



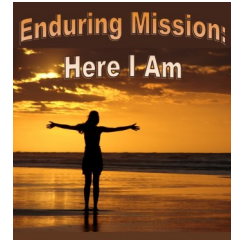
~Third Sunday in Lent~



**HERE I AM!
DISCIPLES**

Adult Bible Class

Date	Event	Area(s) of the Bible
March 7	Sent	Luke 9:1-6, 23-27
March 14	Transfigured	Matthew 17
March 21	Served	John 17
March 28	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	
April 4	<i>Easter</i>	



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

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
March 7	1 Samuel 8:4-9; 10:17-27; 11:12-15	The Chosen King-Saul Becomes King
March 14	1 Samuel 17:2-11, 33-51	The Fearless Shepherd-David and Goliath
March 21	1 Samuel 18:1-9; 20:18-42	The Faith-Full Friends-David and Jonathan
March 28	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	
April 4	<i>EASTER</i>	

Trivia Challenge takes on a COVID look!

Each table will provide their own snacks. A limited number of individually prepackaged snacks and bottled water will be provided by a Thrivent Action Team. There will be no child care provided. Masks should be in place except when eating.

What is the Trivia Challenge?

Trivia Challenges are informal, fun competitions where teams battle to see who has the greatest knowledge of trivia. General knowledge and trivial interest questions are asked by a trivia host and the winner is the team which, at the end of the event, has correctly answered the most number of questions.

How does the Trivia Challenge work?

The events themselves are quite simple. You gather a group of eight participants to form a team. The Challenge is run in rounds. During each round the host asks a series of ten questions. The teams discuss the answers at their table and record their answers on their score sheet.

At the conclusion of each round, the sheets are collected and checked for accuracy. Meanwhile, the answers are revealed to the participants.

At the conclusion of the seven rounds, total scores are added up and a traveling trophy is awarded to the winning team.

How can I sign up?

Either call the Church Office or fill out this online form: <https://forms.gle/YChVrcdi3MhEEYau7>



Prayer of the Church/Third Sunday in Lent/7 March 2021

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

O Lord, our jealous God, save the third and fourth generations that will come after us from Your punishment by filling us with Your Son's zeal, that we may cast out every idol from our hearts and love only You and Your commandments.

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

Here I am

O Lord, our God, You have brought us out of slavery to sin through Christ Jesus, whom You have made to be our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. Bless our efforts to share the Gospel with this hurting world. Help us to craft our own summary in seven words.

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

Here I am

O Lord, preserve and bless all Christian households, that husbands and wives would live in love and service to each other, that fathers and mothers would diligently bring up their children in Your fear, and that children would honor their parents and be well equipped for service to their neighbors in this life.

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

Here I am

O Lord, it is Your desire that Your saving Word is brought to the ends of the earth. We give you thanks for the gifts of *Mission Central* and all the missionaries that make it possible for Your Word to spread far and wide. We especially thank you for *Anton Lutz* in Papua New Guinea, the *Parish Nurses in Swaziland* or eSwatini, the mission of *Ysleta* and *Arthur Rickman* and all the pastors in *Panama*.

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

Here I am

O Lord, whose steadfast love in Christ is good, turn in Your abundant mercy to all who suffer in our midst. [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*, *Gabe Hundley* (grandson of Karen Abernathy), *Dora Jacobson* (granddaughter of George and Carol Schuldt), *David Jones* (Lonne Loney's uncle), *Ann Klopp* (mother of Louise Klopp), *Lee Meraz*, *Creedon Miller* (Duane and Flo Miller's son), *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

O Lord, You bless this day and make it holy with Your Word and the gifts of Your altar. Grant us to come before You in humble repentance to eat Your Son's body and blood, that we may not boast in ourselves in Your presence but in Christ alone.

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

Here I am

O Lord, 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. 3/7	Joanne Young
Mon. 3/8	Carlyne Burge, Amy Jarvis
Tues. 3/9	Seth Hosier, David Long, Gwen McNatt, Ella Nelson, Michelle Wade
Wed. 3/10	Troy Lane, Luca Sorrentino, Quincy Sorrentino, Timothy Zimmerman
Thurs. 3/11	Lindsay Boyrum, Richard Farnsworth, Marcia Hulse, Mary Siems, Timothy Wood
Fri. 3/12	Melissa Mullane
Sat. 3/13	Stephanie Chapman, J.C. Ellyson, Seth Honemann, Donna Saehler, Tahle Siems

STEWARDSHIP February 27/28

TIME	TREASURES		
Equipping Disciples Video 2/23	97	Contributions	\$4,399.80
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 2/27	56	A Little Farther	\$8,509.14
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 2/28	212	Monthly needs for budget	\$64,902.00
Recorded Service 2/28	45	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	31/63
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	313	Lenten Services 2/24	172

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, March 7-14

<u>Sunday, 3/7</u>		<u>Wednesday continued</u>	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Lenten Meal	5:10pm
Sunday School-In Person	9:20am	Lenten Service	6:10pm
Adult Bible Class-In Person/ZOOM	9:20am	Midweek/Adult Midweek	7:00pm
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am		
Trivia Challenge	12:00pm	<u>Thursday, 3/11</u>	
Children's Ministry Committee	7:00pm	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
		Board of Directors	7:00pm
<u>Monday, 3/8</u>			
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	<u>Friday, 3/12</u>	
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm		
Outreach Committee	6:30pm	<u>Saturday, 3/13</u>	
		Men's Bible Study	8:00am
<u>Tuesday, 3/9</u>		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
Women's Beth Moore	9:00am		
Bell Choir	6:00pm	<u>Sunday, 3/14-Daylight Saving Time Begins</u>	
Stephen Ministry Training	6:45pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
		Sunday School-In Person	9:20am
<u>Wednesday, 3/10</u>		Adult Bible Class-In Person/ZOOM	9:20am
TOPS	8:00am	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am
Lenten Service	1:00pm	Thank you for worshipping with us!!	



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 by the end of 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.

2021 PANCAKE DAY IS GOING VIRTUAL
Even Though We Will Not Be Meeting In Person
Our Support Is Still Needed For



ORLC's Pancake Day is an important
fundraising event for CommUnity

PLEASE MAKE A DONATION ON OR BEFORE MARCH 6th.

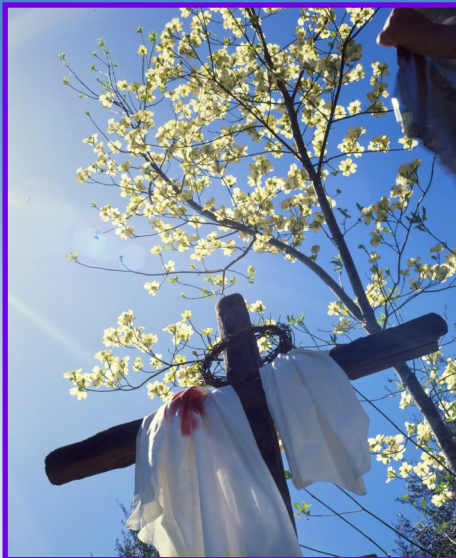
Cash / Check / On-Line

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/>



LENTEN SCHEDULE

2021

Until March 24

Services 1:00 & 6:10 pm

Midweek Meal 5:10 pm

Midweek Class 7:00 pm (*No Class March 17*)

Spiritual Growth Event 7:00 pm (*March 24*)



Lunch Bunch meets the first and third Wednesday of each month. Lunch Bunch will be meeting again on March 17 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.



March 25, 6:00pm
Fellowship Hall

Please sign up
or you can call
Lorrie at the
Church Office
338-5626

Popcorn is
provided.

Rated (PG-13)





COLLECTING FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS

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 1/2"; no loose leaf paper.

One 30cm/inches ruler

One pencil sharpener

One **BLUNT** scissors

Five **UNSHARPENED** #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 Moyer and others



Personal Care Kits are also needing items:

One like new, 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

For our Baby Kits we do need A LOT OF sleepers without feet, t-shirts, tops and pants for both boys and girls.

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



Building Healthy Families:

Husbands, want to have a great relationship with your wife, even during times of conflict? Don't try harder to convince her of your point. Don't walk away. Love her. Research supports what Scripture has already told us: During an argument, 72% of wives feel unloved. *"Each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband."* (Ephesians 5:33) It's not just a good idea, it's a clear directive from the creator of marriage Himself. And it works!

Lutheran Family Service - www.LutheranFamilyService.org

2021 LWML National Convention

Date: June 24–27, 2021

Location: Lexington, Kentucky

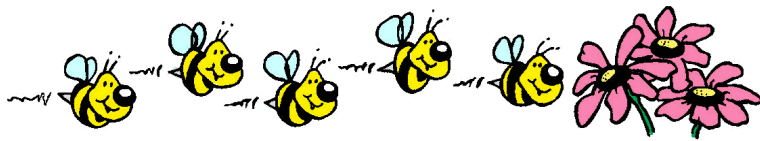
Theme: Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus



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 began February 1.



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.



Thank You!

Thank you from the Human Care Committee for contributing to the "Spread Te Love" peanut butter and jelly campaign for the CommUnity (Crisis Center) for the month of February. 90 regular size jars of peanut butter, 24 large jars of peanut butter and 60 jars of jelly were purchased with a Thrivent Action card. Contributions from Our Redeemer members were 53 regular size jars of peanut butter, 23 large jars of peanut butter and 36 jars of jelly. Totally 484 lbs. of PB&J to help nourish those in need.

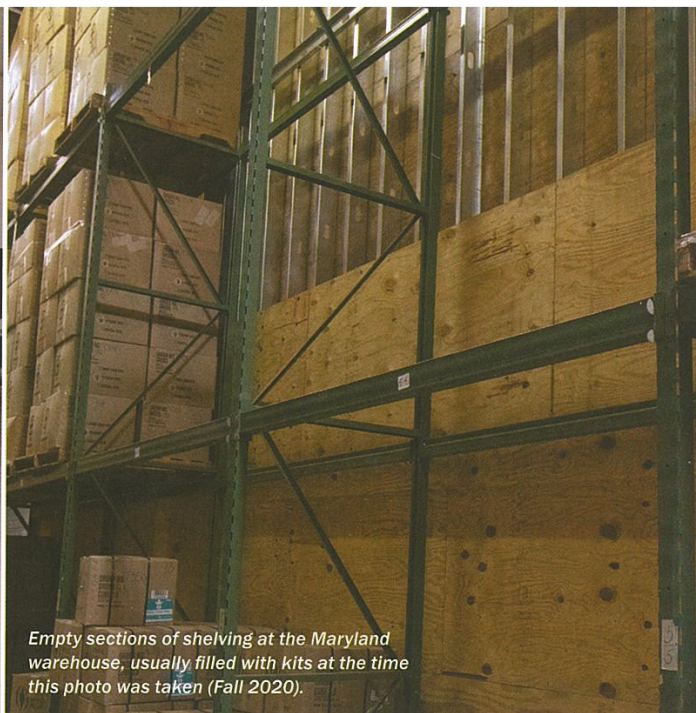


LUTHERAN WITNESS subscriptions will need to be in by April 15. If you wish to continue your subscription or add a new one, stop by the office to check or add your address and drop off a check in the amount of

\$15.96 made out to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and in the memo line please put Lutheran Witness Subscription.



Matt Tuneberg, manager of the warehouse in S. St. Paul, Minn., with bales of quilts awaiting their protective plastic wrap.



Empty sections of shelving at the Maryland warehouse, usually filled with kits at the time this photo was taken (Fall 2020).

Help us fill these bare shelves with love!

If anyone is keenly aware of how COVID-19 has disrupted the LWR Quilt & Kit Ministry, it's the warehouse staff in Maryland and Minnesota who receive, process and prepare your quilts and kits to distribute around the world.

Since March 2020, many quilting and kit-making groups have been unable to meet, and a large number of Ingatherings have been postponed — and it shows on the shelves.

“In September 2020, we didn't have a single thing to pack,” said Matt Tuneberg, who manages LWR's Minnesota warehouse. “Nothing came in and nothing went out for the first time in 27 years.” He estimates that since the pandemic began, they've received about 40% of their normal amount of donations.

In Maryland, warehouse manager Loretta Wolf said the shelves have never been this empty. “Normally both our building and our storage containers are full after fall shipments,” she said, “but there is a strong concern that we won't have enough on hand to fulfill the upcoming needs in 2021 and beyond.”

Meanwhile, our neighbors need your love more than ever. We know many of you are doing everything you can to continue your ministry safely. Please keep it up — we are so grateful for you! You are always so generous, and we know that in God's timing the pandemic will be under control — and our warehouse shelves will be overflowing once again with your love and blessings for our neighbors in need.

LWR Ingatherings

An Ingathering is a regional event where quilters and kit-makers can drop off their donations to be shipped to LWR's Maryland or Minnesota warehouse. Ingatherings allow many people to ship their donations of quilts and kits together in a coordinated and efficient manner, saving time and money. If you haven't before, consider bringing your spring or fall donations to one of the Ingathering sites listed on lwr.org/ingatherings.

No Ingatherings near you? Consider starting one! New volunteers are always welcome to help organize local gatherings. Call **800.597.5972** or e-mail lwr@lwr.org to learn about starting an Ingathering in your area.

**For more information please
contact Sandy Wagner.**



Preschool Newsletter



March 1-5, 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 Je-

This Week

CIRCLE TIME

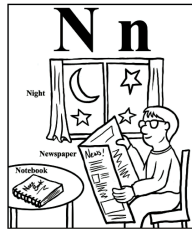
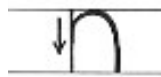
Dr. Seuss Week - writer, illustrator
Kids tell us some preschool rules
Bible: the good Samaritan
Letter Nn
Color black
Rhyming words
Action dice
Line leader book



Big Line
Big Line
Big Line

CRAFTS

N is for nest, night, numbers,
newspaper
Q-tip painting balloon
Handprints—*Thing One & Thing Two*



READING CENTER BOOKS

Dr. Seuss books

TEACHER TIME

Letter Nn worksheet
Dr. Seuss worksheet—optional
Assessments—Language and Literacy

Question for a Kid?

What are some rhyming words you know?

Snack This Week

We enjoyed air popped popcorn, bananas, and water/milk throughout this week.



Happy 5th Birthday Ryan!

Nn (To The Old Grey Mare)

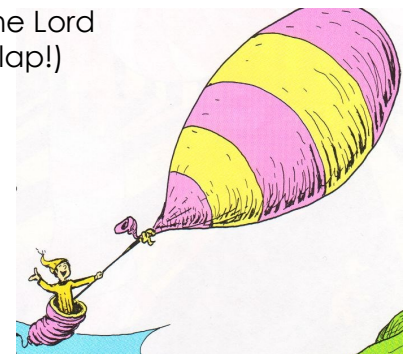
Nathaniel had a naughty little nanny goat, who never ate a single oat, just nibbled on his overcoat. Nathaniel had a naughty little nanny goat, her name was Nannabelle.



March Snack Prayer

Oh Give Thanks Unto the Lord
(sung to: *If You're Happy and You Know It*)

Oh give thanks unto the Lord
For this day! (Clap! Clap!)
Oh give thanks unto the Lord
For this food! (Clap! Clap!)
Oh give thanks unto the Lord,
Oh give thanks unto the Lord,
Oh give thanks unto the Lord
For this day! (Clap! Clap!)
Amen



Keep sending winter boots and snow pants throughout this nice spring weather. It is very wet and dirty on the playground. Thank you!

Future Dates

March 10—No School
March 16-19—No School—Spring Break
March 27—Preschool Family Trivia Kahoot Night
April 5/6—Scholastic online book orders due. Class code: **MQWNG**
April 15/16—No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences on Zoom



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade

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

Children's Bell Choir

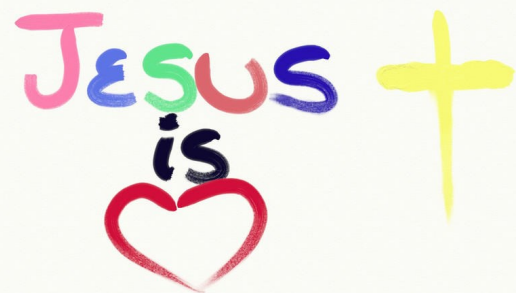
The Sunday School children will continue to rehearse with the bells so they can play for service again on April 25th during services. They will be rehearsing between services periodically.

**Tiffany Roiseland.
Come and join us!**



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!



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

Kids Club

Wednesdays 6:45-8:00

We will not be having Kids Club Parent Night this year. Instead Paula and Marnie will be walking the kids through a mini prayer walk in which they will make a set of resurrection eggs to bring home.

Contact Marnie Schrader for more info!



Youth Ministry

6th – 12th Grade

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

Wednesdays in Lent: Wednesday, March 10th

- 5:10 pm** Lenten Meal: *French toast, eggs, sausage, cinnamon rolls, applesauce and orange juice*
- 6:10 pm** Lenten Worship Service
- 7:00 pm** Confirmation & Midweek Classes

Confirmation Classes

Wednesday, March 10th

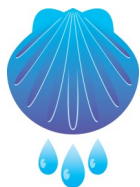
6th Grade—Lecture

UNIT 3: God's Grace through Jesus
Third Morn, Christ Ascend, Spirit Friend



MEMORY WORK: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

7th Grade—Lecture



UNIT 3: Baptism

What is baptism? Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

8th Grade—Small Group

EXAM REVIEW

UNIT 3: SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

Review what Holy Communion is and the benefits of the

Lord's Supper using the study guide which will be handed out during class.



High School Midweek during Lent



Christians have the best news in the world to share!

During this season of Lent, come and hear about this Good News.

March 10 **"Death and Life"**

March 17 *Meal & Worship (no class)*

March 24 **The Gospel in Your Words**

Join us for a group game, craft or activity related to the theme for the week.

Bring a friend!

Spiritual Growth Event

Wednesday, March 24th
7:00 pm in the Sanctuary



The service includes "questioning" the 8th graders about the Christian faith as they personally confess the truths they have learned during Confirmation class. The 8th grade Confirmands will also present their papers about their Confirmation Verse and their banners.

All 6th and 7th Grade Confirmation students will attend during class with their Small Group leaders.



Youth Sunday School

Sundays @ 9:20 am

ROOM & ZOOM (Link sent via REMIND text)

Confirmation—Room 208

High School—Youth Room



OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

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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.