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Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - December 17/18, 2022

		urth Sunday in Advent~
Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
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	
ADULT BIBLE CLASS December 18 Behold the Child January 8-February 5 Jeremiah: Overcoming Life's Sorrows		boming Life's Sorrows FLOWERS TODAY Flowers for the altar this weekend are from Myrl and Denise Holida in memory of Mike Wenndt (Denise's father).



Holiday Ushers Needed Needed Needed Needed 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 Sunday's coffee and snacks are being provided between the early service and Sunday School by the LWML. Donations will go towards the continued mission efforts. *Come join us for a little*

fellowship before heading off to Bible Class and Sunday School.



Christmas & Cookies Sunday, December 18, 2022 at 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 event is done. Please invite your friends to join us!



BAPTISM

PARKER JOAN GUTZ DAUGHTER OF SETH & ALEXIS GUTZ SPONSORS ARE HAILEY NEPPLEMOLLEY O'NEILL HANNAH CROSLEY December 17, 2022



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.

Prayer of the Church / The Fourth Sunday in Advent / December 18, 2022

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

For faith and humility to receive the virgin-born Son of God in the signs where He is promised to be found: His Holy Word and Sacraments, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For our pastors and the proclaiming of the Word, that the name and resurrection of Jesus would be proclaimed among all the nations, including among us, to bring about the obedience of faith in every place, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For all couples engaged to be married, that God would clothe all brides and grooms in the forgiveness of Christ, so that they can forgive each other as they have been forgiven, [*we especially pray for Abby Saehler and Casey Hall married this weekend*] let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For those redeemed through the water and the Word, that they would remain strong in the faith. We are especially grateful for the baptism of *Parker Joan Gutz* this weekend. Strengthen her and all baptized in the faith. let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For penitent hearts, that God would preserve us from temptation, and instead move us to confess our sins and rejoice in Jesus, our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the sick and those in any need, *[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), *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, Olga Will, Mark Wilson, Beth Wu* (Schuldt's relative),],] 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 *Carlin and Fern Parish* celebrating their 60th anniversary, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all the faithful, that they may celebrate the birth of Christ by hearing the Word, singing His praises, and receiving His body and blood, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For your Word tells us, "Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." (Jeremiah 29:12) So let us silently pray.

[silent prayer]

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**.

2022 Advent/Christmas/New Year Schedule

December 17 **December 18** December 21

Worship

1:00pm 5:10pm 6:00pm/6:10pm 3:30pm & 5:00pm December 24

5:30pm

Communion Service 8:00am & 10:30am **Communion Services** Advent Service Advent Meal Sing a-long/Advent Service **Christmas Eve Family**

December 31 7:00pm January 1** 9:30am

New Year's Eve Communion Worship **Communion Service**

*No Midweek Classes December 28 or January 4 **No Sunday School or Adult Bible Class December 25 or January 1

6:30pm & 11:30pm **Christmas Eve Communion**

Worship

BIRTHDAYS Sun. 12/18 Nicholas Bell, Bailey Bowman *** Mon. 12/19 Tues. 12/20 Emma Huedepohl, Amber Vandenbosh, Nolan Waters, Avery Yansky Lexus Rozmus, Julie Wardenburg Wed. 12/21 Thurs. 12/22 Tony Faudel, Amy O'Shea, Wesley Obermueller, Jennifer Reynolds Kolby Kucera, Ronald Sexton, Mark Stimmel Fri. 12/23

Sat. 12/24 Larry Gorman, James Haack

STEWARDSHIP	December 10/11, 2022
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ТІМЕ		TREASURES	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 12/10—5:30pm	50	Contributions	\$9,231.43
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 12/11-8:00am	199	A Little Farther	\$1,780.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 12/11—10:30am	216	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Recorded Services 12/10	52	2nd Wednesday in Advent Worship	109
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	517	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School/Preschool	59/49/52

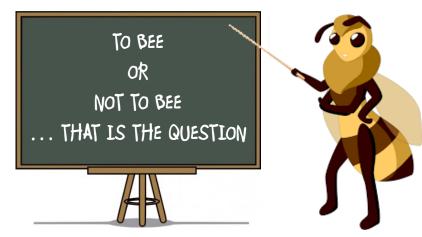
This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, December 18-25, 2022

<u>Sunday, 12/18</u>		Wednesday continued	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Advent Worship Service	1:00pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Advent Midweek Meal	5:10pm
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am	Sing-a-long	6:00pm
Christmas & Cookies	12:00pm	Advent Worship Service	6:10pm
		Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
<u>Monday, 12/19</u>		Midweek	6:45pm
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Adult Midweek	7:00pm
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	<u>Thursday, 12/22</u>	
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Children's Committee	6:00pm		
		<u>Friday, 12/23</u>	
<u>Tuesday, 12/20</u>			
Solon Nursing Home	9:30am	Saturday, 12/24-Christmas Eve	
SM-Small Group/Marcia	6:30pm	Family Worship	3:30pm
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Family Worship	5:00pm
		Communion Worship	6:30pm
<u>Wednesday, 12/21</u>		Christmas Eve Worship	11:30pm
TOPS	8:00am		
Bible Study	11:00am	Sunday, 12/25-Christmas Day	
Lunch Bunch	12:00pm	Christmas Day Worship Service	9:30am

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.



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.



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.



Offering Envelopes 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 atbookkeeper@ourredeemer.org or the church office.



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

Building Healthy Families: Thinking about how best to answer your children's questions about Santa? Not sure yourself? In these days of confusing messages from unreliable sources and re-written histories that often leave us not knowing what to believe, here is a true story that you, your children, and grandchildren need to know and remember. *The Real St. Nick: Leader, Legend, or Lie?* is a 25-minute video (and single-session Bible study), hosted by the Rev. Dr. Ken

Klaus-former Speaker of **The Lutheran Hour**, which examines a man who, next to Jesus Christ, is the most visible figure during the holidays—St. Nicholas or Santa Claus—as we know him in Western culture. Dating back to the third century, St. Nick is attributed with the doing of many benevolent and charitable acts of kindness and generosity.

Visit the Lutheran Hour web site at <u>https://www.lhm.org/studies/studydetail.asp?id=13640</u> to see the video and download the Bible study – all free from our friends at The Lutheran Hour! **Lutheran Family Service** - <u>www.LutheranFamilyService.org</u>.

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 <u>tracy-nelson@uiowa.edu</u>. 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.



You are invited to the wedding ceremony of Emma Hartwig and Nathan Clack Saturday, December 31, 2022 at 5:00pm Cake and Punch reception to follow the ceremony.

The Hartwig family is excited to invite the whole congregation to Emma and Nathan's wedding. With Emma growing up in this church, we wanted to invite everyone to the ceremony. There will be a cake and punch reception afterwards. You will see Emma and Nathan cut the cake and feed each other, which is a time-honored tradition. Feeding each other lives out the wedding vows where the bride and groom promise to provide for each other. Although funny, when the bride and groom smash the cake, it demonstrates the lack of care for your new spouse.

Preschool Newsletter

Dec. 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



This Week Home Question Candy cane math question What color would you like to have on a candy cane? Bible: Jesus is Born What do we do so we can have For 350 years, candy canes have been a spea good day? cial part of Christmas celebrations. Originally Letter Jj—formation, sound, available only in white, the classic stripes Big line recognition Turn were added around 1900. Today, candy Little line Number 4 canes are available in a wide range of colors Nativity books and flavors. • 2 Curious George books What does a candy cane mean? book J is for Jesus craft Happy 4th Birthday, Eliana! Jellyfish craft Scat the cat knows letters Counting by tens song 5 Little Trees action poem **GREEN** (Tune: Row, Row, Row, Your Boat) Monday celebrated Eliana's birthday Christmas cookie cutter matching G-R-E-E-N, G-R-E-E-N GRFFN Gingerbread man I know how to spell Open a Christmas present green, G-R-E-E-N Tornado Drill Caterpillars are green Wear the color GREEN and grasshoppers, too. I know how to spell green, G-R-E-E-N. green

Jj (To Frere Jacques)

James and Judy, James and Judy jumped



all day, jumped all night. Jumping Double Dutch, they jumped rope much too much; they jumped all night, jumped all day.

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. <u>Consigner</u> <u>Number :</u> lowa City #43522

Scholastic Book Order

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41 years

Each month there is an opportunity to purchase books through Scholastic Book Clubs through the preschool. 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.

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."







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Children's Ministry

Birth-5th Grade



Merry Christmas—Jesus is born!



KIDS CLUB For children ages: 4 year olds—5th grade

Wednesday, December 21st Jesus' Birthday Party with High School Teacher: Kara

Snack activity will be decorating cookies

Toddlin' to Jesus

Room 215 (Toddlin' Room) Join us at 9:20 am on Sunday mornings.



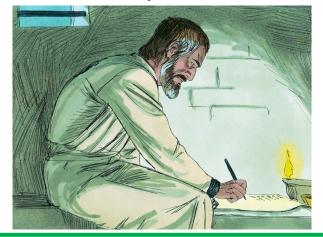
Parents and their children ages birth to age 2 are invited to participate. You will meet with other parents and children for a toddler-friendly Bible lesson, music and prayer.

It's a casual and relaxed environment balanced with activities and playtime.

Sunday School

9:20 am–10:15 am For children ages: Birth to 5th grade in their designated classes

<u>December 18th</u> Lesson: To a New Generation—Paul Writes to Timothy 2 Timothy 1; 3:14-17



December 25th & January 1st No Classes





6th —12th Grade

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

Confirmation (6th—8th Grade)

Wednesday, December 21st at 7 pm

6th Grade—Small Group



Unit 2: God's Grace to His People Israel The Prophets—During the years of the Divided Kingdom, the Lord sent prophets to Israel, Judah, Assyria and Edom before the Jews went into exile. The Lord also sent prophets to the Jews while they were in exile, and to the

Jews in Jerusalem after their exile. Some of the prophets were Elijah, Elisha, Jeremiah and Jonah.

7th Grade—Small Group

The Ten Commandments: 9th and 10th

REVIEW for Exam



Review of the Ten Commandments and their meanings.

MEMORY DUE: Commandments 9 & 10; Close of Commandments & Meaning

8th Grade—Lecture

8th Grade Parent Meeting—One or both parents must attend!

Topics:

- Confirmation verse
- Confirmation paper
- Confirmation banner
- Confirmation questioning



Confirmation Winter Retreat

Friday, February 3—Saturday, February 4 Location will be a local area hotel For all 6^{th} , 7^{th} , and 8^{th} Grade Confirmation students

PARENTS: We need several parents to chaperone this overnight event. Parents attend free. Email Kara at <u>youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org</u> to register as a chaperone.

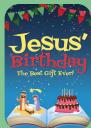
Registration form & payment DUE: Weds, January 25

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

Jesus' Birthday Party @ 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall



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

Winter Break Calendar Dates for Confirmation Classes & High School Midweek

Wednesday, December 21st

5:10 pm Advent Meal 6:00 pm Christmas Sing-a-long in Sanctuary 6:10 pm Advent Worship Service 6:45 pm Confirmation Classes & Midweek

> Wednesday, December 28th No Confirmation Classes

Wednesday, January 4th No Confirmation Classes

Wednesday, January 11th

RESUME NORMAL SCHEDULE 6:00 pm Midweek Meal (High School helps) 6:45 pm Confirmation Classes & Midweek 8:00 pm Parents Meeting Winter Retreat

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.