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Reflections




Weekly Newsletter - October 22/23, 2022

~*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*~

Future Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
October 23	Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-18	On Your Feet—Paul, Barnabas, and a man born lame
October 30	Acts 15:1-14; 22-35	The Gentile Cause—The Jerusalem Council



ADULT BIBLE CLASS

October 23
Mission Update-
Panama Lutheran Church

October 30, November 6, 13
Doubt: A Character Study (continued)



*I do believe;
help my unbelief*

Mark 9:24

All Saints Sunday

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**.



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

Prayer of the Church / 20th Sunday after Pentecost / October 23, 2022

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

For childlike hearts to receive the gifts of God at the gracious invitation of Christ; and for humility to pray with repentance and faith, saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner,”

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

For the Church here and in every place; for pastors, that God would defend them from arrogance and pride and strengthen their preaching; and that You, O Lord, strengthen the seminarians we are supporting: **Deon Hull** (Vicarage Year), **Kyle Moellenhoff** (Vicarage Year), **Josiah Schultz** (Vicarage Year), **Kyle Lewis** (4th Year), and we ask a special blessing upon our **Vicar Morgan Garrett**,

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

For a deep care for the children entrusted to us, that we would defend their lives even before birth; for parents, our Lutheran schools, Sunday school, Bible classes and youth catechesis, that by them the little children would be brought to Jesus and preserved in the faith,

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

For travelers, those traveling for business and those traveling for leisure, that You, O Lord, would guard and protect them, keeping them safe as they travel to and from, and we ask special protection for the Golla family as they travel for a funeral,

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

For the family and friends of **Silvester Golla**, comfort them as they mourn, and 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.**

That the leaders of the nations may abhor wickedness and boastfulness, fulfill their duties with diligence and humility, and govern in accordance with God’s will,

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

That we would be delivered from evil; and for the lives of those who face sickness, injuries and troubles, [especially **Dorothy Blume** (Carol Schuldt’s sister), **David Caplin** (Lillian Moyer’s son-in-law), **Emee Elkeurti**, **Cynthia Freundt**, **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**, **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**, **Julie Pratt-Mullenkamp** (Cousin of Ruth Varney), **Rozie Siems** (Daughter of Mary Siems), **Ronna Sojka**, **Reece Ullerich**, **Karen Warner**, **Lynne Westphal**, **Mark Wilson**, and **Beth Wu** (Schuldt’s relative),]

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

For You, O Lord, knit us together in our mother’s womb and we give you thanks for the healthy birth of babies around the world, and especially **Alan Aubrey Lewis** born to former Vicar and Holly Lewis this past week (10/14), and we look forward to the day when Alan will be baptized,

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

For Your Word tells us, “Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.” (1 Chronicles 16:11). So, hear 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.**

BIRTHDAYS

Sun. 10/23 Joanne Fobain, Amanda Jones
 Mon. 10/24 Connie Betcher, Danny Fuhrmeister
 Tues. 10/25 Ethan Cooney
 Wed. 10/26 Kurt Shaner
 Thurs. 10/27 ***
 Fri. 10/28 Hope Carlson, John Ervin, Loren Kober
 Sat. 10/29 Madeline Caylor

STEWARDSHIP October 15/16, 2022

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 10/15—5:30pm	59	Contributions	\$10,863.78
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 10/16—8:00am	115	A Little Farther	\$1,315.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 10/16—10:30am	173	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Recorded Services 10/15	17		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	366	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	52/40

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, October 23-30, 2022

<u>Sunday, 10/23-Clergy Appreciation</u>		<u>Wednesday continued...</u>	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Emerson Point	2:00pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am	Midweek Class	6:45pm
<i>Wendysue Fluegge will provide music at both services</i>		Adult Midweek	7:00pm
		<u>Thursday, 10/27</u>	
<u>Monday, 10/24</u>		Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Over Eaters Anonymous	5:00pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Book Club	7:00pm
Chamber Singers Rehearsal	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
<u>Tuesday, 10/25</u>		<u>Friday, 10/28</u>	
Solon Nursing Home	9:30am	***	
Beth Moore Women's Bible Study	10:00am		
SM-Small Group/Marlene	6:15pm	<u>Saturday, 10/29</u>	
Assimilation	6:30pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
SM-Large Group/Marcia	6:45pm		
Al-Anon	7:00pm	<u>Sunday, 10/30</u>	
Women's Bible Class/Finding God Faithful	7:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
LLL Meeting	7:30pm	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am
<u>Wednesday, 10/26</u>		New Member Brunch	11:45am
TOPS	8:00am	Trunk or Treat	4:00pm



Thank you to all for your prayers over the past 2 months of one saga after another of my health issues. Your expressions of thoughtfulness, kindness, and love have kept me feeling positive and very grateful for being a part of the Our Redeemer family. Thanks be to God for each and every one of you. Praise the Lord!
 Cynthia Freundt

All are Invited to Emma & Nathan's Wedding Shower!

Please join us for

Emma &
Nathan's

wedding
shower

On November 21st,
2022 at 7pm


At Our Redeemer
Lutheran Church in
the Fellowship Hall

RSVP to:
call, text or email
#3193313242
consultant@ourredeemer.org

The Race is On!

For those who use any of these streets for routes to church please add some drive time on the day of Sunday, October 23 and take an alternate route to church.



Iowa City Road Races Inc.
P.O. Box 3148
Iowa City, IA 52244

Joan DePrenger, President

September 27, 2022

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
2301 E. Court St.
Iowa City, IA 52245

To Whom It May Concern:

On Sunday, October 23, 2022 will be the 47th Annual Iowa City Road Races Run for the Schools. I am again asking for your patience this year with road closures and traffic delays. The three main races begin at 9:00 AM. There is a one-mile fun run for children that starts at 8:00 AM, on College St. only.

We have again contracted with the Road Safe Traffic Systems for re-routing on Hwy. 1 (between Burlington St. and Jefferson St). We have secured the Department of transportation request for temporary closure of Hwy 1 during the race. At 5:00 AM, College St. will shut down from Linn St. to Muscatine Ave. At 5:00 AM, Gilbert St. will be shut down from Burlington St. to Washington St. At 5:30 AM, Dodge St will be shut down and southbound traffic will be rerouted on to Washington St. At 5:30 AM, Governor St. will be shut down and northbound traffic will be rerouted on to Burlington St. The roads should all be reopened by 12:30 PM.

We are sorry for any inconvenience. Again, thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,

Matthew Fettkether
Iowa City Road Races – Race Director



Pictorial Directory Photo Time!!

When: Weekend of 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 should 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 22/23, a basket will be available in the narthex for cards, notes of appreciation, and small gifts for Pastor Hartwig and Vicar Morgan Garrett.



LUNCH
BUNCH

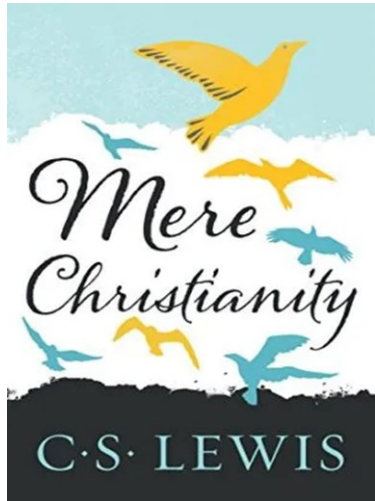
See you there!

Lunch Bunch will be meeting again on **November 2**. 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:

November 16
December 7 & 21

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 continue to unpacking in Book Club. Come join us for fellowship as we go through the book.

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 Iowa 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 the 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.



LOOKING FOR TRUNK VOLUNTEERS AND CANDY DONATIONS!!

We are looking for Trunk or Treat volunteers to volunteer to set their trunks and join in the fun for children. We are also seeking candy donations. If you would like to volunteer a trunk please sign up at the Welcome Counter. Make sure to include what the theme of your trunk is. If you would like to donate candy, it can be dropped off at the Church Office during regular hours of operation.



Time to start thinking COOKIES!

The 29th Annual LWML Guild Cookie Walk will be Saturday, December 3rd, 9:00 am to 11:00. Please start pulling out your cookbooks or visiting your favorite recipe websites for the cookies you would like to bake. Also, think about how you can help on Friday, December 2nd and/or Saturday, December 3rd. Sign-up will start November 5th & 6th in the narthex.



A NOTE FROM PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

If you find something in the church that is in need of repair please feel free to stop in the office during the week and request a "CHURCH PROPERTIES" form and fill it out. If you do not know where they are, Lorrie can make sure that you get one.

Thank you, Properties Committee



PRIME TIME DINNER

Sunday November 6th after the 10:30am service

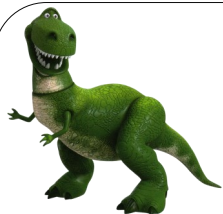
The Prime Time Dinner is for everyone in the congregation aged 60 and older. The dinner is hosted by the Human Care Committee with Chef Steve Rudin preparing his usual delicious meal to delight the tastebuds. In order to determine the amount of food needed for this special occasion the Human Care Committee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

Tracy's email address: tracy-nelson@uiowa.edu



Did You Know: "It's more important what God thinks of you than what others think of you." How often have you heard (or said) these words? Yet so often we slip into the habit of living for the approval of others. In Matthew 6, Jesus tells us not to do things for the approval of men. In the same chapter, He assures us that our Father, who sees and knows us inside out, is the One who can and will meet all our needs, including our need to be recognized, valued, and loved. Whew! What a relief! Life begins to look different (and much better!) when seen through the eyes of faith in our loving, gracious, living and forgiving God. Live in the light of that great love this week!

Lutheran Family Service - www.LutheranFamilyService.org.



Preschool Newsletter

October 17-21, 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

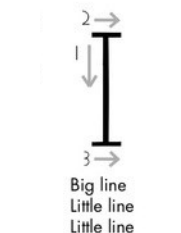
Our Redeemer Preschool where children play, learn, and grow in Jesus!



This Week

CIRCLE TIMES

- Dinosaur activities
- Math equation
- Line leader color song
- Letter li—*recognize, write, and make the sound*
- Bible: Joseph and his brothers
- Librarian visit—Mrs. Casey
- Felt dinosaurs
- Large plastic dinos
- Sensory table—small dinos, packing peanuts, tongs for fine motor skills
- Dinosaur books
- Dinosaur name craft
- Dinosaur painting—*optional*
- Joseph colorful coat—*optional*



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TEACHER TIME

Letter li

Home Question

If big dinosaurs were still here on earth, what would you do if one was running towards you?

Preschool Needs



We would like 5 empty, cleaned out cheese ball containers for storage and activity play for preschool. Please leave them outside the classroom and Kaja will pick them up. Thank you!



Preschool would love to have any nice, clean buttons that you are not using. We use them for various crafts and counting.

Ii (Tune: Clementine)

In an igloo on an island in a sea of icy water, lived an inchworm named Ignatius and his itty-bitsy daughter. She was smaller than an inkblot and her name was Isabel. She didn't need a cradle 'cause she slept in a seashell.



God made the dinosaurs big and tall.

(children reach hands up high and stretch)

God made the dinosaurs short and small.

(children squat down close to ground)

God made the dinosaurs that fly through the air.

(pretend to fly)

God made the dinosaurs everywhere.

(hands out)

God made the dinosaurs so they can ROAR

(of course we ROAR loudly!)

God made the dinosaurs so they could snore

(put head on folded hands, close eyes snore)

God made the dinosaurs so they could STOMP

(stomp of course)

**STOMP, STOMP, STOMP,
STOMP, STOMP, STOMP
ROAR**

(stomping and roaring)



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. **Iowa City #43522**





Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade

KIDS CLUB

For children ages:
4 year olds—5th grade



Wednesday, October 26th

LEGACY POINTE VISIT COSTUME PARADE

The Kids Club costume parade and songs at Legacy Pointe is Wednesday, October 26 from 6:30 pm—7:00 pm. Afterwards we will return to Our Redeemer for fall activities.

Sunday School

9:20 am—10:15 am

For children ages: Birth—5th grade
in their designated classes

October 23rd

On Your Feet:

Paul, Barnabas, and a man born lame



Trunk or Treat



Sunday
October 30th
4:00 pm

In the church lower parking lot. If you are wanting to do a trunk the sign up sheet is located at the Welcome Counter. Candy donations are appreciated and can be dropped off at the office.

Children's Christmas Worship 2022

December 11, 2022—during worship

The name of the Christmas story the children will share is called "That's What Angels Say." Emails have been sent out. Practice starts today!

All Kindergarten through 8th grade students will start to learn the music for our Children's Christmas Worship Service in December. Practices will be held with Allison Haack during the regular music time for students (9:15 for younger students, 10:00 for older youth). Preschool age students will have their own short program of songs they will practice during their Sunday School class with Mrs. Haack. They do not need to attend any Saturday Practices.



All rehearsals will be held during the Sunday School hour.

October 23 – Parts/Scripts

Youth

6th —12th Grade

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

Confirmation Classes (6th—8th Grade)

Wednesday, October 26th at 6:45 pm

6th Grade—Lecture

Unit 1: God's Grace to His People in Ancient Times
God prepares Moses to be Israel's Savior. God delivers His people through the Passover and the Red Sea.



EXAM: Wednesday, November 9th

7th Grade—Lecture

The Ten Commandments

3rd Commandment: *Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.*

4th Commandment: *Honor your father and your mother.*

MEMORY DUE: Commandments 1-2 & Meaning



8th Grade—Small Group



Forgiveness

God wants all people to repent and turn to Him, so that our sins may be wiped out. (Acts 3:19)

Only those people who are truly sorry for their sins and believe in Jesus as their Savior will have their sins forgiven.

EXAM 1: Wednesday, October 26th

YOUTH Sunday School

Confirmation—Room 208
High School—Youth Room



Sunday, October 23rd

9:20 am —10:15 am

LESSON:

Paul & Barnabas in Lystra (AD 47)
Acts 13:1–3; 14:8–18



That's What Angels Say

Children's Christmas Service

K—8th Grades

Music CDs will be handed out to students on Sunday, October 23rd so they can listen to the songs at home.

*Practices are held during Sunday School in October, November and December plus **Saturday rehearsals** on December 3rd and 10th.*

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

High School Midweek

All high school youth and their friends are welcome!

Wednesday, October 26th
at 6:45 pm



"Drama in Friendships"

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Friday, November 4th @ 7 pm
Fellowship Hall

YOUTH (6th—12th grades) and their PARENTS are invited to hear about navigating relationships with friends from a Christian worldview.

Welcome & refreshments starting at 6:30 pm.



7th & 8th Grade Fall Confirmation Retreat

WHEN: 6:30 pm on Friday, November 4th —
Saturday, November 6th at 8:00 am
WHERE: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Parents, please plan to attend the guest speaker presentation, which will end around 8 pm.

REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://forms.gle/H7kGfWSRR8F9k3jU8>

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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.