

Reflections



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Weekly Newsletter—May 11/12, 2024

~Seventh Sunday of Easter~

English Standard Version

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Read through the Bible in two years

Week 20 Date	Scripture
5-13-2024	Joshua 20:1-21:45
5-14-2024	Joshua 22:1-34
5-15-2024	Joshua 23:1-16
5-16-2024	Joshua 24:1-33
5-17-2024	Judges 1:1-36
5-18-2024	Judges 2:1-23

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson		
May 12	 Sunday School Sunday 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 No traditional Sunday School classes 			
May 19	Graduation Breakfast all ages gather in Fellowship Hall—No Sunday School Classes			
May 26	Memorial Day Weekend—No Classes			



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.

Prayer of the Church/Seventh Sunday of Easter/May 12, 2024

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

Holy Father, accept the prayers we offer through Your Son, our Savior, and keep us forever in Your name and Word, that we may be one just as You are one. Sanctify us in the truth; Your Word is truth. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy Father, You have gathered us again before Your presence. Grant that we may dwell in Your house all the days of our lives and gaze upon Your beauty manifested here in Your Word and Sacrament. Graciously receive us as we inquire in Your temple. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, since it is Your will that we pray for all in authority, we believe with confidence that You hear our prayers for our president, governor, Congress, legislature and judges. Teach them the testimony of the truth, that they may be wise and effective in their offices. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, You have testified that eternal life is given in Your Son and that whoever has Him has life. Comfort and help the sick and the distressed [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), 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)]... Heal them and give life to all those who hold Your Son in faithful hearts. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy Father, we thank you for the gift of Sunday School and the teachers that have served the past year. It is good for Your people of all ages to be in study of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**. Holy 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.



I would like to thank you all for your prayers, cards, calls, text, and food during my recent heart attack. Our church family is a great source of comfort and love.

Marilyn Kempnich

BIRTHDAYS

May 12	Sara Caven, Callie Foster, Linda Langenberg, Taylor Pence

May 13 Maggie Schmidt, Seth Schwarting

May 14 Russell Sexton

May 15 Marilyn Kempnich, Jodie Obermueller, Thomas Recker, Shana Stuart

May 16 Tim Eick, Michael Jones, Matthew Lepic, Erin McDowell, Janeen McKillip, Cy Miller, Violet Price,

Easton Richardson, Carol Zimmermann

May 17 Betty Redeker

May 18 Caroline Schrader

STEWARDSHIP May 4/5, 2024

TIME TREASURES			
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 5/4—5:30pm	31	Contributions	\$13,015.50
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 5/5—8:00am	83	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 5/5—10:30am	146		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	260	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	71/4

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, May 12—19, 2024

Sunday, 5/12—Sunday School Sunday		Wednesday continued	
Worship Service—NOISY OFFERING	8:00am	Bible Study	11:00am
Sunday School (All ages Fellowship Hall)	9:20am	Lunch Bunch	12:00pm
Worship Service—NOISY OFFERING	10:30am	Windmill Manor	2:00pm
Mother's Day			
		Thursday, 5/16	
Monday, 5/13		Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Staff Calendar Planning Meeting	1:00pm	Cross & Entrance Committee	6:00pm
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm		
Old Capitol Quilters	6:00pm	<u>Friday, 5/17</u>	
Preschool Board	6:30pm	***	
Outreach Committee	6:30pm		
LWML Board	7:00pm	Saturday, 5/18	
		Grad Breakfast Set-up	8:00am
<u>Tuesday, 5/14</u>		Worship Service	5:30pm
Connection Committee	6:30pm		
Al-Anon	7:00pm	<u>Sunday, 5/19</u>	
		Worship Service	8:00am
Wednesday, 5/15		Senior Grad Breakfast	9:15am
TOPS	8:00am	Worship Service	10:30am
		Chamber Singers—Auditions	2:30pm

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.

<u>WHAT SHOULD I WRITE?</u> 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 <u>or</u> 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

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



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.



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.



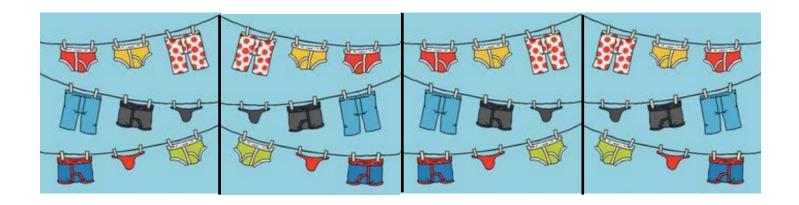
Graduation Breakfast

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Sunday, May 19th 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.

UNDIES SUNDAY



During the month of June, Our Redeemer Human Care Committee will be sponsoring our third annual "Undies Sunday" to benefit the Iowa City Shelter House.

Did you know that underwear is one of the most requested items for the homeless that does not get donated very often? Having a clean pair of underwear each day is critical for a person's physical and emotional well-being. Our committee is asking the congregation to donate NEW underwear for men, women, and children. Selections in all sizes and colors are appreciated.

Laundry baskets will be placed in the Narthex for donations. Next time you're out shopping for you and your family, please consider purchasing a package of underwear and donating to benefit the homeless in Johnson County.



Thank you!



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church VBS

Sunday, August 4, 2024 to Thursday, August 8, 2024 5:00 PM—8:15 PM

2301 East Court Street lowa City, IA

Let's get ready to celebrate the Savior! God has given us so many amazing blessings: our families, friends, and His everlasting love. At **Celebrate the Savior VBS**, children will dive into five events in Jesus' life and discover that Jesus' love always gives us a reason to celebrate.

The schedule will include:

5:00 pm meal 5:30-5:45 pm opening 5:30-8:00 pm activities 8:00-8:15 pm closing STUDENT AGES:

4 years old (who are potty-trained) through 8th grade students (for 2024-25)

Sign up to attend or volunteer:

https://vbsmate.com/events/OurRedeemerVBS2023/28577

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.)



Building Healthy Families: A Mother's Love—Scripture is full of references to mothers and their unique qualities. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 isn't typically thought of as one of them but think of mothers you know who are living examples of the high calling of love described here: Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. Happy Mother's Day to all women who so lovingly care for their children and others. (P.S. Call your mother!) Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org



Preschool Newsletter

April 15—19, 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!

Home Question

If you could ride or drive anything, what would it be?

> Plane Train Car Truck

Rocket ship Boat

Bike Trike Van Scooter 4 Wheeler

Racecar Go cart Skates Unicycle Cruise ship











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.

This Week

Welcome transportation question

Classroom rules

Line leader color sona

Bike Davs

Stories with Bill & Suzie

Wear the color areen

Letter seek and find

Caterpillar activity sheet

Bubble activity sheet

Butterfly coloring

Mother's Day gift

Personalized license plate craft

Transporation books

Dates

May 23/24—Last Days of School Celebration and Graduation.

* On Friday there will be a cake reception to follow thanks to the Brooks family.

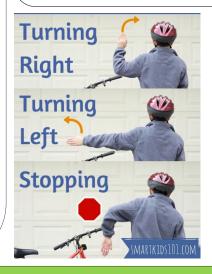
GREEN (Tune: Row, Row, Row, Your Boat)

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







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Please fill out the parent survey by May 17, 2024

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Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



Children's Sunday School PreK–5th grade

PreK—5" grade **May 12, 2024** 9:20 am—10:15 am

Sunday School Sunday Children meet in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor will be teaching all ages.

Sunday School SAVE THE DATE!



May 19th
All are invited to the
Fellowship Hall
at 9:15am.

Help us support the high school class of 2024 by joining us for breakfast!



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!



6th —12th Grade

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

Graduation Breakfast



Sunday, May 19th 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 12th

9:20 am —10:15 am
Sunday School Sunday—Noisy Offering
Meet in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 19th

9:15 am —10:15 am

Senior Grad Breakfast

Come support our high school class of 2024

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

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 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

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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.