

The Parish Beacon

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Dear Christian Friends:

Jesus' task was completed. He said so: *"It is finished,"* and *"He bowed His head and gave up His spirit"* (John 19:30). The body was taken down from the cross and buried.

Didn't everyone think it was all over? The Master was dead and buried. What else could they think?

Then came that unbelievable morning at the tomb when the body was nowhere to be found and the slow realization that Jesus had indeed risen from the dead, *"just as He said"* (Matthew 28:6).

He is risen! He has risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Disbelief turned to joy when Jesus came to them, and *"He showed them His hands and feet...and ate [a piece of broiled fish] in their presence"* (Luke 24:40-43). Just as before, He taught them. He told them again what He had told them before, but now *"He opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures"* (Luke 24:45). The disciples must have listened with new ears as they took in all Jesus told them in those days following His miraculous Resurrection.

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Then Jesus took them out to a remote area, blessed them, and *"was taken up into Heaven"* (Luke 24:51) before their eyes. Joyfully they went back home and waited - waited for the gift Jesus had promised would come to them.

One day with wind and fire the Holy Spirit came, bringing power and authority to those men Jesus had commissioned to *"go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything [He had] commanded [them]"* And He added His promise, *"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age"* (Matthew 28:19-20).

The book of Acts tells the story of what happened as those disciples, armed with Jesus' promise to be with them, started in their own community and then branched out into all nations, preaching and teaching, baptizing and discipling others, performing miracles in Jesus' name, facing persecution and death for the sake of the Gospel.

The book of Acts ends after 28 chapters, but the work is not over. The story goes on through the lives and witness of the thousands of Christians who have picked up the task where the first disciples left off.

Your story may never be written down for other Christians to read, but those around you are seeing it unfold. They are hearing you speak the Gospel message; they are recipients of the good deeds you do in the Lord's name; other workers for the Gospel are equipped by your financial and prayer support; they take notice of the stand you take in defense of Truth over the lies with which Satan would blind the world.

No, it's not over. We have the privilege of carrying on Jesus' work till He comes again to take us to Himself, saying, *"Well done, good and faithful servant!"* (Matthew 25:21) After all, we are living in the STORY OF EVERYTHING — from Genesis to the Last Day!

In the love of Christ, 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.

Merciful God, Your only Son came in the flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. Protect us from all false teaching and the spirit of the Antichrist, that we may always confess Christ to be our only true God and remain faithful to Him. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, You have grafted us onto the vine of Your Son. Prune us and cut off from us all sin and dead works, that we may always draw life from Your Son and produce the fruits of faith and good works. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, in the water of Baptism You welcome sinners into Your kingdom and give them life. Grant that we would always honor and extol this gift, and let nothing prevent people from it. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, raise up among us those who will continue to serve as pastors and teachers, deaconesses and other workers in Your Church, that Your Word may have free course among us and be our joy. We especially pray for the seminarians we are supporting: **Deon Hull** (Vicarage Year), **Kyle Moellenhoff** (4th Year), Pastor-Elect **Josiah Schultz** (4th Year), Pastor-Elect **Morgan Garrett** (4th Year), and we ask a special blessing upon our **Vicar Ethan Boester**, and next year's **Vicar Tyler Simmons**. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, by your Holy Spirit you teach and strengthen the members of your church. We offer you thanks and praise for the 8th grade Confirmands who are being confirmed this weekend. Bless our 8th grade confirmands: **Brynnley Fetzer, Eric Fletcher, James Haack, Micah Hartwig, Desmond Knock, Joseph La Grange, Jackson Lyon, Evelyn Mueller, Kenley Murken, Tate Nelson, and Willa Ohlmann.** Strengthen them in their faith unto life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Merciful God, You hear and answer Your children in their hour of need. [*Give aid to **Arlene Boots, Dorothy Blume** (Carol Schuldt's sister), **Loren Deetz, Marilou Dyson** (Chad Dyson's mother), **Chuck Enokian, John Enokian** (brother of Chuck Enokian), **Clint Fult** (nephew of Robert Siems), **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), **Marilyn Kempnich, 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, Lee Schwarting** (Art Schwarting's mother), **Reece Ullerich, Karen Warner, Mark Wilson, and Beth Wu** (Schuldt's relative)]. Grant that they would bear their crosses with faith, ever looking to You, and so fix their hearts where true joy is found. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Merciful God, You tell us to come to You with our burdens, 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 4/28 Worship Service 8:00am
 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 9:20am
 Worship Service 10:30—CONFIRMATION
 Nelson/Mueller/Hartwig 11:30am
 District 13 2:30pm

Mon 4/29 Staff Meeting 1:00pm
 Chamber Singers 6:00pm
 Sunlight AA Group 6:00pm

Tues 4/30 SM Leadership Meeting 6:00pm
 Al-Anon 7:00pm

Wed 5/1 Tops 8:00am
 Bible Study 11:00am
 Lunch Bunch 12:00pm
 VBS Supplies Meeting 6:00pm
 Choir Rehearsal 6:45pm

Thurs 5/2 Comfort Tiers 9:00am
 Visitation Meeting 6:30pm
 Board of Elders 7:00pm
 Al-Anon 7:30pm

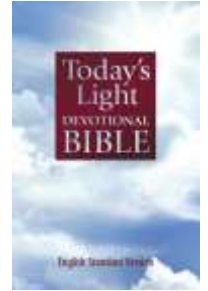
Fri 5/3 Pizza and Playground 5:30pm

Sat 5/4 Worship Service 5:30pm

Sun 5/5 Worship Service 8:00am
 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
 Worship Service 10:30am

Week 18

4/29/24 Deuteronomy 33:1-29
 4/30/24 Deuteronomy 34:1-12
 5/1/24 Joshua 1:1-18
 5/2/24 Joshua 2:1-3:17
 5/3/24 Joshua 4:1-15:12
 5/4/24 Joshua 5:13-7:26



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: May 4, 5, 18, 19
 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



Pizza and Playground
May 3, 5:30pm



SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY MAY 12

At 9:20am everyone will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a special celebration



Noisy Offering
May 11/12
All three services



May 12



Grad Breakfast
May 19, 9:15am
Fellowship Hall



LWML Ladies
Night Out
May 20, 5:10pm
Parking Lot



Book Club
May 23
7:00pm
Room 208/210



Last Days of
PRESCHOOL
May 23/24



Memorial Day
May 27
Office Closed



Building Healthy Families: “Don’t worry, be happy!” ... remember that catchy little tune from the 80’s? Repeatedly, God gives us this same message in His Word; but isn’t it so much easier to say “don’t worry” than it is to not worry? When you’re feeling overwhelmed with worry, go to God’s Word, read, then write down on a piece of paper some of the verses that speak directly to you. To get started, check out Psalm 23:4, John 14:27, Matthew 6:25+, Romans 8:31, and Isaiah 41:10. Also know that men and women who share your Lutheran Christian faith and are trained and experienced at helping people with worry (and many other things) are available to you at Lutheran Family Service through office or telehealth visits. Call us – it’s why we’re here! **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Birthdays

Sun. 4/28	Kelli Bruckman, Darrick Eldridge, Samuel Gienapp, Elisabeth Hottel, Jessi Kucera, Aaron Mueller, Samantha Nelson
Mon. 4/29	Haleigh Jones, Curtis McBride
Tues. 4/30	Denise Fesler, Sophie Foster, Erik Jorgensen
Wed. 5/1	Jonathan Ealy, Drake Obermueller, Abbie Schmidt, Tom Strumpel
Thurs. 5/2	Karen Abernathy, Nathan Clack, Donald Klemp, Brian Lake, Lynda Miller, Joseph Penney Faith Quinlan, Scott Rathke, Timothy Schultz
Fri. 5/3	Thomas LaRoche, Amie Ohlmann, Laura Stresow, Vaughn Stuart
Sat. 5/4	Faith Beranek, Meleah Fesler, Brock Wenck

Stewardship—April 20/21, 2024

ATTENDANCE		TREASURES	
Sat. 4/20 In Person/LIVE STREAM 5:30pm	38	Contributions	\$10,114.13
Sun. 4/21 In Person/LIVE STREAM 8:00am	84	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Sun. 4/21 In Person/LIVE STREAM 10:30am	127		
TOTAL WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE		Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	64/not available



Membership Changes and Official Acts

MISSION	April
Iowa District East	\$3,333.33
UIHC Chaplain Endowment Fund	\$208.33
TOTAL	\$3,541.66
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca	\$250.00
Lutheran Family Services	\$125.00
Orphan Grain Train	\$125.00
MONTH TOTAL	\$4,041.66
Community Crisis Center	***
Lutherans For Life	***
Concordia Seminary Food Bank	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$4,141.66

<u>Baptisms</u>	
Kinsley Kay Grosvenor	04-07-2024
<u>Student Confirmation</u>	
Brynnley Ranae Fetzer	04-28-2024
Eric William Matthew Fletcher	04-28-2024
James Scott Haack	04-28-2024
Micah Lee Hartwig	04-28-2024
Desmond Andrew Knock	04-28-2024
Joseph Karl La Grange	04-28-2024
Jackson Ray Lyon	04-28-2024
Evelyn Rose Mueller	04-28-2024
Kenley Kay Murken	04-28-2024
Tate Louis Nelson	04-28-2024
Willa Belle Ohlmann	04-28-2024

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Board of Director's Meeting
11 April 2024

1. Call to Order, Welcome
2. Opening Devotion—Pastor
3. Constitution Review—Preamble and Article 1
 - Noted that Iowa charges sales tax to churches.
4. Review Minutes from Last Meeting
 - No Comments from March minutes.
5. Treasurer's Report—Kari Kibby
 - Income up approximately \$28,000 compared to PY, likely due to Easter shift.
 - Copy machine lease up soon, likely will renew due to large savings.
6. Elder's Report—Bill Benson
 - Confirmed we have incoming vicar.
 - June and July communion changes due to summer vacation schedules.
 - 11 confirmands this year.
 - Panama trip full (16).
 - Staff evaluations in the coming month.
7. At Large Reports:
 - Mary Robinson (Outreach, Missions, Small Groups)
 - Marilyn Albright (Connections, Health Ministry, Human Care, Technology)
 - ⇒Connections Committee pursuing seven new individuals/families.
 - Steve Scott (Children, Missions, Small Groups)
 - ⇒'24-25 preschool year almost full, two openings in TTh class.
 - ⇒VBS prep in full swing for children/youth committees.
8. Church Properties—Dave Yansky
 - Passed fire & safety, backflow inspections.
 - MidAmerican approved supplies discount through certain vendors.
 - Sidewalk repairs upcoming.
9. Staff Reports:

Pastor—

- Focus this time of year is youth (confirmation, spring retreats).
- 2025 spring retreat will need budget increase.

Vicar—

- '24-25 planning, new vicar letter/info prep

Kaja—Preschool

- Preschool had successful parent teacher conferences. We are so blessed to have great staff, families, and students attending! God be praised.
- I am getting things ready for end of year celebrations and events. There are still so many wonderful things to experience and learn in preschool!

Denise—Adult

- Midweek/Women's Studies wrapping up.
- Trivia Challenge prep done, ready for this weekend.

Kara—Youth

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Kaja/Kara—

- Sunday School kids of all ages have been practicing their memory verses for May 12th, Sunday School Sunday.
 - The Easter Egg Hunt was well received again with around 60 kids participating. We had extras so we let the middle school and high school kids participate in the end. All items were purchased with a Thrivent Card.
10. Discussion Items:
- Marilyn: Bridgewater service/Bible Study opportunity.
 - Vicar and Marilyn shared stories of Easter visitors that were welcomed by members of our church.
 - Reasoning behind closing the doors to the Sanctuary ten minutes prior to the start of late service, reducing noise from the gathering Space to allow for prayer and peaceful preparation for service.
11. Kudos
- Easter choir and instrumentalists.
 - Those who decorated for Easter after Good Friday service.
 - Eric Kooker, Rob Bowman, and Skip Kempnich for their help with the Cross during the Good Friday services.
12. Prayer and Adjourn: Next board meeting: May 9th at 7:00pm.

Looking for exciting ways to engage your children in faith? Check out the Gospel Adventures Show! This kid's audio program uses songs, storytelling, and activities to help kids encounter clear and compelling Gospel themes. Learn more and listen now at gospeladventures.org or wherever you listen to podcasts.





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.

PANAMA

HELP SUPPORT THE SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP
OCTOBER 19, 2024 – October 26, 2024



In a joint mission effort, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, MOST Ministries and the Lutheran Church of Panama will be bringing the gift of eyeglasses and the Word of God to the people of Panama.

For more information, see Pastor Hartwig, Vicar Boester or any Mission Committee member.

MOST Ministries Eyeglass Team #2424

<https://mostministries.itraveliq.com/trips/>

Mission Committee Members

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

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



Submitted by Marcia Hulse

Stephen Ministry

We care, Christ cures.

Sometimes It's Hard to Ask for Help

We're brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it's a sign of weakness. So, we try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others—and allow others to care for us in our time of need.

If you're sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray and help you through a tough time. (It's confidential too!)
Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

Find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders or Stephen Ministers. To receive a Stephen Minister's care, call or talk with Pastor Hartwig and tell him about your situation.

STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERS

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



New Member in the Spotlight

Our Redeemer would like to take the time to welcome Lloyd and Jean Broberg. They have been attending here since October of 2023 and have now become members. They are both retired but are very active in their retired life. Lloyd, a big Cubs fan. He has already been ushering here at Our Redeemer. Jean likes to do crafting and likes to make pins, earrings, and more.

Lloyd and Jean used to do farming and would raise and sell bunnies with their busiest sales around Easter.

Lloyd and Jean have two adult sons who live in Missouri and Texas.



GRADUATION BREAKFAST

*Sunday, May 19th at 9:15am
Fellowship Hall*

Everyone is invited to attend the **Graduation Breakfast** in honor of our high school seniors. Please come to help us celebrate the **class of 2024** as a church family on **Sunday, May 19th** at 9:15 am.



We will be blessed with another vicar in the 2024-2025 year.



Hello, my name is Tyler Simmons, I am 31 years old and a lifelong Lutheran (LCMS). My wife and I have been married for 10 years and have 3 children: John (7), Ruth (6), and Hannah (2).

I was born in Daytona Beach, FL but spent the majority of my formative years in Westminster, MD. Since I was three years old, I knew that I wanted to be a pastor. I was home schooled from 5th grade through high school and consider this to have played an instrumental role in the way that I developed in my study habits as well as my understanding of the world. I was confirmed in 2006 at Faith Lutheran Church, Eldersburg MD by Pastor James Bloker who was a huge influence in my theological training and growth. I started college at Carroll Community College in Westminster MD during my senior year of high school with a Psychology major as I

wanted to be a counselor. After a year of college, I decided I wanted to take a break from school and enlisted in the Marine Corps as a Military Police Officer, in 2012.

After bootcamp, combat school, and military police school, I received orders in 2013 to report to my first duty station in Camp Pendleton, California. My wife and I were married later that year. I began training as a Criminal Investigator in 2015 at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego. I completed my training in 2017 and received orders to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina as a newly minted federal agent.

Over the next four years, I served primarily in expeditionary forensics working with sensitive site exploitation and forensics (photography, digital media, chemical analysis, and biological collection and preservation). I conducted back-to-back combat deployments to Iraq with Marine Corps Special Operations Command in 2018-2019 and 2019-2020. During my training for my second deployment, I attended an advanced survival course and was encouraged to apply for the Naval Aviation Program. During that time, I also completed my bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from an online program through Liberty University. I was accepted into Naval Aviation as a Student Naval Aviator in 2020 and separated from the Marine Corps in 2021 to commission as a line officer in the Navy.

In March 2022, after completing the academic portion of Naval Introductory Flight Education, my wife and I felt overwhelmingly convicted that God was calling me to terminate my aviation education and attend seminary. Clearly seeing God's hand in the process, I was both accepted into Concordia Seminary and given special permission from my command to attend Seminary while the transition paperwork to shift from aviation to chaplaincy was completed.

My wife has been the key to all of my success as she is my biggest supporter, friend, and confidant. She has weathered nearly 2 1/2 years of separation throughout my different deployments and training, many of which left her to try and manage our two oldest children, alone. I would not be who I am today if it were not for her love and support.

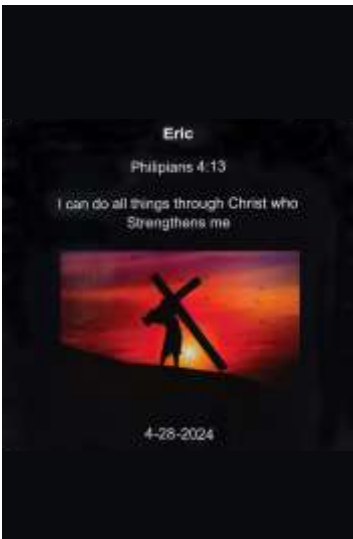
Confirmation Banners

The 8th grade Confirmands created a personalized banner with their Confirmation verse.

Confirmation 2024



BRYNNLEY FETZER
Bible Verse: "The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes His steps."
 Proverbs 16:9



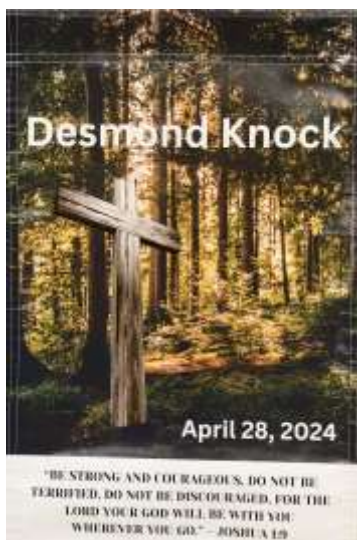
ERIC FLETCHER
Bible Verse: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
 Philippians 4:13



MICAH HARTWIG
Bible Verse: "He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? But to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly."
 Micah 6:8



JAMES HAACK
Bible Verse: "Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life."
 James 1:12



DESMOND KNOCK
Bible Verse: "Be strong and courageous, do not be terrified, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."
 Joshua 1:9

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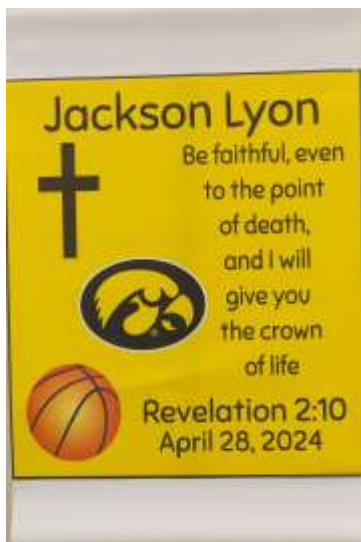
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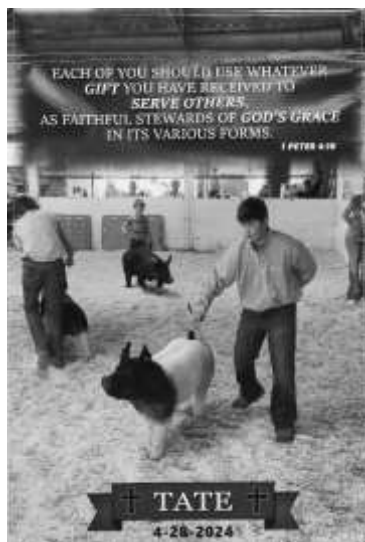
JOSEPH LA GRANGE
Bible Verse: "Surely I will be with you always, to the very end of age." Matthew 28:20



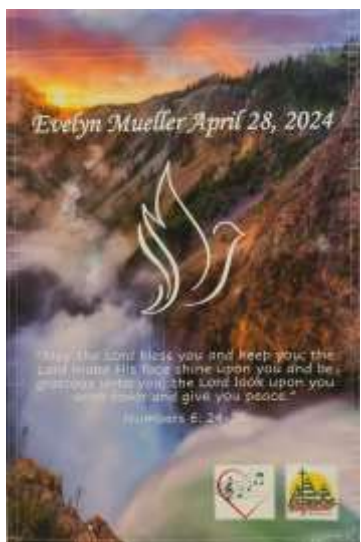
KENLEY MURKEN
Bible Verse: "Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will leave you or forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6



JACKSON LYON
Bible Verse: "Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life." Revelation 2:10



TATE NELSON
Bible Verse: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10



EVELYN MUELLER
Bible Verse: "May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26



WILLA OHLMANN
Bible Verse: "Do not be afraid anything that you are going to suffer. Indeed, the devil will throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will face an ordeal for ten days. Remain faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." Revelation 2:10



Spiritual Growth Night

April 24, 2024

The 8th grade Confirmands answered questions about the six chief parts of the Small Catechism, which come from the Bible are the foundation of our Christian faith.



- **The Ten Commandments**
- **The Apostles' Creed**
- **The Lord's Prayer**
- **Baptism**
- **Sacrament of the altar**





Spiritual Growth Night Cake & Punch Reception April 24, 2024

The high school youth congratulated the 8th graders on completing Confirmation and also encouraged them to continue coming to church on Wednesday nights in high school.



High school youth presented personalized, handmade cards & gifts to the 8th grade Confirmands.



A big thank you to our volunteers who helped make this celebration so special!

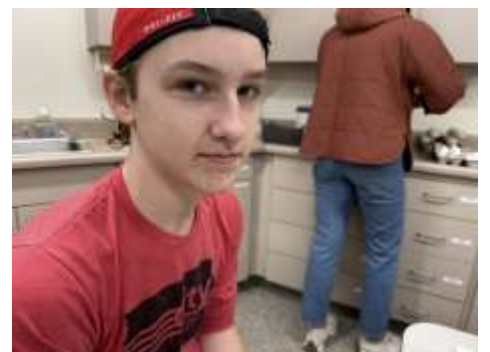


Easter Breakfast Setup

On Saturday, March 30th the Confirmation & High School youth families and the Youth Committee decorated the Fellowship Hall and prepared the food for Easter Breakfast the next day.

We give thanks to God for the twenty helpers who helped us setup in record time—just two hours!

We made 11 pans of hashbrown casserole, cracked 39 dozen eggs and setup tables for 250 people!



Thank you for supporting the Youth Easter Breakfast!

Sunday, March 31, 2024

The Youth greatly appreciate everyone who donated food and supplies for Easter Breakfast!

We are happy to have such great support from our congregation. With your donations, the menu included scrambled eggs, hash brown casserole, little smokies, sausage links, muffins, donut holes, and fresh fruit salad.

We are also thankful for everyone who came to the breakfast on Sunday morning! We were happy to serve 250 people!



Thank you for supporting the Youth Easter Breakfast!

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Thanks be to God for the Youth, their families and Youth Committee who helped prepare the food, serve it, and clean up afterwards! Again, this group of forty plus volunteers cleaned up in record time—we were finished by 11:30 am!





SPRING
CONFIRMATION
RETREAT
April 19th—21st, 2024

Lou Manati's Pizzeria, Ricobene's & Portillo's



Chicago bound

Concordia University Chicago Tour



18 Students
14 Adults



Institute for Study of Ancient Cultures

We saw Sennacherib's prism...in the inscription the Assyrian talks about trapping Hezekiah in Jerusalem like a caged bird, which refers to Israelite King Hezekiah and to Assyrian King Sennacherib, both of whom are in the biblical text (cf. 2 Kings 19:9).



Museum of Science & Industry



We saw God at work through the talents of others who made advancements in science through the years.



Architectural Boat Tour of Chicago River



Bible Studies about the Holy Spirit...Ruach Kadesh



March 27, 2024
11 am - 8 pm
99 People attended



PRAYER WALK



The Story of Everything



In the Beginning God Created ...
April 6, 2024



Door Prize Committee & Helpers



Door Prizes



2024 Tasting Bee Committee



Variety!

April 13, 2024

St. Paul's Chapel brings Variety! to Our Redeemer with music, skits, desserts and fun. Funds raised go toward speakers and mission trips.



Our Redeemer Preschool

For children ages 3-5 years and are potty trained

Open House



May 7, 2024
6:00pm-7:30pm

- ♥ Meet the staff
- ♥ Explore our classroom
- ♥ Create a craft
- ♥ Ask questions
- ♥ Enroll your child



Phone: (319) 338-3949

Email: preschool@ourredeemer.org
[www.http://ourredeemer.org/preschool/](http://ourredeemer.org/preschool/)

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Preschool Beacon

Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller

Assistants, Christie Cherian M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH

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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
May 5	Exodus 25:1-19; 40	A Tent for God—God with His People
May 12	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday School Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kids will speak at the end of 8:00am worship and at the beginning of 10:30am worship. Pastor will teach all ages in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday School time <p style="text-align: center;">No traditional Sunday School classes</p>	
May 19	Graduation Breakfast all ages gather in Fellowship Hall—No Sunday School Classes	
May 26	Memorial Day Weekend—No Classes	



Sunday School Sunday

Sunday, May 12th

during both worship services

All students will share the Memory Work they've been working on.

Toddlin' —Jesus Loves Me song

Preschool ages —Exodus 3:12 "God said, 'But I will be with you.'"

Kindergarten & 1st grade —Psalm 119:105 "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

2nd & 3rd grade —John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

4th & 5th grade —Books of the Old and New Testaments

Confirmation—The Apostles' Creed & The Ten Commandments

High School—Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will make straight your paths."

Psalm 23 "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. "

Sunday School is one step along the way of equipping disciples to make disciples for Jesus!

Youth

6th - 12th Graders

MAY 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	31	

DATE	EVENT	TIME
12	Sunday School Sunday Celebration <i>in Fellowship Hall</i> Memory Work during worship services on Sunday	9:20am End of 8am & start of 10:30am services
18	Graduation Breakfast Set-up <i>6th—11th grade families help</i>	3:00pm
19	Graduation Breakfast <i>All are welcome!</i>	9:15am
27	Memorial Day—Office Closed Iowa City—No School	



Confirmed in Christ
April 28, 2024

Brynnley Fetzer
Eric Fletcher
James Haack
Micah Hartwig
Desmond Knock
Joseph La Grange

Jackson Lyon
Evelyn Mueller
Kenley Murken
Tate Nelson
Willa Ohlmann

Congratulations Confirmands

MAY EVENTS



Sunday, May 12th
SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY
9:20 am

Sunday School Celebration
in the Fellowship Hall

Memory Work during Worship Services
End of 8:00 am service & beginning of 10:30 am service

Noisy Offering

Bring your coins to put in the offering jar in the Narthex

Saturday, May 18th
GRADUATION BREAKFAST SET-UP
9:00 am—11:00 am
6th graders thru 11th graders and families helping



Sunday, May 19th
GRADUATION BREAKFAST
9:15 am—10:15 am
6th graders thru 11th graders and families helping



Monday, May 27th
MEMORIAL DAY
Office Closed
No School—Iowa City

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 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.



Praising God

Ephesians 4:3-7

(May be sung to any 87 87 D hymn-see hymnal pg. 997)

*Praise The Father, Holy Spirit,
And Christ Jesus, God's Only Son.
Holy Trinity undivided,
Still three Persons; still Three in One!
It is God's own Words that tells this;
Thus, by faith, we always shall own.
We trust Him who for'er guides us;
Eternal life for us, He's won!*

Carol Schuldt