



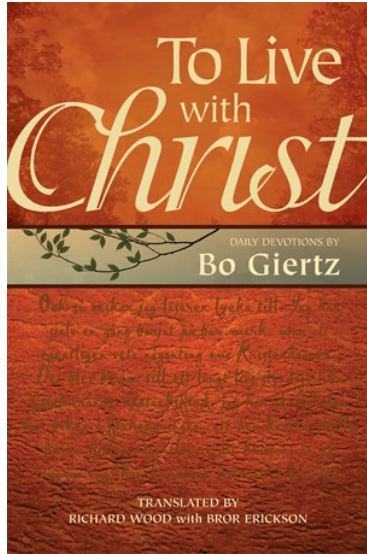
First Avenue and Court Street
 Iowa City, IA 52245
 Phone: 319-338-5626
 Email: redeemer@ourredeemer.org
www.ourredeemer.org

Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - January 2, 2022

~The Second Sunday after Christmas~



1/2	Sunday after New Year's Day	p. 86
1/3	Monday after the Sunday after New Year's Day	p. 88
1/4	Tuesday after the Sunday after New Year's Day	p. 90
1/5	Wednesday after the Sunday after New Year's Day	p. 92
1/6	Thursday after the Sunday after New Year's Day	p. 94
1/7	Friday after the Sunday after New Year's Day	p. 96
1/8	Saturday after the Sunday after New Year's Day	p. 97

Upcoming Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
January 2	New Years—No Classes	
January 9	Luke 1:26-56	An Angel Announces— <i>Jesus' Birth Foretold</i>
January 16	Luke 1:5-25, 57-66	Silence before a Son— <i>John is Born</i>
January 23	Luke 2:1-7, 22-40	The Temple Testimonies— <i>Jesus' Birth and Presentation</i>
January 30	Luke 2:41-52	His Father's House— <i>Boy Jesus in the Temple</i>

Adult Bible Class

Date	Topic
January 2	<i>New Years—No Classes</i>
January 9-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>

Prayer of the Church/Second Sunday after Christmas/January 2, 2022

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

Heavenly Father, Your Son diligently heard the Word of God and grew in wisdom and stature, submissive to His earthly parents and always about Your business and in Your house. Keep the families of Your Church abiding in Your Word, eager to be found among Your Word and Sacraments and always treasuring Your divine wisdom and favor.

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

Heavenly Father, give patience and endurance to all who are sick or in any need, and heal them according to Your will.

*[We especially pray for **Theodore Alderman, 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), **Larry Curran** (Cathleen Loney's father), **Chad Dyson, Emeel Elkeurti, Gwen Enokian, Jack Fesler** (Denise Fesler's father in-law), **Gabe Hundley** (grandson of Karen Abernathy), **Dora Jacobson** (granddaughter of George and Carol Schuldt), **David Jones** (Lonne Loney's uncle), **Ann Klopp** (Louise Klopp's mother), **Brad Koelper** (Donna Saehler's nephew), **Helen Jahnke, Mildred Krogh, Norma Miller** (Twyla Freeman's aunt), **Shannon Miller** (friend of Gwen Enokian,) **Barb Nace** (Doris Siemer's niece), **Bob Nace, Deloris Nace, Chad Pence, Nora Sellers** (Great niece of Kevin & Laurel Sellers), **Cade Sexton, Rozie Siems** (Daughter of Mary Siems), **Mark Wilson and Beth Wu** (Schuldt's relative)]*

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

Heavenly Father, Your Son has won redemption through His blood, granting the forgiveness of our trespasses. So now according to the riches of Your grace, receive those who come to Your blessed Sacrament this day. Grant worthy repentance and confident faith to all who commune, united in a sincere confession of the faith.

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

Heavenly Father, in mercy You have established the Christian home among us. We implore You, rule and direct our hearts to be good examples to children and those subject to us, that we may not offend them by word or deed but faithfully teach them to love Your Church and hear Your blessed Word.

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

Heavenly Father, you tell us to bring to You our concerns. 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.**



ANGEL TREE THANK YOU

ANGEL TREE[®] On behalf of the
Human Care
A Program of Prison Fellowship[®] Committee, we
thank you to all who

adopted angels from the virtual Angel Tree Prison Ministry project this year. We provided the gifts for children and many care givers, which were processed through the Angel Tree headquarters. Although, we weren't able to have the usual tree in the narthex, we hope we can return to our normal procedure next year.

We appreciate your generosity in brightening the lives of children on behalf of their parent who can't be with them at this special time of year. God Bless you all !!!

The Human Care Committee



COMFORT-TIER THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who has made donations for quilting this past year. Thanks to those who have used their Thrivent Action Teams for quilting supplies!



THE NOT SO NEWLYWED GAME

**January 30, 2022
12:00 pm
Fellowship Hall**

Fun, fellowship, food and frolic. Let's all join in welcoming a new activity to Our Redeemer. Everyone is welcome!

This first appeared as a game at Grace Hartwig's and Ethan Coblenz's wedding shower and is back by popular (?) demand. Three contestant couples will vie for the prize by answering questions as the other half of the couple answered.

Our volunteer couples are:

Skip and Marilyn Kempnich
Kevin and Tiffany Roiseland
Turner and Erica Watkinson

Please come and cheer them on to victory. Everyone is asked to bring snacks and appetizers as we do for Trivia Challenge. A Thrivent Action

Team will provide beverages and paper goods.



Undeck the Halls



TIME TO TAKE DOWN THE DECORATIONS

January 9, 2022
Following 10:30 am Worship

Many hands make quick work of taking down the Christmas decorations. Plan to stay after Worship and help out!

TIME TO TAKE YOUR POINSETTIAS HOME

Please take your poinsettias home or give them to someone. Care may not be given them following this weekend.

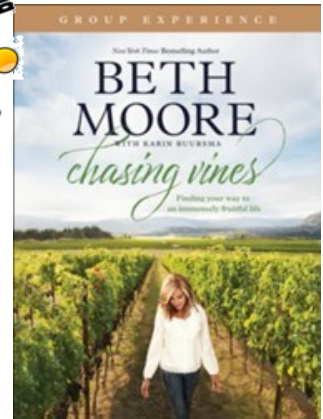
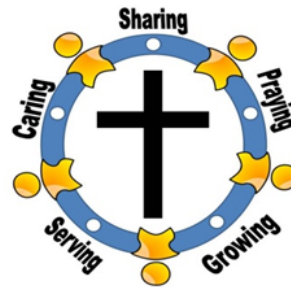


Portals of Prayer for January through March are available on the table in the church office. Pick up your free copy today. Large print copies are also available.

Small Group Ministry

Mission Statement: *To grow in grace using our spiritual gifts, through good stewardship for the benefit of the group so that the body of Christ may be built up.*

Upcoming Event for Adult Ministry ...



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

Tuesday Mornings at 9:30 AM:

January 11 and 25

February 8 and 22

March 8 and 22

April 5 and 19

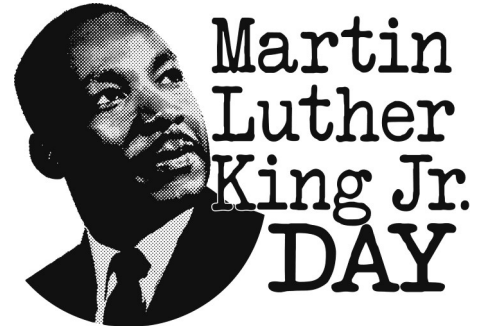
Complete the registration form on the Welcome Center and return to Denise Holida. Cost of book is \$10.00. Cash or check made out to "Our Redeemer".

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

During worship services on January 29 and 30, the 2022 officers elected to represent Our Redeemer will be installed. We thank them for their willingness to take on leadership roles and we join in supporting them and encouraging them throughout their terms of service.

OFFICE CLOSED January 17, 2022

A reminder that the office will be closed on January 17 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES RESUME THIS WEEK

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

12:00 pm	Lunch Bunch
6:00 pm	Midweek Meal
6:45 pm	Choir Rehearsal
6:45 pm	Midweek Classes
7:00 pm	Adult Midweek

IS THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS JUST A SONG?

During the holiday season, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is heard everywhere from shopping malls to television commercials to church functions. Everywhere you go, you can hear about Two Turtle Doves, Seven Swans-a-Swimming and Eleven Pipers Piping. While these verses are what most of us

associate with the "Twelve Days of Christmas," the phrase refers to an actual 12-day period. The 12 days of Christmas, in fact, are the days from December 25, celebrated as the birth of Jesus Christ, to the **Epiphany**, celebrated on January 6 as the day when the manifestation of Christ's glory was realized.



2022 FLOWER CALENDAR



Get your choice of dates to beautify our church today—the 2022 flower calendar is up on the bulletin board between the upper level restrooms and the nursery. Sign up to provide altar flowers in celebration of an event, in memory of a loved one, or just because.



Building Healthy Families Our culture encourages us to see the world and our relationships through a lens of individualism, in which we make decisions based on the question: “How will this effect ME?” How would our world be different if we returned to a faith, family, and community-centered lens, in which decisions are instead based on this question: “How will my actions effect my children, my spouse, my parents, my congregational family, my community?” Give it a try this week! **Lutheran Family Service** - www.LutheranFamilyService.org.



POPCORN PROVIDED

Come join us January 27, at 6:00pm, in the Fellowship Hall, and begin the Christ in Film series. The upcoming “feature” will be “The LEGO Movie” Rated (G)



THE GIVING CHAIR

There are again quilts available on ‘The Giving Chair’ located next to the Luther window. If you know of anyone who could use one or more, please take them and distribute them. We have extras on hand if you need some for an immigrant family, a family moving into a Habitat house, someone ill or recovering at home or now in a wheel chair and needs a lap robe, a flood or storm victim etc.; you and they are very welcome.

~The Comfort-tiers



**TAKE OFF POUNDS
SENSIBLY**

Are you resolving to achieve a healthier lifestyle in the New Year? We are a caring weight loss support group looking for new members. Chapter 168 meets in the Fellowship Hall every Wednesday at 8:30am.

The TOPS new membership fee is \$49.00.

The TOPS annual renewal membership fee is \$37.00.

The Chapter 168 monthly fee is \$5.00.

The weight-in starts at 8:30am.

The 30-minute meeting starts at 9:00am.

If you would like more information call or email:

Eunice Scheer
(319) 383-4599

Bob Powers
(319) 338-9651

eunicescheer@outlook.com

baronvonpowers@gmail.com

BIRTHDAYS

Sun. 1/2	Kayla Brooks, Mary Norland, Ronald Schwarting
Mon. 1/3	Mary Jane Ervin, Marlyce Hollis, Bev Prem
Tues. 1/4	Brad Lake, Justin Pitts, Tralene Thompson
Wed. 1/5	Denise Holida, Jacob Sexton
Thurs. 1/6	Alexie Little
Fri. 1/7	Jordan Ellyson, LaRae Rudin
Sat. 1/8	Cathleen Loney, Maddox Nemitz, Kenneth Yoder

STEWARDSHIP December 24/25/26

TIME	TREASURES		
Total Worship 12/24—3:30pm	128	Contributions	\$25,925.94
Total Worship 12/24—5:00pm	204	A Little Farther	\$275.00
Total Worship 12/24—6:30pm	120	Monthly needs for budget	\$64,902.00
Total Worship 12/24—11:30pm	60	Midweek Advent Services 12/22	22/107
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 12/25—9:30am	121	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	***
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 12/26—8:00am	96		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 12/26—10:30am	87		
Recorded Services 12/26	2		
Total Sunday Worship	186		

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, January 2-9, 2022

<u>Sunday, 1/2</u>		<u>Wednesday continued...</u>	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Midweek	6:45pm
Worship Service	10:30am	Adult Midweek	7:00pm
Staff Christmas Party	12:00pm		
		Thursday, 1/6	
Monday, 1/3		Comfort-Tiers	9:00am
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Visitation Meeting	11:00am
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Atrium Village	3:00pm
Youth Committee	6:00pm	Women's bible Study	7:00pm
Chamber Singers	6:30pm	Board of Elders	7:00pm
Mission Committee	7:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
		Friday, 1/7	
Tuesday, 1/4			
Human care Committee	6:30pm	Saturday, 1/8	
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Men's Bible Study	8:00am
		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
Wednesday, 1/5			
TOPS	8:00am	Sunday, 1/9	
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	Undeck the Halls	12:00pm

OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

Office: 338-5626 Fax: 338-9171 Website: <http://www.ourredeemer.org> Preschool: 338-3949
 Prayer Chain: 351-5297 or prayerchain@ourredeemer.org Special Announcements Line: 338-3505

<u>STAFF & EMAIL</u>	<u>PHONE NO.</u>	<u>STAFF & EMAIL</u>	<u>PHONE NO.</u>
Brent Hartwig, Senior Pastor bhartwig@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church) 337-2403 (home)	Kaja Mueller, Preschool Director preschool@ourredeemer.org	338-3949 (preschool) 338-5626 (church)
Kyle Lewis, Vicar vicar@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church)	Lorrie Bailey, Office Coordinator redemer@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church)
Sara Cross, Preschool Assistant preschoolassistant@ourredeemer.org	338-3949 (preschool)	Sarah Ghabel, Bookkeeper bookkeeper@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church)
Kara Hartwig, Youth Coordinator youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church)	Denise Holida, Adult Coordinator smallgroups@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church) 930-0165 (cell)
Louise Klopp, Director Choirs/Properties choirdirector@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church)	Marilyn Paetz, Organist organist@ourredeemer.org	351-4262 (home)
Laurel Sellers, Consultant consultant@ourredeemer.org	319-331-3242 (cell)	Kevin Sellers Director of Technology technology@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church) 631-8924 (cell)
		Sheena White, Preschool Assistant preschoolassistant@ourredeemer.org	338-3949 (preschool)

2022 Board of Elders

Bill Benson	517-881-9848
Dave Bohnsack (Chair)	319-430-2054
Tim Eick	248-514-2881
Rick Gienapp	319-331-7425
Ryan Haack	319-325-7915
Skip Kempnich	319-351-5297
Eric Kooker	319-339-0175
Chad Pence	319-321-5686
Art Schwarting	319-325-6152

2022 Board of Directors

President	Denny Schrader	319-461-7318
Vice President	Arlan Thompson	319-338-2938
Secretary	Barb Schanbacher	319-351-3998
Treasurer	Kari Kibby	319-573-4127
Board of Elders	David Bohnsack	319-430-2054
Properties	Dave Yansky	319-621-7694
At Large	Jeff Kucera	563-316-1088
	Marilyn Albright	319-430-8129

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.