

# The Parish Beacon

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ –

Jesus, speaking to His disciples, said, *“A new command I give to you, that you love one another...”* (John 13:34).

“A new command.” Yet it is an old one. It was Moses, way back in the book of Leviticus, directed by God to speak His commands to His people, who said, *“You shall not take vengeance., but you shall love your neighbor as yourself I am the Lord”* (Leviticus 19:18).

Jesus amplified His command, however, We are to love, He said, *“as I have loved you.”*  
How did Christ love us?

At the time, the disciples did not know the depth of Christ’s love.  
They hadn’t heard the angels announce the birth of their Savior in Bethlehem.  
They hadn’t yet been to Calvary.  
And they couldn’t comprehend Jesus’ references to His impending death.  
They had no idea that the Resurrection, Ascension,  
and the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost were ahead.

We do have that knowledge!  
We understand what Jesus is talking about for we know how He loved us.  
He has loved us enough to leave the glories of Heaven.  
He has loved us more than earthly power and status and honor.  
He has loved us more than He loved His own life.

With the love of Christ in us...  
We visit the lonely.  
We provide food for the hungry.  
We care for those who are hurting (Stephen’s Ministry).  
We share our financial resources in order that the Word of God might be preached and bring many to salvation  
(Panama FORO).

Loving others as Christ has loved us means that we should be willing to lay down our lives for them. It means no less than laying down our lives. This is a tall order.

Sinful beings that we are, we are not prone to love others as Christ has loved us. The apostle John tells us how it is possible: *“Beloved, “he wrote in 1 John 4:7, “let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.”*

We are born of God, and, by His grace, we can carry out His command to love one another through all the opportunities He gives us with all the gifts He gives us. That is how we are part of the STORY OF EVERYTHING – from Genesis to the Last Day.

In the love of Christ, Pastor Hartwig



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**Prayer of the Church—Responsive Form**  
**Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost/Reformation Sunday (Proper 25 A)**  
**29 October 2023**

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

Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, sustain Your Church. Deliver her from error and preserve in her the proclamation of Your Gospel, that it would resound to every nation, tribe, people and language and that all may fear and give You glory. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, bless all ministers of Your Word. Help them rightly to preach Your Law and Gospel, that all would know Jesus Christ as their Savior. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, we pray for the seminarians we are supporting: **Deon Hull** (Vicarage Year), **Kyle Moellenhoff** (4<sup>th</sup> Year), **Josiah Schultz** (4<sup>th</sup> Year), **Morgan Garrett** (4<sup>th</sup> Year), and we ask a special blessing upon our **Vicar Ethan Boester**. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, look with compassion on all who are blind to the bondage of their sin. Bring peace to lands ravaged in terror and war. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, make us truly Your disciples. Keep us in Your Word, free us from all errors, and make our homes and families peaceful. Preserve all fathers and encourage them for their godly task, that children would be brought up in the fear and instruction of the Lord. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, be near to all who cry to You for healing of body and soul [*especially Dorothy Blume (Carol Schuldt's sister), David Caplin (Lillian Moyer's son-in-law), Loren Deetz, Clint Fult (nephew of Robert Siems), Titus Hanneman (nephew of Kate Ramsey), James Haack, Emma Haugen (Friend of Gwen Enokian), Patsy Heinitz, Gabe Hundley (grandson of Karen Abernathy), Dora Jacobson (granddaughter of George and Carol Schuldt), Hazel Jones (Granddaughter of Danny Fuhrmeister), Todd Jones (Barb & Ron Jones' son), Dave Long, Shirley Losby, Marcia Osborn, Norma Miller (Twyla Freeman's aunt), Julie Pratt-Mullenkamp (Cousin of Ruth Varney), Aaron Raschke (brother of Ruth Varney), John Robinson, Eunice Scheer, Carol Simpson (Kara Hartwig's mother), Reece Ullerich, Karen Warner, Mark Wilson, and Beth Wu (Schuldt's relative)*]. Grant them release from their afflictions according to Your will. Sustain their hope in the full and final healing that awaits them at the day of Christ's appearing. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, bless all who come to the altar to partake of Christ's own body and blood for the forgiveness of their sins. Grant them repentant hearts that seek to amend their lives, and by Your Spirit align them with Your will and purpose. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, You promise to wipe away the tears from all faces. Bless [*the family and friends of JoAnne Fobian and Gary Wright*] and all who weep here as they mourn. 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. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You have promised to hear us, so we come to You with our silent prayers...

*[We pause for a moment of silent prayer.]*

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for You have written THE STORY OF EVERYTHING – from Genesis to the Last Day that we may know Your Son, who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sun 10/29    Worship Service 8:00am  
                   Adult Bible Class 9:20am  
                   Sunday School 9:20am  
                   Worship Service 10:30am  
                   Trunk or Treat 4:00pm

Mon 10/30    Staff Meeting 1:00pm  
                   Chamber Singers 6:00pm  
                   Sunlight AA Group 6:00pm

Tues 10/31    Women's Bible Study 10:00am  
                   Al-Anon 7:00pm

Wed 11/1     TOPS 8:00am  
                   Bible Study 11:00am  
                   Lunch Bunch 12:00pm  
                   Midweek Meal 6:00pm  
                   Midweek Classes 6:45pm  
                   Choir Rehearsal 6:45pm  
                   Adult Midweek 7:00pm

Thurs 11/2    Comfort Tiers 9:00am  
                   Visitation Meeting 6:30pm  
                   Board of Elders 7:00pm  
                   Al-Anon 7:30pm

Fri 11/3     Prime Time Dinner (Lunch) Prep

Sat 11/4     Prime Time Dinner (Lunch) Prep  
                   Worship Service 5:30pm—ALL SAINTS DAY

Sun 11/5     Worship Service 8:00am—ALL SAINTS DAY  
                   Adult Bible Class 9:20am  
                   Sunday School 9:20am  
                   Worship Service 10:30am—ALL SAINTS DAY  
                   Prime Time Dinner (Lunch) 12:00pm



### FLOWERS TODAY

Today's flowers (October 28/29) for the altar are provided by Val and Cindy Penney for the October birthdays in their family.



### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE & SNACKS

This Sunday's (October 29) coffee and snacks are being provided between the early service and Sunday School by the ORLC Preschool. Donations will go towards the continued mission efforts. ***Come join us for a little fellowship before heading off to Bible Class and Sunday School.***

### 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: October 28, 29,**  
**November 11, 12, 25, 26**

**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](mailto:myrl-holida@uiowa.edu) or**  
**Louise Klopp: [choirdirector@ourredeemer.org](mailto:choirdirector@ourredeemer.org)**

# UPCOMING EVENTS



October 29, 4:00pm, Parking Lot



Help us celebrate Socktober Oct. 1-31

TAKING NEW SOCK DONATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER  
SOCK BOX LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX



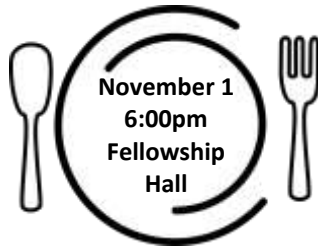
BASICS OF THE FAITH  
October 27—7:00pm  
October 28—9:30am

Sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Counter



November 1  
Bible Class 11:00am  
Lunch 12:00pm  
Fellowship Hall

Midweek Meal



November 1  
6:00pm  
Fellowship Hall



A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE  
NOVEMBER 4/5  
ALL THREE SERVICES



Day light Savings Time Ends  
November 5  
Remember to set your clocks back an hour



Prime Time Dinner  
November 5  
12:00pm  
Fellowship Hall  
For the 60 and Over Gang



Pie Sale  
Saturday  
November 11  
11:00am



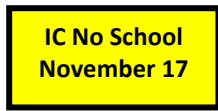
Youth Led Worship  
November 11/12  
All Services



Children's Matinee & Lunch  
Sunday, November 12  
11:45am Fellowship Hall



November 15  
Bible Class 11:00am  
Lunch 12:00pm  
Fellowship Hall



IC No School  
November 17



Voters Meeting  
Sunday  
November 19  
11:45am



Doris Montag—  
The History of Ordinary Things  
November 20,  
7:00pm  
Fellowship Hall



IC No School  
November  
22-24



Wednesday  
November 22  
7:00pm



THANKSGIVING DAY-OFFICE CLOSED  
November 23 & 24



Sunday, November 26  
Right after late service



November 30, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall  
Signs (PG-13)



## Birthdays

Sun. 10/29	Madeline Caylor
Mon. 10/30	Corey Holman, Aurora Magsamen, Zelda Stockdale
Tues. 10/31	Bo Power, Heather Fehr, Matthew Holidia, Leah McDowell, Claire McDowell
Wed. 11/1	Jacob Frields, Gregory Hotz, Morgan Hotz, Drake Hotz, Lori Lacina, Miley Raddatz, Joel Schuldt
Thurs. 11/2	Linda Berryhill, Jasmin Ghabel-Lopez, Carlin Parish, Curtis Sexton
Fri. 11/3	Angela Hotz
Sat. 11/4	Kathleen Bugg, Nicholas Caylor, Vicki Wear

## Stewardship—October 21/22, 2023

ATTENDANCE		TREASURES	
Recorded Service 10/21	3	Contributions	\$13,920.00
Sat. 10/21 In Person/LIVE STREAM 5:30pm	26	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Sun. 10/22 In Person/LIVE STREAM 8:00am	114		
Sun. 10/22 In Person/LIVE STREAM 10:30am	140		
<b>TOTAL WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	283	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	55/37

Thank you for your  
continued support.



MISSION	October
Iowa District East	\$3,333.33
UIHC Chaplain Endowment Fund	\$250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,583.33</b>
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca	\$500.00
Lutheran Family Services	\$250.00
Orphan Grain Train	\$125.00
<b>MONTH TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,458.33</b>
CommUnity Crisis Center	***
Lutheran For Life	***
Concordia Seminary Food Bank	***
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,033.42</b>

## Membership Changes and Official Acts

<u>Marriage</u>	
Aaron & Leah McDowell	09-23-2023
<u>Deaths</u>	
Helen Marie Jahnke	10-09-2023
JoAnne Marlene Fobian	10-15-2023
Gary Wright	10-23-2023
<u>Released</u>	
Lucas, Emily, Harper & Henry Lenhart	10-4-2023



**Building Healthy Families:** Despite living with physical, emotional and financial challenges and through social and political upheaval which often separated them by many miles and at times threatened life itself, Martin & Katie Luther created and sustained a marriage and family life characterized by faithfulness, mutual respect, teamwork and a good degree of humor. As we remember and give thanks for the great reformer and the blessing that his life and work have been to the church, we also give thanks for God's work in their lives which provides us with an example of Christian family life today. May the lives and marriage of Martin and Katie and their love for their children remind us of Christ's love for His church and of the Father's love for us, His redeemed children. **Lutheran Family Service**  
[www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

**Board of Directors meeting, October 12, 2023**

**Opening devotion led by Pastor Hartwig**

**Treasurer's Report:**

No report

**Board of Elders:**

Proposed staff salaries for 2024 were approved.

Discussed possibility of resuming childrens' messages in worship services

Discussed possibility of returning to passing the collection plates.

Proposed installing cameras at strategic locations on the property. This suggestion was forwarded to the Properties Committee for consideration.

**At-Large:**

**Education:**

Reports that all education programs of ORLC remain very active and busy with many upcoming events.

**Human Care:**

Socktober is underway, which involves collecting socks to be donated the community shelters.

Prime Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, November 5.

**Assimilation:**

The committee is sponsoring a new member brunch this coming Sunday.

New photos or redo's will be taken on select dates in October and November.

**Properties:**

Concrete replacement behind vicarage is completed.

AAA is reviewing heating issues and remedial needs will be addressed.

There appears to be water leakage on the north side of the sanctuary. More investigation to follow.

Discussed numerous projects for consideration in 2024. The committee agreed with the Elders suggestion of installation of security cameras.

**Staff reports:**

**Pastor:**

Staff salaries will increase by 3%, in line with IDE guidelines.

As a result of added responsibilities, Kaja Mueller will return to full time with the commensurate increase in salary. It is requested that her spouse be included in the insurance coverage.

The Panama trip was a rewarding experience. With the progress that has been made, Pastor feels we are absolutely solid in our commitment to this mission. He will provide an update to the congregation on November 5.

Because of the war in Israel, the trip planned for June, 2024 is on hold.

**Vicar:**

Attending many meetings and getting oriented to duties and activities.

Vicar found the Panama trip to be interesting and very educational.

**Kara:**

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade fall retreat was held recently.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade retreat is planned for the near future.

Many events are in the planning stages.

**Kudos:**

The Board of Directors recognizes and thanks Becky West for her excellent pie baking skills. She has made over 100 pies for the upcoming Youth pie sale and will be assisting the Youth with additional baking. We are blessed to have Becky donating her time and talent, past and present to help the Youth in fund raising for their many activities.

The meeting adjourned with Vicar leading us in prayer.

Respectfully, submitted,

Barb Schanbacher, Secretary



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Mission Committee  
Christ said, *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations."*

Highlighting the Christian/humanitarian work of our congregation  
as a whole and as individuals. Here and around the world.

## LCMS Iowa District East Student Scholarship JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN ABUNDANCE



### A TYPICAL ESL LESSON IN CHINA

Iowa District East offers Student Aid for Future Church Workers  
(which are desperately needed)  
Please consider supporting this investment.  
<https://lcmside.org/studentaid/>

Romans 10:15

And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written:  
"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

#### Mission Committee Members

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



Submitted by Marcia Hulse

# Stephen Ministry

We care, Christ cures.

## The Rewards of Being a Stephen Minister

*“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him to knock, the door will be opened.”*

Matthew 7:7-8

This is the way Jesus called His disciples and involved people in kingdom ministry.

Our Redeemer is actively recruiting for Stephen Minister training. The classes starts in mid-January 2024. We are asking you to consider that this just might be the time for you to get involved. To get more information, please plan to attend the informational session **“Do You Want to be a Stephen Minister” on Sunday, December 3, immediately following the 10:30 Divine Service in Room 208/210.**

### The Rewards of Being a Stephen Minister:

- **The joy and satisfaction of participating in a meaningful ministry and the caregivers in this ministry**
- **The friendship and support of the Christian community they develop in training and supervision**
- **Personal growth through the training, service, and supervision**
- **Enhanced relationships with family, friends, co-workers, and others**
- **Greater interpersonal relationship skills that prove valuable at work and in other activities in life**
- **Increase faith in God, dedication to Jesus, and enjoyment of their religious life**

Taking the class does not commit you to becoming a commissioned Stephen Minister, but it will help you decide if God is leading you to take the challenge. Even if you don't become a commissioned Stephen Minister you will be a blessing to others by what you have learned.

If you want to find out more about Stephen Ministry, either plan to attend the “informational session” or contact one of our Stephen Leaders or one of our commissioned Stephen Ministers.

*Our loving Jesus, as your chosen people, dearly loved by you, we ask for your guidance and blessing on our Stephen Ministry. Our prayer is that individuals in our congregation with the gifts and abilities to serve as Stephen Ministers may be moved by your Spirit to come forward to be involved in this training and/or ministry. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen*

#### STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERS

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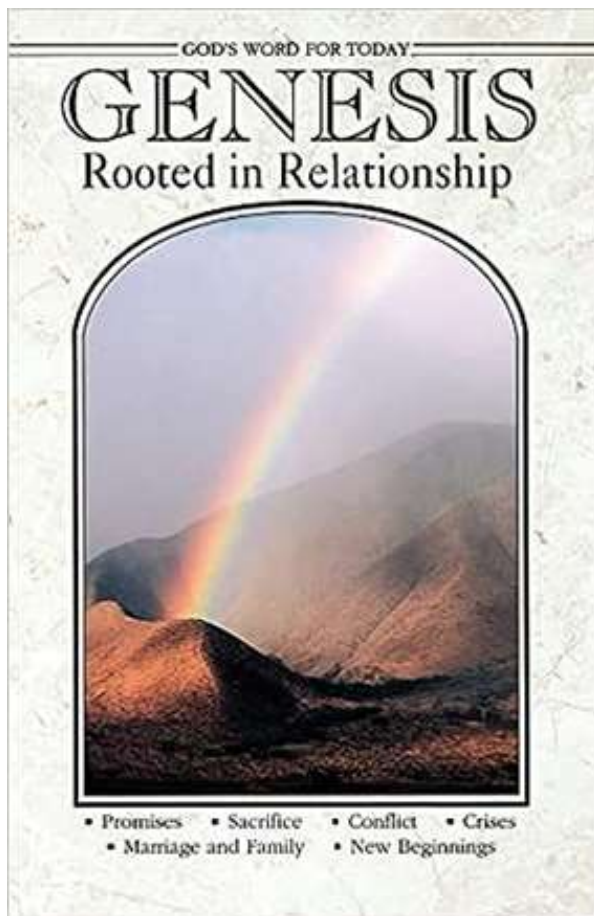
Marcia Hulse 351-7059

Kevin Sellers 631-8924



# NEW WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS BEGINNING NOVEMBER 8

## GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY: GENESIS ROOTED IN RELATIONSHIP



**Wednesday Nights**

**7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**November 8, 15, 29; December 6, 13, 20  
January 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 21, 28**

(13 sessions) "Who am I?" People seem to have lost their sense of belonging. They ask, "Who am I? What am I worth? Where am I going?"

We have lost sight of our real roots. Because of sin, people have forgotten who they are in relationship to God, and to one another. This study focuses on:

- God's restoration through Jesus Christ of the broken relationship that existed between Him and us;
- Our rootedness in Him, which is strengthened as the Holy Spirit works through God's Word;
- God's love for us in Christ, which heals broken relationships and provides power to strengthen relationships between us and others.



## Welcome to Kristina Duncan & Isaiah Giebeck



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church would like to take the time to welcome Kristina Duncan and Isaiah Giebeck.

Kristina was born and raised in Florida. Her current occupations are mom to Isaiah and housekeeping. Her favorite leisure activity is hiking.

Isaiah is currently a student in high school. He was born here in Iowa. His favorite leisure activities are computer programming and gaming.

Kristina and Isaiah like to volunteer where needed.

# The angels are coming!!



Dear Lord,  
Bless the  
children.  
Amen.

This year you will again have the opportunity to be a blessing to those less fortunate through Angel Tree, a program offered through Prison Fellowship in which children of prisoners are given Christmas gifts on behalf of the parent who is unable to do so while incarcerated.

Angels will be available for selection before and after services beginning with **Thanksgiving Eve and each Advent and weekend service through Wednesday December 6**. When you select an angel (or angels), you will be asked to sign out the angel with your name and phone number. **All gifts need to be wrapped and returned to church by Sunday, December 10** in order to process and deliver them before Christmas. You will receive written instructions when you select an angel. Thank you for helping create a pathway to reconciliation between incarcerated parents and their children at this special time of the year.



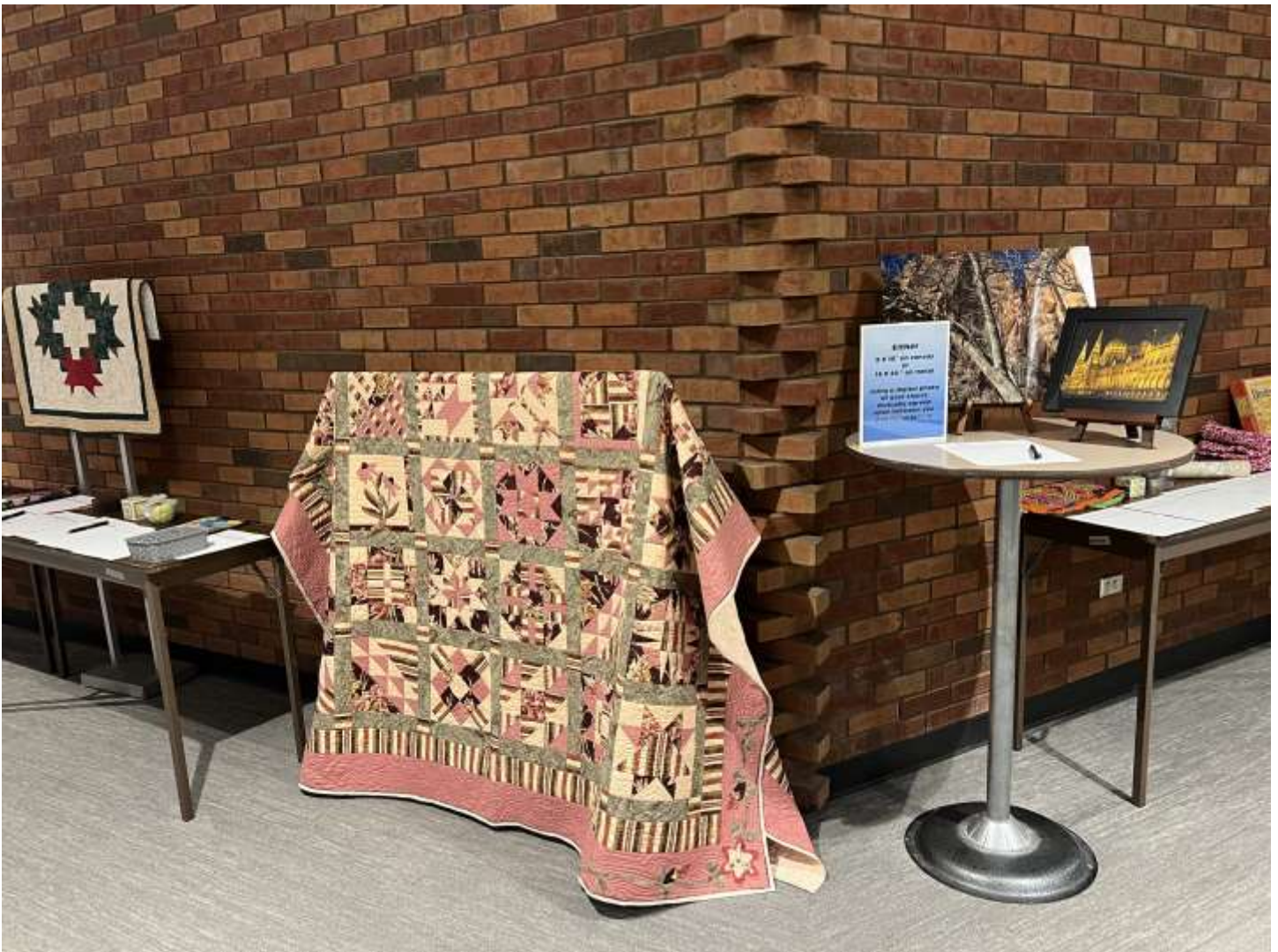
## Time to start thinking COOKIES!

The **30<sup>th</sup> Annual LWML Guild Cookie Walk** will be **Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00.**

Please consider donating as many cookies as possible for this event. Workers are needed on Friday and/or Saturday. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex on Sundays and in the church office during the week. Posters will be available for your office bulletin board or where you shop. Please help us advertise this great event! Proceeds from the Cookie Walk will be given to mission projects. Thank you for your help!

## BROWSE THE MISSION SILENT AUCTION.... SILENT AUCTION CONTINUES!!

The Mission Committee has silent auction items on display in the narthex through November 5. Many are items from previous mission trips and other countries. Look over the items and bid by signing the sheet for the item you wish to obtain. Multiple bids are encouraged and all monies will go toward missions—each item will go to the highest bidder as of noon on **November 5**. The bidding will close following late service on **November 5** and you will be contacted to pay for and claim items.





7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>  
Grade Fall  
Confirmation  
Retreat  
October 20—21, 2023



**Dating in the Right Direction**

**Guest Speaker**  
Kari Smith, from Lutheran Family Service, talked with parents and youth about **Healthy Dating Relationships** from a Biblical worldview to kickoff the retreat.

**In a healthy relationship...**



You should never TRUST someone more than you KNOW them. RELY on them

more than you TRUST them. COMMIT to them more than you RELY on them, and never TOUCH more than you COMMIT to each other.



**Serving others by...**  
*loading boxes of quilts & baby kits for LWML.*



**Fun & Fellowship**



**Thank you to Tracy & John Nelson for the yummy fall treats!**



*"For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."  
2 Timothy 1:7*



## Kids Club Legacy Pointe Fieldtrip & Fall Pumpkin Party

Wednesday, October 25, 2023



Kids Club had a fun time visiting Legacy Pointe in their costumes. They sang songs for the residents and handed out crafts they made.



## CHILDREN'S LUNCH & MATINEE

Sunday, November 12 at 11:45 am  
Fellowship Hall

Bring your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, and friends for Children's Lunch & Matinee!

### Join us for...

- a yummy meal of chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, veggies and fruit, plus dessert
- the Veggie Tales movie, "Josh & the Big Wall" (30 minutes)
- activities area with toys, "building" materials, activity pages and coloring sheets

Please sign-up to attend using this link: <https://forms.gle/W9ym914VFctGCwfK8>

This event is free.



**October 16**  
**Youth assist LWML members making kits and packing for Lutheran World Relief.**



**518 Quilts**  
**35 Health Kits**  
**85 School Kits**  
**3 Fabric Kits**  
**30 Baby Kits**

The numbers are in for the fall Lutheran World Relief Drive and such wonderful numbers they are!! Thanks, many, many thanks to all of you who have donated a sheet, box of crayons, a baby item, a comb, tied a knot on a quilt or given a cotton T-shirt which makes a diaper!!!

Thank you to Sandy Wagner and Lynn Westphal for heading up the kits collection and to the Schuldt men for taking everything up to Trinity in Cedar Rapids to put on the semi that then goes to St Paul, MN warehouse. They bale the quilts to conserve space and sort the kits as to their next destination overseas via ship.

Once again, the LWML and Comfort-tiers thank you for your generosity and if possible, come, help knot quilts on Thursday mornings from 9-noon! The next gathering of items will be sent out once more in April. There are shivering bodies that need a cover! Blessings to you all.

We now have a brand new piano currently residing in the Sanctuary!

It is an Essex model piano designed and made by Steinway & Sons.



**THE WINNING TEAM:  
Mixed Nuts**

**OCTOBER  
2023**



**We had 60 attend.  
Lots of fun!  
Lots of food and  
lots of laughter!**

# MISSION Lunch

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Mission Luncheon on October 22. Great presentation on "Rice, Beans, Plantains and Jesus" by Rev. Joel Fritche.





# Preschool Beacon

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!*



# Children's Ministry

Birth—5<sup>th</sup> Grade



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

### "God Redeems His People"

Toddlin' age—12<sup>th</sup> Grade 9:20 a.m.—10:15 a.m.

*Invite your friends and come learn about Jesus!*

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
October 29	Luke 24:13-35	A Revealing Truth—The Emmaus Road
November 5	Luke 24:44-53	An Ascending Truth—Jesus Ascends
November 12	Acts 1:1-11	A Telling Truth—Pentecost
November 19	Acts 6-7	A Servant Speaks—Stephen

## Children's Christmas Worship 2023

Practices on Sundays at 9:15 am

The name of the Christmas musical the children will share is called "The Joy of Christmas."

All Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be learning the music for our Children's Christmas Worship Service from 9:15am—9:30am on Sunday mornings in the Music Room.

Preschool age students will have their own short program of songs. They will practice during their Sunday School class with Mrs. Haack.

Listen to the songs & practice at home using this link for the YouTube playlist.

[https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL42LOQVutXip6-g3sHFgKXn3meg8S9TCd&si=BCQT3EZe\\_7zF-OVD](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL42LOQVutXip6-g3sHFgKXn3meg8S9TCd&si=BCQT3EZe_7zF-OVD)



ALL ARE INVITED!!!!  
**Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**4:00 pm**



In the church lower parking lot.



**Kids Club**  
**Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**6:45 pm—8:00 pm**  
 4 year olds—5<sup>th</sup> graders

Hear about the disciple, Peter, who Jesus called to be a fisher of men. Friends are always welcome!



**Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**



**Midweek Meal at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall — open to entire congregation & friends**

# Youth

6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Graders

## NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	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
11/1	<b>MIDWEEK MEAL</b> <i>7th Grade Families help</i> <b>Youth Worship Rehearsal &amp; Confirmation Classes</b>	6:00 pm 6:45 pm
11/8	<b>Youth Worship Rehearsal &amp; Confirmation Classes</b>	6:45 pm
11/10	<b>Youth Prep for Pie Day</b>	5:00 pm
11/11	 <b>Youth Pie Making Day</b> <b>Youth Pie Sale</b>	8:00 am 11:00 am
11/11	 <b>Youth Worship Rehearsal</b> <b>YOUTH WORSHIP / Noisy Offering</b>	3:00 pm 5:30 pm
11/12	<b>YOUTH WORSHIP / Noisy Offering</b>	8:00 am & 10:30 am
11/15	<b>Confirmation Classes &amp; High School Midweek</b>	6:45 pm
11/22	<b>Thanksgiving Eve Service</b> <i>Special worship service, no classes</i>	7:00 pm
11/26	<b>Deck the Halls</b>	11:45 am
11/29	<b>Confirmation Classes &amp; High School Midweek</b>	6:45 pm



## Youth Worship Weekend

November 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

Once a year, the Confirmation and High School Youth help with all three services as part of **Youth Worship Weekend**.

Each age group helps with a different aspect of the worship service.

**Confirmation Youth:** Greeters and Ushers  
**High School Youth:** Youth Praise Team member (sing or play an instrument), Bible lesson readers, and/or skit actors.

Our Youth are looking forward to serving during this special weekend.



## Youth Pie Sale

**Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Pie Making 8:00am—12:30pm

Sale between 11:00am—12:30pm  
In the Fellowship Hall

*Pies are handmade, unbaked and frozen*

Dutch Apple, Apple, Peach, plus other types of fruit pies

Youth and their families are happy to announce this is our 8<sup>th</sup> year of hosting the Youth Pie Sale!

**Any questions, contact Kara Hartwig**

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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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

# My Thanksgiving Day

1 John 1:9

It is time to search my heart; confessing sins  
during the service, so I begin  
thinking of them.

They pour out of my thoughts,  
as if from a cornucopia,  
a Horn of Plenty.

Why are there so many repetitions  
each and every time?

Pride, prejudice, envy, greed,  
dissatisfaction, belittlement,  
and being picky, picky, picky!

If these are known to me,  
how many others fill that list  
of unknown ones?

It amazes me that You, while as a Man on earth,  
could put up with knowing  
all the fallacies  
of each and every one of us.

Did You ever despair over us,  
becoming so frustrated  
that You considered not dying for us?

Yet You still love each and every one of us  
and did die for Your stubborn, greedy, ornery flock.

Kyrie eleison!

Every day is Thanksgiving Day for me!

Carol Schuldt