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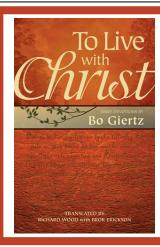
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Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - April 9/10 2022

~Palm Sunday/Holy Weeek~



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Upcoming Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
April 10	Luke 10:38-42	A Welcome Truth—Mary and Martha
April 17	Easter	No Classes/See Children's Ministry Page for Information

Adult Bible Class

Date	Topic		
March 6-April 10	Theology of the Cross		
April 24-May 8; May 29	The Philippians: To Live is Christ. To Die is Gain.		
May 22	Sunday School Celebration		



PRAYER
WALK
Wednesday
April 13
11:00am-7:00pm
Fellowship Hall

Lent is a time of reflection. Join us for a time of focused prayer. In small groups or individually, journey from prayer station to prayer station focusing on the life and death of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Prayer Walk is specifically placed on the Wednesday of Passion Week.



Dear members of ORLC, thank you for your kind and warm welcome and hospitality to our family and I as we returned to celebrate the 65th anniversary of ORLC last weekend, (April 2-3). It was a joy to preach the Gospel to you and reflect, recall, and reunite with you bringing back wonderful memories of years of blessed ministry with you and with Pastor and Carol Zimmermann and the entire ORLC staff and family. It was a joy to serve with and meet the current staff and the fruitful ministry that you carry forward. Until we meet again, may God lead us to "Keep on Keeping on and I thank God every time I remember you in all of my prayers." God bless, Pastor Kurt, Lisa, and Michelle, Evangeline (Eckhoff) and Kyle and Kaitlynn Mews.

Prayer of the Church/Palm Sunday/April 10, 2022

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

Heavenly Father, Christ, our Lord, did not count His equality with You something to be grasped, but humbled Himself. Grant us a mind like His to spurn all worldly equality and, humbling ourselves, to find Your greater portion in the life of the world to come.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, Your Son humbled Himself to the point of death, even death on a cross. Fix the faith of Your Church fast upon His death for our salvation, enrich the proclamation of this Gospel, and enliven our hearts to live out this faith until Christ comes again in glory.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, You sacrificed Your own Son on the cross, that we all would be called Your children. Increase the faith of all Christian fathers, that they would receive Jesus and His sacrifice for them, and so be enlivened to sacrificial love for their children.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, Your Son entered into Jerusalem as the true ruler, poised to lay down His life for His people. Grant that same mind to those in authority over us, that they would discharge their duty even to the least among us, and so receive Your commendation. We especially pray for the authorities and leaders in Ukraine and Russia.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, Your Son, Jesus, came to deliver His people from all evil. Take away the fear of all who suffer in this world [We especially pray for Theodore Alderman, Pete Berry (friend of Myrl and Denise Holida), Dorothy Blume (Carol Schuldt's sister), Ernest Bowman, Joanne Bowman, David Caplin (Lillian Moyer's son-in-law), Susan Carlson, Benita Carney, Mary Coblentz, Jody Cole (Charles Calef's friend), Hank Diggelmann (Son of Henry & Linda Diggelmann), Emee Elkeurti, Debra Fuhrmeister, Bryan Grafft, Dylan Hahn (Grandson of Bruce & Grace Maurer), Emma Haugen (Friend of Gwen Enokian), Gabe Hundley (grandson of Karen Abernathy), Dora Jacobson (granddaughter of George and Carol Schuldt), David Jones (Lonne Loney's uncle), David Johnson, Brad Koelper (Donna Saehler's nephew), Mike Kopf, Joanne Leeper (mother of Cathleen Loney), Cathleen Loney, Norma Miller (Twyla Freeman's aunt), Barb Nace (Doris Siemer's niece), Bob Nace, Deloris Nace, Chad Pence, Carter Roth (Grandson of Steven and Susan Scott), Nora Sellers (Great niece of Kevin & Laurel Sellers), Rozie Siems (Daughter of Mary Siems), Reece Ullerich, Mark Wilson and Beth Wu (Schuldt's relative)] As they await the fullness of their salvation, fix their eyes upon their crucified Savior.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, Your Son humbly rode into Jerusalem to the shouts of "Hosanna!" so that He might give us righteousness and salvation by His death and resurrection. Mercifully grant that we would repent of our sins and rejoice in His presence as He visits us this day.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, discern our needs and listen to our silent prayers

[Pause for a moment of 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.**



LUTHERAN WITNESS

subscriptions will need to be in by Monday, April 11. If you wish to continue your subscription or add a new one, stop by the office and talk to Lorrie to check or add your address and drop off a check in the amount of \$15.96 made out to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and in the memo line please put Lutheran Witness Subscription.



The Iowa District East Convention will be held June 24th and 25th at the Marriott in Cedar Rapids. We are looking for a Lay Delegate from Our Redeemer to attend. If you would be interested in serving as our Lay Delegate please contact Arlan Thompson at: 319-338-2938 or email him at arlanmarlene@yahoo.com

BIRTHDAYS

Sun. 4/10 Ellis Dyson, Emily Worden Mon. 4/11 Sloane Miller, Brian Morrison

Tues. 4/12 Mara Caylor, Morgan Kimball, Kevin Rauch

Wed. 4/13 Eva Richardson, Paige Rocca, Laurel Sellers, Karen Wright

Thurs. 4/14 Brenda Johnson

Fri. 4/15 Craig Fobian, Marc Knottnerus, Bob Lake

Sat. 4/16 Josiah Coblentz, John Walters

STEWARDSHIP April 2/3

TIME TREASURES			
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 4/2—5:30pm	50	Contributions	\$26,111.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 4/3—8:00am	137	A Little Farther	\$2,290.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 4/3—10:30am	167	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Recorded Services 4/21	32	Lenten Worship 3/30	124
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	386	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	57/32

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, April 10-17, 2022

Sunday, 4/10—Palm Sunday		Thursday, 4/14-Maundy Thursday	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Lantern Park	10:00am
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Maundy Thursday Service	1:00pm
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am	Briarwood	4:00pm
		Over Eaters Anonymous	5:00pm
<u>Monday, 4/11</u>		Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service	7:00pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Old Capitol Quilters	6:00pm		
Chamber Singers	6:30pm	Friday, 4/15-Good Friday	
Outreach Committee	6:30pm	Kiwanis Prayer Breakfast	6:30am
		Good Friday Service	1:00pm
<u>Tuesday, 4/12</u>		Good Friday Service	7:00pm
Prayer Walk Preparation	7:00am		
Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm	<u>Saturday, 4/16</u>	
SM-Small Group/Marcia-Skip	6:30pm	Setup for Easter Breakfast	8:00am
SM-Training	6:45pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
Al-Anon	7:00pm		
		Sunday, 4/17-Easter	
Wednesday, 4/13		Easter Worship-In Person/Live Stream	7:30am
		Easter Breakfast	8:30am
Prayer Walk	11:00am	Easter Egg Hunt	8:45am
Midweek	7:00pm	Easter Worship-In Person/Live Stream	9:00am
		Easter Egg Hunt	10:00am
		Easter Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am

Holy Week Palm Sunday—April 10 Services 8:00am & 10:30am **Sunday School &** Adult Bible Class 9:20am Prayer Walk—April 13 11:00am-7:00pm Maundy Thursday—April 14 Services 1:00pm & 7:00pm Good Friday—April 15 **Kiwanis Prayer Breakfast 6:00am** Services 1:00pm & 7:00pm Saturday Worship—April 16 Service 5:30pm Easter Sunday—April 17 Service 7:30am, 9:00am & 10:30am Easter Egg Hunts 8:45am & 10:00am Easter Breakfast 8:30am

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR EASTER BREAKFAST

The youth provide Easter Breakfast at 8:30 am on Easter morning, April 17th. Please help them out by furnishing some of the ingredients! Sign up sheets are by the nametags in the Narthex.

Thanks for your support!



He Is Risen!





LWML Cedar Rapids Zone Spring Event

"The Salvation We Share" will be the theme at the LWML Cedar Rapids Zone Spring Event at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1363 1st Ave. S.W., Cedar Rapids, on April 9. Ladies, you will be informed and inspired hearing about the kingdom work in Liberia. Rev. Gary Sears of Trinity Lutheran Church, Conroy is actively involved in teaching and training pastors for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Liberia. He will also speak about a feeding program called "Daily Bread" for children of New Hope Academy, Paynesville, Liberia. Registration will begin at 8:30am followed by the event at 9:00am with brunch. The ingathering will be directed to Bridgehaven Pregnancy Support Agency and Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. RSVP your group president/contact person today. Sign up sheet located on the LWML table in the lower level, across from the kitchen.

Iowa District East LLL Convention Saturday, April 9

Are you up for the challenge to make a difference right where you live? Come discover the gifts of your neighborhood in learning more about the vocation of a Christian neighbor. Join us at the Iowa District East LLL Convention on Saturday, April 9 at Camp Io-Dis-E-CA, 3271 Sandy Beach Rd. NE, Solon, IA..

The featured guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of **The Lutheran Hour**[®]. Rev. Dr. Zeigler will share information on the LHM Better Together resources and provide updates on ministry through lowa District East LLL international partner in Kazakhstan.

Doors open at 9:00 a.m. with the convention beginning at 10:00 a.m. and concluding at 4:00 p.m. Directions to Camp Io-Dis-E-CA: Take I-380 until Exit 10 (Swisher, Shueyville) and head east on 120th St. until stop sign. Turn right onto NE Curtis Bridge Rd., and follow it until Sandy Beach Rd. Turn left onto Sandy Beach Rd and follow it to the Camp. Watch for Camp signs.

Cost at the door is \$17.00. For more information contact: Allen Schmid, IDE LLL District President by phone: 563-249-3039 or by email: allenschmid@hotmail.com.

Flower Donation

Once again, please shop for any type of beautiful, open-blossom, potted Easter (spring) plants (Easter Lilies, Asters, Mums, Aztec Lilies, Daffodils, Tulips, Begonia, etc.) and purchase them. Drop them off at church in the Board Room during Holy Week. We will need them at church by the end of Good Friday, April 15. Please mark your name on the bottom of the potted plant or place a labelled ice cream stick in the plant so you can take them back home after late service on Easter Sunday. Please try to not leave them at Easter Flowers church too long ahead or after Easter Sunday to minimize the chance of having droopy, bedraggled flowers. The more plants, the more beauty. Thanks in advance for helping

beautify the sanctuary in celebration of our risen Lord.



It's that time again when we think of those who are dear to us near and far. The LWML Card Shop would like to help you share your greetings. We have a new shipment of Easter and Confirmation cards now on display downstairs. So get your list ready and start shopping! Remember the black mailbox to the left of the racks is for payment. The cards are \$.50 each and \$5.50 for a box.



Did You Know: Holy Week is perhaps the most important week of the year for Christians, but it can be somewhat of a confusing time for young children. Don't assume they know what you know (i.e., "What does Maundy mean?" "Why ashes on Ash Wednesday"?) During the week, take time to read John 18-19 with them and be ready to answer questions they may have. Take them to church services with you during Holy Week. Conclude with a reading of John 14: 1-3 and remind them that Holy Week may be dark and sad, but it's not the end - only the beginning of the story! **Lutheran Family Service** - www.LutheranFamilyService.org.



HELP WANTED!!

Need vehicles and drivers

LWML needs drivers on Saturday, April 23. LWML is holding their Tasting Bee that Day, but that day is also the day for Lutheran World Relief pickup at Trinity in Cedar Rapids. There will be people on both ends to help load/offload your vehicle. Loading starts at 7:30 am and drivers are usually back before 10 am. If you have a van or SUV and would be willing to make a trip to Cedar Rapids that morning, please contact Laurel Sellers at consultant@ourredeemer.com or 319-338-5626 extension 21 or Sandy Wagner at packratsandy@yahoo.com or call 319-594-5928.



POPCORN PROVIDED

Come join us April 28, at 6:00pm, in the Fellowship Hall, for the Christ in Film series. The upcoming "feature" will be "Simon Birch" Rated (PG)





It is that time of the year where grass starts growing. We are looking for a few more people willing and able to help us out. Usually it is mowing once a month through the growing season. We have two riders and push mowers for trimming. Volunteers save the congregation approximately \$5000 a year in professional mowing fees. If interested or have questions, call Rick Gienapp at 319-331-7425.

Our Redeemer Preschool

For children ages 3-5 years and are potty trained

Open House

May 10, 2022 5:30pm-6:30pm



- Meet the staff
- ▼ Explore our classroom
- ♥ Create a craft
- ▼ Ask questions
- ♥ Enroll your child

Ask about our 5 days, 3 days, 2 days, and extended care options.



Email: preschool@ourredeemer.org www.http://ourredeemer.org/preschool/ 2301 East Court Street, Iowa City 52245

(319)338-3949



We are FINALLY going to be able to have LWML's 25th Tasting Bee after having to cancel it the past two years due to COVID. **Please come and help us celebrate on Saturday, April 23, 2022**. The theme for the Tasting Bee is: "25 Years of Tasting Bee Memories". We would love to have our Table Decorators pick your favorite theme from any of the past Tasting Bees, which are listed below. We will also have a list of past Tasting Bee's at our sign-up table.

We will need to wear a mask and a glove when taking our "teaspoon" of food from the food line—otherwise masks are optional. Please purchase your tickets on Sunday, 4/3/22 or 4/10/22. The last day to submit recipes is Sunday, 4/10/22.

1994 - Blooming Baskets

1995 - Shop-N-Go

1996 - A Burst of Spring

1997 - Tea Party and More

No Tasting Bee in 1998 - Church kitchen remodeled

1999 - Circle of Friends

2000 - Rainbow of Promises

2001 - Easter Blossoms

2002 - Seasons of Celebrations

2003 - Family Treasures

2004 - Anniversary Waltz

2005 - A Few of My Favorite Things

2006 - In the Garden of Life

No Tasting Bee in 2007 - Church's 50th Anniversary Year

2008 - I Remember When

2009 - Patchwork of Love

2010 - Tied to Mother's Apron Strings

2011 - Put On Your Shoes and Walk With Me

2012 - Oh, The Places We Can Go

2013 - Cinema Time

2014 - Hands to Hobby, Heart to God

2015 - A Walk Down Memory Lane

2016 - My Bucket List

2017 - Good Food, Good Friends, Good Times

2018 - Music and Memories

2019 - My Favorite Quote

No Tasting Bee in 2020 - Cancelled due to COVID

No Tasting Bee in 2021 - Held as cookbook fundraiser only, not in person due to COVID

2022 – 25 Years of Tasting Bee Memories

Please consider attending the Tasting Bee for "just a taste" of what all the good cooks in our church bring. Tickets are \$10 each. Tables will be set up in the Narthex to sign up if you would like to decorate a table, bring a dish/share that recipe for the cookbook, or to help in the kitchen. Please email all recipes for the cookbook to packratsandy@yahoo.com

Tasting Bee Timeline

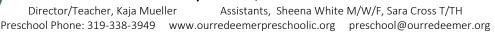
3/13—until sold- Tickets will be available to purchase; the waiting list will be started

3/27 - 4/10 - Extra tickets will be available

If you have any questions, please contact one of us on the Tasting Bee Committee: Jennifer Kooker, Donna Saehler, Sandy Wagner & Lynne Westphal

Preschool Newsletter

April 4-8, 2022



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



Preschool Around the World

Welcome travel question
Classroom rules
Globe talk
Exploring a map
Seven Continents song
Bible lesson—The Last Supper
Books from around the world
World language books
Modeling air dry clay

Teacher Time

Various assessments—numbers, shapes, letters

Question For A Kid

If you could travel somewhere, where would it be? Why?



Preschool Lawn Signs

Our Redeemer Preschool

2301 East Court St. lowa City (319) 338-3949

As you leave preschool, there will be lawn signs for you to take home by the door. Place it where others can see it on your lawn. We want to share Our Redeemer Preschool with

everyone. We still have openings in our classes for next year, so spread the word!

Seven Continents Song

There are seven, there are seven, continents, continents. Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America, Australia, Antarctica.

Ho, Ho, Ho, Hosanna Song

Ho, ho, ho, Hosanna. Ha, ha, hallelujah.

He, He, He saves me,

I've got the joy of the Lord.





Ready to Spell

Let your child help you spell. While making a grocery list, you might say, "What letter does milk start with?" Say each letter as you write it, then say each word as you finish it. ("M-i-l-k. Milk.")

After your child draws a picture, suggest s/he write about it. Help him think about which letters to write: "I like your dragon. Can you write any letters in the word dragon?" Whether he spells it correctly or not, he can read his writing to you.



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



Preschool-5th Grade

9:20 a.m.—10:15 a.m.
Invite your friends
and come learn
about Jesus!



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

April 10 A Welcome Truth— Mary and Martha

April 17 Easter Sunday—

Worship: 7:30/9:00/10:30

Easter Egg Hunts

8:45 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast

8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

April 24 Lost-and-Found Wonders— Jesus Seeks the Lost

EASTER EGG HUNTS

Sunday, April 17th 8:45 am and 10:00 am

We will be holding the Easter Egg Hunt at two times on Easter Sunday.

ALL children 5th grade and younger are invited to join us for one of the Easter Egg hunts.

Please meet outside on the grassy hill by the West door.

In case of rain, we will meet inside.



Kids Club

Preschool (4 year olds) - 5th grade

Wednesday, April 13th 6:45 pm—8:00 pm

Prayer Walk & Parents Night

Teachers: Jonie & Tracy

Parents are invited to join us!

We will start with an opening in the Toddlin' Room, have time to go through the Prayer Walk, make an Easter snack, and play a game.





6th —12th Grade

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



Youth Sunday School

9:20 am—10:15 am Confirmation—Room 208 High School—Youth Room

April 10 A Welcome Truth— Mary and Martha

EASTER— April 17
No Sunday School
Help With Easter Breakfast

Equipping disciples through hearing God's Word in Sunday School.



Confirmation (6th, 7th, and 8th Grades)

Wednesday, April 13^h at 6:45 pm

6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Students & Small Group Leaders

6:45 pm Meet in the Youth Room

Group Lesson with Pastor Prayer Walk following Group

Lesson

8 pm Class ends

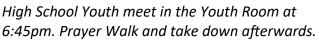
There is no Lenten meal or worship service on Wednesday, April 13th so class begins at 6:45pm.

Save these dates...

Prayer Walk*

Wednesday, April 13th

6:45—9:00 pm



*Earn Silver Cord hours

Set up for Easter Breakfast*

Saturday, April 16th 8:00 am—12:00 pm

All High School Youth and their families prepare the food and set up & decorate the Fellowship Hall for the next day.

*Earn Silver Cord hours

Help with Easter Breakfast*

Sunday, April 17th

7:30 am—12:00 pm



All High School Youth and their families help with the Easter Breakfast. They cook the food, serve the food, bus tables, run the dishwasher, etc.

*Earn Silver Cord hours

Go to SignUp Genius if you can help...

<u>https://www.signupgenius.com/</u> go/30E0C4FA8A62AA2FA7-easter



LCMS Youth Gathering

In July, Our Redeemer will take a group to the LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas.

For those youth registered, payment dates are:
April 15 Payment #2 \$100.00
May 15 Payment #3 \$100.00

Please make checks payable to "Our Redeemer" with "NYG" on the memo line and put in Kara's church mailbox.

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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.