



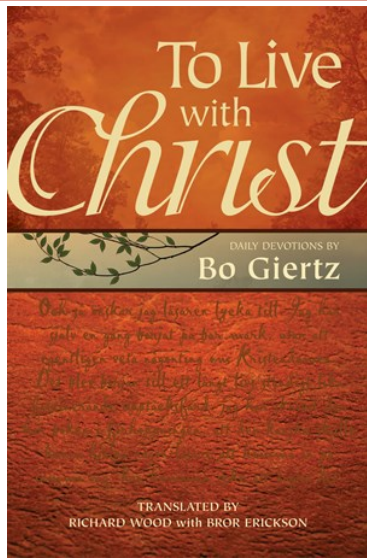
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# Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - January 8/9, 2022

## ~The First Sunday in Epiphany~



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## Upcoming Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
January 9	Luke 1:5-25, 57-66	Silence before a Son— <i>John is Born</i>
January 16	Luke 2:1-7, 22-40	The Temple Testimonies— <i>Jesus' Birth and Presentation</i>
January 23	Luke 2:41-52	His Father's House— <i>Boy Jesus in the Temple</i>
January 30	Matthew 3: John 1:29-34	The Pointing Prophet— <i>John Points to Jesus</i>

## Adult Bible Class

Date	Topic
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/First Sunday in Epiphany/January 9, 2022

Heavenly Father, You have fulfilled all righteousness in the Baptism of Your beloved Son. As we have received this righteousness by our Baptism, make us bold in faith and fervent in love, that we may live out heavenly lives even on earth.

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

Heavenly Father, as You have opened heaven to Your Church through Holy Baptism, give her faithful teachers to proclaim Your Son, Jesus Christ, and all that accords with godliness, that many would repent of their sins and join Him in His heavenly kingdom.

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

Heavenly Father, preserve the family, especially all Christian homes. Turn husband and wife toward one another in love, equip fathers and mothers for their holy duty as teachers of the faith, and preserve all children in the saving faith and certain promises of their Baptism unto life everlasting.

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

Heavenly Father, You break the wicked with Your rod for the sake of Your beloved children. Help us at all times to serve You with fear and to seek refuge always in the kingdom of Your Son.

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

Heavenly Father, Your Son, Jesus, is the true Christ and the true king of this world. Grant great humility to the rulers of the nations, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_,*] that they would submit to the preaching of His Holy Word for the sake of their own souls and for the good of Your holy people.

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

Heavenly Father, it is Your desire that Your saving Word is brought to the ends of the earth. We give you thanks for the gifts of *Mission Central* and all the missionaries that make it possible for Your Word to spread far and wide. We especially thank you for Missionary *Vance Becker* in Africa, *Julie Lutz* in Papua New Guinea, the *Parish Nurses in eSwatini* or Swaziland, *Lutheran Family Service*, all the pastors in *Panama* and *Arthur Rickman, UKANDU*, and *Ysleta* Mission in El Paso.

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

Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son to serve Your people and deliver them from sin and death. Because we long for Your salvation, bring us out of our afflictions.

[*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), 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, Betty Redeker, Nora Sellers (Great niece of Kevin & Laurel Sellers), Rozie Siems (Daughter of Mary Siems), Mark Wilson and Beth Wu (Schuldt's relative)*]

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

Heavenly Father, be with the family and friends of *David Robinson* as they mourn his death. 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.**

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.**

# 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!

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## POINSETTIAS WILL BE THROWN OUT

Please take any remaining flowers home whether or not you purchased them as they will be thrown out this week.

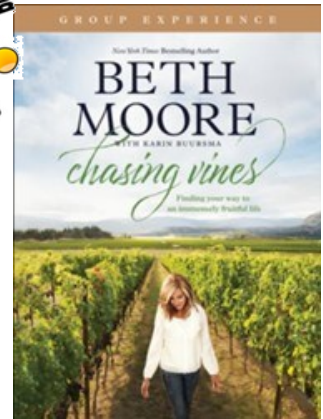
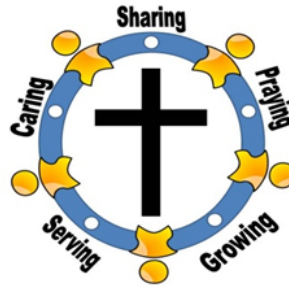


Portals of Prayer for January through March are available on the table in the church office. Pick up your free copy today. Large print copies are also available.

### 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:

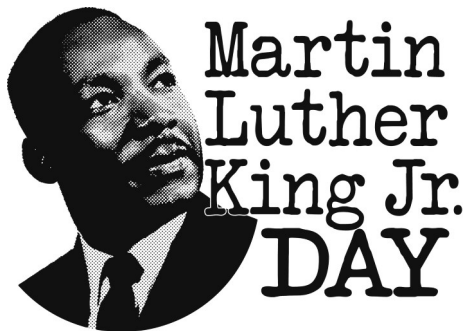
January 11 and 25  
February 8 and 22  
March 8 and 22  
April 5 and 19

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".



**PLEASE HELP  
MORE HANDS AND  
FLAT SHEETS ARE NEEDED**

Please help. The Comfort Tiers are in need of flat sheets to use as backs for comforters. Also, if anyone would like to help make some the finished comforter is 64" wide by 84" long. Comfort Tiers meet on Thursdays at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to come.



**OFFICE CLOSED  
January 17, 2022**

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



**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.





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.



**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)**



**Building Healthy Families:**

Date night...what's that, you say? If you've been married for 1 year or 65 years and think date night is just for those unmarried couples who are still dating, think again! When was the last time you and your spouse went on a date? Take some time for just the two of you to spend together. If you ever need help reconnecting or resolving issues, LFS has experienced counselors who are ready to help.

**Lutheran Family Service -**  
[www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)



**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:  
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**2022 FLOWER CALENDAR**

Get your choice of dates to beautify our church today—the 2022 flower calendar is 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.

## BIRTHDAYS

Sun. 1/9	Kevin Kaufman, Dwain Knock
Mon. 1/10	Tiffany Arthur, Samantha Davis, Roxanne Kasal
Tues. 1/11	Bill Eckhardt Jr., Ryson Stuart, Lynne Thomas
Wed. 1/12	Cole Jackson
Thurs. 1/13	Esmeralda Davis, Molly Krogh, Jill Nemitz, Ryan Young
Fri. 1/14	David Davis Jr., Ryan Freeman, Claire Hartwig, Gary Hotz, Makayla Reese, Joseph Robinson, Richard Sexton, Doris Siemer
Sat. 1/15	Carter Borntreger

## STEWARDSHIP December 31, January 1 & 2

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 1/1—5:30pm	No Service	Contributions	\$6,860.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 1/2—8:00am	59	A Little Farther	\$1,025.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 1/2—10:30am	94	Monthly needs for budget	\$64,902.00
Recorded Services 1/1	***	New Year's Eve Worship Service	67
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	153	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	***

## This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, January 9-16, 2022

<u>Sunday, 1/9</u>		<u>Wednesday continued...</u>	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Midweek	6:45pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Adult Midweek	7:00pm
Worship Service	10:30am		
Undeck the Halls	12:00pm	<u>Thursday, 1/13</u>	
		Comfort-Tiers	9:00am
<u>Monday, 1/10</u>		Lantern Park	10:00am
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Briarwood	4:00pm
Properties Committee	5:30pm	Over Eaters Anonymous	5:00pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Board of Directors	7:00pm
Outreach Committee	6:30pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Chamber Singers	6:30pm		
Mission Committee	7:00pm	<u>Friday, 1/14</u>	
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<u>Tuesday, 1/11</u>			
Women's Beth Moore Bible Study	9:30am	<u>Saturday, 1/15</u>	
Preschool Board Meeting	6:30pm	Worship Service	5:30pm
SM-Small Group /Marcia-Skip	6:30pm		
Al-Anon	7:00pm	<u>Sunday, 1/16</u>	
		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
<u>Wednesday, 1/12</u>		Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
TOPS	8:00am	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am
Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm		

# Preschool Newsletter



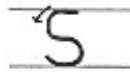
January 3-7, 2022

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

Welcome nighttime question  
Math equation  
What is a nocturnal animal?  
Number recognition  
Opposite song  
Letter Ss  
What is your house number and street you live on?  
Bible Lesson—The wisemen following the star  
Nocturnal animal painting  
Star crafts  
Line leader story  
Sleep time book  
Letter S book  
Fire Drill



## Learning Centers

Nocturnal animal puzzles  
Nocturnal animal name recognition  
Nocturnal animal coloring  
Color letter S  
Color pajamas  
Sleep / night books  
Sensory table stars and cotton balls  
*Christmas gifts to the preschool have been added to the centers.*



## Dates

January 17—No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
February 14/15—Valentines Party in class  
March 1—No School  
March 14-18—No School Spring Break  
April 20/21—Spring Program  
April 22—Conferences, No School  
May 26/27—Last Days of school Celebration and Graduation

## Question for a kid

What gift would you bring to Jesus if you were traveling like the Wisemen?

## Thank You for your Scholastic book order!

Ordering books helps earn the preschool points to order books for our library as well as some room supplies. Ordering online is fast and easy: [scholastic.com/readingclub](http://scholastic.com/readingclub). The Class Activation Code is MQWNQ. Next due date is February 3 & 4, 2022



## Monthly Snack Prayer

**Thank, Thank, Thank You God**  
*(Row, Row, Row Your Boat)*

Thank, thank, thank You God,  
Thank You now we pray,  
You have given all we need,  
To live through everyday.



**Ss** *(To Row, Row, Row Your Boat)*

Sing, sing, sings a song, sing a silly song.  
Singily, jingily, ringily, swingily, won't you sing along?





# Children's Ministry

Birth—5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**UPCOMING SUNDAY  
SCHOOL LESSONS**  
9:20 a.m.—10:15 a.m.

**January 9:**  
Silence before a Son—  
John is Born

**January 16:**  
The Temple Testimonies—  
Jesus' Birth & Presentation

**January 23:**  
His Father's house—  
Jesus in the Temple

**January 30:**  
The Pointing Prophet—  
John Points to Jesus



**Kids Club**  
Preschool (4 year olds) -  
5<sup>th</sup> grade

**Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**  
6:45 pm—8:00 pm  
Toddlin' Room

**Lesson: Nicene Creed**  
*Join us for a lesson about our  
Sanctuary windows, snack, and  
game/craft.*

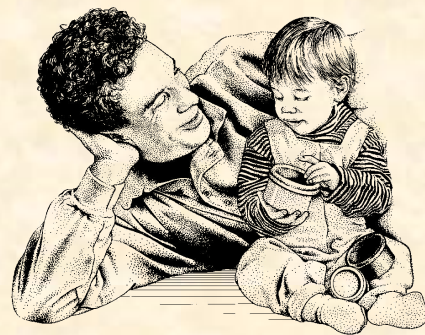
**Teachers:**  
Jonie & Paula



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Kids Club Sunday**  
February 13

**Noisy Offering**  
February 12/13



**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.



# Youth

6<sup>th</sup> — 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

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

## Confirmation (6<sup>th</sup>—8<sup>th</sup> Grades)

Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade—Lecture

Unit 2: God's Grace to His People Israel

Old Testament—Exile

Memory Work Due: "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." Psalm 118:1



### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade—Lecture

The Lord's Prayer

Intro, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Petitions



### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade—Small Group

Unit 2: Apostle's Creed: 3<sup>rd</sup> Article

CONFIRMATION VERSE DUE: January 12

MEASUREMENTS FOR CONFIRMATION ROBES:

Weds, January 12 (during class)



## Confirmation Winter Retreat

Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup> —Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>  
At the Drury Inn, Coralville

For all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation students.  
COST: \$40/student

Earn 10 Confirmation Points by participating.

PARENTS: If you're available to chaperone this overnight event, please email Kara at [youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org](mailto:youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org)

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

DUE:

Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>



## YOUTH Sunday School



RESUMES ON

Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

9:20 am — 10:05 am

Lesson:

Silence Before a Son—John is Born

## High School Midweek Schedule

All high school youth & their friends are welcome

January 12 The Earliest Christian Symbols @ 6:45 pm

January 19 The Cross, the Crucifix and Other Crosses  
@ 6:45 pm

January 26  
College Care Packages "Packing Night"  
@ 6:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall  
with Kids Club



## Family Ski Day

Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>  
8 am — 6 pm  
All ages welcome

\$69/person for lift, rental & lesson (Ages 9+)

Call or text Kara at 319-855-2728  
by Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> to sign up.

NOTE: Children 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger must attend with a parent.



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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.