



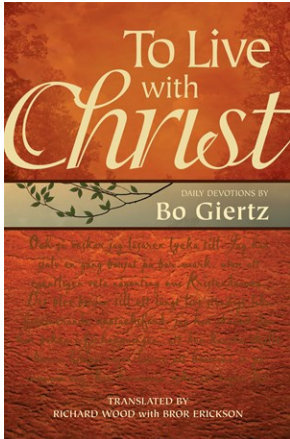
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Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - January 15/16, 2022

~The Second Sunday in Epiphany~



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Upcoming Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
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>



Building Healthy Families: Have you experienced the grief and loss of infertility? Or do you have parenting experience and room in your heart and home for one more child? Would you prayerfully consider adopting a child, possibly one who exists today as a waiting frozen embryo, in need of a forever family? Adoption builds a family through love that transcends genetics, biology and culture. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about domestic, international or embryo adoption invite them to contact Kim Laube at klaube@LutheranFamilyService.org or visit the website at lutheranfamilyservice.org. Adoption workers are available statewide.

Lutheran Family Service - www.LutheranFamilyService.org.

Prayer of the Church/Second Sunday after the Epiphany/January 16, 2022

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

Lord, You manifested Your glory in the sign at Cana. As You restored creation through the shedding of Christ's blood, pour out Your grace in abundance. Give us joy and gladness and a confidence that we abide with Jesus.

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

Lord of glory, You blessed the wedding at Cana with Your presence and honored it with Your first miracle. Strengthen and give Your gladness to all married couples and their families. Be present in our homes and lives with Your free and abundant forgiveness, and preserve us in the true faith from each generation to the next while You abide with us.

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

Lord of glory, You rule this world by Your power. Abide with our civil servants. When they use the authority given them from above, let it be in accord with Your good design for our world, which they are to rebuke for the good of their citizens.

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

Lord of glory, we bring before You the sick, distressed and needy [*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, Benita Carney, 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), **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)]. Give Your abiding comfort in every circumstance, that in Christ we shall not die, but live and declare His works.*

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

Lord of glory, as You manifested Yourself by the sign at Cana, transforming water into wine, so manifest Yourself to us here, transforming bread and wine to be Your very body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, abide with us, and make us fit partakers in repentance and faith.

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

Lord of glory, in life and in death you abide with us. Be with the family and friends of **Shannon Miller** (friend of Gwen Enokian) as they mourn her 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.**

Lord of glory, you tell us to bring to You our concerns. Abide with us, and 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.**



The death of our son came as a surprise, but your outpouring of love and support shouldn't have been surprised by. So many people from our congregational family wrote, called, and visited. Thank you for what you did. Thank you for what you gave. We are thankful for everything.

Our God is a wonderful God.
John and Paula Robinson

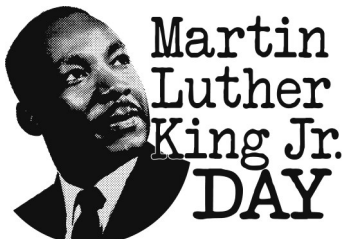
COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

The High School Youth will be preparing College Care Packages again this year. If you know or have a student in college who would like to receive a package, please email their name and college mailing address to Kara at:



youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org

**Deadline to submit names:
Sunday, January 23rd**



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.

Thank you!

A Thank You to all those who made this following possible from the Comfort-tiers.

To the best of our so called bookkeeping, we were able to distribute quilts and kits in 2021 to the following charities:

- Lutheran World Relief-679 quilts, 37 school kits, 4 fabric kits, 51 health kits, 28 baby quilts.
- Orphan Grain Train-82 quilts, 118 baby blankets, 7 pillows, 125 diapers, 10 blankets, 2 boxes clothes.
- Domestic Violence-74 quilts, 23 baby blankets, 7 blankets plus 20 quilts thanks to Beth Benson's group.
- Shelter House-44 quilts, 4 blankets.
- 1 quilt for Vicar
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace-20 quilts thanks to Beth Benson's group.
- House to Home-20 quilts thanks to Beth Benson's group.

Total number of quilts THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS OF FABRIC, SHEETS, LINENS AND DOLLARS- **880** plus Beth's extra **60**! And a special Thank You to Lillian for all her majority of the sewing!

Praise His name forever, for He gives talents and treasures for us to share with the needy!



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)



**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

eunicescheer@outlook.com

Bob Powers
(319) 338-9651

baronvonpowers@gmail.com

Seeking Volunteers to Help

February 6, 2022

Following 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
In Fellowship Hall

Volunteers are needed to help replace the felt tips on all the chairs in Fellowship Hall. **Many hands will make quick work.**

Equipment: bring needle nose pliers to remove the old tips.

Plan to stay after Worship and help out!

Our Redeemer BOWLING Day Sunday, February 13 1:00 pm at Colonial Lanes



Cost: \$2/person --includes bowling, shoe rental, pizza and drink

This fun event is for all ages of our congregation and friends are welcome to join us!

NOTE: Children 5th grade and younger must attend with a parent.

Sign up by Sunday, February 6 using the link below:

<https://forms.gle/fl4inzUW7AVfptPY6>



St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel, our campus ministry at The University of Iowa, presents **Variety! An Evening of Talented Performers and Delectable Desserts**. The event will take place at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2301 E. Court St., Iowa City, on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM). All proceeds go to our yearly LCMSU teaching weekend (Theologian in Residence) and for future servant event trips.

Tickets are:

Adults - \$10

Students and Children - \$7

2 and under – Free

Tickets are available at St Paul's Chapel. You may reserve your tickets and pick them up the night of the show by sending an email to:

stpaulschapel.iowacity@gmail.com

subject line VARIETY!

In the email please indicate the number of tickets you need. Tickets will also be available at the door. Please note: Advance ticket sales and reservations are most appreciated and will help assure ample desserts and seating.

Many thanks!



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.

BIRTHDAYS

Sun. 1/16	Raymond Boyum, Jim Mickelson, Ursula Teggatz
Mon. 1/17	Nyle Kruse, Emily Robinson, Madeline Robinson, Myranda Robison
Tues. 1/18	Kameron Eldridge, Kahlan Eldridge, George Norenberg, Warner Stoll
Wed. 1/19	Paula Robinson, Ronald Westfall
Thurs. 1/20	Audrey Peterson
Fri. 1/21	Henry Diggelmann, Jackson Rosenberg, Kaela Stuart-Parrigon
Sat. 1/22	Vicki Fobain, Stacey Miller

STEWARDSHIP January 8/9

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 1/8—5:30pm	27	Contributions	\$8,708.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 1/9—8:00am	74	A Little Farther	\$353.33
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 1/9—10:30am	107	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Recorded Services 1/8	0		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	205	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	34/54

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, January 16-23, 2022

<u>Sunday, 1/16</u>		<u>Wednesday continued...</u>	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Adult Midweek	7:00pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am		
Worship Service	10:30am	<u>Thursday, 1/20</u>	
		Comfort-Tiers	9:00am
<u>Monday, 1/17-Office Closed</u>		Over Eaters Anonymous	5:00pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	SM-Large Group	6:45pm
Chamber Singers	6:30pm	Women's Bible Study	7:00pm
Hammer of God Book Club	7:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
<u>Tuesday, 1/18</u>		<u>Friday, 1/21</u>	
SM-Training	6:45pm	****	
Al-Anon	7:00pm		
Assimilation	7:00pm	<u>Saturday, 1/22</u>	
		Men's Bible Study	8:00am
<u>Wednesday, 1/19</u>		Worship Service	5:30pm
TOPS	8:00am		
Bible Study	11:00am	<u>Sunday, 1/23</u>	
Lunch Bunch	12:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
Windmill Manor	2:00pm	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am
Midweek	6:45pm	District 13	2:30pm



Preschool Newsletter



January 10-14, 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

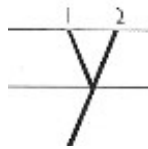
Our Redeemer Preschool where children play, learn, and grow in Jesus!

This Week

- Welcome snowman question
- Math equation
- Number 4 four
- Opposite song
- Letter Yy
- What is your house number and street you live on?
- Bible Lesson—Jesus as a young boy
- Snowman painting
- Snowman name craft
- Line leader story
- Snowman books
- Letter Y book
- Fire Drill



Little line
Big line



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



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. The Class Activation Code is MQWVWQ. Next due date is February 3 & 4, 2022



Yy (To If You're Happy and You Know It)

If you think that yams are yummy yell out, "Yes!"
 If you think that yams are yummy, yell out, "Yes!"
 If you think that yams are yummy, yell out, "Yes!" and rub your tummy. If you think that yams are yummy, yell out, "Yes!"



Do You Want to Build a Snowman?

	Roll 1 Body	Roll 2 Face	Roll 3 Arms	Roll 4 Hat	Roll 5 Scarf
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Fat old five goes down and around. Put a flag on the top and see what you have found.



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



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

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) -
5th grade

Wednesday, January 19th
6:45 pm—8:00 pm
Toddlin' Room

Lesson: The Holy Spirit Window
*Join us for a lesson about our
Sanctuary windows, snack, and
game/craft.*

Teachers:
Jonie & Vicar



SAVE THE DATE!

Kids Club Sunday
February 13

Noisy Offering
February 12/13

Our Redeemer BOWLING Day
Sunday, February 13
1:00 pm at Colonial Lanes



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Youth

6th —12th Grade

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

Confirmation (6th—8th Grades)

Wednesday, January 19th at 6:45pm

6th Grade—Small Group

Old Testament: *Homecoming*

7th Grade—Small Group

The Lord's Prayer

Intro, 1st and 2nd Petitions

8th Grade—Lecture

The Apostle's Creed—3rd Article

YOUTH Sunday School

Confirmation—Room 208

High School—Youth Room



Sunday, January 16th

9:20 am —10:05 am

LESSON: The Temple Testimonies—Jesus' Birth and Presentation

High School Midweek

All high school youth & their friends are welcome

Wednesday, January 19th

6:45 pm

Youth Room

The Cross, the Crucifix and Other Crosses

Be ready to draw as we find out more about Christian symbols, including crosses and crucifixes.



Confirmation Winter Retreat

Friday, February 4th —Saturday, February 5th

At the Drury Inn, Coralville

For all 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Confirmation students.

COST: \$40/student

Earn 10 Confirmation Points by participating.

Parent chaperones are needed to host this event at the hotel. If we don't have enough chaperones, the event will be held at church.

No charge for parent chaperones.

REGISTER ONLINE at:

<https://forms.gle/BpmnLfWadkBpiPW7>

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT DUE:

Wednesday, January 26th

College Care Packages "Packing Night"

Wednesday, January 26th

6:45 pm

Fellowship Hall

*High School Youth and Kids Club
service project*



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.