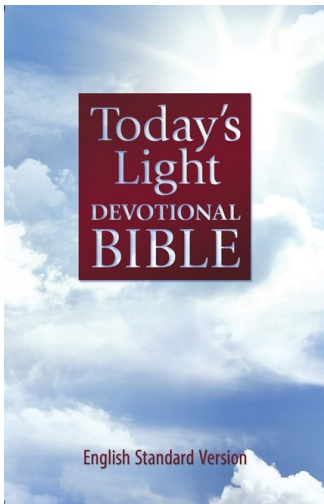




~Third Sunday of Easter~



ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Read through the Bible in two years

Week 16 Date	Scripture
4-15-2024	Deuteronomy 16:1-17:20
4-16-2024	Deuteronomy 18:1-19:21
4-17-2024	Deuteronomy 20:1-21:23
4-18-2024	Deuteronomy 22:1-23:25
4-19-2024	Deuteronomy 24:1-22
4-20-2024	Deuteronomy 25:1-26:19

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
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



Sunday Coffee & Treats

This Sunday's coffee and treats are being provided by the Mullanes and the Schwartings. Come join us for a little refreshment and fellowship before Sunday School and Adult Bible Class. Free will offering goes towards UKANDU efforts.



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.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers for the altar this weekend are from Diane Burke and Dave Yansky for the arrival of spring and giving thanks for all of God's blessings.

Prayer of the Church/Third Sunday of Easter/April 14, 2024

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

Lord God, in Your presence we find fullness of joy, and by Your right hand, Christ Jesus, You win and deliver peace forevermore. In the midst of this world's sins and sorrows, give us peace in the knowledge of His salvation and confident hope in the resurrection of the dead. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, by the incarnation of Your Son and the reconciliation of His cross, You have made us Your children and gathered us into Your Holy Church. Sustain the preaching of Your Holy Word and its message of repentance for the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name among us and all the nations of the world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, Lord, to our homes and enliven them by Christ's resurrected life. Let the forgiveness of sins reign among husbands and wives, parents and children. Assure those who live alone that they, too, are Your children, upheld by Your right hand. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, Your Word tells us to "go and make disciples of all nations." During the season of Easter we are highlighting six mission organizations we are supporting — ***The Crowded Closet, Iowa District East Student Aid, Lutheran Family Service, Panama Lutheran Church, Parish Nurses of Eswatini, and UKANDU.*** Help us to support, vote with our pennies, and go with these organization to make disciples. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord God, You have compassion on those who are afflicted. Remember and have mercy on [***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)***] all those in need of Your healing and deliverance. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord 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.

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 14 Brenda Johnson
 April 15 Craig Fobain, Marc Knotterus, Bob Lake
 April 16 Josiah Coblentz, John Walters
 April 17 Lucy Mueller, Eva Spiekermeier, Laurie Wahlert
 April 18 Aaron Fobian, Kenley Murken, Christian Pinnell, Rita Richerson, Janice Schafer, Shayla Servantez, Sandy Wagner
 April 19 Lindsay Anderson, Shonna Becker, Jace Dyson, Brynn O'Shea, Sheila Pinnell, Joseph Simmons
 April 20 Reece Caven, Dean Hargens, Wallen Jackson, Charles Trimpe

STEWARDSHIP April 6/7, 2024

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 4/6—5:30pm	48	Contributions	\$11,798.65
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 4/7—8:00am	76	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 4/7—10:30am	112		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	236	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	68/34

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, April 14—20, 2024

<u>Sunday, 4/14</u>		<i>Wednesday continued...</i>	
Worship Service	8:00am	Windmill Manor	2:00pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Midweek Classes	6:45pm
Worship Service	10:30am	Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Trivia Challenge	12:00pm	Adult Midweek	7:00pm
<u>Monday, 4/15</u>		<u>Thursday, 4/18</u>	
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	Cross & Entrance Committee	6:00pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Children's Ministry Committee	6:00pm		
LWML	7:00pm	<u>Friday, 4/19</u>	
		Spring Confirmation Trip	12:30pm
<u>Tuesday, 4/16</u>		<u>Saturday, 4/20</u>	
SM-Leaders Continuing Education	9:30am	Men's Bible Study	8:00am
Solon Nursing Home	9:30am	Worship Service	5:30pm
SM-Small Group/Marcia	6:30pm		
Al-Anon	7:00pm		
<u>Wednesday, 4/17</u>		<u>Sunday, 4/21</u>	
		Worship Service	8:00am
TOPS	8:00am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
Bible Study	11:00am	Worship Service	10:30am
Lunch Bunch	12:00pm	Girl Scout Troop 8598 Pinewood Derby	12:00pm
		Chamber Singers Open Rehearsal	3:00pm

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.

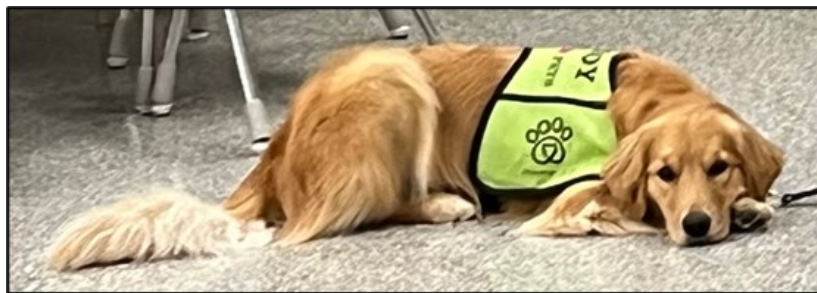
6:00 pm Lutheran World Relief Packing

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

Everyone is invited to join us for the LWML Cedar Rapids Zone Spring Event on **Saturday, April 13, at Bethany Lutheran Church, 2202 Forest Drive SE, Cedar Rapids**. Registration is at 8:30am with the event beginning promptly at 9:00am. The theme is **“Sharing the Joy of God’s Love”** and Joy, the Comfort Dog and her Comfort Dog Ministry will be presented. The ingathering will be for Bethany’s food pantry. Assorted canned meats is among the requested items. Come and join us and meet Joy!!!



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!!



SPIRITUAL GROWTH EVENT

April 24 at 7:00 pm
Sanctuary

Join our confirmands as they:

- Present their knowledge of the Christian faith
- Display and explain their confirmation banner/verse
- Share their confirmation paper

Following their presentations and questioning, there will be a cake & punch reception in the Fellowship Hall.

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

Jackson Lyon
Evelyn Mueller
Kenley Murken
Tate Nelson
Willa Ohlmann

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 had 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.



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: *Wives, want to build up your marriage?* Stop and think about your husband's gifts. (No, not the ones he gave you for your last birthday and Christmas!) What are his talents? What does he love to do? What are his spiritual gifts? What are his aspirations?

Accomplishments? Recognize them, name them, and communicate your respect for them...to him and to others. It will help build a great relationship! **Lutheran Family Service.**

www.LutheranFamilyService.org



Preschool Newsletter



April 8—12, 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

If you had an insect for a pet, which one would you want? Why?

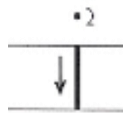
This Week

- Welcome insect / bug questions
- Line leader color
- Letter li—recognize, write, and make the sound
- Classroom rules
- Bible Lesson—The Road to Easter
- Bug / insect facts
- Bird feeder craft
- Insect & spring books
- Igloo Facts
- Assessments for Conferences



Dates

- 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: Cohen
- Tuesday: Britta
- Wednesday: Ellie
- Thursday: Bennett
- Friday: NO SCHOOL



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

Thank you for great conversations during conferences this week!



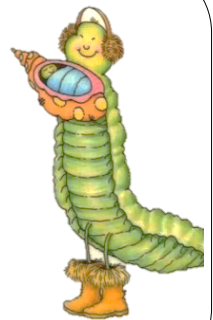
Spring Program

We promptly start at 11:50am in the preschool room.



li (To Clementine)

In an igloo on an island in a sea of icy water. Lived an inchworm named Ignatius and his itty-bitsy daughter. She was smaller than an inkblot and her name was Isabel. She didn't need a cradle 'cause she slept in a seashell.



GREEN (Tune: Row, Row, Row, Your Boat)

G-R-E-E-N, G-R-E-E-N
 I know how to spell green, G-R-E-E-N
 Caterpillars are green and grasshoppers, too
 I know how to spell green, G-R-E-E-N

GREEN



green

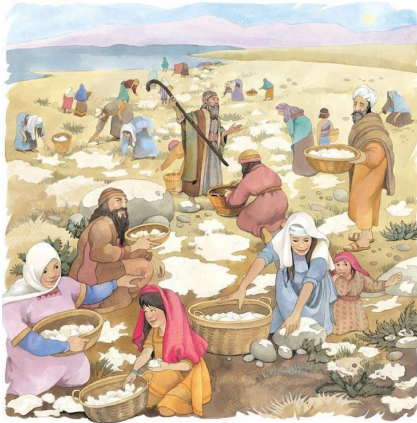


Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



Children's Sunday School
PreK—5th grade
April 14, 2024
9:20 am—10:15 am



This weeks lesson:
Food from Heaven—
God Cares for His People
Exodus 16



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."

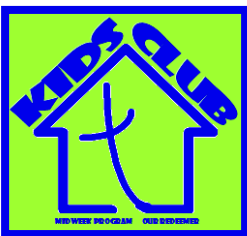
4th & 5th grade —Books of the Old and New Testaments

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!



Kids Club
4 years old—5th Grade
Wednesday, April 17th
6:45 pm Kid's Club



Lesson: Review
Present 5th Graders with an exiting gift

Youth

6th —12th Grade

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

Confirmation (6th—8th Grade)

Wednesday, April 17th at 6:45 pm

6th Grade—Small Group
EXAM



7th Grade—Small Group
EXAM



8th Grade—Small Group
Practice questioning



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 Pizza Meal
7:00pm—8:00 pm
High School Youth are invited to join in at the Reception. Reception Immediately following at 8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall



Spiritual Growth Event

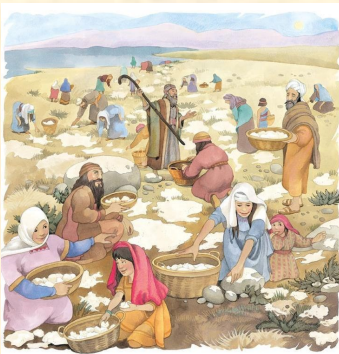
Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, April 28th
10:30 am service
All are welcome to this special Service.



YOUTH Sunday School

Confirmation: Room 208
High School: Youth Room



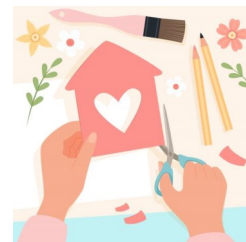
Sunday, April 14th
9:20 am —10:15 am

Lesson:

Food from Heaven—God Cares for His People
Exodus 16

High School Midweek Schedule

Wednesdays at 6:45 pm in the Youth Room
All high school youth and their friends are welcome!



CARD NIGHT!
APRIL 17
Make cards for
8th Grade Confirmands.

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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.