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Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - January 14/15, 2023

~Second Sunday after the Epiphany~



ADULT BIBLE CLASS

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

Sunday School Lessons

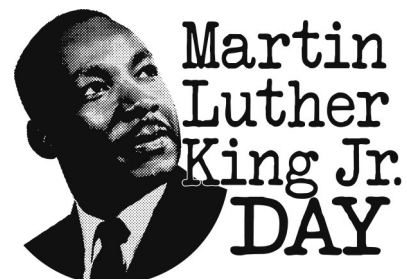
Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
January 15	Genesis 1:1-2:3	A Mighty Wonder—Creation
January 22	Genesis 3	The Fall and a Promise—Fall into Sin
January 29	Genesis 6:11-22; 7:11-24: 8:13-22	A New Beginning—Noah



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.*

OFFICE CLOSED January 16, 2023

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



Prayer of the Church / The Second Sunday after the Epiphany, January 15, 2023

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

That the Lord, our Rock and Redeemer, would sanctify the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts, that our prayers might reflect His gracious promises, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That the Lord, who created the heavens and establishes day and night, would bless all teachers and students of the arts and sciences to see His creativity and glorify Him, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For our households, that the Lord who watched over the tribes of Jacob would provide both daily bread and redemption in abundant measure to His people, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For those in authority, that our Holy God would fortify them with courage and wisdom to govern justly, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For healing and deliverance, that the Lamb of God who takes away our sins and infirmities would be merciful those who are in need of His care, [*especially Terrell Boettcher (Cheryll Davisson's brother), 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), 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, Marlene Moeller, Julie Pratt-Mullenkamp (Cousin of Ruth Varney), Pat Sexton, Rozie Siems (Daughter of Mary Siems), Ronna Sojka, Shirley Stutsman, Reece Ullerich, Karen Warner, Olga Will, Mark Wilson, and Beth Wu (Schuldt's relative),*] let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the family and friends of *Olga Will* as they mourn her death. 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.

For a worthy reception of the Lord's body and blood, that all who partake of the Sacrament this day might receive the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, in penitence and faith, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For your Word tells us to come to you in prayer, 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. 1/15 Carter Borntrager
 Mon. 1/16 Raymond Boyum, Jim Mickelson
 Tues. 1/17 Nyle Kruse, Emily Robinson, Madeline Robinson, Myranda Robinson
 Wed. 1/18 Kameron Eldridge, Kahlan Eldridge, George Norenberg, Warner Stoll
 Thurs. 1/19 Kennedy Kruse, Paula Robinson, Ronald Westfall
 Fri. 1/20 Audrey Peterson
 Sat. 1/21 Henry Diggelmann, Jackson Rosenberg, Kaela Stuart-Parrigon

STEWARDSHIP January 7/8, 2023

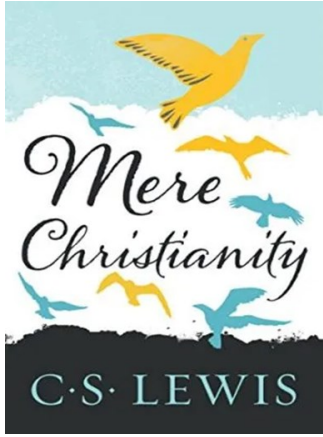
TIME		TREASURES	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 1/7—5:30pm	79	Contributions	\$13,167.33
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 1/8—8:00am	112	A Little Farther	\$885.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 1/8—10:30am	145	Monthly needs for budget	\$67,240.58
Recorded Services 1/7	15		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	348	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School/Preschool	58/28

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, January 15-22, 2023

<u>Sunday, 1/15</u>		<u>Wednesday continued...</u>	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Midweek	6:45pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Adult Midweek	7:00pm
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am		
		<u>Thursday, 1/19</u>	
<u>Monday, 1/16—OFFICE CLOSED</u>		Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	Book Club	7:00pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
		<u>Friday, 1/20</u>	
Solon Nursing Home	9:30am	Olga Will Funeral Visitation	1:00pm
SM-Small Group Marcia	6:30pm	Olga Will Funeral	2:00pm
Assimilation	6:30pm		
SM-Training	6:45pm	<u>Saturday, 1/21</u>	
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
		<u>Sunday, 1/22</u>	
TOPS	8:00am	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
Bible Study	11:00am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
Lunch Bunch	12:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am
Windmill Manor	2:00pm	UKANDU Information Meeting	12:00pm
Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm	District 13	2:30pm



Did You Know: Someone somewhere counted, and now we know that on average, a child smiles about four hundred times each day. Smiling - and a happy heart - are known to bring health benefits such as decreased stress hormones in your bloodstream and lower blood pressure. Smile often and enjoy the many benefits! *"A glad heart makes a cheerful face, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is crushed."* Proverbs 15:13 **Lutheran Family Service** - www.LutheranFamilyService.org.



Book Club

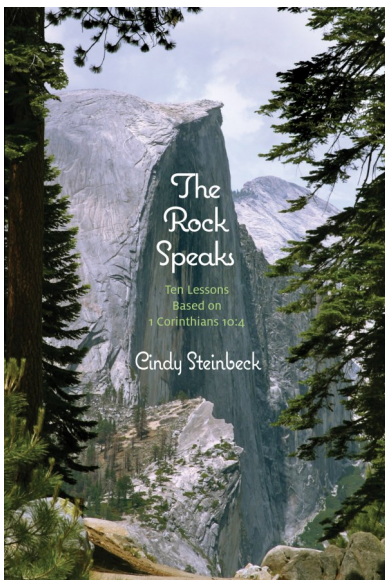
MEETING SO THAT WE CAN FINISH!
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 7:00pm
Room 208

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.

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

Summer Servant Event Dates: June 17—24, 2023
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.



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)

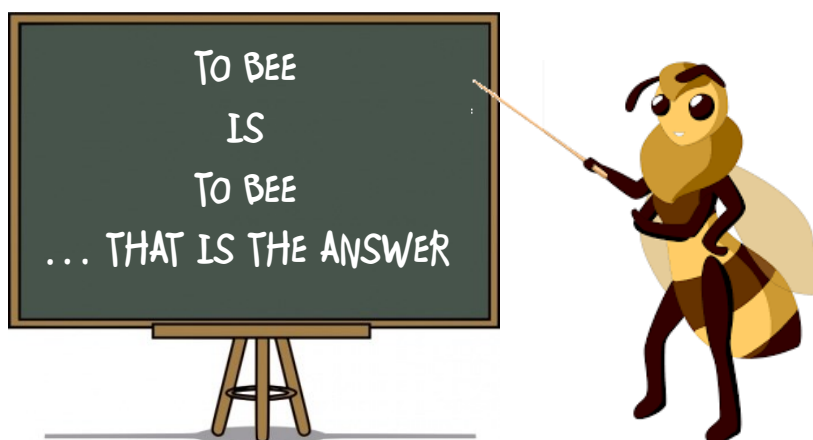
SPREAD THE LOVE PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY CAMPAIGN FOR CommUnity FOOD BANK IS BACK!!



The Human Care Committee will once again collect peanut butter and jelly for the annual “Spread The Love” campaign for the month of February. Please bring your donations and place them in the box provided in the Narthex.

Peanut butter is a great item to donate to the Food Bank—it’s relatively affordable and a good source of protein and other important nutrients to help those in need. Plus, peanut butter is a favorite for many families—especially if you throw in some jelly.

The campaign goes from February 1—through February 28, 2023



Thanks to some willing volunteers who do not want the Tasting Bee Fundraiser for missions to end...the Tasting Bee is going to happen again this year on Saturday, April 22 at 11:00 am.

So what is the Tasting Bee and how can you participate in this fun fundraiser? You can participate in a number of ways. We ask people to submit a recipe to be included in the cookbook we compile and print to be handed out to those attending the Tasting Bee. When you sign up and submit your recipe, you are agreeing to make the recipe enough for 180 bites. A teaspoon is a TASTE, anything else is a helping. Another way you can help is by signing up to decorate a table according to the theme. Round table seats 8. Rectangle table seats 10. This year’s theme is “God’s Blessings Overflow”.

When you sign up to submit and make a recipe and/or decorate a table it entitles you to purchase 3 tickets for each thing you sign up to do, at \$10 each which you give or sell to your invited friends. You can purchase all tickets you are entitled to or only the amount you need.

Signup will begin January 29. Signup will end March 26. When you signup this year you will be able to purchase your allotted tickets. Recipes need to be sent to Sandy Wagner at packratsandy@yahoo.com by April 10. Make sure you signup early so you don’t miss out on this fun fundraiser. Feel free to ask questions when signing up. Thanks in advance.



Celebrate "A Little Farther" February 19, 2023

Celebrate the successful end to the "A Little Farther" campaign. A special "Thank You Coffee" will be held in the Gathering Place between the 8:00 am worship and Sunday school/Bible study time. After the 10:30 am worship, a pizza lunch will be combined with the February Voters' Meeting in the Fellowship Hall to update everyone on the capital campaign, remaining debt, and regular church updates.



*"For our heart rejoices in Him,
Because we trust in His holy name." Psalm 33:21*



February 5, 2023 12:00 pm

Our three newlywed (or not-so-newlywed) couples need a studio audience to cheer for them. Bring appetizers to share as our contestants vie to see who can match more answers. Drinks and paper products will be provided. Come share the fun!



Are you resolving to achieve a healthier lifestyle in the New Year? We are a caring weight loss support group looking for new members. Chapter 168 meets in the Fellowship Hall every Wednesday at 8:30am.



**TAKE OFF POUNDS
SENSIBLY**

The TOPS new membership fee is \$49.00.
The TOPS annual renewal membership fee is \$37.00.
The Chapter 168 monthly fee is \$5.00.
The weigh-in starts at 8:30am.
The 30-minute meeting starts at 9:00am.

If you would like more information call or email:

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Members of Our Redeemer



The LCMS Synodical Convention is this summer. We, as members of the LCMS, have the opportunity to nominate people for numerous positions within Synod. We can also make overtures to be considered at the convention. If you would like to nominate someone for a position or submit an overture, please contact Church Board President, Arlan Thompson, at 319-338-2938 or arlanmarlene@yahoo.com by January 22. Thank you.



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.



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.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

The High School Youth will be making College Care Packages again this year. If you know a college student and want us to send them a care package, please email their name and college mailing address to Kara at: youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org



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 Newsletter

January 9—13

Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller Assistants, Christie Cherian 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

- Welcome nighttime question
- Math equation
- What is a nocturnal animal?
- Number recognition
- Letter Xx
- Bible Lesson—Simeon & Anna see Jesus
- Nocturnal animal painting
- Angel craft
- Line leader story
- Sleep time book
- Fire Drill

Learning Centers

- Nocturnal animal puzzles
- Nocturnal animal name recognition
- Nocturnal animal coloring
- Color letter S
- Color pajamas
- Sleep / night books
- Sensory table stars and cotton balls



Home Question

If God would have made you nocturnal, what would you do awake, for the entire night?

Xx (To Camptown Races)

Xavier was an alien, extraterrestrial. He was born on Planet X, extremely far from Earth. He had two pointy heads; his vision was x-ray. He saw exactly everything in an alien way.



Monthly Snack Prayer

Thank, Thank, Thank You God

(Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

Thank, thank, thank You God,
Thank You now we pray,
You have given all we need,
To live through everyday.

Consign through Stuff; this is a fundraiser for our preschool.

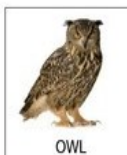
You can donate items by dropping them off yourselves or placing them in a box outside the preschool.

Consigner Number: Iowa City #43522



Nocturnal animals **are awake and active at night and then sleep during the day.** Some nocturnal animals can be seen during the day, but most of them spend their whole day resting. Examples of nocturnal animals include bats, skunks, armadillos, and owls. Nocturnal animals sleep during the day for various reasons. Follow the link to guess the nocturnal animal sound.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q0ykeNSuilk>



OWL



FOX



OPOSSUM



SKUNK



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



KIDS CLUB

For children ages:
4 year olds—5th grade

Wednesday, January 18th

Lesson: Epiphany

Teachers: Jonie & Vicar

Wednesday, January 25th

Event: College Care
Packages



High School Youth & Kids Club will make
care packages to send to college students.

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.

In the beginning

God Created

The

Heavens and the Earth.

Genesis 1:1

Sunday School

9:20 am—10:15 am

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

January 15th

Lesson: A Mighty Wonder—Creation
Genesis 1:1-2:3

CLASSROOMS & TEACHERS

Preschool 3 & 4 year olds—Rm 219
Angela Hotz and Morgan Hotz

Kindergarten & 1st Grade—Rm 217
Allison & Ryan Haack

2nd - 3rd Grade—Rm 117
Tiffany Roiseland and Amy Guhl

4th & 5th Grade—Rm 121
Kate Ramsey and Sara Cross
(Hannah Ramsey and Ava Cross)

Youth

6th —12th Grade

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

Confirmation

(6th—8th Grade)

Wednesday, January 18th at 6:45 pm

6th Grade—Small Group

Unit 2: God's Grace to His People Israel

There are 5 Poetic Books in the

Bible:

- Ecclesiastes
- Song of Solomon
- Proverbs
- Psalms
- Job

Poetic
Books



MEMORY VERSE: "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!"

Psalm 118:1

7th Grade—Small Group

The Lord's Prayer

Intro: *Our Father who art in heaven.*

1st Petition: *Hallowed be Thy name.*

2nd Petition: *Thy kingdom come.*



8th Grade—Lecture

The Lord's Supper

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine, instituted by



YOUTH Sunday School

Confirmation: Room 208

High School: Youth Room

Sunday, January 15th

9:20 am —10:15 am

Lesson: *A Mighty Wonder—Creation*

Genesis 1:1-2:3

High School Midweek

Wednesday, January 18th

6:45 pm in the Youth Room

Least Likely Heroes of the Bible

Closer Than A Brother: *What Kind of Friend Am I?*

Aristachurchus

Friends are welcome!



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

Cost: \$45 per student

Register online by Weds, January 25th:

<https://forms.gle/4NNPk18NUc6zP7XGA>



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.