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Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - February 11/12, 2023

~Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany~



ADULT BIBLE CLASS

February 12

Mission Update: UKANDU

February 19

Overcoming through Laments and God's Tests

February 26

Overcoming through Listening, Trust, and Humility

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
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



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.

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:

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Prayer of the Church / The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 12, 2023

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

For peace, that God, who condemns unrighteous anger as murderous and who has saved us from His righteous anger by the death of His Son, would move us to repentance and reconciliation, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For maturity of faith, that our Father in heaven would bless pastors, teachers, parents and all who teach His Word; and that He would give us a constant desire to hear and obey it, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For purity of heart and mind, that the Lord who created us would deliver us from lustful thoughts and the evil of pornography so that we may lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For integrity, that the Author of truth would preserve us from false oaths and strengthen us to acknowledge His Word and do what He commands, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the rulers of our nation, that the Lord, who judges all peoples in righteousness and equity, would endow them with wisdom so that we are preserved from unjust division and enabled to live in peace, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For those who have suffered loss of home and loved ones in Syria and Turkey; for medical personnel tending all who are wounded; for rescue workers risking safety to help others; for children left without parents and parents mourning the death of children, for all attending to basic survival, especially the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the men studying at the seminaries to be pastors in the LCMS that God would fortify their resolve and strengthen their Biblical and theological knowledge. 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 these who suffer, [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, 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 the Lord, our life, would sustain and strengthen them, 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. 2/12 William Alt, David Fruendt, Randy Lovstuen

Mon. 2/13 Jim Eick, Amy Eldridge, Daniel Hopp, Jonie Murken, Beau Nelson

Tues. 2/14 Cori Cole, Howard Hintze, Connie Klett, Carol Rathke

Wed. 2/15 Thomas Pronk, Janice Wefel

Thurs. 2/16 Pam Folkmann-Huss, Hanson Kyllingstad, Adelena Waldon, Chad Waring, Layla Woods

Fri. 2/17 Breckin Morrison, George Schuldt Sat. 2/18 Amanda Adrian, Clinton Feuerbach

STEWARDSHIP February 4/5, 2023

TIME TREASURES				
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 2/4—5:30pm	64	Contributions	\$33,464.64	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 2/5—8:00am	104	A Little Farther	\$375.00	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 2/5—10:30am	178	Monthly needs for budget	\$67,240.58	
Recorded Services 2/4	11			
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	357	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School/Preschool	56/39	

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, February 12-19, 2023

Sunday, 2/12-UKANDU Door Offering		Wednesday Continued	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Windmill Manor	2:00pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am	Midweek	6:45pm
Super Bowling	1:00pm	Adult Midweek	7:00pm
Monday, 2/13		<u>Thursday, 2/16</u>	
Old Capital Quilters-Work Day	9:00am	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Chamber Singers	6:00pm		
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	<u>Friday, 2/17</u>	
Outreach Committee	6:30pm		
		<u>Saturday, 2/18</u>	
<u>Tuesday, 2/14</u>		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
Al-Anon	7:00pm		
		Sunday, 2/19-A Little Farther Celebration	
Wednesday, 2/15		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
TOPS	8:00am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
Bible Study	11:00am	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am
Lunch Bunch	12:00pm	Voter's Meeting/Celebration Lunch	11:45am



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.

Building Healthy Families: Valentine's Day is upon us! Husbands, your wife doesn't need an expensive new piece of jewelry, but a letter expressing your love for her in your own words and handwriting would be cherished forever. Fathers, don't forget your daughters! How about writing a letter expressing your love and your pride in her and the young woman she is becoming? It takes just a few minutes of your time but could make a forever difference. "Beloved, let us love one another!" (1 John 4:7) Lutheran Family Service - www.LutheranFamilyService.org.



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.

CARD SHOWER FOR NOAH HARTWIG & NADIA BEADLE

There is a box for cards in the office for those who would like to wish Noah and Nadia well. They will be getting married March 25 in Chicago. Please have them to the church by March 22.



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



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

e. "Alittle Fall"

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



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

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 is underway. We had a good response from many who signed up. We also had many stop by with good questions. There is 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. 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. 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.

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

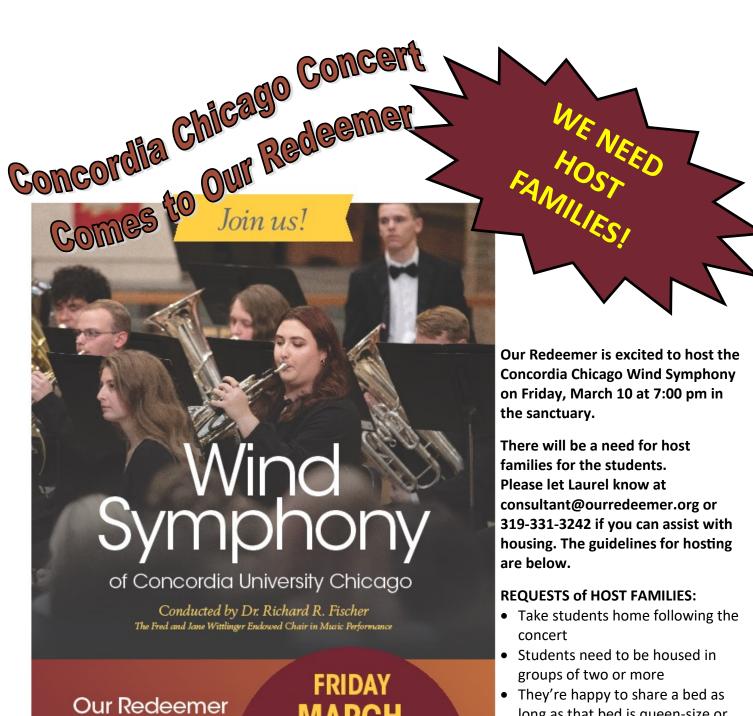
A Bake Sale to support Orphan Grain Train will be held in conjunction with the annual Pancake Day fundraiser. The Orphan Grain Train provides relief for domestic and international disasters.

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



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

2301 East Court St. lowa City, IA

Learn more at ourredeemer.org FRIDAY MARCH 10 7 P.M.



Event is free & open to the public

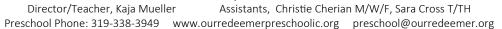
A freewill offering in support of the Wind Symphony will be received.

- 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

February 6-10, 2023



Our Redeemer Preschool where children play, learn, and grow in Jesus!



Home Question

When you grow up, what would you like to do for a job? Tell an adult and why.

This Week

Welcome practical math question Shaking hands Hello Song Class equation

Adding and subtracting activities

Numbers actives

Bible Lesson—Jesus's Heals the Lepers

Valentines bag decorating

Coloring monthly heart for hallway wall

Family picture coloring

Watercolor painting

Kid jobs and adult jobs

Valentine discover in sensory table

Countable building blocks

Color pink

Th—Special Stories with Bill & Susie

Number books

Job books

Valentine playdough

Puppet show is back

Special counting objects

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.



Happy 4th Birthday Emerson!

Valentines Party in class next week!



PINK (Tune: Jingle Bells)

Cotton candy, fat pink pigs, girls with socks and bows. P-I-N-K, P-I-N-K that is how it goes! Bubble gum, valentines, these are all pink, too. Pink icing and pink balloons, we can spell can you!



Enrollment for 2023-2024

Preschool enrollment for next year is open! Get your enrollment in soon to reserve your child's spot in class. Preschool is from 9:00am until 12:00pm. Morning/lunch extended care and scholarships are available. Ask for more details, preschool@ourredeemer.org.

An Open House will take place in May for all to attend. Currently Enrolled for next school year: M/W/F = 7 of 18 students T/Th = 4 of 14 students



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 I	Name		Middle	Last_		
What year	in sch	ool: Prek 3 OR Pr	ek 4			
Birth Date		Sex: I	Male Female	Age as of Sep	otember 15,	years
DAILY SCH 7:30am		ded Care Drop off		l starts after Labor Day	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		* Morning exter * Lunch extend * Morning snac *Students stayir food cold. * No breakfast *During winter	*No breakfast will be offered. *During winter weather you will be notified if: (We follow the lowa City School District			
12:45pm	Luncr	ı Ends/Pick Up		ed, no preschool, no e elled, no preschool or		
CHECK DE	SIRED P	ROGRAM:				
		Preschool Program			9:00am-12:00pm	\$232/month
		Preschool Program			9:00am-12:45pm	\$305/month
		Preschool Program			7:30am-12:00pm	\$339/month
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(T/	TH)	Preschool Program			9:00am-12:00pm	\$170/month
(T/		Preschool Program	with extended car	e LUNCH time	9:00am-12:45pm	\$218/month
(T/	′TH)	Preschool Program	with MORNING ext	ended care	7:30am-12:00pm	\$244/month
(T/	TH)	Preschool Program	with MORNING e.c	. & LUNCH	7:30am-12:45pm	\$292/month
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(5		Preschool Program	with extended car	e LUNCH time	9:00am-12:45pm	\$505/month
(5		Preschool Program			7:30am-12:00pm	\$565/month
(5		Preschool Program			7:30am-12:45pm	\$686/month
F	inanci	al scholarships are a	vailable for Prescho	ool, not for extend	ded care or lunch ex	penses.
Name of F	arent(:	s) or Guardian(s)				
Address				City _	Zip_	
Best Phone	e Numk	per				

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 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 12th

Lesson: A Promising Dream—Jacob Genesis 28:10-22



<u>CLASSROOMS & TEACHERS</u> 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

Kate 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 15th at 6:45pm

6th Grade—Small Group

Old Testament: Homecoming Unit 2 EXAM

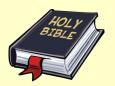


7th Grade—Small Group
THE LORD'S PRAYER

6th & 7th Petitions and Conclusion **MEMORY DUE**:

3rd, 4th & 5th Petitions & Meanings

8th Grade—Lecture
Genesis to Revelation



Sursay school

YOUTH Sunday School

Confirmation: Room 208 High School: Youth Room

Sunday, February 12th

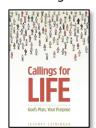
9:20 am -10:15 am

Lesson: A Promising Dream—Jacob

Genesis 28:110-22

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 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.