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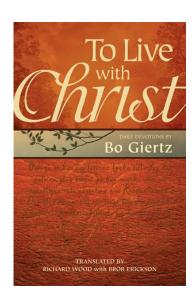
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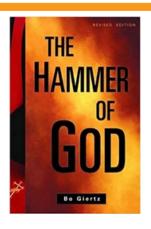
Weekly Newsletter - September 18/19, 2021

~The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity~



To match our theme for 2021-22 there is a devotional book by Bo Giertz that we are recommending you buy and use. We have copies in the church office for \$20.00.

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Hammer of God Book Club ***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.

We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Prayer of the Church/Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity/19 September 2021

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

O Lord of hosts, You oppose the proud and give grace to the humble. Help us by Your Spirit to submit ourselves to You and resist the devil, that he would flee from us.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord of hosts, pacify our passions by Your Spirit, that we may not be ruled by the jealousy and selfish ambition that give rise to disorder and every vile practice.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord of hosts, uphold this world in Your order. Preserve the Church and the preaching of Your Word against all enemies. Bless our homes, that parents and children may serve one another faithfully and grow in instruction and faith until life's end. Bless the beginning of our congregation Bible studies and confirmation program.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord of hosts, Gracious Lord, behold graciously the sick and those in any need [We especially pray for Pete Berry (friend of Myrl and Denise Holida), Dorothy Blume (Carol Schuldt's sister), David Caplin (Lillian Moyer's son-in-law), Susan Carlson, Earl Christensen (brother-in-law of George and Carol Schuldt), Mary Coblentz, Jody Cole (Charles Calef's friend), Chad Dyson, Emee Elkeurti, Gabe Hundley (grandson of Karen Abernathy), Dora Jacobson (granddaughter of George and Carol Schuldt), David Jones (Lonne Loney's uncle), Norma Miller (Twyla Freeman's aunt), Shannon Miller (friend of Gwen Enokian,) Barb Nace (Doris Siemer's niece), Nora Sellers (Great niece of Kevin & Laurel Sellers), Bob Siemer, Deloris Siemer, Rozie Siems (Daughter of Mary Siems), Dolores Wenndt (Denise Holida's mother) and Mark Wilson].

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord of hosts, You instituted marriage between one man and one woman, and we give you thanks for the 37 years of marriage for *Bill and Donna Saehler* and 31 years of marriage for *Eric and Jennifer Kooker*. Bless them and all husbands and wives as you strengthen the love between them and their love for you.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord of hosts, You give and You take away. Blessed be Your name. We pray for the family and friends of *Martin Beer* as they mourn his death. Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord of hosts, give us faith to draw near to Your altar in repentance, that we may receive Your Son with cleansed hands and purified hearts as He draws near to us in His body and blood.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord of hosts, listen to our silent prayers.

[We pause for a moment for silent prayer.]

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

Adult Bible Class

Date	Topic
September 19	To Live With Christ (Unpacking the Theme)
September 26	Dave Anderson: Living, Literally, with Christ
October 3-November 7; 21; December 5-19	With Christ: Just Words?
November 14	Rev. Bror Erickson: With Christ: Just Words?
January 29-February 27	To Die with Christ: Christian Death and Burial
March 6-April10	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

Upcoming Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson	
September 19	2 Kings 5:1-16	Healing Waters—Naaman and Elisha	
September 26	Jonah 1-3	Unwilling Prophet—Jonah	
October 3	Isaiah 6:1-8; 52:7-53:12	Promising Prophet—God Calls Isaiah	
October 10	2 Kings 17:6-20, 24-29	Enduring Exile—Israel Goes into Exile	
October 17	2 Kings 18:1-13, 28-35; 19:14-20, 32-37	The Praying King—Hezekiah	
October 24	2 Kings 22	The Restoring King—King Josiah	
October 31	Daniel 3	A Fiery Marvel—Three Men in the Fiery Furnace	
November 7	Ezekiel 8; 10:1-19; 36:22-28	Abomination Nation— The Lord Leaves the Temple	
November 14	Esther 2:15-23; 3:12-13; 4:12-17:1	The Rescuing Queen—Esther	
November 21	Ezra 3; Nehemiah 8:1-12; 12:44-47	Return to Rebuild Rebuilding the Temple	
November 28	Thanksgiving Weekend—No Classes		
December 5	Haggai 2:1-9; Malachi 3:1-7:4	Promised Messengers— Waiting for God's Messenger	
December 12	Children's Christmas Worship		
December 19	Christmas Lesson (details to come)		
December 26	Christmas Weekend—No Classes		

HEAR YE!! HEAR YE!!
VOTERS MEETING
Following the late service!!
SEPTEMBER 19



Come join us in person for worship services on September 25/26. Guest musicians Dave Anderson and Roger Walck will be providing the music for all services. Dave Anderson will also be leading that Adult Bible Class next weekend.

FRUIT FOR PIES

The Youth are requesting fruit donations for their annual Youth Pie Sale held in November.



If you have any extra fresh fruit, we are asking you to donate it to the youth to make their pies. When apples are ready, we would appreciate them also.

Please wash the fruit, slice or chop as appropriate, and put the fruit in a LABELED gallon ziploc bag. Please write "Youth Pies" on the bag and the type of fruit & approximate quantity. Place the bag(s) in the church kitchen freezer.

We appreciate keeping down the cost of making the pies. With your help there will be some FABULOUS pies in November for you to buy.

If you have questions, contact Kara Hartwig.

Name Tags Storage reinvented!!



Our Redeemer has new faces—new members and our new vicar and family, so new names to learn. And because it is important to get to know our church friends' names, we invite our members to wear their name tags again. But to be safer about them, we ask you to store them in your communication box found just past the library in the hallway, or as an alternative, to bring them back and forth from home. We won't be

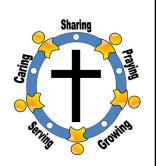
using the baskets at the doors or be putting them away for you as we had before. In case you haven't checked your communication cabinet box in a while, there is a listing of everyone's number to the right side of the cabinet.



ADULT MIDWEEK

Adult Midweek began September 15 at 7:00pm

Come join us on Wednesday evenings, 7:00pm to 8:00pm for Adult Midweek. We will continue learn about several topics. The first one will be *Justification and Sanctification*. Consult your Equipping Disciples book for additional topic listing and dates. We hope to see you here.



LWML CEDAR RAPIDS ZONE FALL EVENT

King of Kings Lutheran Church 3275 N. Center Point Road Saturday, October 2

King of Kings Lutheran Church, 3275 N. Center Point Road, will host the LWML Cedar Rapids Zone Fall Event on Saturday, October 2. Registration begins at 8:30 and the Bible study and meeting at 9:00am. Beverages and pastries will be served. All women are invited to attend. Learn how you can answer the call to be "God's Caring Hands" through the Ingathering of school supplies for local non-profits, with monetary donations directed to our lowa East District Mite mission grants and 3 Servant Events to include: Assembling personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief, Assembling the Ingathering school supplies into Blessing Bags and Creating "Cards of Joy" for Trinity Lutheran School students and staff. For more information and reservations, contact Laurel Sellers 331-3242. Signup on LWML bulletin board.



September 20 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Mark your calendars and plan to join us on Monday, September 20 at 7:00 pm. Linda Diggelmann will be our presenter for the evening. She has a slide show of a walk around the church grounds highlighting the plants we enjoy at various times of the year. Kathy Folkmann and Cynthia Fruendt are the hostesses for the evening. Eunice Scheer has the devotion.

Women—You are invited to Bible Study

Gideon's story involves far more than a wet fleece and a battle won with 300 soldiers. His epic victory actually tells of one man's struggle with his own weakness-and the One True God who transformed it into triumph.

So if you've ever struggled with insecurity or had trouble accepting your limitations, this study will help you see how God can use your weakness to unlock His strength. Yes, Gideon can attest--weakness is a gift.

Tuesday Mornings at 9:30 AM: Sept 21, Oct 5, 19, Nov 2, 16, 30, and Dec 14 Thursday Evenings at 7:00 PM: Oct 14, 28, Nov 11, Dec 2, 16, Jan 6, 20

Complete registration form and return to Denise Holida. Registration forms are located in the Church Office. Cost of book is \$18.00. Cash or check made out to "Our Redeemer".

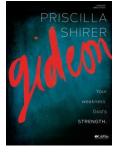






Photo time for the Pictorial Directory!

When: Sept. 25 and 26 and Oct. 16 and 17

Where: In the Chapel What to bring: your smiles!

You will also have a chance to turn in any updated contact information for the directory.

BASICS OF THE FAITH

Sunday, September 26 & Sunday, October 3 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Basics of the Faith class is a two part class that will be coming again at the end of September. It is an excellent way to get a basic understanding of scripture or simply a refresher. It is open to any age who want to for their own personal growth. Watch for signup details and announcements.



New Members Save the Date! Food, Fellowship & Fun, Sunday, October 10, 2021

New Member Brunch is back!! Please put this date on your calendar and make plans to attend. You're invited to join us as we host the New Member brunch after the late service on Oct. 10th in the Fellowship Hall. Watch for an invitation in the mail and RSVP as soon as possible! Looking forward to getting to know you! The Assimilation Committee

October 24 Following Late Service Fun Fellowship



Want to have lots of laughs, smiles, fun fellowship, and great food? Come join us for Trivia Challenge in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 24th after the 10:30 worship service. Bring an appetizer to share. This event is for Our Redeemer members and any friends or family you want to invite. If you want to invite friends or family to sit at a table for 8, or just come by yourself and we will have you sit at a table with others; you are more than welcome. Call or email the church office to sign-up and reserve your place, or just come the day of the event. Young and old are welcome to participate. One does not need to be a whiz at trivia. This event is just for fun. Come join us. You'll be glad you did.



CREATION MUSEUM

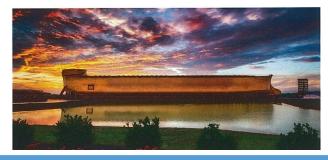
A bus trip is planned to go to the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter.

December 6-December 10, 2021—This will be the Christmas tour.

The trip is five days. Monday, December 6th is travel day. The 7th and 8th we go to the Creation Museum and Thursday, December 9th we spend at the Ark. Friday, December 10th we travel home.

For additional information and prices contact:
Roger and Ellen Bauer at 319-352-5435 or bauerr@mchsi.com.
The bus leaves from Waverly, IA at 6:00am.

ARK ENCOUNTER





Building Healthy Families: 10,080 is the number of minutes that we are given every week. How can you use a few of those minutes this week to help others? Maybe it's an elderly neighbor, a single parent, or widow, or someone in your own family who needs you to stop what you're doing and listen to them. All have needs that we can help to meet. "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2 Lutheran Family Service - www.LutheranFamilyService.org.

BIRTHDAYS

Sun. 9/19 James Long, Frances Long

Mon. 9/20 William Lake

Tues. 9/21 Darren Hein, Theodore Kubit, Ainsley ReckerWed. 9/22 Chuck Enokian, Angela Larimar, Linda Washburn

Thurs. 9/23 Brenda Werner Fri. 9/24 Jay Happel

Sat. 9/25 Twyla Freeman, Bradley Kimball, Melissa Lenz, Charles Murphy

STEWARDSHIP September 11/12					
TIME TREASURES					
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 9/11—5:30pm	48	Contributions	\$14,944.78		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 9/128:00am	104	A Little Farther	\$1,975.00		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 9/12—10:30am	133	Monthly needs for budget	\$64,902.00		
Recorded Service 9/11	7	(Rally Day)			
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	292	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	51/61		

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, September 19-26, 2021

<u>Sunday, 9/19</u>		Wednesday continued	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Emerson Point	2:00pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am	Midweek	7:00pm
Voter's Meeting	11:30am	Confirmation Orientation	7:00pm
Martin Beer—Visitation	2:00pm	Adult Midweek	7:00pm
Monday, 9/20		<u>Thursday, 9/23</u>	
Martin Beer—Funeral	10:30am	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Hammer of God Book Club	7:00pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Chamber Singers	6:30pm		
LWML	7:00pm	<u>Friday, 9/24</u>	
Tuesday, 9/21		Saturday, 9/25-6th Grade Retreat	
Women's Bible Study	9:30am	Worship-In Person/Live Stream-Dave and Roger	5:30pm
SM-Small Group/Marcia	6:30pm		
SM-Small Group/Marlene	6:30pm	Sunday, 9/26-6th Grade Retreat	
Assimilation	7:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream-Dave and Roger	8:00am
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Sunday School	9:20am
Wednesday, 9/22		Adult Bible Class-Dave Anderson leading it	9:20am
TOPS	8:00am	Worship-In Person/Live Stream-Dave and Roger	10:30am



SIDEWALK PROPHETS

Thursday, September 23 @ 7pm

Bridge View Center Ottumwa, IA

Tickets: \$16 each

Songs by Sidewalk Prophets:

"The Words I Would Say",
"Come to the Table", "Live Like
That", "Prodigal", "You Love
Me Anyway" and many more
from this Dove Award Winning
band.

If you're interested in going with a group from Our Redeemer to see Sidewalk Prophets in concert, call/text Kara at 319-855-2728 or email her at

youthcordinator@ourredeemer.org

Preschool Newsletter

September 13-17, 2021

Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller Assistants, Sheena White M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949 www.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org preschool@ourredeemer.org

Our Redeemer Preschool where children play, learn, and grow in Jesus!

This Week

CIRCLE TIME

Name recognition / spelling
Letter P song
Classroom Rules—what we get to do
God created me, I am special
Body Rock—song
Body Talk—song
Mat Man

READING CENTER

School Feelings Apples



CRAFTS

Color themselves Free style paint

BLOCKS

Legos Stackable Block connectors

MATH CENTER

Gears Sorting Shapes Numbers



TEACHER TIME

Letter P

Questions about themselves

Home Question

OUR REDEEMED

How can you be a friend? (At home, at school, in the car, etc.)

Letter Pp Song

(Tune to Do You Know the Muffin Man?)

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



*Additional Activities: Mat Man Rock, Track 23 of the Rock, Rap, Tap & Learn CD.

Mat Man

Tune: The Bear Went Over the Mountain

Mat Man has 2 Mat Man has 1 Mat Man has 2 Mat Man has 2 Mat Man has 1 Mat Man has 2 Mat Man has 2 Mat Man has 2 Mat Man has 2	eyes, nose, mouth, ears, body, arms, hands,	1 nose, 1 mouth, 2 ears, 1 body, 2 arms, 2 hands, 2 legs,	2 ears, 1 body, 2 arms,	(repeat)	2 eyes, 1 nose, 1 mouth, 2 ears, 1 body,	So that he can* (repeat) To hold what is inside So that he can* (repeat)	think see smell eat hear hearr, lungs, stomach reach clap stand walk
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^{*} Wait for your children to respond. Add extra verses when you add new accessories. Your children may call out other body functions (feet= run, kick, dance). Encourage this while keeping the song/activity moving along.



Consign through the Stuff; this is a fundraiser for our preschool. You can donate items by dropping them off yourselves or placing them in a box outside the preschool. Preschool will receive 50% of the profit from the donated items that are sold at Stuff. All items given to Stuff will be a donation if they cannot sell them. **Iowa City #43522**



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade

Sunday School



Preschool - 5th Grade

9:20 a.m. — 10:15 a.m. Invite your friends and come learn about Jesus!

Toddlin' to
Jesus meets
in Room 215
(Toddlin' Room)



Parents and children ages, birth to age 2 are invited to participate. You will meet with other parents and children for Bible Study, prayer, singing, and playing. Join us at 9:20 a.m. each Sunday morning.

Upcoming Sunday School Lessons:

September 19 Healing Waters—

Naaman and Elisha

September 26 Unwilling Prophet—

Jonah

October 3 Promising Prophet—

God Calls Isaiah

October 10 Enduring Exile—

Israel Goes into Exile

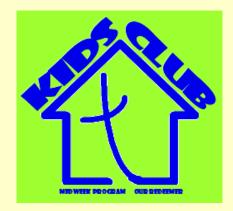
October 17 The Praying King-

Hezekiah

October 24 The Restoring King-

King Josiah

KIDS CLUB



Kids Club for 4 year olds to 5th grade meets on Wednesday nights from 6:45pm—8pm during the school year.



Youth Coordinator Kara Hartwig <u>youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org</u> (319) 855-2728

Confirmation

(6th—8th Grade)



CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

Wednesday, September 22nd at 6:45 pm

for PARENTS & 6th, 7th and 8th Graders

- Expectations
- Confirmation Points
- Class Schedule & Acolyte Schedule
- Acolyte training
- Robe fitting
- Class pictures with Small Group Leaders

6th Grade Confirmation Fall Retreat

7 pm on Sat, Sept 25th until Sun, Sept 26th at 10:15 am

Overnight retreat at Our Redeemer Includes Lesson 1 and 2

All 6th graders are expected to attend.

Parents should plan to stay for the first hour.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS & YOUTH PARENTS—

Come to Basics of the Faith for a fast-paced refresher on what you learned in Confirmation (without exams or memory work!) or for a crash course in what your child is learning in Confirmation...

Basics of the Faith Sunday, September 26th 1—5 pm Sunday, October 3rd 1—5 pm

RSVP to Kara or the church office at 338-5626.



High School

High School Midweek

All high school youth & their friends are welcome

Wednesdays 6:45—8:00 pm in the Youth Room

2022 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING



REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, October 1st

LCMS Youth Gathering Houston, TX

July 5—15, 2022

Total Cost per person: approximately \$400.00 + money for incidentals (\$100.00 deposit due with registration)

Registration for the LCMS Youth Gathering (NYG) 2022 is open!

Our Redeemer is taking a group of youth to attend the 2022 Gathering in Houston, TX next summer. All current 8th graders and high school youth are encouraged o come with us.

Save your space now by submitting your initial deposit:

\$100.00 DEPOSIT (make checks payable to "Our Redeemer") by Friday, October 1st to Kara's mailbox in the church office.



Youth Trivia Challenge Teams



Sign up at the Welcome Center on the Trivia Challenge sheet.

Table #3 High School Youth

or

Table #4 Confirmation Youth

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DEADLINES

Reflections (printed weekly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) each Wednesday by 5:00 pm

Beacon Newsletter & Church Activities Calendar (printed monthly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) by noon on the 20th of each month.

RADIO

Lutheran Hour Ministries on Radio—WMT 600 AM Radio on Sunday mornings at 6:30 am, and **KXEL 1540 AM Radio** on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. For more information on Lutheran Hour Ministries go to www.LHM.org.

VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND SCREENING

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church has a strong, caring ministry with children and youth. To promote the safest and most secure environment possible all employees and volunteers, both new and existing, undergo a background screening before working with younger members. Performing background checks provides safeguards and peace of mind to our staff, volunteers, parents, youth, and children.