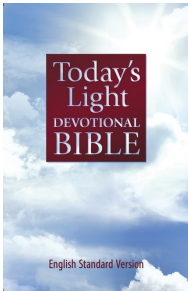




~*First Sunday of Advent*~

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Read through the Bible in two years



Week 49 Date	Scripture
12/2/2024	Proverbs 1:1-3:35
12/3/2024	Proverbs 4:1-27
12/4/2024	Proverbs 5:1-6:35
12/5/2024	Proverbs 7:1-27
12/6/2024	Proverbs 8:1-36
12/7/2024	Proverbs 9:1-18

**NO ADULT
BIBLE CLASS
THIS
WEEKEND**

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
December 1	Thanksgiving Weekend—No Classes	
December 8	Book of Esther	The Rescuing Queen—Esther
December 15	Ezra 3:1-11; Nehemiah 3	Return to Rebuild—Rebuilding the Temple
December 22 & 29	Christmas Weekend & New Years Weekend—No Classes	



Building Healthy Families: Parents, grandparents and pew buddies—the season of Advent as a time of waiting and wonder, giving us a space to slow down in an otherwise busy stretch. While most places outside of the church are eager to jump straight to Christmas and keep you hopping from one activity to the next, make time to rest in God’s Word and embrace the slower pace found in weekend and midweek services. Encourage children to take note of the new things they see in church (like the different candles, Chrismons, parament colors, banners, printed and digital art), and discuss how they point us to Jesus and his coming to earth! **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org



Extra Advent, and Christmas worship services require many ushers. Please sign up on the welcome counter

or contactconsultant@ourredeemer.org to sign up for those services where you can be of assistance. Everyone is needed to help cover services.



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!”

Prayer of the Church/First Sunday of Advent/December 1, 2024

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

To You, O Lord, we lift up our souls and in You we put our trust. Do not let us be ashamed of our hope but come quickly. Sustain us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may have joy at the advent of Christ, our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We praise You, O Lord of hosts. You have fulfilled Your promise of salvation by sending Jesus to suffer Your just wrath on the cross, that we might be declared righteous in Your sight. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us. Bless pastors in their proclamation of Your Word and preserve us in our baptismal grace, that Your Son might always be our righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We praise You, O Lord of hosts. Your Son declared that if His disciples ceased praising Him, the very stones would cry out. Receive our thanks that You continue to preserve Your Word among us. Even in a world that opposes Your name, grant us tongues that joyfully declare Your praise. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We praise You, O Lord of hosts. O Lord, our King, righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne, and steadfast love and faithfulness go before You. Watch over the authorities of our land, and grant that they govern justly so that we may live in peace as we proclaim Your love and faithfulness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We praise You, O Lord of hosts. Your Word tells us to go and make disciples. Your Word tells us to go to Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. We ask your continued blessings to be upon the four churches of Panama – *El Redentor Lutheran Church* in Balbo, *Dios es Grande Lutheran Church* in Loma Cova, *Los Andes Mission Church*, and *Emanuel Lutheran Church* in Sora. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We praise You, O Lord of hosts. Hear our earnest prayers for those who are in need of Your mercy, [*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*]. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We praise You, O Lord of hosts. Direct the way of all who travel. Protect them on their way, preserve them from loss and complication, and grant them success in their journey and joy upon their return home. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We praise You, O Lord of hosts. Blessed are You, O Lord, and blessed is Your Son, Jesus Christ, who came in Your name to save us from sin and death. As He visits us this day with His body and blood under the bread and wine, give us penitent hearts that worthily welcome His coming and rejoice in His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We praise You, O Lord of hosts. hear our silent prayers as we cry out to You.

[*silent prayers*]

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, Amen!**

BIRTHDAYS

December 1	Christopher Bower, Hank Diggelmann, Annika Kopf, Mallory Martens, Derrick Robe
December 2	Paula Caylor, Lisa Kleinmeyer, Jordyn Kucera, Rhett Marks, Alex McKee, Merri Mullane, Tom Schultz, Kelsey Yoder
December 3	Brian Slade
December 4	Levi Saterfield, Jadyn Waring, Randy Weyer
December 5	Noah Hartwig, Eric Kooker, Demi Lambert, Chelsea Zeman
December 6	Parker Johnson, Valerie Sexton
December 7	***

STEWARDSHIP November 23/24, 2024

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 11/23—5:30pm	43	Contributions	\$14,045.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 11/24—8:00am	90	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 11/24—10:30am	120		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	253	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	63/47

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, December 1—8, 2024

<u>Sunday, 12/1</u>		<i>Wednesday continued...</i>	
Worship Service	8:00am	Adult Midweek	7:00pm
Worship Service	10:30am		
Deck the Halls	1:00pm	<u>Thursday, 12/5</u>	
		Christmas Celebration BOD/Elders	6:30pm
<u>Monday, 12/2</u>		Visitation Meeting	6:30pm
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Al-Anon	7:00pm
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	LWML Cookie Walk Prep	10:00am
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm		
		<u>Friday, 12/6</u>	
<u>Tuesday, 12/3</u>		LWML Cookie Walk Drop Off	
Solon Nursing Home	9:30am		
Human Care Committee	6:30pm	<u>Saturday, 12/7</u>	
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Children's Christmas Service Practice	9:00am
Grief Share	7:00pm	Cookie Walk	9:00am
		Nieland Family Gathering	2:00pm
<u>Wednesday, 12/4</u>		Christmas & Carols Worship Service	5:30pm
TOPS	8:00am		
Bible Study	11:00am	<u>Sunday, 12/8—CHRISTMAS & CAROLS</u>	
Lunch Bunch	12:00pm	Christmas & Carols Worship Service	8:00am
Advent Worship Service	1:00pm	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	9:20am
Advent Meal	5:10pm	Christmas & Carols Worship Service	10:30am
Sing a-long	6:00pm	Christmas & Cookies	11:45am
Advent Worship Service	6:10pm	Stephen Ministry Informational	12:00pm
Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm	The Chosen Christmas Special	6:00pm
Midweek Classes	6:45pm		

2025 FLOWER CALENDAR



The 2025 flower calendar is on the bulletin board between the upper level restrooms and the nursery. Sign up to provide altar flowers in celebration of an event, in memory of a loved one, or just because.



COOKIE WALK

The **31th Annual LWML Guild Cookie Walk** will be **Saturday, December 7th, 9:00 am to 11:00.** Please **drop your cookies off** on **Friday, December 6, before 7:00pm.** Please drop them off in the kitchen and make sure that they are signed in.

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



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. There will be a 10 minute sing a-long starting at 6:00pm until 6:10pm.

CELEBRATE JESUS BIRTHDAY WITH POINSETTIAS!



Help beautify our sanctuary for Christmas. Purchase poinsettias of your choice—all sizes and colors are welcome. Bring them to church by Sunday, December 22 (it is best not to bring them too early as care may not be consistent) so that they can be placed in the sanctuary after the late service on that day (Sunday before Christmas). **Poinsettias can be placed on the tables in the Board Room with your name on them.**



CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE NEEDED AGAIN!!!

Because we had such a great response last year, the Outreach Committee is again going to collect Christmas cards to share the Good News of Jesus' birth for residents of local senior and assisted living residents. Last year we had many people donate unsigned cards so this year the process will change a little bit. We are asking that you take a group of cards and sign your first name and include "from Our Redeemer Lutheran Church" and place the card in the envelope as we will be adding a Church stamp to the inside of the card.

Both the unsigned cards and the collection box for signed cards are on a table in the Narthex.

Please have your signed cards to the church by Sunday, December 8th. If you have questions please contact Donna Saehler at 319-321-3207 or Judy Schwartz at 563-650-6610.



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 .



Hey, everyone!!!!!!!!!! Christmas & Cookies

Sunday, December 8, 2024 ~ 11:45 am

Members of Our Redeemer and friends gather together for food, fun, and fellowship. We will enjoy pizza and a short devotion. The main activity will be decorating Christmas cookies to give away as well as take some home. A short Christmas movie will be shown during lunch. God's Word will be shared before the evening is done. Please invite your friends to join us!

Please sign up at the Welcome Counter so that we know how many cookies to get!



2024 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE

The 2024 Advent Devotional Books are now available. They come in regular small booklet size and large print versions are available. They are **free** and are located in a basket on the Welcome Counter.



WRAPPING PAPER DONATIONS NEEDED!!

Our Redeemer Lutheran Preschool is seeking wrapping paper donations. If you have an extra roll of wrapping to spare it would be greatly appreciated. The students use it to wrap a gift up for their family.



But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. (Acts 20:24)

Paul's encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus transformed his life's focus, as summarized in the above passage.

**What is YOUR life's focus?
Have you ever considered testifying to the
gospel of the grace of God 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.*



Tis the Season for Giving!

Warm hands = warm hearts. Living in Iowa 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!





Questions?
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The ITINERARY

Day 1 – Wednesday, September 3: Depart U.S.A.

Embark upon your journey with an overnight flight to Athens. Prepare yourself for a life-changing experience and get some rest on the flight. Tomorrow you will be walking where the Apostle Paul walked.

Day 2 – Thursday, September 4: Arrival Athens Airport, Athens

We arrive at Athens Airport and transfer to our hotel. Travel in time, exploring a city with a history dating over 5,000 years. Dinner and overnight are in Athens.

Day 3 – Friday, September 5: Athens (Lavrion Port), Start Our 3-Night Mediterranean Cruise, Mykonos

Today, we sail from Athens (Lavrion Port) to the charming island of Mykonos, known for its windmills. Upon arrival, we disembark to explore the waterfront lined with shops and cafes. We wander through the charming, white-washed buildings before returning to the ship for dinner and evening activities. Today is free for personal exploration on the island.

(Mykonos excursion not included)

Day 4 – Saturday, September 6: Kusadasi, Patmos

This morning, we arrive in Kusadasi, Turkey. An included excursion takes us to Ephesus, where Paul spent three years during his ministry. Ephesus boasts impressive remains such as the Agora, the Theater, the Stadium, the Library of Celsus, and the ruins of the Temple of Diana, one of the "Seven Wonders of the Ancient World." Later, we sail to Patmos where we visit the Monastery of St. John and the Grotto of the Apocalypse, where St. John wrote the Revelations.

Day 5 – Sunday, September 7: Heraklion (Crete), Santorini

In the morning, we disembark at Heraklion, Crete. An included excursion takes us to the Knossos excavations, revealing a civilization dating back to 4000 B.C. Here, Paul left Titus to appoint church leaders in the towns (Titus 1:5 & Tim. 3:1). In the afternoon, we cruise to Santorini, known for its breathtaking villages clinging to volcanic cliffs. Personal exploration is recommended.

(Santorini excursion not included)

Day 6 – Monday, September 8: Athens (Lavrion Port), Ancient Corinth, Athens

Concluding our cruise, we disembark in Lavrion Port and journey to Ancient Corinth, where Paul engaged in his missionary work for eighteen months, making significant contributions to early Christian communities (Acts 18:1-18). Our exploration includes visits to the Archaeological Museum, the Forum, the Temples, and the renowned Bema, where Paul stood trial before Gallio. Continuing to Cenchræe, where Paul departed for Asia.

We return to Athens for a comprehensive sightseeing tour encompassing the Acropolis, Mars Hill, the Agora, and other historical landmarks. Enjoy an afternoon of personal exploration before our dinner. Dinner and overnight stay are in Athens.

Day 7 – Tuesday, September 9: Athens, Meteora, Thessaloniki

Departure for a journey to the mystical region of Meteora, renowned for its Byzantine monasteries perched atop towering rock formations. Dating back to the 14th century, these monasteries offer a glimpse into a history of spiritual refuge and survival against the backdrop of stunning natural landscapes. Following our exploration, we continue our trip to Thessaloniki, where Paul was received by Jason and preached until he was rushed out the city (Acts 17:1-9). We explore the city's landmarks: the White Tower, the Walls of the Byzantine Acropolis, the Roman Arch of Galerius, and the Rotonda. We visit two of the city's oldest Christian churches, the Basilicas of St. Demetrius and St. Sophia. We transfer to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 8 – Wednesday, September 10: Thessaloniki, Philippi, Kavala, Thessaloniki

In the morning, we depart for Philippi, visiting the Baptistry of Lydia near the river where Paul baptized her (Acts 16:11-15). Lydia was Paul's first European convert, followed by the jailer. We also explore the ruins of the Forum of Philippi, the Christian Basilicas, the "Prison of Paul," and the Theater. We continue to Kavala (Neapolis), Paul's first stop in Europe, where we see the Byzantine Castle and the Roman Aqueduct. Following the Via Egnatia, we visit the area of Amphipolis, where we see the famous funerary Lion of Amphipolis, just as Paul and his companions did. We return to Thessaloniki. Dinner and overnight.

Day 9 – Thursday, September 11: Thessaloniki, Berea, Athens

We depart from Thessaloniki to Athens. On our way we will stop in we depart for the capital of Ionia, which name is Veria. It is built at the foot of Mount Vermio. We will have free time to visit the Step of Apostle Paul and the Synagogue. It is located next to the Barbouta area, which over time came to be known as the Jewish District. The stone-built Synagogue is the most ancient synagogue in the Northern Greece. Arrival in Athens. Dinner will be provided at the hotel in Athens.

Day 10 – Friday, September 12: Athens, Athens Airport Departure

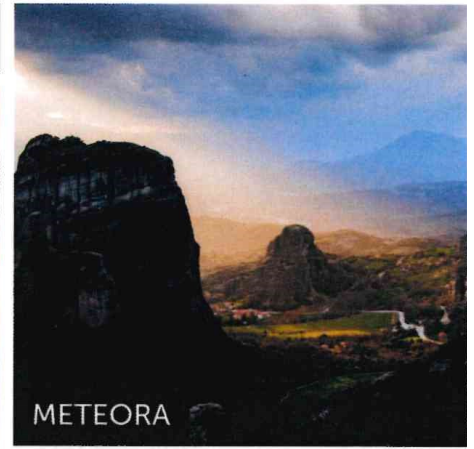
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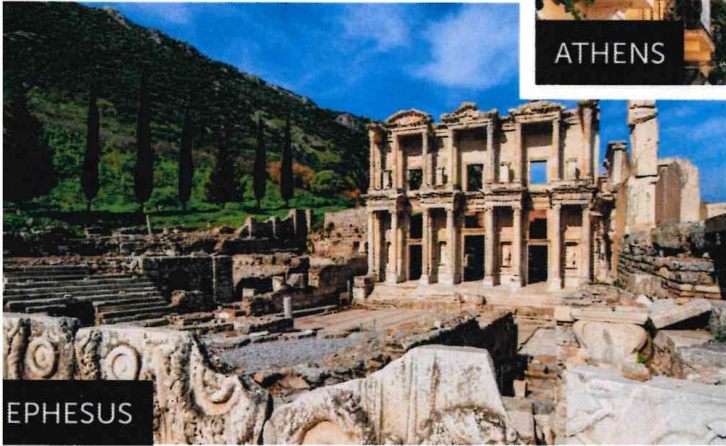
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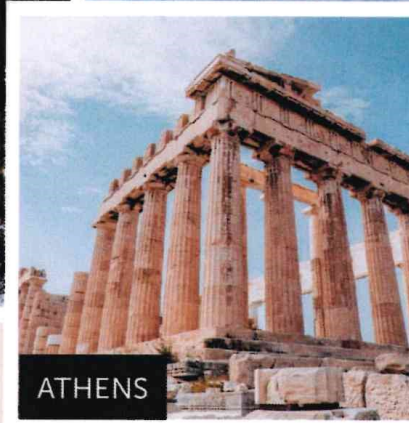
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-  Guided Sightseeing

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NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

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PAYMENTS & FEES:

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is due upon registration, with a second deposit of \$500 per person required within 21 days thereafter. Credit cards are only accepted for the initial \$500 deposit; subsequent payments must be in check, ACH transfer, bill payment, or wire transfer; all payments are required in US Funds.

Final payment is due no later than 120 days prior to departure.

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Tours with fewer than 12 travelers may be canceled due to insufficient participation.

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Flight routing is at the sole discretion of the airline, not *Imagine*. *Imagine* does not guarantee passengers will be on the most direct flight or flying together to the final destination (especially prior to 120 days of departure). Flights are economy class on IATA/ARC carriers with non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more. Due to group rates, *Imagine* does not

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- \$1,500 (120 - 91 days)
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- 85% of total tour cost (74 - 60 days)
- 100% of total tour cost (59 days to day of departure)

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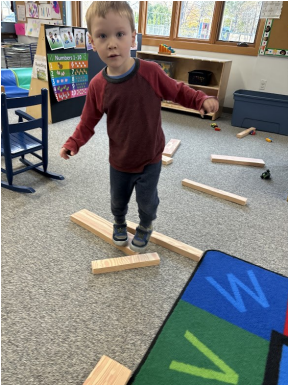
Preschool Newsletter

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

November 25—29, 2024

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Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949 Fax: 319-338-9171

Assistants: Christie Cherian M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH
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Happy Thanksgiving
from
Our Redeemer Lutheran
preschool



O give thanks
unto the Lord
for He is good.



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade

Sunday School
PreK—5th grade
December 1, 2024, 9:20 am—10:15 am

**Thanksgiving Weekend
No Sunday School
Classes**



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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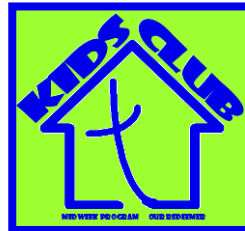
Not meeting December 1

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
December 4, 2024



NATIVITY WINDOW

The class topic will be: "The Nativity Window"

Youth

6th —12th Grade

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

Confirmation Classes

Wednesday, December 4th at 6:45 pm

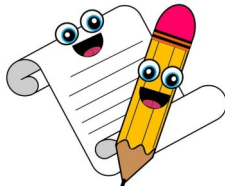
6th Grade—Small Group

Unit 2: Samuel



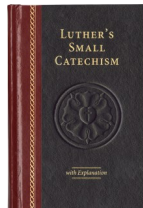
7th Grade—Small Group

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8th Grade—Small Group

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Sunday School,
December 1, 2024

**Thanksgiving Weekend
No Sunday School**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, December 7th

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS
SERVICE PRACTICE**

Practice is 9:00am—12:00pm

CHRISTMAS & CAROLS SERVICE

Worship Service 5:30pm

Sunday, December 8th

CHRISTMAS & CAROLS SERVICE

Worship Services 8:00am & 10:30am

CHRISTMAS & COOKIES—11:45am

Make sure to sign-up at Welcome Counter

Sunday, December 11th

ADVENT MEAL—YOUTH CREW at 5:10pm

Saturday, December 14th

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE PREP

8:30am—9:00 am

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS
SERVICE PRACTICE**

Practice is 9:00am—12:00pm

Sunday, December 15th

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE

8:00am & 10:30am services

SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCH

12:00pm

LIVE NATIVITY
December 15th
4:00 pm—6:00 pm



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.