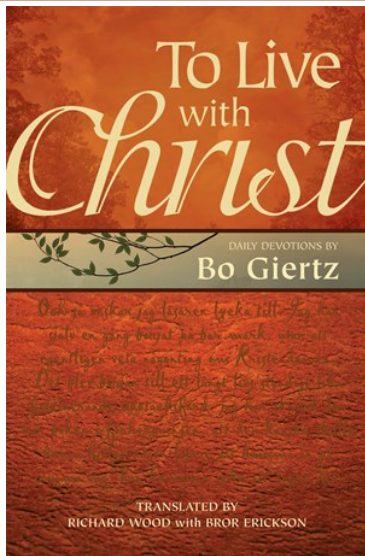




*~The Fourth Sunday in Advent~*



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## 2021 ADVENT/CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

December 18	5:30pm	Communion Service
December 19	8:00am & 10:30am	Communion Services
December 22	1:00pm	Advent Service
	5:10pm	Advent Meal
	6:00pm/6:10pm	Sing-along/Advent Service
December 24	3:30pm & 5:00pm	Christmas Eve Family Worship
	6:30pm & 11:30pm	Christmas Eve Communion Worship
December 25	9:30am	Christmas Day Communion Worship
December 26	8:00am & 10:30am	Sunday Worship Services
December 31	7:00pm	New Year's Eve Communion Worship
January 1	5:30pm	New Year's Day Communion Worship

No Midweek Classes  
December 22 or December 29

No Sunday School or Adult Bible  
Class December 26



**BRING ON THE POINSETTIAS!** Help beautify our sanctuary for Christmas. Purchase poinsettias of your choice—all sizes and colors are welcome. Bring them to church by December 22 (It is best not to bring them too early as care may not be consistent.) so that they can be placed in the sanctuary after the Advent service. After the Christmas Day service, please take them home. Poinsettias can be placed in the board room.

## Prayer of the Church/Fourth Sunday in Advent/19 December 2021

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

O Lord, mighty God, there is none like You. As we draw near to the celebration of Jesus' birth, fill our hearts with gratitude that Your Son humbled Himself and became flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior.

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

O Lord, mighty God, Bethlehem was too small to be among the clans of Judah, yet from it came forth the King of kings. Remember the congregations of Your people, no matter how small. Provide for their needs, and remind them that the Lord of lords dwells among them in His Means of Grace.

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

O Lord, mighty God, You sent Your Son to shepherd His flock, and in turn he sent preachers. 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.**

O Lord, mighty God, You helped Your servant Israel, and Your mercy endures forever. Look upon those brought low by illness, injury, grief or other affliction. *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), **Larry Curran** (Cathleen Loney's father), **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), **Ann Klopp** (Louise Klopp's mother), **Brad Koelper** (Donna Saehler's nephew), **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.**

O Lord, mighty God, You have sanctified us through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, once for all, on the cross. Prepare the hearts of all who commune this day with penitence and trust in Your promises, and so make us holy with Your Son's body and blood.

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

O Lord, mighty God, 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.**

## Upcoming Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
December 19	<i>Christmas Lesson</i>	
December 26	<i>Christmas Weekend—No Classes</i>	
January 2	<i>New Years Weekend—No Classes</i>	

## Adult Bible Class

Date	Topic
December 5-19	<i>With Christ: Just Words?</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>






**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

## BIRTHDAYS

Sun. 12/19	***
Mon. 12/20	Emma Huedepohl, Amber Vandenbosh, Nolan Waters, Avery Yansky
Tues. 12/21	Lexus Rozmus, Julie Wardenburg
Wed. 12/22	Tony Faudel, Amy O'Shea, Wesley Obermueller, Jennifer Reynolds
Thurs. 12/23	Kolby Kucera, Ronald Sexton, Mark Stimmel
Fri. 12/24	Larry Gorman, James Haack
Sat. 12/25	Zettie James, Duane Miller, Alvin Wagner

## STEWARDSHIP December 11/12

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 12/11—5:30pm	54	Contributions	\$21,702.88
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 12/12—8:00am	194	A Little Farther	\$2,158.33
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 12/12—10:30am	150	Monthly needs for budget	\$64,902.00
Recorded Service 12/11	20	Midweek Advent Services 12/8	37/123
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	418	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	40/66

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

<b><u>Sunday, 12/19</u></b>		<b><u>Thursday continued...</u></b>	
Worship Service	8:00am	Advent Meal	5:10pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Sing a-long/Advent Service (6:10pm)	6:00pm
Worship Service	10:30am		
		<b><u>Thursday, 12/23</u></b>	
<b><u>Monday, 12/20</u></b>		Comfort-Tiers	9:00am
Staff Christmas Lunch	12:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm		
Chamber Singers	6:30pm	<b><u>Friday, 12/24-Christmas Eve/Office Closed</u></b>	
		Christmas Eve Family Worship	3:30pm
<b><u>Tuesday, 12/21-First Day of Winter</u></b>		Christmas Eve Family Worship	5:00pm
Solon Nursing Home	9:30am	Christmas Eve Communion Worship	6:30pm
SM-Small Group/Marcia	6:30pm	Christmas Eve Communion Worship	11:30pm
Al-Anon	7:00pm		
Assimilation	7:00pm	<b><u>Saturday, 12/25-Christmas Day</u></b>	
		Christmas Day Communion Worship	9:30am
<b><u>Wednesday, 12/22</u></b>			
TOPS	8:00am	<b><u>Sunday, 12/26</u></b>	
Advent Service	1:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
Emerson Point	2:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am



# THANK YOU!

2021

Thanks to you, the Outreach Committee delivered 502 Christmas cards to 8 senior assisted living residences. We greatly appreciate your participation.

*From the Outreach Committee*



# GRACIAS!

The Mission Committee would like to thank Pastor Hartwig for his wonderful presentation of the Panama mission during last Sunday’s Bible Study hour. Also, a big thank you to the Our Redeemer congregation. Last week \$355.92 was donated during the coffee/treats Fellowship Time after 1<sup>st</sup> Service.

**Please consider becoming involved in this exciting Panama mission opportunity.**



Mission Committee  
Denise Holida  
Anita Nicholson  
Val Penney  
Bob Powers (Chairman)

## 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:** As you prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth, remember those who are struggling. Lutheran Family Service works every day to help them, as an extension of our church's ministry, and requests our help. Say "YES" today so that Lutheran Family Service can say "YES" to all who come for help. Text the word GIVE today to 515-212-7585 to receive a link to complete your donation, give securely online through their web site, or send your gift by mail to LFS Administrative Office, 409 Kenyon Road, Suite C, Fort Dodge, 50501. Want to talk about your special gift idea? Call Wanda Pritzel at 515-570-2310 or email [wpritzel@lutheranfamilyservice.org](mailto:wpritzel@lutheranfamilyservice.org). Thanks for saying "YES" and God bless you for sharing His love! **Lutheran Family Service** - [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org).

## MITTEN TREE COLLECTING GARB FOR CHILDREN IN NEED!!!!

The Human Care Committee is currently collecting the following items until January 2 and needs your help with a donation.

They are seeking new or gently used:

- **SNOW PANTS**
- **HATS**
- **BOOTS**
- **MITTENS**
- **SCARVES**

The items can be left at the Mitten Tree located in the corner by the Welcome Counter.

On January 3 the Human Care Committee will deliver the items to the Iowa City School District Administration Office.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Lorrie, the office coordinator.



# Thank you for all of this!

## Preschool Christmas Wish List

Can you help us with a few items for the preschool? You can purchase them or donate money towards them. All contributions will help. Thank you!



**PAID**

Save 5% with coupon  
 ✓prime FREE One-Day  
 Get it Tomorrow, Nov 17  
 More Buying Choices  
 \$13.32 (2 used & new offers)  
 Ages: 3 years and up



**PAID**

Top Rated Free Wood  
 Fences - Set of 4 - Ages 12m+ -  
 More than 6 ft (2 inches high) of  
 Toy Corral Fences for...  
 ★★★★★ ~ 23  
 \$24.99  
 ✓prime FREE One-Day  
 Get it Tomorrow, Nov 17  
 Ages: 12 months - 10 years



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Coogam Wooden Reading Blocks Short Vowel  
 Rods Spelling Games, Flash Cards Turning  
 Rotating Letter Puzzle for Kids, Sight Words  
 Montessori Spinning Alphabet Learning Toy  
 Boys Girls

**PAID**

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 55 ratings | 4 answered questions  
 FREE One-Day & FREE Returns  
 Eligible for amazon smile donation.  
 Number of Pieces 5  
 Age Range (Description) Toddler, kids, boys, girls, preschool  
 Puzzle type Twisty



**PAID**

Magnatab Magnetic Numbers and Shapes Activity for  
 Fun and Learning -- Sensory Activity -- Ages 3+  
 ✓prime FREE One-Day  
 Get it Tomorrow, Nov 17  
 Get \$50 off instantly. Pay \$0.00 \$25.47 upon approval for the Amazon Prime Store  
 Card. No annual fee.  
 May be available at a lower price from other sellers, potentially without free Prime  
 shipping.  
 Eligible for amazon smile donation.  
 • SENSORY-BASED—Children will feel the pull of the magnets, hear the  
 clicking sound, and see what they are drawing for excellent creative, sensory  
 play!  
 • UNLIMITED POTENTIAL—Trace the lines with the magnetic stylus and follow  
 the arrows to learn the fundamentals of number writing  
 • LEARNING AND FUN—Perfect for your early math education, this sensory



**PAID**

JOJO 16 Color Bean Bag  
 for Tossing (4.7" x 4.7"), Durable  
 Nylon All-Weather Bean Bags,  
 Includes 15 Bean Bags and a...  
 ★★★★★ ~ 87  
 \$18.99  
 ✓prime FREE One-Day  
 Get it Tomorrow, Nov 17  
 Ages: 3 years and up



Magnatab A to Z Uppercase Activity for Fun  
 and Learning -- Sensory Activity -- Ages 3+

**PAID**

Brand: Magnatab  
 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 1,116 ratings | 13 answered questions  
 for "kid o a to z upper case magnatab"  
 \$24.99 ✓prime  
 \$25.47 instantly when you add a debit card to your account. Click to add.  
 Eligible for amazon smile donation.  
 Style: New & Improved  
 New & Improved \$24.99 ✓prime  
 Original \$29.95

Preschool is putting together an Emergency Supply Kit and is in need of a few items. This is something that is directed by the Department of Human Services and a requirement of our preschool. These are some of the supplies we are needing.

**PAID**

- Bottled water, 2 packs of 24 bottles, 16 each
- Walmart : Reliance Luggable Loo Seat and Cover \$16
- Walmart: Primacare HB-10 Emergency Foil Mylar Thermal Blanket (Pack of 10), 52 Length x 84 Width, \$9.85 Need 3 packets Total: \$29.55



# Preschool Newsletter



December 13-17, 2021

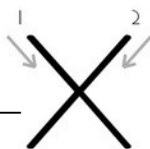
Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller Assistants, Sheena White M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH  
Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949 www.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org preschool@ourredeemer.org

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

## This Week

### CIRCLE TIMES

- Student's birth date
- Daily candy cane question/math
- Candy cane science experiment—making a hypothesis
- Letter Xx formation/sound
- Christmas songs
- Bible: Angels come to the shepherds to announce Jesus' birth.
- Christmas finger plays
- Nativity story books
- Line leader book choice
- The story of the candy cane and how it reminds us of Jesus



Big line  
Big line



### CRAFTS

- Candy cane bead craft
- Nativity silhouette stain glass
- Wrap Christmas ornament for parents

### TEACHER TIME

Letter Xx / Number four

## Xx (To Camptown Races)

Xavier was an alien, extraterrestrial. He was born on Planet X, extremely far from Earth. He had two pointy heads; his vision was x-ray. He saw exactly everything in an alien way.



## Home Question

Who came to celebrate Jesus's birth?

## Snack This Week

We enjoyed whole wheat slim buns, cream cheese, strawberries, and chocolate milk this week for snack. On the preschool bulletin board is the snack calendar where the snack for the day is recorded. We also record if any special treats are served. All snacks served follow the CACFP credible foods list.

We want to thank two of our church members, Bev Prem and Aaron Mueller, who donated their insurance Thrivent Action Team money to pay for preschool snacks this fall. **Starting January the preschool line leader's family will be responsible for bringing the snack on their assigned day.** Thank you for serving our preschool students!



Happy 5th Birthday  
Emilie!



Happy belated 5th  
Birthday Kaia!



**Consign through Stuff etc. This is a fundraiser for our preschool.** You can donate items by dropping them off yourself 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.

**Consigner Number:** Iowa City #43522



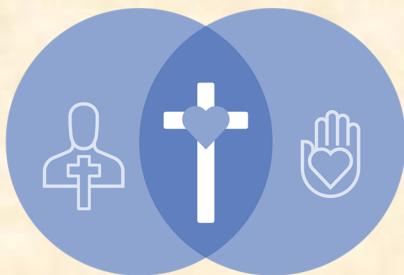


# Children's Ministry

Birth—5<sup>th</sup> Grade



## Sunday School



Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

There will be a Christmas Lesson

On December 26<sup>th</sup> & January 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be no Sunday School classes.

Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> there will be no classes on these days.

Classes will resume on January 5<sup>th</sup>  
The lesson: Prophecy Window  
The teachers: Vicar & Jonie



# Youth

6<sup>th</sup> —12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Youth Coordinator Kara Hartwig [youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org](mailto:youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org) (319) 855-2728



## Winter Break Calendar Dates for Confirmation Classes & High School Midweek

### Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

5:10 pm Advent Meal

6:00 pm Christmas Sing-a-long in Sanctuary

6:10 pm Advent Worship Service

*No Confirmation Classes/HS Midweek*

### Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

No Confirmation Classes

### Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

RESUME NORMAL SCHEDULE

6:00 pm Midweek Meal (*High School helps*)

6:45 pm Confirmation Classes & Midweek



## Sunday School

*Confirmation—Room 208*

*High School—Youth Room*

Join us for a special Christmas Lesson!

December 19, 2021

9:20 am—10:15 am

On December 26<sup>th</sup> & January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
there will be no Sunday School classes.

And thou shalt have joy and  
gladness; and many shall rejoice  
at his birth.

Luke 1:14 KJV

Merry  
CHRISTMAS



## Church Family Ski Day

Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>

8 am— 6 pm

*Open to entire congregation*

\$69/person for lift, rental & lesson

If interested, please email Kara at

[youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org](mailto:youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org)

SUNDOWN  
MOUNTAIN RESORT

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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](http://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.