



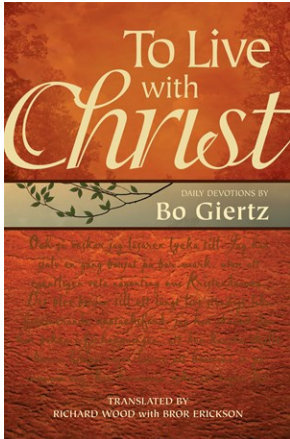
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Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - January 22/23, 2022

~The Third Sunday after the Epiphany/Sanctity of Life~



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Upcoming Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
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>



During worship services on January 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.



This Sunday's coffee and snacks are being provided by Lutherans for Life here at Our Redeemer in between early service and Sunday School. Come join us for a little fellowship before heading off to Bible Class and Sunday School.

Prayer of the Church/Third Sunday after the Epiphany-Sanctity of Life/January 23, 2022

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

Lord God of Zion, we give You thanks that You have arisen to show pity to our fallen world, setting us free from our sin and death. In Christ, the appointed time of favor has come for all people. Cause Your name to be declared among all peoples, that Your grace may not be rejected in our time, but received with delight in every place.

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

Holy Father, You have arranged us as members of one body in Christ Jesus. Free us from jealousy or contempt toward our fellow Christians. Lead us to bestow honor on our weaker brothers, to suffer and rejoice together, and to serve in harmony as those baptized in one Spirit.

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

Heavenly Father, bless all families and homes, that one generation may tell to the next the wonderful works of God in Christ.

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

O God, give wisdom and courage to all who govern our communities and country, that they may lead well, following Your will rather than man's whims. Grant us willingness to support them with our prayers and encouragement.

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

Gracious and compassionate Lord, comfort those who mourn and mend the bodies and uplift the spirits of all in need. *[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, Emee 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)].*

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

O Lord, you have sanctified all human life by sending your Son to take on our flesh. Give us courage to support, encourage, and pray for all those who seek the betterment of human life in both the born and unborn.

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

Most merciful Father, grant repentant hearts to those who have harmed and taken the lives of others. That they might look to the death of your beloved Son and trust in your mercy that overcomes all sin and brings life and resurrection.

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

Lord, you tell us to bring to You our concerns. Have mercy and hear 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.**

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**



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)



Did You Know: Depression is associated with many things, but a weak faith is not one of them. Martin Luther himself struggled with depression as did many other church leaders.

If you are feeling depressed, don't suffer alone. Luther had the right idea five hundred years ago when he wrote, "Solitude produces melancholy. When we are alone the worst and saddest things come to mind. We reflect in detail upon all sorts of evils. And if we have encountered adversity in our lives, we dwell upon it as much as possible, magnify it, think that no one is so unhappy as we are, and imagine the worse possible consequences." You don't have to suffer alone – call Lutheran Family Service!

Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org.



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 Coblentz'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.

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.

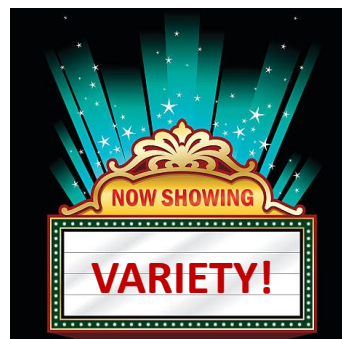
Sign up by Sunday, February 6 using the link below:

<https://forms.gle/fl4inzUW7AVfptPY6>



DONATE HERE!

The Human Care Committee will be collecting peanut butter and jelly February 1 through March 1 **THANK YOU FOR CONTRIBUTING!** Watch for the bin to come out by the Welcome Counter.



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
&
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. 1/23	Michael Kopf, Mildred Krogh
Mon. 1/24	Jean Graves, Shari Sorensen
Tues. 1/25	Cynthia Fruendt, Andrew Huedepohl, Robyn Rasmussen
Wed. 1/26	Norvin Coblentz, Jane DuVall, Michelle Johnston, Sharon Lake
Thurs. 1/27	Rebecca Bell, Denise Johnson
Fri. 1/28	Kelly Baker, James Brachtel, Marge Lemke, Julie Piegors
Sat. 1/29	Erica McDowell-Sexton, Miranda Moore, Andrae Naraine, Arlan Thompson, Brodie Woods

STEWARDSHIP January 15/16

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 1/15—5:30pm	46	Contributions	\$8,620.78
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 1/16—8:00am	101	A Little Farther	\$1,185.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 1/16—10:30am	133	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Recorded Services 1/15	20		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	300	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	25/78

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, January 23-30, 2022

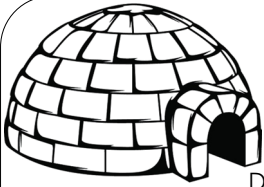
<u>Sunday, 1/23</u>		<u>Wednesday continued...</u>	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Midweek	6:45pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Adult Midweek	7:00pm
Worship Service	10:30am		
District 13	2:30pm	<u>Thursday, 1/27</u>	
		Comfort-Tiers	9:00am
<u>Monday, 1/24</u>		Over Eaters Anonymous	5:00pm
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Christ in Film	6:00pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Children's Committee Meeting	6:00pm		
Chamber Singers	6:30pm	<u>Friday, 1/28</u>	

<u>Tuesday, 1/25</u>			
Women's Beth Moore Study	9:30am	<u>Saturday, 1/29</u>	
SM-Training	6:45pm	Worship -In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
Al-Anon	7:00pm		
		<u>Sunday, 1/30</u>	
<u>Wednesday, 1/26</u>		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
TOPS	8:00am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
Emerson Point	2:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am
Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm	Not So Newly wed Game	12:00pm

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.



Preschool Newsletter



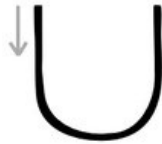
January 17-21, 2022

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 igloo question
Math equation
We Take Turns song
Snowman chant
Letter Uu
What is your house number
and street you live on?
Bible Lesson—Jairus's daughter
is healed
Librarian visit T/W
Line leader book on TH/F
Letter U book



Big line
Turn
Big line

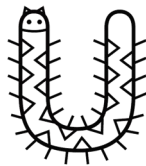


Winter Week

2 igloos in class
Igloo craft
Snowflake craft
Penguin books

Dates

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



All can order and bring books to preschool!

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 MQWNNQ. Next due date is February 3 & 4, 2022



Question for a Kid

Would you want to build an igloo with your parents? Why?

Uu (To The Eensy Weensy Spider)

My uncle's ukulele goes unka, plunka, doo. Each night he strums it underneath the moon. Unka, plunka, plunka, doo ... I hear Uncle's happy tune floating upstairs to my room.



I'm a little snowman, short and fat.
Here are buttons, here is my hat.
When the sun comes out I cannot play.
I just slowly melt away.

Some Igloo Facts

- The igloo or iglu is the traditional shelter of Inuit living in the far northern regions. They are built of blocks of snow in a circular form in which the walls curve inward toward the top to form a snow vault in which the arched ceiling is self-supporting.
- A skilled igloo maker can build one in 30 minutes.
- The **Inuit**, better known to many as Eskimos, invented the igloo centuries ago.
- The best snow to use is wind packed snow.
- Some igloos can have windows built from a block of ice.
- An igloo could be any size, but normally, they are built just big enough for the family.
- A properly built igloo can withstand hurricane force wind on the open snow.



YouTube Video in Class

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-x5QOSqP3E>



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



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

January 23:
His Father's house-
Boy Jesus in the Temple

January 30:
The Pointing Prophet-
John Points to Jesus

February 6:
A Temple Cleansing-
Jesus Clears the Temple

January 13:
The Born-Again Truth-
Jesus Teaches Nicodemus



Kids Club
Preschool (4 year olds) -
5th grade

Wednesday, January 26th
6:45 pm—8:00 pm
Toddlin' Room

**Lesson: Service Activity~
College Care Packages**
*Join the high school in the
Fellowship Hall*

Activity Leader:
Kara Hartwig



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



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!

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Sign up here:

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Youth

6th —12th Grade

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

Confirmation (6th—8th Grades)

Wednesday, January 26th at 6:45pm

6th Grade—Lecture

Old Testament: *Homecoming of God's People*

7th Grade—Lecture

THE LORD'S PRAYER

3rd Petition: *Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

4th Petition: *Give us this day our daily bread.*

5th Petition: *And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.*



8th Grade—Small Group

EXAM REVIEW

The Apostle's Creed



YOUTH Sunday School

Confirmation—Room 208

High School—Youth Room



Sunday, January 23rd

9:20 am —10:15 am

LESSON: *His Father's House-Boy Jesus in the Temple*

High School Midweek

All high school youth & their friends are welcome

College Care Packages "Packing Night"

Wednesday, January 26th

6:45 pm

Fellowship Hall

High School Youth and Kids Club service project



WINTER Retreat

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/BpmlLfWadkBpiPW7>

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT DUE:

Wednesday, January 26th



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.