

The Parish Beacon

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Dear Christian friends –

I want to eat at Subway. No, Wendy's.
I want to go grocery shopping. No, watch a movie.
I want to take a nap. No, go for a walk.
I want to do this. No, I want to do that.

Daily, we all change our minds.
But God doesn't.
God does not change His mind about His promises to us.

"For I the Lord do not change,"
spoke our Lord through the prophet Malachi in chapter 3, verse 6.

This statement is confirmed by Paul who wrote these words in 2 Corinthians 1:19-22:
"For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No, but in him it is always Yes. For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

God does not change His mind about His promises to us.

All that God has promised us has been or will be fulfilled through His only Son Who has taken our sins in His body on the cross and who has risen from the dead, guaranteeing that we, too, will rise from the dead and will live forever with Him in Heaven.

We respond with the great "Amen!" "Yes! Yes! Yes! It shall be so!"

In Christ alone, God fulfilled all His Old Testament promises of redemption.

In Christ, we stand unwavering in faith.

In Christ, we are His own.

In Christ, we look forward in hope and joyful anticipation to seeing our Savior face to face!

We live as redeemed people of the victorious Lamb of God. So, when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death we say with confidence, "Lord, I believe. Help, my unbelief."

Easter is coming, Pastor Hartwig



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Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, You raised Your Son and sent Your Spirit. Sustain us while we await Christ's attention to our present needs. Give strength to our prayers, heal our weaknesses and restore all our losses. Give us faith throughout our days in Jesus, who is the resurrection and the life. Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord of hosts, breathe Your life into Your Church, that she may stand by Your strength and live according to Your Word. Lay Your hand on men of every era to proclaim Your Word and to bring life to the downtrodden, the faithless, the fearful and the outcast. Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

Heavenly Father, You have visited Your creation in Your Son. Grant that our homes would always receive Him and that husbands and wives and brothers and sisters would rejoice to hear His promises, steadfastly believing them and ever living in their light. Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord of all, You are the true source of life, which You give through the power of Your Spirit. Humble those who are given authority over the lives of our people, that they would discharge this duty honorably in accord with Your will. Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For all couples engaged to be married, that God would clothe all brides and grooms in the forgiveness of Christ, so that they can forgive each other as they have been forgiven, [*we especially pray for Noah Hartwig and Nadia Beadle married this weekend*] let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

O Lord, the ones You love are ill and need Your holy care especially [*especially Dorothy Blume (Carol Schuldt's sister), David Caplin (Lillian Moyer's son-in-law), Debra Fuhrmeister, Debbie Hartwig (Pastor's mother), Emma Haugen (Friend of Gwen Enokian), Gabe Hundley (grandson of Karen Abernathy), 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), Rozie Siems (Daughter of Mary Siems), Carol Simpson (Kara Hartwig's mother), Ronna Sojka, Reece Ullerich, Karen Warner, Mark Wilson, and Beth Wu (Schuldt's relative).*].. Make haste to help them. Spare their lives. On the Last Day, call them from their graves and unite them to You and all Your saints. Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the family and friends of **Laurale (Laura lee) Hunter** (Denise Johnson's mother) and **Darrell Kuntz** (Laurel Sellers' brother) as they mourn their deaths. 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.

Holy Father, in Baptism You have given the new birth of water and the Spirit. Make Your children strong in Your Spirit, that they may shun the works of the flesh and live in this world expecting the resurrection and the life of the world to come. Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

O Lord, let us come forth with our silent petitions and prayers.

[Pause for a moment of 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 3/26	Worship Service 8:00am Adult Bible Class/Sunday School 9:20am Worship Service 10:30am District 13 2:30pm
Mon 3/27	Staff Meeting 1:00pm Sunlight AA Group 6:00pm Chamber Singers 6:00pm
Tues 3/28	Solon Nursing Home 9:30am SM-Small Group/Marlene 6:00pm SM-Large Group/Marcia 6:45pm Al-Anon 7:00pm LLL Meeting 7:30pm
Wed 3/29	TOPS 8:00am Lenten Worship 1:00pm Lenten Meal 5:10pm Lenten Worship 6:10pm Choir Rehearsal 6:45pm Midweek Classes 6:45pm Adult Midweek 7:00pm
Thurs 3/30	Comfort Tiers 9:00am Al-Anon 7:30pm
Fri 3/31	LWML Spring Zone Event Setup 10:00am Basics of the Faith 7:00pm
Sat 4/1	Basics of the Faith 8:30am LWML Spring Zone Event 8:30am Worship Service 5:30pm
Sun 4/2	Worship Service 8:00am
Palm	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School 9:20am
Sunday	Worship Service 10:30am



BASICS OF THE FAITH

Friday, March 31, 7:00pm
Saturday, April 1, 8:30am

Basics of the Faith class will be coming again this Friday and Saturday. 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.



FLOWERS TODAY

Flowers for the altar this weekend (March 25/26) are from Marilyn Albright in loving memory of family who have passed.

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: April 1, 2, 6 (Maundy Thursday),
8 (Easter), 9 (Easter), 15, 16, 29, 30**

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



Basics of the Faith
 March 31, 7:00pm
 April 1, 8:30am

**LWML SPRING ZONE
 EVENT**
 April 1, 8:30am
 Fellowship Hall



**Saturday, April 1
 Sunday, April 2**
 After Every Service
 in the Chapel



April 5
 11:00am-7:00pm
 Fellowship Hall



April 19
 Bible Class 11:00am
 Lunch 12:00pm
 Fellowship Hall



Confirmation Trip
 St. Paul
 April 21-23

Call Day for St. Louis
 April 26
 Check Seminary
 website for time



Spiritual Growth Event
 Wednesday, April 26, 7:00pm
 Reception 8:00pm



Tasting Bee
 April 22
 11:00am
 Fellowship Hall



April 27/6:00pm
 Fellowship Hall
 Rated PG-13



Confirmation
 April 30
 10:30am service

Holy Week 2023

Palm Sunday—April 1/2

Saturday Service 5:30pm

Sunday Services 8:00am & 10:30am

Sunday School &

Adult Bible Class 9:20am

Prayer Walk—April 5

11:00am-7:00pm

Maundy Thursday—April 6

Services 1:00pm & 7:00pm

Good Friday—April 7

Kiwanis Breakfast 6:30am

Services 1:00pm & 7:00pm

Saturday Worship—April 8

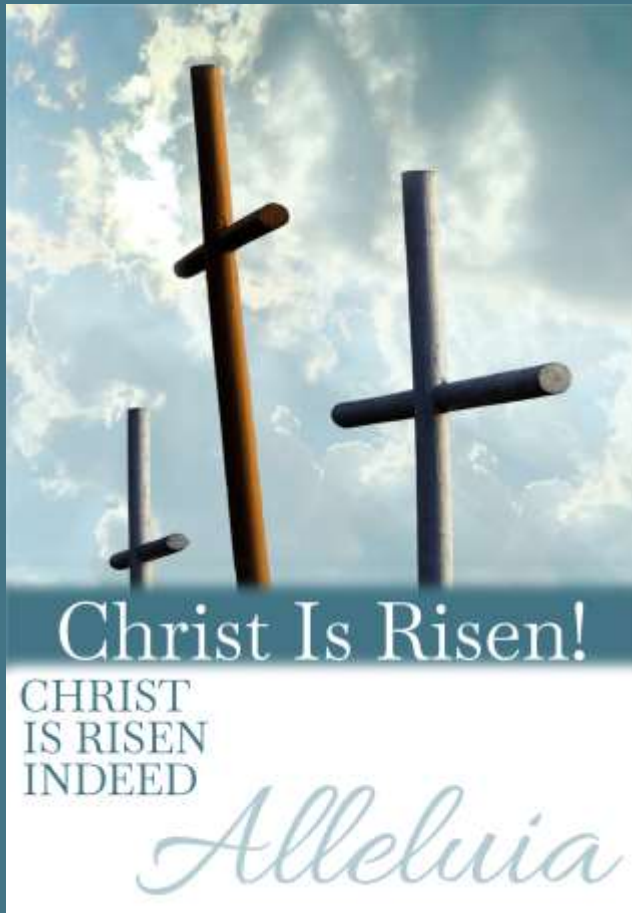
Service 5:30pm

Easter Sunday—April 9

Service 7:30am, 9:00am & 10:30am

Easter Breakfast 8:30am

Easter Egg Hunt 10:05am



A Quilt For The Vicar



The ORLC
Comfort Tiers
have made this
lovely quilt for
Vicar Garrett

Birthdays

Sun 3/26	Maxwell Carlson, Julie Happel, Addison McKillip, Catherine Nelson, Aaron Strumpel
Mon 3/27	Hayden Dyson, John Krogh, Maisie Magsamen, Ericha TeBockhorst
Tues 3/28	Ryan Nieland, Bentli Norland, Ryan Walters
Wed 3/29	Kathy Bell, Toby Brase
Thurs 3/30	Grant Anderson, Chris Norenberg, Melissa Wade, Lyle Wagner, Silas Weis
Fri 3/31	Brian Buelow, Brent Nelson, Lucy Robinson, Shannon Siems, Martin Wenck
Sat 4/1	Timothy Simmons

Stewardship—March 18/19, 2023

ATTENDANCE		TREASURES	
Recorded Service 3/18	8	Contributions	\$7,756.00
Sat. 3/18 In Person/LIVE STREAM 5:30pm	40	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Sun. 3/19 In Person/LIVE STREAM 8:00am	109		
Sun. 9/19 In Person/LIVE STREAM 10:30am	131	Lenten Worship 3/15	137
TOTAL WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	288	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	68/27

Membership Changes and Official Acts

<u>Deaths</u>	
Mardine Charlotte Price	03-08-2023
<u>Transferred In</u>	
Robert & Beverly Hammond	03-02-2023
<u>Baptism</u>	
Elizabeth Rose Frink	03-12-2023

Thank you for your continued support.



MISSION	March
Iowa District East	\$3,333.33
UIHC Chaplain Endowment Fund	\$250.00
TOTAL	\$3,583.33
Common Fund	\$250.00
Lutheran Hour	\$250.00
MONTH TOTAL	\$4,083.33
CommUnity Crisis Center	***
Lutherans For Life	***
Concordia Seminary Food Bank	***
TOTAL	\$4,083.33



IN THE SPOTLIGHT Rev. Tom & Trudy Heren



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church would like to take the time to welcome Tom and Trudy Heren. Tom grew up near Pekin, IL and Trudy grew up near Decatur, IL. Combined hobbies and leisure time activities are gardening, carpentry, cooking, sewing (Trudy) genealogy, Bible Study, grandkids, and hiking.

Tom is interested in helping out with worship and grounds. Trudy is interested in helping with LWML, Women's Ministry, Outreach, and Prayer.

Pastor and Kara Hartwig are cousins to Tom and Trudy.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR EASTER BREAKFAST

The youth provide Easter Breakfast at 8:30 am on
Easter morning, April 9th.

Please help them out by furnishing some of the ingredients!
Sign up sheets are by the nametags in the Narthex.

Thank you for your support!



Building Healthy Families: The truth hurts, or so they say, but lies hurt so much worse. Little white lies count here, too. Whether you are a teenager relating to your parent or a husband or wife relating to your spouse, pledge to always be truthful...even (and maybe most especially) when it would be easier not to. Don't try to cover things up. Over time, it will cause the relationship to suffer from a lack of trust. *"We trap ourselves by telling lies, but we stay out of trouble by living right."* (Proverbs 12:13) **Lutheran Family Service** -

www.LutheranFamilyService.org.

A Quiver Full of Them...From Psalm 127



“Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them; they will not be put to shame when they contend with their enemies in the gate.” Psalm 127:5

“Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are sons born in one’s youth.” Psalm 127:4

“Sons are a heritage from the Lord, Children a reward from Him.” Psalm 127:3

“Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in His ways...Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your sons will be like olive shoots around your table.” Psalm 128

Two of our grandnephews announced last night that their wives are pregnant and expecting in mid-August! Everyone was so excited and joyful with them about how God has brought such blessings into their lives, and into ours! We all congratulated them and shared excitement about how their lives were about to change. Everyone was filled with the unspoken dreams about the blessings these children would bring into their lives –

After all, these children are blessings from God Himself!

They will be “a heritage from the Lord, Children a reward from Him.” They will be a blessing when their families “contend with their enemies in the gate.” Their wives are “like a fruitful vine within their house, and their children will be like olive shoots around their family table.”

Psalm 128:1 “Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in His ways.” So beautiful is the PROMISE GOD PROVIDES WHEN WEDDED COUPLES WALK IN GOD’S WAYS. God’s ways are the best ways. God’s ways promise security, blessings and rewards. God’s best plan is when a man and a woman who leave their families and cling to each other come together to be blessed with a child whom God has created and for whom God has already laid great plans.

Teach God’s plan and blessings to our children instilling in them the promise that God has for them for choosing to follow His perfect plan for creating a loving, protective family. Dads, moms and children – God’s best plan to bring glory to His greatness and love.

***“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, March 9, 2023

Opening devotion

Treasurer's Report:

The 2023 report thus far is similar to 2022. We are up by approximately 7K, mainly due to Pre-School tuition. Some expenses will be due in March, thus being comparable to 2022 report YTD.

Board of Elders:

Business as usual

At-Large:

Education: Pre-school busy with plans as the end of the year approaches.
Parent/teacher conferences are upcoming.

Human Care: Completed another "Spread the Love" campaign, which involves collecting jars of peanut butter and jelly to donate to CommUnity.

Properties:

Update on completed projects.

Upcoming:

Begin duct cleaning project, sanctuary and Fellowship Hall bid received for \$4800.

Second story window cleaning bid received for \$600.

Plan to replace lights with LED's in office area, classrooms, and pre-school.

Staff reports:

Pastor:

A Seder meal was held for the 8th graders.

Weekly meeting with Vicar, discussing annual traditions, theme for 2023-24, and plans for Holy Week.

Update on health issues within the family.

Vicar:

Pancake Day debriefing, another successful event, with approximately \$2000 raised.

Kaja:

Pre-school children sang in recent Lenten service, which was attended by many of the parents, outside of the congregation.

Kaja is approaching 19 years of service to ORLC as our DCE. Praise God!!

Denise: Another successful Trivia Challenge, with approximately 70 people attending.

Kudos:

The Board of Directors recognizes and thanks Kevin Kauffman for the donation of his trailer to the church's equipment inventory. The trailer has been used for several years by the landscaping team to haul away debris from tree removals and other landscaping projects. Thank you!!

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM, with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Schanbacher, Secretary

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

VOTERS MEETING
MINUTES
February 19, 2023

Call to order at 12:00 Noon by Vice-President, Ben Weis.

The meeting opened with a prayer by Pastor Hartwig.

Pastor's Presentation:

Reminiscid about highlights of his 15 years at Our Redeemer
Reviewed the history of the Vision 20/20, starting with the development of the
Committee in 2012.

Reviewed the changes in the building/expansion over the years.

Presented summary of the capital campaigns to finance Vision 20/20

Actual cost--(\$1,443,131)

Immeasurably More-2016-2019--\$679,756.05 received

A Little Farther-----2019-2022-- \$375,446.16 pledged

(\$387, 944.09 received)

Remaining debt:

Vision 20/20-----\$324,431.34

512 1st. Ave (parsonage)--\$166,431

Total--\$490,862--\$51,000 from carry over fund will be applied to the
principal of the bank loan

Decision made to not have any more capital campaigns, continue giving as
usual

2022 showed a positive balance of \$34,000.

Discussion of future projects:

The cross at the front entrance needs to be replaced. It has been repaired
many times.

Create a new front entrance to enhance accessibility to the church.

Myrl Holidia will Chair a Committee to address the feasibility of the projects.

Properties Report:

Dave Yansky summarized some of the major projects undertaken this past
year. He also thanked the many volunteers who helped to
save thousands of dollars for work on these projects.

Refer to the 2022 Annual Report for a complete summary of all activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Schanbacher, Secretary



489 people served



62 volunteers



Over \$2000 in pancake sales



Bake sale made \$862.50 for the Orphan Grain Train



CONCORDIA CHICAGO
WIND SYMPHONY PLAYS
AT OUR REDEEMER

March 10, 2023



Our Redeemer served them dinner.

Thank you to Luella Feldman, Pastor Hartwig, Bev Prem,
Laurel Sellers, Marlene Thompson, Lynne Westphal.



13 host families housed students:
Thanks to the Bonefelds,
Bohnsacks, Garretts, Hargens,
Hartwigs, Hintzes, Johnsons,
Saehlers, Schweers, Sellers,
Thompsons, Weises, Westemeyers





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.

IDE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

50% of all the Current LCMS Pastors will be Eligible for Retirement in 15 Years



Iowa District East offers Student Aid for Future Church Workers
(which are desperately needed in all areas of church vocations)

<https://lcmside.org/studentaid/>

Help support this investment in the future.

Matthew 9:37

Then He said to his disciples,

“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.”

Mission Committee Members

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



Jambo

Jesus in Action with the Matongo Beckers & Others



Newsletter of Rev. Vance and Linda Becker at Matongo, Kenya March 2023

Company on Campus



We enjoyed some company that was briefly on campus, even though they didn't come to visit us. Britt Odemba, a fellow LC-MS missionary based in Nairobi, came with a short term team from the U.S. to visit the "Pre-Luther Academy" high school students who are here for classes this semester. Most of them are from "Project 24" children's homes which these visitors support.

They had visited a Project 24 site on Saturday. They ate supper with the students here and worshiped with us on Sunday and then went to visit another Project 24 location.

Please pray for us, praising God for fellow Christians, thanking Him for generous givers, and asking Him cause many to know the joy of helping others.



Project 24 at Othoro

We went with Britt Odemba, who works with the E.L.C.K.'s Project 24 children's homes here in Kenya, to visit one of the homes at Othoro. We had not realized it was so close. It provides "Christ's Care



for Children" for those who do not have parents or whose parents cannot take care of them. This home is for boys from elementary through high school age.

They live in dormitories by the church. They attend school at the primary and secondary schools right next to the campus. While we were there, they sang some songs for us. When we went to see the school that Saturday, there



were students studying together, as they do every Saturday morning.

We also saw a boy scout and girl scout campout that was happening on the school grounds that weekend.

Please pray for us, praising God for every child born, thanking Him for taking us as His children, and asking Him to bring truly loving care for all of them.

Piano Progress

Some of Linda's piano students



are making good progress from when they started, without ever reading music before. Constance (in the middle) and Hannah

(standing) are now beginning to play with both hands together and starting to play out of the hymnal. Constance helped to start the hymns one day when we were gone.

Please pray for us, praising God for the gift of music, thanking Him for the students eager to learn and serve, and asking Him to give the skills and resources they need.

Rainwater Returns

There is drought in some areas of Kenya and it has also been dry in our area. Thankfully, the rains have now come again here, but it is warned they will not last long so crops need

to be planted quickly. Those in drought areas are still waiting.

Our rainwater tanks had become completely empty so Vance took the opportunity to clean out the sludge that accumulates in the bottoms. After the first hard rain, they were both completely full again. When it rains, it pours.

People wonder...

Is the drought in Kenya affecting your students?

Fortunately, there is not drought in the hills where we live. Some of our students come from areas affected by drought. One has had to return home several times to sell cattle to provide for his family. The families of two from the Samburu area are suffering. Some were late to return for the semester because it was hard to come up with the money for transportation. We have enough to eat here but those back at home are surely on their hearts and minds.

Please pray for us, praising God for knowing what we need, thanking Him for providing generously for us, and asking Him to help those around Africa who are suffering from great needs.

If you wonder about a question, email vance.becker@lcms.org

Culture Contrast

The electrical power was out recently in an outage that effected much of the whole country. That might create huge disasters in America but here it is common enough that life goes on. Hospitals, industries, shopping malls, etc., and most wealthy people have generators that come on automatically. Many places, like our school's main building, have solar power. Others have battery lights when they need them or just live without it.

We were amused by a traveler's bulletin which we get that warned driving could be dangerous because stop lights would not be working. We suspect it was not written by

someone here. We have never seen a stop light here, only roundabouts.

Please pray for us, praising God for never failing to watch over us, thanking Him for the wonders of technology we can use, and asking Him to give wisdom, abilities and resources for all those who work to provide it.

Simplified Song

1
Jesus Christ, life of my living,
Jesus Christ, death of my death,
You, for my sake, yourself giving,
Into sadness' deepest depth,
In destruction you were lying
Only to prevent my dying
Thousand, thousand thanks are due,
Dearest Jesus Christ to you.

2
You endured the angry laughing,
By a gang of evil men,
Hateful talking, tying, beating,
You, God's son, without a sin,
This poor sinner to deliver
From the devil's chains forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due,
Dearest Jesus Christ to you.

3
You allowed the sores and hitting
On your sad and painful head
So that I am healed from hurting;
I am put at rest instead.
God for me comes by your saying;
Hurting words on you are staying.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due,
Dearest Jesus Christ to you.

5
You were hit and took abusing
So I have relief from pain.
You accepted false accusing
So security I gain.
I have comfort all my life through
By the comfort taken from you
Thousand, thousand thanks are due,
Dearest Jesus Christ to you.

6
Yourself into death you sank down;
Patiently you let it be; Yes, the
worst of death you drank down
To pay all sin's debt for me.
You chose for yourself to suffer
Buying life for me by transfer.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due,
Dearest Jesus Christ to you.

7

Now I thank you from a true heart
For the bleeding wounds and pain,
Jesus, for your death, for each part,
For your loss all for my gain,
For your sighs and fearful shaking
Punishment in my place taking,
For your shout of victory
I will always thankful be.

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Connect with us.

Email us at vance.becker@lcms.org & linda.becker@lcmsintl.org, or send us postal mail at the Mission Central address below.

Help expand our network by liking [vance.becker.lcms](https://www.facebook.com/vance.becker.lcms) on facebook and sharing it and this newsletter with friends. Let us know about yourself and prayer requests. We will pray for you too.

Financial support

All our funding comes through the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, which is not just an office in St. Louis but the people and congregations. We are grateful for many generous people, for yearly & monthly gifts, and also single gifts.

A monthly or yearly gift is ideal, but a start-up gift is also very helpful.

- Checks written to LCMS with Becker/Kenya in the memo can be mailed to: *LCMS, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-66861* or *Mission Central, 40718 Highway E16, Mapleton, IA 51034-7105,*
- Give on-line at www.lcms.org/givenow/becker or missioncentral.us/becker
- Give by phone at 888-930-4438. *Please pray for us*, praising God for daily providing out of Fatherly, goodness and mercy, thanking Him for those who are able to give generously, and asking Him to keep providing funds for this work.

Preschool Newsletter



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!



**Our Redeemer
Preschool**

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Please consider putting up a preschool lawn sign in your front lawn. Signs are located by the preschool.
Take a lawn sign home today!



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
March 26	Judges 7:1-23	A Judge Leads—Gideon
April 2	1 Samuel 3	A Prophet Serves—Samuel (Palm Sunday)
April 9	No Classes—Easter	Easter Breakfast 8:30am-10:00am
April 16	1 Samuel 16:1-13; 2 Samuel 5:1-5; 7:4-17	A King Forever—David
April 23	2 Samuel 4:4; 9:1-13	The King's Table—Mephibosheth
April 30	1 Kings 11:9-13, 26-40; 12:1-24	Jeroboam and Rehoboam



Kid's Club

KIDS CLUB for 4 year olds—
 5th grade children meet weekly
Wednesday, March 29th

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

Lesson: Easter
Teachers: Jonie & Vicar

EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 9th
 10:05 am

We will be holding the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday.

ALL children 5th grade and younger are invited to join us for the Easter Egg hunt.

Please meet outside on the grassy hill by the West door.

In case of rain, we will meet inside.



Youth

6th - 12th Graders

APRIL

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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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						

DATE	EVENT	TIME
5	Prayer Walk Confirmation & H.S. Midweek	11:00am 6:45pm
8	Easter Breakfast—Set up Confirmation & High School & families	8:00am
9	Easter Breakfast Confirmation & High School & families	8:30am
19	Confirmation Retreat Meeting	8:00pm
21	Spring Confirmation Retreat St. Paul April 21—23	
26	Midweek Meal Spiritual Growth Event Confirmation Reception	6:00pm 7:00pm 8:00pm
30	Confirmation Sunday	

APRIL EVENTS

Wednesday, April 5th
PRAYER WALK 11 am—7:00 pm
MIDWEEK 6:45 pm—8:00 pm

**Confirmation Classes
& High School Midweek**

Saturday, April 8th
EASTER BREAKFAST SET-UP
8:00 am—12:00 pm
Confirmation, Youth and families meet in Fellowship Hall and kitchen to get ready for Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 9th
Easter Breakfast
Confirmation & Youth & Families
8:30 am—10:30 am

Wednesday, April 19th
CONFIRMATION Retreat Meeting
PARENTS MUST ATTEND
8:00 pm

Friday, April 21st
CONFIRMATION Retreat—St. Paul
(April 21—23)
Watch email for details

Wednesday, April 26th
Midweek Meal
6:00pm
Spiritual Growth Event
7:00 pm
Confirmation Reception
8:00 pm

Sunday, April 30th
Confirmation Sunday

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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 Deed, Indeed!

Luke 24:1-11

The women:

Have you heard? The Lord Himself, is risen!
We didn't find Him in the tomb
'He lives!', were two angels' words!

Mark 16:9

Mary:

Have you heard? The Lord, our Master lives!
He called my name in the garden, but I didn't hear
Until He said some words!

Luke 24:13-32

Emmaus Road:

Have you heard? The Lord, our Teacher lives!
We met Him, we talked with Him,
But didn't know till He spoke words!

Luke 24:33

Disciples at Emmaus:

Yes, we've heard! The Lord has risen indeed!
Peter met Him, talked with Him,
Rejoicing at His words!

Luke 14:36-ff

Christ:

Yes, it is I Myself, I have risen as I said!
Touch Me, hear Me, follow Me
And obey My Word!

Now:

Have you heard? The Lord, our Savior lives!
We know of Him, He talks with us
Whenever we hear and read His Word!

He is risen! He is risen in deed, indeed!

Hallelujah!

Carol Schuldt