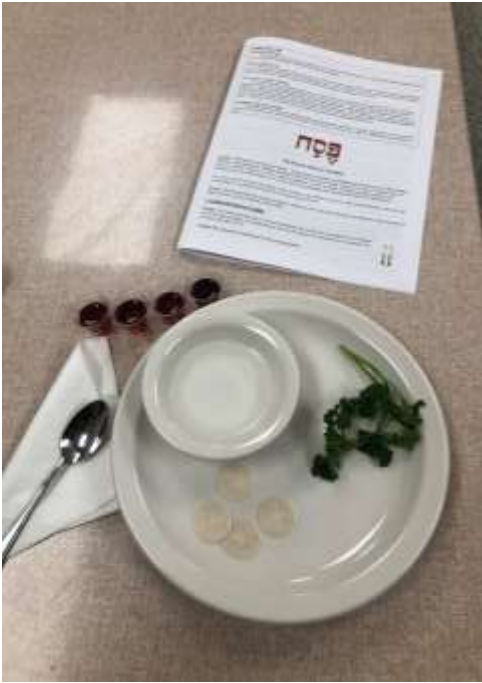
Proverbs 4:23
 “Above all else, guard your heart for everything you do flows from it.”



Grant Lane Wilson

Psalm 9:1
 “I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders.”

8th Grade Passover Meal



On Wednesday, March 3, Pastor led a special Passover Meal for the 8th graders and their parents as part of their study of the Sacrament of the Altar.



Matzo ball soup

Bitter herbs for the bitterness of slavery in Egypt. Unleavened bread because they left Egypt in haste.



Jesus drank the cup of suffering in our place.



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



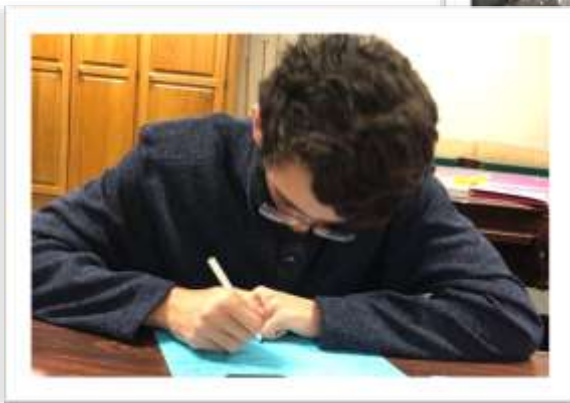
Christ's body and blood, shed for us for the forgiveness of sins.



High School Card Night

On March 10^h, 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!



Some Preschool Songs



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!

The Flower Song

Curl up like a tiny seed,
A tiny seed, a tiny seed.
Warm sun is what you need.
Now you can start growing,
Drink the rain and start to rise,
Start to rise, start to rise.
Stretch up tall, arms open wide,
Now a flower's showing.

Love in a Box

Oh you can't keep Jesus Love in a box
Love in a box
Love in a box
Oh you can't keep Jesus love in a box
Cause His love will come a bubbling
through

Verses

-Love in a bag

-Love in a jar

-Shut in the grave

-So I'll just keep Jesus love in my heart
.....

Joy

J is for Jesus
O is for others
Y yyyy is for you, you, you, and you,
JOY, JJJJ JOY, JJJJ JOY, JJJJ Joy

12 Months in a Year

January, February, March, April, May,
June, July, August, September, Octo-
ber, November, December 12 months
in a year!



1, 2, Buckle My Shoe

One, two, buckle my shoe
Three, four, shut the door
Five, six, pick up sticks
Seven, eight, lay them straight
Nine, ten, a big fat hen!

We Love

We love, because He first loved us!
We love, because He first loved us!
To the cross willingly,
Gave His life to set us free,
Jesus, died for you and me!
We love, because He first loved us!
We love, because He first loved us!
In our home, at our school,
With our friends, and neighbors too,
Jesus works through you and me!
We love, because He first loved us!
We love, because He first loved us!
1 John 4:19



Zacchaeus

Zacchaeus was a wee little man
And a wee little man was he.
He climbed up in a sycamore tree
For the Lord he wanted to see.



And when the Savior passed that way
He looked up in the tree.
And He said, 'Zacchaeus, you come
down!
For I'm going to your house today!
For I'm going to your house today!'



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.
Iowa City #43522



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade

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

Our Redeemer Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Wednesday, April 7th
6:30 pm

We will be holding the Easter Egg Hunt prior to Kids Club on this night. Please meet us on the front lawn ready to collect your Easter eggs. ALL children 5th grade and younger are invited to join us for the Easter Egg hunt. They do not have to be members of Kids Club. Watch your email to sign up so we can make sure to have enough eggs!

Contact Marnie Schrader for more info!
mvschrader@icloud.com

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	

DATE	EVENT	TIME
4		
7	Midweek Meal Confirmation Classes <i>for 6th, 7th & 8th Grades</i> & High School Midweek	6:00 pm 6:45 pm
14, 21 & 28	Confirmation Classes <i>for 6th, 7th & 8th Grades</i> & High School Midweek	6:45 pm
17	Spring Confirmation Retreat	
25	Sunday School Sunday and Noisy Offering <i>during services</i>	8:00 am & 10:30 am services

High School Midweek

All high school students and their friends are invited to join us on Wednesday nights for High School Midweek.

We meet from 6:45 pm—8:00 pm.

Join us for a group game, craft or activity in a casual atmosphere.



Confirmation Classes

6th, 7th & 8th grades

We will resume our regular Midweek schedule of meeting at

6:45 pm—8:00 pm

for our last four classes:

Wednesday, April 7

Wednesday, April 14

Wednesday, April 21

Wednesday, April 28 (last night of classes)



Youth Sunday School

Sundays @ 9:20 am

ROOM & ZOOM

(Link sent via REMIND text)

Confirmation—Room 208

High School—Youth Room



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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.

Hummingbirds

John 6:57

I hang in place feeders with sugar water,
offering them to the tiny birds.

They could be the difference between life and death
when no nectar-holding flowers
are blooming.

My Lord hung in place, offering Himself
on His wooden altar cross
for me and feeds me with His Word;
sweeter than sugar.

It is the difference between my soul's life and death
because no one else
could or can supply this need.

Carol Schuldt

