



~Third Sunday after the Epiphany~



## ADULT BIBLE CLASS

**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 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 Bruce and Grace Maurer in celebration of the Lord blessing them with 53 years of marriage.



This Sunday's coffee and snacks are being provided between the early service and Sunday School by the Lutherans for Life Team. Donations will go towards the continued mission efforts.

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

### 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.

## Prayer of the Church / Sanctity of Life ~ The Third Sunday after the Epiphany, January 22, 2023

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

For the gifts of life and salvation, that the Lord would make our way glorious with the forgiveness of sins and the hope of heaven, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church's unity in the mind and judgment of Christ, that almighty God would preserve us from division and fix our eyes on the Word of the cross, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For families, that our Father in heaven would bless our households with grace and protection; and that we might remember Him in both joy and trouble and worship before Him forever, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord, to whom all kingship belongs, would rule over the nations for the good of His people, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those oppressed by demons, illness or any other affliction, [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 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**, **Marlene Moeller**, **Julie Pratt-Mullenkamp** (Cousin of Ruth Varney), **Mike Schmit** (friend of Larue Westemeyer), **Rozie Siems** (Daughter of Mary Siems), **Ronna Sojka**, **Shirley Stutzman**, **Reece Ullerich**, **Karen Warner**, **Mark Wilson**, and **Beth Wu** (Schuldt's relative),] that the Lord Jesus would heal them in body, mind and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the family and friends of **Tom Barnes** (stepdad of Melody Strom) as they mourn his 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 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 **Bruce and Grace Maurer** celebrating their 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For bold witness before the world, that God would open our mouths to speak of the wonders of life and salvation that His Son has worked for us, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who will continue to serve as pastors and teachers, deaconesses and other workers in Your Church, that Your Word may have free course among us and be our joy. We especially pray for the seminarians we are supporting: **Deon Hull** (Vicarage Year), **Kyle Moellenhoff** (Vicarage Year), **Josiah Schultz** (Vicarage Year), **Kyle Lewis** (4<sup>th</sup> Year), and we ask a special blessing upon our Vicar **Morgan Garrett**, 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. 1/22 Vicki Fobain, Stacey Miller  
 Mon. 1/23 Michel Kopf  
 Tues. 1/24 Jean Graves, Shari Sorensen  
 Wed. 1/25 Cynthia Fruendt, Andrew Huedepohl, Robyn Rassmussen  
 Thurs. 1/26 Norv Coblentz, Jane Duvall, Michelle Johnson, Sharon Lake  
 Fri. 1/27 Rebecca Bell, Denise Johnson  
 Sat. 1/28 Kelly Baker, James Brachtel, Marge Lemke, Julie Piegors

### STEWARDSHIP January 14/15, 2023

TIME		TREASURES	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 1/14—5:30pm	35	Contributions	\$8,538.78
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 1/15—8:00am	91	A Little Farther	\$1,200.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 1/15—10:30am	140	Monthly needs for budget	\$67,240.58
Recorded Services 1/14	***		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	266	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School/Preschool	69/37

### This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, January 22-29, 2023

<u>Sunday, 1/22-Installation of Officers</u>		<u>Wednesday, 1/25</u>	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	TOPS	8:00am
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Emerson Point	2:00pm
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am	Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
UKANDU Information Meeting	12:00pm	Midweek	6:45pm
District 13	2:30pm	Adult Midweek	7:00pm
<u>Monday, 1/23</u>		<u>Thursday, 1/26</u>	
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	Christ in Film	6:00pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
<u>Tuesday, 1/24</u>		<u>Friday, 1/27</u>	
Solon Nursing Home	9:30am		
Women's Beth Moore Bible Study	10:00am	<u>Saturday, 1/28</u>	
SM-Small Group/Marlene	6:15pm	Men's Bible Study	8:00am
SM-Large Group/Marcia	6:45pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
Al-Anon	7:00pm		
LLL Meeting	7:00pm	<u>Sunday, 1/29</u>	
		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
		Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am

## 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](mailto:arlanmarlene@yahoo.com) by January 22. Thank you.



### UKANDU 2023 Informational Meeting

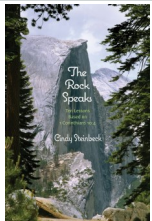
Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>  
12:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall

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

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

**Who Can Serve?** Adults, high school youth and 8<sup>th</sup> graders

*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)



**Did You Know:** God gives you many opportunities throughout the week to meet people who don't know Him as their Savior. At work, in recreation, at community events, in person and online, they are there if we take the time to see and notice them. Who will come across your path who needs a word of hope, an act of kindness or an expression of love motivated by God's love for you? Keep an eye out for them and for ways to live out 1 John 4:19 this week (...*He loved you first!*)

Lutheran Family Service - [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org).



## 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

This is **Lutherans for Life Sunday** throughout the Missouri Lutheran Synod and we do take time to embrace that our Holy God creates all life and we hold life sacred both before and after birth.



**Lutherans for Life** as a national organization is headquartered in Nevada, Iowa while it educates and encourages Lutherans to support ProLife issues.

**Their vision statement is:**

"Every Lutheran, both individually and in community, upholding the God-given value of human life and influencing society to do the same."

**Their Mission statement is:**

"Equipping Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices for Life"

Pray for this organization as it works to speak to Lutherans about life and death issues.

## MAILING ADDRESSES FOR 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](mailto:youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org) by Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.





So go now. Find the recipe you want to submit and make for the Tasting Bee because signup starts next week. This is a fun event and you don't want to miss out. 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](mailto: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.

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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# Preschool Newsletter



January 16—20, 2023

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!*

## Home Question

What do you think stars in the sky are?

A: A star is a luminous ball of gas, mostly hydrogen and helium, held together by its own gravity.

## This Week

Welcome star/opposite question

Math equation

Science exploration time

What is an opposite?

Rhyming words

Letter Ww

Bible Lesson—The Wise Men

Science books

Opposite books

Watermelon craft

Individual star/wisemen craft



Big line  
Big line  
Big line  
Big line



## Learning Centers

SNOAP —shaved soap, torn toilet paper, water

New blocks

New baby doll clothes

Opposite puzzles

## Ww (To Mary Had a Little Lamb)

Willy would not wear a hat, wear a hat, wear a hat; Willy would not wear a hat. It made his hair too flat. "I wish you would," Aunt Wanda said, Wanda said, Wanda said. "I wish you would," Aunt Wanda said and plopped one on his head.



## WHITE (To the tune of Little Brown Jug)

W-H-I-T-E

That spells white, sing with me.

Milk is white, and so is glue.

Ghosts are white

And they say boo!

W-H-I-T-E

That spells white, sing with me.

The clouds above, the snow below,

Santa's beard, ho, ho, ho!



SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

orders are due:

Feb. 13 & 14

## Scholastic Book Order

You can shop and submit your order online. Every purchase you make earns FREE books and educational supplies for our classroom. **ENTER** Class Activation Code **MQWNG**.

## JOY

Chorus:

Joy, joy, joy, all the,  
Joy, joy, joy, all the joy,  
Joy, joy, joy, all the,  
Joy, Joy, joy, joy, joy, joy.....

Verse:

"J" is for Jesus,  
"O" is for Others,  
and "Y-yi-yi-yi-yi" is for you  
and you and you and you  
and you and you and you.

JOY jiji Joy → (move left)

JOY jiji Joy → (move right)

JOY jiji Joy → (move left)

JOY jiji Joy → (move right)

Chorus



**Consign through the 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—5<sup>th</sup> Grade



## KIDS CLUB

For children ages:  
4 years old—5<sup>th</sup> grade

Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

Event: College Care Packages

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



Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

Lesson: Transfiguration

Teachers: Jonie & Vicar

Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

Lesson: Jewish Calendar

Teachers: Jonie & Paula

Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

Lesson: Lent

Teachers: Jonie & Vicar

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade in their designated classes

January 21<sup>st</sup>

Lesson: The Fall and a Promise—Fall into Sin

Genesis 3





# Youth

6<sup>th</sup> —12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Youth Coordinator Kara Hartwig [youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org](mailto:youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org) (319) 855-2728

## Confirmation

(6<sup>th</sup>—8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade—Lecture

Unit 2: Old Testament

**EXILE**— In 721, the Assyrians conquered Israel (Northern Kingdom) and scattered them across their empire.

In 587 BC, the Babylonians conquered and carried off the Southern Kingdom of Judah to Babylon.



**MEMORY VERSE:** “Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!”  
Psalm 118:1

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade—Lecture

The Lord’s Prayer

Intro: *Our Father who art in heaven.*  
1<sup>st</sup> Petition: *Hallowed be Thy name.*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Petition: *Thy kingdom come.*



### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade—Small Group

The Lord’s Supper

The Sacrament of the Altar is also called the Lord's Supper because it was instituted by our Lord during the evening Passover meal on a day we now call Maundy Thursday.



## YOUTH Sunday School

Confirmation: Room 208  
High School: Youth Room

**Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:20 am —10:15 am

**Lesson:** *The Fall and a Promise—Fall into Sin*  
Genesis 3



## UKANDU Informational Meeting

Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

12:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

UKANDU is a week-long servant event held in Chicago

**UKANDU Dates:** Sat, June 17<sup>th</sup> – Sat, June 24<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Who can go?** current 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders & adults

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



## High School College Care Packages January 25<sup>th</sup>

*All high school youth & their friends are welcome!*

College Care Packages “Packing Night”

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



## Confirmation Winter Retreat

Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> —Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

Drury Inn & Suites in Coralville

For all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation students

Cost: \$45 per student

**Register online by Weds, January 25<sup>th</sup>:**

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



Equipping disciples  
to make disciples  
for Jesus!



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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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.