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Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - April 15/16, 2023

~Second Sunday of Easter~



ADULT BIBLE CLASS

April 16

Overcoming through Seeing and Persistence

April 23

Overcoming through Surrender and Shalom

April 30

Overcoming through the New David and the Renewed Covenant

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
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



Sunday Coffee & Treats

This Sunday's coffee and treats are being provided by the LWML. Come join us for a little refreshment and fellowship before Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.



Happy 90th Birthday Glorine Berry!!!!

It was asked by Glorine Berry's family if we could wish her a Happy 90th Birthday by sending her cards. Her birthday is on April 26 and her address is listed below.

Glorine Berry 73 Amhurst St. Iowa City, IA 52245

Prayer of the Church /Second Sunday of Easter/April 16, 2023

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

For faith to believe the resurrection of Christ and to trust the forgiving words of His servants, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

Heavenly Father, raise up among us those who will continue to serve as pastors and teachers, deaconesses and other workers in Your Church, that Your Word may have free course among us and be our joy. 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 all enemies of the Church, that their hearts may be brought to repentance; and for all Christians, that they may be strengthened in faith and vocation, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the authorities God has placed over us in federal, state and local governments, that He would give them the desire to serve with integrity and honor and to work for the benefit of all, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and sorrowful, for those who mourn, and for all who stand in need of our prayers, [especially Dorothy Blume (Carol Schuldt's sister), David Caplin (Lillian Moyer's son-in-law), Jacob Cohen, Debra Fuhrmeister, Debbie Hartwig, 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, Carson Pence, Julie Pratt-Mullenkamp (Cousin of Ruth Varney), Patricia Schable (friend of Lorrie Bailey), Rozie Siems (Daughter of Mary Siems), Ronna Sojka, Reece Ullerich, Karen Warner, Mark Wilson, Beth Wu (Schuldt's relative), J let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

Mighty God, hear your people silently pray...

[We 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.**

BIRTHDAYS

Sun. 4/16 Josiah Coblentz, John Walters

Mon. 4/17 Lucy Mueller, Eva Spiekermeier, Laurie Wahlert

Tues. 4/18 Aaron Fobain, Kenley Murken, Christian Pinnell, Rita Richerson, Janice Schafer,

Shayla Servantez, Sandy Wagner

Wed. 4/19 Lindsay Anderson, Shonna Becker, Jace Dyson, Brynn O'Shea, Sheila Pinnell, Joseph Simmons

Thurs. 4/20 Reece Caven, Dean Hargens, Wallen Jackson, Charles Trimpe

Fri. 4/21 Madelyn Bell, Martha VanKirk, Bryce West, Drew West

Sat. 4/22 Barbara Green, Dana Novotny, Mary Redlin

STEWARDSHIP April 8/9, 2023—Easter

TIME		TREASURES	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 4/8—5:30pm		Contributions	\$21,175.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 4/9—7:30am	146	Monthly needs for budget	\$67,240.58
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 4/9—9:00am	232		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 4/9—10:30am	288	Maundy Thursday	216
Recorded Services 4/8	5	Good Friday	330
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	725	Easter Egg Hunt	37

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, April 16-23 2023

<u>Sunday, 4/16</u>		Wednesday continued	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	9:00am	Midweek Classes	6:45pm
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Adult Midweek	7:00pm
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am	Spring Confirmation Retreat Parent Meeting	8:00pm
Chamber Singers Open Rehearsal	4:00pm		
		<u>Thursday, 4/20</u>	
Monday, 4/17		Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Boy Scout Troop 250-Taco Stand	3:00pm
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Children's Committee	6:00pm		
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	<u>Friday, 4/21</u>	
LWML	7:00pm	Confirmation Trip St. Paul (April 21-23)	
		Tasting Bee Set-up	
<u>Tuesday, 4/18</u>			
Solon Nursing	9:30am	<u>Saturday, 4/22</u>	
SM-Small Group/Marcia	6:30pm	Men's Bible Class	8:00am
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Tasting Bee	11:00am
		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
Wednesday, 4/19			
TOPS	8:00am	<u>Sunday, 4/23</u>	
Bible Study	11:00am	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	9:00am
Lunch Bunch	12:00pm	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	9:20am
Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am
Windmill Manor	2:00pm	District 13	2:30pm



details are coming!

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



Join the LWML women this Monday, April 17 at 7 pm Our special guest speaker is Mr. Laurel Hollipeter from our First Avenue HyVee. He will be speaking to us about his experience of helping build floats for the Rose Parade. The hostesses for the evening are Bev Prem and Donna Saehler. Devotions will be led by Bev Prem. Plan to join us for the evening. We want YOU there. This Monday. 7pm. There will be a signup sheet to join the group for Ladies Night out on Monday night, May 15 at The Miller Homestead.

Godos Faith Rain Family Love Sunshine Food Friends Pets

Tasting Bee Update

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.

There are still a few tickets available. If you would like to purchase ticket(s), please contact Laurel Sellers at 319-331-3242 or consultant@ourredeemer.org. Cynthia Fruendt, Donna Saehler, or Sandy Wagner (packratsandy@yahoo.com) can also provide tickets.



The Cedar Rapids Zone of the LWML is in desperate need of volunteers to help with our Christian Life committee!! If you love having the latest scoop on new devotionals and sharing God's Word with your Sisters in Christ, this is the job for you!

Contact Hannah Raebel at hmraebel@gmail.com for more information about tasks and the low time commitment.



Building Healthy Families: Ever written down and kept track of your prayers? In a notebook by yourself or on slips of paper in a mason jar with your family, write out your prayer requests and how they have (or haven't) been answered. Then a month, a year, or a decade from now, look back at them and see how God has provided. When you are faced with new trials, it is helpful to look back on God's faithfulness during trials of the past. "Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast." Psalm 119:90 Lutheran Family Service - www.LutheranFamilyService.org.

Mission Minute



Christ said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations."

The Great Commission calls us to share God's Word near and far, and the Mission Committee at Our Redeemer has worked hard to do so, even in a pandemic! Now you have an opportunity to help. For the next several weeks we're going to hold a "Mission Minute" during service.

This Mission Minute will provide an update on six of Our Redeemer's missions:

- ~CommUnity
- ~Iowa District East Student Aid
- ~Lutheran Family Service
- ~Panama Lutheran Church
- ~Parish Nurses of Eswatini
- ~UKANDU



One of these six missions will receive an extra allotment of mission funds— and you'll help decide which through a "Penny Vote!" Every individual may 'vote' with up to 100 pennies (one dollar's worth) per week, by placing them in the appropriate glass jars in narthex. At the end of these six weeks, mission funding will be allocated accordingly. Go, get your pennies ready to support the growth of God's Kingdom.

In Christ,
Mission Committee

CONCORDIA SEMINARY CALL DAY APRIL 26, 2023

3:00 pm for assignments of vicarages & internships 7:00 pm for candidate call service

Concordia Seminary Call Day is April 26, 2022, at 3:00pm for vicar assignments and the candidate call service is at 7:00pm. It will be live streamed. It will be an opportunity to see if we get a new vicar and where the previous vicar (Kyle Lewis) will be called to at 7:00pm.



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)



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.

<u>HOW DO I SHARE MY MESSAGE?</u> 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 VERY 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 <u>www.nloma.orq</u> and complete a summer service profile.

Please contact Alec at <u>319-848-4187</u> or email <u>programdirector@iodiseca.org.</u> if you have any questions or for more information, check out the Camp's website at <u>www.campiodiseca.org.</u>



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.

IOWA DISTRICT EAST FOR More LLL CONVENTION * * *



SATURDAY April 29, 2023

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca 3271 Sandy Beach Road NE Solon, IA 52333

9:00 a.m.

Doors Open

10:00 a.m.

Convention Begins

4:00 p.m.

Convention concludes

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE



Gifted for More



Ministry Update on LHM's International Internship Program



Martha Hartwig, Iowa District East LWML President

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REGISTRATION FEE:

\$15.00 per person by April 22 (\$18.00 at the door) MAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT TO: Dick Hoelz 3519 Heatheridge Dr. NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Allen Schmid, IDE LLL District President • 563-249-3039 • allenschmid@hotmail.com Dick Hoelz, IDE LLL Treasurer • 319-363-1214 • rahoelz@imonmail.com

REGISTRATION FORM

2023 IOWA DISTRICT EAST LLL CONVENTION

Registration deadline **April 22** Make check payable to **IDE LLL**

Name(s):		
Address:		
Phone:	Email Address:	
Number of Attendees:	at \$15 each Total Enclosed:	



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church VBS

Sunday, August 6, 2023 to Thursday, August 10, 2023 5:00 PM—8:15 PM

2301 East Court Street lowa City, IA

Sign up today for VBS! Throughout this program, we will emphasize the Living Water, Jesus, through exciting games, lively music, impressive science experiments, and more! Let's celebrate that we're covered in Jesus' grace.

Sign-up at:

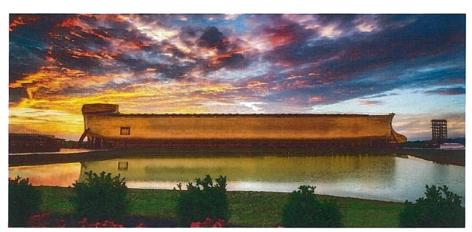
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BUS TRIP

CREATION MUSEUM



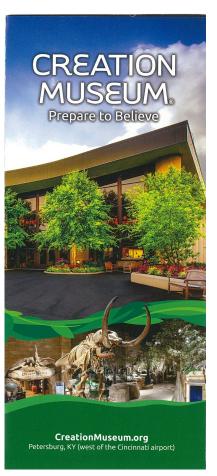
ARK ENCOUNTER

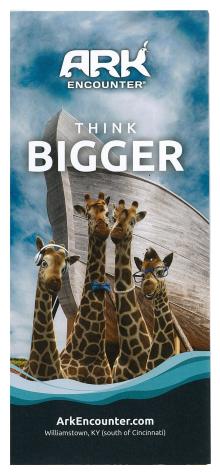


Are you planning to visit the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter this year? Roger and Ellen Bauer have two bus trips planned. Their trips are edu-tainment. The Trips are June 5-9, 2023 and December 4-8, 2023. The trip starts in Waverly, IA and makes several stops along the way.

If you would like more information, they can be contacted at: 319-352-5435 or 319-610-2623.

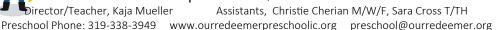
They can also be emailed at: bauerr@mchsi.com





Preschool Newsletter

April 10-14, 2023





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

Home Question

How can you be a SUPER friend? (SUPER sibling, child, etc.)

This Week

Easter/Superhero question What does it mean to be a superhero? Letter of the week C c Spring songs & chants Bible lesson—Easter Superhero books

Early reader Disney books City Bus tour

Superhero painting

Superhero craft

Caterpillar craft

Caterpillars arrived—naming, caring for, life cycle, etc.



Big C curve









Scholastic Book Order

Thank you for ordering books. Happy reading! Ordering online is fast and easy: scholastic.com/ readingclub— ENTER Class Activation Code MQWNQ.



Stuff 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

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.

Currently enrolled for the 2023-2024 school year:

M/W/F = 8 of 18 students T/Th = 5 of 14 students

Cc (To Do Your Ears Hang Low?)

Can you bake a cake? Can you cook a T-bone steak? Can you make a chocolate malted? Can you make an icecream shake? Can you boil a cup of water? Clean the dish-

es like you ought to? Can vou bake a cake?





Our Redeemer Preschool

For children ages 3-5 years and are potty trained

Open House

May 10, 2023 5:30pm-6:30pm

- ▼ Meet the staff
- ▼ Explore our classroom
- ♥ Create a craft
- **▼** Ask questions
- ▼ Enroll your child

Ask about our 5 days, 3 days, 2 days, and extended care options.



Phone: (319) 338-3949
Email: preschool@ourredeemer.org
www.http://ourredeemer.org/preschool/

2301 East Court Street, Iowa City 52245

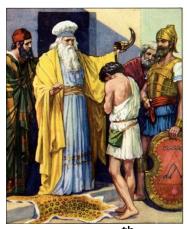


Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade

Sunday School

9:20 am-10:15 am For children ages: Birth to 5th grade



April 16th
Lesson: A King Forever—David
1 Samuel 16:1-13;
2 Samuel 5:1-5; 7:4-17



KIDS CLUB

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

Wednesday, April 19th Lession: REVIEW Teachers: Jonie & Vicar

Last night of Kids Club classes.

The 5th graders will be presented a parting gift.



Sunday School Sunday Sunday, May 21^{nst} during both worship services

All students will share the Memory Work they've been working on.

Toddlin' —Jesus Loves Me song

Preschool ages —Exodus 3:12 "God said, 'But I will be with you.'"

Kindergarten & 1st grade — Psalm 119:105 "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

2nd & 3rd grade —John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

4th & 5th grade —Books of the Old and New Testaments

Confirmation—The Apostles' Creed & The Ten Commandments

High School—Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will make straight your paths."

Psalm 23 "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Sunday School is one step along the way of equipping disciples to make disciples for Jesus!



6th —12th Grade

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

Confirmation (6th—8th Grades)

Wednesday, APRIL 19th
Confirmation Classes—6:45pm

6th Grade—Small Group

Church Inflates-EXAM ONLINE



7th Grade—Small Group
EXAM REVIEW



8th Grade—Lecture

Practice Spiritual Growth



MIDWEEK MEAL

April 26th 6:00pm

The crew is the 6th Graders and their families.

Please arrive at 5:40pm to set up and start helping.

Youth Sunday School

9:20 am-10:15 am



Confirmation—Room 208 **High School**—Youth Room

April 16th
Lesson: A King Forever—David
1 Samuel 16:1-13; 2 Samuel 5:1-5; 7:4-17

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

Save these dates...

Spiritual Growth Event

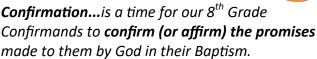
Wednesday, April 26th 7:00 pm—8:00 pm

The 8th grade Confirmation students will share their Confirmation Bible verses and their banners at this special event. The will also share their knowledge of the Christian faith as they answer questions about Biblical truths.

There will be a reception immediately following down in the Fellowship Hall

Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, April 30th 10:00 am Service



Confirmation...is also an opportunity to publicly announce the understanding of their responsibilities as Christians.

Confirmation...is a tool that helps them along their life-long adventure of living out their **Christian faith** by teaching them the **basics of the Christian faith**.

At Our Redeemer, we are about "Equipping disciples to make disciples for Jesus".

Spring Confirmation Retreat Parents & Students Meeting

All Confirmation students who are going on the retreat and their parents should attend.



Wednesday, April 19th 8:00 pm Fellowship Hall

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.