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Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - April 24/25, 2021

~Fourth Sunday of Easter~

COMING UP IN SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
April 25	In All Judea	Romans 12:2, 17:22-32
May 2	And Samaria	1 Corinthians 9:20
May 9	And to the End of the Earth	recap



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

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
April 25	1 Kings 6:11-38; 11:1-11	The Unwise Wise King—Solomon Builds the Temple



Mission Minute

Christ said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel."
So we respond: "Here I am!"

The Great Commission calls us to share God's Word near and far, and the Mission Committee at Our Redeemer has worked hard to do so, even in a pandemic! Now you have an opportunity to help. For the next six weeks we're going to hold a "Mission Minute" during service. This Mission Minute will provide an update on six of Our Redeemer's missions:

- Panama FORO
- Lutheran Family Services of Iowa
- Eswatini
- Pastor Becker's Mission in Africa
- Ysleta
- UKANDU

One of these six missions will receive an extra allotment of mission funds— and you'll help decide which through a "Penny Vote!" Every individual may 'vote' with up to 100 pennies (one dollar's worth) by placing them in the appropriate glass jars in narthex. At the end of these six weeks, mission funding will be allocated accordingly. Go, get your pennies ready for this "Here I am!" moment!

In Christ, Vicar



Concordia
Seminary
ST. LOUIS

CALL DAY SERVICE 2021

WE WILL BE BLESSED AGAIN
WITH ANOTHER VICAR
FOR THE 2021/2022
ACADEMIC YEAR

APRIL 28 AT 3:00pm
IN THE SANCTUARY
PLEASE SIGN UP

Prayer of the Church/Fifth Sunday of Easter/25 April 2021

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

O God, in Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have sought out Your sheep and gathered us with them into Your flock. Keep us always in Your fold, and guard us from every wolf and snare.

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

Here I am

O God, as You breathed new life into the world through the resurrection of Your Son, so now by Your Holy Spirit breathe new life into Your Church that, freed by His Gospel, we may always confess the name of Jesus Christ, the only name given among men by which we must be saved.

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

Here I am

O God, Your Son has called us to love our brothers. Turn us in love toward the neighbors closest to us, especially within our own homes, that we may daily show our confidence in God by deed and truth, laying down our lives as Christ first did for us.

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

Here I am

O God, 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 Missionary *Vance Becker* in Africa, *Anton Lutz* in Papua New Guinea, the *Parish Nurses in eSwatini* or Swaziland, *Lutheran Family Service*, all the pastors in *Panama* and *Arthur Rickman, UKANDU*, and *Ysleta* Mission in El Paso.

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

Here I am

O God, by the firstfruits of Christ's life from the dead, You secured forgiveness for our troubled consciences. Bless also with temporal health and well-being those who suffer among us [*Especially we pray for Dorothy Blume (Carol Schuldt's sister), Charles Calef, David Caplin (Lillian Moyer's son-in-law), Jody Cole (Charles Calef's friend), Chad Dyson, Emeel Elkeurti, 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), Norma Miller (Twyla Freeman's aunt), Barb Nace (Doris Siemer's niece), Ron Rafferty, 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 God, our Shepherd, You calm all fears in this valley of the shadow of death, and You prepare the holy table of Your Son's testament in the presence of our enemies. Grant us repentant and faithful hearts.

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

Here I am

O God, listen to our silent prayers.

[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.

BIRTHDAYS

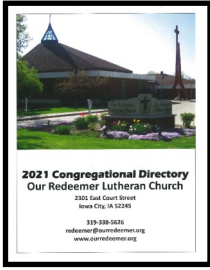
Sun. 4/25 Adam Fuhrmeister, Robert Hansen, Cindy Kreutz, Caitlin Pinnell, Kyle Sexton, Brian Westphal
 Mon. 4/26 Glorine Berry, Luke Young
 Tues. 4/27 Louise Klopp, Erica Watkinson
 Wed. 4/28 Kelli Bruckman, Darrick Eldridge, Samuel Gienapp, Elisabeth Hottel, Jessi Kucera, Aaron Mueller, Samantha Nelson
 Thurs. 4/29 Haleigh Jones, Curtis McBride
 Fri. 4/30 Denise Fesler, Sophie Foster, Erik Jorgensen, Emily Stein
 Sat. 5/1 Jonathan Ealy, Drake Obermueller, Abbie Schmidt, Tom Strumpel

STEWARDSHIP APRIL 17-18

TIME—HOLY WEEK/EASTER		TREASURES	
Equipping Disciples Video 4/13	112	Contributions	\$5,295.78
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 4/17--5:30pm	57	A Little Farther	\$2,570.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 4/18--8:00am	97	Monthly needs for budget	\$64,902.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 4/18-10:30am	102		
Recorded Service 4/17	19		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	275	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	17/29

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, April 25-May 2

<u>Sunday School Sunday, 4/25-Noisy Offering</u>		<i>Wednesday continued</i>	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Midweek	6:45pm
Sunday School	9:20am	Kid's Club Celebration	6:45pm
Adult Bible Class/In Person & ZOOM	9:20am	Adult Midweek	7:00pm
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am	Spring Parent Youth Meeting	8:00pm
<u>Monday, 4/26</u>		<u>Thursday, 4/29</u>	
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Staff Planning Session	6:00pm		
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	<u>Friday, 4/30</u>	
SM-Small Group/Marcia	6:30pm		
		<u>Saturday, 5/1</u>	
<u>Tuesday, 4/27</u>		Devyn Alt Bridal Shower	11:00am
Preschool Committee	6:30pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
Stephen Ministry Training	6:45pm		
		<u>Sunday, 5/2</u>	
<u>Wednesday, 4/28</u>		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
TOPS	8:00am	Sunday School	9:20am
Emerson Point	2:00pm	Adult Bible Class/In Person & ZOOM	9:20am
Call Day Service	3:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am
Midweek Meal	6:00pm	<i>Thank you for worshipping with us!!</i>	



2021 CHURCH DIRECTORIES

If you have one of those old church picture directories and need an updated one, the 2021 church directories are now available to be picked up. They will be located on the Welcome Counter by the office.



Zion Lutheran in Hiawatha is seeking a part time secretary for 16-25 hours per week. Duties will include preparing and printing bulletins, data entry, filing, answering phones, assisting the various boards, committees and organizations of the congregation with their reporting and publicity needs and other duties generally associated with secretarial work. Anticipated work schedule is, at minimum, Monday through Thursday mornings with ample flexibility to accommodate worker and family needs. If interested, please inquire at 319/393-2013 or email at churchoffice@zionhiawatha.org



VICAR'S FRONT STEPS BROKE!!



The front steps at the Vicarage are no longer safe to use. On April 24th, 9:00 a.m., we need six able bodied people to help load the broken up cement steps into a truck. Please sign-up in the Church Office. Thank you in advance.

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 .

Blessing Books *Now through May 9th*

As with so many things, senior books will need to be done differently this year. Your messages of congratulations and encouragement for the graduates will be done through email.

WHO SHOULD “SIGN” THE BLESSING BOOKS? Everyone in the congregation can sign.

WHAT SHOULD I WRITE? Write a short note of Christian encouragement, share your favorite Bible verse or simply sign your name.

HOW DO I SHARE MY MESSAGE? You can either write your message on a quarter sheet of paper and email a picture of it or just email the text you want--you can use the same message or create one for each student (please make sure that you specify the recipient of individual messages). **Please email your message to Laurel at consultant@ourredeemer.org by May 9th**



Evan Aisenbrey

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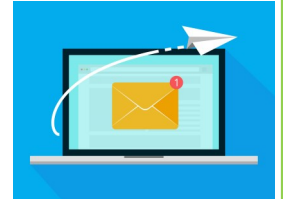
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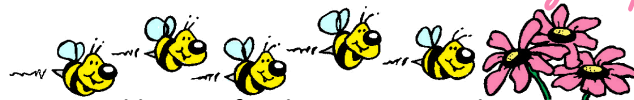
Kolby Kucera

Joseph Simmons



Did You Know? The truth hurts, or so they say, but lies hurt so much worse. Whether you are a teenager relating to your parent or a husband or wife relating to your spouse, pledge to always be truthful, even (and maybe most especially) when it would be easier not to. Don't try to cover things up. It will later cause the relationship to suffer from a lack of trust. *"We trap ourselves by telling lies, but we stay out of trouble by living right."* (Proverbs 12:13). **Lutheran Family Service - www.LutheranFamilyService.org**

Tasting Bee Contributions Welcome through April



As the LWML Tasting Bee is our second largest fundraiser, we are hoping that the congregation will still support this fundraiser even though Covid prevents us from having the event. 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 before the end of April.

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. A cookbook with favorite recipes from past cookbooks as well new recipes will be available for every donation of at least \$10. If you have any questions, feel free to contact one of the Tasting Bee chairs:

Sandy Wagner at packratsandy@yahoo.com

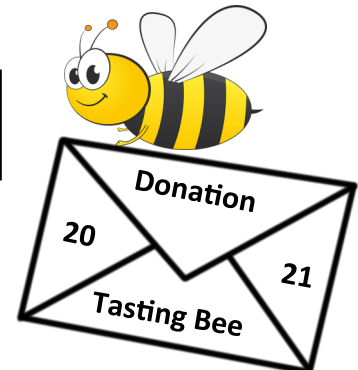
Donna Saehler at saehler.donna@iowacityschools.org

Lynne Westphal at lynne-westphal@uiowa.edu

Jennifer Kooker at jenehph28@mchsi.com



A drop off box has been placed on the offering table in the narthex for check (checks to LWML with memo line Tasting Bee) and cash Tasting Bee donations by the LWML. If you donate cash please put it in an envelope with your name on it so we make sure to give you a copy of the Tasting Bee Cookbook.





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

Preschool Newsletter



April 19-23, 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!

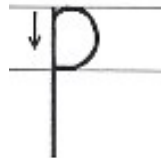
This Week

CIRCLE TIME

Bible: New life in Christ
Letter Pp
The world that God made
Maps
Globe
Oceans
Continents song
Line leader book
Country books



Big Line
Little Curve



CRAFTS

Make a plate
Paint rocks

TEACHER TIME

Letter Pp worksheet

Question for a Kid?

If you could travel anywhere,
where would you go?

Snack This Week

We enjoyed granola bars, cheese, and water this week for snack.

Thank you to all the parents who joined me on Zoom for conferences this past Friday. It is always fun talking to you about how much your child is learning and is loved.

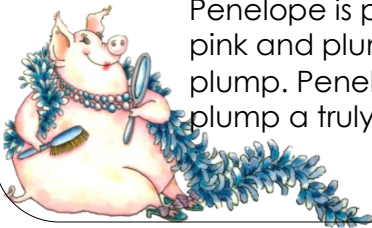
Continents Song

(Tune: Are You Sleeping?)

There are seven, There are seven,
Continents, Continents,
Europe, Asia, Africa,
North and South America,
Australia, Antarctica.

Pp (To Do You Know the Muffin Man?)

P is for Penelope, Penelope, Penelope,
P is for Penelope, a proud and pretty pig.
Penelope is pink and plump,
pink and plump, pink and
plump. Penelope is pink and
plump a truly perfect pig.



Thank You for your Scholastic book order!

Ordering books helps earn the preschool points to order books for our library as well as some room supplies. Ordering online is fast and easy: scholastic.com/readingclub. The Class Activation Code is MQWNQ. ORDER DUE: May 6th



Future Dates

May 27/28—End of Year Celebration will take place in church sanctuary (mask requirement, assigned seating)



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade

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

Sunday School 9:20—10:05

Keep watching for more information about Summer Sunday School and a chance to get involved in sharing God's Word with the children of Our Redeemer!

Children's Bell Choir

Thank you to Tiffany Roiseland and our Sunday School children for sharing their beautiful music during our services this morning!



VBS 2021 IS COMING!



Kids Club

Wednesdays 6:45-8:00

April 28

Midweek Celebration

Contact Marnie Schrader for more info!

Youth Ministry

6th – 12th Grade

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

Confirmation (6th–8th Grades)

Confirmation Classes

Wednesday, April 28th
Last night of classes

6th Grade—Small Group

REVIEW for New Testament Exam

7th Grade—Small Group

Review & Class Wrap-up

8th Grade—Lecture

Genesis to Revelation

Special class for the last night of the 8th graders' final year in Confirmation.

High School

High School Midweek

Wednesday, April 28th
6:45 pm
Fellowship Hall



Games & devotion

Last night of regular midweek until summer youth schedule starts.

Youth Sunday School

Sundays at 9:20 am.



ROOM & ZOOM (Link sent via REMIND text)

Confirmation—Room 208

High School—Youth Room

Equipping disciples through hearing
God's Word in Sunday School.



IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS.

- The **Old Testament** tells of the preparation of Christ's coming into the world through the covenants made with Israel.
- The **New Testament** tells of God fulfilling the covenants He made with Israel in Jesus Christ.
- All Scripture, both Old and New Testament, point toward and are fulfilled by Jesus Christ.



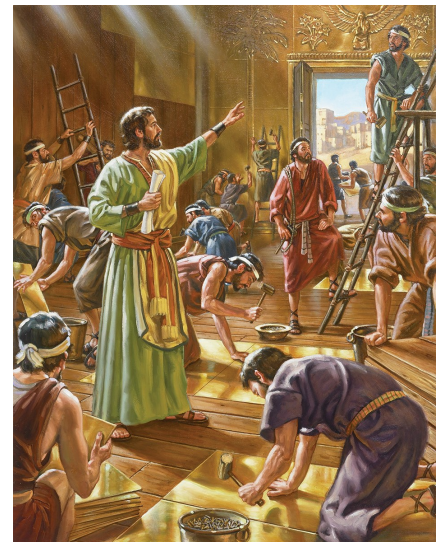
Equipping disciples
to make disciples
for Jesus!



Solomon Builds the Temple"

1 Kings 6:11–38;
11:1–11

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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.