



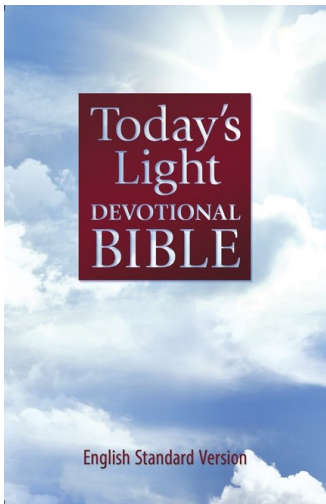
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# Reflections



Weekly Newsletter—May 4/5, 2024

~Sixth Sunday of Easter~



## ADULT BIBLE CLASS

*Read through the Bible in two years*

Week 19 Date	Scripture
5-6-2024	Joshua 8:1-9:27
5-7-2024	Joshua 10:1-43
5-8-2024	Joshua 11:1-12:24
5-9-2024	Joshua 13:1-15:63
5-10-2024	Joshua 16:1-17:18
5-11-2024	Joshua 18:1-19:51

## Sunday School Lessons

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;"><i>Sunday School Sunday</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kids will speak at the end of 8:00am worship and at the beginning of 10:30am worship.</li> <li>Pastor will teach all ages in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday School time</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No traditional Sunday School classes</i></p>	
May 19	Graduation Breakfast all ages gather in Fellowship Hall—No Sunday School Classes	
May 26	Memorial Day Weekend—No Classes	



## Sunday Coffee & Treats

This Sunday's coffee and treats are being provided by the Mission Committee. Come join us for a little refreshment and fellowship before Sunday School and Adult Bible Class. Free will offering goes towards continued mission projects..

## Prayer of the Church/Sixth Sunday of Easter/May 5, 2024

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

Heavenly Father, You invite us freely to come and hear Your Word. Bless and increase our faith, that we may rightly fear You and learn what You have done for our souls. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You make known the good news of peace through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Bless and direct the work of our missionaries, that in every nation there would be people who fear God, do what is right and, believing in Jesus, receive forgiveness of sins through His name. We especially thank you for the **Parish Nurses in eSwatini**, all the pastors in **Lutheran Church of Panama** and **Arthur Rickman, UKANDU**, and **Ysleta** Mission in El Paso. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, out of great love for You and for sinners, our Lord Jesus laid down His life for the world. Increase in us true love for one another, that like our Lord, we may also lay down our lives for our friends. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, the Giver of all that is good, grant Your healing and support to all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity [*especially Arlene Boots, Diana Bowman, 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)*]. Give them also the gift of Your grace to accept and bear their crosses with faith in You, that finally they would be prepared to depart this life and receive the gift of eternal life in Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, at the death of Your Son, You gave the testimony of Your Spirit in the water and blood that poured from His wounded side. Grant that, having received this testimony in the water of Baptism, we may also receive it in the body and blood of Jesus in the Holy Supper and so overcome the world by our faith in Him. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, 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.

## BIRTHDAYS

May 5 Tobias Haack, Brian Poust  
 May 6 Emily Peterson, Paul Ragan, Wyatt Thompson  
 May 7 Ryan Roth, Kristin Weis  
 May 8 Karen Alderman, Todd Davis, Brian Potter, Callie Schneider, Robert Staddard  
 May 9 Marc West  
 May 10 \*\*\*  
 May 11 Ava Cross, Patricia Morrow, Zachary Rozmus, Pat Sexton

## STEWARDSHIP April 27/28, 2024

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 4/27—5:30pm	30	Contributions	\$5,624.71
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 4/28—8:00am	98	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 4/28—10:30am	303		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	431	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	71/11

## This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, May 5—12, 2024

<u>Sunday, 5/5</u>		<u>Thursday, 5/9</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, 5/6</u>		Al-Anon	7:30pm
Staff Meeting	1:00pm		
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	<u>Friday, 5/10</u>	
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	***	
Youth Committee	6:00pm		
		<u>Saturday, 5/11</u>	
<u>Tuesday, 5/7</u>		Men's Bible Study	8:00am
Solon Nursing Home	9:30am	Sydney Alt Bridal Shower	8:30am
Cross & Entrance Committee	6:00pm	Worship Service	5:30pm
Preschool Open House	6:00pm		
Board of Elders	6:30pm	<u>Sunday, 5/12—Sunday School Sunday</u>	
Human Care	6:30pm	Worship Service	8:00am
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
		Worship Service	10:30am
<u>Wednesday, 5/8</u>			
TOPS	8:00am		
Properties Committee	5:30pm		

## **Blessing Books Now through May 12<sup>th</sup>**

*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 12<sup>th</sup>**



Zachary Aisenbrey  
Eli Casteel  
Jordyn Kucera  
Kendra Schwarting

Jalynn Beranek  
Cade Dyson  
Ava Pence  
Luke Traetow

Brice Bernhard  
Allison Fetzer  
Carson Pence

## **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. 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

53 boxes containing	348 Quilts
16 boxes containing	72 Baby Care Kits
1 box containing	2 Fabric/Sewing Kits
6 boxes containing	41 Health Kits
<b>76 Total Boxes</b>	<b>463 total Items</b>



Thank you SO much for donating all the items for the baby kits, health kits, fabric/sewing kits and items donated to the quilters.

Thanks go out to the Quilters for making SO many quilts--our congregations is truly blessed. Thanks goes out to Carol and George Schultdt for renting a U-Haul, storing the quilt boxes, labeling them, loading them into the U-Haul and for picking up the rest of the boxes at church and taking them up to Cedar Rapids. Thank you to the LWML for putting all the kits together and putting them in the boxes on 4/15. A special thank you to Trinity Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids, the youth and their parents for unloading the boxes from all the vehicles that bring their kits to their church and putting them in a semi that then takes them to St. Paul, MN.

### 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 & his wife 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



### 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!!

# Ladies Night

The LWML is having a Ladies Night Out on Monday, May 20. We are going to the Copper Boar, 575 Cameron Way, Unit B, in North Liberty. Signup sheet is hanging on the LWML bulletin board downstairs right before entering the Fellowship Hall. Signup will end Sunday, May 12. We will carpool from church on Monday, May 20 at 5:30 pm. Reservations are at 6:00 pm at the Copper Boar. If you plan on meeting us there, please let Cynthia Fruendt know, indicating on the signup sheet or calling Cynthia at 319-338-5546 or 319-855-8891. Leave a message if no answer.

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](http://gospeladventures.org) or wherever you listen to podcasts.



## Lost & Found



We have quite a few things from the Lost and Found bin that will be displayed on the table in the narthex for the owners to pick up. **Anything left after May 19 will be donated.**

We have cups, reading glasses, bags, shoes, jackets, baby's binkie, other items, and several sets of keys (Lorrie keeps those in a secure place so ask Lorrie or Laurel about them).

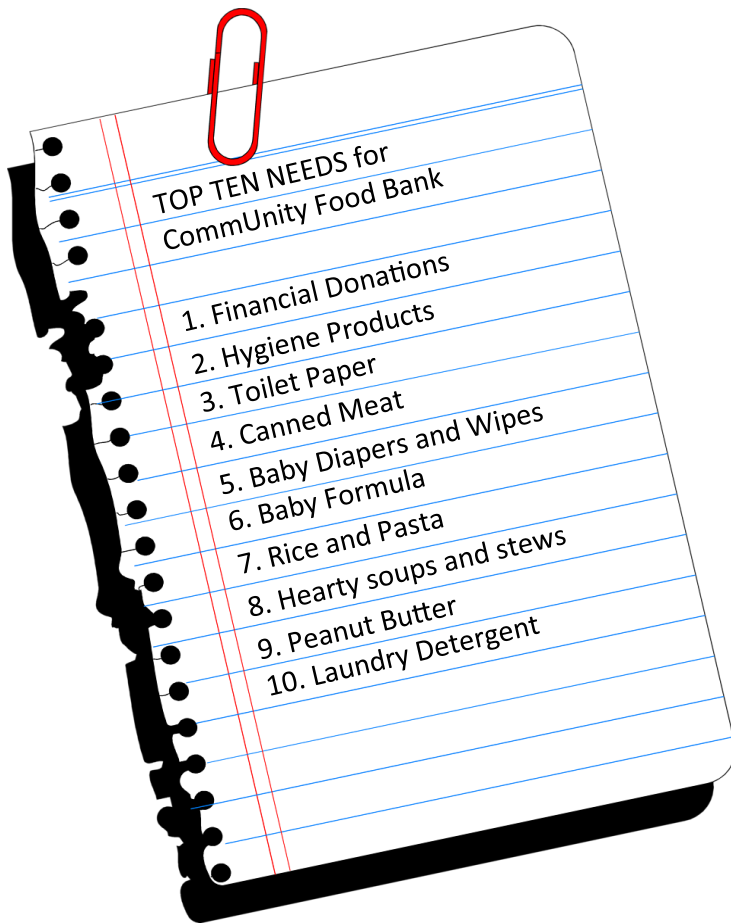
Also included in the lost and found and has been put in time out on Lorrie's desk is Piggy who would like to go home with his owner.





## Hosta Bed on North Side of Church Needs Plants

In order to maintain the variety of hosta plants in the bed on the north side of the church, we are in need of more hosta plants. Do you have an abundance of hosta plants in your gardens at home? If you wish to donate plants, a box is available in the church office to place your sacks of plants. Donations of a variety of hostas are appreciated.



**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.

### Let's support the companies who advertise in our Pictorial Directory!

- Need a relator or know someone who does? **Call Verne Folkmann.**
  - Need your car detailed? **Call Brad Mullane.**
  - Need work done around the house or yard? **Call HandyWoman Louise.**
  - Need to dine in or carry out a good meal? **Go to Midtown Family Restaurant.**
- Need a great company for your investments? **Call Lutheran Church Extension Fund.**  
Check the Pictorial Directory for phone numbers, addresses, and email connections.  
(Directories are available in the Church Office.)



# Our Redeemer Preschool

For children ages 3-5 years and are potty trained

# Open House



**May 7, 2024**  
**6:00pm–7:00pm**

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

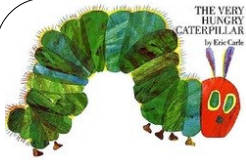


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# Preschool Newsletter

April 15—19, 2024

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*Our Redeemer Preschool where children play, learn, and grow in Jesus!*



## Home Question

Would you want a caterpillar for a pet?  
Why?

### This Week


Welcome caterpillar questions  
Hello song  
Bible Lesson—Rhoda and Peter's Surprise  
Drive My Car song  
The Hungry Caterpillar craft  
Number 9  
Difference between a butterfly and a moth  
Friends coloring sheet  
Librarian visit  
Fire truck visit  
Caterpillar and bug books  
Train Center  
Caterpillar life cycle

### Dates

May 3—Pizza & Playground Night FREE  
May 23/24—Last Days of School Celebration and Graduation

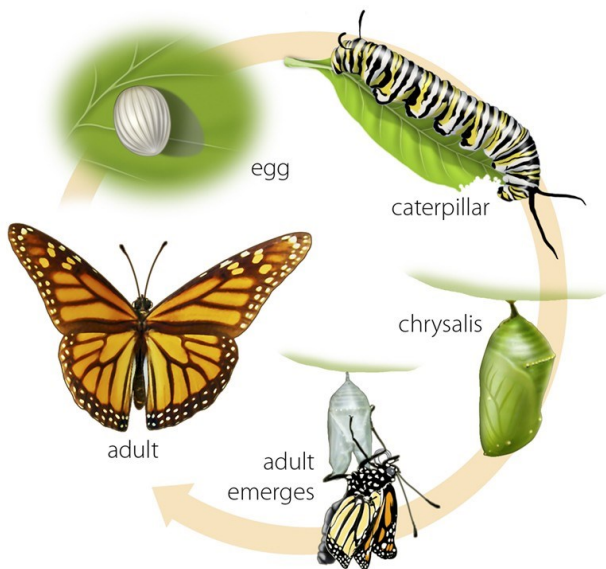
## Snack Next Week

You get to bring snacks and be our line leader!  
M/W/F = 18 kids; T/TH = 14 kids  
Monday: Teddy  
Tuesday: Arielli  
Wednesday: Zion  
Thursday: Arthur  
Friday: Eliana



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.

## 9 A loop and a line down, that's the way to make a nine!



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# Children's Ministry

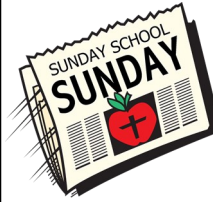
Birth—5<sup>th</sup> Grade



**Children's  
Sunday School**  
PreK—5<sup>th</sup> grade  
**April 12, 2024**  
9:20 am—10:15 am



**This weeks lesson:**  
A Tent for God—God with His People  
Exodus 25:1-19; 40



**Sunday School Sunday**  
**Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**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!**

**Sunday School  
SAVE THE DATE!**

**Graduation  
BREAKFAST**



**May 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**All are invited to the  
Fellowship Hall  
at 9:15am. There are no  
traditional Sunday School  
Classes on that Sunday**

# Youth

6<sup>th</sup> —12<sup>th</sup> Grade

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

## Graduation Breakfast



Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>  
9:15 am—10:15 am  
Fellowship Hall

*The congregation is invited to attend this celebration for Our Redeemer's high school seniors who are graduating in 2024.*

## YOUTH Sunday School

Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

9:20 am —10:15 am



Lesson:

A Tent for God—God with His People  
Exodus 25:1-19; 40

## MAY EVENTS



**Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**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*

**Confirmation**—*The Apostle's Creed & The Ten Commandments*

**High School**—*Proverbs 3:5-6 and Psalm 23*

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### Noisy Offering

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

**Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**GRADUATION BREAKFAST SET-UP**  
3:00 pm—5:00 pm

6<sup>th</sup> graders thru 11<sup>th</sup> graders  
and families helping



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



*The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.*

**Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**MEMORIAL DAY**  
**Office Closed**  
**No School—Iowa City**

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Ryan Haack	319-325-7915
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Brad Mullane	319-936-5826
Chad Pence (Chair)	319-321-5686
Art Schwarting	319-325-6152

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## DEADLINES

**Reflections** (printed weekly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) each Wednesday by 5:00 pm

**Beacon Newsletter & Church Activities Calendar** (printed monthly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) by noon on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

## RADIO

**Lutheran Hour Ministries on Radio**—WMT 600 AM Radio on Sunday mornings at 6:30 am, and KXEL 1540 AM Radio on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. For more information on Lutheran Hour Ministries go to [www.LHM.org](http://www.LHM.org).

## VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND SCREENING

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church has a strong, caring ministry with children and youth. To promote the safest and most secure environment possible all employees and volunteers, both new and existing, undergo a background screening before working with younger members. Performing background checks provides safeguards and peace of mind to our staff, volunteers, parents, youth, and children.