

# The Parish Beacon

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Grace, mercy, and peace be unto you!

As I write this letter, I am attending the LCMS conference called Best Practices for Ministry in Phoenix, Arizona. This conference gathers pastors, DCEs, teachers, and lay people to share best practices from their ministry with each other.

While there, I reflected upon the teaching that there are five aspects of congregational life, and I remember it by the acronym WIFE'S.

Worship (*receiving forgiveness of sins and, in response, singing praises*)

Instruction (*studying the Word of God privately and with others in small and large groups*)

Fellowship (*sharing time and your faith with one another*)

Evangelism (*serving others in love and telling others the good news of salvation*)

Stewardship (*understanding that all you have is owned by God to be used in God-pleasing ways*)

We must be faithful stewards. When you mention stewardship, most think of money, our treasure, but we need to be good stewards of our time and talents, too! As stewards, we acknowledge who we are, and what we have are gifts from God. God's Word tells us that nothing belongs to us. "*The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof the world and those who dwell therein...*" (Ps 24:1)

It is difficult to remember that God owns everything because we work hard for our incomes. We have sweated and toiled in our jobs and focused energy on our careers, allowing many of us to increase our net worth.

But the truth is that we came into the world with nothing and will leave with nothing. Only for a short time that God gives us on this earth will we possess a few things. These possessions belonged to somebody before us and will belong to others after us.

The air we breathe, the water we drink, and the land we live on are gifts we enjoy from the overflow of God's love. The love of God, the gift of God's Son, Jesus, the forgiveness of sins, the comfort of the Holy Spirit, and life eternal are gifts to us from God.

This understanding that all of life is a gift and that God owns everything prompts a shift in our understanding of stewardship. We no longer see stewardship as just acts of giving. Through faith, we see stewardship as faithfully receiving and caring for all God entrusts to us. It is a privilege to enjoy, use, and manage what belongs to God.

Everything ultimately belongs to God. It isn't the other way around at all. We only think it is. So be a good steward and fulfill the WIFE'S responsibilities!

God be with you!  
Pastor Hartwig



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

Heavenly Father, give us Your Holy Spirit, that we might deny ourselves, take up the crosses You give and follow Your Son through this troubled life into heaven. Prepare us to give up our lives, knowing that Christ has already saved them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, give the Church and all her servants grace to fulfill the ministries to which You have committed them. Grant each of us the strength to confess Christ boldly before the world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Abraham was only one when You called him, but You blessed and multiplied him. Protect mothers with child, and equip fathers to lead and raise their households in Your fear and love. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, heal and restore. [*especially Dorothy Blume (Carol Schuldt's sister), David Caplin (Lillian Moyer's son-in-law), Loren Deetz, Chuck Enokian, Clint Fult (nephew of Robert Siems), Emma Haugen (Friend of Gwen Enokian), 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), Keith Macek, Dolores McNatt (Gwen Enokian's mother), Norma Miller (Twyla Freeman's aunt), Merri Mullane, Julie Pratt-Mullenkamp (Cousin of Ruth Varney), Delores Nace (sister of Doris Siemer), Marcia Osborn, Aaron Raschke (brother of Ruth Varney), Carol Schuldt, Reece Ullerich, Ellen Wardenburg, Karen Warner, Mark Wilson, and Beth Wu (Schuldt's relative)*]. Give them Your holy care and strength to bear their crosses, that they may endure to see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You wash away our sins and place your name upon us in baptism. We give you thanks for the forgiveness of sins, salvation, and life everlasting that come to us through Your blessed waters, and we are especially grateful for Your grace poured out upon **Lily Louise Weis**. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we pray for the family and friends of **Kathryn Carlson** as they mourn her death. Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, graciously hear our prayers as you promise...

*[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.**



## BAPTISM

**Lily Louise Weis**

**Daughter of:**

**Ben & Kristin Weis**

**Sunday, February 25—10:30am**

**Sponsors:**

**Jacob & Valerie Sexton**

# THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sun 2/25    Worship Service 8:00am  
               Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:20am  
               Worship Service 10:30am  
               District 13 Meeting 2:30pm

Mon 2/26    Staff Meeting 1:00pm  
               Chamber Singers 6:00pm  
               Sunlight AA Group 6:00pm  
               Children's Committee 6:00pm

Tues 2/27    Kathryn Carlson Funeral 10:30am  
               SM Small Group/Marlene 6:00pm  
               SM Large Group/Marcia 6:45pm  
               Al-Anon 7:00pm  
               Women's Bible Class 7:00pm

Wed 2/28    TOPS 8:00am  
               Lenten Worship 1:00pm  
               Emerson Point 2:00pm  
               Lenten Meal 5:10pm  
               Lenten Worship 6:10pm  
               Midweek Classes 6:45pm  
               Adult Midweek 7:00pm  
               Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm  
               Mission committee 8:15pm

Thurs 2/29    Comfort Tiers 9:00am  
               A Capella Choir Concert 7:00pm  
               Al-Anon 7:30pm

Sat 3/2        Pancake Day 7:00am  
               Worship Service 5:30pm

Sun 3/3        Worship Service 8:00am  
               Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:20am  
               Worship Service 10:30am  
               Trivia Challenge 12:00pm

## Week 9

2/26/24    Exodus 34:1-35  
 2/27/24    Exodus 35:1-36:38  
 2/28/24    Exodus 37:1-38:31  
 2/29/24    Exodus 39:1-40:38  
 3/01/24    Leviticus 1:1-17  
 3/02/24    Leviticus 2:1-3:17



## SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE & SNACKS

This Sunday's (February 25) coffee and snacks are being provided between the early service and Sunday School by the Human Care Committee. Donations will go towards the SPREAD THE LOVE CAMPAIGN. ***Come join us for a little fellowship before heading off to Bible Class and Sunday School.***



## FLOWERS TODAY

Today's flowers (February 24/25) for the altar are provided by Bob and Annette Powers in celebration of the February birthdays in the Holman Family.

## 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: March 2, 3, 16, 17, 28, 30, 31**  
**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



**Pancake Day**  
**March 2**  
 7:00am to 1:00pm  
 Fellowship Hall



**Trivia Challenge**  
**March 3**  
 12:00pm  
 Fellowship Hall

**No IC School**  
**March 4**

**March 6**  
**Lenten Worship Services**  
 1pm & 6:10pm  
  
**Lenten Meal**  
 5:10pm  
 Fellowship Hall



**March 10**

**No IC School**  
**Spring Break**  
**March 11-15**

**March 13**  
**Lenten Worship Services**  
 1pm & 6:10pm  
  
**Lenten Meal**  
 5:10pm  
 Fellowship Hall

**The Story of Everything**



**Recipes for Cookbook**  
**Due March 17**



**March 20**  
**Lenten Worship Services**  
 1pm & 6:10pm  
  
**Lenten Meal**  
 5:10pm  
 Fellowship Hall



**Book Club**  
**March 21**  
 7:00pm  
 Room 208/210

**MISSION INFO**  
**MEETING**  
**Sunday**  
**March 24**  
 12:00pm



**PALM SUNDAY**  
**March 24**

**Prayer Walk**



**March 27**  
 11:00am-7:00pm  
 Fellowship Hall

**Maundy Thursday Services**  
**March 28, 1:00pm & 7:00pm**

**Good Friday Services**  
**March 29, 1:00pm & 7:00pm**



**Worship Services**  
 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am  
**Easter Breakfast**  
 8:30am to 10:30am  
**Easter Egg Hunt**  
 10:05am



**Building Healthy Families:** Remember the old Sunday School song that starts, "Oh be careful little eyes what you see..."? As simple as these lyrics may be, they hold a profound truth for us. Many of the things our little eyes see today aren't good for us and aren't God-pleasing. Our hearts and minds are imprinted with images and messages that negatively influence how we think and feel about ourselves and others. Be careful to avoid experiences, relationships, web sites, TV shows and song lyrics that don't reflect God's good will for you, His beloved child. His designs and plans for you are oh so much better! "Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways." *Psalm 119:37* **Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

## Birthdays

Sun. 2/25	Abby Berg, Carol Holman, Scott Klett
Mon. 2/26	Dawn Ealy, Brian Holman, Reese Lane, Wesley McDowell, Ryan West
Tues. 2/27	Zach Aisenbrey, Ian Gates, Rita Knock
Wed. 2/28	Joshua Miller, Shane Nicholson, Michael Palmer, Judy Schwartz
Thurs. 2/29	Jacob Lothamer, Ryan Murken
Fri. 3/1	Sara Cross, Cory Kreutz, Jenny Magsamen, Maryn Nieland, Jerry Strom
Sat. 3/2	Eliza Heller, Palmer Heller, Carol Schuldt

## Stewardship—February 17/18, 2024

ATTENDANCE		TREASURES	
Recorded Service 2/17	***	Contributions	\$9,411.13
Sat. 2/17 In Person/LIVE STREAM 5:30pm	56	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Sun. 2/18 In Person/LIVE STREAM 8:00am	113		
Sun. 2/18 In Person/LIVE STREAM 10:30am	198	Ash Wednesday (both services)	260
<b>TOTAL WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>367</b>	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	<b>100/50</b>



MISSION	February
Iowa District East	\$3,333.33
UIHC Chaplain Endowment Fund	\$208.33
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,541.66</b>
Panama Rickman	\$375.00
Peace Officer Ministry	\$125.00
Housing Fellowship	\$375.00
<b>MONTH TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,416.66</b>
CommUnity Crisis Center	\$87.00
Lutherans For Life	***
Concordia Seminary Food Bank	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,603.66</b>

## Membership Changes and Official Acts

<u>Baptisms</u>	
Lily Louise Weis	02-25-2024
<u>Deaths</u>	
Patricia Ann Eckhardt	02-11-2024
Kathryn Carlson	02-17-2024

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

For: 8 February 2024

In attendance: Ben Weis, Barb Pronk, Kari Kibby, Mary Robinson, Chad Pence, Marilyn Albright, Dave Yansky, Steve Scott, Pastor Hartwig, Vicar Boester, Kara Hartwig, Kaja Mueller

1. Meeting was called to order, welcome.
2. Opening devotion was given by Pastor Hartwig.
3. Reviewed minutes from the last meeting – approved.
4. Treasurer’s Report – Kari Kibby
  - Total Income 2023 - \$818,269.10
  - Total Expenses 2023 - \$775,399.68
  - Surplus 2023 - \$42,689.42
  - Added to Surplus - \$ 3,625.76
  - Total - \$46,495.18

As a result of surplus, the following motions were passed:

  - Pay off piano - \$6,524.99
  - Panama Mission Trip - \$11,000
  - Funds for 2 Youth trips - \$8,970.19
  - Martin Beer Bequest plus \$20,000 (for mortgage on the Parsonage) - \$21,703.03
5. Elder’s Report – Chad Pence  
In the process of the annual review of all offices and staff.
6. At Large Reports:
  - a.Mary Robinson - N/A
  - b.Marilyn Albright – Assimilation wants to change the name to Connection Committee. Motion made and approved to change the name.
  - c. Steve Scott – Compliments to the dedicated work of all educational efforts in the church-staff and committee members.
7. Church Properties - Dave Yansky
  - a.Continuing to change lights to LED.
  - b.Refer to yearly report for complete list of projects.
8. Staff Reports:
  - a. Pastor – Updated us on his mission trip to Panama and the progress Redeemer Church in Panama has made.
  - b. Vicar – January plans went well with Pastor. Pastor complimented Vicar on his work.
    - Pancake Day plans are progressing.
  - c. Kaja – Just completed Job’s Week with parental participation.
    - Enrollment signup for next year is out. 13 out of 18 MWF enrollment so far. T-Thurs has 4 enrolled.
  - d. Kara – Winter Retreat will be held this Friday at Drury Hotel.
    - College Care Packages are complete and will be sent out this week.
    - Exchanging VBS ideas with Redeemer Lutheran Church in Panama.
    - Complimented the ladies of our church for the cleanup and organization of the kitchen.
9. Discussion Items:
  - Discussed reviewing of Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation monthly at our board meetings
10. Kudos:

The Board of Directors recognizes and thanks LWML and ladies of the church for cleaning and organizing the kitchen.
11. Next Board of Directors meeting is March 14, 2024, at 7:00pm.
12. Voter’s meeting is February 18, 2024.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Barb Pronk

Voter's Meeting Minutes  
February 18, 2024

The February meeting was called to order by President Ben Weis.

Pastor Hartwig led us in prayer.

The Treasurer's Report

- Kari Kibby reported on the 2023 positive balance of \$43,000.

Elder's Report

- Chad Pence complimented his team members on the board.
- This coming year we will welcome Brad Mullane and thank Eric Kooker for his time on the board.

Church Properties Report

- Dave Yansky praised his committee plus members of the congregation for the help on many projects in 2023.

2024 Projects:

- Change the rest of the lights to LED.
- Rear deck at parsonage needs major repair.

Staff Reports

Pastor Hartwig:

- Shared the Mission Trip to Panama and our four-year history of support to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Balboa, Panama.
- Discussed having an Eye Glass Clinic on the next Mission Trip to Panama.

Future Projects:

- Replacement of the cross at the front entrance.
- A new front entrance for easier accessibility to the church.

Vicar Boester:

- Shared the many planned and purposeful opportunities Vicar and Krista had this year.
- Discussed the upcoming Pancake Day which has been a great learning experience.

Refer to the 2023 Annual Report for a complete summary of all activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm and closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barb Pronk

## PANAMA EYEGGLASS MISSION TRIP MEETING

Sunday, March 24  
Following 10:30 am Worship  
Fellowship Hall



Interested in missions, but not qualified for medical, teaching, or construction projects? Panama will be an opportunity for those willing to learn as you go, providing eyeglasses for individuals in need of them. The trip is scheduled from October 19-26, 2024, with nine openings for involvement (possible expansion if there is great interest). The meeting is informational and an opportunity to ask questions and will open the opportunity to commit to the trip with a deposit of \$100. The cost is projected to be \$3,300—one third of which will be provided by the church, one third raised by the mission group, and one third paid by each participant. Sign up will continue until available slots are filled.

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## RACCOONS ON THE RAMPAGE

It is possible that you have taken out garbage after an event and heard rustling or seen a furry behind exiting over the fence around the dumpsters. In an effort to discourage the nighttime marauders, the trash dumpster has been fitted with a locking system that requires a key to open. There is a key in the phone book drawer in the kitchen by the pillar and one clipped inside the gate to the left as you enter that allows access. Please secure the dumpster after use and return the key.



**VICAR VISITS THE COMFORT TIERS**  
Vicar Boester took some time to join the Comfort Tiers to put in a few stitches on a comforter that goes to Lutheran World Relief.



Vicar Boester was presented a quilt as a gift from the Comfort Tiers.





Pastor Zimmermann memorial funds supports team-building and educational sessions for programming staff at Best Practices in Phoenix, Arizona

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## NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church would like to take the time to welcome the Woods Family. Bryan, Amber, and Lena (sleeping on mom's arms).

Bryan is a Principle at an elementary school in Tipton and Amber is Director of Services Sales for a company.

Their hobbies and leisure time activities are skiing, traveling, and reading.

Bryan and Amber grew up living an hour apart from each other, attended many of the same events but did not meet until they were 25.

Here at church their areas of interest are worship and Bible study.

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## How can I help with snacks and coffee in The Gathering Place?

Are you looking for a way to be helpful that is easy and fun? Each Sunday our coffee time after 8:00 service and before 9:20 Bible Study provides members of the congregation with a service opportunity. Volunteers can sign up in advance as individuals, couples, or groups to provide snacks and beverages as well as serve beverages at the counter in The Gathering Place. With everyone's help, we can count on having snacks and beverages each week and enjoy our time socializing. Please get together with other members and consider signing up for a Sunday by contacting Lorrie in the church\_office (338-5626). She can give you more details. You can also sign up on the sign-up sheet behind the serving counter in The Gathering Place.

# ORLC BOWLING DAY



# Confirmation Retreat





# The NOT SO Newlywed Game



This Year's Contestants for the Game, left to right are: TJ & Kate Ramsey, Pastor & Marg Lemke, Nathan & Emma Clack



Fun,  
Fellowship  
& laughter

2024





Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
Mission Committee

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

# **UKANDU - CHICAGO**

**June 22, 2024 – June 29, 2024**



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church was well represented in Chicago for 2023 UKANDU.

**A Short-Term Mission Trip opportunity  
to bring hope, encouragement, and the  
love of Jesus Christ to those in Chicago.**

Watch future Beacon editions for Mission updates.

**Mission Committee Members**

Denise Holidá / Anita Nicholson / Val Penney / Bob Powers / Lynn Smith (Chair)



Submitted by Marcia Hulse

# Stephen Ministry

We care, Christ cures.

## STEPHEN by the MINISTRY Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Since enrollment, ORLC sent a total of 6 members to be trained as Stephen Leaders at Stephen Ministries' training conference, St. Louis. We currently have 4 Stephen Leaders.

Since beginning Stephen Ministry, over 37 hurting people have received Christ-centered care from ORLC's Stephen Ministers.

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Our Redeemer Lutheran Church has been enrolled as a Stephen Ministry congregation since 2013. That's a total of 11 years of ministry! Our Stephen Leaders have taught seven cohorts and commissioned five.



The Stephen Leader team estimates that Stephen Ministry at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church has provided about 2,563 hours of care.

2,563

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Our Stephen Leaders have trained 45 Stephen Ministers to provide high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to hurting people in our congregation.

Fourteen of our Stephen Ministers began serving the same year they were commissioned. They are still active and caring for people.

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### STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERS

Pastor Hartwig	338-5626
Bill Benson	517-881-9848
Marcia Hulse	351-7059
Kevin Sellers	631-8924

# Preschool Beacon

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# 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
February 25	Genesis 29:1-30	A Family Grows—Jacob's Family
March 3	Genesis 39:20-23; 41:9-49	A Dreamer Rises—God Works Good for Joseph
March 10	Genesis 42:1-28; 43:11-30; 45:1-15	A Family Reunites—God Helps Joseph Forgive
March 17	Exodus 1:1-2:10	A basket of Hope—Moses is Born
March 24	Exodus 7	Signs of the True God—Moses and the Plagues
March 31	<i>Easter Sunday—No Classes</i>	



## Kids Club

4 year olds—5<sup>th</sup> graders  
Friends are always welcome!

Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

6:45 pm—8:00 pm

LESSON: Simon the Zealot



Lenten Meal 5:10pm  
in the Fellowship Hall  
Lenten Service 6:10pm

## Easter Sunday, March 31

Easter Breakfast 8:30am to 10:00am  
Fellowship Hall

Easter Egg Hunt 10:05am  
West lawn near parking lot



# Youth

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

## MARCH 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1	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
31						

DATE	EVENT	TIME
3/2	Pancake Day	7:00pm
3/3	Trivia Challenge	12:00pm
3/6	Lenten Meal Lenten Worship Midweek Classes	5:10pm 6:10pm 6:45pm
3/13	Lenten Meal Lenten Worship (Spring Break-No Midweek Class)	5:10pm 6:10pm
3/20	Lenten Meal Lenten Worship Midweek Classes	5:10pm 6:10pm 6:45pm
3/27	Prayer Walk Midweek Classes	11pm-7pm 6:45pm
3/28	Maundy Thursday Worship	7:00pm
3/29	Good Friday Worship	7:00pm
3/31	Easter Breakfast	8:30am

## MARCH EVENTS



Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

PANCAKE DAY

*Youth and families wanted to:  
volunteer, sell tickets to friends & family,  
and buy tickets for you to eat breakfast*

*\$7 adult \$3 child*

*7:00 am—1:00 pm*



Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

TRIVIA CHALLENGE

*Bring a friend to be on the Confirmation  
or High School team with you!*

*12:00 pm*

Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

LENTEN MEAL 5:10 pm  
LENTEN WORSHIP 6:10 pm  
MIDWEEK 6:45 pm—8:00 pm

*Confirmation Classes  
& High School Midweek*

Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

EASTER BREAKFAST

*Youth helps with the breakfast*

*8:30am to 10:00am*

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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 Psalm of Praise*

*Psalm 52:8,9*

*Bless the Lord, oh soul of mine,  
my heart, my hands and voice,  
for He guides and leads me  
through life; His love enfolds me.  
He knows me and my fallacies—  
He never forgets me or my needs.*

*I may be stubborn, focused  
on my own way, erring as I go  
but He forgives and forgets  
when I repent and have true remorse.*

*Oh, my dear Lord, how can I repay You?  
You have died for me, a debt unrepayable--  
yet You do not look for that.*

*You ask only for faith and belief in You,  
in Your death and resurrection—  
You being the Son of our Father,  
Lord above all with Him and the Spirit  
and that we spread the good news  
of Your being sent as The Savior, The One,  
The Only Way to eternal life.*

*Bless the Lord, oh this soul of mine,  
for His Love crushes  
death, Satan and hell.*

*I place my trust and faith  
in Him  
always.*

*Carol Schuldt*