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Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - February 4/5, 2023

~Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany~



ADULT BIBLE CLASS

February 5

Jeremiah: Overcoming through Renouncing Idolatry

February 12

Mission Update: UKANDU

February 19

Overcoming through Laments and God's Tests

February 26

Overcoming through Listening, Trust, and Humilty

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
February 5	Genesis 12:1-9	A Call to Action—Abram
February 12	Genesis 28:10-22	A Promising Dream—Jacob
February 19	Genesis 37:; 45:1-10; 50:20	Hope in Hardship—Joseph
February 26	Exodus 2:23-3:22	Fiery Directions—Moses

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Building Healthy Families: A survey of LCMS youth attending the National Youth Gathering last July identified five issues they're most concerned about: LGBTQ, mental health, abortion, reaching unbelievers/defending the faith and personal faith. DCE Julianna Shults, program manager for LCMS Youth Ministry, said the survey also shows that they "want to take on difficult topics, and congregations should not shy away from addressing them. Our teens are hyperconnected to the world and all its issues. As they become more aware of the brokenness in our world, the church is uniquely equipped to provide them with support and hope." Your Lutheran Family Service counselors are here to help with these topics, as we thank God for faithful youth and the adults in their congregational families who love and support them in these difficult days! **Lutheran Family Service** - www.LutheranFamilyService.org.



This Sunday's coffee and snacks are being provided between the early service and Sunday School by the Human Care Committee. Donations will go towards the continued mission efforts.

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

Prayer of the Church / The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 4, 2023

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

For deliverance from the oppression of sin, that God, who looses the bonds of wickedness, would cleanse our hearts to know Him as the Giver of all that is good, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the Church, that our merciful God would open the lips of pastors to declare His just decrees and store them up in the hearts of His people, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For children and youth of our congregation, that the Lord would guard their ways according to His Word and give them delight in His testimonies as much as in all riches, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For peaceful homes, that in the midst of a quarrelsome, self-seeking world, God would give parents wisdom and courage to teach their children His ways, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the sick, [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), Abby Saehler, 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 God would cause healing to spring up speedily according to His good and gracious will, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the gifts of *Mission Central* and all the missionaries that make it possible for Your Word to spread far and wide. We especially thank you for the *Parish Nurses* in *Eswatini*, *Lutheran Family Service*, all the pastors in *Lutheran Church of Panama* and *Arthur Rickman*, *UKANDU*, and *Ysleta* Mission in El Paso, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For those who commune this day, that Christ, whose righteousness goes before us and whose glory is our rearguard, would visit His people at the altar with grace and salvation, 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

Mon. 2/6 ***

Tues. 2/7 Blake Ealy, Luetta Feldman

Wed. 2/8 Rodney Anderson, Ryan Bruckman, Sandra Jacobs, Heather Krogh, JoAnne Schmid

Thurs. 2/9 Ellen Sager, Stephanie Servantez

Fri. 2/10 Drew Boysen, Liam Boyum Sat. 2/11 Kelby Heck, Dianna Reuter

STEWARDSHIP January 28/29, 2023

TIME TREASURES				
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 1/28—5:30pm	54	Contributions	\$7,000.00	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 1/29—8:00am	90	A Little Farther	\$85.00	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 1/29—10:30am	175	Monthly needs for budget	\$67,240.58	
Recorded Services 1/28	28			
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	347	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School/Preschool	61/20	

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, February 5-12, 2023

<u>Sunday, 2/5</u>		Wednesday continued	
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		
Not So Newlywed Game	12:00pm	Thursday, 2/9	
		Comfort Tiers	9:00am
<u>Monday, 2/6</u>		Lantern Park	10:00am
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Briarwood	4:00pm
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	Board of Directors	7:00pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Youth Committee	6:00pm		
Mission Committee	7:00pm	<u>Friday, 2/10</u>	
<u>Tuesday, 2/7</u>		Saturday, 2/11-UKANDU Door Offering	
Women's Beth Moore Bible Study	10:00am	Men's Bible Study	8:00am
Human care	6:30pm	Al-Anon District	10:00am
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
Wednesday, 2/8		Sunday, 2/12-UKANDU Door Offering	
TOPS	8:00am	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
Properties Committee	5:30pm	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am
		Super Bowling	1:00pm



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.



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!



See you there!

Lunch Bunch will be meeting again on **February 15.** 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.



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

St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel, our campus ministry at The University of Iowa, presents **Variety! An Evening of Talented Performers and Delectable Desserts**. The event will take place at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2301 E. Court St., Iowa City, on Saturday, March 25, 2023, at 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM). All proceeds go to our annual LCMSU teaching weekend (Theologian in Residence) and for future servant event trips.

Tickets are:
Adults - \$10
Students and Children - \$7
2 and under – Free



Tickets are available at St Paul's Chapel. You may reserve your tickets and pick them up the night of the show by sending an email to stpaulschapel.iowacity@gmail.com subject line VARIETY! In the email please indicate the number of tickets you need. Tickets will also be available at the door. Please note: Advance ticket sales and reservations are most appreciated and will help assure ample desserts and seating.



Tasting Bee Signup began last weekend. We had a good response from many who signed up. We also had many stop by with good questions. There are still many opportunities to be involved in this fun and important fundraiser. This year's Tasting Bee theme is *God's Blessings Overflow* and is happening, Saturday, April 22 at 11:00 am. There are a few changes this year to help simplify things. Stop by the Tasting Bee signup table today with any questions. You can get involved by signing up to submit and make a recipe for the Tasting Bee which entitles you to buy 3 tickets. You can be involved by signing up to decorate a table how you imagine the theme. Decorating a table (Round seats 8, Rectangular seats 10) entitles you to buy 3 tickets. Tickets are \$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. One change this year is when you signup you will be able to purchase your allotted tickets at the same time, so make sure to bring your check or cash. Last day to signup and purchase your allotted tickets is March 26. After March 26 any tickets not purchased will then be available to those on the waiting list.

Recipes need to be sent to Sandy Wagner at packratsandy@yahoo.com by April 10. All monies raised during this fundraiser are donated to missions as selected by the LWML. If you would like to donate something for the door prize drawing contact Marilyn Kempnich or Melissa Mullane. Thanks in advance.

WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER WEARING MY NAME TAG?

Because wearing your name tag helps -

- others to call you by name
- you to be known by others
- the vicar to match a name with a face
- encourage new members to wear their name tags
- those who have a hard time remembering names
- start conversations
- everyone to get to know each other better
- to identify those who are members and those who are visiting
- those who think they know your name, but because you're wearing your name tag, they can be sure of it.



UKANDU 2023

Registration is open now through February 15th.

See Kara for registration link and more details.

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 8th graders; 6th & 7th graders can attend with a parent/guardian

Possible projects: VBS, sports camps, painting, landscaping, construction, and outreach

Our Redeemer BOWLING Day Sunday, February 12 1:00 pm at Colonial Lanes



Cost: \$2/person --includes bowling, shoe rental, pizza and drink

This fun event is for all ages of our congregation and friends are welcome to join us!

NOTE: Children 5th grade and younger must attend with a parent.

Sign up by Friday, February 10th using the link below:

https://forms.gle/9dM2SKxCNB6of8P58





LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Lenten Devotionals are now available and located on counter in the Welcome Area. Please feel free to take one. More can be printed off it you would like to take some for friends. They come in both standard and large print editions.

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

Concordia Chicago Concert Comes to Our Redeemer



Church

2301 East Court St. lowa City, IA

Leam more at ourredeemer.org 7 P.M.



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

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.

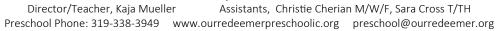
REQUESTS of HOST FAMILIES:

- 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.



Preschool Newsletter

January 23-27, 2023







Home Question

Do you have five of something in you house? Go find it and show an adult!

This Week

Welcome number question Shaking hands dong, Hello Math equation Adding and subtracting activities

Letter Yy

Bible Lesson—Jesus's Baptism

Letter Y yarn craft

Baptismal shell craft

Watercolor painting

Magnets center

Assorted blocks

Naturalist—What do animals leave behind so we know they were there?

Animal books Number books

Piggy banks and pennies Playdough is back

Sharing cardboard coloring



Little line Big line







(To If You're Happy and You Know It)



If you think that yams are yummy yell out, "Yes!" If you think that yams are yummy, yell out, "Yes!" If you think that yams are yummy, yell out, "Yes!" and rub your tummy. If you think that yams are yummy, yell out, "Yes!"

Fat old five goes down and around, put a flag on the top and see what you've found.



Hello Song

Little kids can wave bye, bye But only big kids know How to stand perfectly still And say, "Hello

Give 'em your right hand Look 'em in the eye Put a smile on your face Then you say, "Hi"

Repeat 1X

"It's nice to meet you How do you do?" They'll be so happy To be meeting you Greetings are a way to say "I hope you have a wonderful day"

Give 'em your right hand Look 'em in the eye Put a smile on your face Then you say, "Hi" Repeat 1X

I'm a big kid and I know To use my right hand when I say hello To put my right hand for you to take We meet each other and we shake Shake, shake, So

Give 'em your right hand Look 'em in the eye Put a smile on your face Then you say, "Hi" Repeat 3X



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 MQWNQ.

Enrollment for 2023-2024

Preschool enrollment for next year is open! Get your enrollment in soon to reserve your child's spot in class. Morning/lunch extended care and scholarships are available. Ask for more details. preschool@ourredeemer.org



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:** lowa City #43522

2023-2024 Preschool Enrollment Form



Child First N	Name			Middle	Last		
What vear	in sch	ool: Prek 3 OR F	rek 4		_		
·		Sex:		Female	Age as of Sep	otember 15,	years
DAILY SCH 7:30am		ded Care Drop off		* Children may	I starts after Labor Day enroll throughout the	y and ends before Memo school year as spaces all	•
9:00am Preschool Starts 9:30am Learning Centers 10:30am Snack/Bathroom 11:00am Outside Recreation 11:45am Story/Music 12:00pm Preschool Ends/Pick Up 12:45pm Lunch Ends/Pick Up		* Scholarship information is available upon request. * Morning extended care students may be dropped off any time after 7:30am. * Lunch extended care students will be picked up at 12:45 pm. * Morning snack will be provided by an assigned preschool student. *Students staying for lunch will provide their own bag lunch and ice pack to keep food cold. * No breakfast will be offered. * During winter weather you will be notified if: (We follow the lowa City School Distriction) - We are delayed, no preschool, no extended care.					
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CHECK DES		ROGRAM: Preschool Progran	1			9:00am-12:00pm	\$232/month
		Preschool Program		extended car	e LUNCH time	9:00am-12:45pm	\$305/month
	,	Preschool Progran				7:30am-12:00pm	\$339/month
(M	/W/F)	Preschool Program	n with <i>I</i>	MORNING e.c	. & LUNCH	7:30am-12:45pm	\$413/month
(T/		Preschool Program				9:00am-12:00pm	\$170/month
(T/		Preschool Program				9:00am-12:45pm	\$218/month
(T/	•	Preschool Progran Preschool Progran				7:30am-12:00pm 7:30am-12:45pm	\$244/month \$292/month
(5	Day)	Preschool Progran	า			9:00am-12:00pm	\$384/month
(5	Day)	Preschool Progran	n with e	extended car	e LUNCH time	9:00am-12:45pm	\$505/month
(5 (5	Day) Day)	Preschool Progran Preschool Progran				7:30am-12:00pm 7:30am-12:45pm	\$565/month \$686/month
F	inanci	al scholarships are	availak	ole for Prescho	ool, not for extend	ded care or lunch ex	penses.
Name of P	arent(:	s) or Guardian(s)					
Address					City _	Zip_	
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Our Redeemer Preschool admits children of any race, color, nationality or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities of the Preschool. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, nationality or ethnic origin in administration of the educational or admission policies. Our curriculum is Christian-based.

Please mail your completed form along with the \$50 non-refundable registration fee made payable to:

Our Redeemer Preschool

2301 E. Court Street

Iowa City, IA 52245

<u>Upon receipt of the Enrollment Form and fee, your child's spot will be reserved.</u> An enrollment packet will be sent to you containing all additional paperwork to be completed. Thank you for enrolling your child with Our Redeemer Preschool.



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



KIDS CLUB

For children ages: 4 years old—5th grade

Wednesday, February 8th

Lesson: Jewish Calendar Teachers: Jonie & Paula

Wednesday, February 15th

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 5th grade

February 5th
Lesson: A Call to Action—Abram

Genesis 12:1-9



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 121Kate Ramsey and Sara Cross
(Hannah Ramsey and Ava Cross)



6th —12th Grade

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

Confirmation (6th—8th Grades)

Wednesday, February 8th at 6:45pm

6th Grade—Lecture Old Testament:

Homecoming of God's People



7th Grade—Lecture

THE LORD'S PRAYER

3rd Petition: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

4th Petition: Give us this day our

daily bread.

5th **Petition**: And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

8th Grade—Small Group **EXAM**

The Benefits of Communion



YOUTH Sunday School

Confirmation: Room 208 High School: Youth Room

Sunday, February 5th

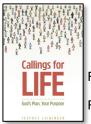
9:20 am -10:15 am

Lesson: A Call to Action—Abram

Genesis 12:1-9

High School Midweek Schedule

Wednesdays at 6:45 pm in the Youth Room All high school youth and their friends are welcome!



Callings for Life

What is God Calling Me to Do?

February 8 Chapter 1: Callings

February 15 Chapter 2: Presence

February 22 ASH WEDNESDAY Worship @ 7:00 pm (no class)



Registration closes on February 15th



UKANDU 2023

Summer Servant Event Dates: June 17-24, 2023 Must be 8th grade or older to participate in UKANDU without a parent.

REGISTRATION CLOSES SOON!

Online registration ends February 15th

Contact Kara for registration link.



Save the Dates

We will soon be coming into the Lenten time of the year, and the Youth families are signed up as kitchen crew.

Wednesday, March 8th (Lenten Meal)

7th Grade Confirmation Families

Sunday, April 8th (Easter Breakfast)

Confirmation & High School Families

Wednesday, April 26th (Midweek Meal)

6th Grade Confirmation Families

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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.