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Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - April 1/2, 2023

~Palm Sunday/Holy Week~



ADULT BIBLE CLASS

April 2

Overcoming through God's Grace and the Good Shepherd

April 9

Easter Sunday—No Adult Bible Class

April 16

Overcoming through Seeing and Persistence

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson	
April 2	1 Samuel 3	A Prophet Serves—Samuel	
April 9	Easter—No Classes		
April 16	1 Samuel 16:1-13; 2 Samuel 5:1-5; 7:4-17	A King Forever—David	



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 March. 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.



Easter worship services are still in need of ushers. Please sign up in the church office or contact consultant@ourredeemer.org to sign up for those services where you can be of assistance. Everyone is needed to help cover services.

BAPTISM

LUKE WADE JOHNSON
SON OF
THOMAS JOHNSON & KIMBERLY HELMKAMP
SPONSORS ARE
TRAVIS & AMANDA HELMKAMP
April 2, 2023

8:00am Service



BAPTISM

ERIC WILLIAM MATTHEW FLETCHER

SON OF

JOHN & JOANNA FLETCHER

SPONSOR IS

AMY LAGRANGE

April 2, 2023

10:30am Service

Prayer of the Church / Palm Sunday/April 2, 2023

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

Heavenly Father, Christ, our Lord, did not count His equality with You something to be grasped, but humbled Himself. Grant us a mind like His to spurn all worldly equality and, humbling ourselves, to find Your greater portion in the life of the world to come. Let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, have mercy.**

Heavenly Father, Your Son humbled Himself to the point of death, even death on a cross. Fix the faith of Your Church fast upon His death for our salvation, enrich the proclamation of this Gospel, and enliven our hearts to live out this faith until Christ comes again in glory Let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, have mercy.**

Heavenly Father, You sacrificed Your own Son on the cross, that we all would be called Your children. Increase the faith of all Christian fathers, that they would receive Jesus and His sacrifice for them, and so be enlivened to sacrificial love for their children. Let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, have mercy.**

Heavenly Father, Your Son, Jesus, came to deliver His people from all evil. Take away the fear of all who suffer in this world [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), Patricia Schable (friend of Lorrie Bailey), 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),].. As they await the fullness of their salvation, fix their eyes upon their crucified Savior. Let us pray to the Lord, Lord, have mercy.

For the family and friends of **Don Laursen** (Cindy Glandorf's father) 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.**

Heavenly Father, Your Son humbly rode into Jerusalem to the shouts of "Hosanna!" so that He might give us righteousness and salvation by His death and resurrection. Mercifully grant that we would repent of our sins and rejoice in His presence as He visits us this day. Let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, have mercy.**

Heavenly Father, discern our needs and listen to our silent 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.**



PRAYER WALK

April 5, 2023, Fellowship Hall, 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

The Prayer Walk has become a Silent Wednesday tradition at Our Redeemer. Come spend as little or as much time as you like, visiting one or all of the areas in the Fellowship Hall offering prayer suggestions and time to pray and meditate. If you have never experienced this, you will want to make it one of your Holy Week stops. People come back from year to year to absorb the peaceful, calming ambience.

BIRTHDAYS

Sun. 4/2 David Bohnsack, Rochelle Mullet, Nathaniel Stoll

Mon. 4/3 Christopher Sexton, Olivia Warner

Tues. 4/4 Jacob Carlson, Barb Farnsworth, Angel Josten, Shane Rasmussen, Pamela Wilson

Wed. 4/5 Barb Jones

Thurs. 4/6 Lynn Forbes, Landon Waddilove

Fri. 4/7 Benita Carney

Sat. 4/8 Arlene Gerard, Phil Holman, Maxwell Milam, Alex Mullane, Jessica Villhauer

STEWARDSHIP March 25/26 2023

TIME TREASURES				
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 3/25—5:30pm	52	Contributions	\$9,915.00	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 3/26—8:00am	146	Monthly needs for budget	\$67,240.58	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 3/26—10:30am	155			
Recorded Services 3/25	13	Lenten Worship Services 3/22	126	
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	366	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School/Preschool	66/28	

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, April 2-9, 2023

Sunday, 4/2—Palm Sunday		Thursday continued	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Maundy Thursday Worship	1:00pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Kiwanis Breakfast Setup	4:00pm
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am	Visitation Meeting	6:30pm
		Maundy Thursday Worship	7:00pm
Monday, 4/3-Prayer Walk Setup		Al-Anon	7:30pm
Staff Meeting	1:00pm		
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	Friday, 4/7-Good Friday	
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Kiwanis Good Friday Breakfast	6:30am
Mission Committee	7:00pm	Good Friday Worship	1:00pm
		Good Friday Worship	7:00pm
Tuesday, 4/4-Prayer Walk Setup			
Human Care	6:30pm	Saturday, 4/8	
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Easter Breakfast Setup	8:00am
		Men's Bible Study	8:00am
Wednesday, 4/5		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
Prayer Walk	11:00am		
Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm	Sunday, 4/9-EASTER SUNDAY	
Midweek Classes	6:45pm	Easter Worship-In Person/Live Stream	7:30am
Adult Midweek	7:00pm	Easter Breakfast	8:30am
		Easter Worship-In Person/Live Stream	9:00am
Thursday, 4/6-Maundy Thursday		East Egg Hunt	10:05am
Comfort Tiers	9:00am	Easter Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR EASTER BREAKFAST

The youth provide Easter Breakfast at 8:30am 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.

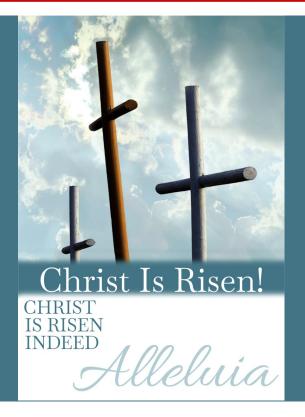
Thank you for your support!





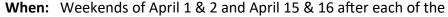
Flower Donation

Once again, please shop for any type of beautiful, open-blossom, potted Easter (spring) plants (Easter Lilies, Asters, Mums, Aztec Lilies, Daffodils, Tulips, Begonia, etc.) and purchase them. Drop them off at church in the Board Room during Holy Week. We will need them at church by the end of Good Friday, April 7. Please mark your name on the bottom of the potted plant or place a labelled ice cream stick in the plant so you can take them back home after late service on Easter Sunday. Please try to not leave them at church too long ahead or after Easter Sunday to minimize the chance of having droopy, bedraggled flowers. The more plants, the more beauty. Thanks in advance for helping beautify the sanctuary in celebration of our risen Lord.



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 Prayer Breakfast 6:00am Services 1:00pm & 7:00pm Saturday Worship—April 8 Service 5:30pm Easter Sunday—April 9 Services 7:30am, 9:00am & 10:30am Easter Breakfast 8:30am Easter Egg Hunt 10:05am

Pictorial Directory Spring Photo Time!!



worship services.

Where: In the Chapel

Who: Anyone without a photo in the pictorial directory and anyone who would like an updated

photo in it.

What to Bring: Your smiles!!

This is also a good time for you to update your contact information for the directory, even if you don't need a photo taken. (You can also update information by emailing or calling Lorrie in the office.)

Other options if these dates don't work for you:

- -- submit a photo to the church office by email (redeemer@ourredeemer.org)
- -- bring or send a printed one to the office
- --contact an Assimilation Committee member to take your photo at a time that works for you.

Contact Cory Strumpel (319-321-6436) or Pam Wilson (319-530-1920) with questions or to schedule at a different time.

THANK YOU!!

Assimilation Committee



Coralville Church Softball league:

It has been many years since we have had a team, but some people are interested in organizing a team. We need a minimum of 10 people, both men and women. Players must enter high school in the fall (or older) and be affiliated with the church to participate. Games are played Friday evenings.

We must register by April 9th! If you have questions or are interested in joining, please reach out to Daniel Heren 309-265-5413, or email at <u>djbears73@hotmail.com</u>.



Tasting Bee Update and Needs

Time is drawing near. If you signed up to make a recipe, get it in very, very soon. It is important to help us to keep things going on time. Send your recipe to pakratsandy@yahoo.com.

If you have not purchased the tickets you are entitled to, purchase them now. If you do not want to purchase all the tickets you are entitled to, let us know that too. We will be releasing tickets to those on the waiting list after March 26. Please help us get these details ironed out.

If you still want to be involved we have room for 3 more recipes.

Blessing Books Now through May 8th

We will continue to do our senior books a page at time.

Messages of encouragement and congratulations to
the graduates can be sent via email or write them on a
quarter sheet of paper allowing half an inch on the left for binding.

WHO SHOULD "SIGN" THE BLESSING BOOKS? Everyone in the congregation can sign.

WHAT SHOULD I WRITE? Write a short note of Christian encouragement, share your favorite Bible verse or simply sign your name.

HOW DO I SHARE MY MESSAGE? You can either write your message on a quarter sheet of paper and email a picture of it <u>or</u> just email the text you want--you can use the same message or create one for each student (please make sure that you specify the recipient of individual messages).

Please email your message to Laurel at: consultant@ourredeemer.org by April 30th



Tyce Alt
Austin Bell
Avery Bolton
Mara Caylor
Ava Cross

Alexis Faudel
Corey Holman
Andrew Hotz
Max Krogh
Ella Nelson

Hannah Ramsey Luke Ramsey Madeline Schrader Hillary Wilson



SUMMER STAFF NEEDED

Looking for a summer job? Get that and more with a summer camp experience at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca in Solon, IA is hiring **male and female camp counselors** for the upcoming summer. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to spend your summer serving as a Christian role model for youth from Eastern Iowa and beyond! Employment begins May 30 and ends August 4. All summer staff go through training in early June to be fully trained in camp activities and safety, including CPR, AED, and first aid training. Candidates should be at least 18 years old. To get started, head on over the www.nloma.org and complete a summer service profile. Please contact Alec at 319-848-4187 or email programdirector@iodiseca.org. if you have any questions or for more information, check out the Camp's website at www.campiodiseca.org.

Seeking Bedsheets

The Comfort Tiers are seeking a Thrivent Card to buy bedsheets to be used in production of quilts. If you would like to make a donation of a Thrivent Card or directly donate bedsheets they are looking for twin size or larger FLAT sheets that are new or very gently used.

If you have any questions or need more information please contact Laurel Sellers at:

consultant@ourredeemer.org or call 319-331-3242





POPCORN PROVIDED

Come join us April 27, at 6:00pm, in the Fellowship Hall, for the continuation of the Christ in Film series. The upcoming "feature" will be "A Monster Calls" Rated (PG-13)





LUTHERAN WITNESS

subscriptions will need to be in by Friday, April 14. If you wish to continue your subscription or add a new one, stop by the office to check or add your address and drop off a check in the amount of \$19.20 made out to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and in the memo line please put Lutheran Witness Subscription.



Preschool Newsletter

March 27-31, 2023







Home Question

How do you use your five senses everyday? (See, hear, taste, smell, touch)

Garden Week

Welcome question—teeth, muscles, bones, etc. Letter of the week K k Body Rock song Bible lesson & Craft —Jesus Rides into Jerusalem (Hosanna)

The Flower song Teeth books Five senses book How our body works books Easter cross painting craft Flowers watercolor painting 5 senses craft I Can Do Activities—smell, taste,



April 19/20—Spring Program April 20—Conferences

April 21—No School

April 24—No School

May 25/26—Last Days of School

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 at: 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

Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday, April 20, 2023 12:10pm-6:30pm No school Friday, April 21, 2023



Lunch Option



We have interest in having lunch together on Thursdays and Fridays after preschool. Contact Mrs. Kaja when you can join us for this \$5 dollar lunch!!



Happy 4th

Birthday Silas!

KK (To Rockabye Baby) Kitten and Kettle, kite and Kazoo; Key, kitchen, kingdom, and kangaroo; king, kid, and ketchup, koala bear How many K words did you just hear?



Scholastic Book Order

You can shop and submit your order online. Every purchase you make earns FREE books and DONT FORGETIL educational supplies for our classroom. Happy reading! Ordering online is fast and easy: scholastic.com/readingclub— ENTER Class Activation Code MQWNQ. All book orders will be shipped to our classroom unless you designate them to

be shipped to your house.



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				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
(5	Dayl	Preschool Program			9:00am-12:00pm	\$384/month
(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

Sunday School

9:20 am-10:15 am

For children ages: Birth to 5th grade

April 2nd

Lesson: A Prophet Serves—Samuel

1 Samuel 3



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



KIDS CLUB

For children ages: 4 years old—5th grade 6:45pm

Wednesday, April 5th Meet in the Kid's Club Room to start, walk through Prayer Walk and return to the Kid's Club Room for snack, craft, and activity.

Craft and Activity brought to you by: Jonie, Paula, and Tracy

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday Worship

Thursday, April 6th 7:00 pm



7:00 pm

Easter Sunday Worship

Sunday, April 9th SERVIĆĖS: 7:30 am, 9:00 am & 10:30 am

Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 9th 8:30 am-10:30 am Freewill donation to support Youth

Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 9th 10:05 am



Jesus is









6th —12th Grade

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

Confirmation (6th, 7th, and 8th Grades)

Wednesday, April 5^h at 6:45 pm

6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Students & Small Group Leaders

6:45 pm Meet in the Youth Room

Group Lesson with Pastor

Prayer Walk following

Group Lesson

8 pm Class ends

There is no Lenten meal or worship service on Wednesday, April 5th so class begins at 6:45pm.





Save these dates...

Praver Walk*

Wednesday, April 5th 6:45—9:00 pm

High School Youth meet in the

Youth Room at 6:45pm. Prayer Walk and take down afterwards. *Earn Silver Cord hours

Set up for Easter Breakfast*

Saturday, April 8th 8:00 am—12:00 pm

All Confirmation & High School

families prepare the food and set up & decorate the Fellowship Hall for the next day.

*Earn Silver Cord hours

Help with Easter Breakfast*

Sunday, April 9th 6:00 am—12:00 pm

All Confirmation & High School Youth and their families help with the Easter Breakfast. They cook the food, serve the food, bus tables, run the dishwasher, etc. *Earn Silver Cord hours

Go to SignUp Genius if you can help...

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4FA8A62AA2FA7-easter1



Youth Sunday School

9:20 am—10:15 am
Confirmation—Room 208
High School—Youth Room

April 2 A Prophet Serves—Samuel

EASTER— April 9
No Sunday School
Help With Easter Breakfast

Equipping disciples through hearing God's Word in Sunday School.

OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

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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.