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Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - January 7/8, 2023

~The Baptism of Our Lord/First Sunday after the Epiphany~



January 8
Jeremiah: Meet Jeremiah

January 15
Jeremiah: Overcoming through God's Word, Confession and Absolution

January 22
Jeremiah: Overcoming through Hope and Worship

January 29
Jeremiah: Overcoming through Expressing Grief

February 5
Jeremiah: Overcoming through Renouncing Idolatry

February 12
Mission Update: UKANDU

ADULT BIBLE CLASS


Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
January 8	Matthew 25:31-46; Revelation 22:6-21	The Last Call—Jesus Will Return
January 15	Genesis 1:1-2:3	A Mighty Wonder—Creation
January 22	Genesis 3	The Fall and a Promise—Fall into Sin
January 29	Genesis 6:11-22; 7:11-24; 8:13-22	A New Beginning—Noah



FLOWERS TODAY

Flowers for the altar this weekend are from Rick and Barb Gienapp in celebration of their 24th wedding anniversary and in memory of Nancy Brady (Barb Gienapp's mother) on what would have been her birthday.



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 on the Gathering Place counter. Please sign-up. There are many openings to choose from.

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

For all the baptized, that having been united to Christ's death and resurrection through water and the Word, we may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit and equipped with His gifts to live the new life given us by God's gracious act, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For all who proclaim Jesus Christ, that through their godly message, many would repent of their sins and join Him in His heavenly kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For families, that the Lord would bless all parents, especially mothers, to joyfully acknowledge the gifts of spouse, children and home; and for the elderly, the widowed and the orphaned, that our heavenly Father would show forth His grace to them so they would not feel alone, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For those threatened by natural disaster, dangerous weather, pestilence, flood or famine, that our God who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, would provide all that is needed for this body and life, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For those in need of healing and deliverance, [*especially Terrell Boettcher (Cheryll Davisson's brother), Dorothy Blume (Carol Schuldt's sister), Katelyn Born, David Caplin (Lillian Moyer's son-in-law), Eme Elkeurti, Leslie Frost (friend of Sarah Gabel), 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), Joanne Leeper (mother of Cathleen Loney), Cathleen Loney, Shirley Losby, Norma Miller (Twyla Freeman's aunt), 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, Olga Will, Mark Wilson, Beth Wu (Schuldt's relative),*] that God would provide healing, restoration and justice according to His good and gracious will, 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.**

BIRTHDAYS

Sun. 1/8 Cathleen Loney, Maddox Nemitz, Kenneth Yoder
 Mon. 1/9 Kevin Kaufman, Dwain Knock
 Tues. 1/10 Tiffany Arthur, Samantha Davis, Roxanne Kasal
 Wed. 1/11 Bill Eckhardt Jr., Ryson Stuart, Lynne Thomas
 Thurs. 1/12 Cole Jackson
 Fri. 1/13 Esmeralda Davis, Molly Krogh, Jill Nemitz, Ryan Young
 Sat. 1/14 David Davis Jr., Ryan Freeman, Claire Hartwig, Gary Hotz, Makayla Reese, Joseph Robinson, Richard Sexton, Doris Siemer

STEWARDSHIP December 31, 2022/January 1, 2023/New Year's Eve/Day

TIME		TREASURES	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 12/31—7:00pm	32	Contributions	\$16,545.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 1/1—9:30am	183	A Little Farther	\$1,645.00
Recorded Services 12/31	17	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	233	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School/Preschool	***

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, January 8-15, 2023

<u>Sunday, 1/8</u>		<u>Wednesday continued...</u>	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Midweek Meal	6:00pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am	Midweek	6:45pm
Un-Deck the Halls	11:45am	Adult Midweek	7:00pm
<u>Monday, 1/9</u>		<u>Thursday, 1/12</u>	
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	Lantern Park	10:00am
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Briarwood	4:00pm
Youth Meeting	6:00pm	Board of Directors	7:00pm
Preschool Board	6:30pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Outreach Committee	6:30pm		
LWML Zone Event Meeting	7:00pm	<u>Friday, 1/13</u>	
<u>Tuesday, 1/10</u>		<u>Saturday, 1/14</u>	
Visitation	6:30pm	Men's Bible Study	8:00am
LWML Tasting Bee Meeting	7:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
Al-Anon	7:00pm		
Women's Bible Study	7:00pm	<u>Sunday, 1/15</u>	
		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
		Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
<u>Wednesday, 1/11</u>			
TOPS	8:00am	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am
Properties Committee	5:30pm		

**UKANDU 2023
Informational Meeting**
Sunday, January 22nd
12:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Summer Servant Event Dates:

June 18—25, 2022

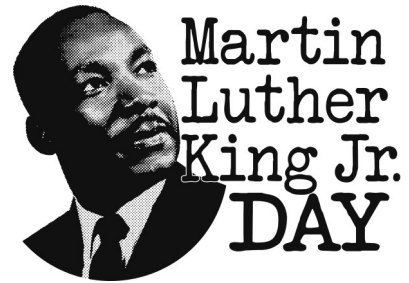
Must be 8th grade or older to participate in UKANDU without a parent.

Youth participants and adult chaperones work together to serve Chicago-land communities.

Join us at this informational meeting to find out more.

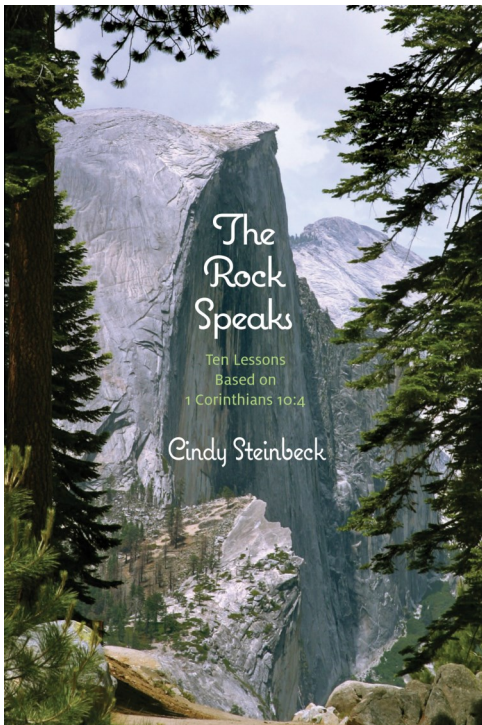
OFFICE CLOSED
January 16, 2023

A reminder that the office will be closed on January 16 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



**INSTALLATION
OF
OFFICERS**

During worship services on January 21 and 22, the 2023 officers elected to represent Our Redeemer will be installed. We thank them for their willingness to take on leadership roles and we join in supporting them and encouraging them throughout their terms of service.

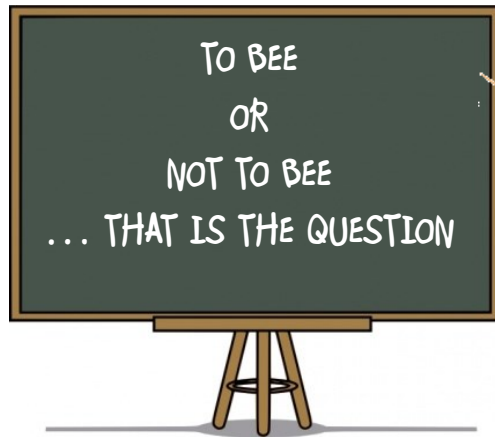


THE NEW ADULT MIDWEEK STUDY
Begins January 25

The Rock Speaks

This Bible study invites you to explore how Jesus calls you to trust in Him as your rock and salvation, based on 1 Corinthians 10:4: "All drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ."

In *The Rock Speaks*, you don't need to be an agriculturalist to understand and grow as you study the words of Scripture. Drawing from the author's observations of rocks and soil, words from the Old Testament, and events in the New Testament, the study reveals how Jesus calls you into a deeper understanding of creation and salvation. Topics include sustenance, abundance, life, growth, and more. (10 sessions)



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 Freundt at 319-855-8891 if you would like to help with this event.



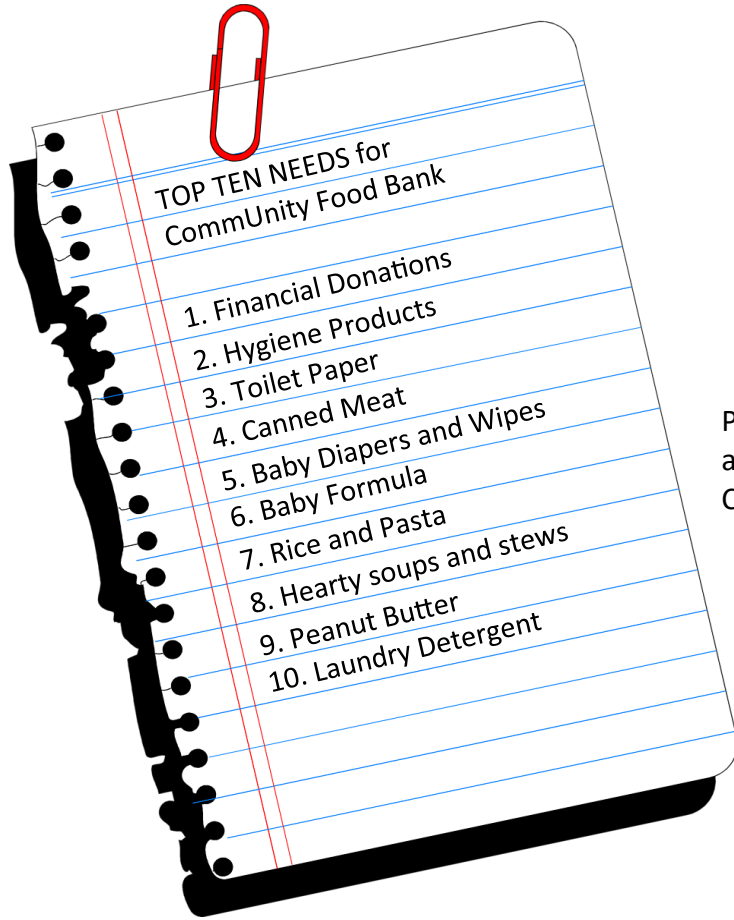
Building Healthy Families: Depression is associated with many things, but weak faith is not one of them. Martin Luther himself struggled with depression as did many of our other church leaders. If you are feeling depressed, please don't suffer alone. Luther had the right idea five hundred years ago when he said, "Solitude produces melancholy. When we are alone the worst and saddest things come to mind. We reflect in detail upon all sorts of evils. And if we have encountered adversity in our lives, we dwell upon it as much as possible, magnify it, think that no one is so unhappy as we are, and imagine the worse possible consequences." Reach out and talk to someone you trust. Your pastor and your team of Lutheran Family Service counselors are here for you, regardless of where you live.

Lutheran Family Service - www.LutheranFamilyService.org



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.



Donation bin located in Church Office

Please consider picking up extra items as you are shopping to donate to the CommUnity Crisis Center.



See you there!

Lunch Bunch will be meeting again on **January 18**. It is a start for the new year of 2023. 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. We meet every first and third Wednesdays of the month. All are welcome.

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."

Paint and Stamps for Animal Rockers - Set of 4 - Ages 2+ - Easy to Grip Arts and Crafts Stampers f...
 ★★★★★ 179
 \$11.99 (\$3.00/Count)
 ✓prime FREE Delivery

MAGNETIC Magnetic Alphabet Maze Board with 4 Activity Cards, Wooden Matching...
 ★★★★★ 1,530
 \$24.99 ✓prime

Magnetic Color & Counting Maze - Wooden Magnet Board Puzzles Toddler Activ...
 ★★★★★ 63
 \$24.99 ✓prime

Block Puzzle Educational Games Montessori...
 ★★★★★ 716
 \$13.99 ✓prime
 Save 25% with coupon

Learning Resources 7-pc. Jumbo Farm...
 \$37.99
 Kohl's

Need Help Choosing? Try Now
 \$22.99 (\$2.30 / Count)

Montessori Screw Driver Board - Wooden Montessori Toys for 3...
 ★★★★★ 1,209
 \$23.95 ✓prime

Colorful Balls



Preschool Newsletter



January 2—6

Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller Assistants, Christie Cherian M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH
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Our Redeemer Preschool where children play, learn, and grow in Jesus!



Happy New Year Preschool Families,

As we get ready to start the new year together in preschool, I wanted to let you know we will have a new teacher in our Monday/Wednesday/Friday class. Mrs. Sheena has sought out full time work at the University of Iowa in her medical field of study. Her compassion and her love for each student will be missed. May God bless her time and may she help others in her work.

We do want to welcome Mrs. Christie to our staff. She will be the Assistant Teacher for the Monday/ Wednesday/Friday class. She has subbed for preschool for a few years. Mrs. Christie has a wonderful husband, two teenage children, and three dogs. We are happy to welcome her into our preschool family and excited for her to start on January 9th.

May God continue to bless each of your families and give us rest in this new year.

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.

Consigner Number : Iowa City #43522



Scholastic Book Order

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.



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



KIDS CLUB

For children ages:
4 year olds—5th grade

Wednesday, January 11th

6:00pm MIDWEEK MEAL

6:45pm KIDS CLUB

Lesson: Epiphany

Teachers: Jonie & Paula

Wednesday, January 18th

Lesson: Epiphany

Teachers: Jonie & Vicar

Wednesday, January 25th

Event: College Care

Packages

With High School Youth

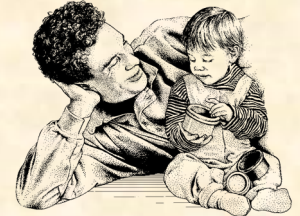
Coordinators: Kara, Jonie
& Paula



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

January 8th

Lesson: The Last Call—Jesus Will Return
Matthew 25:31-46; Revelation 22:6-21



Youth

6th —12th Grade

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

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

resume... Wednesday, January 11th

6pm Midweek Meal 6:45pm Classes 8pm Parent Meeting

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.

- 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

REVIEW for Exam

Review of the Ten Commandments and their meanings.

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



8th Grade—Small Group

REVIEW: Unit 2: Apostle's Creed

Review the 3 articles of the Apostle's Creed:

First Article — God the Father

Second Article — God the Son

Third Article — God the Holy Spirit

MEASUREMENTS FOR CONFIRMATION ROBES:

Weds, January 11 (during class)



YOUTH Sunday School RESUMES ON

Sunday, January 8th

9:20 am —10:05 am

Confirmation & High School Youth — Room 208

Lesson: *The Last Call—Jesus Will Return*

Matthew 25:31-46; Revelation 22:6-21

High School Midweek

Wednesday, January 11th

RESUME NORMAL SCHEDULE

6:00 pm Midweek Meal (High School helps)

6:45 pm Midweek

Least Likely Heroes of the Bible

Beggars & Blind Men: *Am I Desperate for God?*

Bartimaeus

UKANDU Informational Meeting

Sunday, January 22nd

12:00 pm

Fellowship Hall



UKANDU is a week-long servant event held in Chicago
UKANDU Dates: Sat, June 17th — Sat, June 24th 2023

Who can go? current 8th – 12th graders

If you're interested in going on this servant event, please attend the meeting. Any questions, ask Kara.



Confirmation Winter Retreat

Friday, February 3rd —Saturday, February 4th

Drury Inn & Suites in Coralville

For all 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Confirmation students

PARENT MEETING for Winter Retreat:

Wednesday, January 11th at 8:00 pm



High School College Care Packages January 25th

All high school youth & their friends are welcome!

College Care Packages "Packing Night"

@ 6:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall
with Kids Club

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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.