



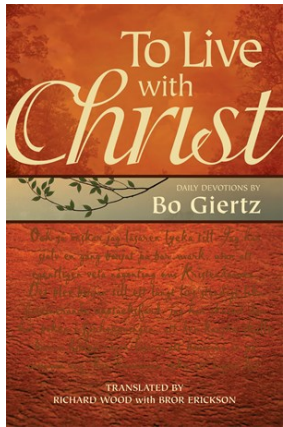
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Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - May 14/15, 2022

~Fifth Sunday of Easter~



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Upcoming Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
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
May 29	<i>The Philippians: To Live is Christ. To Die is Gain.</i>
May 22	<i>Sunday School Celebration</i>



BAPTISM

WREN PAISLEY FREIE

DAUGHTER OF ANDREW & CHELSEA FREIE

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May 15, 2022

Prayer of the Church/Fifth Sunday of Easter/May 15, 2022

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

Eternal Lord, in the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus, You have given the promise of our own resurrection. As we await the Last Day, calm our hearts and strengthen our faith through our sorrows.

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

Eternal Lord, lead Your people in Your steadfast love, and guide them in strength to Your holy abode. Sanctify our homes, be the companion of those who live alone, and make all our households places in which Your wisdom and grace are found.

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

Eternal Lord, You hold all people accountable for the responsibilities You have given them. Bless our president, our governor, the Congress and legislature, and all judges and magistrates. Guide them to serve according to Your will and for the common good of all. Protect those who defend us in the armed forces, even as You give peace to the nations.

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

Eternal Lord, You pledge to bring all things to their perfect consummation. You will bring heaven to earth and banish sorrow, sin and death. Sustain [**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*), **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, 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*)] and all those now in tribulation. By the comfort of Your Holy Word, increase their faith and see them through their trials.

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

Eternal Lord, You have given us both bread for the body and Christ, the bread of life. Prepare us now to receive with faith and thanksgiving His flesh for the life of the world and His blood that cleanses us from all sin. Unite us that we may believe and confess one faith, and bring us to that day when we shall be one people together at the table of our Lord.

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

Eternal Lord, draw near and hear 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.**



Betty Kelly Memorial Gathering

There will be a memorial gathering to honor Betty Kelly on Sunday, May 22nd, from 1:00-2:00 pm at Plum Grove (1030 Carroll St, Iowa City, IA 52240). It will be an hour for friends, colleagues, and family to come together to honor her. This memorial is at Plum Grove because Betty volunteered her time and knowledge to restore the house, create the gardens, and was one of the three that founded their annual heirloom tomato-tasting event in July. The family hopes that church members know they are invited and welcome.

BIRTHDAYS

Sun. 5/15	Marilyn Kempnich, Jodie Obermueller, Thomas Recker, Shana Stuart
Mon. 5/16	Tim Eick, Michael Jones, Matthew Lepic, Erin McDowell, Janeen McKillip, Cy Miller, Violet Price, Easton Richardson, Carol Zimmermann
Tues. 5/17	Betty Redeker
Wed. 5/18	Caroline Schrader
Thurs. 5/19	Kenneth Shaner, Gerald Thompson, Daniel Titus
Fri. 5/20	Bill Benson, Devyn Schramm, Jerry Sexton
Sat. 5/21	Jackson Ellyson, Michelle Greve, Kaylee Kasal, Amy Lane

STEWARDSHIP May 7/8, 2022

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 5/7—5:30pm	56	Contributions	\$6,853.33
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 5/8—8:00am	92	A Little Farther	\$45.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 5/8—10:30am	125	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Recorded Services 5/7	12		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	285	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	53/20

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, May 15-22, 2022

<u>Sunday, 5/15</u>		<u>Wednesday continued...</u>	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Lunch Bunch	12:00pm
Grad Breakfast	9:20am	Windmill Manor	2:00pm
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am		
		<u>Thursday, 5/19</u>	
		Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Staff meeting	1:00pm	Lantern Park	10:00am
LWML Ladies Night Out	6:00pm	Over Eaters Anonymous	5:00pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Chamber Singers-Audition	6:00pm
Children's Committee	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Children's Ministry	7:00pm		
		<u>Friday, 5/20</u>	
<u>Tuesday, 5/17</u>		<u>Saturday, 5/21 (Noisy Offering)</u>	
Solon Nursing Home	9:30am	Abby Saehler Bridal Shower	11:30am
PEO-Sharon Hintze	1:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
SM-Training	6:45pm		
Assimilation	6:45pm		
Al-Anon	7:00pm	<u>Sunday School Sunday, 5/22 (Noisy Offering)</u>	
		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
		Sunday School Year End Celebration	9:20am
<u>Wednesday, 5/18</u>		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am
TOPS	8:00am	District 13	2:30pm
Bible Study	11:00am		

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



GRADUATION BREAKFAST

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

Class of 2022

Annie Bower
Madeline Caylor
Kale Clark
Matthew Davies
Abby Ghabel
Rory James
Faith Reynolds
Peter Rocca
Sam Schaefer
Brock Wenck
William Wittich

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.

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)!

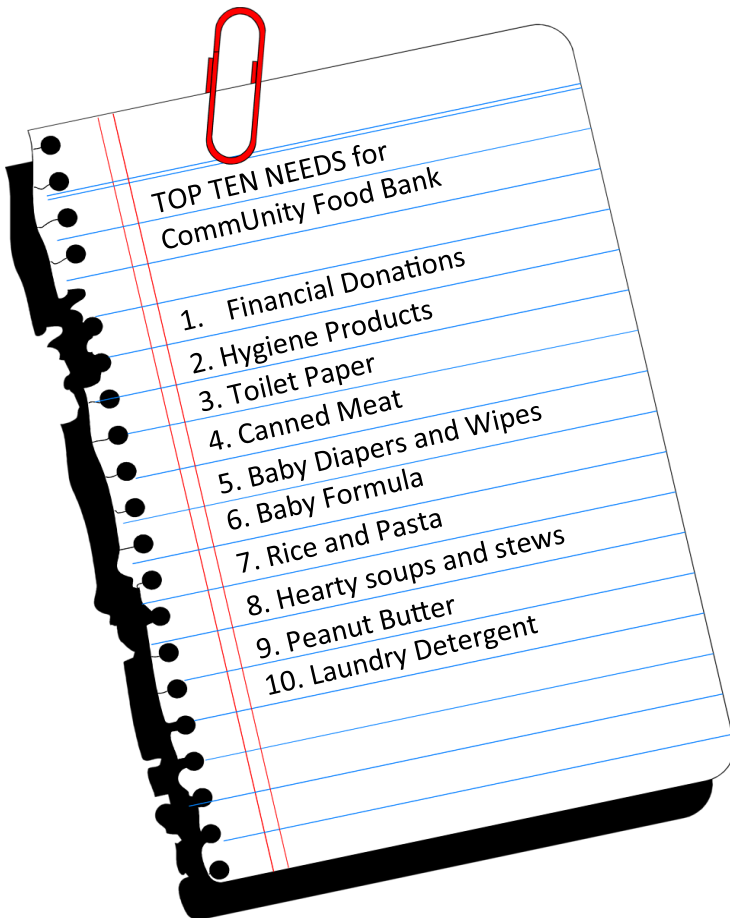


MAY LADIES NIGHT OUT

LWML Ladies Night Out is this Monday, May 16. If you made reservations, please be at church by 5:05. If are willing to be a driver, let Cynthia (319-855-8891) know. We have 21 of us going, so we need 4 or 5 drivers. If you are meeting us there, also let Cynthia know. We will LEAVE church at 5:15 so please be at upper church parking lot before so we can get in cars to carpool to the Miller Homestead, 5708 Sharon Center Road SW, Kalona. We will arrive at the Homestead by 6:00. See you then. The cost is \$18.50. Please have exact cash with you. Does not include gratuity and not necessary, but you would like to include a gratuity please include that with your \$18.50

Come and claim your items!

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.



Donation bin located in Church Office

Please consider picking up extra items as you are shopping to donate to the CommUnity Crisis Center.

Essentials Needed!!

It's time for spring cleaning and garage sales, so the Comfort-tiers would like everyone to check out any linens they come across for us to use in our quilts, please. Any washable curtains or drapes, sheets in any condition, pillowcases, tablecloths, and such. Also, if you find old cotton adult T-shirts, we use them for diapers by folding logos inside. Baby clothes from birth to 24 months (shirts, sleepers without feet, caps, jackets, socks and receiving blankets) in good condition go into the Baby Kits as do colored hand towels. Medium size bath towels go into the Health Kits. if you need lists of the kits, they are on the card table across from the kitchen. You have all been such supporters of our projects and we are SO grateful for all you do! May the Lord bless you all, every day as you bless the people who receive our efforts. Thank you.



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.



**TAKE OFF POUNDS
SENSIBLY**

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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Building Healthy Families: Psstt...have you ever noticed that it is hard to ignore the whispered conversations of others nearby? Parents, take advantage of this reality by talking about the important things you want your kids to know...and do it just barely within their hearing distance. When they overhear you sharing words of love for your spouse, the more secure they will feel in your family. The more positive comments they overhear you making about their teacher, the more cooperative they will be with her at school. The more they hear you talking about how much you appreciate your pastor, the more they will respect him. **Lutheran Family Service** - www.LutheranFamilyService.org.



Preschool Newsletter

May 9-13, 2022

Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller Assistants, Sheena White M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH
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Our Redeemer Preschool where children play, learn, and grow in Jesus!



This week

- Welcome transportation question
- Classroom rules
- Number 9 nine
- Driving signs
- Bike safety
- Driving in my car song
- Little Red Caboose song
- Watching Traffic song
- Alphabet review
- Bible lesson—the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost
- City Bus Tour
- Traffic light craft
- Personalized license plate



Dates

- May 26/27—Last Days of School, 11:45 am Celebration and Graduation in sanctuary
- August 7th-11th—Vacation Bible School from 5:00-8:15 pm with optional dinner at the beginning.
- September 6th—Preschool class 2022-2023 begins.

Question for a Kid

If you could travel in one of these to your favorite place, which would it be and where would you go? Why?

- Plane, train, sports car, monster truck, race car, parachute, bike, boat

Car Song

Tune: BINGO

Look at my bright shiny car
I'm driving it today-o.
C-A-R beep beep
C-A-R beep beep
C-A-R beep beep
I'm driving it today-o!



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End-of-Year Celebration

On the last days of preschool, May 27 & 28, we will have our End-of-Year Celebration in the church sanctuary at 11:45 am. Invite whomever you would like to come celebrate with you.

Parent Survey



Please take the time to complete the parent survey before May 27th. We take into consideration all you have to say and this helps us be the best preschool we can be. Thank you!
<https://forms.gle/JifLcgEX6w5XMvmJA>

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!

**Our Redeemer
Preschool**

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Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



Begins June 5th



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.



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.



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

- 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.