

Reflections

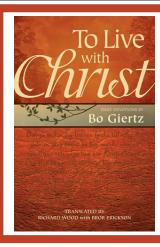


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Weekly Newsletter - April 16/17 2022

~Easter—The Resurrection of Our Lord~



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Upcoming Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
April 17	Easter	No Classes/See Children's Ministry Page for Information

Adult Bible Class

Date	Topic
April 24-May 8; May 29	The Philippians: To Live is Christ. To Die is Gain.
May 22	Sunday School Celebration



Next LWML Meeting, Monday, April 18, 7 pm

Join us for our next LWML meeting this Monday at 7 pm. What do you know about Pontius Pilate? Come find out if there is more to his story! We may be preparing boxes for World Relief and arranging table and chairs for Tasting Bee. We will have a short business meeting, Easter trivia if there is time, and lots of good fellowship and topping the night off with refreshments served by Sandy Wagner, Lynne Westphal, and Brenda Johnson. We will see you Monday night.

JOIN US FOR EASTER BREAKFAST!!

The high school youth are hosting Easter Breakfast from 8:30 am until 10:30 am on Easter morning, April 17th in the Fellowship Hall.



Prayer of the Church/Easter—The Resurrection of Our Lord/April 17, 2022

Let us pray to our risen Lord and savior Jesus Christ who lives now and forevermore.

O risen Savior, set free our tongues to confess Your resurrection before a world still captive to sin and death. Give us courage to go to every place and to speak in every language the salvation won for us upon the cross and the hope granted to us of life that death cannot overcome.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

O risen Savior, let Your people hold fast to the Word that is preached to them, that receiving it with joy they may take their stand in it and be saved by it. Hinder all those who would sow doubt in their hearts about it, and grant Your people courage to confess its truth in their daily lives.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

O risen Savior, hear us on behalf of those who cry to You in any need, especially the sick, the suffering, the disabled, the wounded in spirit, those who suffer mental illness and those in their last days on earth [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, 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)] Give them grace according to their need, and sustain them in their afflictions to the day when their sufferings will be exchanged for glory in the life to come.

O risen Savior, hear our silent prayers...

[We 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.**

BIRTHDAYS				
Sun. 4/17	Lucy Mueller, Eva Spiekermeier, Laurie Wahlert			
Mon. 4/18	Aaron Fobain, Kenley Murken, Christian Pinnell, Rita Richerson, Janice Schafer, Shayla Servantez, Sandy Wagner			
Tues. 4/19	Lindsay Anderson, Shonna Becker, Jace Dyson, Brynn O'Shea, Sheila Pinnell, Joseph Simmons			
Wed. 4/20	Reece Caven, Dianne Clark, Dean Hargens, Wallen Jackson, Charles Trimpe			
Thurs. 4/21	Madelyn Bell, Martha VanKirk, Bryce West, Drew West			
Fri. 4/22	Barbara Greene, Dana Novotny, Mary Redlin			
Sat. 4/23	Gregory Bell, Rebeckah Hosier, Rory James, Julia Kimball, Shirley Stutzman			

STEWARDSHIP April 9/10			
TIME TREASURES			
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 4/9—5:30pm	65	Contributions	\$7,917.33.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 4/10—8:00am	114	A Little Farther	\$260.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 4/10—10:30am	132	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Recorded Services 4/9	16	Lenten Worship 4/6	123
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	327	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	54/30

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, April 17-24, 2022

Sunday, 4/17-Easter		Wednesday continued	
Easter Worship-In Person/Live Stream	7:30am	Bible Study	11:00am
Easter Breakfast	8:30am	Lunch Bunch	12:00pm
Easter Egg Hunt	8:45am	Windmill Manor	2:00pm
Easter Worship-In Person/Live Stream	9:00am	Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Easter Egg Hunt	10:00am	Midweek	6:45pm
Easter Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am	Adult Midweek	7:00pm
		Spring Confirmation Retreat Parent Meeting	8:00pm
Monday, 4/18-Easter Monday			
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	<u>Thursday, 4/21</u>	
Children's Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Over Eaters Anonymous	5:00pm
Chamber Singers	6:30pm	Assimilation	6:45pm
LWML	7:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Children's Ministry	7:00pm		
		<u>Friday, 4/22</u>	
<u>Tuesday, 4/19</u>		Spring Confirmation Trip	
Women's Beth Moore	9:30am		
Solon Nursing Home	9:30am	Saturday, 4/23	
Staff Planning Session	1:00pm	LWML Tasting Bee	11:00am
SM-Training	6:45pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
Al-Anon	7:00pm		
Assimilation	7:00pm	<u>Sunday, 4/24</u>	
		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
Wednesday, 4/20		Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	9:20am
TOPS	8:00am	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am

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.



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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.



Building Healthy Families: Here are bold and true words for you to recall today when you are worried or overwhelmed with life's challenges and temptations: "Know ye then-sin, death, devil, and everything that assails me- that you are missing the mark. I am not one of those who are afraid of you. For Christ, my dear Lord, has presented to me that triumph and victory of His by which you were laid low. And from this very gift of His I derive my name and am called a Christian. There is no other reason. My sin and death hung about His neck on Good Friday, but on the day of Easter they had completely disappeared. This victory He has bestowed on me. This is why I do not worry about you." (Luther's Easter Sermon, 1530) A blessed and happy celebration of Easter to you from the Board of Directors and Staff of Lutheran Family Service!

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.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY CALL DAY APRIL 26, 2022

3:00 pm for assignments of vicarages 7:00 pm for candidate call service

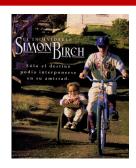
Concordia Seminary Call Day is April 26, 2022, at 3:00pm for vicar assignments and the candidate call service is at 7:00pm. It will be live streamed. It will be an opportunity to see if we get a new vicar and where the previous vicar (Don Stein will be called to at 7:00pm). Below is the link.

https://www.csl.edu/academics/call-day-services.



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)





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



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.



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.



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 weigh-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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(319) 383-4599
eunicescheer@outlook.com

Bob Powers (319) 338-9651 baronvonpowers@gmail.com



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 will need to wear a mask and a glove when taking our "teaspoon" of food from the food line—otherwise masks are optional. .

If you have any questions, please contact one of us on the Tasting Bee Committee:

Jennifer Kooker 319-594-0937, Donna Saehler 319-321-3207,

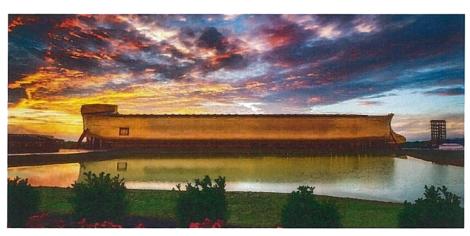
Sandy Wagner 319-354-5928 & Lynne Westphal 319-310-6997

BUS TRIP

CREATION MUSEUM



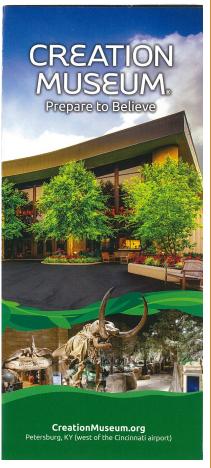
ARK ENCOUNTER

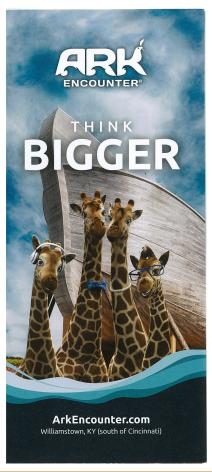


Are you planning to visit the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter this year? Roger and Ellen Bauer have two bus trips planned. Their trips are edu-tainment. The Trips are June 6-10 and December 5-9, 2022. The trip starts in Waverly, IA and makes several stops along the way.

If you would like more information, they can be contacted at: 319-352-5435 or 319-610-2623.

They can also be emailed at: bauerr@mchsi.com

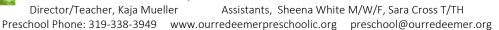




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Preschool Newsletter

April 11-15, 2022



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





FOCUS ON THE FAMILY - PARENTING

AGE-APPROPRIATE CHORES FOR KIDS

HOW TO HELP KIDS
BE RESPONSIBLE



Personal Chores

- Set out clothes for the next day
- Make their bed with minimal parental help
- Bring their things from the car to the house
- Pick up their toys / room
- Make their bed every day
- Write thank you notes with supervision

Family Chores

- Set the table / clear the table with supervision
- Help a parent carry in the lighter groceries
- Sort clothes and towels for the laundry
- Match socks after clothing is washed
- Be responsible for a pet's food, water
- Fold laundry with supervision
- Put their laundry in their drawers and closets
- Put away dishes from the dishwasher

The 7 Traits of Effective Parenting and Chores for Kids

Grace and Forgiveness

Your children will most likely argue and imperfectly complete their chores. You can bridge these moments of failure by communicating and extending grace and forgiveness along the way. As you model this, you ease the tension that can come from chores.

Gratitude

Through a proper view of gratitude, you and your family can achieve a healthy perspective of chores. When you value gratitude, you bring a heart of service, a flexible mind, and a calming presence. Through your example, your kids have a better chance of cultivating gratitude in their own perspectives.

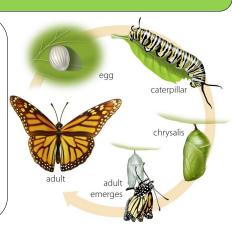
Question For A Kid

Would you like to have a caterpillar for a pet? Why?

Happy Birthday

Elliott 4th Oliver 4th Lucille 5th





This Week

Welcome caterpillar question

Classroom rules

Caterpillar facts

Spring and plants

Practice songs for the spring program

Bible lesson—Holv Week

Color and number books

The talking ball—we are practicing taking turns and only speaking one at a time

Teacher Time

Caterpillar life cycle The very hungry caterpillar Number 8 eight Various assessments

Preschool Lawn Signs

As you leave preschool, there will be lawn signs by the door for you to take home. 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!



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Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade

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

This week is our final night of Kids Club for this school year.

Wednesday, April 20th
(Last night of Kids Club until fall 2022)
6:45 pm—8:00 pm

Lesson: Resurrection Window

Teachers: Jonie & Vicar





UPCOMING SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

9:20 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

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

May 1 The Seeing Sign—

Jesus heals a Man Born Blind

May 8 The Resurrection Sign-

Jesus Raises Lazarus

May 15 Graduation Breakfast—

All ages gather in the

Fellowship Hall



Preschool-5th Grade

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



6th —12th Grade

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

Youth Sunday School



April 17— EASTER
No Sunday School
Help With Easter Breakfast

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

Wednesday, April 20th at 6:45 pm

6th Grade—Small Group

<u>Unit 3: God's Grace through Jesus</u>

New Testament—Review

7th Grade—Small Group Review of Holy Baptism

8th Grade—Lecture
Genesis to Revelation (and a Class Tradition)

High School Midweek

All high school youth and their friends are welcome!

Least Likely Heroes of the Bible

6:45 pm on Wednesday, April 20th

Youth Room

JOHN MARK — Will I always be a "newb"?

Spring Confirmation Retreat Parents Meeting

All Confirmation students who are going on the retreat and their parents should attend.



Wednesday, April 20th 8:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Happy Easter!

Join us for Easter Breakfast from 8:30 am—10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall (Freewill offering to support our Youth)



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

Serving our God by serving our congregation and our community.

LCMS Youth Gathering

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



The theme is "In All Things" based on Colossians 1:15—20

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross."

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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.