

The Parish Beacon

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

[Christian] separation from the world must not be done by locking themselves away, shutting themselves in, and refusing to speak to or associate with anyone. It must consist in refusing to join the children of this age in their sins, declining to imitate their works and deeds. For if we were to have absolutely nothing to do with the children of this age, we would have to, as Paul indicates, go out of the world entirely. We are to be in the world, as Joseph was in Egypt, as Lot was in Sodom, as Daniel and his companions were in Babylon. All these did not practice the wicked ways of the people and cities where they lived. This separation from the world is not to be done merely for show and for a few days, when we are about to confess our sins and go to the Lord's Supper, but we are to be constantly engaged in this work. The world must be turned out of our hearts every day, and every day Jesus must enter our hearts.

[Paraphrase of Johann Starck on Christians weaning themselves from the world]

“Peace I [Jesus] leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

John 14:27

What a challenge it is to strike a balance between what it means to live and engage with the world, but also to fear God and avoid the worldly sins of this age! Johann Starck was a German Lutheran of the 18th century, and he is right in seeing the challenge to be a Christian that is “in the world, but not of the world.” Especially in modern America where black and white answers are harder to find and that it’s like we’re always under rain clouds that cast each moral decision that we make a deep gray. And no matter the decision, it will be scrutinized.

Is it stealing if I don’t tip the wait staff when they performed poorly? What is the role of Christian morals in law making? Is it really lying if I’m just not telling the full story? These are some of the things we wrestle with.

However, as we wrestle with the world and make our way through the gray, we find that Starck is right. We must daily empty our hearts of the world and fill it with Jesus. As Jesus prepares to leave His disciples for the cross, He promises them peace. Jesus gives peace in a way that the world can’t. It is this peace that sustains us to interact with this world as we wait for our Lord’s return. So take heart, child of God, the peace of Jesus is yours!

Vicar Lewis



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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sun 10/31 Worship Service-In Person/Live Stream 8:00am
 Sunday School 9:20am
 Adult Bible Class 9:20am
 Worship Service-In Person/Live Stream 10:30am
 Trunk or Treat 4:00pm

Mon 11/1 Staff Meeting 1:00pm
 Sunlight AA Group 6:00pm
 Youth committee 6:00pm
 Iowa City Chamber Singers 6:30pm
 Board of Directors Budget Meeting 7:00pm

Tues 11/2 Women's Bible Study 9:30am
Election Human Care 6:30pm
Day Al-Anon 7:00pm

Wed 11/3 TOPS 8:00am
 Bible Study 11:00am
 Lunch Bunch 12:00pm
 Midweek Meal 6:00pm
 Choir Rehearsal 6:45pm
 Youth Worship Rehearsal 6:45pm
 Midweek 6:45pm
 Adult Midweek 7:00pm

Thurs 11/4 Comfort Tiers 9:00am
 Visitation Meeting 11:00am
 Atrium Village 3:00pm
 Board of Elders 7:00pm
 Al-Anon 7:30pm

Fri 11/5 7th & 8th Grade Retreat 6:30pm
 Social Media Presentation--Guest Speaker 7:00pm

Sat 11/6 Youth Worship Rehearsal 2:00pm
NOISY Worship Service-In Person/Live Stream 5:30pm
OFFERING *(Youth Worship Service)*

Sun 11/7 Worship Service-In Person/Live Stream 8:00am
ALL Sunday School 9:20am
SAINTS' Adult Bible Class 9:20am
DAY Worship Service-In Person/Live Stream 10:30am
 Prime Time Dinner 12:00pm
NOISY *(Youth Worship Services)*
OFFERING **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS**

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

****WATCH YOUR FRIDAY EMAIL FOR LIVE STREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP****

Saturday 5:30pm In Person/LIVE STREAM
Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am In Person/LIVE STREAM
Sunday School 9:20am—In Person

Adult Bible Study 9:20am—Fellowship Hall/ZOOM

****Communion: November 6/7, 20/21****

Comfort-Tiers meet Thursdays at 9:00am

Choir practice Wednesdays at 6:45pm

Praise Team Practice schedule varies—
Contact Myrl Holida myrl-holida@uiowa.edu or
Louise Klopp choirdirector@ourredeemer.org

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

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the comfort of the Gospel restored to Your Church on earth through the work of Martin Luther and other faithful pastors and leaders during the Reformation.

Lord, in Your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Heavenly Father, we praise You that by Your rich grace we have come to the sure knowledge that we stand justified before You, not by what we have done, but rather by faith in what Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, has done on our behalf.

Lord, in Your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Heavenly Father, we implore You, defend Your Church from all enemies of Your saving Word. Cause Your eternal Gospel to be proclaimed in our time to every nation, tribe, language and people on earth, and graciously preserve Your truth for generations to come.

Lord, in Your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Heavenly Father, make us truly Your disciples. Keep us in Your Word, free us from all errors, and make our homes and families peaceful. Preserve all parents and encourage them for their godly task, that children would be brought up in the fear and instruction of the Lord.

Lord, in Your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Heavenly Father, have mercy on our nation. Give us good and faithful rulers who will govern after Your good pleasure. Give us comfort and a right understanding of Your rule in this world, that we would not be deceived to think earthly powers will last forever, but have confidence in You alone.

Lord, in Your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Heavenly Father, hear our prayers for the sick, the joyful 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, Eme Elkeurti, Gwen Enokian, Gabe Hundley (grandson of Karen Abernathy), Dora Jacobson (granddaughter of George and Carol Schuldt), David Jones (Lonne Loney's uncle), Lissa Loose (Louise Klopp's sister), Norma Miller (Twyla Freeman's aunt), Shannon Miller (friend of Gwen Enokian), Barb Nace (Doris Siemer's niece), Carol Schuldt, Nora Sellers (Great niece of Kevin & Laurel Sellers), Bob Siemer, Deloris Siemer, Rozie Siems (Daughter of Mary Siems), and Mark Wilson.*] Answer their prayers, preserve them by Your promises and bring them safely through this world to everlasting life.

Lord, in Your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Heavenly Father, You have given us the certainty of sins forgiven in Your Son, set forth as the propitiation for our sins by His blood to be received by faith. So lead us to eat and drink Your holy body and precious blood in repentance and faith, now and always.

Lord, in Your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Heavenly Father, 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.**

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER



November 2



November 3
Bible Class 11:00am
Lunch 12:00pm
Fellowship Hall



7th & 8th Grade Retreat
November 5, 6:30pm



All Saints' Day
November 6/7
At services
YOUTH WORSHIP



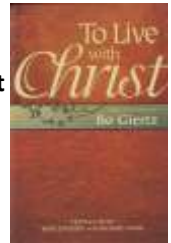
November 6/7
Big & Little Kids
Bring your coins



Prime Time Dinner
November 7, 12:00pm



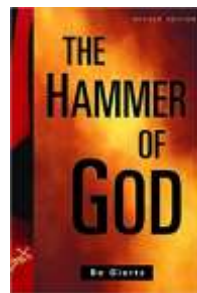
NOVEMBER 13/14
Pastor Bror Erickson
Translator of *To Live with Christ*
by Bo Giertz
He will be preaching at all three services and leading Adult Bible Class Sunday Lunch after late service



Observed November 14



November 17
Bible Class 11:00am
Lunch 12:00pm
Fellowship Hall



Hammer of God
Book Club
November 18
7:00pm
Room 208/210



VOTERS MEETING
November 21
11:45am

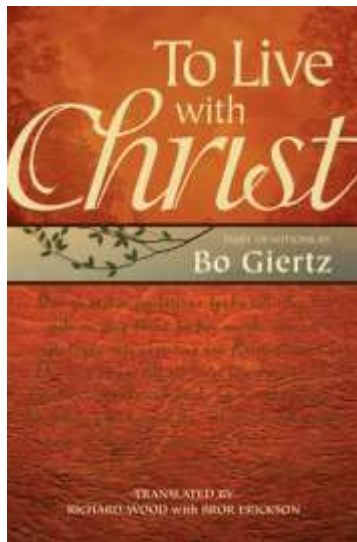


November 25/26
Office Closed



FIRST SUNDAY
of
Advent
November 28

Last Sunday of
the Church Year
November 21



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.

10/31	22 nd Sunday after Trinity	p. 692
11/1	Monday after 22 nd Sunday after Trinity	p. 694
11/2	Tuesday after 22 nd Sunday after Trinity	p. 696
11/3	Wednesday after 22 nd Sunday after Trinity	p. 698
11/4	Thursday after 22 nd Sunday after Trinity	p. 700
11/5	Friday after 22 nd Sunday after Trinity	p. 702
11/6	Saturday after 22 nd Sunday after Trinity	p. 704

Adult Bible Class

Date	Topic
October 3-November 7; 21; December 5-19	<i>With Christ: Just Words?</i>
November 14	<i>Rev. Bror Erickson: With Christ: Just Words?</i>
January 29-February 27	<i>To Die with Christ: Christian Death and Burial</i>
March 6-April 10	<i>Theology of the Cross</i>
April 24-May 8; May 29	<i>The Philippians: To Live is Christ. To Die is Gain.</i>
May 22	<i>Sunday School Celebration</i>

Upcoming Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
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



A BIG thank-you from Orphan Grain to Lillian for boxing up 120 diapers, 26 baby blankets, 2 boxes clothes, 10 blankets and 78 quilts so Todd and George Schuldt were able to deliver them this past Tuesday (! Kudos and again, thanks! They were very much appreciated! From the Comfort-tiers



“In The Spotlight”

Our Redeemer would like to welcome Michael Taylor and Cassie O’Niell as new members. Cassie is currently working in the HR department for Geico and does most of her work from home. Michael is currently a trooper with the Iowa State Police working mostly in Johnson County.



Cassie moved here several years ago from Ventura, CA to care for her grandmother and ended up staying permanently. Michael is originally from Illinois.

Both of them like to kayak in the summer which is where Michael proposed to Cassie. They will be married here at Our Redeemer next August.

Both of them were just confirmed here at Our Redeemer in adult confirmation on October 10.



“In The Spotlight”

Our Redeemer would like to welcome new member Cathy Grawe.

Cathy currently resides here in Iowa City but has previously lived in Waverly, Iowa and Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Her current occupation is in sales.

Her favorite leisure activities are playing bridge, freedom, politics and fun with friends and family.



Time to start thinking C KIES!

The 28th Annual LWML Guild Cookie Walk
Saturday, December 4th, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00.

Please consider donating as many cookies as possible for this event. Workers are needed on Friday and/or Saturday. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex on Sundays and in the church office during the week. Posters will be available for your office bulletin board or where you shop. Please help us advertise this great event! Proceeds from the Cookie Walk will be given to mission projects. Thank you for your help!

Birthdays

Sun. 10/31	Leah Born, Bo Bower, Heather Fehr, Matthew Holidia, Claire McDowell
Mon. 11/1	Gregory Hotz, Morgan Hotz, Drake Hotz, Lori Lacina, Miley Raddatz, Joel Schuldt
Tues. 11/2	Linda Berryhill, Jasmin Ghabel-Lopez, Carlin Parish, Curtis Sexton
Wed. 11/3	Angela Hotz
Thurs. 11/4	Kathleen Bugg, Nicholas Caylor, Vicki Wear
Fri. 11/5	Crystal Ellyson, Holly Wilson
Sat. 11/6	Lindsey Honemann, Andrew Hotz, Annette Schlueter Powers, Liam Sexton, Steven Young

Stewardship—October 23/24

ATTENDANCE		TREASURES	
Recorded Service 10/23	***	Contributions	\$4,253.49
Sat. 10/23 In Person/LIVE STREAM 5:30pm	***	A Little Farther	\$625.00
Sun. 10/24 In Person/LIVE STREAM 8:00am	***	Monthly needs for budget	\$64,902.00
Sun. 10/24 In Person/LIVE STREAM 10:30am	***		
TOTAL WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	***	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	***

~ Thank You ~

Our Family would like to send a heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who followed Owen's medical journey this summer. The prayers, cards, gifts, donations, and support during this time were greatly appreciated and lifted everyone's spirits! Thank you Pastor Hartwig for your prayers and support. By the grace of God, Owen has gotten through this, is home, and is closer to resuming his normal schedule. The support from all of you has helped us get through this.

Thank you from our family,
 Steve, Rhonda (Haack), Owen, & Megan Krug



Did You Know: Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit...therefore honor God with your body. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20) Guess what? This instruction isn't just for young people! How are we - young and old people alike – doing at taking care of our physical bodies where God's Spirit dwells? No matter your age, do something this week that will make your body stronger and healthier. Choose a healthy snack, drink less, or go for a walk and invite a friend or neighbor to join you. Shared activity makes it more fun and creates an open door for conversation about wellness, including spiritual wellness. This week, honor God with your body...no matter how many years it's been around! **Lutheran Family Service** - www.LutheranFamilyService.org.

Thank you for your continued support.



MISSION	October
Iowa District East	\$3,333.33
UIHC Chaplain Endowment Fund	\$333.33
TOTAL	\$3,666.66
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca	\$500.00
Lutheran Family Services	\$500.00
Orphan Grain Train	\$250.00
St. Paul's Chapel	\$375.00
MONTH TOTAL	\$5291.66
MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS	
CommUnity Crisis Center	***
Lutherans For Life	***
Concordia Seminary Food Bank	***
TOTAL	***

To Live with Christ



Membership Changes and Official Acts

<u>Baptisms</u>	
Cassie O’Niell	10-10-2021
Evelynn Irene TeBockhorst	10-10-2021
Tillman David Gutz	10-24-2021
<u>Adult Confirmation</u>	
Zachary Westemeyer	10-10-2021
Gary Hotz	10-10-2021
Cassie O’Niell	10-10-2021
Michael Taylor	10-10-2021
<u>Transfers In</u>	
Scott & Mary Redlin	09-28-2021
Marven Doehrmann	09-28-2021
<u>Deaths</u>	
Dolores J. Wenndt	10-11-2021
William Terry lake	10-15-2021
Rob Michael West	10-23-2021



Pledges received for the month of August	\$6,728.71
Total amount of pledges received	\$262,779.16
Total amount pledges promised	\$365,174.87



Thanks go out to the LWML ladies for putting all the labels on the boxes on 10/11/21, thanks to Dave & Cynthia Freundt, Eric Kooker, Donna Saehler, Sharon Hintze, Laurel Sellers and Lynne Westphal for loading the boxes into the vehicles, and to Cynthia, Sharon, Donna, Laurel and Lynne for taking the boxes to Trinity Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids. The youth and their parents unload the boxes from all the vehicles and put them in a semi that then takes them to St. Paul, MN. If you ever want to help load the boxes and take them up to Cedar Rapids, let us know--it's an amazing process to watch!!

Our Redeemer sent:

Quilts = 54 boxes containing 368 quilts
 School Kits = 6 boxes containing 37 school kits

Health Kits = 6 boxes containing 32 health kits
 Fabric Kits = 1 box containing 4 fabric kits

Steins at the Sem

A somewhat-regular account of the Stein family's time at Concordia Seminary



"Busy Season!"

Emily and the girls are constantly on the go. See what's happening in the life of the Stein family. *Page 2...*

So I wrote this hymn...

FROM DON:

Chances are you've heard classical music composers before. Names such as: J.S. Bach and his many sons, Felix Mendelssohn, Michael Praetorius, Igor Stravinsky, Heinrich Schütz, Dieterich Buxtehude, Johan Pachelbel and Johannes Brahms.

But what you might not know is that those composers was Lutheran! Yes, music occupies a special place in Lutheran life and worship. It's easier to learn something through song. That's why every Lutheran hymn is deep in theology.

Now I don't pretend to be a great composer or poet. But while on vicarage, I was commissioned to write a hymn on the theme "*To Live with Christ*," following the famous devotional book by Bo Giertz. I was excited—it's one of the few books that I can count as truly "life-changing." I read its daily readings for an entire year.

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Seminary inaugurates new president

DON GIVES STUDENT ADDRESS



At the beginning of this academic year, Don was asked by the Seminary's new President, Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Egger, to speak at his inauguration ceremony. You can listen to the speech online: <https://youtu.be/gaKi-1ZUFgY?t=4917>

President Egger, Concordia Seminary Board of Regents, faculty, staff, alumni and students, President Harrison, President Rast, Mayor Harris, and other distinguished guests—

I am Don Stein, a fourth-year seminarian here at Concordia Seminary St. Louis. It is my honor to welcome you all on behalf of the Student Body, and our honor as a Student Body to extend a special greeting to a familiar face as he takes on a new role, with the help of God.

President Egger, I want to personally thank you for entrusting me with this student greeting. (Not that I could refuse the man who taught me Hebrew and will, in part, decide whether I'll graduate and receive a call...)

I want to thank you because this Student Body fills me with joy. It is a joy to represent them. My brother-seminarians and sister-deaconess students reflect the richness of God's creation. We come from different places and backgrounds:

Some have always desired to serve God's people; they come here pre-equipped with proficiency in the Scriptures and languages, often from pre-seminary programs at our very own Concordia Universities.

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“Busy Season!”

FROM EMILY:

The month of September has gone by quickly for us Stein girls. Beth and Lily have overcome the challenge of having multiple Covid tests, all negative (Thank God!) due to beginning of the school year colds popping up a few times.

They recently completed their third full week of school. We pray

their health continues so they may remain in class! Beth and Lily adore their teachers, and Beth came home just the other day with the honor of being chosen as the class example of “respect.” Each month brings a new virtue at school, and Beth exemplified that virtue. We are incredibly proud!

Lily has been a fiend playing soccer, scoring goals left and right! Penny is loving her daycare, and is learning more and more ways to communicate with everyone.

In what might be the biggest news

in the Stein family, Penny went potty on the potty twice this past month! Not too shabby for an 18-month-old.

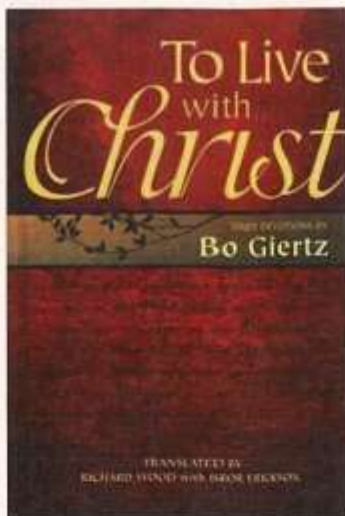
As for me, I’m loving my preschool class at Zion. It’s a joy to go to work every day.

Don and I had our first placement interview with the seminary’s Placement Director. We are excitedly anxious to find out where God is calling us for our first congregation!

Singing what it means *To Live with Christ*

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As I thought about how to write the hymn, I considered the joys and discoveries I had reading Giertz’s book and his descriptions of Christian life. The Christian life is one continuous story. It begins at Baptism and matures into a faith which produces good works and deepens faith.



“*To Live with Christ*” is a marvelous book. If you are looking for a daily devotional, or don’t know the first thing about how to use one, this is the book for you. Each entry is only a page or so— just enough to make you think.

God’s work is present throughout that story, through each Person of the Trinity. The Father creates, the Son redeems, the Holy Spirit makes holy.

With this in mind, I set out to craft a Trinitarian ode outlining the Christian life story of: 1) death to sin, 2) life in love for neighbor, and 3) continued growth in the faith. Each verse reflects this story.

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 (ASCENDED TRIUMPH, LSB 491), filled with ups and downs leading into a final, triumphant proclamation. It’s evocative of the peaks and valleys of Christian life— culminating in its final, glorious end.

It sounds terrific when played on an organ and sung by a congregation. But Our Redeemer also has a praise band, so I wanted to give them a praise version of the hymn too. I worked with my niece, the incredibly talented Lauren Kruse, to adapt my hymn to guitar, piano and bass. It sounds great that way too!

So anyway, I wrote a hymn. And Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Iowa City will be singing it regularly:

1. 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!
2. 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!
3. Holy Spirit who was present
At Creation and the Cross;
Who hath called us by the
Gospel,
Working faith from earthly
dross—
Teach us in all truth to follow;
Preserve us to live with Christ!

Inauguration

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Others bring with them experiences from life half a world away or from a previous career.

Yet from each of these varied experiences, educations, gifts and abilities, the faculty here will form them for one joyful purpose: **Shining the Good News of Jesus Christ for all people!**

Jesus Christ: the “Light from Above,” (James 1:17) as our school motto states. *Jesus Christ,* that “Lamp unto our feet.” (Psalm 119:105) *Jesus Christ,* who is joy in the flesh.

President Egger, I know you share that same joy because, like those who have gone before you, you seek to place *Jesus Christ* at the center of our life together.

For generations, that has been the mission of this institution. Its faculty have shined as a beacon of that ‘Light from Above.’ They have formed us with lasting gifts: Walther’s *Law & Gospel* still

informs our preaching. Pieper’s *Dogmatics* remains our primary Systematics textbook. Pelikan’s histories may never be surpassed. Piepkorn’s vestments still hang in our sacristy. The Choral Anthem we heard a moment ago was written by our own Martin Franzmann!

In many ways, they are the “living curricula” in our formation. We students come to resemble them, our spiritual parents who form us. *(For my part, I can’t wait until my hairline reverses course and I look as youthful as you, Dr. Egger.)*

In seriousness, Dr. Egger, you have shone as a beacon for us, illuminating the Scriptures for my fellow students and me in your classes and your lectures and your sermons, as you *teach* the Word, *teach about* the Word and *preach* the Word to us. I know I can speak for all of us when I say: we are eager to receive your continued gifts with joy.

And so I pray that our Lord would preserve in you an irenic spirit. I pray that your example fosters greater trust *in*—and *within*—the Church. I pray that your desire for increased Biblical scholarship here will radiate that “Light from Above” into your

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

—Psalm 119:105

students’ lives—and into the world. I pray that your encouragement of even greater congeniality

between our Synod’s two magnificent seminaries would guide both into an era where scholarship is not merely *conferred* for worldly accomplishment, but truly *confirmed* in those called to share the gospel of *Jesus Christ*.

And I pray, most of all, that you do this—with joy.

President Egger: on behalf of a joyful Student Body, it is my joy to welcome you to your new appointment. God’s richest blessings on your call!



Meet Concordia Seminary’s 11th president:
DR. THOMAS J. EGGER

For more information about Concordia Seminary’s new president, visit:

<http://www.csl.edu/2021/05/meet-concordia-seminarys-11th-president-dr-thomas-j-egger/>

Thank you...

...to everyone who has given us support of every kind. Your prayers and encouragement mean the world to us. Please be sure to let us know how we can pray for you, too:

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Gift cards for Amazon (books!) and Schnucks (food!) are always appreciated. If you are moved to assist us financially, we ask that you please do not withhold from your normal tithing; your neighbor is your first priority.

So your generosity can be recognized with a tax credit, we recommend giving through your church, our home church (Mt. Olive), or the Seminary:

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
Attn: Stein Seminary Fund
2001 N. Alpine Rd.
Rockford, IL 61107

OR
Concordia Seminary
Don Stein P000015255
801 Seminary Place
St. Louis, MO 63105

***Please be sure to include Don’s name and P-number (see above) on checks to the Seminary, or your gift will not be credited to the Steins!

"BUSY SEASON" IN PHOTOS





New Member Brunch

Food, fellowship, and fun for new members.



Hosted by the
Assimilation
Committee

Board Reports

TREASURER'S REPORT

- YTD Income is up 48K compared to 2020
- September income up 30K compared to 2020
- Expenses are up compared to 2020 due to return of all pre-pandemic programs and need for various maintenance projects
- Current positive balance of 21K

ELDER'S REPORT

- In process of contacting members who haven't returned in person after COVID lockdown.
- Discussing process of contacting new members.

AT-LARGE REPORTS

- Mission Committee discussing what to do with the Penny Vote during Easter season.
- Pancake Day is moved to the auspices of the Outreach Committee. Vicar will lead this event as part of his Seminary requisites.
- Assimilation Committee is taking new photos/retakes this month.
- Human Care is taking reservations for the Prime Time Dinner on November 7.

CHURCH PROPERTIES

- Speed bumps in lower level lot replaced.
- Two trees removed.
- The committee is recommending no more borrowing of tables and chairs from the church.
- Future projects discussed.

STAFF REPORTS

Pastor Hartwig-

- 13 funerals so far this year
- Discussed the budget process

Vicar Lewis-

- Will conduct services this coming weekend due to Pastor Hartwig's teaching at a statewide event in Des Moines.

Youth Ministry-Kara Hartwig-

- Youth Worship services are November 6 and 7.
- Pie fund raiser plans are underway.
- Currently 17 youth are planning to attend NYG next year.
- Trunk or Treat is Sunday, October 31.

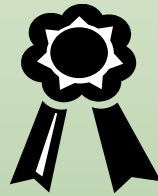
Small Group-Denise Holid-

- Trivia Challenge is October 24, with return to usual buffet.

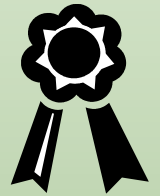
Kaja Mueller-

- T-Thursday enrollment is up to 7 students.
- DHS made their annual surprise visit. As usual, there were no issues with our school.

Other- None



KUDOS



OUR REDEEMER'S
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RECOGNIZES

Pam Wilson
Linda Diggelmann
Tiffany Roiseland

For organizing the events to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Our Redeemer Pre-school. They were assisted by many volunteers including Bev Prem and Carol Rathke, former teachers. May God continue to bless the Pre-school in bringing his children to Jesus.



October 24,
2021

CHALLENGE



9 Tables playing



The Kid Cave

About 70 present
to share, food,
fellowship, and
TRIVIA!



Minions
Win!
(Again)





Submitted by Marcia Hulse

Stephen Ministry

We care, Christ cures.

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!

Will you consider serving in this way? We are currently recruiting for our 2022 training which starts in mid-January. Contact the church office if you have an interest in the Stephen Ministry program at 338-5626 or contact one of the Stephen Leaders.

Applications are available on the Welcome Center Counter.

STEPHEN LEADERS

Pastor Hartwig	338-5626
Bill Benson	517-881-9848
Marcia Hulse	351-7059
Kathy Schweer	466-3084
Kevin Sellers	631-8924

Truth, Lies, Truth, Lies - What do the Words Say?



*One of the really good things about Jesus is that He spoke words.
"Oh, sure, I know He did. What's the big deal about that?"*

The BIG DEAL ABOUT THAT is - Jesus spoke Truth. Every word Jesus spoke His entire lifetime was and is the TRUTH.

In the Book of Matthew and Mark the phrase "I tell you the Truth...." is used over 80 times. Truth is very, very important. One of the reasons Jesus is very, very important is because He told the Truth – all the time. He actually said in Mark 14:6 "I am the Way, and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." Jesus not only speaks Truth -

Jesus is THE TRUTH.

So, this morning as Cory, Marlene and I were standing and praying in front of one of the Iowa City abortion clinics, I noticed chalking on the sidewalk that the clinic staff had apparently written, but the common phrase was missing one word – "RARE" - that moved it even farther from the truth. For those of us who can remember 1973, and the selling of abortion as a Constitutional right to the American public, we remember the three words of promise "With Roe vs. Wade, abortion will be 1. SAFE, 2.LEGAL and 3.RARE."

"And RARE?" 1 million PreBorn babies are killed each year in the USA. 63 million since Roe vs. Wade in 1973. "RARE?"

Rare is no longer part of the promise. The lie continues to change.

Truth and Lies are competing for our minds, hearts and souls. When passersby call out to us on the sidewalk, "Abortion is health care", we question if they are considering the baby, who is about to die. Or "my body, my choice" – we question, what is the baby's choice? Is that baby, with a complete, separate set of DNA really the mother's body and would death be the choice? Remember how good the lies Satan told Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden sounded on the surface? Lies many times sound like the truth. Only when we look to Jesus do we recognize Truth; only when we ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom do we become wise and only when we live our lives within the Will of our Holy God do we make the best choices between Truth and Lies.

***"Be on Guard. Stand firm in the Faith. Be Courageous. Be Strong.
Let all that you do, be done in Love." 1 Corinthians 16:13-14***

THE ANGELS ARE HERE!!!!

This year again you have the opportunity to participate in serving those less fortunate through this project, sponsored by the Human Care Committee. Angel Tree is a program of Prison Fellowship where the children of prisoners are given Christmas gifts on behalf of the parent since he/she is unable to do so while incarcerated.

Because of ongoing COVID-19 concerns, this year's Angel Tree will be handled as last year, conducted entirely on line organized by the Angel Tree headquarters.

In a separate email, you will receive information and instructions on how to choose and Angel(s) and payment information. We have decided to eliminate the grocery gift cards again this year. Hopefully, next year, we can return to normal activity. We appreciate your interest in this important ministry.

Thank you for helping those in need at this special time of the year.
The Human Care Committee



L.L.L. Football Parking



As the Beatles song goes "with a little help from our friends", we can do this. Since 1972 the L.L.L. parked cars on the home football games at our house located at 511 Melrose Avenue and in 400 steps you will be at the south entrance to Kinnick Stadium.

We park 45 plus cars for every home football game. Funds raised have paid off the house mortgage, maintained the house for A.A. meetings, funded many projects at Our Redeemer, built the monument sign on the northwest corner of the church property, and other places where funds are needed.

We could use the help of 1-3 people Saturdays in the 2022 season. Please see Rob Bowman or Jerry Sexton if you will consider volunteering. Plan on spending 4 hours at the parking area. A couple would be great.

The parking places are pre-sold. Next year's reservations are coming in and we should be sold out by December with usually the same people as the previous year. Yes, we do have a waiting list. People from Iowa and others, all Hawkeye fans, start showing up at 8:00am. The opportunity to share the tailgating atmosphere will amaze you.

There are two home games left in the 2021 season - November 13th against Minnesota and November 20th against Illinois. Call Rob Bowman at 325-8989 or Jerry Sexton at 930-0436. They can give you a short description of the time to be at 511 Melrose Avenue to help park cars.

You are invited to attend the January 25th LLL meeting at 7:00pm.



Preparing For

Youth SERVICE

November 5th & 6th

Pictures by Kara Hartwig



During October, the high school youth put in hours of preparation to get ready for Youth Worship Weekend.

They are involved in all three services that weekend.

Thanks to our high school students and the adults working with them!



FALL On the FARM

October 10th

High School Youth from
Our Redeemer and
St John's in Newhall

Went on a hayride, played games,
had hot dogs & mac n cheese for
dinner, listened to a devotion and
roasted marshmallows over the fire
to make s'mores.



THANK YOU!
Thanks to Scott and Becky Thompson
for hosting us at their farm!



God provided mostly dry
weather, and we enjoyed the
beautiful fall scenery!



Pastor led a devotion
that Jesus is the Light
and light always
overcomes the
darkness.
"We never sit at a
campfire and wonder if
the dark is going to
'snuff' out the light.
The light always takes
away the darkness."



Pictures by
Kara Hartwig



Baby Shower



Monday, October 18, 2021
6:30 pm
Fellowship Hall



Sponsored by LWML



Preschool in October



Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller Assistants, Kate Ramsey M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH
Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949 www.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org preschool@ourredeemer.org
Our Redeemer Preschool where children play, learn, and grow in Jesus!



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

KIDS CLUB



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



October 31

A Fiery Marvel—
Three Men in the Fiery Furnace

November 7

Abomination Nation—
The Lord Leaves the Temple

November 14

The Rescuing Queen—
Esther

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



Toddlin' to Jesus

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.



Preschool — 5th Grade


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

Youth

6th - 12th Graders

November

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

DATE	EVENT	TIME
1	Youth Committee Meeting	6:00 pm
3	Midweek Meal <i>MEAL CREW: 7th Grade Families</i> Confirmation Classes / Youth Worship Rehearsal	6:00 pm 6:45 pm
5	SOCIAL MEDIA presentation Guest Speaker: Kari Smith	6:30 pm refreshments 7:00 pm session
5/6	7th & 8th Grade Retreat	Friday @ 6:30 pm
6	Youth Worship Rehearsal Youth Worship Service	2:00 pm 5:30 pm
7	Youth Worship Service Youth Worship Service	8:00 am 10:30 am
13	 Youth Pie Prep Youth Pie Sale	8:00 am 11:00 am
14	Bror Erickson <i>Translator of "To Live With Christ"</i> Lunch with Bror Erickson	Guest preacher & Bible study 12:00 pm
17	Confirmation Classes / High School Midweek	6:45 pm
24	Thanksgiving Eve Service <i>(No Classes)</i>	7:00 pm
25	Thanksgiving Day	
27/28	First Sunday in Advent	

Midweek Meal

Wednesday, November 3rd

6:00 pm

Meal Crew: 7th Grade Families

Thank you to Becky West for making our Midweek meals!



SOCIAL MEDIA

Presentation

Friday, November 5th

refreshments at 6:30 pm,
presentation at 7:00 pm

All Youth and Parents are invited to join us for a special session about Social Media from a Christian viewpoint.

Kari Smith, from Lutheran Family Service, is our guest speaker. Kari's passion for helping youth and her faith in God combine in this enjoyable presentation that gives you practical strategies and helpful insights.

7th & 8th Grade Fall Confirmation Retreat

WHEN: 6:30 pm on Friday, November 5th —
Saturday, November 6th at 8:00 am

WHERE: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Use this link to register:

<https://forms.gle/hiMFhoBQ4cykFfz27>



Youth Worship Rehearsals

It's that time of year when we begin rehearsals for our annual Youth Worship services.

High School students — We will continue practicing the songs and rehearsing our skit.

Weds, November 3rd from 6:45 pm—8:00 pm

Sat, November 6th from 2:00 pm—5:00 pm (then stay for Saturday worship @ 5:30 pm, *ice cream after service*)

Sun, November 7th starting at 7:15 am (then stay for Sunday worship services until noon)

OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

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DEADLINES

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

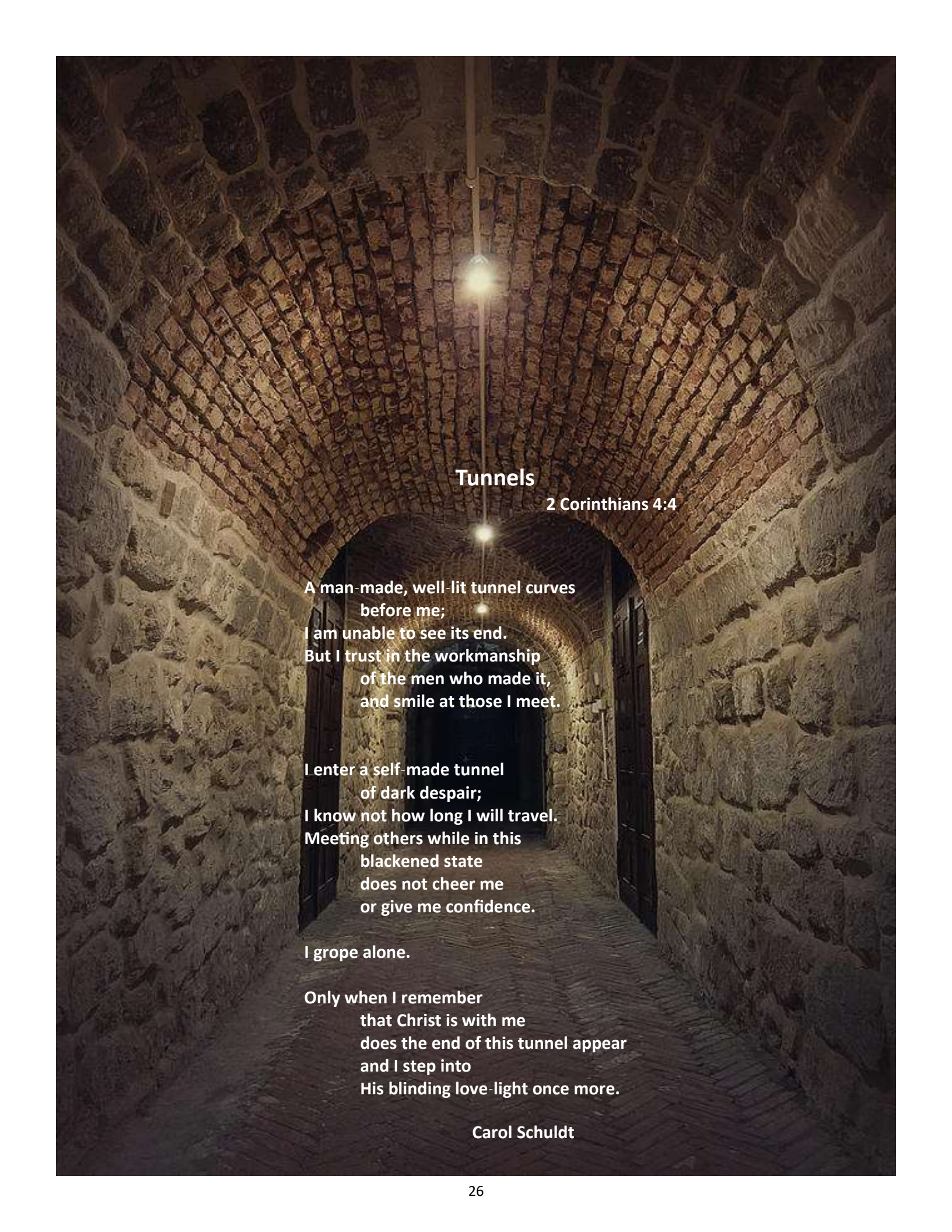
Beacon Newsletter & Church Activities Calendar (printed monthly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) by noon on the 20th of each month.

RADIO

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

VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND SCREENING

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



Tunnels

2 Corinthians 4:4

A man-made, well-lit tunnel curves
before me;
I am unable to see its end.
But I trust in the workmanship
of the men who made it,
and smile at those I meet.

I enter a self-made tunnel
of dark despair;
I know not how long I will travel.
Meeting others while in this
blackened state
does not cheer me
or give me confidence.

I grope alone.

Only when I remember
that Christ is with me
does the end of this tunnel appear
and I step into
His blinding love-light once more.

Carol Schuldt