

Reflections



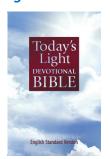
Weekly Newsletter—November 9/10, 2024

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~Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentcost~

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Read through the Bible in two years



Week 46 Date	Scripture
11/11/2024	Psalm 48:1-53:6
11/12/2024	Psalm 54:1-60:12
11/13/2024	Psalm 61:1-66:20
11/14/2024	Psalm 67:-7:20
11/15/2024	Psalm 73:1-77:20
11/16/2024	Psalm 78:1-82:8

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
November 10	2 Kings 22	The Restoring King—King Josiah
November 17	Daniel3	A Fiery Marvel—Three Men in the Fiery Furnace
November 24	Ezekiel 8:10-11; 36:1-15	Abomination Nation—The Lord Leaves the Temple



A Chance to Share The Fun ~ Trivia Challenge

Our Redeemer offers a perfect environment for a friendly game of Trivia Challenge. A no-pressure competition with family and friends, where winning is secondary to fellowship. Feel free to invite neighbors, co-workers, friends or family. Bring an appetizer if you can and join us in the Fellowship Hall.



Event will be **November 10th** right after 10:30 worship. Sign up on the chart on the Welcome Counter located in the Narthex. Last minute walk ins are acceptable.

Prayer of the Church/Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost/November 10, 2024

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

Merciful God, You send the Holy Spirit to call Your people to faith. Graciously keep us in the divine Word, and send out faithful laborers into Your harvest. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Merciful God, grant us faith like that of the widow, who gave her last two coins, trusting that You would care for her every need. Deliver us from all hypocrisy, and give us genuine faith, joyful piety and cheerful giving. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Merciful God, it is Your desire that Your saving Word is brought to the ends of the earth. We give you thanks for the gifts of *Mission Central* and all the missionaries that make it possible for Your Word to spread far and wide. We especially thank you for the *Parish Nurses in eSwatini*, the children of eSwatini sponsored in the *Chosen World Vision* event, and *Arthur Rickman* and all the pastors and deaconesses in Panama. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer

Merciful God, Your Son came not to be served but to serve, especially to serve those who are ignored and despised. Comfort the afflicted and troubled, the sick [especially Arlene Boots, Dorothy Blume (Carol Schuldt's sister), Loren Deetz, Linda Diggelmann, Kathy Eick, Chuck Enokian, John Enokian (brother of Chuck Enokian), Gabe Hundley (grandson of Karen Abernathy), Dora Jacobson (granddaughter of George and Carol Schuldt), Sonja Jacobson (daughter of George and Carol Schuldt), Todd Jones (Barb & Ron Jones' son), Ben Malcom (father of Tiffany Roiseland), Terry McBride (brother of Curt McBride), Norma Miller (Twyla Freeman's aunt), Merri Mullane, Julie Pratt-Mullenkamp (Cousin of Ruth Varney), Delores Nace (sister of Doris Siemer), Erin Nielsen (cousin of Crissy Pence), Marcia Osborn, Lucas Schildknecht (friend of the Hartwigs), Lee Schwarting (Art Schwarting's mother), Carol Schuldt, Marlene Thompson, Connie Ullrich (Jeff Kucera's aunt), Natalie Ullrich (Jeff Kucera's cousin), Reece Ullerich, Karen Warner, Mark Wilson, and Beth Wu and all who have asked for our prayers], all women with child, all young children, all who mourn, and all who are in need. Keep them steadfast in the faith, and bring their suffering to an end. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

All these things and whatever else you know that we need, grant us, Father, for you have made us your chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation belonging to you, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen, Amen!**

BIRTHDAYS

November 10 ***

November 11 Diane Burke, Matthew Meraz

November 12 Harper Hahn, Hunter Kopf, Nathan Moore, Oliver Petrulevich

November 13 Shana Siems

November 14 Rachel Hottel, Rhet Norland, Aibhlinn O'Shea, Michael Richardson, Gavin Schrader,

Camden Schwarting, Charma Wenck

November 15 Evan Aisenbrey, David Bloesch, Todd Cooney

November 16 Jason Farnsworth

STEWARDSHIP November 2/3, 2024

TIME		TREASURES	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 11/2—5:30pm	29	Contributions	\$23,882.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 11/3—8:00am	111	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 11/3—10:30am	123		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	263	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	57/48

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, November 10—17, 2024

Sunday, 11/10—Being Chosen by a Child		Wednesday continued	
Worship Service	8:00am	Midweek Classes	6:45pm
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Adult Midweek	7:00pm
Worship Service	10:30am		
Trivia Challenge	12:00pm	<u>Thursday, 11/14</u>	
The Chosen	6:00pm	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
		Lantern Park	10:00am
Monday, 11/11—Veterans Day		Briarwood	4:00pm
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Board of Directors	7:00pm
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Old Capitol Quilters	6:00pm		
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	<u>Friday, 11/15</u>	
Outreach Committee	6:30pm	***	
		Saturday, 11/16—Youth Led Worship	
<u>Tuesday, 11/12</u>		Pie Prep	8:00am
Women's Bible Study	10:00am	Pie Sale	11:00am
Connections Committee	6:30pm	Youth Worship Rehearsal	2:00pm
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Worship Service	5:30pm
Grief Share	7:00pm		
		Sunday, 11/17—Youth Led Worship	
Wednesday, 11/13		Yout Worship Rehearsal	7:30am
TOPS	8:00am	Worship Service	8:00am
Properties Committee	5:30pm	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	9:20am
Youth Worship Rehearsal	6:45pm	Worship Service	10:30am
Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm	Voters Meeting	11:45am
		The Chosen	6:00pm



WORLD VISION WILL PRESENT AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE "CHOSEN" November 9 and 10

What to Expect:

There will be a guest speaker after the services to discuss the intricacies of this program. Unlike other World Vision events, you will not simply pick from a set of children's pictures. Instead, if you chose to sign up for this event, you will have your picture taken at a photobooth in the narthex after the service. Your picture will then be sent all the way to eSwatini to be chosen by a child. The following Saturday/Sunday (16/17 Nov), we will have envelopes for all the families who were chosen (all who sign up before 8pm on Sunday the 10^{th} will be chosen this week). In these envelopes you will find a picture of the child who chose you holding your picture! This event is one of many different opportunities our church offers to support mission work around the globe.

Expenses:

World Vision is asking for \$40.00 a month per child you sponsor. You may cancel this sponsorship at any time.

Making a Decision:

Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to support missional giving in this way. If you do not feel this is an area you are called to give, *feel no guilt*! Our Redeemer proudly offers many different ways you can support God's mission around the globe!

We are thankful that God has allowed us this opportunity and look forward to celebrating this fun Chosen event with you in the coming weeks!

In Christ,

Vicar Simmons

Office: (319) 338-5626

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfector of faith." – Hebrews 12:1-2a



I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. (John 10:14-16)

Are YOU interested in sharing the message of Christ's love and forgiveness with those in prison?

Prison Fellowship Academy brings volunteers from churches in the community together with those in prison to engage with each other on a journey to change lives through the Gospel message. In this year long curriculum, participants explore their true identity, examine faulty thinking, form new goals, look at the factors that shaped them, and consider their new life as redeemed sons and daughters of God. PFA replaces criminal thinking and behaviors with renewed purpose and Biblically based life principles.

Volunteer opportunities are currently available:
Anamosa State Penitentiary (Wednesdays 5-7PM / Saturdays 9-11AM)
Iowa Medical Classification Center –Coralville (Wednesdays and Fridays 1-2:30PM)

Training and curriculum are provided...New volunteers are always welcome, even if you can only come occasionally!

Please contact Carol Holman for more information.

carol-holman@uiowa.edu

The angels are coming!!



This year you will again have the opportunity to be a blessing to those less fortunate through Angel Tree, a program offered through Prison Fellowship in which children of prisoners are given Christmas gifts on behalf of the parent who is unable to do so while incarcerated.

Angels will be available for selection before and after services beginning with **Thanksgiving Eve and each Advent and weekend service through Wednesday, December 11.** When you select an angel (or angels), you will be asked to sign out the angel with your name and phone number.

All gifts need to be wrapped and returned to church by Sunday, December 15 in order to process and deliver them before Christmas. You will receive written instructions when you select an angel. Thank you for helping create a pathway to reconciliation between incarcerated parents and their children at this special time of the year.



Dear Lord, Bless the children. Amen.

Listen to The Lutheran Hour!

Find your local station at: Ihm.org/lutheranhour

NATIONAL OUTLETS:

SiriusXM Sundays, 10:00 am ET Family Talk Channel 131 iheartRadio/Spotify/Apple/Alexa
Podcast on demand



Building Healthy Families: Soldiers, sailors, airmen and women, and marines returning from deployment suffer major depression and PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) at rates much higher than the general population. The lives of service members and their loved ones are forever changed. Who has served our country and now lives in your neighborhood or community? Notice them this week. Then engage your family in planning to show them your respect, appreciation, and love!

Lutheran Family Service <u>www.LutheranFamilyService.orq</u>-----

Children's Christmas Worship Gift Bag Donations, Snack, and Lunch Sign-ups



We currently have sign-up/donation sheets out on the Welcome Counter for those who would like to help out .



There will be a Voters Meeting on Sunday, November 17, immediately following the late service.

FREE PIANO

Denise Johnson has a **free** piano. The piano is an Acrosonic by Baldwin. If you are interested please call Denise Johnson at 319-331-2704

Are you thinking C SKIES yet?





The 31st Annual LWML Guild Cookie Walk will be Saturday, December 7th, 9:00 am to 11:00. Please start pulling out your cookbooks or visiting your favorite recipe websites for the cookies you will bake. We would appreciate donations of as many cookies as possible! Workers will be needed on Friday, December 6th and/or Saturday, December 7th. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Posters are available for your office bulletin board or where you shop.

Proceeds from the Cookie Walk will be given to missions. Thank you for your help!



Part-Time Administrative Assistant Needed

St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel, Iowa City is hiring a part-time Administrative Assistant to help with tasks such as maintaining attendance records, managing social media, producing weekly bulletins, and handling mailings. This flexible position requires 5–10 hours per week. If you're organized, tech-savvy, and looking for a way to support our chapel, please contact Jon Kohlmeier at:

jonkohlmeier@gmail.com for more information.

Pictorial Directory Photo Time!

When: November 9 & 10 and November 23 & 24 after each service

Where: In the Chapel

Who: Anyone in need of an updated photo in the pictorial directory



This is a good time for you to update your contact information for the directory, even if you don't need a photo taken. (You can also update information by emailing or calling Lorrie in the office.)

Other options if these dates don't work for you:

- Submit a photo to the church office by email (<u>redeemer@ourredeemer.org</u>)
- Bring or send a printed one to the office
- Contact an Assimilation Committee member to take your photo at a time that works for you.

Contact Kristin Weis (319-325-7844) or Pam Wilson (319-530-1920) with questions or to schedule at a different time.

Thank you! Connections Committee



Thanksgiving Eve Service will be on November 27 at 7:00 p.m. Don't forget to bring in your "Thanks-giving! Thanks-living" pledges for the service.

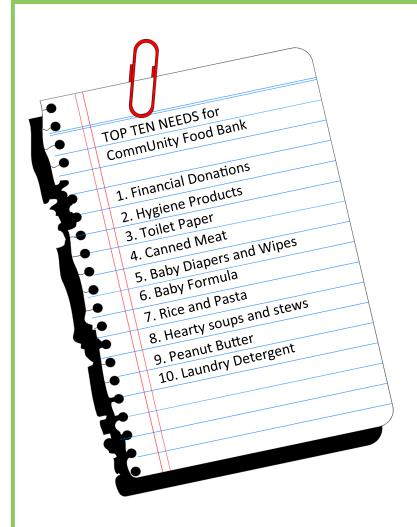


Join us on Sunday, December 1, at 1:00 p.m. to decorate the church. Many hands make light work. Julie Nieland needs many hands to help with the decorating to give thanks and rejoice in "Christ the Savior is born!"



ADVENT SERVICES BEGIN DECEMBER 4

We will soon be entering the Advent Season. Our first midweek Advent Service will be on December 4 with services at 1:00pm and 6:10pm. There will be an Advent Midweek meal served at 5:10pm in the Fellowship Hall.





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.



Tis the Season for Giving!

Warm hands = warm hearts. Living in lowa we all know bitter cold winter weather is right around the corner. Many of the local children are missing a basic comfort that we often take for granted, warmth. So many students walk to school and/or are unable to participate in daily outdoor recess at school with parents that cannot provide mittens, boots, or gear to keep them warm. Many of these children are the same families serviced by the area shelters and very much in need. The Human Care Committee is currently collecting the following items beginning December 1st until January 2nd and would really appreciate your help with a donation.

They are seeking new or gently used:

- Snow Pants
- Hats
- Boots
- Mittens
- Scarves

Any donations can be left at the Mitten Tree which will be located near the Welcome Counter.

On January 2nd the Human Care Committee will gather the items for delivery to the Iowa City School District Administration Office for distribution to children in need when classes resume.

Please feel free to direct any questions to Tracy Nelson, Human Care Committee Chair, at: tracy-nelson@uiowa.edu.

Thank you in advance for your kindness!



Our Redeemer Youth Pie Fundraiser

Cost: \$15 per pie

Saturday, November 16th between 11:00 am – 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Dutch Apple
Double Crust Apple

The Youth will be selling homemade **unbaked, frozen** pies:
Dutch Apple (crumb topping) and Double Crust Apple.
PLUS: limited quantities of pecan, chocolate, rhubarb, berry, peach, and various other fruit pies while supplies last



Due to limited freezer space at church, we request for pies to be purchased on Saturday, November 16th, between 11:00 am – 12:30 pm



CHRIST LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

The start-up of a Lutheran high school that will serve Benton, Iowa, Johnson, and Linn Counties and beyond is underway!

A Board of Directors has been formed and a legal firm has been retained to assist us with Articles of Incorporation, bylaws, registering with the State of Iowa, and securing Tax Exempt Status (501c3).

We have begun working on vision, mission, and purpose statements as well as core values, and we want your input!

Daniel Sanchez from the Iowa District East office will lead a workshop to help us collect your thoughts and ideas on what you envision a Lutheran high school should be about.

The workshop will take place Sunday, November 10 from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Atkins. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

We hope you will join us!

Questions? Contact Mark Mueller at themarkmueller56@gmail.com

Preschool Newsletter



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

November 4—8, 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

This Week

Classroom Rules—in order to have a good day

Student's full name Math equation

Letter Vv—recognize, trace,

draw, and sound

Bible: 12 spies in the promised

land

Leaf books

Shape/I Spy books

Stories with Suzie and Bill—TH

Adventure with Ms. Cindy-F

Helpful hands craft

Hallway turkey craft

Songs/chants for the program Making volcanos (baking soda

and vinegar)

TEACHER TIME

Letter Vv—recognize, trace, draw, and sound Assessments







Home Question

What things start with the letter V?

The Turkey Ran Away

The turkey ran away, before Thanksgiving day, Said he, "They'll make a roast out of me if I should stay."



The pumpkin rolled away before Thanksgiving day, Said he, "They'll make a pie out of me if I should stay."



The cranberries rolled away before Thanksaiving day, Said he, "They'll make a sauce out of me... if I should stay."



We thank God for this food, We thank God for this day. We thank God for his love and care, In work and in play!





VV (To The Hokey Pokey) Van puts his violin under his chinny-chin. He plays it very loud, and he makes his Aunt Vi proud. Vi loves to hear him play, so Van visits her each

day. And that's all there is to say!



Happy 5th birthday, Arielli!

November Outline

- 21—Preschool and Conferences
- 22—No Preschool and Conferences
- 25 & 26—11:50 am Fall Program.
- 27-29—No Preschool, Thanksaiving week

Parent Teacher Conferences

Conferences with Mrs. Kaja will take place Thursday, November 21st & Friday, November 22nd, 2024. What to Expect at Conferences: Conferences at the preschool level are designed for parents and teachers to share and discuss the child's preschool experience. I will be sharing the conference report and describing information from assessments. Parents are encouraged to ask questions and share any information that may help the teacher best serve the child. Students who attend the conference will be directed to a center activity. Sign up in the preschool hallway.



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade

Sunday School PreK—5th grade November 10, 2024, 9:20 am-10:15 am



Lesson: The Restoring King—King Josiah 2 Kings 22



The Christmas Story

The Children's Christmas Service will be held on December 15, at the 8:00am and 10:30 am services. The children will practice during the regular Sunday School time. Please sign-up to have your child participate and to find additional information using the link below.

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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.



Kids Club

4 years old—5th Grade Wednesday, 6:45pm November 13, 2024



The class topic will be: "Prophecy Window"



6th —12th Grade

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

Confirmation Classes

Wednesday, November 13th at 6:45 pm Midweek Meal 6:00pm

6th Grade—Small Group
Unit 1: Exodus:
The Law

EXAM



7th Grade—Small Group<u>The Ten Commandments</u>

9th & 10th Commandments



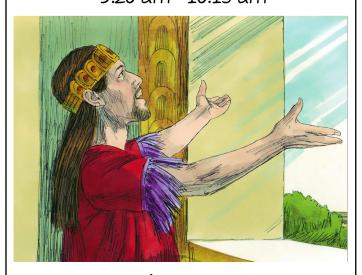
8th Grade—Lecture

<u>Confirmation Verse & Paper</u>

One or Both parent(s) must attend. Banners will be discussed



Sunday School, November 10, 2024 9:20 am-10:15 am



Lesson:
The Restoring King—King Josiah
2 Kings 22

UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday, November 10th
TRIVIA CHALLENGE
12:00 pm—2:00 pm
Fellowship Hall



Saturday, November 16th
PIE SALE FUNDRAISER
Pie Prep 8:00 am
Pie Sale 11:00 am



Rehearsals for Youth Worship Weekend November 16th—17th

Once a year, the Confirmation and High School Youth help with all three worship services as part of Youth Worship Weekend.

Each group helps with a different aspect of the worship service.

Confirmation Youth: Greeters and ushers **High School Youth:** Youth Praise Team member (sing or play an instrument), Bible lesson readers, and/or skit actors.

REHEARSAL DATES for High School Youth:

- Wed, Nov. 13th from 6:45 pm—8:00 pm (rehearsal)
- Sat, Nov. 16th from 2:00 pm—7:00 pm (rehearsal & 5:30pm service & pizza afterwards)
- Sun, Nov. 17th starting at 7:30 am (then stay for both Sunday worship services)

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.