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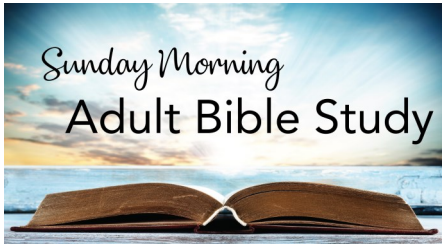

Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - December 2/3, 2023



~First Sunday in Advent~

 <p>Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>December 3-17 God in the Jukebox</p>	
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Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
December 3	Acts 8:26-40	A Deacon Delivers—Philip and an Ethiopian
December 10	Acts 9:1-31	An Enemy Converts—Saul
December 17	Acts 16:16-40	A Soldier Believes—A Philippian Jailer
December 24	No Sunday School—Christmas Eve	

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.



STEPHEN LEADERS

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BAPTISM

Oliver Valerij Petrulevich
Son of
Valerij & Kelly Petrulevich

December 3, 2023
10:30am



ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers for the altar this weekend are from Lynn Smith to welcome the start of the Advent season.



Sunday Coffee & Treats

This Sunday's coffee and treats are being provided by the Assimilation Committee. Come join us for a little refreshment and fellowship before Sunday School and Adult Bible Class. Free will offering goes toward continued missions.

Prayer of the Church/First Sunday in Advent/December 3, 2023

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

Almighty God, You love us and sent Your Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Strengthen us to love one another. As You have mercy upon us, let us be Your instruments of help in time of need for others. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, the One born in Bethlehem is the Son of David and the Lord of David, to whom every knee shall bow. Look upon those You have placed in authority, and grant that they would govern in wisdom and justice. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, deliver the sick from their infirmity, the troubled from their afflictions, the grieving from their sorrow and the dying from their fear [*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, Reece Ullerich, Karen Warner, Mark Wilson, and Beth Wu (Schuldt's relative)*]. May all who cry to You receive grace according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, entered Jerusalem to shouts and cheers of joy. Grant that we may be stirred by the Word and Sacraments to rejoice anew, now and at His second advent. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our 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.**



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 (With a sing-a long at 6:00pm). There will be an Advent Midweek meal served at 5:10pm in the Fellowship Hall.

BIRTHDAYS

Sun. 12/3	***
Mon. 12/4	Levi Saterfield, Jady Waring, Randy Weyer
Tues. 12/5	Noah Hartwig, Eric Kooker, Demi Lambert, Chelsea Zeman
Wed. 12/6	Parker Johnston, Valerie Sexton
Thurs. 12/7	***
Fri. 12/8	Mallory Fesler, Karen Long, Greyson Naraine, Quinn Price, John Robinson
Sat. 12/9	Allison Haack, Ben Lothamer, Sandra Maher, Shirley Sheets

STEWARDSHIP November 25/26, 2023

TIME		TREASURES	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 11/25—5:30pm	54	Contributions	\$22,176.74
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 11/26—8:00am	104	Monthly needs for budget	\$67,240.58
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 11/26—10:30am	130		
Recorded Services 11/25	92	Thanksgiving Eve 11/22	146
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	380	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	***

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, December 3—10, 2023

<u>Sunday, 12/3—Advent Begins</u>		<u>Wednesday continued...</u>	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Sing-a-long	6:00pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Advent Worship	6:10pm
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am	Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
“Do you want to be a Stephen Minister?”	11:45am	Midweek Classes	6:45pm
		Adult Midweek	7:00pm
<u>Monday, 12/4</u>		<u>Thursday, 12/7</u>	
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	Visitation	6:30pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:00pm
LWML Board Meeting	7:00pm		
<u>Tuesday, 12/5</u>		<u>Friday, 12/8</u>	
Solon Nursing Home	9:30am		
Women’s Bible Study	10:00am	<u>Saturday, 12/9</u>	
Human Care Committee	6:30pm	Men’s Bible Class	8:00am
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Children’s Christmas Service Rehearsal	9:00am
Women’s Bible Study	7:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
<u>Wednesday, 12/6</u>		<u>Sunday, 12/10—Children’s Christmas Service</u>	
TOPS	8:00am	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
Bible Study	11:00am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
Lunch Bunch	12:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am
Advent Worship	1:00pm	Christmas Lunch	12:00pm
Advent Meal	5:10pm	Live Nativity	4:00pm

Christmas Service Gift Bag Donation

We are seeking donation of items to fill the gift bags for the Sunday School children. Donations of cutie oranges and apples would be appreciated. The sign-up sheet is located on the Welcome Counter in the Narthex or call the office during regular business hours. Donations need to arrive to church by Saturday, December 9, 9:00am.



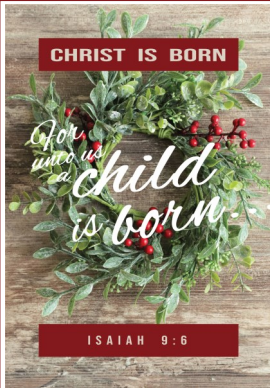


Extra Advent, and Christmas worship services require many ushers. Please sign up on the welcome counter or contact consultant@ourredeemer.org to sign up for those services where you can be of assistance. Everyone is needed to help cover services.



2024 FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2024 flower calendar is on the bulletin board between the upper level restrooms and the nursery. Sign up to provide altar flowers in celebration of an event, in memory of a loved one, or just because.



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 your 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

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.



LWML Christmas Party

Ladies, join us on Monday, December 11 at 6 pm for our December Christmas Party. It will be a fun evening of fellowship, food, fun and games. Bring an appetizer to share and a \$1-\$2 wrapped gift for a fun round of the left/right game. We meet in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a short meeting to vote on the missions that we will be funding with the proceeds of the cookie walk. We are also serving the advent meal on Wednesday, December 13. There is a signup sheet on the LWML Board outside of the fellowship hall. Please take the time to look at the sheet to see where you can help us out. Mark us on your calendar and we look forward to seeing you.



HEY EVERYONE!!!!

Christmas & Cookies

Friday, December 17, 2023
12:00 pm

Members of Our Redeemer and friends gather together for food, fun, and fellowship. We will enjoy pizza and a short devotion. The main activity will be decorating Christmas cookies to give away as well as take some home. A short Christmas move will be shown during lunch. God's Word will be shared before the evening is done. Please invite your friends to join us!

Please sign up at the Welcome Counter!



CELEBRATE JESUS BIRTHDAY WITH POINSETTIAS!

Help beautify our sanctuary for Christmas. Purchase poinsettias of your choice—all sizes and colors are welcome. Bring them to church by Friday, December 22 (it is best not to bring them too early as care may not be consistent) so that they can be placed in the sanctuary Saturday morning. Poinsettias can be placed on the serving counter in the board room if you bring them early, in the Gathering Place anytime after the Wednesday Advent service.

Poinsettias will be arranged Saturday, December 23 at 9:00 am. Volunteers to help much appreciated!



POPCORN PROVIDED

Come join us December 21, at 6:00pm, in the Fellowship Hall for the continuation of the Christ in Film series. The upcoming "feature" will be "Die Hard" Rated (R)



LWML CARD SHOP



Advent is here and Christmas is on the way. LWML has stocked the card shop with Christmas cards. Please stop by and check out the assortment of Christian focused Yuletide messages to share with others. There are some sold individually and some in boxes of 12. Prices are the same, \$.50 a card and \$5.50 a box. The shop is located in the hallway by the fellowship hall. As always thank you for supporting this LWML mission. Merry Christmas!

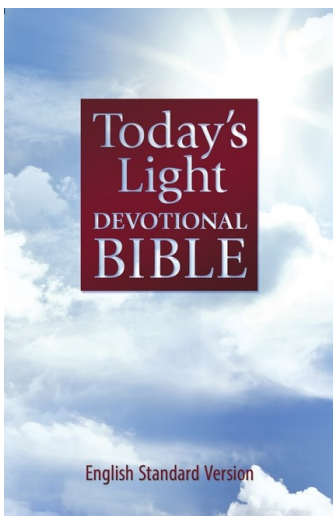


Building Healthy Families: Someone once said, “Marriage is not just spiritual communion, it is also remembering to take out the trash.” What have you done lately to show your spouse how much you appreciate them? During these busy days of preparation for the coming Christmas celebrations, a handwritten note, an unexpected and gentle physical touch, affirming words, preparing a favorite meal or joyfully helping with household responsibilities are simple ways to let your spouse know just how much they mean to you. **Lutheran Family Service**
www.LutheranFamilyService.org

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.





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!



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.



CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

Maybe you are looking for unique gift ideas for the hard-to-buy-for person in your life.

Maybe these are some ideas:

- 1) **PASTOR SALARY** – Donate towards the salary of Pastor Patricio Mora in Panama. His salary is \$660 a month. You can give a whole month, half a month, or any portion of the month. The Panama FORO is working to cover six months of his salary.
- 2) **SANCTUARY PIANO** – Our Redeemer replaced the sanctuary piano at the recommendation of the piano tuner. This unbudgeted purchased cost the congregation approximately \$9,000. Make a donation to the piano fund.
- 3) **THREE-LEGGED CROSS** – You have heard many times the cross will need to be replaced in the near future. A committee is working on this project, but we already are accepting donations towards the cross replacement.

If you want to make a donation to any of these ideas, simply write a check to Our Redeemer and put on the memo line which item you want to support. Any questions, please see Pastor Hartwig.



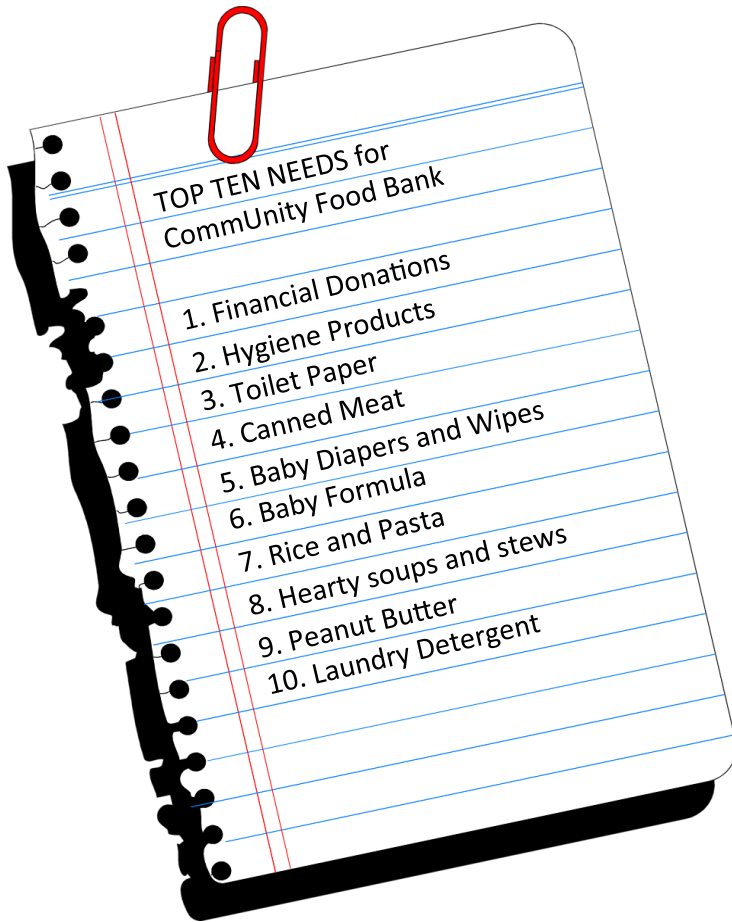
2023 Advent/Christmas/New Year Schedule

December 2	9:00am	LWML Cookie Walk
	5:30pm	Service of Christmas & Carols
December 3	8:00am & 10:30am	Service of Christmas & Carols
December 6	1:00pm	Advent Service
	5:10pm	Advent Meal
	6:00pm/6:10pm	Sing-a-long/Advent Service
December 10	8:00am & 10:30am	Children's Christmas Service
	12:00pm	Christmas Lunch
	4:00-6:00pm	Live Nativity
December 11	6:00pm	Christmas Meeting LWML
December 13	1:00pm	Advent Service
	5:10pm	Advent Meal
	6:00pm/6:10pm	Sing-a-long/Advent Service
December 16	5:30pm	Communion Service
December 17	8:00am & 10:30am	Communion Services
	12:00pm	Christmas & Cookies
December 20	1:00pm	Advent Service
	5:10pm	Advent Meal
	6:00pm/6:10pm	Sing-a-long/Advent Service
December 24**	9:30am	Worship Service
	4:30pm	Christmas Eve Family Worship
	6:30pm & 11:30pm	Christmas Eve Communion Worship
December 25	9:30am	Christmas Day Comm Worship
December 30	5:30pm	Worship Service
December 31**	9:30am	Worship Service
	7:00pm	New Year's Eve Communion Worship

**No Midweek Classes December 27 or January 3*

***No Sunday School or Adult Bible Class December 24 & 31*

Advent Meal for December 6
is being provided by the
Human Care Committee.



Donation bin located in Church Office

Please consider picking up extra items as you are shopping to donate to the CommUnity Crisis Center.

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 & Krista Boester 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



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 : Iowa City #43522

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!



- Money towards
- specific paints we are running out of
 - Princess stickers
 - Hawkeye stickers
 - Black stickers
 - Any stickers
 - Gems for crafts



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Get a \$60 gift card instantly: Pay \$0.00 \$49.99 upon approval for the Amazon Store Card. Find out how
Available at a lower price from other sellers that may not offer free Prime shipping.
Size: Large

Inside classroom

On the playground



Preschool Newsletter

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

November 17—December 1, 2023

Director/Teacher: Kaja Mueller M-F

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

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This Week

CIRCLE TIMES

- Daily question
- Math equation
- 5 Little Christmas Trees chant
- Bells are Ringing chant with jungle bells to play
- Letter Dd—recognize, write, and make the sound
- Bible: God's People in the Desert
- Silent Night song
- Winter books
- Free style crafting
- Donkey popsicle stick craft
- Christmas symbols free style painting
- Boomwhackers music time—keeping a beat, self control, timing



Big line
Big curve



TEACHER TIME

- Letter Dd
- December coloring card
- Christmas ornament craft

Home Question

What things do you like to do in the cold weather? Why?

Next Week's Snacks

You get to bring snacks and be our line leader. M/W/F = 18 students; T/TH = 12 students

- Monday: Lexi
- Tuesday: Josie
- Wednesday: Teddy
- Thursday: Bennett
- Friday: Moses



On the preschool bulletin board there is a record of the snacks we have served. You only need to bring 2 healthy food groups for snack of the 5 presented in our CACFP Credible Food List packet. **Half a gallon of a drink is all we really use in class.** Thanks for the snacks.

All those **staying for lunch** remember to pack all 5 food groups. **If a preschooler would like to join us for lunch**, please let Mrs. Kaja know. All you need is \$5 and your lunch!

Temp for Playground Clothes

Temperature for the playground

- Above 60—Short sleeves
- Below 60—Long sleeves
- Below 50—Coats, gloves, hats unless child is hot
- Below 30—Winter attire
- Below 3 degrees we will not go outside (wind-chill included)

Let's get ready to play in the snow!

1	2	3	4	5
snow pants	boots	coat	hat	gloves



Happy 4 1/2 Birthday Lucia!

Dd (To Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star)

Donkey, dragon, dungeon, drip, doodle, dumpling, double-dip, dandelion, dungarees all these words begin with D. Doll and donut, dinosaur ... Can you name a dozen more?





Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade

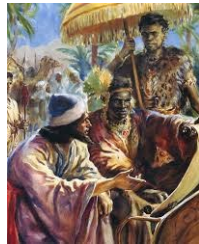


Children's Sunday School
PreK3—5th grade

Sunday, December 3rd
9:15 am—9:30 am
Christmas musical practice
(K-8th grade) Music Room
9:30 am—10:15am **Lesson**
(in classrooms)

LESSON:
A Deacon Delivers—
Philip and an Ethiopian

Scripture: Acts 8:26-40



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.

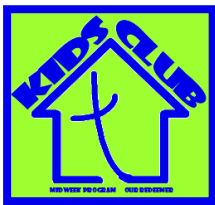
Rehearsals for ALL students in K-8th grade to practice the songs will be on Sunday mornings from 9:15 am -9:30 am.

There are two Saturday rehearsals for the K-8th grades:

Saturday, December 2nd 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Saturday, December 9th 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

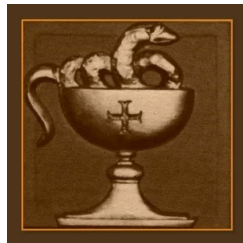


KIDS CLUB

For children ages:
4 year olds—5th grade

Wednesday, December 6th
5:10pm **Advent Meal**
6:45pm—8:00pm
Toddlin' Classroom

Lesson: John



Live Nativity

Sunday, December 10th
4:00 pm until 6:00 pm

See the Our Redeemer Youth share the Good News of Jesus' birth with our community



LUNCH on Sunday, December 10th at 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to come. We will be serving grilled cheese sandwiches, homemade chicken noodle soup, and desserts.



Youth



6th —12th Grade

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

Confirmation

(6th—8th Grade)

Wednesday, December 6th at 6:45 pm

6th Grade—Small Group

Unit 2: Samuel

Hannah prays for a son, and God blesses her with Samuel who she gives to the LORD. Samuel serves under the priest Eli.



7th Grade—Small Group

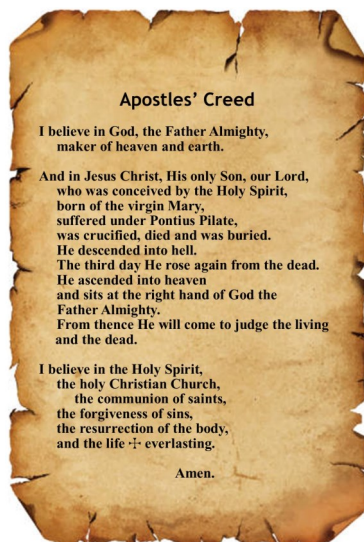
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8th Grade—Lecture

Unit 2: Apostle's Creed

The Apostle's Creed consists of three Articles (or parts). We will be looking at the 1st Article which talks about God the Father who gives life and preserves it. God gives us everything we need for life.



Live Nativity

All High School Youth & their friends
Sunday, December 10th
3:00 pm until 6:30 pm

Please come and help share the Good News of Jesus' birth!

- High School students meet at church @ 3pm on Sunday, December 10th to setup and get into costume for the Live Nativity.
- There will be live animals at the Live Nativity scene again this year.
- Friends are welcome to participate with us!

Live Nativity will be on display from 4:00 pm—6:00 pm.
Free refreshments will be offered inside the church.

IMPORTANT

ATTIRE: Wear a warm coat, dress in layers and bring gloves/mittens, hat, earmuffs, hand warmers, feet warmers, snowpants, etc. to keep you warm under your costume.

Children's Christmas Worship Important Dates

SUNDAY REHEARSALS
from 9:15 am—9:30 am
(in the Music Room)
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, homemade chicken noodle soup, and desserts.

Midweek Schedule

High School Youth meet every Wednesday night from 6:45 pm—8 pm in the Youth Room.
Friends are always welcome!

Here's the upcoming schedule...

December 6th

Advent Meal @ 5:10 pm

Sing-a-long @ 6:00 pm

Advent Worship Service @ 6:10 pm

Midweek @ 6:45 pm "Understand the Bible Better:
Always Look for Jesus"

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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.