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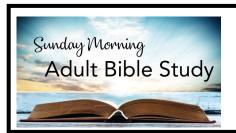
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Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - November 18/19, 2023

~Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost~



November 19 Religions and Denominations (continued)

November 26 Thanksgiving Break

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
November 19	Acts 6-7	A Servant Speaks—Stephen
November 26		Thanksgiving break

HEAR YE!! HEAR YE!!



VOTERS MEETING NOVEMBER 19 Immediately following the late service!!



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. Free will offering goes toward continued missions.



Thanksgiving Eve Service will be on November 22 at 7:00pm. Don't forget to bring in your "Thanks-giving! Thanks-living" pledges for the service.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers for the altar this weekend are from Our Redeemer Lutheran LLL group in recognition of our veterans and those currently serving.

Prayer of the Church/Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost/November 19, 2023

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

Lord God, enter not into judgment with Your servants, for no one living is righteous before You. Have mercy on those haunted by guilt and shame, and faithfully convince them of Your grace and holiness for them in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, You have made us children of the light and of the day. Bless our homes, especially parents as they teach their children Your ways, that Your people may walk as those armored in faith, love and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, a nation that despises You will be as a sacrifice to others, for it has rejected You as its strength and shield. Grant repentance in our land, that our laws may be just, our transactions honest and our love for others fervent. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, give ear to our pleas on behalf of the afflicted [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), Beth Hargens, 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), Marcia Osborn, Dolores McNatt (Gwen Enokian's mother), Norma Miller (Twyla Freeman's aunt), Julie Pratt-Mullenkamp (Cousin of Ruth Varney), Aaron Raschke (brother of Ruth Varney), John Robinson, Eunice Scheer, Reece Ullerich, Karen Warner, Mark Wilson, and Beth Wu (Schuldt's relative)]. For Your name's sake, preserve their life and grant them healing according to Your will. In Your righteousness, strengthen their faith through all trials and bring their souls out of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord God, You have not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Until the day of His coming in glory, grant that we may welcome Him at the altar, even as we are welcomed to Him, receiving His body and blood for our forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, Your Son died for us so that, whether awake or asleep, we might live with Him. Receive our thanks for Your kindness to all who have died in the faith. Comfort those who mourn with the consolation that all who die in Christ live with Him forever. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord 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.**



Join us on Sunday, November 26, at 11:45 a.m. to decorate the church. Many hands make light work. Julie Nieland needs many hands to help with the decorating to give thanks and rejoice in "Christ the Savior is born!"

BIRTHDAYS

Sun. 11/19 Myrl Holida, Michael Kimball, Joyce Lanxon, Karen Ullom

Mon. 11/20 Eloise Kober

Tues. 11/21 Susan Carlson, Mary Coblentz, Beverly Hammond, Nancy Macek, Don Morrison, Briggs Norland,

Laurel Pries

Wed. 11/22 Jim House, Addison Klein

Thurs. 11/23 Keegan Chapman, Kathy Folkmann, Larry Frantz, Taylor Hoskyn, Ruth Langehough, Tracy Nelson,

Carlee Sexton, Christy Stevens

Fri. 11/24 Ryan Jackson, Jim Tiedemann, Ruth Varney Sat. 11/25 Kyla Cahoon, Richard Kubit, Brittany Palmer

STEWARDSHIP November 11/12, 2023

TIME TREASURES			
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 11/11—5:30pm	62	Contributions	\$11,223.18
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 11/12—8:00am	106	Monthly needs for budget	\$67,240.58
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 11/12—10:30am	209		
Recorded Services 11/11	4		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	381	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	72/67

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, November 19—26, 2023

Sunday, 11/19—Veterans Recognition		Wednesday, 11/22	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	TOPS	8:00am
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Emerson Point	2:00pm
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am	Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm
Voters Meeting	11:45am	Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service	7:00pm
Monday, 11/20		Thursday, 11/23	
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	OFFICE CLOSED	
Chamber Singers	6:00pm		
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	<u>Friday, 11/24</u>	
LWML	7:00pm	OFFICE CLOSED	
<u>Tuesday, 11/21</u>		<u>Saturday, 11/25</u>	
Solon Nursing Home	9:30am	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30m
Women's Bible Study	7:00pm		
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Sunday, 11/26	
		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am



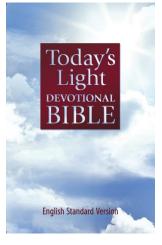
Building Healthy Families: "Count your blessings, name them one by one -count your many blessings, see what God has done..." These lyrics written by Johnson Oatman in 1897 are still true today. Our blessings are bountiful, which we realize when we take time to notice, name and count them. Challenge your family members to do the same this week. What's on your list? Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family from your friends at **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org-----



POPCORN PROVIDED

Come join us November 30, at 6:00pm, in the Fellowship Hall for the continuation of the Christ in Film series. The upcoming "feature" will be "Signs" Rated (PG-13)





PREPARE NOW! READ LATER!

A two-year read through the Bible starts in January during Adult Bible Study, based on the ESV Today's Light Devotional Bible. Explore the entire Bible in just 20 minutes a day! This special edition of God's Word divides each Bible book into easy-to-read sections that begin and end with devotional commentary. "Get the Big Picture" points out how Bible stories fit into God's salvation plan, and "Sharpen the Focus" reveals ways the readings apply to your life. Plus, find new Biblical connections with 90,000+ cross references.

You can follow along in your favorite Bible or you can sign up to purchase the Today's Light Bible. Discounts are available if there is a bulk order with a \$30 estimated cost depending on volume. In order to purchase for January, the ordering deadline will be December 3. Please sign up at the Welcome Center to reserve your copy.

DORIS MONTAG – THE HISTORY OF ORDINARY THINGS

November 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall



LWML sponsors Doris Montag with her signature talk about "A Lady and Her Legs: The History of Women's Shaving and Stockings." It is said she makes history FUN.

Doris is a collector, a storyteller and a free-lance curator whose passion is unlocking and sharing the stories in collections from her family or private individuals. She develops and installs exhibits in small museums, libraries, and public spaces. This work has evolved to One Woman Shows narrating the exhibits and entertaining listeners with her homespun humor.

Additionally, Doris researches and distills the history of antiques and other random things. These comprise her column, "The History of Ordinary Things", which is published monthly in <u>Mature Focus</u> which is available locally and 2 additional senior magazines.

Laura Stresow will lead devotions. Pam Wilson and Melissa Mullane are our hostesses.



The 30th Annual LWML Guild Cookie Walk Saturday, December 2nd, 9:00 am to 11:00.

Please start pulling out your cookbooks or visiting your favorite recipe websites for the cookies you will bake. We would appreciate donations of as many cookies as possible! Workers will be needed on Friday, December 1st and/or Saturday, December 2nd. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. During the week the sign-up sheets will be in the church office. Posters are available for your office bulletin board or where you shop. Proceeds from the Cookie Walk will be given to missions. Thank you for your help! Sign-up will start November 4th & 5th in the narthex.



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We are recruiting for our 2024 training which starts in mid-January

If you have questions about Stephen Ministry, either 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 or for more information about Stephen Ministry, you are welcome to speak with one of our Stephen Leaders.

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.

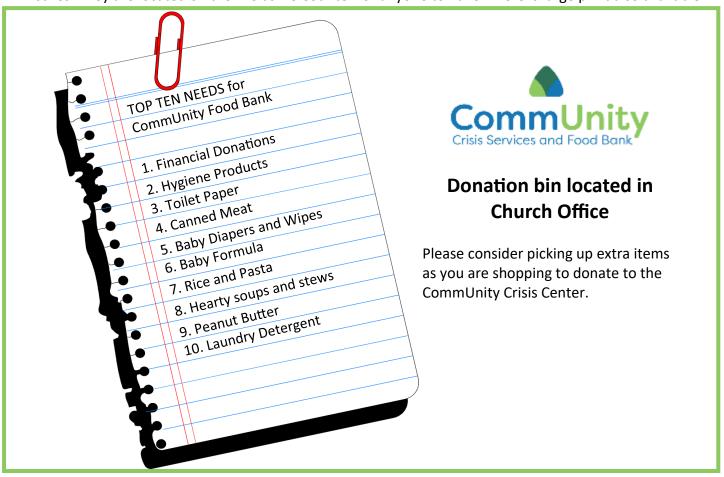


ADVENT SERVICES BEGIN DECEMBER 6

We will soon be entering the Advent Season. Our first midweek Advent Service will be on December 6 with services at 1:00pm and 6:10pm. There will be an Advent Midweek meal served at 5:10pm in the Fellowship Hall.



The Advent Devotional titled "What Child Is This?", is a free devotional booklet put out by the Lutheran Hour Ministries. They are located on the Welcome Counter for anyone to have. There is large print also available.



WONDERING ABOUT THE TRIP TO ISRAEL?



The trip is 72% full!

Twenty people have registered for the trip. We have space for eight more individuals.

With recent news, the trip is not cancelled or postponed because it is not until June of 2024. I received this email from the President of Imagine Travel:

Grace and Peace to you. I hope that this information finds you well as we provide you with an update on the current situation in Israel in regard to your upcoming trips. First and foremost, let me reiterate that your safety, as well as your travelers, is *imagine*'s utmost priority. We understand that many of your travelers have likely reached out to you regarding this, expressing their concerns about venturing to the Holy Land amidst this war. Please rest assured that we are working diligently on accommodating your group's needs and are here to discuss your upcoming trip.

I understand that this situation is frustrating, your travelers have questions, and they have every right to know the answers. The truth is that none of us ever expected for something like this to happen in Israel; it not only caught them off guard but us as well. With that, we are doing everything in our power to expedite this process to provide you and your group with the clarity that you deserve.

As your trip is scheduled to depart for Israel in 2024, we will be proceeding as normal with trips as planned. As history has shown us, these incidents tend to last anywhere between 30-45 days, taking as many as 60 days to recuperate. With that we must opt not to dwell on the moment and instead focus on the future. Should anything change, we will inform you promptly of the decision after we have had a careful discussion with our overseas partners and travel advisors. If anyone, yourself and your travelers included, is feeling uneasy about traveling on an upcoming trip, we are reminded in 2 Timothy 1:7 "For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control". We would encourage you to take a moment and prayerfully consider your decision.

I will continue to provide you with updates as time progresses and the current situation unfolds. Please continue to join us in keeping Israel and all of those impacted in your prayers. We are also providing updated on our website: https://ittworld.com/

Best regards,

Rick Ricart | President <table-cell>



Tis the Season for Giving!

The children of our community need our help! Many of the local children are missing a basic comfort that we often take for granted, warmth. So many students walk to school and/or are unable to participate in daily outdoor recess at school with parents that cannot provide mittens, boots, or gear to keep them warm. Many of these children are the same families serviced by the area shelters and very much in need. The Human Care Committee is currently collecting the following items beginning December 1st until January 2nd and would really appreciate your help with a donation.

They are seeking new:

- Snow Pants
- Hats
- Boots
- Mittens
- Scarves

Any donations can be left at the Mitten Tree which will be located near the Welcome Counter. On January 3rd the Human Care Committee will gather the items for delivery to the Iowa City School District Administration Office for distribution to children in need when classes resume.

Please feel free to direct any questions to Tracy Nelson, Human Care Committee Chair, at tracy-nelson@uiowa.edu. Thank you in advance for your kindness!

CHRIST IS BORN CHOING LICE A GOVERN ISAIAH 9:6

CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE NEEDED AGAIN!!!

Because we had such a great response last year, the Outreach Committee is again going to collect Christmas (not holiday) cards to share the Good News of Jesus' birth for residents of local senior and assisted living residences. You can help by preparing Christmas cards. All you need to do is sign you first name and include "from Our Redeemer Lutheran Church" and place the card in the envelope. You can also add a short encouraging message if you desire. Please don't seal the envelope as we will be adding a Church stamp to the inside of the card. There will be a collection box on the Welcome Counter in the Narthex for your finished cards. This is a perfect way to use up those remaining Christmas cards you might have at home or you can purchase a few

from the LWML Card racks downstairs by the Fellowship Hall. We prefer Christmas cards and not holiday cards. Based on the most recent resident counts from the facilities, we will need approximately 550 cards!

This year we would like to personally hand out the cards to the residents as well which will take some additional volunteers. If you are interested in helping with distributing cards, please sign up on the sheet by the collection box.

Please have your signed cards to the church by **Sunday, December 10th**. If you have questions, please contact Donna Saehler at 319-321-3207, Marlene Thompson at 319-338-2938, or Marilyn Kempnich at 319-351-5297.



LIBERTY LECTURE WEEKEND!

Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty will speak in a Saturday workshop and preach at Sunday services on the topic of the Two-Kingdom approach to Godly Citizenship.

Workshop December 2nd 9:00AM-1:00PM
Services December 3rd at 8:00 and 10:45AM
with Bible study at 9:30AM,
King of Kings Lutheran Church
3275 N Center Point RD Cedar Rapids, IA 52411.
Lunch will be served on Saturday and there
is no charge, just RSVP by scanning the QR
Code below



Preschool Christmas Wish List

Can you help us with a few items for the preschool? You can purchase them or donate money towards them. All contributions will help. Thank you!







<u>Money towards</u>

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- Princes stickers
- Hawkeye stickers
- Black stickers
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On the playground



Preschool Newsletter

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

November 13—17, 2023

Director/Teacher: Kaja Mueller M-F

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Assistants: Christie Cherian M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH

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42 years



CIRCLE TIMES

Leaf question Math equation Songs and chants for the program next week Tornado Drill Letter Rr-recognize, write, and make the sound Bible: crossing the Red Sea Thanksgiving books



Big line Little curve Little line



TEACHER TIME

Letter Rr Finishing up assessments

Parent Teacher Conferences

Thank you for the great Parent Teacher Conferences everyone. Each of these students are wonderful additions to our class.





Home Question

What is your favorite thing to do as a family? Why?

Rr (To She'll be Coming Around the Mountain) Roy's dog Rover runs all over. Rover runs.



Roy's dog Rover runs all over. Rover runs. Rover races, Rover chases, Rover chews on Roy's shoelaces. Oh, yes, Rover runs all over. Rover runs.

BROWN (To the tune of Bingo)

There is a color we all know. Can you guess what it is?

B-R-O-W-N.

B-R-O-W-N.

B-R-O-W-N.

That's how you spell brown.

BROWN

Teddy bears and squirrels are brown. Autumn leaves are too.

Chocolate candy is always brown. Chocolate cake is always brown. Chocolate milk is always brown. I like brown, don't you?



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



Piece of Popcorn

I'm a piece of popcorn, put me in a pot! -hunch down on the ground Shake me up, shake me up. -wiggle while on the ground Watch me pop! -jump up off the ground



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



Children's Sunday School

PreK3-5th grade

Sunday, November 19th

9:15 am—9:30 am Christmas musical practice (K-8th grade) Music Room

9:30 am—10:15am Lesson (in classrooms)

LESSON: A Servant Speaks—Stephen

Scripture: Acts 6-7





KIDS CLUB

For children ages: 4 year olds—5th grade

Wednesday, November 22nd
7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
(No Class)

We give thanks to God for our Kids Club leaders and the children who attend Kids Club! Have a blessed Thanksgiving!



Children's Christmas Worship

On **Sunday, December 10th** during both worship services, 8:00 am and 10:30 am, the kindergarten - 8th grade students will be putting on a simple Christmas musical, "The Joy of Christmas". The musical will include speaking parts, solos, and group songs.



Rehearsals for ALL students K-8th grade will practice the songs on Sunday mornings from 9:15-9:30 am. There will be two Saturday rehearsals in December for the K-8th grades: Saturday, December 2nd and Saturday, December 9th from 9:00 am - 11:00 am.

Preschool class will practice during their regular scheduled classes. They do not need to attend any rehearsals outside of their Sunday School time. Preschool class will sing their songs before the Christmas musical at both services on Sunday, December 10th.

You can find all the music at this YouTube playlist: https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL42LOQVutXip6-g3sHFgKXn3meg8S9TCd&si=BCQT3EZe-7zF-OVd



6th —12th Grade

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

Confirmation & High School Midweek

Wednesday, November 22nd

Join us for the Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at 7:00 pm!

No Confirmation classes or High School Midweek



Children's Christmas Worship Important Dates

SUNDAY REHEARSALS from 9:15 am—9:30 am

(in the Music Room) November 19th December 3rd

SATURDAY REHEARSALS (in the Sanctuary)

December 2nd from 9:00 am—11:00 am
December 9th from 9:00 am—11:00 am

The Children's Christmas musical is during both the 8:00 am and 10:30 am services on December 10th. Children get to participate in both services.



Everyone is invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00 pm on Sunday, December 10th. We will be serving grilled cheese and soup.

Deck the Halls with...Silver Cord hours?

Help put up the

Christmas decorations at church on Sunday,

November 26th starting at **11:45 am** and earn Silver Cord hours for high school.





All High School Youth & their friends Sunday, December 10th 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm

> Help share the Good News of Jesus' birth with our community

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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.