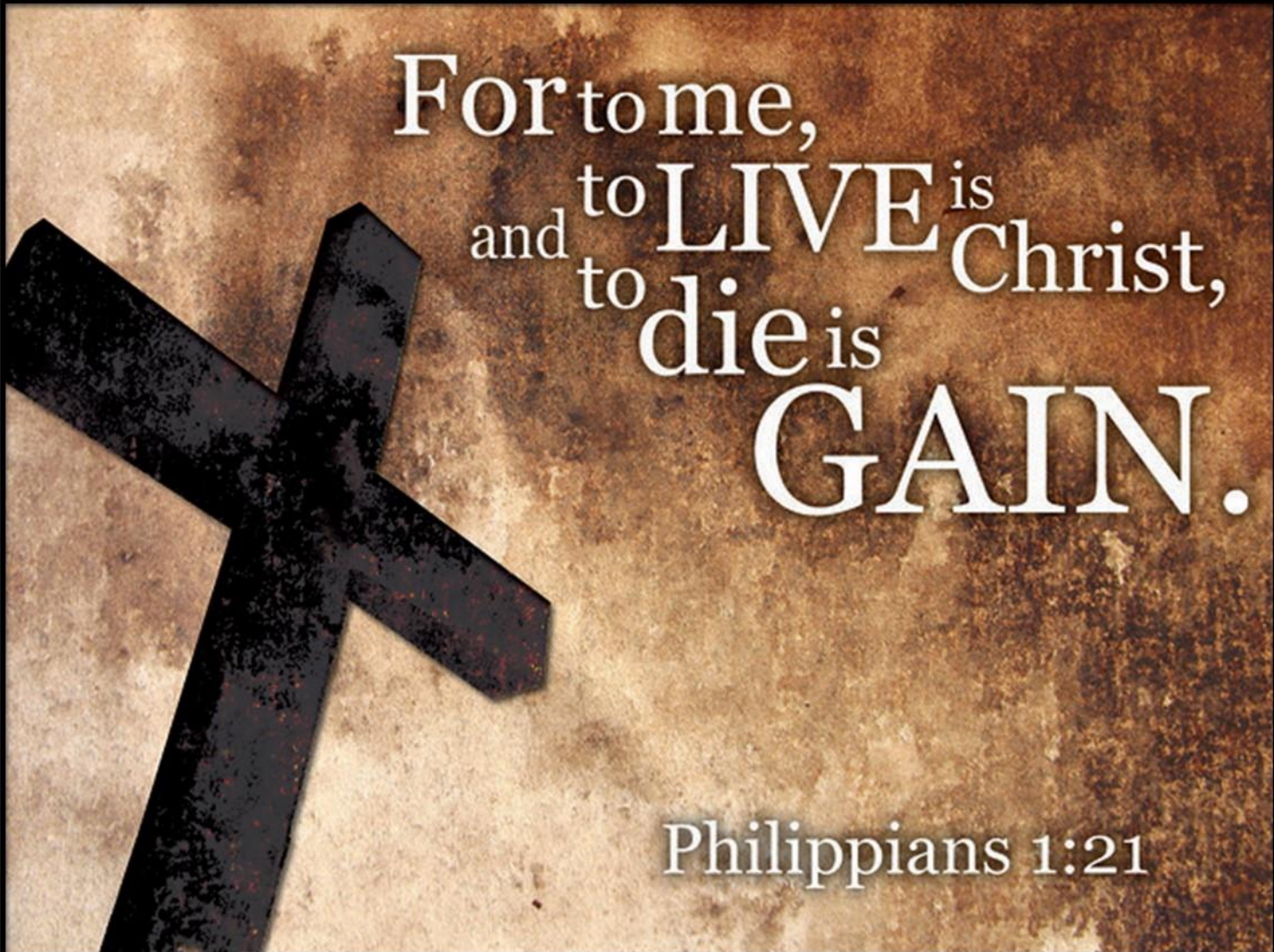


To Live with Christ



For to me,
and to LIVE^{is} Christ,
to die is
GAIN.

Philippians 1:21

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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2021-2022

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An elder must be dedicated to God's Word and live as an example to other members. The Board of Elders consists of men elected at the September Voters' Meeting for three-year terms. The terms are staggered; thus, new elders are added regularly. Generally, each elder serves two terms, but the second is strictly voluntary.

Elders assist with worship services in such ways as Holy Communion, Scripture reading, special prayers, and Baptism.

Each elder is assigned a zone consisting of 60-80 member families. Zones are determined alphabetically by last name.

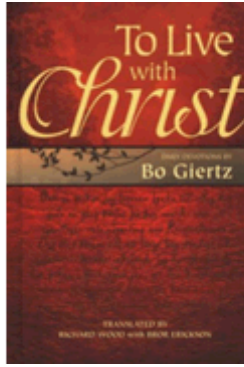
Each elder is responsible as a prayer partner with another committee chair and concerns himself with the spiritual welfare of the person and committee involved.

Regular elder meetings are scheduled at 7:00 pm on the first Thursday of each month.

**Church office hours:
Monday through Friday
8:30 am to 5:00 pm**

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TO LIVE WITH CHRIST

To Live with Christ. That phrase expresses the sure and certain hope of every Christian—that at the end of this life on earth, we would each be brought to live with Christ.

Perhaps that is why it is so often heard at the death of a Christian: “So-and-so has gone to live with Christ.” Now, that well-meaning phrase doesn’t grant much comfort to those of us left behind—we’re still missing them here on earth. And it also misses a far greater point: we are called to live with Christ here and now. We don’t have to wait until death!

In fact, we’ve already died to sin in our baptisms. As St. Paul wrote in Galatians 2:20: “I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

Baptism washes away our sins and gives us new life, yet our sinful nature remains until the Last Day. We Christians face a constant, daily struggle of ‘dying and rising’ in our battle to forgo sin. Yet our comfort in this struggle is knowing that it is not we

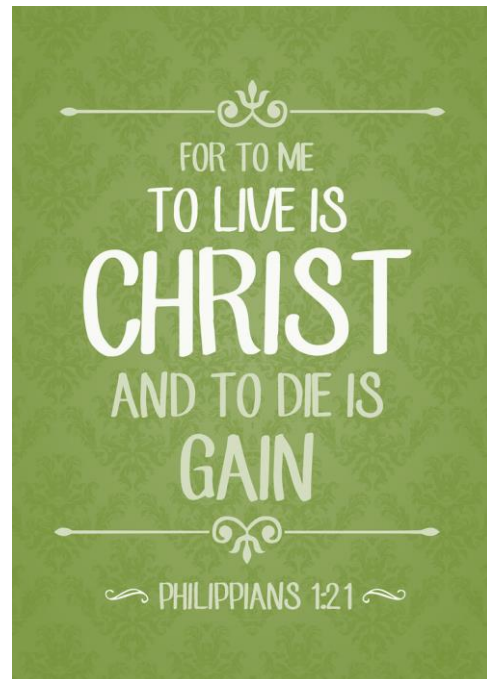
ourselves who do the work—but our faithful God!

This year at Our Redeemer, our theme is *To Live with Christ*. Through Bible studies and several sermon series, we will remember, learn, and seek to be mindful of the ways God sanctifies us—and the purposes for which He does these incredible things!

Our lives also will be enriched by the daily devotional “*To Live with Christ*” by Bo Giertz. The book will follow the weekly readings and give added depth to our life together.

May this year be a blessing to each of us, that being certain of the Holy Spirit’s work within us, we would be refreshed and motivated to do His will in the world. Let our neighbors, our neighborhoods, our nation, and our nearby siblings in Christ benefit from God’s commitment to us, as He molds us ever more into our Savior’s likeness:

To Live with Christ.



STEPHEN MINISTRY



Stephen Ministry

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church is served by several Stephen Ministers.

Their vision statement is **The Our Redeemer Stephen Ministry prepares and supports laity who provide Christ-centered care to people facing a variety of crises or who are life-challenged.** A crisis, used in this context, is defined as an emotionally charged time or instability during which a crucial life change occurred; that is, a situation or period in which things are uncertain, difficult, or painful, especially a time when action must be taken to avoid a breakdown or life spinning out of control. It is not an indication of futility, but a time of imbalance, where the trusting relationship between the affected person and God is strained by preoccupation with worldly concerns.

Stephen Ministry can help the person in crisis by establishing a safe haven based upon the love of Christ and the compassion of an empathetic and understanding Christian willing to help the affected work through his/her imbalance through active listening and thoughtful sharing of life experiences, allowing the person to again feel the healing power of Christ's love within his/her life.

Implicit in this arrangement is a process-oriented relationship, not an outcome-based arrangement.

WE CARE, CHRIST CURES!

Contact the church office if you have an interest in the Stephen Ministry program at 338-5626 or contact one of your Stephen Minister trainers:

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CHRISTMAS & COOKIES

Sunday, December 5, 2021
Following 10:30 am Worship

Members of Our Redeemer gather for food, fun, and fellowship. Whether it is appetizers, pizza, or potluck, this group will dine together. We will decorate a plate of cookies to take home and one to share. All supplies are provided. It is a fun time for fellowship during the season of Christ's birth.

MIDWEEK EVENTS

As Psalm 119:105 says, *"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."* Join us for many midweek programs for all ages!

MIDWEEK EVENING SCHEDULE

6:00 pm	Meal on select evenings
6:45 pm	Kids Club (4 yrs-5 th Grade)
	Confirmation Classes (6-8)
	High School
	Adult Choir
7:00 pm	Adult Classes
8:00 pm	End of Evening

CANCELLATION

The Midweek Programs will follow the same cancellation pattern as the Iowa City School system. If the Iowa City Schools have cancelled class for the day, we will cancel any meals and classes. We will also use Channel 9 KCRG to post a cancellation.

Use your best judgment if class is not cancelled. We recognize that many of you are dealing with different driving conditions in and outside of Iowa City. Confirmation classes may have other cancellation arrangements.

REGISTRATION FOR MIDWEEK & CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Registration materials are available in the church office or online

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Registration of \$10 per student helps defray expenses for crafts, snacks, and materials. Scholarships are available.

MIDWEEK MEALS

Congregational meals are scheduled on the first Wednesday of the month. (These are in addition to congregational Advent and Lenten meals.) A free-will offering will be collected at the door to help cover the costs of the meal. All confirmation (6th-8th grade) and high school families will be assigned a night to set up /clean up.

Midweek Meals start at 6:00 pm on the following dates:

- Wednesday, September 15, 2021**
- Wednesday, October 6, 2021**
- Wednesday, November 3, 2021**
- Wednesday, January 5, 2022**
- Wednesday, February 2, 2022**
- Wednesday, April 27, 2022**

PANCAKE DAY



Saturday, March 5, 2022

Pancake Day has been a long-standing tradition at Our Redeemer. Originally, Pancake Day supported our 511 Melrose mission effort (Our Redeemer property used by Alcoholics Anonymous). For the last few years, it has supported the CommUnity (previously known as Johnson County Crisis Center). Come help to make, serve, and clean-up. At least come to eat. Yum!

PARADE PARTY

Parade Party



Come on **Wednesday, September 22nd**, at **5:30 pm** to the church parking lot to watch the **Homecoming Parade**.

Bring your own chairs or blankets to sit curbside.

Hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be served in the parking lot.

TRIVIA CHALLENGE



CHALLENGE

October 24, 2021, & February 27, 2022

Following Late Service

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.

What do we eat?

Invite your friends and family, form a team, and host a party where the place and the entertainment are provided.

**THIS EVENT IS EXCELLENT
FOR OUTREACH!**

Contact the church office at 338-5626
for more information.

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TRUNK-OR-TREAT

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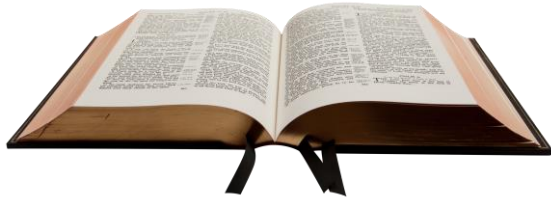
Sunday, October 31, 2021
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

What is Trunk-or-Treat? It's when several congregational members and committees get together at church, park their cars in the parking lot, open up the trunks of their cars, and kids come to each car for goodies!



Watch *Reflections* in the Fall for more information.

**Invite your friends and join us for this fun
family event!**

IMPORTANCE OF BIBLE STUDY

The Third Commandment tells us that we should “Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.”

We Lutherans understand this commandment to mean more than just ‘going to church on Sundays.’ Instead, we are to love God and His Word, and gladly hear and learn it!

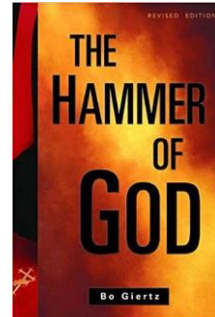
That means Bible Study is an important component of Christian life! Because the Bible *is* God’s Word, it can be trusted as a sort of ‘measuring stick’ and ‘guide’ for Christian life. As the Psalmist writes in Psalm 119:105:

“Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.”

And as St. Paul kindly reminds all of us Christians in 2 Timothy 3:16:

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.”

Studying the Bible helps us to live God-pleasing lives. But more than that, it helps us obtain a closer relationship with God. As we learn more about what God has done for us, we see more clearly what He desires for us. So come, be enriched by God’s Word and spend time in Bible Study!

BIBLE STUDIES**A CHRISTIAN NOVEL: THE HAMMER OF GOD**

**Thursday Nights
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

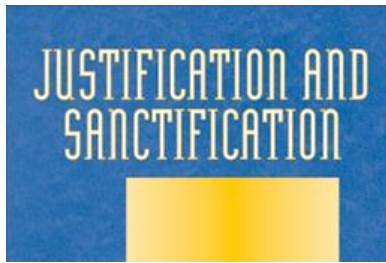
**September 23, 2021
Savonius: The Gospel and God’s Love**

**October 21, 2021
Fridfeldt: The Gospel and The
Transforming Power of Christ**

**November 18, 2021
Torvik: The Gospel and The Authority of
God’s Word**

This novel is all to do with “Life in Christ,” written by the same author of this year’s daily devotional—Bo Giertz. *The Hammer of God* reads like a good detective story, immersing the reader in the unfolding events that present a spiritual drama of death and life, despair and hope, upheaval and peace, sin and grace. This classic story helps the Christian learn the difference between self-absorbed religiosity and healthy piety to center faith where it belongs: Christ.

JUSTIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATION



Wednesday Nights
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
September 25 - October 27

As Lutherans interact with other Christians, they often struggle to explain their beliefs and practices. Although many Lutherans have learned the "what" of Lutheran doctrines, they do not always understand the "why." Based on God's Word as faithfully reflected in the Lutheran Confessions, this study will help you to state clearly what you believe about Justification and Sanctification.

The study titles are:

- ***The Curse and the Cure***
- ***Stumbling Stone and Cornerstone***
- ***Just Words***
- ***Creeds, Deeds, and Needs***
- ***Dying to Live***
- ***Holy, Wholly, Holy***

PHILIPPIANS:

TO LIVE IS CHRIST. TO DIE IS GAIN.



Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study
9:20 am – 10:05 am
April 24 – May 8, May 29

Paradox. We learned this concept earlier in the year. Now we're going to put this concept to work as we consider four major paradoxes in Paul's letter to the Philippians. Learn what Christian maturity is as we explore Scripture to reveal tangible ways of developing our faith together. Be encouraged to die to self and live *through, for, with, and in* Jesus. "Less like me; more like Jesus."

April 24

"Through" - INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY
(Philippians 1:1-11; 2:14-18; 4:1-9)

May 1

"With" - JOYFUL SUFFERING
(Philippians 1:12-30)

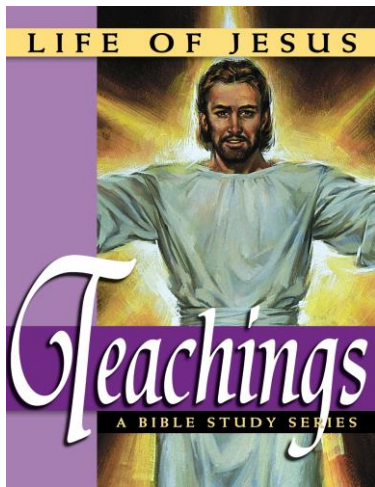
May 8

"For" - FREE SLAVE
(Philippians 2:1-13)

May 29

"In" - DOWNWARD ASCENT
(Philippians 3:10-21)

LIFE OF JESUS: TEACHINGS



Wednesday Nights
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
November 3 – 17, December 1 – 15
January 5 - February 9

“Life of Jesus” series is designed to help participants take a closer, more personal look at Jesus as they explore His significant life events and teachings.

Teachings is a 12-session study which gives participants the opportunity to study the teachings of Jesus. Session titles include:

- *Pass the Salt: Living a Blessed Life*
- *Hey Diddle, Diddle; very Jot and Tittle!*
- *Murder He Re-Wrote*
- *Holy Vow! Keeping Your Word and Being Faithful*
- *What an Extraordinary Love!*
- *Hypocrite!*
- *Let Us Pray*
- *Show Me the Treasure!*
- *Stress Less!*
- *A Visine Cure for Judging Others*
- *Follow the Narrow Brick Road*
- *Why Do We Keep Fooling Around?*

THE MIGHTY & THE MYSTERIOUS: A STUDY OF COLOSSIANS



Wednesday Nights
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
February 16, 23; March 9, 23, 30
April 6

Not only are we Christians *To Live with Christ*, we are to live in community with our fellow believers. We were created by a relational God. Therefore, we are people of relationships and connections. In this study, we start to apply the concepts we have been discussing with real, down-to-earth, practical applications in our community.

- Week 1: All That Is Mighty
- Week 2: All That Is Made
- Week 3: All That Is Mysterious
- Week 4: All That Is Messianic
- Week 5: All That Is Mastered
- Week 6: All That Is Meaningful

THE THEOLOGY OF THE CROSS

Reflections on His Cross and Ours



THE THEOLOGY OF THE CROSS

March 6 – April 10
Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study
9:20 am – 10:05 am

All biblical doctrine relates to Scripture's central teaching that God sent His Son to save lost sinners. The Old and New Testaments make it clear that our salvation is found in the cross of Christ.

However, there is a paradox between the theology of the cross and the theology of glory. Sinful people tend to overlook the cross and its demands and, instead, focus on the glory that they think they should enjoy because they call themselves Christians. This is a matter of urgent concern. The author helps us see Christ's cross as our cross. He reminds us that our good works have no value for our salvation. Yet good works are valuable as fruits of faith done out of gratitude to God for His gift of salvation.

March 6
What Is the Theology of the Cross?

The God of the Bible—the one, true, and only God, is the God of the cross. Jesus calls us to submission under His cross and then calls us to bear our burdens wherever He sends us, marked as His own. He does not call us to be our own gods, but to bend low before the Cross. How does the everyday “Theologian of the Cross” look at life?

March 13
The Paradox

“The Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none; yet the Christian is a perfectly free servant of all, subject to all.” How can these two things be true simultaneously? How can bearing a cross bring both joy and pain? It is a paradox. We explore what this tension means for us as broken sinners in a broken world—and as sanctified Christians in Christ’s Kingdom!

March 20
Slivers on the Cross

There will always be a cultural clash between those who take up their crosses to follow Christ, and those who do not. Yet the “slivers” of the cross will work in the believer—sometimes painfully, and sometimes comfortingly. We will discuss how believers can respond when the world challenges our beliefs.

March 27
Slivers Under the Cross

Our crosses are a consequence, not a cause of discipleship. That phrase is worth considering, especially in a world that values self-esteem as the “medicine for happiness.” Joy comes from the slivers *under* the cross, not from demanding an easy life free of the cross.

April 3

The Hidden God

Though the slivers of the cross work on us constantly, there are times when it seems like God is far away or even “hidden” entirely. Using the example of biblical figures, we examine this uncomfortable, unavoidable truth and seek out the Revealed God who we can know only in Jesus Christ.

April 10

Crosses of Laypeople and Pastors

How can one bear a cross joyfully? The author of Hebrews notes, “No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful.” We consider the burdens we bear and how we might bear them for one another!

**TO DIE WITH CHRIST:
CHRISTIAN DEATH AND BURIAL**



**Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study
9:20 am – 10:05 am
January 9 – February 27**

Before Death: There are preparations that we can make now. Some call it macabre, but death comes. Because Christ gives life, we can stare death in the face. We will discuss practical and necessary items to have in order before death.

Death: Spiritual state and physical process

Death may come quickly or over a long period of time. Despite the fact that all living things on earth die, the dying process can be shocking and strange. Learn about the physical process and the spiritual preparation for death. What is death? What does it mean for God’s human creatures who are composed of both Body and Soul (and/or Spirit)? Where do we go when we die? For how long?

The Christian Funeral: Why do we do that?

Ever wondered why Christian funerals are structured the way they are? From the ‘genesis’ of death to the ‘revelation’ of its end in Jesus Christ, we’ll explore the reasons behind various actions and symbols in the beautiful Christian Rite we call a funeral.

After Death: The Feast

After the Funeral Rite is complete, there are still some events to follow: the burial or committal, and the luncheon. Learn about the symbols and importance of celebrating Christ’s work with a feast!

TO LIVE WITH CHRIST:

**Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study
9:20 am – 10:05 am
September 12, 19, 2021**

“To Live With Christ” has appropriately been chosen as our theme song this year. During this Bible study we will unpack the theme song to see the depth of the lyrics and how they summarize the scriptures that demonstrate Christ in our life. The theological dichotomy Justification and Sanctification will help us.

TO LIVE WITH CHRIST:
REV. BROR ERICKSON



The Devotional life of a Christian
Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study
9:20 am – 10:05 am
November 14

Luncheon
Life of Bo Giertz
Noon – 1:30 pm

Bror Erickson has been a pastor since 2004 when he graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary. He and his wife Laura have one son, John. Pastor Erickson has translated and published many of the works of Bishop Bo Giertz, most famous in the United States for his beloved novel *The Hammer of God*. This novel was instrumental in Pastor Erickson's own decision to become a pastor, after it robbed him of an entire night's sleep! He currently occupies his free time with numerous translation and publication projects in various stages of completion. The one thing he enjoys most in life is sharing the love of Christ and the forgiveness of sins with sinners like him, that they may find peace, joy, and hope in their lives also. This love and joy affects every aspect of his life, from family and work to his many and various hobbies.

TO LIVE WITH CHRIST:
DAVE ANDERSON

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study
9:20 am – 10:05 am
September 26

Dave Anderson will lead music for worship and present during the Bible study time.

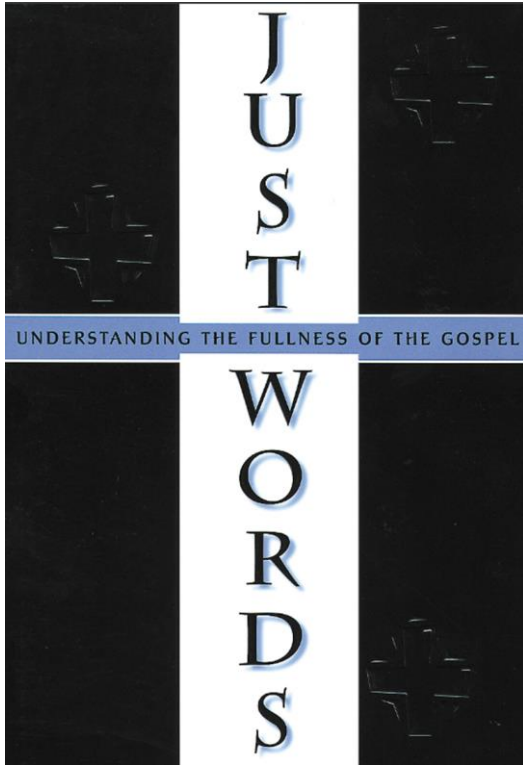
Concerts today feature Dave Anderson and Roger Walck. Their worship concerts include a mix of contemporary and traditional Christian music hymns, gospel songs, praise & worship songs, and children's songs. Audiences are invited to sing along (so long, Dave says, as it's the same song). They share from their heart personal experiences and from their walk with God.



That walk took Dave and Barb, his wife, and several others to the Russian Far East in August, 1993. They spent a week in a 3000-person community which had never before heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. On their way back to Alaska, their plane crashed into the Bering Sea, about 140 miles south of the Arctic Circle and 22 1/2 miles from Nome, Alaska. The seven team members spent nearly an hour in 41-degree water. Their rescue has been called one of the most dramatic air/sea rescues in history. This story has been told in *Guideposts*, *Christian Reader Magazine*, *The Lutheran*, *The Lutheran Witness*, and seen on TBN, CBN's *700 Club*, *Daystar*, and heard four times on *Focus On The Family* in English, at Our Redeemer, and around the world in 12 other languages.

Dave shares "The Rescue Story" everywhere he goes. God has used this story of miracles to minister to believers and unbelievers and to people in all stages of life, particularly those who are facing 'impossible' circumstances.

WITH CHRIST:



**Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study
9:20 am – 10:05 am**

**October 3 – November 7, November 21
December 5 - 19**

The Gospel is more than words. It is the dynamic, saving action of God in Christ Jesus through any of its various forms: Word or Sacrament. The Gospel is more than words, but it is still words--words about the Word made flesh for us, words that convey the Word made flesh to us.

Through six metaphors, we will interpret and apply the Gospel to virtually all of life's contexts:

- creation
- commerce
- legal
- personal
- sacrifice
- deliverance

The ultimate purpose of this study is to hold before God's people the fullness of the biblical witness to the Gospel so the Scriptures may truly be the foundation and source not only of faith and life, but also of the language to glorify Christ and to serve His people.

We will unpack the language used by the Bible's writers to describe and convey what it is that God has done for us in Christ. It helps us to see the wonderful variety, rich texture, and clear doctrine with which God communicates His Good News.

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Bible Studies at a Glance

SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Study time is offered between Sunday services for convenience; attend the Bible Study before or after you attend a Worship Service. Adult classes are held each Sunday morning. The schedule of courses:

No Sunday School and Bible Class on:

*September 5, 2021 (Labor Day)
November 28, 2021 (Thanksgiving)
December 26, 2021 (Christmas Break)
January 2, 2022 (Christmas Break)
April 17, 2022 (Easter Sunday)
May 15, 2022 (Senior Breakfast)
June 5, 2022 (Christ Cares Sunday)*

September 12, 19

To Live With Christ (Unpacking the Theme)

September 26

Dave Anderson: Living, Literally, with Christ

October 3 – November 7; November 21

December 5 - 19

With Christ: Just Words?

November 14

Rev. Bror Erickson: With Christ: Just Words?

January 9 – February 27

*To Die with Christ:
Christian Death and Burial*

March 6 – April 10

Theology of the Cross

April 24 – May 8; May 29

The Philippians: To Live is Christ. To Die is Gain.

May 22

Sunday School Celebration

WEDNESDAY MORNING

On the first and third Wednesday morning of each month, a Bible Study class is offered prior to our Lunch Bunch program.

SCHEDULE

**11:00 am – 12:00 pm
1 Corinthians**

WEDNESDAY EVENING

On Wednesday evenings, a Bible study class is offered for adults as part of our Midweek program.

September 15 - October 27

*Justification and Sanctification
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm*

November 3 – 17; December 1 – 15

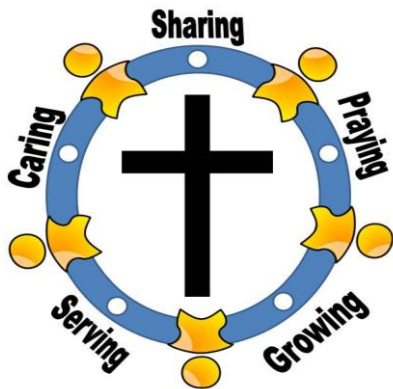
January 5 -February 9

*Teaching of Jesus
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm*

February 16, 23; March 9, 23, 30; April 6

*The Mighty and The Mysterious: Colossians
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm*

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY



Mission Statement

*To grow in grace,
Using our spiritual gifts,
Through good stewardship
For the benefit of the group
So that the body of Christ may be built up.*

Like nothing else, Small Groups have the power to change lives. They are the ideal route to discipleship – a place where the rubber of biblical truth meets the road of human relationships.

Small Groups are intentionally formed “communities of care” of 4-12 people who share a common interest and meet regularly in their homes for Scripture, prayer, and service, with concern and support for one another.

Small Group Ministry (SGM) has been active in Our Redeemer in some shape or form for many years. Small Groups emulate the following five characteristics:

CARING

A small group provides an environment by which members in the group are cared for and nurtured by one another. This includes prayer support, phone calls, encouragement, and resources that will help meet the group members’ care needs.

SHARING

A small group provides a friendly and supportive atmosphere where members can safely share joys and concerns, knowing that what is said will be treated with sensitivity and will be kept in confidence.

PRAYING

A small group supports each other by praying with one another and for one another as a key part for the growth of relationships.

GROWING

A small group nurtures spiritual growth through time spent together in the Word, contributing to the growth and maturity of each group member.

SERVING

A small group selects service activities that benefit the church and the community. This strengthens group relationships while reaching out to others in need.

CURRENT GROUPS

We currently have several small groups meeting at Our Redeemer.

Contact Denise Holida at email smallgroups@ourredeemer.org.

COMFORT-TIERS

This is a small group of women who meet in the Fellowship Hall and tie comforters for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and other charities.

The group meets on Thursdays from 9:00 am – noon. Anyone is welcome to come and help tie for an hour or two or all morning. We sometimes use one person to just sit and thread needles for us. We elevate the tables to prevent backaches. Coffee is provided. We sometimes go out to eat together.

If you wish to donate towards the making of these comforters, donations of fabric are welcomed with open arms! We can use:

- Any size or condition (torn, mended, stained--just washed) of old sheets, blankets, draperies, curtains, tablecloths, pillowcases, linens.
- New fabric such as yard lengths of 45" fabric (minimum of 3-1/2 yards while 60" fabric requires 2-1/2 yards) or newer sheets or draperies.
- Sewing scraps of any size; even satiny linings and other silky fragile materials go into the 'middles' for a third layer that helps sift out sand during sand storms if that particular comforter goes to a desert area.
- Unmendable or outdated clothing; we tear out the backs of the legs of slacks. We cut off seams of shirts and blouses, even T-shirts, etc. to use the fabric. Some of our comforter tops have pockets included on them and/or a button or two.
- Old blankets; worn old ones go into the comforters as 'middles'.

- Heavy crochet thread to tie with; any yarns are used for crocheting baby sweaters for LWR or knit caps for UI Hospital babies.
- Sewing thread (not quilting thread) of any color, any leftover or new spools.

Monetary donations are always welcome. Make checks payable to Our Redeemer Women's Mission Guild and enter Comfort-Tiers on the Memo line.

You can give the check to any active Guild member. We shop at thrift stores, store sales, and garage sales to make the money go further. Or you might like to shop yourself.

Questions? Call Lillian Moyer at 354-5644 or Carol Schuldt at 319-383-4597. Thank you!

LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Usually the main dish is provided and those attending may contribute by bringing a potluck dish.

You are also invited to come an hour earlier at 11:00 am to participate in an interesting Lunch Bunch Bible Study led by the pastor and/or vicar.

Please join us for both events or come to the event that your schedule permits.

For more information, contact Betty Redeker at 337-9051.

CHRIST IN FILM



Thursday nights as listed
6:00 pm

CHRIST IN FILM

For over 100 years Hollywood has informed and influenced American popular culture. While that relationship is one that often draws consternation from Christians, Tinseltown actually incorporates Christian themes to a surprising degree!

There are films about Jesus Christ, and there are films with “Christ-figures” that parallel His story—and they appear in many films! Christ figures are portrayed as “saviors” of individuals, groups of people, or even all humanity. They endure a sizable sacrifice as the means of bringing that salvation about for others, often a fate they do not deserve, up to and including death. Sometimes he or she even has the initials “J.C.”

Other biblical elements may be mixed and matched, but the “Chosen One” may gain a group of devoted followers, be betrayed by a follower, face persecution from nonbelievers, undergo a “Passion,” or perhaps even a literal resurrection!

A brief discussion and Bible study follows each film. Come learn how Christians can

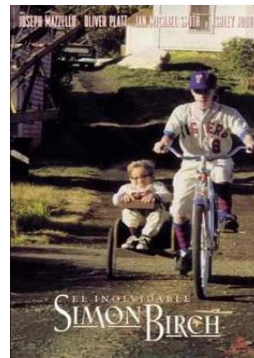
see Christ even in secular art—and how we might use it to share the Good News!

January 27, 2022
The LEGO Movie
(G) 101m



February 24,
2022
Casablanca
(PG) 102m

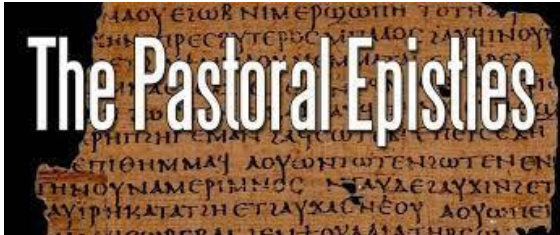
March 24, 2022
Forrest Gump
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April 28, 2022
Simon Birch
(PG) 114

BIBLE STUDY FOR MEN

Pastoral Epistles



*Typically the 2nd and 4th Saturdays
of each month*

8:00 am – 9:30 am

*[Check the monthly calendar for any
updates to time and dates]*

Paul’s letters to Timothy and Titus are some of his last known works. The church has guarded them with love over the centuries, recognizing them as the inspired word of God. Paul filled these letters with pastoral care and guidance for his two young proteges, encouraging them to lead God’s people with love and courage.

The world of the ancient church was not so different from our own, and the challenges faced by those first pastors are challenges faced by many even today.

Paul’s guidance is not just for those called to the Pastoral Office, however. It has real application to Christian men of all times and places.

During the study, we will discuss the completed questions as well as the implications of the text in our daily lives.

**LUTHERAN LAYMEN’S LEAGUE
(LLL)**

In 1917, a group of 12 men attending a convention of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod in Milwaukee met to settle a \$100,000 debt incurred by the church body. They accomplished that goal, and in the process formed the Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL). The LLL next raised more than \$2.7 million to fund a pension plan for professional church workers.

Our Redeemer LLL members meet during the months of January, March, May, and October on the fourth Tuesday at 7:30 pm for business, special programs, and fellowship. The LLL Steak Cookout happens yearly on the fourth Tuesday of August at 6:30 pm. This cookout is at Our Redeemer. Men bring their own meat and a dish to share. The coals on a hot grill will be ready.

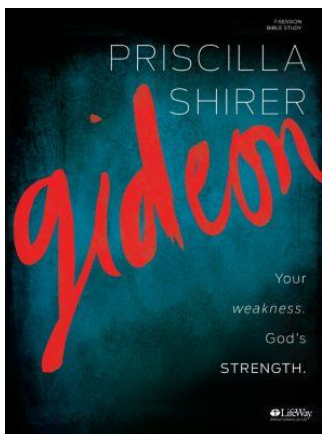
One important outreach ministry LLL supports is 511 Melrose, the meeting place for Iowa City Alcoholics Anonymous groups.

All men over age 18 are encouraged to join. Contact Jerry Sexton at 629-5422 for more information.



MEN AT THE CROSS

BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN



GIDEON: YOUR WEAKNESS, GOD'S STRENGTH

By Priscilla Shirer

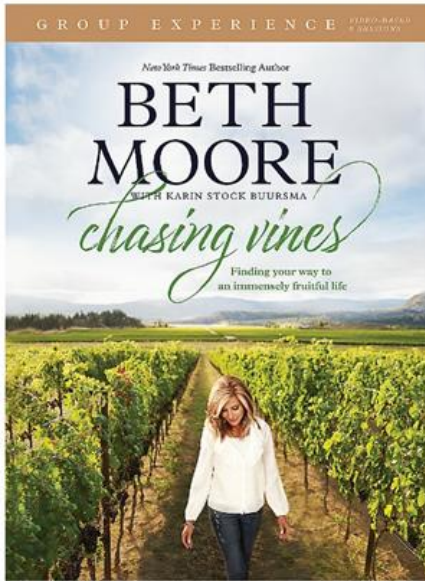
Tuesday mornings 9:30 - 11:30 am
September 21; October 5, 19
November 2, 16, 30; December 14

Thursday evenings 7:00 - 9:00 pm
October 14, 28; November 11;
December 2, 16, January 6, 20

When we hear the name Gideon, most of us think about his 300 soldiers or the fleece he laid out under the evening sky. But Gideon's story is so much bigger than that—bigger than any one man and his mark on Israel's history. Like everything else in the Bible, this is a story about God and His people, His love for them, as well as His strength operating in spite of their weakness—even through their weakness. And because God's people includes you and me, Gideon's story is also about us—our lives, our doubts, our struggles, and our possibilities as believers. From a state of fear, weakness, and insecurity, Gideon

emerged as Israel's hero, filled with God's presence and His passion for deliverance. This study will encourage you to recognize your weakness as the key that the Lord gives you to unlock the full experience of His strength in your life. In what ways do you feel insufficient? Those places create the greatest opportunity to experience the sufficiency of God. Instead of ignoring, neglecting, or trying to escape your weaknesses, see them as the gifts that they are, given specifically and strategically by God to unlock the door of God's strength.

GIVE GOD
YOUR
weakness
AND HE WILL
GIVE
YOU HIS
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Join Beth on her journey of discovering what it means to chase vines and learn how everything changes when we understand and fully embrace God's amazing design for growing us into fruitful, meaningful, abundant life.

CHASING VINES

By Beth Moore

Tuesday mornings 9:30 - 11:30 am

January 11, 25; February 8, 22

March 8, 22; April 5, 19

In **Chasing Vines**, author **Beth Moore** gives us a new hope, revealing the abundant secrets of a fruitful, Kingdom-building, God-pleasing life. Tracing the images of vinedresser, vine, branch, and fruit through Scripture, and sharing stories from her own journey, Beth shows us how nothing in our lives is wasted, not the place we've been planted, not the painful pruning, not even the manure that gets dumped on us when we least expect it.

Beth is convinced from Scripture that every person who knows Jesus is meant to thrive in fruitfulness. Life might not always be fun, but in Christ, it can always be immensely fruitful. Nothing is for nothing.



WOMEN'S MISSION GUILD (LWML)



MISSION

The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

Our Redeemer's Women's Mission Guild is a part of the International Lutheran Women's Missionary League, known as LWML. Since 1942, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.

OUR PURPOSE is...

- To help women grow spiritually:
MISSION INSPIRATION
- To encourage and equip women to reach out in love:
MISSION EDUCATION
- To provide opportunities for helping others:
MISSION SERVICE

OUR GOAL is to involve all women of Our Redeemer, each affirming her relationship with God so she is enabled to use her gifts in serving the Lord with gladness. We like to refer to ourselves as Lutheran Women in Mission.

MEETINGS

Our Lutheran Women's Missionary League or Mission Guild typically meets the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. At most of the meetings, we have devotions, Bible study, a speaker or mission project, and a snack. Collections for mites and for general offering are taken.

LWML SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Within LWML are many small groups that serve our congregation in the mission to further the Word. These sometimes are ordinary things. You can send a faith-based greeting card from our Card Shop or assist the church library ladies in processing new items.

We have a faithful group of women that help serve at funeral lunches or other serving events.

One of our most productive groups is the Comfort-Tiers. This dedicated bunch of stitchers provides World Relief or local charities with more comfort quilts than you could imagine. World Relief efforts are a big part of our mission here. We have two large donations every year.

SUPPORTING MISSIONS

Through our two major annual **fun**-draisers, the Cookie Walk in December and the Tasting Bee in the spring, we provide funds to several local, national, and international mission projects. Our Redeemer campers at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca are eligible for one third of the cost, up to \$60. Grants to women serving Jesus Christ and supporting the LWML through the LCMS or its recognized service

organizations may apply for grants starting at \$100. Call Melissa Mullane at 319-936-5827 for more information.

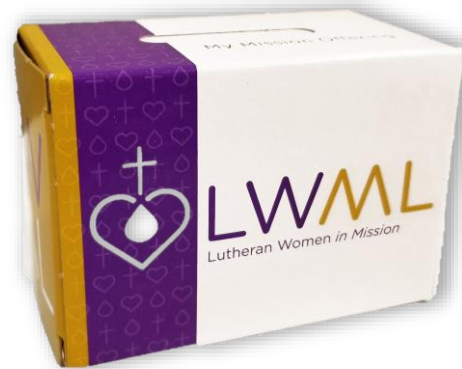


CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK
December 4, 2021

On the first Saturday of December the LWML hosts a Cookie Walk. Dozens upon dozens of cookies, every kind you can think of, cover over 80 feet of table space. These cookies are sold by the pound. If you think the line-up of cookies is long, you should see the line-up at the door. Each year, many people come for these wonderful homemade treats.

Your help is needed:

1. Pray that the attendees might see Christ's light in us while they are shopping.
2. Pull out your favorite recipes and prepare to bake. We encourage each family to bake four or more dozen cookies. If you like a challenge, bake one more dozen than you did last year.
3. Help advertise by placing posters at your workplace and/or local shops.
4. Prayerfully consider giving of your time to assist with set-up, greeting our guests, or cleaning up the crumbs left behind.



MITE BOX

What is a "Mite Box"? Recall the biblical account of the poor widow who gave two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling His disciples to Him, Jesus said, *"I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."*

~ Mark 12:43

These are the pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters saved from day to day. Mite boxes have changed in color and design over the years, but what has never changed is the dedication of freely given offerings for the purpose of reaching out to others with the Good News of Jesus Christ. 75% of these monies go to the LWML District East for its biennial mission projects; the other 25% goes to the national organization for its biennial mission projects.

WATCH FOR EVENTS!

Meetings and events will appear in ***Reflections*** and ***Beacon***. Please plan to attend any get-together; you are already a member!

CONTACT

Any questions, contact Laurel Sellers at 319-331-3242.

2021-2022 LWML SCHEDULE

2021

September 10-11 **Fall Retreat**
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

September 20 **ORLC Landscaping** 7:00 pm
Linda Diggelmann
National Convention
Report

October 2 **Fall Zone Servant Event**
King of Kings, Cedar Rapids

October 10 **LWML Sunday**
Our Hearts in His Hand
(1 Peter 4:8)

October 13 **Lutheran World Relief
Packing** 6:00 pm

October 16 **World Relief
Pickup** 8:00 am

October 18 **Vicar Kyle Lewis** 7:00 pm
Bible Study

November 15 **English as a 2nd Language**
Tiffany Roiseland 7:00 pm

December 4 **Christmas Cookie Walk**
9:00 am – 11:00 am

December 6 **Board Meeting** 7:00 pm

December 13 **LWML Christmas Party**
7:00 pm

December 15 **Advent Supper**
Serving Committee 5:10 pm

2022

January No meeting

February 21 **Bunco Night**
Nominating Committee
(Pres, Sec) 7:00 pm

March 21 **Shelter House** 7:00 pm
Jake Masters

March 23 **Lenten Supper**
Serving Committee 5:10 pm

April TBD **LWR Kit Packing** 6:00 pm

April TBD **Spring World Relief Pickup**

April 18 **Janice Aria** 7:00 pm
Ringling Bros Circus

April 23 **Tasting Bee** 11:00 am

May TBD **Spring Zone Rally**

May 9 **Board Meeting** 7:00 pm
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May 16 **Guild Night Out** 6:00 pm

June 10-11 **IED-LWML District
Convention**
Hilton Garden Inn
Cedar Falls, IA

July No meeting

August **Road Trip – TBD**

September 19 **Salad Potluck** 6:00 pm
Report on Convention

Youth
6th – 12th Graders

Mission Statement

Through God, as youth of Our Redeemer, we will build a faith community that identifies our God-given talents, which trains and equips us to live and share what we believe and to serve the congregation and community.

Key Verse

*"...and how from **childhood** you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. **All Scripture is breathed out by God** and is profitable for **teaching**, for reproof, for correction, and for **training** in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, **equipped for every good work.**"*

~ 2 Timothy 3:15-17



PARENTS OF YOUTH

As parents, you have the responsibility to help your children grow in their faith and equip them to become disciples in Christ.

The Lord has given you the task to *"train up your child in the way he should go."*

~Proverbs 22:6

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

As part of Our Redeemer's dedication to equip our youth as disciples of Jesus and prepare them for full communing

membership in the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod, Confirmation classes are held for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

These classes provide young people the opportunity to understand and grow in the teachings of Holy Scripture, thus building on the foundation given them in their Holy Baptism, preparing them for the Rite of Confirmation, which is held during the spring for the 8th grade Confirmands.

- **Wednesday** nights during the school year from **6:45 pm – 8:00 pm**
- Alternating between *Lecture* and *Small Group*
- **Lecture nights:** Pastor instructs the 6th or 8th graders, and Vicar teaches the 7th graders.
- **Small Group nights:** Girls and boys are split into separate groups by grade and are led by a small group leader.

What is taught during Confirmation?

6th Grade

The Bible: Old Testament
The Bible: New Testament

7th Grade

The Ten Commandments
The Lord's Prayer
Baptism

8th Grade

The Apostles' Creed
Office of the Keys and Confession
The Sacrament of the Altar

CONFIRMATION RETREATS

Students are expected to attend three retreats held during the school year. Since lessons are taught during these retreats, it is important for students to participate. The youth really enjoy their time spent at

the retreats. There are fees for some of the retreats, but full scholarships are available.

FALL

We host a 6th grade fall retreat and a separate 7th & 8th grade fall retreat. These retreats are an overnight event held at church usually on a Friday night and ending Saturday morning.

WINTER

This retreat is for all Confirmation students (6th, 7th & 8th graders) and is held at a local hotel. This overnight retreat is usually held on a Friday night and ends on Saturday morning. The youth enjoy getting to swim as part of the fellowship time of this retreat.

SPRING

This special retreat is for 6th, 7th & 8th graders and their parents. It is a weekend retreat. We usually leave church on a Friday around noon and return late Sunday afternoon. For this trip, we take a charter bus to one of these cities: St. Louis, St. Paul, or Chicago. At each destination, we learn about one person of the Holy Trinity (St. Louis – God the Father; St. Paul – God the Son; and Chicago – God the Holy Spirit).

Successful completion of Confirmation instruction is an important milestone in a young person's spiritual life and is just one step of their faith journey here at Our Redeemer.

CONFIRMATION YOUTH

6th – 8th graders

Weekly Activities

Sunday School – every Sunday at 9:15 am; meets in Room 208

Confirmation Class – every Wednesday at 6:45 pm; meets in classrooms on lower level

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

9th – 12th graders

Weekly Activities

Sunday School – every Sunday at 9:20 am

Midweek – every Wednesday at 6:45 pm

As youth move forward into high school, Our Redeemer continues its dedication to equip our youth as disciples of Jesus. Each week, we offer Sunday School and Midweek geared specifically for high school students.

Sunday School gives high school students the opportunity to understand and grow in God's Word and build on the foundation given them in baptism and Confirmation classes.

At Midweek, high school students have fun playing games and hearing a short devotion. During the fall and spring, we like to meet outside. We also host service projects, like Jesus' Birthday Party and College Care Package Packing Night, for the younger children who are in Kids Club.

Each month during the school year, there are special high school youth events, such as Youth Worship, service projects, fundraisers, the annual ski trip, and more.

MIDWEEK

High School Youth meet outside or in the Fellowship Hall from 6:45 pm until 8:00 pm on Wednesdays during the school year.

Midweek is about building a faith community through...

- a casual, cheerful atmosphere,
- group games & activities to foster a sense of belonging within our church family, and
- Christ-centered devotions

Always focused on Jesus Christ our Savior!

Typical activities include playing kickball, basketball games, group games, Mexican Train Dominoes, watching a movie, walking to Heyn's for ice cream.

Friends are always welcome!

LIVE NATIVITY



Our Redeemer is sometimes known as “the church with the real animals at Christmas,” because each December the High School youth host the Live Nativity.

The scene consists of Mary, Joseph, shepherds, wise men, and an angel portrayed by the high school students.

This event attracts many members of our community and is a great way to proclaim the birth of our Savior!

All High School youth are encouraged to participate in this outreach event to our community.

The Live Nativity will be on **Sunday, December 12, from 4:00-6:00 pm.**

SUMMER SERVANT EVENT – UKANDU



UKANDU is the summer servant event for high school youth at Our Redeemer. Participants can expect to serve alongside 250 other people from a variety of churches to bring the love of Jesus to the people of inner-city Chicago.

UKANDU is a Christian mission organization dedicated to helping youth and adults become the heart and hands of Christ to those in need around the world.

The philosophy comes from Scripture and is reflected in its name. *“I (You) CAN DO all things through Christ who strengthens me”* ~ Philippians 4:13 and *“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do*

good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” ~ Ephesians 2:10.

Dates for UKANDU 2022 are **June 18 – 25, 2022.**

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING (NYG)



Held every three years, the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults from around the world the opportunity to come together as a community of God’s people to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith, and their Lutheran identity.



This international event is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry in St. Louis. At Our Redeemer, we take a group of high school students, parent/adult chaperones, and Young Adult Volunteers (college-age adults who are official YAVs for the Gathering) on a 10-day trip to participate in the Gathering. During the five days at the Gathering, we spend time together in God’s Word, worship, service, and fellowship with 25,000+ other Lutherans from across the world.

The next **LCMS Youth Gathering** will be held in Houston in July, 2022. Registration will begin in September, 2021.

FUNDRAISING and PRIZE ACCOUNTS

The Confirmation and High School youth and their families host two annual fundraisers each year: the **Youth Colorado Peach Fundraiser** and the **Youth Pie Sale**.

Profits from the **Youth Peach Fundraiser** and **Youth Pie Sale** support the Confirmation and High School youth events and activities, including Confirmation Retreats, the LCMS Youth Gathering, and Servant Events.



The **Youth Peach Fundraiser** is the *primary fundraiser* for the youth and earns the largest amount of money to support the youth program. Many people in our community, as well as our congregation, look forward to our peach sale each summer. ALL youth families are expected to help sell peaches and volunteer on Peach Pickup Day in order to make this fundraiser successful.



The Youth Pie Sale is hosted each November. Youth families make 100+ homemade fruit pies in a four-hour morning work session to sell to our

congregation. Each youth (6th – 12th grade) has the opportunity to earn money by helping with these fundraisers. Money earned will be added to each youth's church **Prize Account**.

Prize Account funds can be used as payment towards any Our Redeemer youth activity that requires money.

Any questions, please contact the Youth Coordinator at youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org.

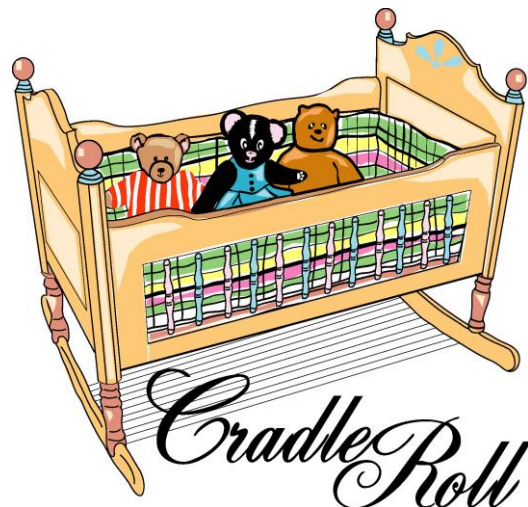


Mission Statement

The mission of our Children's Ministry is to nurture and support families; equipping them for a lifetime of learning, praying, and celebrating God's love in every aspect of life.

CRADLE ROLL

Children are given several gifts at baptism. Baptism is more than a ceremony, more than a tradition, more than a christening (like a ship). Baptism is being brought into God's family. In order to remember the promises of forgiveness and the washing away of sin at baptism, each baptized child is given a baptism medallion, a personalized baptism banner, an embroidered linen baptismal napkin, and the book ***Our Faith from A to Z*** by Ruth M. Meyer.





OUR REDEEMER PRESCHOOL

Our Redeemer Preschool has been fulfilling the educational and spiritual needs of children in the Iowa City area since 1981.

Our Redeemer Preschool desires to nurture children with Christ as the center of their lives. Our philosophy is to provide a Christ-centered atmosphere that allows children to observe, make choices, be active, explore, and experiment.

We use the "One in Christ" Christian curriculum to share the gift of the Gospel message of Christ Jesus along with Handwriting Without Tears curriculum for furthering handwriting skills.

Our Mission

- To introduce and reinforce the basic Christian truths about God who made and cares for us, and Jesus who always loves and forgives us.
- To encourage each child to grow physically, academically, socially, and spiritually.
- To give ample opportunities for independent, self-initiated activities, as well as opportunities for peer interaction and cooperation.
- To promote learning through play, "One in Christ" Curriculum is used. Teachers engage students where they are developmentally and help them grow.

ADMISSION STATEMENT

Our Redeemer Christian Preschool admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, or other school-administered programs.

AGES

The preschool serves children of Our Redeemer and our community who are between the ages of 3 and 5, toilet-trained, and not yet enrolled in kindergarten.

SESSIONS

Classes run from after Labor Day through Memorial Day for age 3 - PreKindergarten year.

Monday/Wednesday/Friday

9:00 am – 12:00 pm
\$221/Month

Tuesday/Thursday

9:00 am – 12:00 pm
\$162/Month

5 Days

9:00 am – 12:00 pm
\$366/Month

** For Extended Care Options, contact the Director*

** Scholarships are available for those who apply. See Director for more information.*

Our Redeemer Christian Preschool is fully licensed by the State of Iowa.

Contact Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller, at 338-3949 or preschool@ourredeemer.org.

KIDS CLUB



Kids Club is a Gospel-centered midweek program for children age 4 through 5th grade. As part of Our Redeemer's dedication to "equipping disciples to make disciples for Jesus", we are excited to host Kids Club where children hear the saving Gospel truth about Jesus. For more information about our Kids Club, please contact the church office 319-338-5626 or redeemer@ourredeemer.org.

Every Wednesday evening at Kids Club, the children hear Bible stories, learn Bible verses and sing songs. Other activities include games, crafts, and mission projects. Snacks are provided. Kids Club provides children with fun and enriching midweek Christian activities, as well as fellowship with their church family.

Cost

Registration fee: \$10/year
Scholarships are available.

Registration can be done electronically via Google Forms
<https://forms.gle/FiuK13KNUaUfpy57>, by contacting the church office at 319-338-5626 or emailing redeemer@ourredeemer.org.

CALENDAR

Classes begin on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 6:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall with our Opening and Kids Club Parent Orientation. We will begin on time and will end with The Lord's Prayer at 8:00 pm. Parents will need to come into the building to pick children up. Kids Club Night (our finale for the year) will be Wednesday, April 27, 2022.

CANCELLATION

If the Iowa City schools are cancelled on a Wednesday, our Kids Club program (*Little Lambs, Cross Town, Faith Explorers*) will also be cancelled on that day. If school is virtual, stay tuned to Channel 9 KCRG or the ourredeemer.org website for last minute weather-related cancellations.

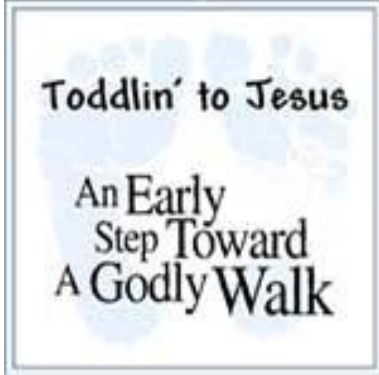
SNACKS

A light snack will be provided. Please note any food allergies.

CLASSROOM LOCATIONS

See church map of classroom locations at the end of the Equipping Disciples Booklet.

TODDLIN' TO JESUS



It is never too early to strengthen our relationship with God and to share that special bond with our children. We realize how difficult it can be to participate in church services and activities at times with little ones in tow. Yet, it is extremely important not to hinder these children from the benefits the church family can provide. Thus, we have developed a special time just for you and your little ones and "little ones to be" during the Sunday School hour, starting at 9:20 am during the school year.

Children aged birth to before they start preschool, accompanied by their parents, as well as expecting parents, are invited to participate in **Toddlin' to Jesus**. You will be able to meet with other parents and children for Bible study, prayer, singing, and playing. For more information about **Toddlin' to Jesus**, please email the church office at redeemer@ourredeemer.org or call 319-338-5626.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

*For birth through two years of age, please see **Toddlin' to Jesus** section.*

On Sunday mornings, children ages 3-years through 8th grade attend classes to help them develop an "Enduring Faith." Our 3-year-old and 4-year-old preschoolers meet in their assigned classroom at 9:20 am. Kindergarten through 8th grade students meet at 9:20 am in the choir room for music and attend class from 9:30-10:15 am.

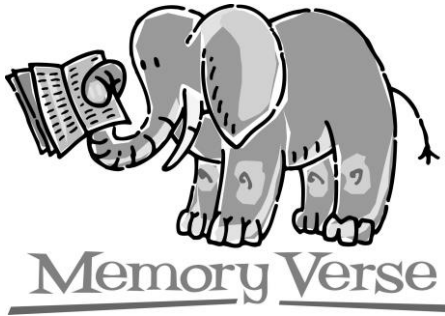
Our classrooms are bursting with energy and excitement for learning true Bible knowledge. Each week, students hear the Good News of Jesus' death and resurrection and are exposed to a wide range of Bible stories. Our lesson time also includes drama, crafts, various lesson-related activities, and memory work. Sunday school is held year-round, except for select holidays and other special church events. Look in our weekly **Reflections** for further announcements. For more information, contact the church office at redeemer@ourredeemer.org or call 319-338-5626.

Classroom Locations

See church map on page 51 of this booklet.



MEMORY WORK



In building a strong foundation of faith for our children, we believe it is important to begin teaching some of the core components of the catechism and Bible memory verses at an early age. These are taught in the classroom lesson times.

What are the benefits of memory work?

- We use memory work for our everyday experiences.
- Certain facts must be memorized for quick recall and retrieval.
- Memory can become part of our life and this memorized information can be internalized and become part of a student's life patterns and belief system.
- Memory work can assist students to think more sharply and utilize and apply information.

Benefits of memorizing Scripture passages, hymns, books of the Bible:

- When this is accomplished, we can look up/quote Scripture more easily.
- Selected Scripture and hymns can be recited to give strength and encouragement in times of distress and pain.
- Memorization reminds the students of their beliefs and provides strength to live accordingly.
- It has learning potential.

What is Our Redeemer's goal? Memory selections:

1. Are carefully chosen on the basis of their meaning and value for living and sharing the Christian faith.
2. Correlate with the student's moral and spiritual development and are adapted to meet differences in memorizing ability.
3. Are taught meaningfully and enjoyably.
4. Are meaningfully applied to the life of the student.

On Sunday School Sunday, May 22, 2022, Pastor leads a special celebration during the Sunday School "hour". Each class will share their memory verses with the congregation during the worship services.

Memory Assignments	
Toddlin'	The Lord's Prayer
PreK 3 & 4	Exodus 3:12
K & 1 st Grade	Psalm 119:105
2 nd & 3 rd Grade	John 3:16
4 th & 5 th Grade	Books of the Bible (Old & New Testament)
6/7/8 th Grade	The Ten Commandments
High School	Proverbs 3:5-6, Psalm 23

Recognizing the differences in memorizing ability, we find it extremely important to teach not only portions of Scripture, but also how and where to find Scripture when needed, equipping students for their lifetime of spiritual growth and learning.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & LUNCH



Children in Kindergarten through 8th grade are invited to participate in our annual Children's Christmas Service. This program, to be held on Sunday, December 12, 2021, during both the 8:00 and 10:30 am services, offers children an opportunity to actively share the Good News of our Savior's birth.

Children in the PreK 3 & 4 will learn and practice songs in their classroom and will share them at the beginning of the Children's Christmas Service.

Children will learn songs for the program during Sunday School music time in October and November. There will be two Saturday morning practices on December 4 & 11, 2021, as well. More information will be given in October 2021.

The program is followed by a wonderful soup luncheon in the Fellowship Hall by the Children's Ministry Committee. For more information, email the church office at redeemer@ourredeemer.org or call 319-338-5626.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 7 - 11, 2022

Children age 4 years through 8th grade enjoy a fantastic week here at Our Redeemer each summer. The transformation from church home to VBS theme is amazing!

Each year, families are excited to see if they will be walking into the midst of a jungle, beach, desert, mountains, or even outer space!

Our evenings begin with an Opening, which is followed by great Bible lessons, fun crafts, games, snacks, music, Bible memory work and recreation.

Volunteers are always needed to help in various positions. For more information, contact the church office at redeemer@ourredeemer.org or call 319-338-5626.

Service Connections:

ASSIMILATION

Assimilation seeks to ensure that we are connecting our members to Jesus, His Word, and each other, reflecting His love in word and deed.

The purpose of this group is to improve the assimilation or integration of members into the activities of the church. This has been described as “the task of moving people from an awareness of your church to attendance at your church to active membership in your church.”

This team of people strives to accomplish its goals through various means that begin at the front doors of the church.

New member brunch is scheduled for October 10, 2021.

ASSIMILATION PARTICIPATION

The committee typically meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

For more information, contact Cory Strumpel at 319-627-4322 or tomandcory@gmail.com.

HEALTH MINISTRIES



This ministry is a Christian service shaped by Christ's concern for all aspects of the human condition, and directed to the service of the whole person. Health Ministries responds to the health needs of the congregation and promotes wellness of the body, mind, and spirit.

Members with health concerns who would like a visit should contact the church office at 338-5626.

Medical equipment such as walkers, crutches, wheelchairs, and shower chairs are available for loan. Please contact the church office.

HUMAN CARE

The Human Care Committee has been active at Our Redeemer for many years. The Committee is quite popular and active, probably because the projects we are involved with are rewarding and fun. Our present activities include:

PRIME TIME DINNER

**Sunday, November 7, 2021
12:00 pm**

The committee hosts a dinner each fall, with entertainment and/or raffles, for members 60 years of age and older. At the dinner we recognize those who have "special" birthdays during the past year. Special birthdays are 75, 80, 85, 90, etc. We also serve a Wednesday night Advent meal and Lenten meal.

ANGEL TREE

Members of our congregation may take an angel from the tree and provide the gift requested by the child whose parent is a prisoner. Sometimes these may be the only gifts these kids receive. In addition, a gift card for groceries is included in each gift bag along with information about Our Redeemer.

MITTEN TREE

Members of our congregation donate mittens, scarves, snow pants, and hats. The committee donates them to the Iowa City School District for distribution to students who need them.

COMMUNITY BIN IN THE NARTHEX

Members of our congregation donate food and paper products. Each week the donations are delivered to the CommUnity (formerly Crisis Center). The congregation is very generous as it amounts to several

tons of items each year, including the VBS donation of approximately 800 items.

COMMUNITY SPREAD THE LOVE

CAMPAIGN

February is the CommUnity Spread the Love Campaign peanut butter and jelly drive. Notices are put in *Reflections* and *Beacon* and signs are posted. The peanut butter and jelly collected during the month of February are delivered to CommUnity in early March.

SOCTOBER

October is *Soctober*. For people without permanent housing, feet work overtime when there isn't a warm home to return to each night. Socks are not often donated, yet new socks are like gold to homeless people. We ask the congregation to donate new crew socks (dark are preferred) with a reinforced toe. Notices will be put in *Reflections* and *Beacon* and signs will be posted. The socks will be delivered to CommUnity in early November.

EMERGENCY FUNDS

Funds are available through our committee as a grant or a loan for members of Our Redeemer who may be experiencing a short-term emergency. Examples could be a fire, loss of job, medical emergency, etc., when a few extra dollars could help carry someone through. Requests for funds should be made by contacting Pastor Hartwig who will then contact the appropriate people from the Human Care Committee.

BIRTHDAY CARDS

Cards, signed by the members of the committee, are sent to congregation members 60 years of age and older.

CARE PROJECT

This is a program where members of Our Redeemer can contact us if they need some short-time help, such as a ride, small household chores, etc. We have a volunteer list of people who are willing to help when a request is made.

CONTACT

The committee meets on a monthly basis. For more information, contact Dean Hargens at 339-9060.

MISSION

The Mission Committee's focus is emphasizing our Lord's Great Commission: *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..."* ~ Matthew 28:19a

We help support missionaries and mission trips, both domestic and international. This help can be in the form of prayer support, financial support, and/or physical support.

In past years, the Mission Committee organized short-term mission trips to domestic and international locations. In the future, the Mission Committee's efforts will be directed toward one international location, a location and missionary known to Our Redeemer and directly supported by the congregation.

The Mission Committee also organizes a Pancake Day fundraiser each Spring to support a local organization. In recent years, the funds raised have helped CommUnity.



The Mission Committee is always open to new members, but it should be noted that committee membership is not required to participate in any Mission Committee activity such as a short-term mission trip, pancake day, etc.

CONTACT

For more information about the Mission Committee, contact Bob Powers at 338-9651.

OUTREACH

The purpose of the Outreach Committee is to follow the Great Commission of our Savior Jesus who commanded, *"therefore go and make disciples of all nations"* ~ Matthew 28:19a. We are about equipping disciples for Jesus. A Christian disciple is one who trusts in Jesus as his/her Savior and follows Jesus to spread the Gospel of salvation to others so that they also become disciples of Jesus.

As a committee, we are here to provide opportunities for the members of Our Redeemer to reach out to their family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and our community with the message of forgiveness, life, and salvation that comes only through Jesus Christ.

"And let us consider how to stir one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

~ Hebrews 10:24-25

What does the Outreach Committee do to provide opportunities for members to reach out to others? Some of what we do:

- Christ Cares Sunday – serve our community in multiple ways such as:
 - Ronald McDonald House meal and stock the pantry
 - Landscaping at multiple locations
 - Bingo and music with assisted living residents
 - Appreciation baskets for fireman and police
 - Shirts for the military serving overseas
 - Etc.
- 4th of July Parade Float – hand out bottles of water with a Bible verse
- Johnson County Fair Booth – share information about our Savior, church, and preschool
- Fun Faith Fest – provide worship, food, fun, games, and fellowship for our community
- City High Homecoming Parade – serve hot dogs and chips to the community
- Christmas and Carols – serve cookies, hot cocoa, and cider following the Saturday evening service
- Live Nativity – serve cookies, hot cocoa, and cider to our community
- Preschool Mailers - Co-fund two preschool mailers which include Lent/Easter and Advent/Christmas schedules
- Biblical Characters of Lent – share God’s Word through monologues given by actors in biblical costumes
- Visitor Letters – send letters to visitors who worship with us

We encourage Our Redeemer members to use these opportunities to reach out/invite family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and others.

For more information, contact Marlene Thompson at 319-338-2938 or Marilyn Kempnich at 319-351-5297, co-chairs of the Outreach Committee.

PROPERTIES

The Church Properties Committee is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the church, church grounds, vicarage, and parsonage within an annual budget directed by the Church Board. Work is completed by the property maintenance manager, contract labor, or volunteer labor. The committee is responsible for delegating the work to be done and directing the solicitation of bids for completion of work that cannot be managed through church resources. The property maintenance manager is responsible for oversight of all contracted work.

Administrative Connections:

BEACON

Our monthly church newsletter *Beacon* is designed as a summary of events and activities, a quick look at upcoming events, informational articles, and an activity calendar for the Body of Christ here at Our Redeemer.

The name of the newsletter comes from Matthew 5:14: *"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden."* Notice the skylight at the top of the sanctuary. From this place, we shine our Gospel light into the community. Not just the building, but we the people are the light in this community.

*We encourage regular reading
of this publication.*

The *Beacon* can be found on the website (www.ourredeemer.org) under the publications tab and a link is emailed each month. Paper form is available on the last Sunday of the month, replacing *Reflections* that week.

Submissions are due to the church office no later than 5:00 pm on the 20th of each month. Contact our Office Coordinator, Lorrie Bailey at 338-5626 or email redeemer@ourredeemer.org.

CARD SHOP

LWML hosts a Christian card shop located just outside the Fellowship Hall. This service is available to provide low-cost Christian messages of encouragement, hope, concern, and joy.

Payment box is located on the wall to the left of the display. For more information, contact Kathy Folkmann at 354-0480.

COMMUNICATION CABINETS

To provide a way to stay in communication with one another, each member family of Our Redeemer is assigned a communication box located in the hallway opposite the nursery.

If you do not yet have a box assigned to your family or you have further questions, please contact our Office Coordinator, Lorrie Bailey, at 338-5626.

COMMUNICATION RACKS

Previous and current issues of *Beacon*, *Reflections*, sermon notes, *IDE Today*, *Lutheran Digest*, and other important communications can be found on communication racks inside the church office.



DEVOTIONS

Many resources are available to help with personal and group devotions. Copies of *Portals of Prayer, My Devotions*, and *Happy Times* can be found in the office. Additional devotional materials can also be found in the Church Library. If you need assistance finding the right materials for you, contact the church office at 338-5626.

LIBRARY

The Church Library provides Christian resources for the members of Our Redeemer. The goal is to furnish a balance of materials and subjects for all ages. These collections become available through donations or through monetary funding. New purchases are carefully selected by the church librarians and the Pastor. Part of the library materials for adult studies are located in room 208. The main library holds books of many subjects, including Christian fiction, nonfiction, children and juniors. Family videos are also available. A card system has been established for checking out materials. The check out and return rules can be found at the library desk area.

To donate materials, or if you have any questions, please contact:

Kelli Kucera 512-6789

Shana Stuart 337-9465

REFLECTIONS

Our weekly church newsletter *Reflections* helps us reflect on how God is working within the Body of Christ here at Our Redeemer.

We encourage regular reading of the up-to-date information in this publication.

Reflections can be found on the wire rack in the office or located online at www.ourredeemer.org. It is replaced the last Sunday of the month with the *Beacon*.

Submissions are due to the church office no later than 5:00 pm each Wednesday. Contact our Office Coordinator, Lorrie Bailey, at 338-5626.



THEME SONG

To Live with Christ

Heav'nly Father who created
Man in Thine own Image bright,
Who sent Thine own Son to drown
Man's sin by blood through Sacrifice—
Make us new by wat'ry passage;
Teach us how to die with Christ!

Refrain:

For me to live is Christ!
For me to live is Christ!
For me to live is Christ!
To die is gain!

O Lord Jesus who didst suffer
Jeers and beatings, thorns and stripes,
Cross and Grave for our transgressions
Yet rose as life's Archetype—
Teach us by revealed example
How, in faith, to rise in Christ!

Refrain

Holy Spirit who was present
At Creation and the Cross;
Who hath called us by the Gospel,
Keeps, enlightens, sanctifies—
Teach us in all truth to follow;
Preserve us to live with Christ!

Refrain

Tune: ASCENDED TRIUMPH, ©1973 Henry V. Gerike b.1948;
Arr. ©2021 by Lauren Kruse with Don Stein
Text: ©2021, Don Stein b.1989
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Hymn explanation from the author: The sanctified Christian life is one of continuous journey, beginning at Baptism and maturing into a faith which produces good fruit. The work of each Person of the Trinity is shown throughout the Christian life, in recurring cycles. With this in mind, I set out to craft a Trinitarian ode outlining the Christian life of:

- death to sin
- Christ-imitating love for neighbor
- continued growth in the faith.

Each verse reflects this journey. To maintain continuity throughout the piece, the final phrase of each verse draws the Christian back to the Focus, Cause and Perfector of our faith: Christ Himself. Simple catechetical motifs and phrases are strewn throughout, making for easier retention of the content, even if my sorry text itself is not particularly memorable. And I've paired it with a haunting melody by Henry Gerike, filled with ups and downs and a final, triumphant proclamation. It's evocative of the peaks and valleys of Christian life— which culminate in one final, glorious end!

Worship Connections:



Bringing Out The Best (Stewardship Series)

We rejoice that the heavenly Father has brought out the best by giving His Son, Jesus, as our Savior, and so we respond by “bringing out the best” in ourselves by the way we give in this life. As stewards of the life given to us we give of our talents, time, and money.

Stewardship Sunday 1: September 26

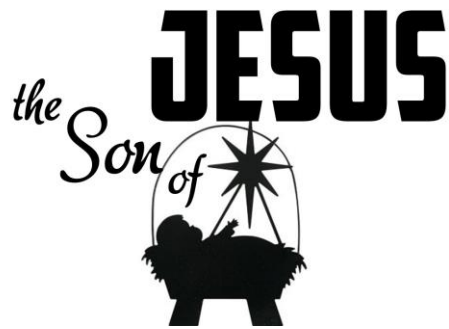
Talents: The Joy of Investing Yourself
(*Matthew 25:14–30*)

Stewardship Sunday 2: October 24

Time: Maximizing Minutes for the Master
(*Colossians 4:3, 5–6*)

Stewardship Sunday 3: November 21

Money: The Problem with Money
(*1Timothy 6:17–19*)



Jesus: The Son Of (Advent Sermon Series)

God turns the ways of the world upside down by sending His son to be born of a virgin and to exchange His life for ours. The genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David and the son of Abraham, demonstrates this with every name and every generation. God’s ways are certainly not our ways, but He has remained faithful to all of His promises that were given to all the saints of old.

The list of names serves as a beautiful reminder that Jesus Christ came for all people. He is a son, just as we are sons and daughters. The genealogy of Jesus isn’t a fairy tale. It is a reality, even full of sinners and scandals. But all are people for whom Jesus died—David and Abraham, Joseph and Mary—all.

Advent Midweek 1: December 1

Jesus: The Son of David
(*Matthew 1:1, 6*)

Advent Midweek 2: December 8

Jesus: The Son of Abraham
(*Matthew 1:1–2*)

Advent Midweek 3: December 15

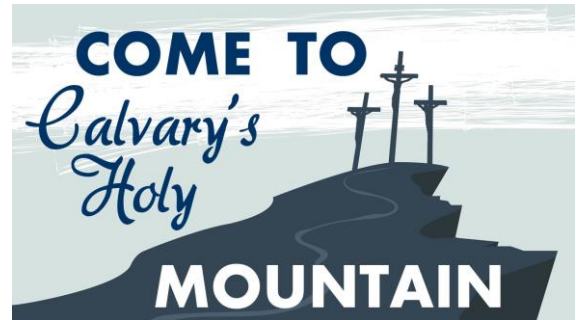
Jesus: The Son of Scandal
(*Matthew 1:1, 3, 5–6*)

Advent Midweek 4: December 22
Jesus: The Son of Joseph, Matthew 1:16

Christmas Eve: December 24
3:30 pm, 5:00 pm & 6:30 pm
Jesus: The Son of Mary, Matthew 1:16

Christmas Midnight: December 24
11:30 pm

Christmas Day: December 25
9:30 am



Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain
(Lenten Sermon Series)

Lent is a time of preparation as we Christians prepare to remember the most important moments in all of human history: when God Himself suffered, died, was buried and rose again!

This year we will journey to Calvary's Holy Mountain. Golgotha is the Aramaic name of the location where Jesus was crucified outside of Old Jerusalem. In John 19:16-18 we read, "So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them." Golgotha is also mentioned in Matthew 27:32-34 and Mark 15:21-22.

In Luke 23:33 of the King James Version, the word Calvary is used in reference to the same location. In modern translations, the more literal term "the place that is called The Skull" (ESV) is generally used. The word Calvary is derived from the Latin phrase for this location, *Calvariae Locus*. Counting this reference, all four Gospels make specific reference to this particular hill as the place of Jesus' death.

We will journey to Mount Calvary as we journey through the season of Lent. We will also figuratively travel to Mount Calvary which is 6,333 miles from Our Redeemer in Iowa City, Iowa. Each week, members are encouraged to turn in the mileage they walked the past week. All the miles will be added each week for the whole season of Lent to see if we, as a collective group, can travel to Calvary's Holy Mountain.

Ash Wednesday: March 2, 2022

The Spirit of Calvary's Climb
(Mark 6:1-6, 16-21)

Lenten Week 1: March 6, 2022

The Mount of Temptation
(Mark 1:12-15)

Lenten Week 2: March 13, 2022

The Mount of Suffering
(Mark 8:31-38)

Lenten Week 3: March 20, 2022

The Mount of Loyalty
(John 2:13-22)

Lenten Week 4: March 27, 2022

The Mount of Sacrifice
(John 3:14-21)

Lenten Week 5: April 3, 2022

The Mount of Triumph
(John 12:20-33)

Palm Sunday: April 10, 2022

The Mount Where the Plot Thickens
(Mark 14:1-15:47)

During this Palm Sunday worship service we will enter the sanctuary together as Jesus entered Jerusalem. We will give our attention to the whole Passion Week.

This year Confirmation will be held the first Sunday of May.

Maundy Thursday: April 14, 2022

Good Friday: April 15, 2022

Easter: April 17



ADVENT AND LENTEN SUPPERS



All are invited to come!

During the seasons of Advent and Lent, various groups and individuals prepare dinner for the congregation prior to these special worship services.

Advent dinners are on the three Wednesdays prior to Christmas, and Lenten dinners are on the five Wednesdays prior to Easter.

Dinner is served at 5:10 pm with a special worship service at 6:10 pm. There is no cost, only a free-will donation to cover expenses.

Advent Dinner

Wednesday, December 1, 2021
Wednesday, December 8, 2021
Wednesday, December 15, 2021
Wednesday, December 22, 2021

Lenten Dinners

Wednesday, March 9, 2022
Wednesday, March 16, 2022
Wednesday, March 23, 2022
Wednesday, March 30, 2022
Wednesday, April 6, 2022

LENTEN PRAYER WALK

Lent is a time of reflection. Join us for a time of focused prayer. In small groups or individually, journey from prayer station to prayer station focusing on the life and death of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Prayer Walk is specifically placed on the Wednesday of Passion Week.

ACOLYTES

It is expected that all Confirmation students (grades 6-8) serve as acolytes.

The word “acolyte” means “follower” or “attendant.” It refers to the fact that the acolyte is assisting the pastor in the worship service in very specific ways.

Here at Our Redeemer, the acolytes light the candles. Acolyte training happens during Confirmation Orientation.

ADULT CHOIR

Anyone of high school age and older who enjoys singing is encouraged to join! Rehearsals are held Wednesdays at 6:45 pm, starting September 1, 2021, through early May. The choir sings regularly for worship services. If you are interested in details, please contact Louise Klopp at choirdirector@ourredeemer.org.

BAPTISM

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." ~ Matthew 28:19-20



We believe the Bible teaches that a person is saved by God's grace alone through faith in Jesus Christ. Baptism is one of the miraculous means of grace through which God creates and/or strengthens the gift of faith.

This Sacrament, explicitly commanded by God with His precious promises attached to it, is a powerful means of grace by which God grants faith and the forgiveness of sins.

Anyone wishing to be baptized should contact Pastor Hartwig.

Expectant parents are encouraged to contact Pastor Hartwig with their expected due date so that a baptismal date may be scheduled.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

As we come to our church home to nurture and support one another, a special fellowship time is available after 8:00 am worship prior to Bible Study.

Our fellowship area is located in the narthex, where coffee and treats are hosted each week by different groups.

If you or your group would like to host, please see the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place.

HANDBELL CHOIR

If you are high school age or older, and can read music, the Handbell Choir is looking for you! The director, Louise Klopp, will send out potential dates for practice and Sunday music. Please let her know if you are interested in participating.

For details, please contact Louise Klopp at choirdirector@ourredeemer.org.

NURSERY

We are pleased to have children at worship and encourage families to bring them. One side of the nursery will be available to families needing a changing table, rocking chair, or toddler bathroom.

ORGAN AND PIANO

Our Redeemer is blessed to have Marilyn Paetz as a staff organist. Likewise, we have three talented pianists who rotate serving for the Gracious Beginnings Divine Service on Saturdays. Thank you all for using your talents and skills in glory to God.

If you have the talent and skill of playing either the organ or piano, please let Pastor Hartwig know. With vacations, illnesses, and life-challenges, there could be a time we need a substitute. Or we could benefit from you giving an Offertory during services.

PRAISE TEAM

The Praise Team enhances worship with contemporary music during the 10:30 am service on Sunday morning. The group introduces new music and traditional favorites to the worship service. Rehearsals are scheduled on a week-to-week basis, often at 8:00 am Sunday mornings.

If you are interested in details, please contact Louise Klopp at choirdirector@ourredeemer.org.

PRAYER CHAIN

Jesus instructed us to pray and assures us in Matthew 18:19: "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven."

This prayer chain consists of members from Our Redeemer who have seen the power of prayer in the life of God's people.

If you would like to become a member of the prayer chain, contact the church office at 338-5626 or Skip Kempnich at 351-5297 or prayerchain@ourredeemer.org.

If you would like the group to offer prayers on your behalf, for a loved one or for any special needs you may have, contact the church office at 338-5626 or Skip Kempnich at prayerchain@ourredeemer.org or 351-5297.

When requesting a prayer, be sure to indicate if you would or would not want the prayer to be included in the public worship services.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Music is God's greatest gift. It has often so stimulated and stirred me that I felt the desire to preach," said Luther. And he also stated, "Music is an outstanding gift of God." We invite you to use your musical talents during our Divine Worship Services. This invitation includes our youth.

Please contact Twyla Freeman to let her know what you would like to do musically during our worship services. You can contact Twyla Freeman at 530-2371 or email her at: specialmusic@ourredeemer.org.



TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANTS



We are fortunate to have some of the latest technology devices to enhance our worship experience.

Our sound, projection and camera systems helps us hear the Word, message, and music more clearly during the service and also allows us to live stream most services each week. These can then be accessed via YouTube at a later date.

Our projection system permits a hands-free worship environment and also aids a visitor not familiar with our liturgies to more easily follow along.

A volunteer is needed at each service to put the correct slide on the screens at the right time. The services are set up on the computer prior to the service by the Director of Technology. Advancing the slides for the screens is not complicated. There are only a few buttons to learn.

A second volunteer is needed at the sound board during services.

A third volunteer is needed to operate the cameras for the service being recorded and for other special services.

Please consider helping in this area!

Training is available at any time on any of the equipment. Contact the Director of Technology, Kevin Sellers, at 319-631-8924 or at technology@ourredeemer.org.

USHERS

Ushers are an important part of our Sunday services.

Ushers volunteer to serve regularly at one service per month. Contact Dave Fruendt (338-5546) about early service and Dave Hintze (351-5873) about late service.

An up-to-date 2021-2022 Calendar

Available at www.ourredeemer.org
Click on 'Master Calendar'

Printed copies of the monthly calendar are available when the **Beacon** comes out. They will be at the ushers tables that weekend or in the office for the month following.

The Google Calendar can be linked to your Google calendar. Contact Kevin Sellers technology@ourredeemer.org.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, LCMS, 2301 East Court Street, Iowa City, Iowa

Directory



Sunday Morning Classrooms:

Age/Grade	Room Number
Toddlin' to Jesus (0-2 Year Olds)	215-Classroom (Toddlin')
Pre-K3 & Pre-K4	219-Classroom
Kindergarten & 1 st Grade	217-Classroom
2 nd & 3 rd Grades	119-Classroom
4 th & 5 th Grades	121-Classroom
6 th /7 th /8 th Grades	208-Classroom (Adult Ed)
High School	110-Youth Room
Adult	101-Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Night Classrooms:

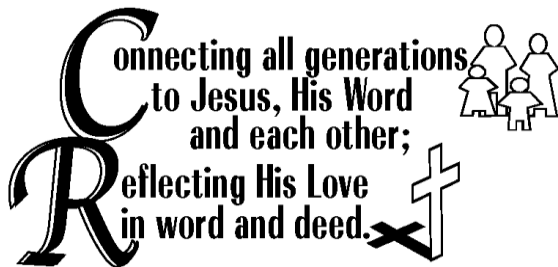
Age/Grade	Room Number
4 years – 5 th Grade – Kids Club	TBD
6 th Grade Small Group, Girls	117-Classroom
8 th Grade Small Group, Girls	
6 th Grade Small Group, Boys	119-Classroom
8 th Grade Small Group, Boys	
7 th Grade Small Group, Boys	121-Classroom
7 th Grade Lecture	123-Classroom
7 th Grade Small Group, Girls	
6 th Grade Lecture	112-Classroom
8 th Grade Lecture	
High School	Outdoors or Fellowship Hall
Adult	208/210-Classroom



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Our Mission:

"This is what we do"



Our Vision:

"This is where the Spirit is taking us"

Our Redeemer Congregation is a grace-filled, God-glorifying community of believers devoted to Word, fellowship, Sacraments, and prayer, committed to involving more people in ministry so that the Body of Christ would be built up for service to others as we reach out to more people with the Gospel.

Our Motto:

"This is what we are about"

Equipping Disciples to make Disciples for Jesus.

THESE ARE THE VALUES THAT MATTER TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR REDEEMER:

CHRIST-CENTERED, Bible-based

We are a Christ-centered and Bible-based church which desires that all generations be intimately connected to Jesus and His Word. (John 14:6)

Caring Small Groups

We believe spiritual growth and caring communities are most effective in small groups which include Word, Prayer, Fellowship, and Service. (Acts 2:42, 46-47)

Everlasting Life through GRACE

We believe that it is by God's grace that we are saved eternally and that it is by God's grace that we are equipped to serve here and now.

(2 Cor. 5:14-21)

Neighbor to Neighbor: Gifted to Serve

We believe in helping people discover, develop, and use their spiritual gifts and in providing opportunities for people to use their resources, gifts, and skills in service to others to the Lord's glory. (1 Cor. 12)

Together WE Worship

We believe in offering vibrant, genuine worship in Word and Sacrament with a variety of styles to the glory of God and the edification of His people. (John 4:24)

Encouraging in Loving Relationships

We believe that caring and loving relationships should permeate every aspect of family, church, and community life. (Eph. 4:11-16)

Reflecting Jesus' Love

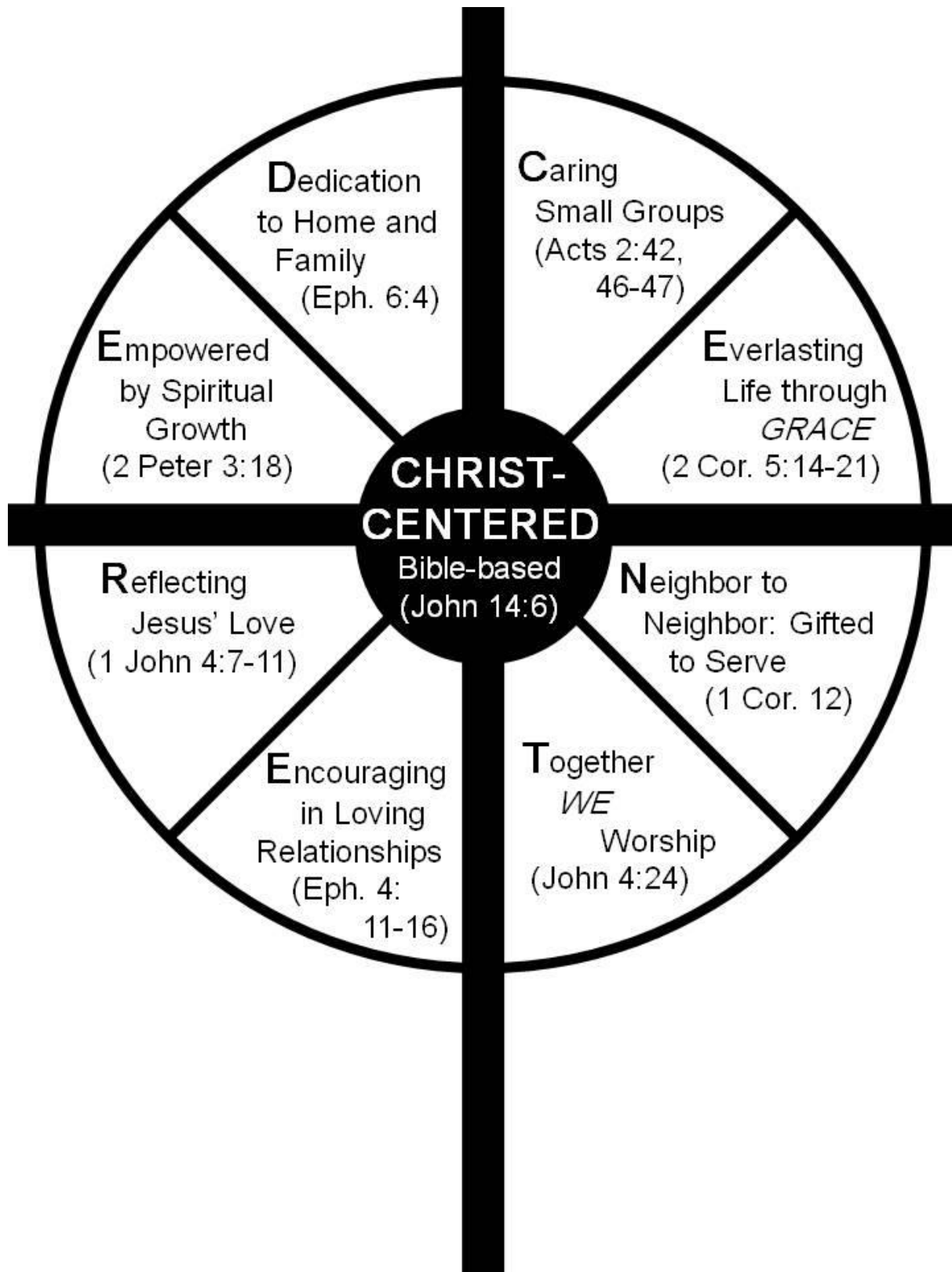
We believe that all of us—individually and corporately—are to reflect Jesus' unconditional love in word and deed, living the Christian life as followers (disciples) of Christ. (1 John 4:7-11)

Empowered by Spiritual Growth

We believe in the continued spiritual growth of our own members and those in our community through the offering of various Christian Education opportunities for all ages. (2 Pet. 3:18)

Dedication to Home and Family

We believe that the home/family is the essential agency for Christian education in our society and that the church is God's plan to provide support for the family. (Eph. 6:4)



Worship Services

Gracious Beginnings

Saturday 5:30 pm

“From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised” ~ Psalm 113:3. As evening commences, our weekend worship schedule is inaugurated with **gracious beginnings**.

As we casually gather together in this place, we encounter, experience, and express our joy in response to what God has done for us. We worship by hearing God’s Word, remembering baptism, and sharing bread and wine in Jesus’ name while lifting our voices high in prayer and song. The melodic tones of the **piano**, and sometimes more instruments, with its dynamic range direct our voices in worship.

God is Our Foundation

Sunday 8:00 am

We hear that *“no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ,”* the chief cornerstone ~ 1 Corinthians 3:11; Ephesians 2:20. Our worship of God is built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets as components of the Divine Service liturgy, connecting us with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven. Word and Sacrament are **our foundation!**

In this Divine Service, in which the worshiper comes face to face with God and talks to Him as a child to a father, we respond with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving from our mind, heart, and voice. Our Casavant tracker **organ** is ideally suited to accompany our voices during this service.

God is Our Hope

Sunday 10:30 am

Psalm 150 encourages us to *“Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with tambourine and dancing, Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.”*

In this Divine Service, a variety of music swells to fill the liturgy. We sing and make melody in our hearts to the Lord through Christian music, hymns, and spiritual songs, according to Ephesians 5:19. Receiving the keynote from God, we sing in unison with one voice through Jesus Christ to the Father. As varied as our voices, a **myriad of instruments**—organ, bass, guitar, synthesizer, and drums come together in this Divine Service to harmoniously sing praises to the Lord. All praise, glory, and honor to God because He is **our hope!**

Advent and Lenten Worship

Wednesdays 1:00 pm & 6:10 pm

Prior to the birth of the Bethlehem Babe on Christmas Day and before the death and resurrection of Our Redeemer on Good Friday and Easter, we gather together to meditate upon the importance of the seasons of Advent and Lent.

Holy Communion

Holy Communion is celebrated on the **first, third, and fifth Sundays and the corresponding Saturdays** of each month.

Live Streamed Services are available on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPZqA0kuhQeyMn48_giM2jw

Watch www.ourredeemer.org for changes.