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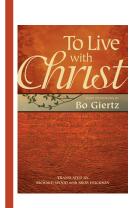
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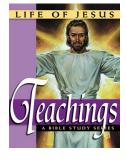
Weekly Newsletter - November 13/14, 2021

~The Twenty Fourth Sunday after Trinity~



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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.



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?

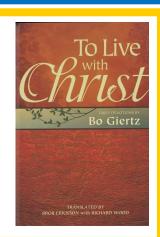


NOVEMBER 13/14

Pastor Bror Erickson
Translator of
To Live with Christ
by Bo Giertz

Will be preaching at all three services and leading Adult Bible Class

Sunday Lunch after late service



Prayer of the Church/Twenty Fourth Sunday after Trinity/14 November 2021

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

We thank You, O Lord, our God and Father, for all Your goodness. We praise You especially for the everlasting covenant You have made with us through the blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Grant that every good work we do would be pleasing in Your sight for His sake.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Preserve Your Church, O Lord, throughout the world, and keep us ready at all times for Your Son's glorious return. Lead us to proclaim with zeal His coming to the ends of the earth.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Bless all pastors and ministers, O Lord, that they may preach the pure doctrine of God's saving Word, which will never pass away. We especially pray for the seminarians we are supporting: **Deon Hull** (2nd Year), **Kyle Moellenhoff** (2nd Year), **Josiah Schultz** (2nd Year), **Andrew Thompson** (4th Year), and **Don Stein** (4th Year), and we ask a special blessing upon our Vicar, **Kyle Lewis**.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We give You thanks, O Lord, for the fruits of the earth provided by Your hand. Supply the needs of all who grow, process and distribute our food, and move us to share these bountiful gifts with our neighbors in their time of need.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Behold the sick and infirm, the dying and all in 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, Gwen Enokian, 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), Chad Pence, Carol Schuldt, Nora Sellers (Great niece of Kevin & Laurel Sellers), Bob Siemer, Deloris Siemer, Rozie Siems (Daughter of Mary Siems), and Mark Wilson.] O Lord, Grant them healing of body and patience to endure their afflictions.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Chronic illness changes our lives, O Lord, but you never change. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Help us to endure our suffering looking forward to no more tears, pain, or sorrow in the life everlasting.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Ed Fullerton, the brother-in-law of Bill Benson died this week. O Lord, 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.

You tell us to bring to your our concerns. O Lord, 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.**

BIRTHDAYS

Sun. 11/14 Rachel Hottel, Rhet Norland, Aibhlinn O'Shea, Michael Richardson, Gavin Schrader,

Camden Schwarting, Charma Wenck

Mon. 11/15 Evan Aisenbrey, David Bloesch, Todd Cooney

Tues. 11/16 Jason Farnsworth

Wed. 11/17 Angela Brinton, Jonathan Jackson, Megan Kibby, Erin Kibby, Terry Knottnerus

Thurs. 11/18 Christina Carney

Fri. 11/19 Myrl Holida, Michael Kimball, Joyce Lanxon, Henry Lenhart, Karen Ullom

Sat. 11/20 Eloise Kober

STEWARDSHIP November 6/7

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 11/6—5:30pm	44	Contributions	\$20,043.86
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 11/7—8:00am	113	A Little Farther	\$1,905.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 11/7—10:30am	170	Monthly needs for budget	\$64,902.00
Recorded Service 11/6	17		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	344	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	44/53

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, November 14-21, 2021

Sunday, 11/14		Wednesday continued	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Lunch Bunch	12:00pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Windmill Manor	2:00pm
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am	Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Lunch with Bror Erickson	12:00pm	Midweek	6:45pm
		Adult Midweek	7:00pm
Monday, 11/15			
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	<u>Thursday, 11/18</u>	
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Children's Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Girl Scouts	6:00pm
Chamber Singers	6:30pm	Hammer of God Book Club	7:00pm
LWML	7:00pm	m Al-Anon	
<u>Tuesday, 11/16</u>		<u>Friday, 11/19</u>	
Women's Bible Study	9:30am		
Solon Nursing Home	9:30am	<u>Saturday, 11/20</u>	
SM-Small Group/Marcia	6:30pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
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Assimilation	7:00pm	Sunday, 11/21-Last Sunday of the Church Year	
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
		Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
Wednesday, 11/17		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am
TOPS	8:00am	Voters' Meeting	11:45am
Bible Study	11:00am		

NEWS FROM THE CARD SHOP It's cooling off, down right chilly! Start thinking turkey and stuffing, pumpkin pie, holly and mistletoe. We are. The card shop is getting ready for the holidays. Thanksgiving cards are available now. Christmas cards will be out soon. This year the card shop will have cards featuring Our Redeemer during the holiday. Single cards are available for \$.50 each or boxed cards at \$5.50. As always, we are located in the foyer entering the Fellowship Hall. Take a peek and enjoy.

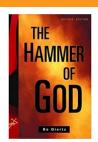


Adult Bible Class

Date	Topic	
November 14	Rev. Bror Erickson: With Christ: Just Words?	
November 21; December 5-19	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	

Upcoming Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson	
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		



Hammer of God Book Club ***Thursday Nights*** 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm November 18, 2021

Torvik: The Gospel and The Authority of God's Word

We will be meeting in Room 208/210

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.



LWML meets this Monday

Join us this Monday, November 15, at 7 pm for our monthly meeting. Our speaker will be our very own, Tiffany Roiseland. She will be speaking to us about English as a Second Language.

Devotions will be led by Cynthia Fruendt. Our hostesses are Cory Strumpel and Eunice Scheer. It is a fun group and will be even better if YOU join us. Put us on your calendar. See you tomorrow night at 7 pm.

Our Redeemer Youth Pie Fundraiser

Saturday, November 13th

Cost: \$12 per pie

between 11:00 am – 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall Dutch Apple
Double Crust Apple

Please wear a mask and enter through the playground doors.

The Youth will be selling homemade **unbaked**, **frozen** pies: Dutch Apple (crumb topping) and Double Crust Apple

ALSO, limited quantities of pecan, rhubarb, berry, peach, zucchini and various other fruit pies are available, while supplies last.



Due to limited freezer space at church, we request that pies be purchased on Saturday, November 13th between 11:00 am – 12:30 pm





Thanksgiving Eve Service will be on November 24 at 7:00pm. Don't forget to bring in your "Thanks-giving! Thanks-living" pledges for the service.



Thanks-giving! Thanks-living!

Letters should be arriving in your mailbox. As is the Our Redeemer tradition, plan to bring your pledge form to the Thanksgiving Eve service where they can be brought forward as a part of the service. If you will not be attending that service, they can be brought forward the following weekend or brought to the Church Office.



28th ANNUAL COOKIE WALK FUNDRAISER

Saturday, December 4th 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Though this missions fundraiser is put on by LWML, it needs everyone's help to provide homemade cookies and candies for sale. Most are sold by the pound and all monies received

go to various missions, both local and church sponsored. Please start pulling out your cookbooks or visiting your favorite recipe websites for the cookies you will bake. **We would appreciate donations of as many cookies as possible!**



Workers will be needed on Friday, December 3rd and/or Saturday, December 4th. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. During the week the sign-up sheets will be in the church office. Posters are available for pick-up at the sign-up table for your office bulletin board or where you shop. Thank you for your help!



Join us on Sunday, November 28, at 2:00 pm to decorate the church. Many hands make light work. Julie Nieland needs many hands to help with the decorating to give thanks and rejoice in "Christ the Savior is born!"

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES BEGIN DECEMBER 1

We will soon be entering the Advent Season. Our first midweek Advent Service will be on December 1 with services at 1:00pm and 6:10pm. There will be an Advent Midweek meal served at 5:10pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Building Healthy Families: "Children are a gift from the Lord, offspring a reward from him."

Psalm 127:3 For over 118 years, LFS has connected children to parents through adoption, and now serves families in a multitude of other ways. In thanksgiving to God for an important person He has put in your life, celebrate the blessing of family with us this Thanksgiving by making a gift in their honor or memory. Your gift will honor them, and help us serve a child, teen, or family in need this year. It's easy and you can do it right now with your smart phone! Text GIVE to (515) 212-7585 to receive a link to complete your donation. We thank God for your partnership and generosity!

Lutheran Family Service - www.LutheranFamilyService.org.



CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SENIOR ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCES

Here is a wonderful opportunity to "Live with Christ". Because we had such a great response last year, the Outreach Committee is again going to collect Christmas (Not Holiday) cards to share the Good News of Jesus' birth for residents of local senior assisted living residences. You

can help by preparing Christmas cards. All you need to do is sign your first name and include "from Our Redeemer Lutheran Church" and place the card in the envelope. You can also add a short encouraging message if you desire. Please don't seal the envelope as we will be adding a Church stamp to the inside of the card. There is a collection box on the counter in the Narthex for your finished cards. This is a perfect way to use up those remaining Christmas cards you might have at home or you can purchase a few from the LWML Card racks downstairs by the Fellowship Hall. We prefer Christmas cards and not holiday cards. If you have questions, please contact Donna Saehler at 319-321-3207, Marlene Thompson at 319-338-2938, or Marilyn Kempnich at 319-351-5297

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 online organized by the Angel Tree headquarters.

In a separate email, you will receive information and instructions on how to choose an 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



Preschool Newsletter

November 8-12, 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

Student's full name (first, middle, last)

Daily farm question/activity Letter Mm formation / sound

Fall chants

Bible: Moses is born.

Color brown song

Felt board turkey

Review of shapes

Farm books

Animal identification pet / wild /

farm

Fire Drill Th/F

CRAFTS

Turkey puppet
Turkey handprint

TEACHER TIME

Letter Mm Assessments for conferences

TABLES

Farm animal patterns
Farm vs wild animal cards
Animal habitat matching
Animal puzzles



Big line

Big line

Big line Big line

SENSORY TABLE

Corn, farm animals, measuring items

NO PRESCHOOL on November 17th due to Parent Teacher Conferences.

Home Question

If you lived on a farm, what animals would you want to have? Why?

Snack This Week

The kids loved the bananas, popcorn, and choice of milk this week for snack. On the preschool bulletin board there is a snack calendar. The snack for the day is recorded. We will also record if any special treats are served. All snacks served follow the CACFP credible foods list.



OUR REDEEMED



We want to thank two of our church members, Bev Prem and Agron Mueller,

who donated their insurance Thrivent Action Team money to pay for preschool snack this fall. Starting January the preschool line leader's family will be responsible for bringing snack on their assigned day. Thank you for serving our preschool students!

Mm (To This Old Man)

Monkey see. Monkey do. Come meet monkey in the zoo. If you make a face, he might make one, too.

Monkeys love to mimic you.





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 #443522



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade

Children's Christmas Worship 2021

Allison Haack is directing the Children's Christmas worship service this year. Music practices will take place during Sunday School at 9:15 am for Kindergarten-3rd grade and 10:00 am for 4th-8th grades. Preschoolers will practice with Allison Haack during the Sunday School hour and will not attend any Saturday practices. There will be no practice on November 27/28 due to the Thanksgiving weekend.



Please fill in the google form if your child is participating and/or you can volunteer.

The Google form can be found at: https://forms.gle/X7tsfuyAJV5U9j359. This will allow us to have an accurate count and gather contact information for communication.

Practice Dates:

December 4-Saturday practice, 9:00 am-Noon December 5-Practice during Sunday School December 11-Saturday Practice, 9:00 am-Noon December 12-Children's Worship Service



Sunday School

November 14, 2021 9:20 am—10:15 am

~This weeks lesson ~
The Rescuing Queen—Esther



Kids Club

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

Teacher: Jonie Murken Assistants: Paula Caylor, Vicar Lewis

TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

Thanksgiving fun with our high school students!



6th —12th Grade

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

Confirmation Classes

(6th—8th Grade)

Wednesday, November 17th at 6:45 pm

6th Grade—Small Group

Unit 2: God's Grace to His People Israel

Hannah prays for a son, and God blesses her with Samuel who she gives to the LORD. Samuel serves under the priest Eli.



MEMORY DUE: none

7th Grade—Small Group

The Ten Commandments: 7th and 8th 7th Commandment: You shall not steal. 8th Commandment: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.



8th Grade—NO CLASS



Youth Pie Sale Fundraiser

We're selling frozen, unbaked pies that the youth made to support our Confirmation and High School Youth (6th—12th grades) programs.

\$12.00 per pie

Limited quantities available while supplies last.



High School Sunday School

Sunday, November 14th 9:20 am -10:05 am



Meet in the Fellowship Hall

Join us to hear guest speaker, Rev. Bror Erickson's Bible study, "With Christ: Just Words?"

High School Midweek Schedule

High School Youth meet every Wednesday night from 6:45 pm—8 pm in the Youth Room.

Friends are always welcome!

Here's the upcoming schedule...

November 17th Thanksgiving Fun w/Kids Club

Join us for games, lesson and a snack!

November 24th Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service @ 7 pm (no class)

Deck the Halls with...Silver **Cord hours?**



- ⇒ Help put up the Christmas decorations around church on Sunday, November 28th starting at 2:00 pm and earn Silver Cord hours for high school.
- ⇒ We'll eat pizza as soon as the decorating is done.

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.