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Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - December 10/11, 2022

~The Third Sunday in Advent~

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson	
December 11	Acts 27:9-44	All Overboard—Paul's Shipwreck	
December 18	2 Timothy 1; 3:14-17	To a New Generation—Paul Writes to Timothy	
December 25	Christmas Weekend & New Year Weekend—No Classes		



December 11-18

Behold the Child

January 8-February 5

Jeremiah: Overcoming Life's Sorrows



FLOWERS TODAY

Flowers for the altar this weekend are from Lynn Smith in reflecting on the peace of God in this Advent Season.











This Sunday's coffee and snacks are being provided between the early service and Sunday School by Stephen Ministry. Donations will go towards the towards continued ministry efforts.

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



Children's Christmas Worship

Join us this weekend (Sunday, December 11), at the 8:00am and 10:30am services as the children present their Christmas Worship Service as they tell about the birth of Jesus. There will be a celebration lunch immediately following the late service.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For all who offer prayers and supplications, that God would hear them on account of His Son who has enlightened the darkness of our hearts and every corner of creation by His incarnation, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the homes of our land, that God would grant safety and security to all families; and that the faith would be delivered from one generation to the next, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the sick and grieving, [especially Tim Adkins, Dorothy Blume (Carol Schuldt's sister), Katelyn Born, David Caplin (Lillian Moyer's son-in-law), Emee Elkeurti, Leslie Frost (friend of Sarah Ghabel), Debra Fuhrmeister, Debbie Hartwig, 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, Shirley Losby, 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), Pat Sexton, Rozie Siems (Daughter of Mary Siems), Ronna Sojka, Reece Ullerich, Karen Warner, Lynne Westphal, Mark Wilson, Beth Wu (Schuldt's relative),] that as the day draws near when blind eyes see, deaf ears hear, lame legs leap and mute tongues sing for joy, God would grant them healing according to His gracious will, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the children in this morning's program, we ask, O Lord, that would you strengthen their faith as they proclaimed the saving message of the Babe of Bethlehem, let us pray to the Lord;

Lord, have mercy.

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.**

Building Healthy Families: Someone once said, "Marriage is not just spiritual communion, it is also remembering to take out the trash." What have you done lately to show your spouse how much you appreciate them? During these busy days of preparation for your coming Christmas celebrations, a handwritten note, an unexpected and gentle physical touch, affirming words, preparing a favorite meal or joyfully helping with household responsibilities (...take out the trash!) can be simple but powerful ways to let your spouse know just how much they mean to you. Lutheran Family Service - www.LutheranFamilyService.org.

BIRTHDAYS

Sun. 12/11 Helen Bohnsack, Karyl Bohnsack, Jennifer Dahm, Teresa Schmidt, Denny Schrader,

Jacob Simmons

Mon. 12/12 Jillian Bolton, Joel Born, Diana Bowman, Justin Dermody Tues. 12/13 Eloise Guhl, Trenton Miller, Karen Warner, Becky West

Wed. 12/14 Nicole Naraine Thurs. 12/15 Luca Boyum

Fri. 12/16 Nicholas Josten, Amy Martens

Sat. 12/17 Harry Karnes, Sandra Libenguth, Liz Matel, Jeffrey Ohlmann, Cindy Penney,

Nathan Recker, Arabella White

STEWARDSHIP December 3/4, 2022

TIME		TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 11/26—5:30pm	116	Contributions	\$25,901.00	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 11/27—8:00am	114	A Little Farther	\$5,545.00	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 11/27—10:30am	217	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00	
Recorded Services 11/26	16	First Wednesday in Advent Worship	121	
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	463	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	63/51	



Extra 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.

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, December 11-18, 2022

Sunday, 12/11-Children's Christmas Services		Wednesday continued	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Sing-a-long	6:00pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Advent Worship Service	6:10pm
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am	Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Christmas Luncheon	12:00pm	Midweek	6:45pm
Live Nativity	4:00pm	Adult Midweek	7:00pm
Monday, 12/12		<u>Thursday, 12/15</u>	
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Old Capitol Quilters	6:00pm		
LWML Christmas Party	6:00pm	<u>Friday, 12/16</u>	
		Saehler/Hall Wedding Rehearsal	4:30pm
<u>Tuesday, 12/13</u>			
Women's Beth Moore	10:00am	<u>Saturday, 12/17</u>	
Women's Bible Class	7:00pm	Saehler/Hall Wedding	2:00pm
Stephen Ministry Informational	7:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
Al-Anon	7:00pm		
		<u>Sunday, 12/18</u>	
Wednesday, 12/14		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
TOPS	8:00am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
Advent Worship Service	1:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am
Advent Midweek Meal	5:10pm	Christmas & Cookies	11:45am

LWML CARD SHOP



Advent is here and Christmas is on the way. LWML has stocked the card shop with Christmas cards. Please stop by and check out the assortment of Christian focused Yuletide messages to share with others. There are some sold individually and some in boxes of 12. Prices are the same, \$.50 a card and \$5.50 a box. The shop is located in the hallway by the fellowship hall. As always thank you for supporting this LWML mission. Merry Christmas!

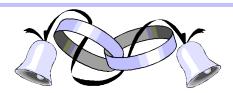


LWML need to know details:



The LWML Christmas meeting is December 12 beginning at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All women of the congregation are invited to join us for an evening of food, fun and fellowship. Each woman attending is asked to bring an appetizer or Christmas goodie to share and a \$1-\$2 gift for the Right/Left game. Be ready to have a great time and laughter with each other. Hostesses for the evening are Cynthia Fruendt and Marge Lemke. Devotions by Marge Lemke.

Also a reminder that the **LWML** is serving the **Advent meal** on Wednesday, December 14. If you signed up to bring chili, you can bring on Monday night or by noon on Wednesday. Help is also still needed on Wednesday for serving and cleanup.



Abby Saehler/Casey Hall Wedding

As much as we would like to invite you to join us in person we are not able to do this. Please join us virtually as we livestream the wedding ceremony of Abby Saehler and Casey Hall. The ceremony will be Saturday, December 17th at 2:00 pm.

The livestream link will be sent out on Friday, December 16th in the email with the weekly service information.

2023 FLOWER CALENDAR



The 2023 flower calendar is on the bulletin board between the upper level restrooms and the nursery. Sign up to provide altar flowers in celebration of an event, in memory of a loved one, or just because.

2022 Advent/Christmas/ **New Year Schedule** December 10 9:00-12:00pm Children's Service Practice Children's Christmas Service December 11 8:00am & 10:30am 4:00-6:00pm **Live Nativity Christmas Meeting LWML** December 12 6:00pm December 14 1:00pm **Advent Service** 5:10pm **Advent Meal** 6:00pm/6:10pm Sing a-long/Advent Service 5:30pm **December 17 Communion Service** December 18 8:00am & 10:30am Communion Services December 21 **Advent Service** 1:00pm 5:10pm **Advent Meal** 6:00pm/6:10pm Sing a-long/Advent Service 3:30pm & 5:00pm December 24 **Christmas Eve Family Worship** 6:30pm & 11:30pm **Christmas Eve Communion** Worship December 25** **Christmas Day Comm Worship** 9:30am December 31 7:00pm New Year's Eve Communion Worship January 1** 9:30am **Communion Service** *No Midweek Classes December 28 or January 4 **No Sunday School or Adult Bible Class December 25 or January 1

HEY EVERYONE!!!!!



Christmas & Cookies

Friday, December 18, 2022 12:00 pm

Members of Our Redeemer and friends gather together for food, fun, and fellowship. We will enjoy pizza and a short devotion. The main activity will be decorating Christmas cookies to give away as well as take some home. A short Christmas movie will be shown during lunch. God's Word will be shared before the evening is done. Please invite your friends to join us!

Please sign up at the Welcome Counter!



The Gingerbread Houses that you see on display in the Narthex were done by the kids in Kids Club as a project.



See you there!

Lunch Bunch will be meeting again on **December 21.** It is the final meeting for the year 2022. Don't' forget Bible Class at 11:00 am, which is taught by Pastor or Vicar in the Fellowship Hall followed by potluck lunch. Bring your favorite dish to share. All are welcome.



BRING ON THE POINSETTIAS!

Help beautify our sanctuary for Christmas. Purchase poinsettias of your choice—all sizes and colors are welcome. Bring them to church by December 22 (it is best not to bring them too early as care may not be consistent) so that they can be placed in the sanctuary after the Advent service. After the Christmas Day service, please take them home. Poinsettias can be placed in the board room.

WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER WEARING MY NAMETAG?



It's time to dust off our name tags to make it a bit easier for us to connect names with faces. We also have some new members' names to learn, and some of us will welcome the chance to jog our memories and get to know our church friends' names again since Covid interrupted our ability to gather.

So, where is your name tag? It could be in one of the drawers of the Welcome Center, or in your communication box, or your house/car! But, if you need a replacement, don't hesitate to contact Barb Gienapp via email at: barbaragienapp@uiowa.edu or 319-331-9409 or sign up for a new name tag in the Welcome Center.

Tis the Season for Giving!

The children of our community need our help! Many of the local children are missing a basic comfort that we often take for granted, warmth. So many students walk to school and/or are unable to participate in daily outdoor recess at school with parents that cannot provide mittens, boots, or gear to keep them warm. Many of these children are the same families serviced by the area shelters and very much in need. The Human Care Committee is currently collecting the following items beginning December 1st until January 2nd and would really appreciate your help with a donation.

They are seeking new or gently used:

- Snow Pants
- Hats
- Boots
- Mittens
- Scarves



We're hoping in absence of the Angel Tree this year you would possibly consider redirecting your kind donations to our mitten tree. The items can be left at the Mitten Tree located near the Welcome Counter.

On January 3rd the Human Care Committee will gather the items for delivery to the Iowa City School District Administration Office for distribution to children in need when classes resume.

Please feel free to direct any questions to Tracy Nelson, Human Care Committee Chair, at tracy-nelson@uiowa.edu. Thank you in advance for your kindness!

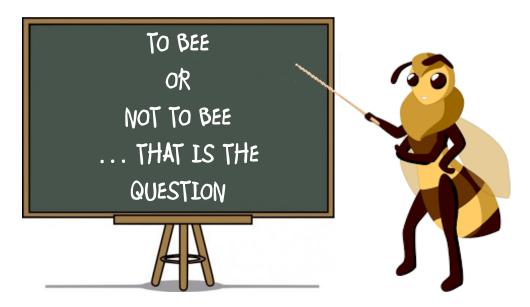






SUNDAY COFFEE SIGN-UP FOR 2023

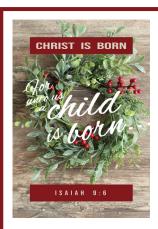
For those of you wishing to sign-up to do Sunday coffee and treats for the upcoming year of 2023 the sign-up sheet has been placed out in the gathering Place counter. Please sign-up. There are many openings to choose from.



LWML would love to continue their spring mission fundraiser, the Tasting Bee, but are in need of leadership for the event. The board has recommended leaving the dishes that need to be baked off the menu unless people arrive with them ready to serve or in crockpots to eliminate anyone having to spend time in the kitchen instead spending time with their invited guests.

The Tasting Bee is an event where volunteers creatively decorate their table for a given theme. Other volunteers bring food that will give about 180 teaspoon sized tastes (two 9x13 pans). Their recipes are made into a cookbook that is handed out to ticket holders. There are door prizes along with the fun and fellowship.

Please contact Laurel Sellers at 319-331-3242 or Cynthia Fruendt at 319-855-8891 if you would like to help with this event.



A BIG THANK YOU!!

The Outreach Committee would like to thank all that have contributed Christmas Cards and time to give the cards to residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities. These residents really appreciate receiving these cards. We received over 400 cards that will be handed out. Again, thank you so much.



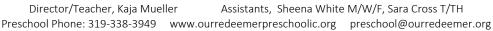
Very few boxes of envelopes have actually been requested on the Thanks-giving, Thanks-living forms; therefore these are the only envelopes we will be placing in respective communication cabinet boxes at the end of this month. Checks are credited to the appropriate party, whether in envelopes or not. If you would care for a box of envelopes and have not received them, please contact Sarah Ghabel at bookkeeper@ourredeemer.org or the church

bookkeeper@ourredeemer.org or the church office.



Preschool Newsletter

Dec. 5-9, 2022



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



This Week

Shepherd/sheep math question Bible: David the shepherd, God protects us

Preschool rules, what we get to do to have a good day

Letter Ss—formation, sound, recognition

Number 3

Number books

Gerald & Piggy books

Advent worship songs

Christmas lights craft

Finish Christmas ornament craft

Tuesday celebrate Lucia's half birthday

Nativity puzzles

Christmas box hide



Little curve



Thank You for ordering!

Ordering books helps earn the preschool points to order books for our library as well as some room supplies. Ordering online is fast and easy: scholastic.com/readingclub. Class Activation Code is MQWNQ.

Home Question

What do you thank God for at Christmas time?

SS (To Row, Row, Row Your Boat) Sing, sing, sing a song, sing a silly song. Singily, jingily, ringily, swingily, won't you sing a long?



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. Consigner Number:

Iowa City #43522







Happy 31/2 Birthday, Lucia!

Temp for Playground Clothes

Let's get ready to play in the snow!

snow gloves coat hat

Temperature for the playground

Above 60—Short sleeves

Below 60—Long sleeves

Below 50—Coats, gloves, hats unless child is hot

Below 30—Winter attire

Below 3 degrees we will not go outside (wind-chill included)

Preschool Christmas Wish List



Thank you to all who have gifted or given money to our preschool for these following items! I am thankful to God everyday that we have such wonderful support for our preschool students. I cannot express my thanks enough!

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."













Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade





Children's Christmas Worship 2022

"That's What Angels Say" By Nick Robertson, Anna Clark, and Alisen Wells December 11, 2022—8:00am & 10:30am

Preschool (Three and Four Year Olds)

"Baby Jesus We Love You" "Angel Band" "Away in a Manger" "Christmas Bells" Demi Lambert, Caleb Marks, Beau Nelson, Brynn O'Shea, Cade Sexton, Liam Sexton, Zoey Sexton, Silas Weis

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Carol: **Taylor Pence** Harold: **Breckin Morrison** Gabriel: Micah Hartwig Hallie: Raegan Pence Kean Mueller Lou: Skyler Benji Lothamer Sam: Jack Caylor Glory: Willa Ohlmann **Brynnley Fetzer** Hope:

Angels (Cherubim)

Faith: Hayden Dyson Anna Klein Charity: Mercy: Floise Guhl Love: Arabella White Patience: Jolene Nelson Jadyn Waring Peace: Kindness: Lydia Marks Generosity: Lucy Mueller Gentleness: Kaylee Murken

Stars

Bright Star: Henry Lenhart Shining Star: Beatrice Guhl Small Star: **Rhett Marks** Jazmin Ghabel Little Star: Tiny Star: **Toby Haack**

CAST Shepherds and Sheep/Goats

Harper Lenhart #1: #2: James Roiseland #3: Jace Dyson #4: Kaden Murken #5: Jayse Morrison Sheep 1: Tate Nelson Sheep 2: Jackson Lyon Goat 1: Cyrus Ghabel Goat 2: Jacob Lothamer

Wisemen

#1 Eli Haack **Darius Ghabel** #2 #3 Titus Mueller

Holy Family

Mary: Kenley Murken Joseph: James Haack Jesus: Whit Lambert

Heavenly Host

Lorelei Rex

Brian Holman Madelyn Bell Beckham Dyson Cavanaugh Rex Addison Klein Avalynn O'Shea Zander Ohlmann Ella Jane Rex

That's What Angels Say

PROGRAM

Waiting for the King

Gloria with Angels We Have Heard on High

His Name is Jesus

Soloists: Eloise Guhl Evelyn Mueller Harper Lenhart Raegan Pence Taylor Pence Kean Mueller Henry Lenhart Anna Klein Kenley Murken

Can't Sing Loud Enough with Hark the Herald **Angels Sing**

Sunday School 9:20 am-10:15 am

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

> December 4th All Overboard: Paul's Shipwreck Acts 27:9-44



KIDS CLUB

For children ages: 4 year olds—5th grade



Wednesday, December 14th Lesson: Advent & Christmas Teachers: Jonie & Paula Craft: Tracy Nelson







6th —12th Grade

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

Confirmation

(6th—8th Grade)

Wednesday, December 14th at 7 pm

6th Grade—Lecture

Unit 2: God's Grace to His People Israel

The Divided Kingdom—the united kingdom of Israel divides into 2 separate kingdoms after Solomon's death.

THE DIVIDED KINGDOM

- North / South
- Israel 10 tribes/
 Judah 2 tribes
- 19 Kings of Israel /
 20 Kings of Judah
- 0 Good Kings in Israel / 8 Good Kings in Judah

7th Grade—Lecture

The Ten Commandments: 9th and 10th 9th Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

10th Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

8th Grade—Small Group

<u>Unit 2: Apostle's Creed: 3rd Article</u> *I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*



VII VIII

Live Nativity & Christmas Party

All High School Youth Sunday, December 11th 3:00 pm until 7:30 pm

Help share the Good News of Jesus' birth with our community

Children's Christmas Worship



Saturday Rehearsal: Saturday, December 10th 9:00am—12:00pm

The Christmas Service is during <u>both</u> the 8:00am and 10:30am services pm Sunday, December 11th

With a celebration lunch immediately following late service.

Students will be participating in both services.

Jesus' Birthday Party with High School Youth & Kids Club

Wednesday, December 21st

Advent Meal @ 5:10 pm Christmas Sing-Along @ 6:00 pm Advent Worship Service @ 6:10 pm

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Jesus' Birthday Party @ 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Join us to help celebrate Jesus' birthday with Kids Club.

Please come and help us share the Good News of Jesus' birth!

- High School students meet at church @ 3pm on Sunday, December 11th to setup and get into costume for the Live Nativity.
- There will be live animals at the Live Nativity scene again this year.
- Christmas Party following Live Nativity for high School youth. Friends are welcome!

IMPORTANT

ATTIRE: Wear a warm coat, dress in layers and bring gloves/mittens, hat, earmuffs, hand warmers, feet warmers, snowpants, etc. to keep you warm under your costume.

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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.