



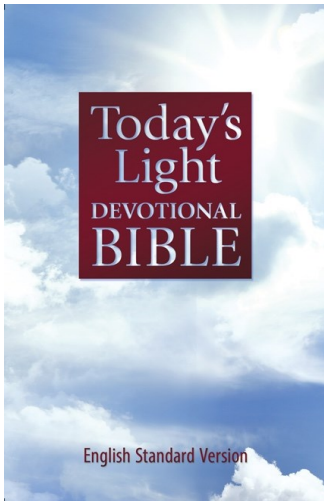
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Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - March 23/24, 2024

~Palm Sunday~



ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Read through the Bible in two years

Week 13: Date	Scripture
3-25-2024	Numbers 22:1-25:18
3-26-2024	Numbers 26:1-27:23
3-27-2024	Numbers 28:1-30:16
3-28-2024	Numbers 31:1-54
3-29-2024	Numbers 32:1-34:29
3-30-2024	Numbers 35:-36:13

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
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	



Sunday Coffee & Treats

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



ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers for the altar this weekend are from Brian and Lynne Westphal in memory of Brian's mother Norma Westphal.



BAPTISMS

Desmond Andrew Knock
 Archer Thomas Knock
 Sons of
 Jeffrey & Amy Knock
 March 23 at 5:30pm
 Sponsors:
 Dwain & Rita Knock

Prayer of the Church/Palm Sunday/March 24, 2024

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

Lord God, Your Son humbled Himself to the point of death, even death on a cross. Fix our faith upon His death for our salvation, enrich the proclamation of the Gospel, and enliven our hearts to live out this faith until Christ comes again in glory. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, preserve the Church and the preaching of Your Word against all enemies. Bless our homes, that parents and children may serve one another faithfully and grow in instruction and faith until life's end. Give health and wisdom to all who serve in public office, that their authority may be exercised for the benefit of our people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, Jesus did not count His equality with You something to be grasped, but humbled Himself. Grant us a mind like His to spurn all worldly equality and, humbling ourselves, to find Your greater portion in the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, Your Son came to deliver His people from all evil. Take away the fear of all who suffer in this world [**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*)]. As they await the fullness of their salvation, fix their eyes upon their crucified Savior. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, 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 baptisms of **Archer Thomas Knock** and **Desmond Andrew Knock** this weekend. Strengthen them and all baptized in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, 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.**

PANAMA EYEGLOSS 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.



BIRTHDAYS

March 24 Sheri Foster
 March 25 ***
 March 26 Maxwell Carlson, Julie Happel, Addyson McKillip, Catherine Nelson, Aaron Strumpel
 March 27 Hayden Dyson, John Krogh, Maisie Magsaman, Ericha TeBockhorst
 March 28 Ryan Nieland, Bentli Norland, Rick Walters
 March 29 Kathy Bell, Toby Brase
 March 30 Grant Anderson, Chris Norenberg, Melissa Wade, Lyle Wagner, Silas Weis

STEWARDSHIP March 16/17, 2024

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 3/16—5:30pm	43	Contributions	\$16,423.47
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 3/17—8:00am	70	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 3/17—10:30am	155	Lenten Worship Services 3/13	91
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	268	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	74/29

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, March 24—31, 2024

<u>Sunday, 3/24—Palm Sunday</u>		<u>Thursday, 3/28—Maundy Thursday</u>	
Worship Service	8:00am	Maundy Thursday Service	1:00pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Kiwanis Breakfast Setup	3:30pm
Worship Service	10:30am	Maundy Thursday Worship	7:00pm
Mission Informational Signup	12:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
<u>Monday, 3/25</u>		<u>Friday, 3/29—Good Friday</u>	
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Iowa City Kiwanis Prayer Breakfast	6:00am
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	Good Friday Worship Service	1:00pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Good Friday Worship Service	7:00pm
<u>Tuesday, 3/26</u>		<u>Saturday, 3/30—Easter Saturday</u>	
SM-Small Group/Marlene	6:00pm	Easter Breakfast Setup	8:00am
LLL Meeting	6:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
SM-Large Group/Marcia	6:45pm		
Al-Anon	7:00pm	<u>Sunday, 3/31—Easter Sunday</u>	
Women’s Bible Class	7:00pm	Easter Worship Service	7:30am
		Easter Breakfast	8:30am
<u>Wednesday, 3/27</u>		Easter Worship Service	9:00am
Prayer Walk	11:00am	Easter Egg Hunt	10:05am
Emerson Point	2:00pm	Easter Worship Service	10:30am
Midweek Classes	6:45pm		
Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm		



Building Healthy Families: As we begin perhaps the most important days of the church year, remember that Holy Week can be a confusing time for young children. Take them with you to all the special services this week but don’t assume they know what you know. They may wonder, “What does *Maundy* mean?” “Why does everyone at church seem so sad and quiet?” Read John 18-19 aloud with them. As you reflect on feelings of fear and sadness at Jesus’ brutal treatment, crucifixion, and death, share His message of hope and promise from John 14:1-3. Remind them (and yourself!) that while Good Friday is dark and scary, it’s not the end - only the beginning of the story. Remind them we’re Easter people and Resurrection Sunday is coming! www.LutheranFamilyService.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.

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



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, April 13, 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.

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.

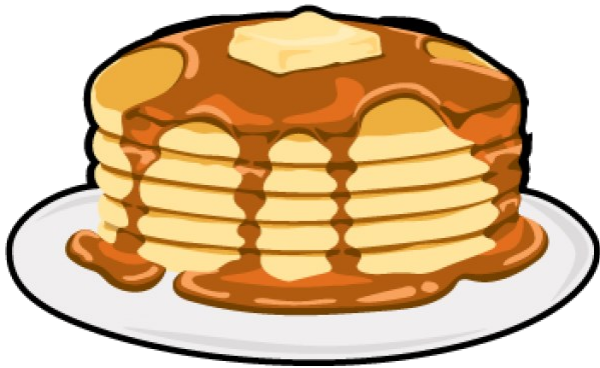


For Sale!



Just because Pancake Day is done, doesn't mean you can't enjoy those fluffy pancakes and delicious sausage until next year... You can make your own at home!

We have sausage, pancake batter, and syrup for sale that you could take home today!



Sausage: \$5 a bag – In the freezer in the kitchen

Pancake Batter: \$5 a box – On the back kitchen counter

½ gallon of Syrup: \$5 a bottle – On the back kitchen counter

If you have any questions, feel free to talk to Vicar Boester.
Money can be dropped off with Vicar Boester or with Lorrie in the office.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR EASTER BREAKFAST

The youth provide Easter Breakfast at 8:30am on Easter morning, March 31st. Please help them out by furnishing some of the ingredients! Contributions should be in kitchen by the end of Good Friday service on March 29th.

Sign up sheets are by the nametags in the Narthex.

Thank you for your support!



LWML Cedar Rapids Zone Spring Event

“Sharing the *Joy* of God’s Love” is the theme and Bethany’s Comfort Dog Ministry with *Joy*, the Comfort Dog is the program for this year’s LWML Cedar Rapids Zone Spring Event. Please join us **Saturday, April 13th at Bethany Lutheran Church, 2202 Forest Drive SE, Cedar Rapids** for registration at 8:30am and event beginning at 9:00am. The ingathering will be items for Bethany Food Pantry and include various kinds of canned meats as well as other items.



TASTING BEE MISSION FUNDRAISER

Saturday, April 6
11:00 am

The Story of Everything



In the Beginning God Created ...

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).

A LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE.

Stop one of the Tasting Bee chairpersons, call or email them if you would like a ticket(s).

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Laurel Sellers	klksellers@gmail.com
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Blessing Books *Now through May 12th*

We will continue to do our senior books a page at time. Messages of encouragement and congratulations to the graduates can be sent via email or write them on a quarter sheet of paper allowing half an inch on the left for binding.

WHO SHOULD “SIGN” THE BLESSING BOOKS? Everyone in the congregation can sign.

WHAT SHOULD I WRITE? Write a short note of Christian encouragement, share your favorite Bible verse or simply sign your name.

HOW DO I SHARE MY MESSAGE? You can either write your message on a quarter sheet of paper and email a picture of it or just email the text you want--you can use the same message or create one for each student (please make sure that you specify the recipient of individual messages).

Please email your message to Laurel at: consultant@ourredeemer.org by May 12th



Zachary Aisenbrey
Eli Casteel
Jordyn Kucera
Kendra Schwarting

Jalynn Beranek
Cade Dyson
Ava Pence
Luke Traetow

Brice Bernhard
Allison Fetzer
Carson Pence

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 18—22, 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

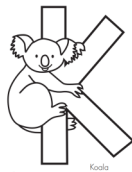
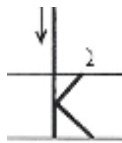
What are the things you would like to grow in a garden? Why?

This Week

- Welcome gardening question
- The Flower song
- Parts of the plants
- Seeds
- Planting a green bean seed
- Letter K—recognition, sound, write
- Number 7
- Flower pictures to color
- Bible lesson—Jesus rides into Jerusalem 'Palm Sunday'
- Garden / bug books
- Librarian visit, Mrs. Casey
- Tornado Drill
- First day of spring
- Assessments for Conferences



Big line
Little line
Little line



Dates

- April 9/10—Parent Teacher Conferences
- April 10—No School
- April 17/18—Spring Program
- April 19—No School
- May 3—Pizza & Playground Night FREE
- May 23/24—Last Days of School Celebration and Graduation

Snack for Next Week

You get to bring snacks and be our line leader!
M/W/F = 18 kids; T/TH = 14 kids

- Monday: Ellie
- Tuesday: Vinley
- Wednesday: Teddy
- Thursday: Britta
- Friday: Silas



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.



Happy 3 1/2 Birthday, Emersyn!

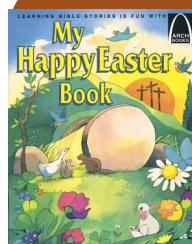


Happy 5th Birthday, Leif!



Happy 3 1/2 Birthday, Emerson!

March Book



The monthly book was donated by Susan, Virginia & John Carlson in loving memory of their mother Kathryn Carlson. Thank You!

Across the sky and down from heaven.
That's the way to make a seven.

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Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



**Children's
Sunday School**
PreK—5th grade
March 24, 2024
9:20 am—10:15 am



This weeks lesson:
Signs of the True God—
Moses and the Plagues
Exodus 7

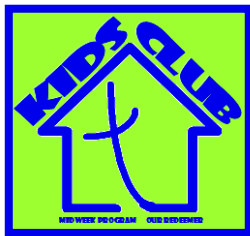


EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, March 31

10:05am

**Outside on the lawn.
West basement door.**



Kids Club

4 years old—5th Grade

Wednesday, March 27th

6:45 pm Kid's Club

Lesson: Prayer Walk & Family Night

Meet in the Kid's Club Room for a regular night's start, walk through Prayer Walk with their families and return to the Kid's Club Room for snack, craft, and activity.

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

6th —12th Grade

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

Confirmation

(6th—8th Grade)

Wednesday, March 27th at 6:45 pm

6th Grade—Small Group
Prayer Walk



7th Grade—Small Group
Prayer Walk



8th Grade—Small Group
Prayer Walk



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 27 Prayer Walk



YOUTH Sunday School

Confirmation: Room 208
High School: Youth Room

Sunday, March 24th

9:20 am —10:15 am

Lesson: Signs of the True God—
Moses and the Plagues
Exodus 7

Save these dates...

Prayer Walk*

Wednesday, March 27th
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 30th
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 31st
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 14th
12:00pm—2:00 pm

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



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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.