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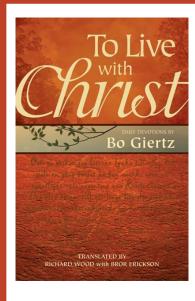
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## Reflections



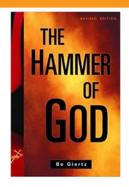
Weekly Newsletter - October 2/3, 2021

### ~The Eighteenth 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

> October 21, 2021 Chapters 2 & 3

We will be meeting in Room 208/210

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.



**Did You Know**: About 70% of the world is covered by oceans! You may have seen the ocean up close, flown over it, or seen pictures. God speaks of His love and forgiveness in relation to the depths of the sea. The next time you see a picture of or visit the ocean, consider this verse, and remember completely you are loved: "You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea." Micah 7:19 **Lutheran Family Service** - www.LutheranFamilyService.org.

### Prayer of the Church/Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity/3 October 2021

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

Lord God, help us by Your Spirit to receive Your kingdom in humble repentance like little children, that we may enter it in the joy of Your forgiveness in Christ.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us, that we be good stewards of our time, talents, and resources. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Lord God, help all parents who have brought their children to Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism also to bring them to Him faithfully in the Divine Service, that He may continue to take them in His arms and bless them through His Word.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord God, help us when we do not see everything in this world in subjection to Jesus. Give us eyes of faith to see Him crowned with glory and honor at Your right hand, and so believe that nothing is outside of His control.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord God, raise up among us those who will continue to serve as pastors and teachers, deaconesses and other workers in Your Church, that Your Word may have free course among us and be our joy. We especially pray for the seminarians we are supporting: **Deon Hull** (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), **Kyle Moellenhoff** (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), **Josiah Schultz** (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), **Andrew Thompson** (4<sup>th</sup> Year), and **Don Stein** (4<sup>th</sup> Year), and we ask a special blessing upon our Vicar, **Kyle Lewis**.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord God, comfort those who suffer in body or mind. [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), Carol Schuldt, 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 God, deepen all who eat and drink Christ's body and blood today in the truth that He has made them bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh, that they may not doubt but believe that He will hold fast to them forever.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord God, 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.** 



### **Photo time for the Pictorial Directory!**

**When:** 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.

### **Adult Bible Class**

Date	Topic	
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	
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		

### 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.

## CLERGY APPRECIATION OCTOBER 9/10



The apostle Paul began the concept of clergy appreciation when he said in 1 Timothy 5:17, "Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching". Paul restated this concept in 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 when he said that those who work hard among you show be held in the highest regard for their work. In 1992 Clergy Appreciation Month was started.

Shepherding God's flock can be difficult and lonely work at times. Many pastors leave the ministry each year.

There are many stories of men, in the Old and New Testaments who have experienced loneliness and weariness of ministry. In 2 Timothy 4, Paul said that no man stood with him, but Paul eventually came to understand that God was with him, even when he thought that he was deserted by men. The prophet Elijah sat under a broom tree and wanted to die. He later told God that he felt alone in his ministry. In 1 Kings chapter 19, God eventually showed Elijah that he had 7,000 supporters.

Pastor Appreciation Month was started to keep the pastors out from under Elijah's broom tree. Pastors are a blessing to their congregations and their families. On October 9 and 10, a basket will be available in the narthex for cards, notes of appreciation, and small gifts for Pastor Hartwig and Vicar Kyle Lewis.



Amelía, Vícar & Holly Lewís Monday, October 18, 2021 6:30 pm Fellowshíp Hall

LWML invites you to join them on their regular meeting night to welcome the Lewis family with a baby shower. Vicar will provide the devotion and tell us a little about how he became interested in the ministry. We will follow with baby shower festivities. All congregational members are invited to attend.

### Wish list:

- > Toys
- Diapers
- Wipes
- Winter clothes (sizes 3-6 months)
- ➤ Bibs (silicon and cloth)
- Monetary gifts will go toward purchase of a high chair and other needed items



### **BASICS OF THE FAITH**

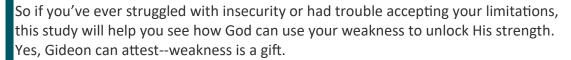
Sunday, October 3 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Basics of the Faith class is a two part class. It is an excellent way to get a basic understanding of scripture or simply a refresher. It is open to any age who wants to learn and refresh for their own personal growth.



### Women—You are invited to Bible Study

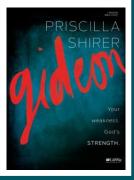
Gideon's story involves far more than a wet fleece and a battle won with 300 soldiers. His epic victory actually tells of one man's struggle with his own weakness-and the One True God who transformed it into triumph.



Tuesday Mornings at 9:30 AM: 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".





## 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. 10<sup>th</sup> 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

### **LWML Sunday**



Next Sunday is (October 10) LWML Sunday. The women of Our Redeemer will be visual in numerous ways highlighting what they do through their various service projects. They will be greeting/ushering, handing out the upcoming years program booklet, serving coffee, and quilts will be adorning the church pews. The money donated at the coffee will help cover the cost of the service project that they doing later that day. They will be providing lunch for the volunteers that are volunteering that day at Houses Into Homes. We also invite all women to our monthly meetings. This month's meeting, Monday, October 18, Vicar Kyle Lewis will lead devotions and that will be followed by a baby shower for their new baby, Amelia. Join us. If you can't join us feel free to drop a card in the piggy pen that will be on the counter next Sunday or just add coins to the piggy in the pen.

# 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.



Please send the church office names of people who have died since All Saints Day in 2020 (November) and that you would like to have recognized on November 6/7, along with their date of death and their relation to you. Church members that have died will also go on the list. Please have these to 338-5626 or redeemer@ourredeemer.org by **October 29.** 



Socks are in style year-round. But October is extra special!! Socktober is a time for reaching out to those in need starting from the feet up! One of the most requested items at homeless shelters is, you guessed it, socks! Who knew such a small thing could make a huge difference? And with winter and the holidays coming, it's especially important for us to do what we can to keep hearts and feet warm. This year Our Redeemer Human Care Committee is sponsoring a month long Socktober running the month of October. New socks are like gold to the homeless. For people without permanent housing feet work overtime when there isn't a warm home to return to each night. Our committee is working in partnership with the lowa City Homeless Shelter to collect socks. We are asking the congregation to donate NEW crew sock (dark are preferred) with reinforced toes are the best. If you prefer to give a monetary gift rather than socks, please make check out to Our Redeemer and put Socktober in memo line and put in offering plate. Thank You!

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Sun. 10/3 Lindsey Bolton, Jacob Recker, Chris Schwartz

Mon. 10/4 Brielle Bex, Rebecca LaRoche, Lucas Lenhart, T. J. Ramsey, Hannah Ramsey, Luke Ramsey, Lynn Smith

Tues. 10/5 Kyle Clark, Erin Dyson, Kathy Eick

Wed. 10/6 Dennis Bell, Betty Kelly, Titus Mueller, Paula Rocca, Brady Schultz

Thurs. 10/7 Jennifer Kooker

Fri. 10/8 Jordan Lyon, Bradley Pinnell, Cory Strumpel Sat. 10/9 Sarah Benson, Bob Powers, Elizabeth Robinson

### STEWARDSHIP September 25/26

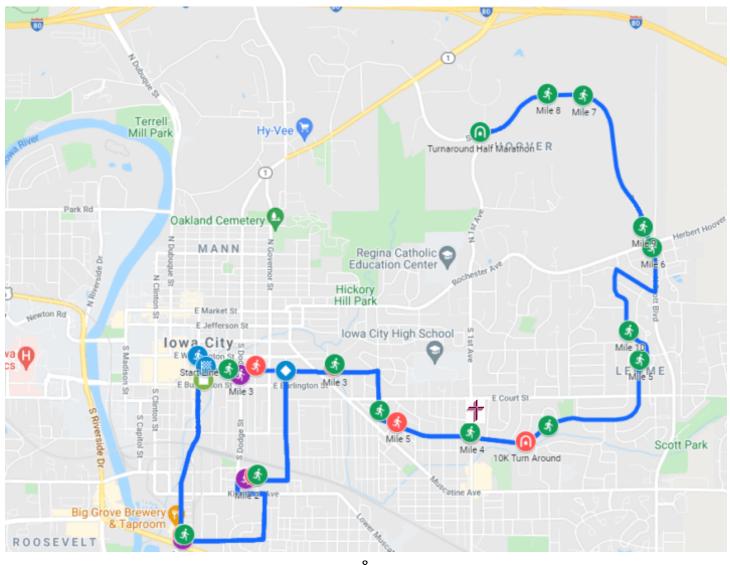
TIME		TREASURES	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 9/25—5:30pm	37	Contributions	\$10,783.70
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 9/268:00am	92	A Little Farther	\$375.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 9/26—10:30am	81	Monthly needs for budget	\$64,902.00
Recorded Service 9/25	33		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	243	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	39/62

### This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, October 3-10, 2021

<u>Sunday, 10/3</u>		Wednesday continued	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Midweek	6:45pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Adult Midweek	7:00pm
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am		
Basics of the Faith	1:00pm	<u>Thursday, 10/7</u>	
		Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Monday, 10/4		Visitation Meeting	11:00am
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Atrium Village	3:00pm
Youth Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Board of Elders Meeting	7:00pm
Chamber Singers	6:30pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Mission Committee Meeting	7:00pm		
		<u>Friday, 10/8</u>	
Tuesday, 10/5		***	
Women's Bible Study	9:30am		
Human Care Committee Meeting	6:30pm	<u>Saturday, 10/9</u>	
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Men's Bible Study	8:00am
		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
Wednesday, 10/6			
TOPS	8:00am	<u>Sunday, 10/10</u>	
Bible Study	11:00am	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
Lunch Bunch	12:00pm	Sunday School/Adult bible Class	9:20am
Midweek Meal	6:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am
Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm	New Member Brunch	12:00pm

### **ICCSD** Run for the Schools

Sunday, October 24th is the ICCSD Run for the Schools. Because of the running course, you may need to alter your route to Sunday services. The first run begins at 8:00 am. Please plan in advance.



## Preschool Newsletter

September 27—October 1, 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 TIMES**

Name recognition / spelling
Daily question addition
Number 1 one
Recognizing numbers 1-10
Difference between letters & numbers
Letter recognition
Capitals and lowercase
Classroom Rules—what we get to do
The first sin — Adam and Eve
Line leader got to pick the color we sang
Spell APPLE—tune of BINGO
Felt board number activities
Celebrated birthdays

### **Healthy Kids Walk**

The students did great running around the City High School Track on Monday and Tuesday. What energy and excitement! I hope they all took some great naps at home. Continue to look everyday on Class Dojo for new pictures.

### **READING CENTER**

Apples Numbers Counting

#### **CRAFTS**

Apple stamping Apple painting

### **TEACHER TIME**

Number 1 one Number assessment for conferences

### Home Question

How can you exercise and stay healthy everyday?



Happy 5th Birthday

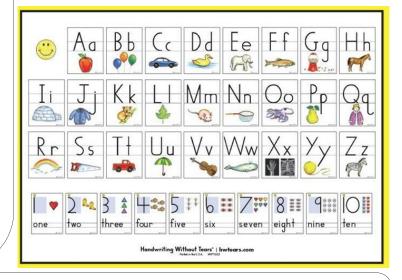
Mason!



Happy 4th Birthday Eddie!



A straight line down is fun - that's the way to make a one.





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

## Upcoming Sunday School Lessons:

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 5<sup>th</sup> grade
meets on Wednesday
nights from 6:45pm—8pm
during the school year.

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.

## Sunday School



Preschool – 5th Grade

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



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

### **Confirmation**

(6th-8th Grade)

Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade—Small Group

<u>Unit 1: God's Grace to His People in Ancient Times</u>
We take a closer look at Abraham in Genesis 11 & 12.
We'll hear again our Memory Verse, Genesis 12:2-3,
which is God's Sevenfold Blessing to Abraham. This
verse will be on the Unit 1 exam.

MEMORY DUE: Exodus 3:14

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade—Small Group

### The Ten Commandments

We will look at the Intro to the Ten Commandments and the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandments. God deserves the first place in our hearts. He alone is to be worshiped. MEMORY DUE: Commandments 1 & 2 and Meanings

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade—Lecture

### Reviewing the Catechism

We will review the 6 chief parts of the Small Catechism which are the basics of the Christian faith.

- The Ten Commandments
- The Apostle's Creed
- The Lord's Prayer
- The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
- Confession
- The Sacrament of the Altar (Holy Communion)

OT QUIZ: Wednesday, October 6th

### **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** 

### **Midweek Meal**

Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm

MIDWEEK MEAL CREW: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Families

### **High School**

### **KICKBALL**

Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 6:45—8:00 pm

Meet in the church parking lot behind vicar's house



### 2022 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

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### REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Sunday, October 10th

LCMS Youth Gathering Houston, TX

July 5-15, 2022

Total Cost per person: \$400.00 + money for incidentals

(\$100.00 non-refundable 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 registration form and initial deposit:

□ Registration forms available in the church office
 □ \$100.00 non-refundable DEPOSIT (make checks payable to "Our Redeemer" with "Gathering" on the memo line)

Return by **Sunday, October 10**<sup>th</sup> to Kara's mailbox in the church office.



### Sunday, October 10th

3:00 pm-8:00 pm

Our Redeemer 6<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> grade Youth with St. John (Newhall, IA) Youth

Hot dog dinner, hayride, s'mores

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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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.