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Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - November 12/13, 2022

~Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost~

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
November 13	Acts 17:16-21	The Unknown Revealed—Paul Preaches in Athens
November 20	Acts 20:1-12 2 Corinthians 11:22-28	Preaching and Perils—Paul’s Ministry and Hardships
November 27	Thanksgiving Weekend—No Classes	



ADULT BIBLE CLASS

November 13

Topic will be on Jonah

November 20

Doubt: A Character Study (continued)

November 27—December 18

Behold the Child



FLOWERS TODAY

Flowers for the altar this weekend are from the LLL in honor of our veterans.



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.



Trivia Challenge is today, November 13, Immediately following late service in the Fellowship Hall

Hey everyone! The Trivia Challenge is today. Are you ready teams?

Also, don’t forget to bring your favorite game food to share with everyone in potluck fashion. We look forward to seeing people there.



Prayer of the Church / Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost / November 13, 2022

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

For steadfastness in the Word of God, which will never pass away, that in these last days we may turn our eyes from the distress of this failing world and lift them to Christ, our Help and Keeper, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the homes and businesses of this congregation, that according to the apostolic command, we may remain busy at work and not walk in idleness, see the fruits of our labors, and have hearts directed to the love of God and the steadfastness of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

In thanksgiving for those who served our nation through military service, that we may honor their service by using our liberty responsibly; for our nation and its blessing; and for aid in protecting and increasing the benefits we have for those who follow us, looking always to Christ, from whom true freedom comes, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from fear as we witness the signs of the times, that we would make sober judgment in the face of so many vexing concerns; and for the assurance that, though the nations rage and the powers press against the Church, this is our opportunity to give witness to the Word that does not change and to the mercy that is our hope in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For those in affliction, [*especially Dorothy Blume (Carol Schuldt's sister), David Caplin (Lillian Moyer's son-in-law), Emeel Elkeurti, Leslie Frost (friend of Sarah Ghabel), Debra Fuhrmeister, Emma Haugen (Friend of Gwen Enokian), Gabe Hundley (grandson of Karen Abernathy), Dora Jacobson (granddaughter of George and Carol Schuldt), Mark Jacobs, 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),*] that they may endure in hope and raise up their heads as they await the coming of their redemption, Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For ministers of the Gospel and those who hear it gladly, especially those pastors who are suffering socially, mentally, and physically, we especially pray for **Rev. Jerry Doellinger** who is receiving a kidney transplant on November 14 and for **Rev. Dan Krueger** who is having gallbladder surgery on November 17, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For You join man and woman together so that they are no longer two but one flesh. Bless the engaged, the newly married and those who have shared many years together, especially **Danny and Debra Fuhrmeister** celebrating their 48th anniversary, 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.**

BIRTHDAYS

Sun. 11/13 Shana Siems
 Mon. 11/14 Rachel Hottel, Rhet Norland, Aibhlinn O'Shea, Michael Richardson, Gavin Schrader, Camden Schwarting, Charma Wenck
 Tues. 11/15 Evan Aisenbrey, David Bloesch, Todd Cooney
 Wed. 11/16 Jason Farnsworth
 Thurs. 11/17 Angela Brinton, Jonathan Jackson, Megan Kibby, Erin Kibby, Terry Knottnerus
 Fri. 10/18 Christina Carney, James Patino
 Sat. 11/19 Myrl Holida, Michael Kimball, Joyce Lanxon, Henry Lenhart, Karen Ullom

STEWARDSHIP November 5/6, 2022

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 11/5—5:30pm	40	Contributions	\$19,897.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 11/6—8:00am	131	A Little Farther	\$2,058.33
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 11/6—10:30am	159	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Recorded Services 11/5	10		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	340	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	62/60

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, November 13-20, 2022

<u>Sunday, 11/13</u>		<i>Wednesday continued....</i>	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Midweek Classes	6:45pm
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am	Youth Worship Rehearsal	6:45pm
Trivia Challenge	12:00pm	Adult Midweek	7:00pm
Youth Worship Rehearsal	2:00pm		
		<u>Thursday, 11/17</u>	
<u>Monday, 11/14</u>		Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Book Club	7:00pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Chamber Singers Rehearsal	6:00pm		
Old Capitol Quilters	6:00pm	<u>Friday, 11/18</u>	
Preschool Board	6:30pm	***	
<u>Tuesday, 11/15</u>		<u>Saturday, 11/19-Youth Led Worship</u>	
Solon Nursing Home	9:30am	Youth Worship Rehearsal	2:00pm
Assimilation	6:30pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
Al-Anon	7:00pm		
		<u>Sunday, 11/20-Youth Led Worship</u>	
<u>Wednesday, 11/16</u>		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	Voter's Meeting	11:45am
Windmill Manor	2:00pm	Children's Dinner Theater	5:30pm

Our Redeemer Youth Pie Fundraiser

Cost: \$12
per pie

Saturday, November 12th
between 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
in the Fellowship Hall

Dutch Apple
Double Crust Apple

The Youth will be selling homemade **unbaked, frozen** pies:

Dutch Apple (crumb topping) and Double Crust Apple. ALSO, limited quantities of pecan, rhubarb, berry, peach, zucchini and various other fruit pies are available, while supplies last.



Due to limited freezer space at church, we request pies to be purchased on Saturday, November 12th, between 11:00 am – 12:30 pm



Thrivent Choice Dollars and Thrivent Action Cards

As we are fast approaching the end of the year we want to remind you that if you are a Thrivent member (if you have insurance or investments with Thrivent, that makes you a member) to make sure you log in to your account and direct your Thrivent Choice dollars to the nonprofit of your choice. Also if you have not used your Thrivent Action benefit (you are entitled to apply for two a year up to \$250 each time) contact any Redeemer staff member and they can help direct you to a project that could benefit from a Thrivent Action team or come up with one on your own for a worthy cause.

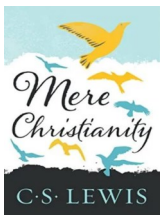


See you there!



Lunch Bunch will be meeting again on **November 16**. Don't forget Bible Class at 11:00 am, taught by Pastor or Vicar in the Fellowship Hall followed by potluck lunch. Bring your favorite dish to share. All are welcome.

Here is the final meetings date for the year 2022: December 7 & 21



Thursday Nights
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

November 17, 2022
Session 3 (Book 4)

Book Club

Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis will be the book that we will continue to unpack in Book Club. Come join us for fellowship as we go through the book.



Extra Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas worship services require many ushers. Please sign up on the welcome counter or contact consultant@ourredeemer.org to sign up for those services where you can be of assistance. Everyone is needed to help cover services.

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.

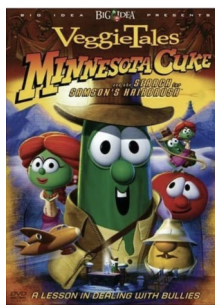
If neither date works, you can submit a photo to the church office (by email or bring in a printed one).

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



Building Healthy Families: How good are you at casting? Been awhile and you're you out of practice? Practice this week with a reading of Psalm 55 and this prayer as your guide: *Lord, I cast my burdens on You. Here are some of them _____.* Thank You for carrying them. Now sustain me and help me carry the burdens of others as I serve You this week. Give me the opportunity to point them to You, the ultimate burden bearer - not only of our problems but of our sin upon the cross. Help me rejoice knowing that in the hope that is in You, I will not be moved. Amen. "Cast your burden on the LORD and He will sustain you; He will never permit the righteous to be moved." Psalm 55:22 **Lutheran Family Service - www.LutheranFamilyService.org.**



CHILDREN'S DINNER THEATER

Sunday, November 20, 5:30 pm

Hey kids! Put on those pajamas and join us for Children's Dinner Theater. Enjoy a movie in the comfort of your pajamas with a tasty, kid-friendly meal of chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, veggies and fruit, dessert. The feature movie will be Veggie Tales: Minnesota Cuke and the Search for Sampson's Hairbrush. Please sign-up to attend. Sign-up sheet located on Welcome Counter in the Narthex.



NOVEMBER 19/20

Our Redeemer's youth will be leading all three services.



**HEAR YE!!
HEAR YE!!**

**VOTER'S MEETING
NOVEMBER 20
Immediately following
the late service!!**



Thanksgiving Eve Service will be on November 23 at 7:00 pm. Don't forget to bring in your "Thanks-giving! Thanks-living" pledges for the service.



CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE NEEDED AGAIN!!!

Because we had such a great response last year, the Outreach Committee is again going to collect Christmas (not holiday) cards to share the Good News of Jesus' birth for residents of local senior and assisted living residences. You can help by preparing Christmas cards. All you need to do is sign your first name and include "from Our Redeemer Lutheran Church" and place the card in the envelope. You can also add a short encouraging message if you desire. Please don't seal the envelope as we will be adding a Church stamp to the inside of the card. There will be a collection box on the Welcome Counter in the Narthex for your finished cards. This is a perfect way to use up those remaining Christmas cards you might have at home or you can purchase a few from the LWML Card racks downstairs by the Fellowship Hall. We prefer

Christmas cards and not holiday cards. Based on the most recent resident counts from the facilities, we will need approximately 550 cards!

This year we would like to personally hand out the cards to the residents as well which will take some additional volunteers. If you are interested in helping with distributing cards, please sign up on the sheet by the collection box.

Please have your signed cards to the church by **Sunday, November 27th**. If you have questions, please contact Donna Saeher at 319-321-3207, Marlene Thompson at 319-338-2938, or Marilyn Kempnich at 319-351-5297.



Join us on Sunday, November 27, at 1:30 p.m. to decorate the church. Many hands make light work. Julie Nieland needs many hands to help with the decorating to give thanks and rejoice in "Christ the Savior is born!"

ADVENT SERVICES BEGIN NOVEMBER 30



We will soon be entering the Advent Season. Our first midweek Advent service will be on November 30 with services at 1:00 pm and 6:10 pm. There will be an Advent Midweek meal served at 5:10 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



Are you thinking COOKIES yet?

The 29th Annual LWML Guild Cookie Walk will be Saturday, December 3rd, 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

Please start pulling out your cookbooks or visiting your favorite recipe websites for the cookies you will bake. We would appreciate donations of as many cookies as possible! Workers will be needed on Friday, December 2nd and/or Saturday, December 3rd.

Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. During the week the sign-up sheets will be in the church office. Posters are available for your office bulletin board or where you shop. Proceeds from the Cookie Walk will be given to missions. Thank you for your help!



Kids Easy Christmas Musical

Children's Christmas Worship December 11, 2022

The congregation is invited to join the children for a lunch immediately following the late service to celebrate.

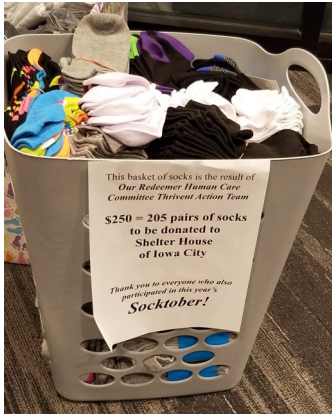
Come one, come all for fellowship and good food.



Thank you to all who participated in another successful Socktober. They were boxed up and taken to the Shelter House on Monday to very grateful staff members.

- Total collected from Our Redeemer's Month Long Socktober collection:
- 830 pairs of socks from congregation members
 - 40 t-shirts
 - 9 pairs of briefs

Thrivent Action Team Funds purchased 205 pairs of socks
 Scheels donated 84 pairs of socks
 For a grand total of 1119 pairs of socks donated to Shelter House.



A few of the Human Care committee members who helped count and box up the Socktober donations to Shelter House. Picture taken by Jim Eick.



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

Please join us for

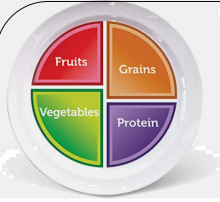
Emma &
Nathan's
wedding
shower

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

They are registered at Bed Bath & Beyond, Amazon, and Target



Preschool Newsletter



November 7-11, 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!

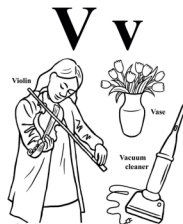
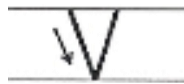
This Week

CIRCLE TIMES

Healthy food choices
 Daily math equation
 Line leader color song
 Letter Vv—recognize, write, and make the sound
 Bible: 12 spies to Canaan
 Five food groups
 Alphabet & shapes
 Autumn leaves
 Making a volcano
 Food books
 Good food choices



Big line
Big line



TEACHER TIME

Letter Vv
 Numbers & shapes
 Autumn leaf craft
 Volcano craft—optional

Home Question

Can you come up with two of your favorite healthy snacks?

Vv (To The Hokey Pokey)



Van puts his violin under his chinny-chin. He plays it very loud, and he makes his Aunt Vi proud. Vi loves to hear him play, so Van visits her each day. And that's all there is to say!

November Snack Prayer

Our hands we fold, our heads we bow.
For food and drink, we thank you now.
Amen.



The Turkey Ran Away

The turkey ran away, Before Thanksgiving day,
Said he, "They'll make a roast out of me
if I should stay."

The pumpkin ran away. Before Thanksgiving day,
Said he, "They'll make a pie out of me
if I should stay."

The cranberries ran away. Before Thanksgiving day,
Said he, "They'll make a sauce out of me
if I should stay."

We thank God for this food. We thank God for this
day.

We thank God for his love and care,
in work and in play!"

Autumn Leaves are Falling Down

Autumn leaves are falling down, falling down,
falling down. Autumn leaves are falling down, it
is fall.

Take a rake and rake them up, rake them up,
rake them up. Take a rake and rake them up, it
is fall.

Make a pile and jump right in, jump right in,
jump right in. Make a pile and jump right in, it
is fall!



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. **Consigner Number : Iowa City #43522**



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade

KIDS CLUB

For children ages:
4 year olds—5th grade



Wednesday, November 16th
from 6:45 pm—8:00 pm

LESSON: Divine Worship Settings
TEACHERS: Jonie & Vicar

Sunday School

9:20 am—10:15 am

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

November 13th

**The Unknown Revealed:
Paul Preaches in Athens
Acts 17:16-51**



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.

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."

All Kindergarten through 8th grade students will learn the music for our Children's Christmas Worship Service. Allison Haack will teach them the songs during the regular music time for students (9:20 for younger students, 10:00 for older youth). Rehearsals will be held during the Sunday School hour and 2 Saturday rehearsals on December 3th & 10th.

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.

LUNCH: The congregation is invited to a meal immediately following the late service on December 11th to celebrate the birth of Christ together.

Youth

6th —12th Grade

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

Confirmation Classes (6th—8th Grade)

Wednesday, November 17th at 6:45 pm

6th Grade—Small Group

Unit 2: God's Grace to His People Israel

Hannah prays for a son, and God blesses her with Samuel who she gives to the LORD. Samuel serves under the priest Eli.

MEMORY DUE: none



7th Grade—Small Group

The Ten Commandments: 7th and 8th

7th Commandment: *You shall not steal.*

8th Commandment: *You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.*



8th Grade—Lecture

Unit 2: Apostle's Creed

The Apostle's Creed consists of three Articles (or parts). We will be looking at the 2nd Article which talks about God the Son. Look for this window in our sanctuary to see symbols of the Holy Trinity.



Announcements for Youth Worship Weekend

November 19th—20th

Once a year, the Confirmation and High School Youth help with all three worship services as part of Youth Worship Weekend.

Each group helps with a different aspect of the worship service.

Confirmation Youth: Greeters, ushers and acolytes. Sign up online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4FA8A62AA2FA7-youth1>

High School Youth: Youth Praise Team members, Bible lesson readers, and skit actors.

REHEARSAL DATES for High School Youth:

- Sun, Nov 13th (following Trivia Challenge) from 2:00 pm—3:00 pm
- Weds, Nov 16th from 6:45 pm—8:00 pm
- Sat, Nov 19th from 2:00 pm—5:00 pm (then stay for Saturday worship @5:30 pm)
- Sun, Nov 20th starting at 7:15 am (then stay for both Sunday worship services)

Children's Christmas Worship Important Dates

REMINDER, Confirmation students **must attend practices** to participate in the Children's Christmas services to get Confirmation points.

- Sunday practices are during Sunday School on November 13, 20 & 27 and December 4.
- **Saturday rehearsals** are on December 3 and 10.



The Christmas Program is during both the 8 am and 10:30 am services on December 11th. Students are expected to participate in both services.

Pie Making Day for the Pie Sale Fundraiser

All Confirmation and High School Youth Families are wanted to make pies on **Saturday, November 12th** from **8:00 am until 12:30 pm** in the church kitchen.

This fundraiser supports the Confirmation and High School Youth (6th—12th grades) programs.

Pies will be sold from 11:00 am—12:30 pm on Saturday, November 12th.



Youth Trivia Challenge Teams

Join us at 12:00 pm on Sunday, November 13th



Table #4 Confirmation Youth
Table #5 High School Youth

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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.