



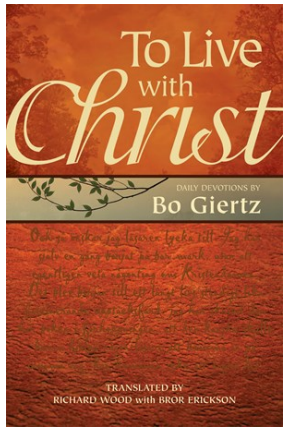
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Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - April 30/May 1, 2022

~Third Sunday of Easter/Confirmation Sunday~



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Upcoming Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
May 1	John 9	The Seeing Sign—Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind
May 8	John 11:1-44	A Resurrection Sign—Jesus Raises Lazarus

Adult Bible Class

Date	Topic
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>



Confirmation

Brooke Bernhard	Natalie Ramsey
Rachel Haack	Lucy Robinson
Mitchell Holman	Caroline Schrader
Jessi Kucera	Evan Waring

Adult Confirmation

Susan Funk
Stephen Sewell



BAPTISM

STEPHEN JAMES SEWELL
April 30, 2022

Prayer of the Church/Third Sunday of Easter ~ Confirmation Sunday/May 1, 2022

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

Heavenly Father, You raised up Saul from among Your enemies, that he would suffer for Your name. Stir up all those baptized into Your name, and call many men to the service of Your Church. Sustain all missionaries who suffer for Your Gospel, and continue to confound Your enemies with Your wisdom.

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

Heavenly Father, we rejoice that You have written our names in the Lamb's Book of Life and given us the new birth of water and the Word. We are especially grateful for the baptism of **Stephen Sewell** this weekend. Strengthen them and all baptized in the faith.

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

Heavenly Father, by your Holy Spirit you teach and strengthen the members of your church. We offer you thanks and praise for both the adult and 8th grade Confirmands who are being confirmed this weekend. Bless our adult confirmands: **Susan Funk** and **Stephen Sewell**. And bless our 8th grade confirmands: **Brooke Bernhard, Rachel Haack, Mitchell Holman, Jessi Kucera, Natalie Ramsey, Lucy Robinson, Caroline Schrader, and Evan Waring**. Strengthen them in their faith unto life everlasting.

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

Heavenly Father, You are glorified in the sufferings of Your faithful people. Teach us to trust You through all our trials, and graciously bear up those who struggle among us, [*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, Jody Cole (Charles Calef's friend), Eme 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, Nora Sellers (Great niece of Kevin & Laurel Sellers), Rozie Siems (Daughter of Mary Siems), Reece Ullerich, Vince Williams, Mark Wilson and Beth Wu (Schuldt's relative)*] that they would know the fullness of Your love.

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

Heavenly Father, You have prepared a feast again for us on this morning of Your Son's resurrection. Help us to rejoice greatly in this gift of His body and blood and to receive it to our eternal good, that we, too, would rise at the Last Day.

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



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

BIRTHDAYS

Sun. 5/1 Jonathan Ealy, Drake Obermueller, Abbie Schmidt, Tom Strumpel
 Mon. 5/2 Donald Klemp, Brian Lake, Lynda Miller, Joseph Penney, Faith Quinlan, Scott Rathke, Tim Schultz
 Tues. 5/3 Thomas LaRoche, Amie Ohlmann, Vaughn Swart
 Wed. 5/4 Faith Beranek, Meleah Fesler, Brock Wenck
 Thurs. 5/5 Tobias Haack, Brain Poust
 Fri. 5/6 Emily Peterson, Paul Ragan, Wyatt Thompson
 Sat. 5/7 Ryan Roth, Kristin Weis

STEWARDSHIP April 23/24

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 4/23—5:30pm	65	Contributions	\$7,02700
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 4/24—8:00am	82	A Little Farther	\$700.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 4/24—10:30am	105	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Recorded Services 4/23	12		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	264	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	33/**

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, May 1-8, 2022

<u>Sunday, 5/1-Confirmation Sunday</u>		<u>Wednesday continued</u>	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Staff Evaluations	6:30pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Worship-In Person/Live Stream (Confirmation)	10:30am		
Haack Family Fellowship	11:30am	<u>Thursday, 5/5</u>	
		Comfort Tiers	9:00am
<u>Monday, 5/2</u>		Visitation Meeting	11:00am
Staff Planning Meeting	1:00pm	Over Eaters Anonymous	5:00pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Staff Evaluations	6:30pm
Youth Committee	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Chamber Singers	6:30pm		
Mission Committee	7:00pm	<u>Friday, 5/6</u>	

<u>Tuesday, 5/3</u>			
SM-Training	6:45pm	<u>Saturday, 5/7</u>	
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
<u>Wednesday, 5/4</u>		<u>Sunday, 5/8</u>	
TOPS	8:00am	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
Bible Study	11:00am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	9:20am
Lunch Bunch	12:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am

Mission Minute



Christ said, *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations."*

The Great Commission calls us to share God's Word near and far, and the Mission Committee at Our Redeemer has worked hard to do so, even in a pandemic! Now you have an opportunity to help. For the next six weeks we're going to hold a "Mission Minute" during service.

This Mission Minute will provide an update on six of Our Redeemer's missions:

- ~Panama FORO
- ~LCMS Iowa District East Scholarships for Church Workers
- ~Eswatini
- ~Pastor Becker's Mission in Africa
- ~Peace Officer Ministries
- ~UKANDU

One of these six missions will receive an extra allotment of mission funds— and you'll help decide which through a "Penny Vote!" Every individual may 'vote' with up to 100 pennies (one dollar's worth) per week, by placing them in the appropriate glass jars in narthex. At the end of these six weeks, mission funding will be allocated accordingly. Go, get your pennies ready to support the growth of God's Kingdom.

In Christ,
Mission Committee



Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

A big “**Thank You**” from the Assimilation Committee to our Pictorial Directory Advertisers: Lutheran Church Extension Fund, Midtown Family Restaurants, Verne Folkmann, (Realtor), Brad Mullane, owner of Pro-Clean Auto Detailing and Handy Woman Louise (Klopp)! We appreciate the help that you give us through your sponsorship of ads to be able to print our color directories and keep updating them throughout the year as new members join and other changes take place.

To all our members, if you have a chance, please thank our advertisers when you see them or thank them through using their services when needed. Also if you haven’t gotten an updated directory lately, please feel free to stop by the office and pick one up. The back cover, inside and out, have our advertisers. Remember, too, if you have any changes for contact information, new additions to the family, or any other changes, contact the office with that information. Updated photos can also be turned in to the office to be used when directories are next printed.

Blessing Books Now through May 8th

*We will continue to do our senior books a page at time.
Messages of encouragement and congratulations to
the graduates can be sent via email or write them on a
quarter sheet of paper allowing half an inch on the left for binding.*

WHO SHOULD “SIGN” THE BLESSING BOOKS? Everyone in the congregation can sign.

WHAT SHOULD I WRITE? Write a short note of Christian encouragement, share your favorite Bible verse or simply sign your name.

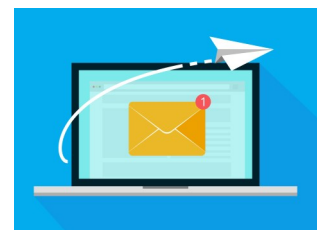
HOW DO I SHARE MY MESSAGE? You can either write your message on a quarter sheet of paper and email a picture of it or just email the text you want--you can use the same message or create one for each student (please make sure that you specify the recipient of individual messages).

**Please email your message to Laurel at:
consultant@ourredeemer.org by May 8th**



Annie Bower
Madeline Caylor
Kale Clark
Matthew Davies
Abby Ghabel
Rory James

Faith Reynolds
Peter Rocca
Sam Schaefer
Brock Wenck
William Wittich





On Monday, May 16 the LWML is having a Ladies Night Out. We are going to the “Miller Homestead Cooking” out on Sharon Center Road. We will carpool from church at 5:15, arriving at the Homestead at 6:00 pm. If you are interested in joining us, please make reservations with Cynthia Fruendt by emailing her at dcfruentd@icloud.com or calling her at 338-5546. If no answer, leave a message. Reservations need to be made by Sunday, May 8. Cost is \$18.50 (cash only). The main entree is Roast Beef and Chicken. We are limited to 30. We have 11 spots left.



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 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: Since President Kennedy first declared it so in 1963, May has been recognized as Older Americans’ Month. Older people provide valuable resources in our church, community, and family life through their wealth of knowledge, life experience, work ethic, faith, and generosity. Those who are not able to be as active as they once were still provide priceless hours of prayer and lots of love. Take some time this week to remember, celebrate and thank God for the gift of every “seasoned citizen” in your life. Thank them for all they have done and continue to do!

Lutheran Family Service - www.LutheranFamilyService.org.



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.



*Introducing:
Vicar Morgan & Caroline Garrett*

Hello to my future Vicarage congregation!

My name is Morgan Garrett, and my wife Caroline and I hail from the state of Michigan. We are looking forward to meeting all of you. A little about me, I spent my childhood years in Flint, Michigan, and moved to East Tawas, Michigan, in my high school years. My family and I moved due to the decline of our neighborhood though I had a joyous time growing up in Flint and spending my high school years on a lakeside town right on Lake Huron. Most of my family is on the blue-collar side of things, and I am the first church worker to come out of my family. For the most part, my entire family was either born or raised in Michigan. My wife and I met at Concordia University Ann Arbor while I was studying in their pre Seminary program, and she was studying nursing. Funnily enough, we met because of a chance encounter within our orientation groups during the first week of school and connected in a music class that we both were required to take for participating in the choir in Ann Arbor. Some of our best years were spent with the Concordia choir over in Ann Arbor as we got the opportunity to go places like Germany, Poland, Czechia, Canada, and a few places right here in the United States. It wasn't until after our education that we got married and moved off to the Seminary, where I had the opportunity to further my studies. Throughout this entire process, both in my childhood and as I grew up, I knew that I wanted to serve others with my life.

I was adamant about being in a profession of some kind that would have me walking with other people and helping them through the darker times in their lives. In fact, I was originally considering social work before the Lord led me to Concordia University Ann Arbor for a Youth Event. The good Lord has been leading me ever since as I continued growing through Concordia University Ann Arbor. It's has wonderful professors and also the professors here at Concordia Seminary St Louis. My interests include listening to music, learning about Japanese culture, gaming with friends, taking walks through parks, leading Dungeons & Dragons groups, and playing the occasional card and board game. My wife and I often enjoy doing many of these activities together as well, and my wife especially enjoys baking and cooking. We look forward to meeting all of you, and we pray that God blesses our time together. I hope to learn much from your congregation and hopefully be as much of a blessing to you as you are to us.

In Christ,
Vicar Garrett

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/](http://ourredeemer.org/preschool/)
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Preschool Newsletter

April 25-29, 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 flower question
- Number review - *formation, add, subtract*
- Classroom rules
- How to plant facts
- Letter I—*sound, formation*
- Bible lesson—Road to Emmaus
- Color that the line leaders pic
- Flower and garden books
- Rhyming words
- Planting pea seeds
- Planting grass
- Letter I
- Caterpillar coloring

Dates

- May 3rd—No School
- May 6—Pizza & Playground Night at Preschool—
free pizza and fun connecting with families
5:30—7:00 pm
- May 10—Preschool Open House—Invite your
friends and others to come 5:30—6:30 pm
- May 26/27—Last Days of School
Celebration and Graduation

Question for A Kid

If you had a garden, would you like to plant fruits and veggies more OR flowers more? Why?



Happy 5th Birthday, Jack!

Is the Color I See

RED, RED is the color I see. If you are wearing RED then show it to me. Stand up, turn around. Show us your RED and then sit back down

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| ORANGE | YELLOW |
| GREEN | BLUE |
| PURPLE | BLACK |
| WHITE | GREY |
| PINK | |



PEA PLANT GROWTH

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Our Redeemer Preschool

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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!



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



Sunday School CELEBRATION

Sunday, May 22nd

Children will be doing presentations at 8:00am and 10:30am church services.

At 9:20am everyone will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a special celebration.

Kids Club

Preschool (4 year olds) - 5th grade

We will be resuming Kid's Club activities in the fall. Watch Reflections for future notifications of activities.



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

- 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

SAVE THE DATES!

Vacation Bible School 2022

August 7th—11th

Watch for information in future Reflections & Beacon



Youth

6th —12th Grade

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

Graduation Breakfast

**Class of
2022**

Sunday, May 15th
9:15 am—10:15 am
Fellowship Hall

The congregation is invited to attend this celebration for Our Redeemer's high school seniors who are graduating in 2022.



Sunday School Sunday Sunday, May 22nd during both worship services

Confirmation & High School Students will share the Memory Work they've been working on all year.

Confirmation—The Apostle's Creed & The Ten Commandments

High School—Proverbs 3:5-6 and Psalm 23

Sunday School is one step along the way of equipping disciples to make disciples for Jesus.



LCMS Youth Gathering

July 5th—14th
Houston, Texas

Please pray for our group of high school students and adults who will be attending the LCMS Youth Gathering in July.

The theme is "In All Things". May the Holy Spirit strengthen our faith as we hear the message that Christ reconciles all things to Himself through His death and resurrection. .

Confirmed in Christ

Rejoice!

It's **Confirmation Sunday** on **May 1st**!

Rejoice!

Confirmation...is a time for our 8th Grade Confirmands to confirm (or affirm) the promises made to them by God in their Baptism.

Confirmation...is also an opportunity to publicly announce the understanding of their responsibilities as Christians.

Confirmation...is a tool that helps them along their life-long adventure of living out their Christian faith by teaching them the basics of the Christian faith.

At Our Redeemer, we are about "Equipping disciples to make disciples for Jesus".

God's blessings to our Confirmands:

Brooke, Rachel, Mitchell, Jessi, Natalie, Lucy, Caroline and Evan!



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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.