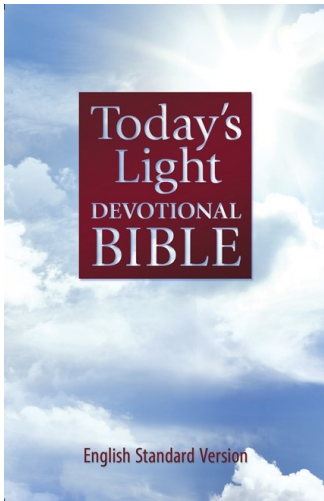




*~The Fifth Sunday in Lent~*



## ADULT BIBLE CLASS

*Read through the Bible in two years*

Week 12: Date	Scripture
3-18-2024	Numbers 9:1-10:36
3-19-2024	Numbers 11:1-12:16
3-20-2024	Numbers 13:1-15:41
3-21-2024	Numbers 16:1-18:32
3-22-2024	Numbers 19:1-20:29
3-23-2024	Numbers 21:1-35

## Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
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	



**Building Healthy Families:** Spring - a season of renewal and new life - officially arrives on Tuesday, March 19 at 10:06 pm! Though you can't dig in the garden quite yet, take some time this week to take your family (or just yourself!) to your local greenhouse where you can smell, see, touch, feel and experience the new life all around you. As you do, be mindful of the new life that stirs within you and of Paul's inspired words written for you in Romans 6: "You were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, you too may live a new life." (Pssst.... Easter is coming soon!) **Lutheran Family Service**  
[www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)



## BAPTISM

**Brian Kenneth Slade**  
Son of  
**Stephen Slade & Rita Dautremont**  
March 17 at 10:30am  
Sponsors:  
**Brad & Melissa Mullane**  
**Art & Denise Schwarting**

## Prayer of the Church/Fifth Sunday in Lent/March 17, 2024

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

Heavenly Father, pour out Your Holy Spirit and write Your Word on our hearts, that we may know You as the God who forgives our iniquities and remembers our sins no more. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Your Son came not to be served but to serve. Help us not lord our authority over one another, but humbly serve one another in our homes, communities and congregation as Christ has so humbly served us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, look with mercy on all earthly authorities. Guard them from the temptation to wield earthly power improperly. Lead them to serve faithfully according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You are our light and our salvation. Hide in Your shelter [*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, 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, Your Son stands before You as our great High Priest. By Your Spirit, prepare our hearts to worthily receive the body and blood of our Savior, who was sacrificed for us on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. 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 **Brian Kenneth Slade** this weekend. Strengthen him and all baptized in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, **Beverly White (mother of Kathy Wittich)** died and we pray for the family and friends of **Beverly White** 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.**

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.**

## BIRTHDAYS

March 17 Allison Fetzer, Raegan Pence  
 March 18 \*\*\*  
 March 19 Liam Hosier, Andrew Long, Zachary McComas, Willa Ohlmann, Jeanie Thurston  
 March 20 Janet Hein, Mary Robinson, David Segar, Rodney Wittich Jr.  
 March 21 Jessica Schafer, Jade Woods  
 March 22 Rory Hinkle  
 March 23 Kayden Murken, Jonathan Schultz, Trisha Sexton

### STEWARDSHIP March 9/10, 2024

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 3/9—5:30pm	32	Contributions	\$6,648.70
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 3/10—8:00am	83	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 3/10—10:30am	105	Lenten Worship Services 3/6	114
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	220	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	66/33

### This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, March 17—21, 2024

<u>Sunday, 3/17</u>		<u>Wednesday continued...</u>	
Worship Service	8:00am	Lenten Meal	5:10pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Lenten Worship Service	6:10pm
Worship Service	10:30am	Midweek Classes	6:45pm
		Adult Midweek	7:00pm
<u>Monday, 3/18</u>		Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
Staff Meeting	1:00pm		
Children's Committee	6:00pm	<u>Thursday, 3/21</u>	
Preschool Board	6:00pm	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	Book Club	7:00pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
LWML	7:00pm		
		<u>Friday, 3/22</u>	
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<u>Tuesday, 3/19—First Day of Spring</u>			
Solon Nursing Home	9:30am		
Women's Bible Class	10:00am	<u>Saturday, 3/23</u>	
SM-Small Group/Marcia	6:30pm	Men's Bible Study	8:00am
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
		Variety Show	7:00pm
<u>Wednesday, 3/20</u>			
TOPS	8:00am	<u>Sunday, 3/24—Palm Sunday</u>	
Bible Study	11:00am	Worship Service	8:00am
Lunch Bunch	12:00pm	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
Lenten Worship Service	1:00pm	Worship Service	10:30am
Windmill Manor	2:00pm	Mission Information Sign-up	12:00pm
Kari Smith	3:30pm		

## NEW ADULT MIDWEEK CLASS BEGINNING MARCH 20

There will be a new Adult Midweek Class beginning March 20, 7:00pm to 8:00pm.

The title of the study is "Together We Believe: The Apostles' Creed"

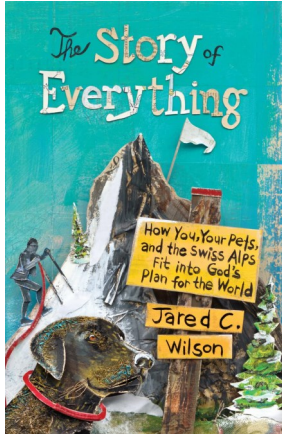
For more information please contact Denise Holida at [smallgroup@ourredeemer.org](mailto:smallgroup@ourredeemer.org)

**VOLUNTEER**  
to usher  
during Lent



## 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.



## 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.

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](mailto: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. 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](mailto: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.



## DONATIONS NEEDED FOR EASTER BREAKFAST

The youth provide Easter Breakfast at 8:30am on Easter morning, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please help them out by furnishing some of the ingredients!

*Sign up sheets are by the nametags in the Narthex.*

**Thank you for your support!**



Please join us for the LWML Cedar Rapids Zone Spring Event to be held **Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at Bethany Lutheran Church, 2202 Forest Drive SE, Cedar Rapids**. Our theme for this year is "Sharing the Joy of God's Love" and Bethany's Comfort Dog Ministry with Joy, the comfort Dog will be presented. Registration is at 8:30am with the event beginning at 9:00am. Come and meet Joy while learning more about her ministry. The ingathering will benefit Bethany's food pantry. Items which are most needed include various types of canned meats. Sign up with Laurel. We look forward to seeing you soon.



**Deadline Reminder!**

**TASTING BEE MISSION FUNDRAISER NEEDS RECIPES AND TABLE DECORATORS**

Saturday, April 6  
11:00 am

- 1. **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.**
- 2. **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).

**THOSE ON THE WAITING LIST MAY PICK UP TICKETS!**

Tickets are available for those on the waiting list. Please pick yours up as soon as possible.

**DUE SUNDAY!!** Recipes need to be sent to Sandy Wagner at [packratsandy@yahoo.com](mailto:packratsandy@yahoo.com) by March 17. **Please put "Tasting Bee Recipe" in the subject line.**

**A LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE.**

Stop at the table for yours today or call one of the people listed below.

**The Story of Everything**



*In the Beginning God Created ...*

<b>TASTING BEE CHAIRS</b>	
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Lynne Westphal	<a href="mailto:hawkscubs.1@gmail.com">hawkscubs.1@gmail.com</a>

## 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. 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. If you are looking for an example to see what one is like there is an edition of the Lutheran Witness in the Library.



**RESCHEDULED**

Trivia Challenge



**April 14, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall**

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



# Preschool Newsletter



March 11—15, 2024

Director/Teacher: Kaja Mueller M-F Assistants: Christie Cherian M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH  
Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949 Fax: 319-338-9171 www.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org preschool@ourredeemer.org  
*Our Redeemer Preschool where children play, learn, and grow in Jesus!*

## Question for a Kid

What is the coolest thing you have done with your family?

## This Week

Spring Break

## 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

## Conferences

Tuesday, April 9, 2024  
12:10pm—6:30pm

No school Wednesday, April 10, 2024  
7:45—1:00 pm



## Preschool Sings

Thank you to all who were able to come to worship on Wednesday night. The preschoolers did a great job singing. It is always fun for the people of our church to see these preschoolers.



## Enrollment for 2024-2025

Preschool enrollment for next year is open! Get your enrollment in soon to reserve your child's spot in class! M/W/F class is full. We still have places open for our Tuesday/Thursday class. Email: preschool@ourredeemer.org





# Children's Ministry

Birth—5<sup>th</sup> Grade



**Children's Sunday School**  
PreK—5<sup>th</sup> grade  
March 17, 2024  
9:20 am—10:15 am



**This weeks lesson:**  
A Basket of Hope—  
Moses is Born  
Exodus 1:1-2:10



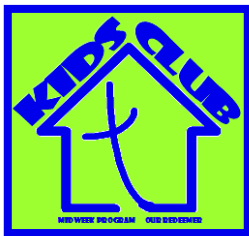
## EASTER EGG HUNT

**Sunday, March 31**

**10:05am**

**Outside on the lawn.**

**Don't forget to bring your baskets!**



**Kids Club**  
4 years old—5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

5:10 pm Lenten Meal

6:10 pm Lenten Worship

6:45 pm Kid's Club

**Lesson: Judas Iscariot & Matthias**



**Matthias**



**Judas Iscariot**

## 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.

# Youth

6<sup>th</sup> —12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Youth Coordinator Kara Hartwig [youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org](mailto:youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org) (319) 855-2728

## Confirmation

(6<sup>th</sup>—8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm

6<sup>th</sup> Grade—Lecture

Unit 2:  
Passion Week—  
Third Morning



7<sup>th</sup> Grade—Lecture

Unit 2:  
The Blessings of Baptism &  
The Power of Baptism



8<sup>th</sup> Grade—Small Group

Unit 2:  
Last Judgement



## 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 20 Gospel of John

Chapters 11-15

March 27 Prayer Walk

*There will be no Classes. Please Attend the Prayer Walk down In the Fellowship Hall*



## YOUTH Sunday School

Confirmation: Room 208  
High School: Youth Room

**Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

9:20 am —10:15 am

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

## Save these dates...

### Prayer Walk\*

Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

6:45—9:00 pm

*Meet in the Youth Room. If you can help afterwards, it would be greatly appreciated!*

**\*Earn Silver Cord hours**



### Set up for Easter Breakfast\*

Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am—12:00 pm

*All Confirmation & High School Youth and their families prepare the food and set up & decorate the Fellowship Hall for the next day.*

**\*Earn Silver Cord hours**



### Help with Easter Breakfast\*

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

6:00 am—12:00 pm

*All Confirmation & High School Youth and their families help with the Easter Breakfast. They cook the food, serve the food, bus tables, run the dishwasher, etc.* **\*Earn Silver Cord hours**



### Trivia Challenge

Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

12:00pm—2:00 pm

*All Confirmation & High School Youth are invited to join in on the fun.*



## OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

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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.