

The Parish Beacon

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CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

Easter – The Most Important Day of the Church Year.
The Most Important Day in the Bible.
The Most Important Day in God’s Story of Everything.

Because at Easter,
Our God took our sins upon Himself,
Was crucified, died, and was buried,
And on the third day – On Easter – He rose again!

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

On the third day, Sunday morning, that Easter Sunday so long ago –
Our Lord and Savior rose from the dead,
Declaring victory of sin, death, and the devil,
Promising us forgiveness of sins, salvation, and life everlasting!

Easter is the single most important event in all of history – and His Story!
It is when our God entered human history to save us.
And we celebrate this season in remembrance of what our God has done for us in His death
and resurrection.
We celebrate by shouting out:

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

But Easter is not a one-and-done celebration.
While it only fills one day on the church calendar,
It is a whole season in the church year.
In fact, we celebrate Easter regularly –
EVERY SUNDAY!

Every Sunday is a mini-Easter,
Where we remember and celebrate our Savior’s death and resurrection,
Where we receive forgiveness of sins, salvation, and life everlasting,
Where we worship our God by shouting out:

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

In Christ, Vicar Boester



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Let us pray to our risen Lord and savior Jesus Christ who lives now and forevermore.

O risen Savior, set free our tongues to confess Your resurrection before a world still captive to sin and death. Give us courage to go to every place and to speak in every language the salvation won for us upon the cross and the hope granted to us of life that death cannot overcome.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O risen Savior, let Your people hold fast to the Word that is preached to them, that receiving it with joy they may take their stand in it and be saved by it. Hinder all those who would sow doubt in their hearts about it, and grant Your people courage to confess its truth in their daily lives.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O risen Savior, hear us on behalf of those who cry to You in any need, especially the sick, the suffering, the disabled, the wounded in spirit, those who suffer mental illness and those in their last days on earth [**Arlene Boots, Dorothy Blume** (*Carol Schuldt's sister*), **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*), **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, Carol Schuldt, Reece Ullerich, Karen Warner, Mark Wilson, and Beth Wu** (*Schuldt's relative*)] Give them grace according to their need, and sustain them in their afflictions to the day when their sufferings will be exchanged for glory in the life to come.

O risen Savior, hear 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 3/31 Easter Worship Service 7:30am
 Easter Breakfast 8:30am
 Easter Worship Service 9:00am
 Easter Egg Hunt 10:05am
 Easter Worship Service 10:30am

Mon 4/1 Chamber Singers 6:00pm
 Sunlight AA Group 6:00pm
 Youth Committee 6:00pm

Tues 4/2 SM-Leaders Continuing Ed. 9:30am
 Solon Nursing Home 9:30am
 Women's Bible Class 10:00am
 Human Care Committee 6:30pm
 Al-Anon 7:00pm

Wed 4/3 Tops 8:00am
 Bible Study 11:00am
 Lunch Bunch 12:00pm
 Midweek Meal 6:00pm
 Choir Rehearsal 6:45pm
 Midweek Classes 6:45pm
 Adult Midweek 7:00pm

Thurs 4/4 Visitation Meeting 6:30pm
 Board of Elders 7:00pm
 Al-Anon 7:30pm

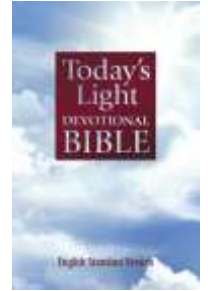
Fri 4/5 ***

Sat 4/6 Tasting Bee 11:00am
 Worship Service 5:30pm

Sun 4/7 Worship Service 8:00am
 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
 Worship Service 10:30am

Week 14

4/1/24 Deuteronomy 1:1-46
 4/2/24 Deuteronomy 2:1-37
 4/3/24 Deuteronomy 3:1-29
 4/4/24 Deuteronomy 4:1-49
 4/5/24 Deuteronomy 5:1-33
 4/6/24 Deuteronomy 6:1-25



EASTER BREAKFAST

Easter Sunday, March 31
 Starting at 8:30am down
 in the Fellowship Hall.

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: April 6, 7, 20, 21
 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 or
 Louise Klopp: choirdirector@ourredeemer.org**

UPCOMING EVENTS



EASTER SERVICES & EVENTS
 Saturday Service,
 March 30, 5:30pm
 Sunday, March 31
 Easter Service 7:30am
 Easter Breakfast 8:30am
 Easter Service 9:00am
 Easter Egg hunt 10:05am
 Easter Service 10:30am



Tasting Bee
 April 6, 11:00am
 Fellowship Hall

NO SCHOOL I.C.
APRIL 10



LWML Cedar Rapids Zone Event
 April 13, 8:30am
 Bethany Lutheran Church
 Cedar Rapids, Iowa
 Check Reflections for details
 Meet Joy the comfort dog



Trivia Challenge
 April 14
 12:00pm
 Fellowship Hall



Tickets are:
 Adults - \$10
 Students and Children - \$7
 2 and under – Free
 Read Reflections for details



SPRING CONFIRMATION RETREAT
 APRIL 19, 12:30pm

NO SCHOOL I.C.
APRIL 19

CALL DAY 2024
April 23, 3:00pm
 Please check
 website for more
 information



**Spiritual
 Growth Event**
 April 24
 7:00pm
 Reception afterwards
 In Fellowship Hall



Book Club
 April 25
 7:00pm
 Room 208/210



Sunday, April 28
 10:30am service



Building healthy families: Here are bold and true words for you to remember today or any day when you are worried or overwhelmed with life's challenges and temptations: "Know ye then-sin, death, devil, and everything that assails me—that you are missing the mark. I am not afraid of you. For Christ, my dear Lord, has presented to me that triumph and victory of His by which you were laid low. And from this very gift of His I derive my name and am called Christian. There is no other reason. My sin and death hung about His neck on Good Friday, but on the day of Easter they had completely disappeared. This victory He bestowed on me. This is why I do not worry about you." (from Luther's Easter Sermon, 1530) A blessed and happy celebration of Easter to you and your family from the Board of Directors and staff of Lutheran Family Service! **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Birthdays

Sun. 3/31	Brian Buelow, Robert Hammond, Brent Nelson, Lucy Robinson, Shannon Siems, Marty Wenck
Mon. 4/1	Timothy Simmons
Tues. 4/2	David Bohnsack, Rochelle Mullet, Nathaniel Stoll
Wed. 4/3	Christopher Sexton, Olivia Warner
Thurs. 4/4	Jacob Carlson, Barb Farnsworth, Angel Josten, Shane Rasmussen, Pam Wilson
Fri. 4/5	Barbara Jones
Sat. 4/6	Lynn Forbes, Landon Waddilove

Stewardship—March 23/24, 2024

ATTENDANCE		TREASURES	
Sat. 3/23 In Person/LIVE STREAM 5:30pm	42	Contributions	\$16,950.65
Sun. 3/24 In Person/LIVE STREAM 8:00am	110	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Sun. 3/24 In Person/LIVE STREAM 10:30am	151	Lenten Services (both services)	135
TOTAL WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	303	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	82/44



Membership Changes and Official Acts

MISSION	March
Iowa District East	\$3,333.33
UIHC Chaplain Endowment Fund	\$208.33
TOTAL	\$3,541.66
Common Fund (CommUnity)	\$125.00
Lutheran Hour	\$125.00
St. Paul's Chapel	\$375.00
MONTH TOTAL	\$4,166.66
Lutheran Hour	\$40.00
Lutheran Family Services	\$561.15
Chaplaincy Fund	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$4,867.81

<u>Baptisms</u>	
Emory Elizabeth TeBockhorst	03-10-2024
Brian Kenneth Slade	03-17-2024
Desmond Andrew Knock	03-23-2024
Archer Thomas Knock	03-23-2024
<u>Affirmation/Profession of Faith</u>	
Bruce & Grace Maurer	03-04-2024
Kathryn Norman	03-06-2024
Claudia Cornelius	03-11-2024
Travis Habben	03-11-2024
<u>Transferred In</u>	
Lloyd & Jean Broberg	03-19-2024

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
For: 14 March 2024

In attendance: Ben Weis, Jeff Kucera, Barbara Pronk, Kari Kibby, David Yansky, Mary Robinson,
Marilyn Albright, Steve Scott, Vicar Ethan Boester

1. Meeting was called to order, welcome.
2. Opening devotions was given by Vicar Boester.
3. Reviewed minutes from last meeting—approved.
4. Treasurer's Report--Kari Kibby—N/A
5. Elder's Report--Bill Benson—N/A
6. At Large Reports:
 - a. Mary Robinson
 - Continued support for Our Redeemer Church in Panama.
 - Pancake Day went well.
 - b. Marilyn Albright-N/A
 - c. Steve Scott
 - Upcoming Vacation Bible School.
 - Youth Easter breakfast.
 - End-of-year checklist for Preschool.
 - Kara and Kaja are now special music coordinators.
7. Church Properties-Dave Yansky
 - a. Quality Care for fertilization/mulch.
 - b. Bid for LED lights.
 - c. Randy's Carpet for replacement of carpet runner and linoleum at the Vicarage.
 - d. Applied for a Community Action Grant with Iowa City for \$10,000.
 - e. Applied for an energy rebate with Mid-American Energy.
8. Staff Reports
 - a. Pastor—N/A
 - b. Vicar—
 - Overview of the call process.
 - Pancake Day went well. 365 served. He will update the Pancake Day notebook.
 - Big thank you to all the Pancake Day volunteers.
 - c. Kaja—Preschool--N/A
 - d. Kara—Youth--N/A
 - e. Denise—Adult—N/A
9. Discussion Items
 - Unique having a seminarian, Josiah Coblentz participate at our home congregation.
 - Vicar Boester talked about his many experiences during college and seminary.
10. Kudos
 - Twyla Freeman was the special music coordinator who had moved to Colorado. Thanks for the effort and time to provide special music to enhance our worship.
11. Next Board of Director's Meeting, April 11th at 7:00pm.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Pronk



ESWATINI (SWAZILAND)



MEDICAL MISSION TRIPS TO SOUTHERN AFRICA

Watch the Beacon newsletter for information about future Short-Term Medical Mission Trips to Eswatini.

Mission Committee Members

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



PANCAKE DAY



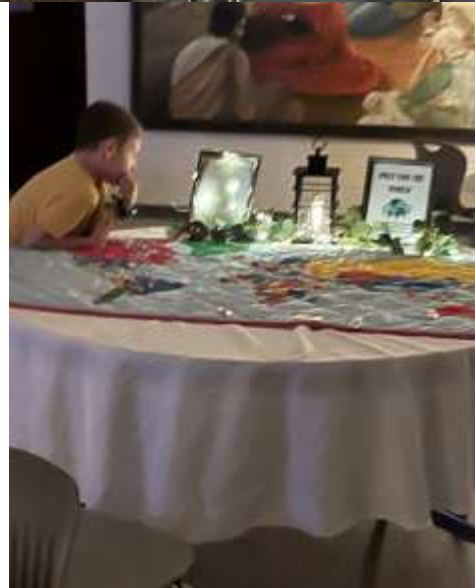
Thank you to the congregation for their support of Pancake Day! Our Redeemer has striven for many years to support missions. Initially, Pancake Day funds purchased and supported 511 Melrose whose mission is to help and assist those with alcohol addiction. For the last several years CommUnity has teamed with Our Redeemer to boost our sponsorship for their programs and now the support of mission is decided each year under the guidance of the Outreach Committee and the vicar. We celebrate serving 365 members of the community and the \$3400 raised in ticket sales and donations for missions, both local and abroad. Thanks be to God!



March 2, 2024



**Silent Wednesday activity for the kids.
This took place at the 2024 Prayer
Walk on March 27**





Prayer
WALK



With the Kids

Hosanna, loud hosanna!!!!



Palm branches were presented and laid around the altar for Palm Sunday.

Preschool Beacon

Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller Assistants, Christie Cherian M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH
Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949 www.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org preschool@ourredeemer.org
Our Redeemer Preschool where children play, learn, and grow in Jesus!



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

"God Redeems His People"

Toddlin' age—12th Grade 9:20 a.m.—10:15 a.m.

Invite your friends and come learn about Jesus!

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
March 31	EASTER SUNDAY—No Classes	
April 7	Exodus 12:1-32	The Passover Promise—The Passover
April 14	Exodus 16	Food from Heaven—God Cares for His People
April 21	Exodus 17:1-7	Waterworks—Water from the Rock
April 28	Exodus 31:18-32:35	The Idle Idol—The Golden Calf



Kids Club

Wednesday, April 3

6:45 p.m.

4 year olds—5th graders

Friends are always welcome!



LESSON: Paul

Easter Sunday, March 31

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

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



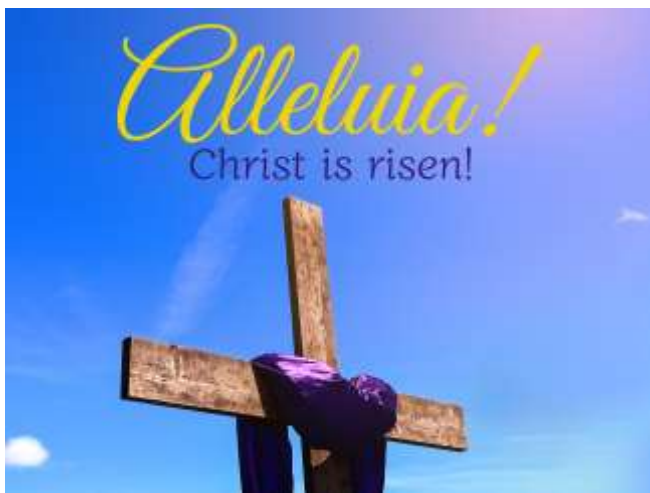
Youth

6th - 12th Graders

APRIL 2024

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
4/14	Trivia Challenge Get the team together!	12:00pm
4/19	Spring Confirmation Retreat Chicago, IL April 19—21	12:30pm
4/24	Spiritual Growth Event In the Sanctuary Reception in Fellowship Hall	7:00pm 8:00pm
4/28	Confirmation Sunday	10:30am



APRIL EVENTS



Wednesday, April 14th

TRIVIA CHALLENGE

12:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Join or form a team

Signup sheet on the

Welcome Counter

in the Narthex

Wednesday, April 19th—21st

CONFIRMATION Spring Retreat

Chicago, IL

12:30 pm

Watch email

for details



Wednesday, April 24th

Spiritual Growth Event

7:00 pm

Confirmation Reception

8:00 pm



Sunday, April 28th

Confirmation Sunday

OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

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2024 Board of Elders

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Chad Pence (Chair)	319-321-5686
Art Schwarting	319-325-6152

2024 Board of Directors

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	Marilyn Albright	319-430-8129
	Steve Scott	563-889-0990

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.

Last Day Meeting

Romans 14:9-12

I gave you life;
I gave you twenty-four-hour days;
I filled your life with time.

I gave you food and shelter;
I gave you a variety of weather.
I gave you love and hope.

I allowed you to invent, explore;
I gave you others to love.
I listened and answered your prayers.

I gave you Myself, My very life;
I have a wonderful place prepared especially for you.
What have you done for Me?

Carol Schuldt