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Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - September 17/18, 2022

~Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost~



table in the Church Office.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Equipping Disciples Books

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Equipping Books for the

2022-2023 year are now available. They are located on a

September 18 Doubt: A Character Study (continued) September 25 Mission Update-Parish Nurses of Eswatini

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Sunday School

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
September 18	John 21:1-19	A Revealing Restoration — Jesus Appears in Galilee
September 25	Acts 3:1-16 Acts 4:5-22	A Walking Wonder—Peter and John heal a man who can't walk



This Sunday's coffee and snacks are being provided by LWML between early service and Sunday School. Donations will go towards continued mission projects.

Come join us for a little fellowship before heading off to Bible Class and Sunday School.



Flowers this weekend are from Eric and Jennifer Kooker for the Lord blessing them with 32 years of marriage and Bill and Donna Saehler for the Lord blessing them with 38 years of marriage.



VOTERS' MEETING SEPTEMBER 18 Following Late Service

This is your opportunity to be part of the voting body of Our

Redeemer. Any communicant member who has reached the age of 18 years and has signed the voters' register at a regular or special meeting of members shall be a voting member and shall be entitled to a vote at any meeting of the members.

The purpose of the September meeting shall be election of members of boards and committees for the following calendar year, progress reports by the boards and committees, and transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

Prayer of the Church / 15th Sunday after Pentecost / September 18, 2022

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For all baptized children of God, that they would be freed from obsession with the goods of this world and set their hearts on the joys of the kingdom and the inheritance that never fades, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For pastors, that they might be righteous stewards who dispense the Lord's gifts in wisdom and abundance; and for all of God's people, that they would make proper use of His Means of Grace, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For the sick and those who suffer, for those troubled in mind, for the grieving in their sorrows, and for the dying in their last hours, [especially Pete Berry (friend of Myrl and Denise Holida), Dorothy Blume (Carol Schuldt's sister), David Caplin (Lillian Moyer's son-in-law), Susan Carlson, Jody Cole (Charles Calef's friend), Emee Elkeurti, Cynthia Fruendt, Debra Fuhrmeister, 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), Harry Karnes, Brad Koelper (Donna Saehler's nephew), Joanne Leeper (mother of Cathleen Loney), Cathleen Loney, Norma Miller (Twyla Freeman's aunt), Aaron Mueller, Barb Nace (Doris Siemer's niece), Bob Nace, Deloris Nace, Rozie Siems (Daughter of Mary Siems), Ronna Sojka, Reece Ullerich, Mark Wilson, and Beth Wu (Schuldt's relative),] that the Lord would grant them the comfort of His presence, relief according to His will and peace in their hearts,

let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For marriage between husband and wife as you united them in marriage, we give thanks. We are especially grateful for the 32 years of marriage for *Eric and Jennifer Kooker* and for the 38 years of marriage for *Bill and Donna Saehler*. Strengthen their love for each other and their love for You,

let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For the family and friends of *Howard Hof* (*father of Jennifer Kooker*) as they mourn his death. Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting,

let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For all who receive the Lord's Supper, that Christ, who gave Himself as a ransom for many, would give us forgiveness of sins through His body and blood and grant us unity in faith and hearts eager for His life and salvation,

let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For you said, "Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29:12-13). So we silently pray: [*Silent Prayers*]

Preserve us, O Lord, from all temptation and *DOUBT*. Grant us faith, that we may rest all our prayers and the desires of our hearts in Your merciful arms, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**.

BIRTHDAYS

Sun. 9/18Joshua CornwellMon. 9/19Jimmer James, Frances LongTues. 9/20***Wed. 9/21Darren Hein, Theodore Kubit, Ainsley ReckerThurs. 9/22Chuck Enokian, Angela Larimar, Linda WashburnFri. 9/23Brenda WernerSat. 9/24Jay Happel

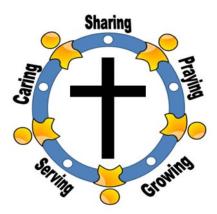
STEWARDSHIP September 10/11, 2022

TIME		TREASURES	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 9/10—5:30pm	38	Contributions	\$12,036.88
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 9/11—8:00am	99	A Little Farther	\$1,053.88
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 9/11—10:30am	170	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Recorded Services 9/10	6		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	313	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	70/48

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, September 18-25, 2022

<u>Sunday, 9/18</u>		Wednesday continued	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Midweek Class	6:45pm
Summer Sunday School	9:20am	Adult Midweek	7:00pm
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am		
Voter's Meeting	11:45am	Thursday, 9/22	
		Comfort Tiers	9:00am
<u>Monday, 9/19</u>		SM-Leaders	10:00am
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Over Eaters Anonymous	5:00pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Book Club	7:00pm
LWML Salad Potluck	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Chamber Singers Rehearsal	6:00pm		
Children's Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Friday, 9/23	

<u>Tuesday, 9/20</u>			
Solon Nursing Home	9:30am	Saturday, 9/24	
SM-Small Group/Marcia-Skip	6:30pm	Men's Bible Study	8:00am
Assimilation	6:30pm	John Littschwager Memorial	10:30am
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
		6th Grade Retreat	7:00pm
<u>Wednesday, 9/21</u>			
TOPS	8:00am	<u>Sunday, 9/25</u>	
Bible Study	11:00am	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
Lunch Bunch	12:00pm	Summer Sunday School	9:20am
Windmill Manor	2:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am
Johnson County Right to Life	6:00pm	District 13	2:30pm
Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm		

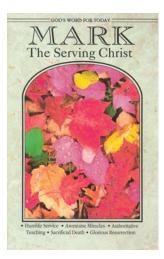


<u>Small Group Ministry</u> Mission Statement: To grow in grace using our spiritual gifts, through good stewardship for the benefit of the group so that the body of Christ may be built up.

Upcoming Events for Adult Ministry ...

Wednesday Nights 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm September 14 – November 16

Many people who are great by the world's standards or who are in positions of authority lord their greatness over those they consider below them. Often such people expect to be served. But not our Lord Jesus. The Lord of heaven and earth took on the lowly form of a man to serve humanity and to sacrifice His life to ransom people from sin, death, and Satan. (10 sessions)



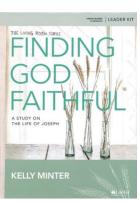
Bible Studies For Women

Sign up at the Welcome Center

FINDING GOD FAITHFUL: A STUDY ON THE LIFE

OF JOSEPH By Kelly Minter

> Tuesday evenings 7:00 – 8:30 pm September 27 October 11, 25 November 1, 29 December 13 January 10



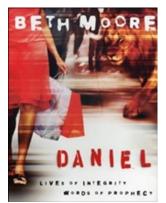
Trace the path of Joseph's

life in the Book of Genesis to observe how God's sovereignty reigns, even in our darkest moments. Learn to recognize when God is working during periods of waiting, trust God's plan when life doesn't make sense, and rest in the sufficiency of His presence in every circumstance. His provision is enough, His presence is constant, and His purpose is unstoppable. (8 sessions)

DANIEL: LIVES OF INTEGRITY,

WORDS OF PROPHECY By Beth Moore

> Tuesday mornings 10:00 am – 12:00 pm September 27 October 11, 25 November 8, 22 December 13 2023 dates TBD



Join Beth Moore in a faith-building study of prophecy and learn how to shine for Christ in our modern culture. Just as the prophet Daniel faced unbelievable pressures to compromise his faith, to live in a hostile culture, and to confront temptations and threats, today's believers face many of the same trials. (12 sessions)

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

20/30 SMALL GROUP

Join our group of 20-30 year olds for a meal, fellowship, and Bible study led by our Vicar. Childcare available

2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS 5PM-7PM BEN & KRISTIN WEIS'S HOME

For questions or more information contact Kristin at (319) 325-7844



Building Healthy Families: "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit . . . therefore honor God with your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. This Biblical instruction isn't written just for young people! No matter your age, take time this week to do something that will make your body stronger or healthier. Fix a healthy snack, go for a walk, and invite a friend or neighbor to join you. Shared activity makes it more fun, and creates an open door for conversation about wellbeing, including the importance of faith, and spiritual wellness. Honor God with your body, no matter how many years it's been around! Lutheran Family Service -

 $www. Luther an {\sf Family Service.org}.$



Salad potluck September 19 at 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Ladies! Bring a salad to share and join the LWML to hear Vicar Garrett tell his path to the seminaryand lead us in a devotion. We will have a Convention Report and business meeting as well. Pam Wilson and Melissa Mullane are hostesses and will provide dessert and a beverage.

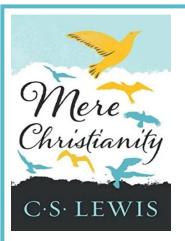


Lunch Bunch will be meeting again on **September 21**. Don't' forget Bible Class at 11:00am, taught by Pastor or Vicar in the Fellowship Hall followed by potluck lunch. Bring your favorite dish to share. All are welcome.

Here are additional meeting dates until the end of the year:

October 5 & 19 November 2 & 16 December 7 & 21

See you there!



Book Aluh

Thursday Nights 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

September 22, 2022 Session 1 (Book 1 and 3)

October 27, 2022 Session 2 (Book 3)

November 17, 2022 Session 3 (Book 4)

In Mere Christianity, C.S. Lewis will be the book that we will be unpacking in Book Club. Come join us for fellowship as we go through the book. Copies of the book will available for \$15.00.

COME JOIN THE PARTY!

Parade Party

Come on Wednesday, September 28th, at 5:30 pm to the church parking lot to watch the City High Homecoming Parade.

> Bring your own chairs or blankets to sit curbside.

Hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be served in the parking lot.



BASICS OF THE FAITH

Starting Sunday, October 2 and 9, 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Sign up today! A great way to review to see what you remember and an excellent resource for new members.

Fall is in the air...and plans for the **LWML Cedar Rapids Zone Fall Event** are in motion! Saturday, October 8

The Orphan Grain Train is on track to share God's love and hope though service to people in need at home and abroad. From hurricane victims in Louisiana to the plight of Ukrainian refugees fleeing their war-torn homeland, learn how the OGT is bringing comfort in the form of physical, medical and the healing Word of God to their aid. Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical and other needed items to people in 69 different countries, including the USA. Learn what it takes to keep the OGT running at full steam from our guest speaker, Richard Hartwig. Sign-up today for the LWML Cedar Rapids Fall Zone Event, Saturday, October 8 at Zion Lutheran Church. Registration starts at 8:30am, followed by a delicious brunch, Bible study, program and short business meeting. Remember the ingathering of non-perishable foods for local charity - Mission of Hope. RSVP to Laurel Sellers at 319-331-3242 or sign up on the sheet on the LWML table across from the kitchen.



Volunteers needed to stain fence!

Now that the fence repairs are done we need volunteers to help stain the wooden fence at the parsonage.

No date has been set "yet" because we need a day of 60 degree weather with no rain forecast for the following couple of days (tentatively October 8). If you are flexible and willing to help paint, we would greatly appreciate your help!

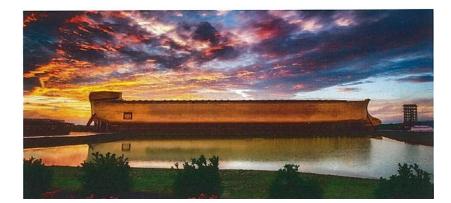
The sign-up sheet will be on the counter outside the office door. Please list your name and phone number so we can call you once we have set that "date and time".

A bus trip is planned to go to the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter. December 5-December 9, 2022—This will be the Christmas tour.

The trip is five days. Monday, December 5th is travel day. The 6th and 7th we go to the Creation Museum and Thursday, December 8th we spend at the Ark. Friday, December 9th we travel home.

For additional information and prices contact: Roger and Ellen Bauer at 319-352-5435 or bauerr@mchsi.com. The bus leaves from Waverly, IA at 6:00am.

There is also additional information available in the Church Office!







FRUIT FOR PIES



The Youth are requesting fruit donations for their annual Youth Pie Sale held in November.

If you have any extra fresh fruit, we are asking you to donate it to the youth to make their pies. The types of fruit we are looking for are:



When apples are ready later in the year, we would appreciate them also.

Please wash the fruit, slice or chop as appropriate, and put the fruit in a LABELED gallon ziploc bag. Please write "Youth Pies" on the bag and the type of fruit & approximate quantity. Place the bag(s) in the church kitchen freezer.

We appreciate keeping down the cost of making the pies. With your help there will be some FABULOUS pies in November for you to buy.

If you have questions, contact Kara Hartwig.

Preschool Newsletter

September 12-16, 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

CIRCLE TIME

Name recognition / spelling their name Letter A sona Classroom Rules—what we get to do God created me, I am special Body Rock—song Body Talk—song Mat Man



READING CENTER

Friendship All about me



CRAFTS

Apple paint Write their name Color themselves Free style paint



HIT CENTER

Cars / trains Race track

MATH CENTER

Gears Sorting Shapes Numbers

TEACHER TIME

Letter A Questions about themselves



Home Question

How can you be a friend? (At home, at school, in the car, etc.)

Classroom Rules

- We sit crisscross apple sauce.
- We raise our hands to say something.
- We walk.
- We take turns and share.
- We help clean up.

In order to have a good day at preschool, we follow these simple rules and remember everyone is special to God so they are special to us. We get to treat everyone nicely and have patience.

Letter Aa Song

(To Down by the Station) A is for Alice, who met an alligator, swishing down the alleyway on Apple Avenue. "Shoo!" said Alice, "I'm alleraic to all aators: Ah-choo! Ah-choo!" Off she flew.





Consign through Stuff; this is a fundraiser for our preschool. You can donate items by dropping them off yourselves or placing them in a

box outside the preschool. Preschool will receive 50% of the profit from the donated items that are sold at Stuff. All items given to Stuff will be a donation if they cannot sell them.

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Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade

KIDS CLUB

For children ages: 4 year olds—5th grade



Kids Club meets Wednesday nights from 6:45 pm—8:00 pm.

Activities include Bible lesson, music, crafts, games and snacks.

Special events also happen throughout the year. A few of the fun things we get to do are: visit a local nursing home, decorate a gingerbread church, celebrate at Jesus' Birthday party and make College Care Packages.

Questions? Contact Kara at youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org



Toddlin' to Jesus meets in Room 215 (Toddlin' Room)

Parents and their children ages birth to age 2 are invited to participate. You will meet with other parents and children for a toddler-friendly Bible lesson, music and prayer. It's a casual and relaxed environment balanced with activities and playtime.

> Join us at 9:20 a.m. each Sunday morning.



Preschool—5th Grade 9:20 a.m.—10:15 a.m. Invite your friends and come learn about Jesus! Sunday School Lesson for September 18th:

A Revealing Restoration:

Jesus Appears in Galilee

John 21:1-19





6th —12th Grade

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

Confirmation Classes (6th—8th Grade)

Wednesday, September 21st at 6:45 pm

6th Grade—Small Group

Unit 1: God's Grace to His People in Ancient Times Creation: God created all things. Best of all, God created people in His own image. MEMORY DUE: Genesis 12:2-3

7th Grade—Small Group

The Ten Commandments

The Ten Commandments are found in Exodus 20. We refer to the Commandments as the Law. In the Ten Commandments, God made known His holy will to the people of Israel and to all people, including us. MEMORY DUE: Old & New Testament Books AND 2 Timothy 3:15-17

8th Grade—Lecture

<u>Review from 7th Grade</u> We will review what was learned in 7th Grade Confirmation using the questions that will be used during the Spiritual Growth Event in April. The chief parts we will review are:

- The Ten Commandments
- The Lord's Prayer
- Holy Baptism

OT QUIZ: Wednesday, October 5th

6th Grade Fall Confirmation Retreat Saturday, September 24th 7:00 pm-10:00 pm



Includes Lesson 1, Sermon Summary Training and Creation Pizza!

Parents attend with their child from 9:00 pm—10:00 pm.

YOUTH Sunday School

Confirmation—Room 208 High School—Youth Room



Sunday, September 18th 9:20 am —10:15 am

LESSON:

A Revealing Restoration: Jesus Appears in Galilee John 21:1-19

High School Midweek Schedule

All high school youth and their friends are welcome!

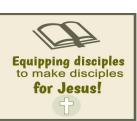
Wednesdays at 6:45 pm in the Youth Room

Least Likely Heroes of the Bible

September 21: Rooftop Religion—Does My Life Matter? Rahab

YOUTH PARENTS and HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

You're invited to attend Basics of the Faith for a fast-paced look at the basics of what Christians believe: what is the Bible, who is God, why do we get baptized and more!



Basics of the Faith

Join us for this 2-part session: Sunday, October 2nd 1:00 pm —5:00 pm And Sunday, October 9th 1:00 pm —5:00 pm

RSVP to the church office at 338-5626.

OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

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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.