



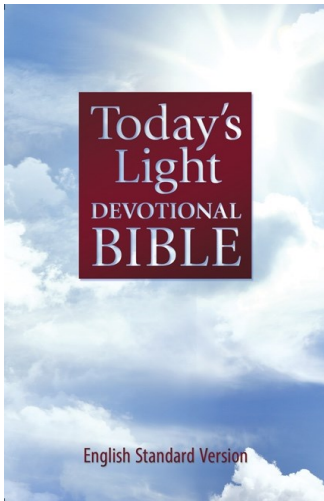
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Reflections



Weekly Newsletter—April 6/7, 2024

~Second Sunday of Easter~



ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Read through the Bible in two years

Week 15: Date	Scripture
4-8-2024	Deuteronomy 7:1-26
4-9-2024	Deuteronomy 8:1-20
4-10-2024	Deuteronomy 9:1-20:22
4-11-2024	Deuteronomy 11:-12:32
4-12-2024	Deuteronomy 13:1-18
4-13-2024	Deuteronomy 14:1-15:23

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
April 7	Exodus 12:1-32	The Passover Promise—The Passover
April 14	Exodus 16	Food from Heaven—God Cares for His People
April 21	Exodus 17:1-7	Waterworks—Water from the Rock
April 28	Exodus 31:18-32:35	The Idle Idol—The Golden Calf

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.



BAPTISM

Kinsley Kay Grosvenor

Daughter of
Carl Grosvenor & Brittney Pirkl

April 7 at 10:30am

Sponsors:
Sydney Adams & Sophia Sorenson

Prayer of the Church/Second Sunday of Easter/April 7, 2024

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

Father of the risen Christ, Your Son is the firstborn from the dead. In Him, we have been reborn into a new and living hope. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of the risen Christ, You have instituted authorities to carry out Your justice. Bless all who make, administer and judge the laws of our land. Give them wisdom, integrity and honor to serve according to Your good will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of the risen Christ, build up the households of Your people, that Your holy children, begotten in Baptism, may grow in Your grace and share together in Your forgiveness and life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

Father of the risen Christ, 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 **Kinsley Kay Grosvenor** this weekend. Strengthen her and all baptized in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of the risen Christ, You give us the crucified and risen body and blood of our Lord in this Holy Supper. Let us taste that the Lord is good and continually grow up unto salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of the risen Christ, 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.**

CALL DAY 2024—April 23

Call Day at Concordia Seminary is fast approaching. According to the website the call service to see if we will be receiving another vicar is at 3:00pm (CDT) and the time for the Assignment of Calls is at 7:00pm (CDT). Please check for further details at www.csl.edu/academics/call-day-services/

BIRTHDAYS

April 7	Benita Carney
April 8	Arlene Gerard, Philmore Holman, Max Milam, Alex Mullane, Jessica Villhauer
April 9	Britni Piegors, Noah Siems, Lauren Slater, William Wittich
April 10	Ellis Dyson, Fred Ogilvie, Emily Worden
April 11	Crew Borotrager, Sloane Miller, Brian Morrison
April 12	Mara Caylor, Morgan Kimball, Kevin Rauch
April 13	Eva Richardson, Paige Rocca, Laurel Sellers, Karen Wright

STEWARDSHIP March 30/31, 2024

TIME		TREASURES	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 3/30—5:30pm	38	Contributions	\$24,964.34
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 3/31—7:30am	78	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 3/31—9:00am	235	Maundy Thursday Services	196
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 3/31—10:30am	166	Good Friday Services	250
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	517	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	***

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, April 7—14, 2024

<u>Sunday, 4/7</u>		<u>Thursday, 4/11</u>	
Worship Service	8:00am	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Lantern Park	10:00am
Worship Service	10:30am	Briarwood	4:00pm
		Board of Directors	7:00pm
<u>Monday, 4/8</u>		Al-Anon	7:30pm
Staff Meeting	1:00pm		
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	<u>Friday, 4/12</u>	
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	***	
Old Capitol Quilters	6:00pm		
Outreach Committee	6:30pm	<u>Saturday, 4/13</u>	
		Men's Bible Study	8:00am
<u>Tuesday, 4/9</u>		Al-Anon District	10:00am
Old Capitol Quilters	8:30am	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
SM-Leaders Continuing Education	9:30am	St. Paul's Variety Show	7:00pm
Connections (Assimilation) Committee	6:30pm		
Al-Anon	7:00pm	<u>Sunday, 4/14</u>	
		Worship Service	8:00am
<u>Wednesday, 4/10</u>		Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
TOPS	8:00am	Worship Service	10:30am
Properties Committee	5:30pm	Trivia Challenge	12:00pm
Midweek Classes	6:45pm		
Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm		
Adult Midweek	7:00pm		

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

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.



LWML
Lutheran Women in Mission

LWML ON PALLIATIVE CARE

April 15 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Becky Benson (Bill and Beth Benson’s daughter-in-law), a Pediatric Palliative Care physician at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, will speak on palliative care. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Ruth Langehough has devotions. Linda Diggelmann and Sharon Hintze will be hostesses.

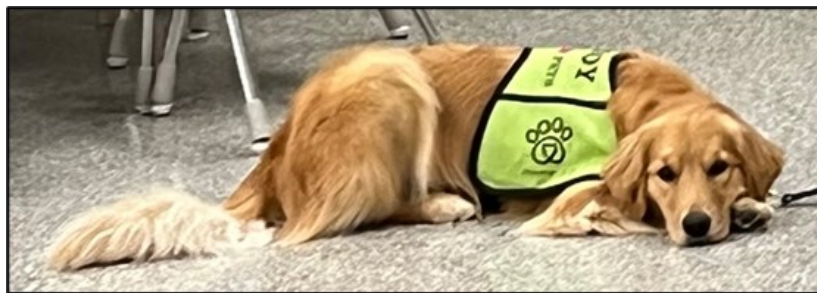
6:00 pm Lutheran World Relief Packing

Those who wish to help with the Lutheran World Relief Packing, Sandy Wagner and Lynne Westphal will have everything ready to assemble kits and prepare them for shipping



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 9:00 am. The ingathering will be items for Bethany Food Pantry and include various kinds of canned meats as well as other items.



From the Comfort-tiers/ LWML mission committee: They need t-shirt donations!

Are you clearing out older T-shirts to make way for Caitlin colored ones? If so, bring those you do not want—too tight, stained, torn, logos, any kind for us to make diapers from! Any colors. Size Large on up are best. Also, if you have any lengths of flannel you don’t want to sew up, please add them to the pile for receiving blankets—both used in the baby care kits for LWR. We are so grateful for all you do besides donating!!

Mission Minute



Christ said, *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations.”*

The Great Commission calls us to share God’s Word near and far, and the Mission

Committee at Our Redeemer has worked hard to do so, even in a pandemic! Now you have an opportunity to help. For the next several weeks we’re going to hold a “Mission Minute” during service.

This Mission Minute will provide an update on six of Our Redeemer’s missions:

- ~The Crowded Closet
- ~Iowa District East Student Aid
- ~Lutheran Family Service
- ~Panama Lutheran Church
- ~Parish Nurses of Eswatini
- ~UKANDU



One of these six missions will receive an extra allotment of mission funds—and you’ll help decide which through a “Penny Vote!” Every individual may “vote” with up to 100 pennies (one dollar’s worth) per week, by placing them in the appropriate glass jars in narthex. At the end of these six weeks, mission funding will be allocated accordingly. Go, get your pennies ready to support the growth of God’s Kingdom.

In Christ,
Mission Committee



SUMMER STAFF NEEDED

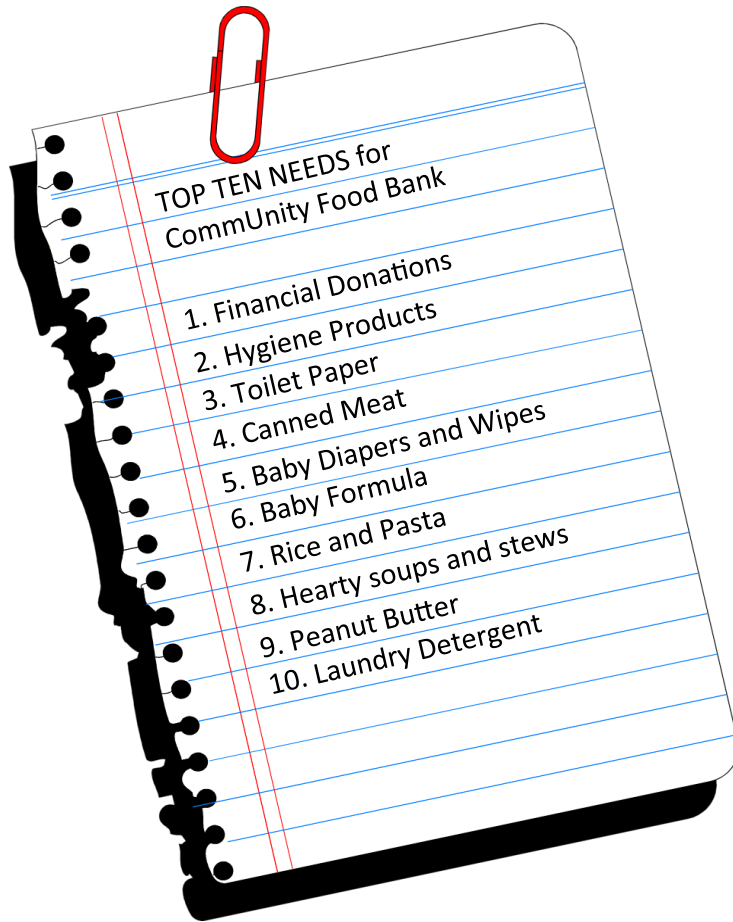
Looking for a summer job? Get that and more with a summer camp experience at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca in Solon, IA is hiring for male and female camp counselors for the upcoming summer.

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to spend your summer serving as a Christian role model for youth from Eastern Iowa and beyond!

Employment begins May 29 and ends August 3. All summer staff go through training in early June to be fully trained in camp activities and safety, including CPR, AED, and first aid training. Candidates should be at least 18 years old.

To get started, head on over to www.nloma.org and complete a summer service profile.

Please contact Alec Deppe at [319-848-4187](tel:319-848-4187) or email programdirector@iodiseca.org if you have any questions or for more information, or check out Camp's website at www.campiodiseca.org.



**Donation bin located in
Narthex by the
Welcome Counter**

Please consider picking up extra items as you are shopping to donate to the CommUnity Crisis Center.



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.



Building Healthy Families: *Husbands, listen up!* Did you know that 90% of effective communication is listening, not talking? When your wife is talking to you, stop what you are doing, turn toward her, and look at her face. Communicate the message that you are interested in and care about what she is saying. This is respectful, courteous, and is one way to build a great relationship. Give it a try this week! **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org



Preschool Newsletter



April 1—5, 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

How can you be a SUPER friend today?

This Week

Welcome SUPER questions
Spring songs for program
God gave us our bodies
Letter E—write, trace, sound
What is a superhero?
Bible lesson—Easter morning
Librarian Visit
Assessments for Conferences



Big line
Little 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: Lucia
Tuesday: Leif
Wednesday: NO SCHOOL
Thursday: Silas
Friday: Barnabas



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.



Conferences

Tuesday, April 9, 2024
12:10pm—2:30pm

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



Our Class is

SUPER

Because we:

- Help others
- Listen and Follow directions
- Do our best
- Are Kind
- Make good decisions
- Share
- Solve problems
- Wear a smile
- Laugh often





Children's Ministry

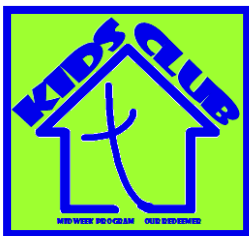
Birth—5th Grade



**Children's
Sunday School**
PreK—5th grade
April 7, 2024
9:20 am—10:15 am

This weeks lesson:

The Passover Promise—The Passover
Exodus 12:1-32



Kids Club

4 years old—5th Grade
Wednesday, April 10th
6:45 pm Kid's Club



Lesson: The Four Gospel Writers

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

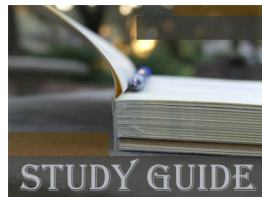
6th —12th Grade

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

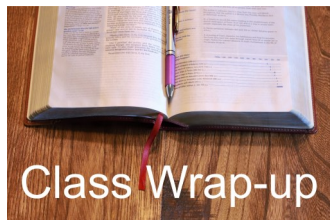
Confirmation (6th—8th Grade)

Wednesday, April 10th at 6:45 pm

6th Grade—Small Group
Study Guide



7th Grade—Large Group
Review Day & Class
Wrap-up. Exam next
week.



8th Grade—Small Group
Exam. Practice
questioning next week



Save these dates...

Trivia Challenge

Sunday, April 14th

12:00pm—2:00 pm

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



Spring Confirmation Retreat

Friday, April 19th

Meet at church at 12:30pm



Spiritual Growth Event

Wednesday, April 24th

6:00pm Meal in Fellowship Hall

7:00pm—8:00 pm Sanctuary

High School Youth are invited to join in at the Reception. immediately following at 8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall



Spiritual Growth Event

Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, April 28th

10:30 am service

All are welcome to this special Service.



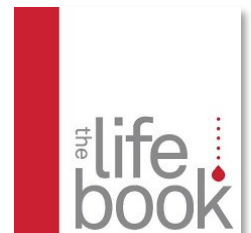
High School Midweek Schedule

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)

April 10
Jesus' Resurrection



YOUTH Sunday School

Confirmation: Room 208
High School: Youth Room



Sunday, April 7th
9:20 am —10:15 am

Lesson: The Passover Promise—The Passover
Exodus 12:1-32

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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.