



The Parish Beacon

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March 2023

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ —

What a glorious thing it is that we get the opportunity to come together in worship with one another as we go into this next Church season. This month of March is marked by Lent. Now during this church season, many of us in the Christian church will give up something for the season of Lent. This is a good thing to do, but we must be sure we're doing it for the right reasons. Giving up something for Lent is not the same as say, making a New Year's resolution, as you may have a couple of months ago. The goal of giving up something pleasurable in Lent is to turn our attention to Christ. Lent is marked by the fact that we recognize as we should every day in our Christian Life, but especially now, that we are poor miserable sinful beings. That we fail in thought word and deed. It is a season marked with repentance. We are reminded of our Lord beaten and broken on the cross. We fully recognize our need for a savior. So, we put an emphasis at this time on a repentant heart. As stated in the book of Acts,

“The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to **repent**, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.” (Acts 17:30-31)

This is the promise we have in Jesus as we look toward the resurrection with repentant hearts. There will be a day when he returns to judge the world and usher in a new heaven and new earth. As we worship here at Our Redeemer let us be sure to look to Christ in all times and in all places. For Christ is the life of the church and he is the one who moves our hearts toward repentance. May we pray for each other and repent with one another diligently as we focus on this aspect of Christian living.

Blessings in Christ,
Vicar Garrett



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

For faithful hearts that look to the Lord for forgiveness, that when we wander from His Word we would come to Him, confess our sins and be restored, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For pastors, that God would command His angels concerning them to guard them in all their ways as they proclaim the One who trampled the serpent underfoot by His death on the cross. We especially pray for the seminarians we are supporting: **Deon Hull** (Vicarage Year), **Kyle Moellenhoff** (Vicarage Year), **Josiah Schultz** (Vicarage Year), **Kyle Lewis** (4th Year), and we ask a special blessing upon our vicar, **Morgan Garrett**, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For our homes, that God would sustain parents in their sacred charge; and that Christian homes would be places of confession and forgiveness of sins, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For our rulers and those with worldly authority, that they would resist the allure of power, worship God alone, punish evil and praise those who do good, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For help when tempted, that God would strengthen us for the sake of Christ who was tempted in our place and teach us to rely upon His Word as our defense against the evil one, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the needy, the sick and the troubled, [*especially Terrell Boettcher (Cheryll Davisson's brother), Dorothy Blume (Carol Schuldt's sister), Katelyn Born, David Caplin (Lillian Moyer's son-in-law), Leslie Frost (friend of Sarah Gabel), Debra Fuhrmeister, Debbie Hartwig (Pastor's mother), Emma Haugen (Friend of Gwen Enokian), Gabe Hundley (grandson of Karen Abernathy), Laurale Hunter (Denise Johnson's mother), Dora Jacobson (granddaughter of George and Carol Schuldt), Norma Miller (Twyla Freeman's aunt), Barb Nace (Doris Siemer's niece), Bob Nace, Deloris Nace, Julie Pratt-Mullenkamp (Cousin of Ruth Varney), Mike Schmit (friend of Larue Westemeyer), Rozie Siems (Daughter of Mary Siems), Carol Simpson (Kara Hartwig's mother), Ronna Sojka, Shirley Stutzman, Reece Ullerich, Karen Warner, Mark Wilson, and Beth Wu (Schuldt's relative),*] that God would send His holy angels to protect and keep us in His ways so that no evil may befall us, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the family and friends of **David Jones** (*Lonne Loney's uncle*) 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 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.**

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sun 2/26	Worship Service 8:00am Adult Bible Class/Sunday School 9:20am Worship Service 10:30am District 13 2:30pm
Mon 2/27	Staff Meeting 1:00pm Sunlight AA Group 6:00pm Chamber Singers 6:00pm
Tues 2/28	Solon Nursing Home 9:30am SM-Small Group/Marlene 6:15pm SM-Large Group/Marcia 6:45pm Al-Anon 7:00pm
Wed 3/1	TOPS 8:00am Bible Study 11:00am Lunch Bunch 12:00pm Lenten Worship 1:00pm Lenten Meal 5:10pm Lenten Worship 6:10pm Choir Rehearsal 6:45pm Midweek 6:45pm Adult Midweek 7:00pm
Thurs 3/2	Comfort Tiers 9:00am Visitation Meeting 6:30pm Board of Elders 7:00pm Al-Anon 7:30pm
Fri 3/3	***
Sat 3/4	Pancake Day 7:00am Worship Service 5:30pm
Sun 5/5	Worship Service 8:00am Adult Bible Class/Sunday School 9:20am Worship Service 10:30am Trivia Challenge 12:00pm



BASICS OF THE FAITH Friday, March 31, 7:00pm Saturday, April 1, 8:30am

Basics of the Faith class will be coming again at the end of February. Sign-up sheets are out on the Welcome Counter. This is an excellent opportunity for refreshing your knowledge or if you are new to the church. All are welcome.



This Sunday's (February 26) coffee and snacks are being provided between the early service and Sunday School by the Missions. Donations will go towards the continued mission efforts.

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

****WATCH YOUR FRIDAY EMAIL FOR LIVE STREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP****
Saturday 5:30pm In Person/LIVE STREAM
Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am In Person/LIVE STREAM
Communion: February 4, 5, 18, 19

Sunday School 9:20am—In Person
Adult Bible Study 9:20am—Fellowship Hall/ZOOM

Bible Study/Lunch Bunch meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11:00am with lunch following

Comfort-Tiers meet Thursdays at 9:00am

Choir practice Wednesdays at 6:45pm

Praise Team Practice schedule varies—
Contact Myrl Holida: myrl-holida@uiowa.edu or
Louise Klopp: choirdirector@ourredeemer.org

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MARCH



March 1
Bible Class 11:00am
Lunch 12:00pm
Fellowship Hall



Our Redeemer Lutheran
Pancake Day
March 4
7:00am-1:00pm
Fellowship Hall



Orphan Grain Train
Bake Sale
March 4
7:00am-1:00pm
Fellowship Hall



Trivia Challenge
March 5, 12:00pm
Fellowship Hall



WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT
Friday, March 10, 7:00pm



Remember to set
your clocks!
March 12



Spring Break IC
March 13-17



March 15
Bible Class 11:00am
Lunch 12:00pm
Fellowship Hall



March 23/6:00pm
Fellowship Hall
Rated PG-13



Zone Event Set-up
Friday, March 31
Zone Event
Saturday, April 1, 8:30am



Basics of the Faith
March 31, 7:00pm
April 1, 9:30am

Birthdays

Sun 2/26	Dawn Ealy, Brian Holman, Reese Lane, Wesley McDowell, Ryan West
Mon 2/27	Zach Aisenbrey, Ian Gates, Rita Knock
Tues 2/28	Joshua Miller, Shane Nicholson, Michael Palmer, Judy Schwartz
Leap Year 2/29	Jacob Lothamer, Ryan Murken
Wed 3/1	Sara Cross, Cory Kreutz, Jenny Magsamen, Maryn Nieland, Jerry Strom
Thurs 3/2	Carol Schuldt
Fri 3/3	Noah Christensen, Wesley Hottel, Alex Kooker, Barb Schanbacher, Sandra Trimpe
Sat 4/4	Joan James, Chad Pence

Stewardship—February 18/19, 2023

ATTENDANCE		TREASURES	
Recorded Service 2/18	12	Contributions	\$10,309.50
Sat. 2/18 In Person/LIVE STREAM 5:30pm	62	A Little Farther	1,550.0
Sun. 2/19 In Person/LIVE STREAM 8:00am	98	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Sun. 2/19 In Person/LIVE STREAM 10:30am	168		
TOTAL WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	340	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	59/38

Thank you for your continued support.



MISSION	February
Iowa District East	\$3,333.33
UIHC Chaplain Endowment Fund	\$250.00
TOTAL	\$3,583.33
Panama FORO	\$500.00
Housing Fellowship	\$500.00
MONTH TOTAL	\$4,583.33
CommUnity Crisis Center	\$100.00
Lutherans For Life	\$188.00
Concordia Seminary Food Bank	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$4,971.33

Membership Changes and Official Acts

Removed	
Kylie Miller	02-20-2023
Transferred In	
Laura Stresow	02-10-2023
Nathan Clack	02-10-2022



Building Healthy Families:- “He doesn’t have a prayer.” You’ve heard someone in a hopeless situation described this way. Living with hopelessness is unhealthy, sad, and unnecessary. If you are feeling overwhelmed by hopelessness today – or have been living with that feeling for a long time – you do indeed have a prayer. Our prayer is that you will open yourself to others God has already placed in your life who can help. That may be a family member, friend, pastor, or trusted co-worker. It can also be your Lutheran Family Service counselor. It’s why we’re here.

Lutheran Family Service - www.LutheranFamilyService.org

COME ONE, COME ALL!!

PANCAKE DAY

SAT, MARCH 4 - 7AM-1PM

Our Redeemer Church & Preschool



***Tickets Available
at Church Office
or Upon Arrival**

**ADULT TICKET - \$7
CHILD TICKET - \$3**

All Proceeds go to Missions local and abroad



ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN BAKE SALE



Relief for Human Need Worldwide

MARCH 4

A Bake Sale to support Orphan Grain Train will be held in conjunction with the annual Pancake Day fundraiser. The Orphan Grain Train provides relief for domestic and international disasters.

Please consider donating baked goods to support this Lutheran outreach to those in need.

Donated items can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall on Friday (March 3) prior to Pancake Day.

Contributions should include the name of the donated item and the suggested sale price.

For more information contact: Pat Sexton at 319-430-8510

Celebrating

"A Little Farther:
According to Your Will." Matthew 26:39



February 19



NUMBERS

Immeasurably More	\$679,756.05
A Little Farther	\$387,944.09
From End of Year Funds	<u>\$51,000.00</u>
LOAN TO DATE	\$1,118,700.14
REMAINING BALANCE	\$324,431.34
TOTAL PROJECT	\$1,443,131.48



Concordia Chicago Concert Comes to Our Redeemer

Join us!

Wind Symphony

of Concordia University Chicago

*Conducted by Dr. Richard R. Fischer
The Fred and Jane Wittlinger Endowed Chair in Music Performance*

Our Redeemer
Lutheran
Church

2301 East Court St.
Iowa City, IA

Learn more at
ourredeemer.org



*Event is free & open to the public
A freewill offering in support of the Wind Symphony will be received.*

FRIDAY
MARCH
10
7 P.M.

**WE NEED
HOST
FAMILIES!**

Our Redeemer is excited to host the Concordia Chicago Wind Symphony on Friday, March 10 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.

There will be a need for host families for the students. Please let Laurel know at consultant@ourredeemer.org or 319-331-3242 if you can assist with housing. The guidelines for hosting are below.

REQUESTS of HOST FAMILIES:

- Take students home following the concert
- Students need to be housed in groups of two or more
- They're happy to share a bed as long as that bed is queen-size or larger.
- Feed them a simple breakfast (cereal, muffins, fruit, juice is fine)
- Drop them back at church by 8:00 am on Saturday, March 11. We depart at 8:15 am for St. Charles, MO.



Mary, Did You Know?



Of course, Mary knew she was pregnant! An angel told her so! We love the song that asks that question – “Mary Did You Know?” But that question is not about realizing she was pregnant.

It is the question that all expectant mothers and fathers should be thinking about their unborn child before he/she is born.

MOM and DAD – DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS UNBORN CHILD WILL DO? WILL ACCOMPLISH FOR HIS/HER MOM AND DAD? FOR HIS/HER BROTHERS AND SISTERS? FOR HIS/HER CHURCH? FOR HIS/HER COMMUNITY? FOR HIS/HER NATION? FOR HIS/HER WORLD?

MOM AND DAD – WHAT PLANS DOES GOD ALREADY HAVE IN MIND FOR YOUR UNBORN CHILD?

Psalm 40:5 “Many, O Lord my God, are the wonders you have done. The things You planned for us, no one can recount to You; were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare.”

That simple question makes pregnancy so exciting! What are God’s plans for my unborn child? Knowing that God’s plans for all unborn children are beautiful and many, makes parents cherish and protect the heart and mind of their child with the Word of God.

MOM AND DAD – WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR YOUR UNBORN CHILD? ARE THEY THE SAME AS GOD’S PLANS? ARE THEY WRAPPED UP IN WORLDLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS? ARE THEY PLANS THAT WILL MAKE YOU PROUD IN FRONT OF OTHER PARENTS OR FAMILY? ARE THEY PLANS THAT YOU CAN BOAST ABOUT OVER COFFEE?

WILL YOUR CHILD LIKE YOUR PLANS? WILL YOUR CHILD LIKE GOD’S PLANS?

Love your unborn child as God loves your unborn child and pray that God guides you in your plans and enables you to see more clearly what God’s plans are for your child.

“Mary, did you know that your unborn Son would be the Savior of the world?”

“Be on Guard. Stand firm in the Faith. Be Courageous. Be Strong. Let all that you do, be done in Love.” 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Board of Directors meeting, February 9, 2023

Opening devotion

Treasurer's Report:

Update on 2022 budget--\$793K was projected, income was \$794K.

Current positive balance-\$1,294.59, compared to previous year of \$9,688.93

End of 2022 resulted in positive balance of \$36,476.

Extensive review of financials:

Surplus funds:

\$35K from 2022 fund surplus (income minus expenses)

\$30K from budget line 2309 512 1st Ave footers fund (project was completed for approximately \$20K)

\$10K from 2002 carryover fund

Total--\$75K

MOTIONS PASSED—

Give the youth \$18K to supplement their programs

Put \$51K to the current loan for Vision 20/20

Put \$6K to the cross/front entrance project

Board of Elders:

Business as usual

At-Large:

Education: Compliments to the dedicated work of all educational efforts in the church, including Committee members and staff.

Properties:

Update on completed projects.

Refer to Annual Report for complete list of all projects, past and future.

Staff reports:

Pastor:

Pastor extends his thanks for congregation and staff for their prayers, support, and encouragement as he deals with his mother's health issues.

The dissertation process continues with more changes coming from his advisor.

Vicar:

Pancake Day plans are progressing. The proceeds will go to various mission projects of the church since CommUnity has discontinued their participation.

Kara:

The winter confirmation retreat was held last week.

The spring confirmation retreat is coming up soon.

Super Bowl bowling will be this coming Sunday.

VBS plans are underway.

Kudos:

The Board of Directors recognizes and thanks to Brenda Johnson and Marcia Hulse for taking on the unpleasant task of cleaning out the old freezer in the back room of the kitchen. Thank you!!



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Mission Committee

Highlighting the Christian/humanitarian work of our congregation as a whole and as individuals.
Here and around the world.

UKANDU - CHICAGO

June 17, 2023 – June 24, 2023



Banner & T-shirt promotions-2022 UKANDU.



Drinking (water) on the job-2022 UKANDU.

A Short-Term Mission Trip opportunity to bring hope, encouragement, and the love of Jesus Christ to those in Chicago.

Watch future Beacon editions for Mission updates.

Mission Committee Members

Denise Holida / Anita Nicholson / Val Penney / Bob Powers (Chairman Pro-Tem)



The NOT SO Newlywed Game

February 2023 Edition



Sweet treats for a sweet time.



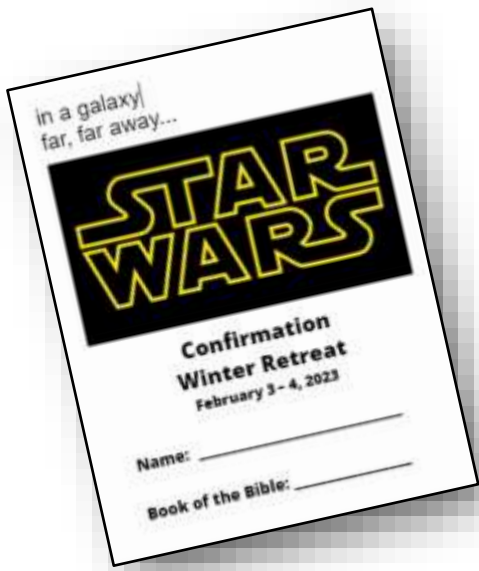
Meet the contestants! From left to right are: Art & Denise Schwarting, Vicar & Carrie Garrett, Dave & Karyl Bohnsack



The prizes!



A little of this and a little of that.



Winter Confirmation Retreat

February 3-4, 2023

21 students participated
Held at the Drury Inn in Coralville



Theme:
Star Wars—Jedi Training

Jeremiah
Ezekiel
Daniel
Isaiah



We played games of focus and skill reminding us to focus always on Jesus!



Our Redeemer SuperBOWLing Day

Sunday, February 12, 2023



Colonial Lanes

We enjoyed a pizza lunch and had a great time bowling!



In the Mail...

On Wednesday, January 25th, the High School Youth and Kids Club children made 33 College Care Packages and sent them to college students from Our Redeemer.

Thanks to a Thrivent Action Team, they were able to pack the boxes with snacks, sweet treats, practical items and a Thrivent t-shirt for each student!



One special item was a handmade, personalized card. Each youth picked the name of a college student and then drew artwork (such as the student's college logo, crosses or hearts) and wrote an individualized message to the student.



This service project is a favorite for the youth who pack the boxes and with the college students who receive the packages!





Preschool Newsletter



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!

For God
SO LOVED THE WORLD
THAT HE GAVE HIS
ONLY
BEGOTTEN
SON SO
THAT WHOEVER
BELIEVES
IN HIM SHALL
HAVE EVERLASTING
Life



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR
Toddlin' age—12th Grade 9:20 a.m.—10:15 a.m.
Invite your friends and come learn about Jesus!

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
February 26	Exodus 2:23-3:22	Fiery Directions—Moses
March 5	Exodus 14	The Egypt Exit—Exodus
March 12	Exodus 20:1-21	A Loving Law—The Ten Commandments
March 19	Joshua 3:1-4:18	The Land at Last—Joshua
March 26	Judges 7:1-23	A Judge Leads—Gideon



Kid's Club

KIDS CLUB for 4 year olds—
 5th grade children meet weekly
Wednesday, March 1st

Lenten Meal at 5:10pm in
 the Fellowship Hall
 Lenten Worship at 6:10pm
 KIDS CLUB at 6:45pm
 in Toddlin' Room

Lesson: Lent & Holy Week Hymn
Teachers: Jonie & Paula

Youth

6th - 12th Graders

MARCH

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

DATE	EVENT	TIME
1	Lenten Meal Lenten Worship Confirmation & H.S. Midweek	5:10pm 6:10pm 6:45pm
4	Pancake Day <i>Join us for breakfast and/or to help</i>	7:00am
5	Trivia Challenge <i>Confirmation & High School teams</i>	12:00pm
8	Lenten Meal <i>7th grade families help</i> Lenten Worship Confirmation & H.S. Midweek 8 th Grade Confirmation PASSOVER MEAL w/parents	5:10pm 6:10pm 6:45pm
10	Concordia University Chicago Wind Symphony Concert	7:00pm
12	Daylight Saving Time <i>Spring forward an hour</i>	
15	Lenten Meal Lenten Worship <i>(No Confirmation or H.S. Midweek— Spring Break IC)</i>	5:10pm 6:10pm
22	Lenten Meal Lenten Worship Confirmation & H.S. Midweek	5:10pm 6:10pm 6:45pm
29	Lenten Meal Lenten Worship Confirmation & H.S. Midweek	5:10pm 6:10pm 6:45pm

MARCH EVENTS

Wednesday, March 1st

LENTEEN MEAL 5:10 pm
LENTEEN WORSHIP 6:10 pm
MIDWEEK 6:45 pm—8:00 pm

Confirmation Classes
& High School Midweek

Saturday, March 4th

PANCAKE DAY



*Youth and families wanted to:
volunteer, sell tickets to friends & family, and
buy tickets for you to eat breakfast*
\$7 adult \$3 child
7:00 am—1:00 pm



Sunday, March 5th

TRIVIA CHALLENGE

*Bring a friend to be on the Confirmation or
High School team with you!*
12:00 pm

Wednesday, March 8th

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION
PASSOVER MEAL



*8th grade students and parents share
the Passover Meal led by Pastor.*
12:00 pm

Friday, March 10th

Concordia University
Chicago



WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT

*Join us for this fun and free concert!
You're in for a treat as this highly talented
group plays a variety of
entertaining songs.*
7:00 pm



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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.

In Church

James 1:22

Your Word washes over me, my Lord,
through readings, music, studies,
voiced thoughts and considerations of others
along with the Sacraments.

I am refreshed, uplifted, praising You for the quietness of Your blessings;
ready to take on the next week's work and problems;
there is no other place on earth that I can attain such treasures.

You give me much and I return so little, it seems,
since all I do is share greetings, thoughts, grief,
love and encouragement with others;
I have only paltry talents and funds.

Compared to Your gifts of forgiveness and life eternal,
mine are truly puny and do not seem nearly enough.
Please help me to give back to You one hundred-fold.

Carol Schuldt