

Reflections

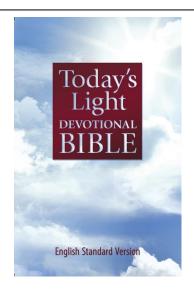


Weekly Newsletter - March 9/10 2024

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~The Fourth Sunday in Lent~



ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Read through the Bible in two years

Week 10: Date	Scripture
3-11-2024	Leviticus 20:1-22:33
3-12-2024	Leviticus 23:1-25:55
3-13-2024	Leviticus 26:1-27:34
3-14-2024	Numbers 1:1-3:51
3-15-2024	Numbers 4:1-6:27
3-16-2024	Numbers 7:1-8:26

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson	
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	Easter Sunday—NO CLASSES/Easter Breakfast 8:30am-10:00am/Easter Egg Hunt at 10:05am		



ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers for the altar this weekend are from Marilyn Albright in memory of loved ones.



BAPTISM

Emory Elizabeth TeBockhorst
Daughter of
Ericha & Jordan TeBockhorst
March 10 at 10:30am
Sponsors:
Josiah Coblentz
Jalen TeBockhorst

Prayer of the Church/Fourth Sunday in Lent/March 10, 2024

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

Heavenly Father, You had Moses lift up the bronze serpent in the wilderness, thereby foreshadowing Your own Son's lifting up on the cross. Teach us to hear in the Old Testament the promises and pictures of the coming Christ, who is their Savior and ours. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You gave Your only Son so that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Bless the work of missionaries as they carry this Gospel to the ends of the earth. We give you thanks for the gifts of *Mission Central*, Missionary *Vance Becker* in Africa, the *Parish Nurses in eSwatini*, *Lutheran Family Service*, all the pastors in *Lutheran Church of Panama* and *Arthur Rickman*, *UKANDU*, and *Ysleta* Mission in El Paso. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, You are our light and our salvation. Hide in Your shelter [Dorothy Blume (Carol Schuldt's sister), Loren Deetz, Chuck Enokian, Clint Fult (nephew of Robert Siems), Kara Hartwig, 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, Karen Warner, Mark Wilson, and Beth Wu (Schuldt's relative)] and] all who suffer in body, mind or soul. Keep them in their day of trouble from falling into faithless fear, and uphold them with Your peace in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, You have made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our trespasses and sins. Cause Your Spirit to be at work in us, that we may not carry out the sinful desires of our bodies and minds, but be Your workmanship in Christ Jesus, walking in the good works He has prepared for us. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we rejoice that You have written our names in the Lamb's Book of Life and given us the new birth of water and the Word. We are especially grateful for the baptism of *Emory Elizabeth TeBockhorst* this weekend. Strengthen her and all baptized in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, 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.**

Building Healthy Families: Who was the man God used to bring the Gospel to convert pagans to Christ over 1600 years ago in Ireland? Most of the world will celebrate him next weekend with green beer and parades but without an awareness of his significant role in Christian history. The little known and incredible story of St. Patrick is researched and well told by physicist and writer, John Murphy Ball, a member of Ascension Lutheran Church in Huntsville, Alabama. Look it up, share it with your children and grandchildren this week, and be amazed again at the many ways our loving Lord directs the paths of His faithful, from the beginning of time until this very day. Find St. Patrick's story on the web at https://witness.lcms.org/2011/in-search-of-st-patrick-3-2011/ Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org

BIRTHDAYS

March 10	Barrett Cooney, Troy Lane, Luca Sorrentino, Quincy Sorrentino
March 11	Lindsay Boyum, Richard Farnsworth, Marcia Hulse, Mary Siems

March 12 Melissa Mullane

March 13 Stephanie Chapman, J.C. Ellyson, Donna Saehler, Tahle Siems

March 14 Parker Cooney, Taresa Fetzer, LaVaughn Mullet, Zander Ohlmann, Ed Pederson, Tiffany Roiseland

March 15 Ashley Cooney, Philip Rocca III, Paula Streeper March 16 Kennedy Chapman, Connor Cross, Robert Siems

TIME TREASURES			
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 3/2—5:30pm	39	Contributions	\$22,151.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 3/3—8:00am	99	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 3/3—10:30am	121	Lenten Worship Services 2/28	103
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	259	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	65/28

STEWARDSHIP March 2/3, 2024

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, March 10—17, 2024

Sunday, 3/10—Daylight Savings Time Begins		Wednesday continued	
Worship Service	8:00am	Lenten Worship Service	6:10pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
Worship Service	10:30am		
Old Capitol Quilters Auction Setup	1:30pm	Thursday, 3/14	
		Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Monday, 3/11		Lantern Park	11:00am
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Briarwood	4:00pm
Old Capitol Quilters Auctions	4:00pm	Board of Directors	7:00pm
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm		
Outreach Committee	6:30pm	<u>Friday, 3/15</u>	

<u>Tuesday, 3/12</u>			
Properties Committee	5:30pm	<u>Saturday, 3/16</u>	
Connections (Assimilation) Committee	6:30pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
Al-Anon	7:00pm		
		<u>Sunday, 3/17</u>	
Wednesday, 3/13		Worship Service	8:00am
TOPS	8:00am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
Lenten Worship Service	1:00pm	Worship Service	10:30am
Lenten Meal	5:10pm		



LENT HAS COME

Ushers will be needed for extra services during the season of Lent—Wednesday Lenten services, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. Ushers, please sign up at the Welcome Center for services for which you are able to assist.

March 8, 2024

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Iowa City, Iowa, and Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Marshall, Missouri, I am writing to let you all know that I am declining the call to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Marshall, Missouri.

After prayerful consideration, conversations with my family, friends, and colleagues, an insightful discussion with the Marshall, Missouri Call Committee, and a helpful conversation with the Iowa City, Iowa Elders, it has become clear that the LORD is calling me to stay at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Iowa City, Iowa.

I will keep Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Marshall, Missouri, the members, and your ministry in my prayers as you seek the next pastor for your congregation.

In Christ, who is the Lord of His Church and Our Redeemer, Pastor Hartwig



BOOK CLUB

Next gathering Thursday, March 21 7:00pm—9:00pm

Come join us as we continue through the book.

Please read chapters 4 and 5 Study guide will be out this week.





Thank You!

Thank you to the congregation for supporting, donating, and eating for this year's Pancake Day! A special thank you also to the volunteers who made this year's ORLC Pancake Day possible. We celebrate serving 365 members of the community and the \$3400 raised in ticket sales and donations for Missions Local and Abroad. Thanks be to God!

"Spread the Love" 2024 Thank you Our Redeemer Family!

From the Human Care Committee for contributing to the "Spread the Love" peanut butter and jelly campaign for the CommUnity Food Bank for the month of February:

Purchased with a Thrivent Action Card:

98 18 oz. size jars of peanut butter

6 40 oz. size jars of peanut butter

31 jars of jelly

Contributions from Our Redeemer members and free will offering from Human Care's Lenten meal and Coffee between services in February were:

85 18 oz. jars of peanut butter

10 40 oz. jars of peanut butter

59 jars of jelly

TOTAL 289 jars of peanut butter and jelly were donated.

Our donation to CommUnity had excellent timing since they had just run out of the much needed peanut butter, which is an excellent source of protein for those in need.

St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel, our campus ministry at The University of Iowa, presents **Variety! An Evening of Talented Performers and Delectable Desserts**. The event will take place at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2301 E. Court St., Iowa City, on Saturday, March 23, 2024, at 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM). All proceeds go to our annual LCMSU teaching weekend (Theologian in Residence) and for future servant event trips.

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



Tickets are available at St Paul's Chapel. You may reserve your tickets and pick them up the night of the show by sending an email to stpaulschapel.iowacity@gmail.com subject line VARIETY! In the email please indicate the number of tickets you need. Tickets will also be available at the door. Please note: Advance ticket sales and reservations are most appreciated and will help assure ample desserts and seating.



PRAYER WALK

March 27, 2024 Fellowship Hall 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

The Prayer Walk has become a Silent Wednesday tradition at Our Redeemer. Come spend as little or as much time as you like, visiting one or all of the areas in the Fellowship Hall offering prayer suggestions and time to pray and meditate. If you have never experienced this, you will want to make it one of your Holy Week stops. People come back from year to year to absorb the peaceful, calming ambience.



EASTER HELP NEEDED: DRESSING THE ALTAR

Normally the bell choir assists in dressing the altar at the beginning of the Easter worship services. This year too many of the bell ringers will be travelling and assistance will be needed. This is only a short commitment at the beginning of the 9:00 am service and the 10:30 am worship, possibly the 7:30 am (to be determined) worship service. Volunteers need to arrive at least 10 minutes before service and meet outside the east sanctuary doors (by the tech corner) to learn about their task—the altar cloth, altar parament, candle stands, and missal stand for Bible will be processed forward, put in place, and then those who help will be free to rejoin their family or friends for worship.

Please call/text 319-331-3242 or email consultant@ourredeemer.com, stating which service(s) you can assist.



FLOWERS NEEDED FOR EASTER!

Beautify the sanctuary on Easter by shopping for any type of beautiful, open-blossom, potted (spring) plants (Easter Lilies, Asters, Mums, Aztec Lilies, Daffodils, Tulips, Begonia, etc.). Drop them off at church in the Board Room during Holy Week. We will need them at church by the end of Good Friday, March 29. Any dropped off before March 26 will also be used for the Prayer Walk. Please mark your name on the bottom of the potted plant or place a labeled ice cream stick in the plant so you can take them back home after late service on Easter Sunday. The more plants, the more beauty. Thanks in advance for helping beautify the sanctuary in celebration of our risen Lord. Please try to pick up the flowers as soon after the 10:30 am Easter worship as possible.



TASTING BEE MISSION FUNDRAISER NEEDS RECIPES AND TABLE DECORATORS

Deadline Reminder!

Saturday, April 6 11:00 am



- 1. Table and recipe signup ends March 10!
- 2. Table decorators are still needed!!
- 3. March 17 remaining tickets will go to waiting list and general public. Make sure you have purchased tickets to which you are entitled or they will be sold.
- 4. Recipes are due by March 17.

LWML sponsors this event to raise funds for missions—this year to Lutheran World Relief for shipping, the Our Redeemer Mission Fund, Eswatini, the Our Redeemer Cross Fund, and seminarian Morgan Garrett (exact distributions to be determined later). To make this a success, we need congregational support to sign up to provide a recipe or decorate and host a table.

We ask volunteers to submit a recipe by March 17 to be included in the cookbook we compile and print to be handed out to those attending the Tasting Bee. When you sign up and submit your recipe, you are agreeing to make the recipe enough for 180 bites. A teaspoon is a TASTE. Anything else is a helping.

You can also participate by signing up to decorate a table according to the theme. A round table seats 8. A rectangle table seats 10. This year's theme is "The Story of Everything: In the Beginning God Created...".

The Story of Everything



In the Beginning God Created ...

When you sign up to submit and make a recipe and/or decorate a table it entitles you to purchase 3 tickets for each thing you sign up to do, at \$10 each which you give or sell to your invited friends. You can purchase all tickets you are entitled to or only the amount you need. A waiting list is available to purchase available extra tickets after March 17.

Purchase your allotted tickets today or they will go to people on the waiting lists on March 17. Recipes need to be sent to Sandy Wagner at packratsandy@yahoo.com by March 17. Please put "Tasting Bee Recipe" in the Subject line.

TASTING BEE CHAIRS			
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Laura Stresow	lstresow@gmail.com		
Sandy Wagner	packratsandy@yahoo.com		
Lynne Westphal	hawkscubs.1@gmail.com		

LWR DONATIONS NEEDED!!!!

While you are doing your Winter to Spring clothing switch, please donate your used outfits to us for our LWR kits!! We are running low on clothes for our Baby Care Kits and items for our Personal Care Kits. Below is the list of items we specifically need for our Spring packaging and shipping:

Personal Care Kits:

Soap - any kind of bar soap - 8-9 oz.

Metal nail clippers - fingernail or toenail

Bath towels - lightweight, dark colored bath-size towels
***NEW bath towels only.



Baby Kits:

Receiving blankets - made from cotton, flannel or lightweight yarn.

Hand towels - dark-colored, NEW hand towels only.

Soap - gentle bar soap - 8-9 oz.

Jackets - jacket, sweater or hooded sweatshirt for boys and girls.

T-shirts - lightweight cotton t-shirts.

Girls and Boys - sleepers and outfits - 0-24 months.

We ran out of Soap and Girls clothes last Fall to send in our Baby Care Kits so we need more girls clothes than boys clothes at this time.

Thank you for all your contributions—we really appreciate your generosity. Sandy Wagner & Lynne Westphal



LUTHERAN WITNESS

subscriptions will need to be in by **Friday, April 19**. If you wish to continue your subscription or add a new one, stop by the office to check or add your address and drop off a check in the amount of **\$20.65** made out to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and in

the memo line please put Lutheran Witness Subscription. If you are wanting to have a subscription to Lutheran Witness for the first time, call or see Lorrie in the office during regular hours Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm

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.



RESCHEDULED



Trivia Challenge
April 14, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Time to make those calls and get your teams together! Sign-up sheet on the Welcome Counter. Bring your favorite treat to share with everyone.



Preschool Newsletter

March 4—8, 2024



Fax: 319-338--9171 www.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org

Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949 preschool@ourredeemer.org

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

Little line

Big line

Little line

Question for a Kid

If you could build anything, what would it be? Why?

This Week

Welcome building question Practice songs for Wednesday Letter Z—recognition, sound, write

Color black song Construction cones

All sort of building materials

Construction jobs Construction tools

Bible lesson—Zacchaeus

Rock painting

Truck painting

Construction vests

Construction books

Librarian visit, Mrs. Casey

Fire Drill

Dates

March 11-15—No School Spring Break

April 9/10—Parent Teacher Conferences

April 10—No School

April 17/18—Spring Program

April 19—No School

May 10—Pizza & Playground Night FREE

May 23/24—Last Days of School

Celebration and Graduation

Snack for March 18-22, 2024

You get to bring snacks and be our line leader!

M/W/F = 18 kids; T/TH = 14 kids

Monday: Emersyn Tuesday: Leif

Wednesday: Barnabas

Thursday: Emerson

Friday: Judah



You only need to bring 2 healthy food groups for snack from the five presented in our Credible Food List packet. Half a gallon of a drink is all we really use in class. If your child brings lunch, they need to have all five food groups present in their lunch.

Zz (To On Top of Old Smokey)



Z is for Zelda, who zoomed off to Mars. She zigged and she zaaaed past a zillion

bright stars. She zipped to the left and she zapped to the right. Then Zelda zoomed home by the moon's golden light.



Birthday, Matthias!



Happy 3 1/2 Birthday, Zion!

BLACK By Frog Street Press

B-L-A-C-K, spells black. B-L-A-C-K, spells black. Flying bats are black, scary cats are black, Jelly Beans are black. I like black.



B-L-A-C-K, spells black. B-L-A-C-K, spells black. Sunday shoes are black. Santa's boots are black. B-L-A-C-K spells black.



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



Children's Sunday School PreK3-5th grade March 10, 2024 9:20 am-10:15 am



This weeks lesson:
A Family Reunites—
God Helps Joseph Forgive
Genesis 42:1-28; 43:11-30; 45:1-15



Sunday, March 31 10:05am Outside on the lawn. Don't forget to bring your baskets!

Toddlin' to Jesus

Room 215 (Toddlin' Room) Join us at 9:20 am on Sunday mornings.



Parents and their children ages birth to age 2 are invited to participate. You will meet with other parents and children for a toddler-friendly Bible lesson, music and prayer.

It's a casual and relaxed environment balanced with activities and playtime.



Kids Club

4 years old—5th Grade

Wednesday, March 13th

5:10 pm Lenten Meal 6:10 pm Lenten Worship No Classes—Spring Break



6th —12th Grade

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

Confirmation (6th—8th Grade)

NO CLASSES—
SPRING BREAK.
CLASSES RESUME
MARCH 20th

SAVE THE DATES

Wednesday, March 13th

5:10 pm Lenten Meal (everyone is invited)
6:10 pm Lenten Worship

Wednesday, March 27th

11:00am—7:00pm Prayer Walk



12:00 pm TRIVIA CHALLENGE—REBOOT

Sign up your teams at the Welcome Counter and bring your friends and a favorite appetizer to share.







YOUTH Sunday School

Confirmation: Room 208 High School: Youth Room

Sunday, March 10th

9:20 am -10:15 am

Lesson: A Family Reunites— God Helps Joseph Forgive Genesis 42:1-28; 43:11-30; 45:1-15

Sunday, March 17th

9:20 am -10:15 am

Lesson: A Basket of Hope— Moses is Born Exodus 1:1-2:10

High School Midweek Schedule

Wednesdays at 6:45 pm in the Youth Room

All high school youth and
their friends are welcome!

The Life Book

(The Story of Everything)

March 13 NO CLASSES
Spring Break



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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.