

#### Reflections First Avenue and Court Street Iowa City, IA 52245



Weekly Newsletter - September 17/18, 2022

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#### ~Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost~



**Building Healthy Families:** Every marriage even the strongest – will experience times of discord. It's normal to not be happy and to not feel "in love" all the time. Certainly, work to fix your marriage when it breaks, but also remember to perform regular wellness checkups to assure that it stays strong and healthy. LFS counselors who share your faith and values are here to help with both.

Lutheran Family Service - www.LutheranFamilyService.org.



#### ADULT BIBLE CLASS

October 2, 9, 16

Doubt: A Character Study (continued)

October 23

Mission Update-Panama Lutheran Church

October 30, November 6, 13

Doubt: A Character Study (continued)

#### **Future Sunday School Lessons**

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
October 2	Acts 10	A Centurian Converts—Peter and Cornelius
October 9	Acts 9:26-31; 11:19-30	Called Christian—The Church in Antioch Grows
October 16	Acts 12	A Jail Bail—Peter Escapes Prison
October 23	**	On Your Feet—Paul, Barnabas, and a man born lame
October 30	Acts 15:1-14; 22-35	The Gentile Cause—The Jerusalem Council



#### **Basics of the Faith** October 2 & 9, 1:00pm

Basics of the Faith will be happening this weekend and next weekend. It's a great way to refresh one's knowledge. For new members or those who want to become a member it is an excellent way to receive instruction.

This Sunday's coffee and snacks are being provided by ORLC Comfort Tiers 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.

#### Prayer of the Church / 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / October 2, 2022

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

For a love of God's Word, that we might keep His testimonies, rejoice in His promises and know His peace, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For pastors, whom God has called to a holy calling, that He would embolden them in their testimony concerning our Lord Jesus and strengthen them by His power to courageously suffer for the Gospel and guard the good deposit entrusted to them,

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

For parents and grandparents, that as Lois and Eunice taught the faith to Timothy, they also would be diligent in teaching their children and grandchildren about Christ Jesus and His salvation,

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

For husbands and wives, as the Lord instituted marriage, that He would strengthen their love for each other and their love for the Lord. We give thanks for twenty years of marriage for JP and Heather Krogh, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord**, **have mercy**.

For those who govern, that God would strengthen them to act with wisdom so that we might be preserved from paralyzed law and perverted justice,

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

For those who suffer from violence, strife, illness or affliction, [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, Karen Warner, Mark Wilson, and Beth Wu (Schuldt's relative),] that the Lord would heal and deliver them and, as they await the Lord's timing, strengthen them to live by faith,

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

For penitent hearts, that God, who forgives our unworthiness and clothes us in Christ's righteousness at His Supper, would make us ever grateful to receive the body and blood of the One who went to the cross as the Suffering Servant for our salvation,

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

For Your Word tells us, "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." (Romans 12:12) So we bring to You, O Lord, our silent prayers.

[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.** 



Please send the church office names of people who have died since All Saints Day in 2021 (November) and that you would like to have recognized on November 5/6, along with their date of death and their relation to you. Church members that have died will also go on the list. Please have these to 338-5626 or redeemer@ourredeemer.org by **October 28.** 

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Sun. 10/2 Grace Anderson, Morgan Siems, Kathleen Wittich Mon. 10/3 Lindsay Bolton, Jacob Recker, Chris Schwartz

Tues. 10/4 Brielle Bex, Rebecca LaRoche, Lucas Lenhart, TJ Ramsey, Hannah Ramsey, Luke Ramsey, Lynn Smith

Wed. 10/5 Kyle Clark, Erin Dyson, Kathy Eick

Thurs. 10/6 Dennis Bell, Titus Mueller, Paula Rocca, Brady Schultz

Fri. 10/7 Jennifer Kooker

Sat. 10/8 Jordan Lyon, Bradley Pinnell, Cory Strumpel

#### STEWARDSHIP September 24/25, 2022

TIME			
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 9/24—5:30pm	69	Contributions	\$12,036.88
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 9/25—8:00am	76	A Little Farther	\$1,053.88
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 9/25—10:30am	113	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Recorded Services 9/24	38		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	294	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	58/47

#### This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, October 2-9, 2022

<u>Sunday, 10/2</u>		<u>Thursday, 10/6</u>	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Over Eaters Anonymous	5:00pm
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am	Visitation	6:30pm
Basics of the Faith	1:00pm	Board of Elders	7:00pm
		Al-Anon	7:30pm
<u>Monday, 10/3</u>			
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	<u>Friday, 10/7</u>	
Youth Committee	6:00pm	Boy Scout Troop 250 Hamburger Drive Thru	5:00pm
Chamber Singers Rehearsal	6:00pm		
Private Baptism	6:00pm	<u>Saturday, 10/8</u>	
Mission Committee	7:00pm	Men's Bible Study	8:00am
		LWML Zone Event	8:30am
<u>Tuesday, 10/4</u>		Devyn Schramm-Baby Shower	9:00am
Human Care Committee	6:30pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
Al-Anon	7:00pm		
		Sunday, 10/9—LWML Sunday	
Wednesday, 10/5		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
TOPS	8:00am	Sunday School/Adult bible Class	9:20am
Bible Study	11:00am	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am
Lunch Bunch	12:00pm	Basics of the Faith	1:00pm
Midweek Meal	6:00pm		
Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm		
Midweek Class	6:45pm		
Adult Midweek	7:00pm		



Lunch Bunch will be meeting again on **October 5**. 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!



## 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".

# Ctober 17 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Special guest at the regular meeting of the LWML will be Joy the Comfort Dog and her handler Cindy Goerdt, member of Bethany in Cedar Rapids LWML. Come meet them and find out how the comfort dog ministry is a blessing to many.

Carol
Zimmermann
will have
devotions
and
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Kathy
Folkmann.





## **Cartober 9 Cartober 9**



Next Sunday is LWML Sunday. The women of Our Redeemer will be visual in numerous ways highlighting what they do through their various service projects. They will be greeting/ushering, handing out the upcoming year's program booklet, serving coffee, and will have quilts adorning the church pews. The money donated at the coffee goes towards mites to fund the Zone mission projects (75%) and 25% toward the national LWML mite goal.

"For Us and With Us," the theme for LWML Sunday 2022, is based on Paul's letter to the Romans. Paul tells us that each of us has faced challenges and circumstances greater than our own strength (Romans 8:31–39). But, in Christ, who is for us and with us, we are already more than conquerors through Him who loved us. This celebratory LWML Sunday will encourage all hearers of the victory which is already ours through Baptism, so we might live each day confidently trusting in Christ.



## Pictorial Directory Photo Time!!

When: Weekends of Oct. 15 & 16/November 19 &

20 after any of the worship services

Where: In the Chapel

**Who:** Anyone who doesn't have a photo in the directory and anyone who needs an updated photo

What to Bring: Your smiles!!

This is also a good time for anyone to update their contact information for the directory, even if you don't need a photo taken. Or you can update information by emailing or calling Lorrie in the office.

If neither date works, you can submit a photo to the church office (by email or bring in a printed one). Another option is to contact the Assimilation Committee for someone to take your photo at a time that works for you. Contact Cory Strumpel at 319-321-6436 or Pam Wilson at 319-530-1920 with questions or to schedule at a different time.

Thank YOU!! Assimilation Committee



# CLERGY APPRECIATION OCTOBER 22/23

The apostle Paul began the concept of clergy appreciation when he said in 1 Timothy 5:17, "Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching". Paul

restated this concept in 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 when he said that those who work hard among you show be held in the highest regard for their work. In 1992 Clergy Appreciation Month was started.

Shepherding God's flock can be difficult and lonely work at times. Many pastors leave the ministry each year.

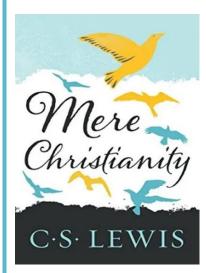
There are many stories of men, in the Old and New Testaments who have experienced loneliness and weariness of ministry. In 2 Timothy 4, Paul said that no man stood with him, but Paul eventually came to understand that God was with him, even when he thought that he was deserted by men. The prophet Elijah sat under a broom tree and wanted to die. He later told God that he felt alone in his ministry. In 1 Kings chapter 19, God eventually showed Elijah that he had 7,000 supporters.

Pastor Appreciation Month was started to keep the pastors out from under Elijah's broom tree. Pastors are a blessing to their congregations and their families. On October 9 and 10, a basket will be available in the narthex for cards, notes of appreciation, and small gifts for Pastor Hartwig and Vicar Morgan Garrett.



Wendysue Fluegge will be joining us for all three services with music on October 22 & 23

## Book Club



Thursday Nights 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

October 27, 2022 Session 2 (Book 2)

November 17, 2022 Session 3 (Book 4)

Mere Christianity by 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.

## Calling All New Members



Who: New Members

What: Brunch and Fellowship Time

When: Sunday, October 30, following the 10:30

worship service

Where: Church Fellowship Hall (lower level by the

kitchen)

**Why:** To meet new friends, enjoy a delicious

meal, and learn about Our Redeemer's

ministry opportunities.

**Host:** Assimilation Committee

Who is a new member? If you have joined Our Redeemer in the last year or during Covid, and have not yet been able to attend a new member brunch, you're invited.

Watch for an invitation in the mail and RSVP as soon as possible. We're looking forward to getting to know you!



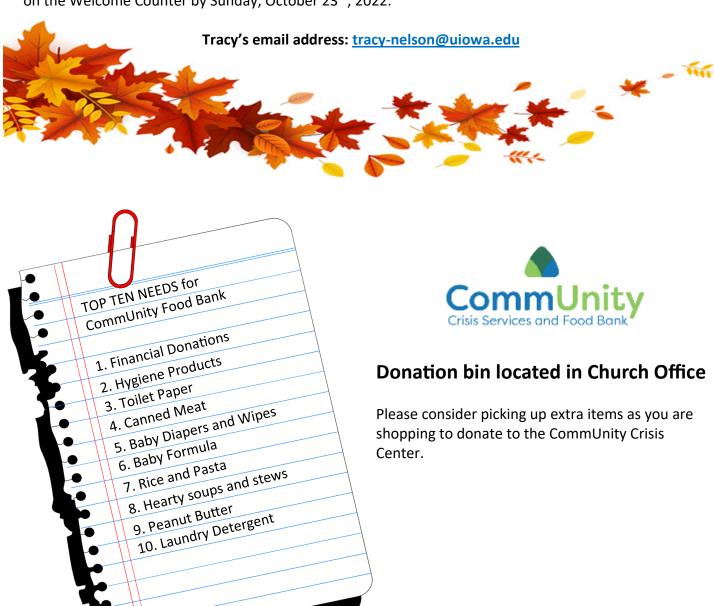
#### **SOCKTOBER**

Warm toes = warm hearts

This year Our Redeemer Human Care Committee will again be sponsoring a month long Socktober running the month of October. So why SOCKTOBER? Because every night in the United States an estimated 600,000 people live on the streets and need simple things, like socks, to help get them thru the night. Plus, the NUMBER 1 needed clothing items for those in need is new socks, but people rarely ever donate new socks to the homeless! New socks are like gold to the homeless. For people without permanent housing feet work overtime when there isn't a warm home to return to each night. Our committee is working in partnership with the lowa City Homeless Shelter to collect socks. We are asking the congregation to donate NEW crew socks (dark are preferred) with reinforced toes are the best. Please place your donations in the SOCKTOBER box in the narthex. If you prefer to give a monetary gift rather than socks, we'd be happy to shop for you! Please make your check out to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church with Socktober in the memo line and place in offering plate. With Covid still a concern please contribute new items only. We are, also, still taking donations for brand new packs of underwear for men, women, and children. Thank you for your help.



The Prime Time Dinner is for everyone in the congregation aged 60 and older. The dinner is hosted by the Human Care Committee with Chef Steve Rudin preparing his usual delicious meal to delight the tastebuds. In order to determine the amount of food needed for this special occasion the Human Care Committee requests that you RSVP to Tracy Nelson at her email address or on the signup sheet located on the Welcome Counter by Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.





#### 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.

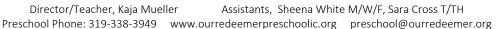
Please wash the fruit, slice or chop as appropriate, and put the fruit in a LABELED gallon ziploc bag. Please write "Youth Pies" on the bag and the type of fruit & approximate quantity. Place the bag(s) in the church kitchen freezer.

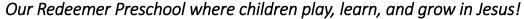
We appreciate keeping down the cost of making the pies. With your help there will be some FABULOUS pies in November for you to buy.

If you have questions, contact Kara Hartwig.

## Preschool Newsletter

September 26-30, 2022







#### This Week

#### **CIRCLE TIMES**

Name recognition / how many letters in your name

Number 1 one

Difference between letters & numbers

Classroom Rules—in order to have a good

Noah's Ark—Jesus Time with Vicar and Pastor

Math equation

Color songs

Librarian visit—Mrs. Casey











#### **WATER WEEK**

Noah's ark craft Water animals Sea shells Noah's ark wooden toy Free style painting

#### **TEACHER TIME**

Number one—write, count, draw, recognize

#### Home Question

Would you like to live underwater? What would you do if you did?

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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Happy 5th Birthday, Eddie!

A straight line down is fun, that's the way to make a one.





#### Dates

October 3,4,5—No Preschool

October 6&7—Class gets to walk to the City High School track.

October 11— Scholastic Book Orders are due.

October 27 & 28-Costume Days

#### Scholastic Book Order



Reading and sharing a good story is always fun. Each month there will be an opportunity to purchase books through Scholastic Book Clubs. You can shop and submit your order online. Every purchase you make earns FREE books and educational supplies for our classroom. Happy reading! Ordering online is fast and easy: scholastic.com/readingclub— ENTER Class Activation Code MQWNQ. All book orders will be shipped to our classroom unless you designate them to be shipped to your house.



## Children's Ministry

Birth—5<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### KIDS CLUB

For children ages: 4 year olds—5<sup>th</sup> grade



Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:45 pm-8:00 pm

Lesson: Time of the Church

The 'Church Year' doesn't line up with the 'Calendar Year' or the 'School Year.'

Rather, the 'Church Year' celebrates the life of God's Son, Jesus, whom God sent to earth to save us.

#### MIDWEEK MEAL

Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Please join us for a meal before Midweek activities start at 6:45 pm.

#### Toddlin' to Jesus

Room 215 (Toddlin' Room)

Join us at 9:20 am on Sunday mornings.

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.



#### **CLASSROOMS & TEACHERS**

Preschool 3 & 4 year olds—Rm 219
Angela Hotz and Morgan Hotz

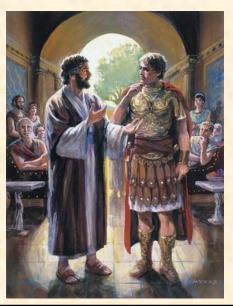
Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade—Rm 217
Allison & Ryan Haack

2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade—Rm 117 Tiffany Roiseland and Amy Guhl

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade—Rm 121

Kate Ramsey and Sara Cross
(Hannah Ramsey and Ava Cross)

#### Sunday School 9:20 am-10:15 am



October 2<sup>nd</sup>
A Centurion Converts:

Peter and Cornelius (AD 39)

Acts 10



6<sup>th</sup> —12<sup>th</sup> Grade

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

## Confirmation Classes (6th—8th Grade)

Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade—Lecture

Unit 1: God's Grace to His People in Ancient Times
Patriarchs: God chose Abraham to be the father of a chosen nation. This nation continued through
Abraham's son Isaac, and then through Isaac's son
Jacob, concluding with the account of Jacob's son
Joseph. Genesis reveals God's continual protection
over the earliest patriarchs in Christ's family tree.

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade—Lecture

#### 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.

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade—Small Group

#### Review from 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

We will review what was learned in 7<sup>th</sup> 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

### That's What angels say

Children's Christmas Service

For students interested in speaking roles and vocal solos, they need to attend the placements session on **Sunday**, **October 16**<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour.

Practices are held during Sunday School in October, November and December plus <u>Saturday rehearsals</u> on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Children's Christmas Service will be on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> during 8:00 am & 10:30 am worship.

#### MIDWEEK MEAL: Wednesday, October 5th

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Families help serve & cleanup

#### **YOUTH Sunday School**

Confirmation—Room 208 High School—Youth Room



#### Sunday, October 2nd

9:20 am -10:15 am

#### LESSON:

A Centurion Converts—Peter and Cornelius
Acts 10

#### **High School Midweek**

All high school youth and their friends are welcome!

Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm

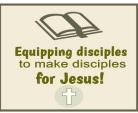
#### **Fall Fun**

**Outdoor Games & Devotion** 



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup>
1:00 pm —5:00 pm
And
Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>
1:00 pm —5:00 pm

RSVP to the church office at 338-5626.

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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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.