



~*Fifth Sunday in Lent*~



HERE I AM!
DISCIPLES



Adult Bible Class

Date	Event	Area(s) of the Bible
March 21	Served	John 17
March 28	Palm Sunday	
April 4	Easter	

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
March 21	1 Samuel 18:1-9; 20:18-42	The Faith-Full Friends-David and Jonathan
March 28	Palm Sunday	
April 4	EASTER	

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



LENTEN SCHEDULE

2021

Until March 24

Services 1:00 & 6:10 pm
Midweek Meal 5:10 pm
Spiritual Growth Event 7:00 pm (*March 24*)

HOLY WEEK

March 31 SILENT WEDNESDAY
Prayer Walk 11:00 am—7:00 pm

April 1 MAUNDY THURSDAY
Services
1:00 pm, 5:30 pm & 7:00 pm

April 2 GOOD FRIDAY
Services
1:00 pm, 5:30 pm & 7:00 pm

April 3
Easter Worship
5:30 pm

April 4 EASTER
Easter Worship
6:30 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am & 11:00 am

Prayer of the Church/Fifth Sunday in Lent/21 March 2021

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

Heavenly Father, in these Lenten days we ask You to pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us to write Your Word on our hearts, that we might know You as the God who forgives our iniquities and remembers our sins no more.

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

Here I am

Heavenly Father, Your Son came not to be served but to serve. Help us not lord our authority over one another, but humbly serve one another in our homes, communities and congregation as Christ has so humbly served us.

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

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Heavenly Father, look in mercy on civic, political, and business leaders. Guard them from the temptation to lord it over us improperly, that they might faithfully serve according to Your good and gracious will.

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

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Heavenly Father, You watch over, protect and defend us through the service of others. Bless, we pray, the men and women who serve in our military, police forces and all emergency services who, like Your Son, are often called on to lay down their lives for us.

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

Here I am

Heavenly Father, as Your only begotten Son learned obedience though what He suffered, we pray that You would bless, sustain and relieve [**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**] and all who suffer in our midst, that walking the way of the cross with Your Son, they may know the fullness of His eternal salvation.

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

Here I am

Heavenly Father, You have baptized us with Christ's Baptism to be our God, that we might be Your people. Grant us faithfully to drink from His cup in the blessed Sacrament, that He might sustain our life in Him with His flesh and blood.

_____ 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. 3/21	Jessica Schafer, Jade Woods
Mon. 3/22	Rory Hinkle
Tues. 3/23	Kayden Murken, Jonathan Schultz, Trisha Sexton
Wed. 3/24	Sheri Foster
Thurs. 3/25	***
Fri. 3/26	Jo Beer, Maxwell Carlson, Julie Happel, Addyson McKillip, Catherine Nelson, Aaron Strumpel
Sat. 3/27	Hayden Dyson, John Krogh, Maisie Magsamen, Ericha TeBockhorst

STEWARDSHIP March 13/14

TIME	TREASURES		
Equipping Disciples Video 3/9	90	Contributions	\$13,160.82
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 3/20	44	A Little Farther	\$1,025.06
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 3/21	81+107=232	Monthly needs for budget	\$64,902.00
Recorded Service 3/21	25	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	15/63
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	257	Lenten Services 3/10	60+101+16=177

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, March 21-28

<u>Sunday, 3/21</u>		<i>Wednesday continued</i>	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Midweek/Adult Midweek	7:00pm
Sunday School-In Person	9:20am	Spiritual Growth Event	7:00pm
Adult Bible Class-In Person/ZOOM	9:20am		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am	<u>Thursday, 3/25</u>	
Small Group Bible Study	5:30pm	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
		Christ in Film (Sign-Up)	6:00pm
<u>Monday, 3/22</u>			
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	<u>Friday, 3/26</u>	
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	P.A.L.S. Group	10:00am
<u>Tuesday, 3/23</u>		<u>Saturday, 3/27</u>	
Women's Beth Moore	9:30pm	Men's Bible Study	8:00am
Bell Choir	6:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
Stephen Ministry Training	6:45pm	Preschool Family Trivia Night	6:30pm
<u>Wednesday, 3/24</u>		<u>Sunday, 3/28-Palm Sunday/Confirmation</u>	
TOPS	8:00am	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
Lenten Service	1:00pm	Confirmation Practice	9:00am
Lenten Meal	5:10pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am
Lenten Service	6:10pm	District 13 Meeting	2:30pm



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.



Prayer Walk returns! The Fellowship Hall is transformed into a serene and prayerful setting with several areas designed to guide your prayers and meditations. Spend as much or as little time as you choose at one or any number of the settings between 11:00 am and 7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 31.

PLAN TO ATTEND!



*** Please sign up using the link in the weekly email or you can call Lorrie at the Church Office 338-5626**

**March 25, 6:00pm
Fellowship Hall**

Popcorn is provided.

Rated (PG-13)



Did You Know? Yesterday (March 20) was the first day of spring! With the change of seasons comes new life, blossoms, and a multitude of color instead of the shades of gray, black and white of winter. Springtime provides a visual representation of the change that Christ makes in our hearts: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17. As you welcome and recognize signs of spring, remember you, too, are being renewed. Look for signs of that renewal this week!

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 jeneeph28@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/1HjLM2ts23TntmhGNbW36Tn5QIStl1pl1vs2VuYZKlqo/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.



2021-2022 Enrollment Form

Child First Name _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Birth Date _____ Sex: Male Female Age as of September 15, _____ years

What year in school: Prek 3 OR Prek 4

DAILY SCHEDULE:

7:30am Extended Care Drop off
 9:00am Preschool Starts
 9:30am Learning Centers
 10:30am Snack/Bathroom
 11:00am Outside Recreation
 11:45am Story/Music
 12:00pm Preschool Ends/Pick Up/Lunch
 12:45pm Lunch Ends/Pick Up
 1:00pm Story/Quiet Rest Time
 3:00pm Snack
 3:20pm Outside/Playground
 4:00pm Learning Centers
 5:30pm Day Ends/Pick Up

OTHER INFORMATION:

- * Our Preschool starts after Labor Day and ends before Memorial Day.
- * Children may enroll throughout the school year as spaces allow.
- * Scholarship information is available upon request.
- * Extended Care hours – Students may be dropped off any time after 7:30am and picked up any time before 5:30pm.
- * The morning snack will be provided by an assigned preschool student. Those preschoolers staying for lunch should provide their own bag lunch. No breakfast will be offered. An afternoon snack will be provided by the preschool.
- * If Iowa City Schools are delayed, no preschool, extended care starting at noon.
- * If Iowa City Schools are cancelled, no preschool or extended care.
- * If Iowa City Schools close early, we have extended care.

CHECK DESIRED PROGRAM:

_____ (M/W/F)	Preschool Program	9:00am-12:00pm	\$221/month
_____ (M/W/F)	Preschool Program with extended care LUNCH time	9:00am-12:45pm	\$290/month
_____ (M/W/F)	Preschool Program with MORNING extended care	7:30am-12:00pm	\$323/month
_____ (M/W/F)	Preschool Program with MORNING e.c. & LUNCH	7:30am-12:45pm	\$393/month
_____ (M/W/F)	Preschool Program with AFTERNOON extended care	9:00am-5:30pm	\$602/month
_____ (M/W/F)	Preschool Program with FULL day extended care	7:30am-5:30pm	\$707/month
_____ (T/TH)	Preschool Program	9:00am-12:00pm	\$162/month
_____ (T/TH)	Preschool Program with extended care LUNCH time	9:00am-12:45pm	\$208/month
_____ (T/TH)	Preschool Program with MORNING extended care	7:30am-12:00pm	\$232/month
_____ (T/TH)	Preschool Program with MORNING e.c. & LUNCH	7:30am-12:45pm	\$278/month
_____ (T/TH)	Preschool Program with AFTERNOON extended care	9:00am-5:30pm	\$417/month
_____ (T/TH)	Preschool Program with FULL day extended care	7:30am-5:30pm	\$486/month
_____ (5 Day)	Preschool Program	9:00am-12:00pm	\$366/month
_____ (5 Day)	Preschool Program with extended care LUNCH time	9:00am-12:45pm	\$481/month
_____ (5 Day)	Preschool Program with MORNING extended care	7:30am-12:00pm	\$538/month
_____ (5 Day)	Preschool Program with MORNING e.c. & LUNCH	7:30am-12:45pm	\$653/month
_____ (5 Day)	Preschool Program with AFTERNOON extended care	9:00am-5:30pm	\$1,001/month
_____ (5 Day)	Preschool Program with FULL day extended care	7:30am-5:30pm	\$1,175/month

Financial scholarships are available for Preschool, not for extended care or lunch expenses. Scholarship Application due August 1st.

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____
 Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
 Best Phone Number _____
 Best Email _____

Our Redeemer Preschool admits children of any race, color, nationality or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities of the Preschool. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, nationality or ethnic origin in administration of the educational or admission policies. Our curriculum is Christian-based.

Please mail your completed form along with the **\$50 non-refundable** registration fee made payable to:

Our Redeemer Preschool
 2301 E. Court Street
 Iowa City, IA 52245

Upon receipt of the Enrollment Form and fee, your child's spot will be reserved. An enrollment packet will be sent to you containing all additional paperwork to be completed. Thank you for enrolling your child with Our Redeemer Preschool.

Version 2, 2021



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 April 25th services.

They will be rehearsing between services Periodically with Tiffany Roiseland. Come and join us!



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

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!



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 24th

5:10 pm Lenten Meal
6:10 pm Lenten Worship Service

Confirmation (6th—8th Grades)

High School

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 share 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.

Following the event, there will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall hosted by the High School youth.

Save these dates...

Spiritual Growth Event

Wednesday, March 24th

7:00—9:00 pm

High School Youth will attend the Spiritual Growth Event and host a presentation of gifts during the Reception afterwards.



Prayer Walk*

Wednesday, March 31st

6:45—9:00 pm

High School Youth will participate in the Prayer Walk and help take down the centers afterwards.

*Earn Silver Cord hours



Confirmed in Christ

As we look forward to **Confirmation** Sunday on **March 28th**, we look at what Confirmation is.

*Confirmation...is a time for our 8th Grade Confirmands to **confirm (or affirm) the promises** made to them **by God** in their **Baptism**.*

*Confirmation...is also a time to **publicly announce the understanding** of their **responsibilities as Christians**.*

*Confirmation...is one step along their **life-long journey** of living out their **Christian faith** as they learn the **basics of the Christian faith**.*

Confirmation is about...

“Equipping disciples to make disciples for Jesus”.

2021 Confirmands

Tyler Bell

Claire Hartwig

Nick Caylor

Molly Krogh

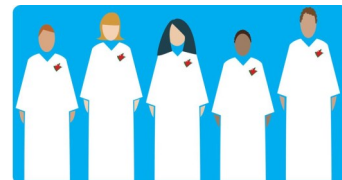
Connor Cross

Rachel Matel

Karsten Gabel

Addyson McKillip

Grant Wilson



Confirmed in Christ

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.