



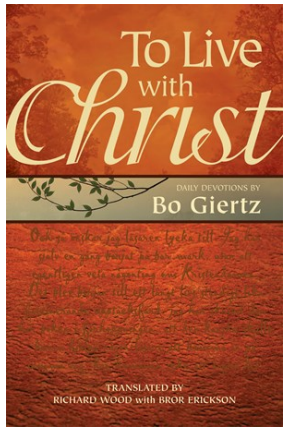
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Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - May 7/8, 2022

~Fourth Sunday of Easter~



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Upcoming Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
May 8	John 11:1-44	A Resurrection Sign—Jesus Raises Lazarus
May 15	<i>Graduation Breakfast all ages gather in the Fellowship Hall</i>	
May 22	<i>Sunday School Sunday Kids will speak at the end of early worship and the beginning of late worship Pastor leads a special celebration for kids & adults in the Fellowship Hall</i>	
May 29	<i>Memorial Day Weekend—No Classes</i>	

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>



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

We have quite a few items in lost and found that are missing their owners. Please pick them up from the table in the narthex by **May 29**. Anything left after that will be donated or discarded.

Come and claim your items!



Prayer of the Church/Fourth Sunday of Easter/May 8, 2022

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

Compassionate Lord, in Your name Your Son purchased us with His own most holy blood, and He now leads us through the gate of death to our eternal home with You. As the sheep of His fold, inspire us to hear His voice gladly and to follow Him steadfastly through every tribulation.

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

Compassionate Lord, You have provided us with the gift of family. Bless those who have shown us a mother's love and nurtured our lives from childhood. Bless and protect all mothers with child, all those who have suffered miscarriage or the death of a child, and all those who have yearned for a child and lived with the pain of this unfulfilled longing.

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

Compassionate Lord, You will not allow any power or enemy to triumph over Your saving purpose or snatch Your lambs from Your hand. Give us wise and faithful leaders, here and abroad, who will govern according to Your Law and defend the lives of the unborn, the orphaned, the widowed and the aged. Bless all those who make, administer and judge our laws, that they may not hinder Your purpose.

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

Compassionate Lord, You have not forgotten us in our afflictions or abandoned us in our weakness. Deliver the sick and suffering according to Your will, and give Your comfort to the dying, especially to those who have requested our prayers [*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, Jody Cole (Charles Calef's friend), Emeel 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, Ken Kober (Friend of Arlan and Marlene Thompson), 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, Rozie Siems (Daughter of Mary Siems), Ronna Sojko, Reece Ullerich, Vince Williams, Mark Wilson and Beth Wu (Schuldt's relative)*]. Guard us against despair and grant us patience in the days of our trouble as we await Your perfect healing. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate Lord, enthroned in heaven, You gather Your saints into the shelter of Your presence, making them white in the blood of the Lamb. Keep us faithful throughout our lives here and bring us through death to join them in the ceaseless praises of heaven.

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

Compassionate Lord, have mercy on us as we offer to you our silent prayers.

[Pause 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.**

BIRTHDAYS

Sun. 5/8	Karen Alderman, Todd Davis, Brian Potter, Callie Schneider, Robert Stoddard
Mon. 5/9	Brynnley Fetzter, Marc West
Tues. 5/10	***
Wed. 5/11	Ava Cross, Patricia Morrow, Zachary Rozmus, Pat Sexton
Thurs. 5/12	Sara Caven, Callie Foster, Linda Langenberg, Taylor Pence
Fri. 5/13	Maggie Schmidt, Seth Schwarting
Sat. 5/14	Russell Sexton

STEWARDSHIP April 30/May 1, 2022

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 4/30—5:30pm	81	Contributions	\$10,193.10
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 5/1—8:00am	85	A Little Farther	\$210.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 5/1—10:30am	240	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Recorded Services 4/30	26		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	432	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	***

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, May 8-15, 2022

<u>Sunday, 5/8</u>		<u>Wednesday, 5/11</u>	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	TOPS	8:00am
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am	<u>Thursday, 5/12</u>	
		Comfort Tiers	9:00am
		Lantern Park	10:00am
<u>Monday, 5/9</u>		Briarwood	4:00pm
Staff meeting	1:00pm	Over Eaters Anonymous	5:00pm
Properties Committee	5:30pm	Board of Directors	7:00pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Old Capitol Quilters	6:00pm		
Chamber Singers	6:30pm		
Preschool Board	6:30pm	<u>Friday, 5/13</u>	
Outreach Committee	6:30pm		
LWML Board Meeting	7:00pm	<u>Saturday, 5/14</u>	
		Men's Bible Study	8:00am
		District 13 (2)	10:00am
<u>Tuesday, 5/10</u>		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
Old Capitol Quilters Workshop	8:00am		
Preschool Open House	5:30pm		
SM-Small Group/Marcia-Skip	6:30pm	<u>Sunday, 5/15</u>	
SM-Training	6:45pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Grad Breakfast	9:20am
		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am

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.

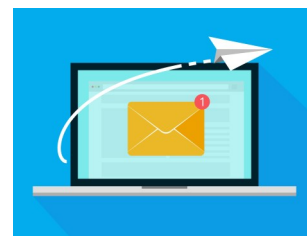
HOW DO I SHARE MY MESSAGE? You can either write your message on a quarter sheet of paper and email a picture of it or just email the text you want--you can use the same message or create one for each student (please make sure that you specify the recipient of individual messages).

**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 9 the LWML board will meet in the board room at 7:00pm to plan next year's program. If others have thoughts for a topic, please share any ideas with a board member before the meeting.



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 Freundt by emailing her at dcfrendt@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.

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 several 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



Building Healthy Families: Scripture is full of references to mothers and their unique qualities. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 isn't typically thought of as one of them but think of mothers you know who are living examples of the high calling of love described there: *Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.* Happy Mother's Day to all women who so lovingly care for others. (P.S.: Call your mother!)

Lutheran Family Service - www.LutheranFamilyService.org.



Thank you SO much for donating items for the Lutheran World Relief kits. The Lord has blessed us with a very loving and giving congregation who did a wonderful job donating to LWR this year and we had a lot to send to the needy from your donations. These kits go to where the items are needed the most and, unfortunately, there is always a need for these items. Thank you also to Tom Wagner, Dave Freundt, Dave Hintze and Dave Long for loading the boxes into the vehicles at Our Redeemer and taking the boxes up to Cedar Rapids. We are always in need of people who would like to volunteer their time to load the boxes and take them up to Cedar Rapids in Oct. and April each year--if that is something you would like to do, please contact either Sandy Wagner (319-594-5928) or Lynne Westphal (319-310-6997).

60 boxes - containing	410 Quilts
15 boxes - containing	40 Baby Kits
1 box - containing	3 Fabric Kits
<u>1 box - containing</u>	<u>2 School Kits</u>
77 Total Boxes	455 Total Items



We would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who helped make the 2022 Tasting Bee a successful event this year. It was SO nice to be able to get together with everyone again after not being able to have the Tasting Bee since 2019. The tables were beautiful and the food was fabulous!! We raised \$1,699.00 in tickets sales and cookbook sales, which will all go to missions. This year we are supporting the Eswatini parish nurses (formerly Swaziland), Houses to Homes, ORLC Preschool scholarships and an ordination gift for Don Stein.

Thank you to all the talented table decorators and food donators, those who gathered our door prizes and everyone who had a hand in the event. The Lord has blessed our church members with so much talent and giving hearts. We couldn't do this without many people doing their part and we are so grateful. We give all the glory to the Lord, who allows us to serve Him in this way.

Sandy Wagner, Lynne Westphal, Donna Saehler and Jennifer Kooker (Tasting Bee co-chairs)

HELP!

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED FOR GRAD BREAKFAST

We are asking for breakfast casseroles and donations of fruit, drinks and bakery items. We're asking for people to make an egg casserole and bring the unbaked casserole to church on Saturday, May 14th by 5:30pm.

Please sign up at the Welcome Center in the Narthex.



Fresh Fruit—NEED BY FRIDAY, MAY 13TH

BRING ON SATURDAY, MAY 14TH:

Breakfast Casseroles

Orange Juice

Milk

Mini Muffins



**Class of
2022**

Thank you for your support!



GRADUATION BREAKFAST

*Sunday, May 15th at 9:15am
Fellowship Hall*

Everyone is invited to attend the **Graduation Breakfast** in honor of our high school seniors.

Please come to help us celebrate the **class of 2022** as a church family on **Sunday, May 15th** at 9:15 am.

If you haven't already done so, we encourage everyone to add a note of encouragement or Bible verse to the graduates' blessing books. (See page 4 for details.)

At the breakfast, we will present the personalized blessing blankets to the graduates. Thank you to Beth Benson, Samantha Fitzgerald, Lauren Honemann, Marilyn Paetz, Fern Parish, Carol Schuldt, and Laurel Sellers for making a blessing blanket (or two)!

Class of 2022

Annie Bower
Madeline Caylor
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Rory James
Faith Reynolds
Peter Rocca
Sam Schaefer
Brock Wenck
William Wittich

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

May 2-6, 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!

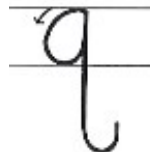


This Week

- Welcome beach question
- Number review - formation, add, subtract
- Classroom rules
- Beach facts
- Beach song or chant—*Five Little Fishes*, *Baby Shark*
- Letter Q—sound, formation, write
- Bible lesson—Jesus Ascends into Heaven
- Yellow color song
- Office Sandifer and Max
- Sand art
- Rock painting
- Hand flower painting
- Mothers Day gift



Big C curve
Keep going
Little line



Dates

- May 10—Preschool Open House—Invite your friends and others to come 5:30—6:30 pm
- May 26/27—Last Days of School, 11:45 am Celebration and Graduation in sanctuary

Question for a Kid

How are beaches formed?

YELLOW Song

(Tune: IF You're Happy and You Know It)

Y-E-L-L-O-W spells yellow.
 Y-E-L-L-O-W spells yellow.
 Like the early morning sun,
 When the day has just begin.
 Y-E-L-L-O-W spells yellow.



Daffodils and baby ducks are yellow.
 Lemonade and scrambled eggs are yellow.
 I like the smily face that's yellow,
 He is such a happy fellow.
 Y-E-L-L-O-W spells yellow.

Mr. Sun

Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun
 Please shine down on me
 Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun
 Hiding behind a tree

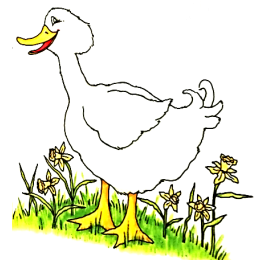


These little children are asking you
 To please come out so we can play with you
 Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun
 Please shine down on me

Letter Qq

(To the tune of Old MacDonald)

Quentin's duck went
 "Quack! Quack! Quack!"
 Q-U-A-C-K.
 Though Quentin tried to teach him
 more,
 "Quack!" was all he'd say.



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

Sunday School Sunday
Kids will speak at the end
of early worship service
and the beginning of
late worship service

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.



Begins June 5th



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

- May 8 The Resurrection Sign—
Jesus Raises Lazarus
- May 15 Graduation Breakfast—
All ages gather in the
Fellowship Hall
- May 22 Sunday School Sunday—
Information in section above
- May 29 Memorial Day weekend—
No Classes

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. .

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

Summer Youth Schedule

Coming Soon!

Summer Youth activities begin on

Wednesday, June 15th



SUMMER

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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.