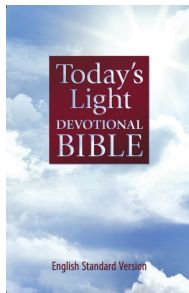




~Second Sunday of Advent~

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Read through the Bible in two years



Week 50 Date	Scripture
12/9/2024	Proverbs 10:1-11:31
12/10/2024	Proverbs 12:1-13:25
12/11/2024	Proverbs 14:1-15:33
12/12/2024	Proverbs 16:1-17:28
12/13/2024	Proverbs 18:1-19:29
12/14/2024	Proverbs 20:1-21:31

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
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: As you prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth with your family, remember those who struggle. Lutheran Family Service is here as a uniquely Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod mission to help those in need as an extension of our church's ministry all year long. No government dollars are used in order to keep its Christ-centered focus. Your partnership gift given before December 31 through the "We're All in this Together" year-end giving appeal will make it possible for someone to receive help regardless of their ability to cover the cost of the care they need. Make your gift today online at <https://lutheranfamilyservice.networkforgood.com/> or by mail to your closest LFS office or the LFS administrative office at 409 Kenyon Road, Suite C, Fort Dodge, IA 50501. We're In This Together!
Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Sunday Coffee & Treats



This Sunday's coffee and treats are being provided by Cynthia Fruendt. Free will offering will go towards Missions for current and new projects. Come join us for a little refreshment and fellowship before Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers for the altar this weekend are from Pastor and Kara Hartwig giving thanks to the Lord for their 31st wedding anniversary.

Prayer of the Church/Second Sunday of Advent/December 8, 2024

Heavenly Father, we give You thanks and praise for the birth of Your only begotten Son.

Fill our hearts with joy and faith, boldly confessing that Jesus came to this world that we might have life in heaven.

Blessed Holy Spirit, we thank You that salvation in Jesus Christ has been made ours by faith, created and sustained in Holy Baptism.

Renew us in our Baptism daily, that the old Adam may be cast away and a new creation arise each morning.

We pray for those who do not believe. Bless the efforts of pastors, missionaries, and evangelists as they preach the Word to all nations.

Fill us with Your Spirit that we may perceive opportunities to share our faith and vigorously share the Gospel of Christ.

We remember those who are lonely, troubled, or separated from loved ones. [*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), **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]*

We give you thanks for the 31 years of marriage you have granted **Pastor and Kara Hartwig**. Bless them and all husbands and wives as you strengthen the love between them and their love for you.

We ask, O Lord, that you comfort the family and friends of **Nancy Macek** as they mourn her death. Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

And especially do we remember those who serve in all branches of the military.

Grant them Your protection, love, and intervention as needed. Bring them safely to the completion of their terms of service and grant them a safe and blessed homecoming.

We pray all of this in Jesus' name, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Amen.

BIRTHDAYS

December 8	Mallory Fesler, Karen Long, Greyson Nariane, Quinn Price, John Robinson
December 9	Allison Haack, Ben Lothamer, Sandra Maher, Shirley Sheets
December 10	Max Krogh, Dan Schwartz, Adam Weppler
December 11	Helen Bohnsack, Karyl Bohnsack, Jennifer Dahm, Teresa Schmidt, Denny Schrader, Jacob Simmons
December 12	Jillian Bolton, Joel Born, Diana Bowman, Justin Dermody, Elizabeth Frink
December 13	Eloise Guhl, Trenton Miller, Karen Warner, Becky West
December 14	Nicole Naraine

STEWARDSHIP November 30/December 1, 2024

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 11/30—5:30pm	53	Contributions	\$25,650.50
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 12/1—8:00am	44	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 12/1—10:30am	142	Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service	128
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	239	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	0/0

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, December 8—15, 2024

<u>Sunday, 12/8</u>		<i>Wednesday continued...</i>	
Christmas & Carols Worship Service	8:00am	Advent Worship Service	6:10pm
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Christmas & Carols Worship Service	10:30am	Midweek Classes	6:45pm
Christmas & Cookies	11:45am	Adult Midweek	7:00pm
Stephen Ministry Informational	12:00pm		
The Chosen Christmas Special	6:00pm	<u>Thursday, 12/12</u>	
		Comfort Tiers	9:00am
		Lantern Park	10:00am
<u>Monday, 12/9</u>			
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	Staff Christmas Luncheon	12:00pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Briarwood	4:00pm
Old Capitol Quilters	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Outreach Committee	6:30pm		
LWML Board Meeting	7:00pm	<u>Friday, 12/13</u>	

<u>Tuesday, 12/10</u>		<u>Saturday, 12/14</u>	
Diana Bowman (NICU)	8:00am	Men's Bible Study	8:00am
Women's Bible Study	10:00am	Children's Christmas Service Prep	8:30am
Connections Committee	6:30pm	Children's Christmas Service Practice	9:00am
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Westphal Family Gathering	12:00pm
Grief Share	7:00pm	Worship Service	5:30pm
<u>Wednesday, 12/11</u>		<u>Sunday, 12/15</u>	
TOPS	8:00am	Children's Christmas Service	8:00am
Advent Worship Service	1:00pm	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	9:20am
Emerson Point	2:15pm	Children's Christmas Service	10:30am
Advent Meal	5:10pm	Soup and Sandwich Lunch	12:00m
Properties Committee	5:30pm	Live Nativity	4:00pm
Sing a-long	6:00pm	The Chosen Christmas Special	6:00pm



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!



LWML CARD SHOP NEWS

Christmas cards are ready for your shopping. Look for them in the hallway next to the Fellowship Hall. Boxes are \$5.50 each, cards on the turning rack are \$.50 each. Please put your payment in the black box on the wall. While you are there check out the other cards. We offer birthday, anniversary, sympathy and many more. They all have a Bible verse appropriate for the occasion. Prices are the same as above. Thank you for sharing the Good News and aiding us in our mission goals. Amen, Amen, Amen.



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.



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.**



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.



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 Residences. 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. 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.



LWML Christmas Party Monday, December 16, 6:00 p.m.

All ladies of the congregation are invited to join in on the fun at the December LWML Christmas Party. A fun time will be had by all. We will start at 6 p.m. Everyone attending is asked to bring an appetizer, snack or dessert to share. Also we will be having a fun left/right gift exchange so we are asking everyone to bring a \$2 to \$5 gift for the game. We have several other games that will get you in the spirit of the season, with lots of laughs and you might even win a prize. Hostesses for the evening are Linda Bonefeld, Kara Hartwig, and Melissa Mullane. Devotions will be lead by Carol Zimmerman. Our mission project for this month, if you wish to participate, is hats and or mittens for the Mitten Tree.

*Twas the season for giving
and all through the church,
Every family was stuffing
and purchasing merch.
When what to my wondering mind
should appear,
But the thought to give thanks
for my blessings this year.*

*If you're seeking for ways
that you can give back,
And thank God for the fact
that you suffer no lack,
Our church is happy to help you
this year,
With suggestions on how
you can spread Christmas cheer.
Please consider these options with prayer,
And trust that the Spirit
will direct what you share.*



Missions

Our congregation is driven to support both local and worldwide missions. Giving to our mission fund will help fund future mission trips as well as ongoing local efforts to equip disciples to make disciples for Jesus.



Worship Instruments

We have been abundantly blessed with beautiful instruments to worship our Lord with. Giving to this fund will contribute to paying off instruments we have purchased and maintenance of our current instruments.



Cross and Entry

God has provided us with an awesome opportunity to update our entrances and iconic cross. Giving to this fund would help us prepare for the expenses that this endeavor will incur in the coming years.





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 here!! The angels are here!!



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!





*A Cookie Walk
Thank You
to Our Donors*

Phil Shive

Cynthia Fruendt

Cheryll Davisson

Sheila Alt

Hy-Vee

(contacted by Marilyn Albright)

All the Cookie Bakers

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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 Cenchreae, 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

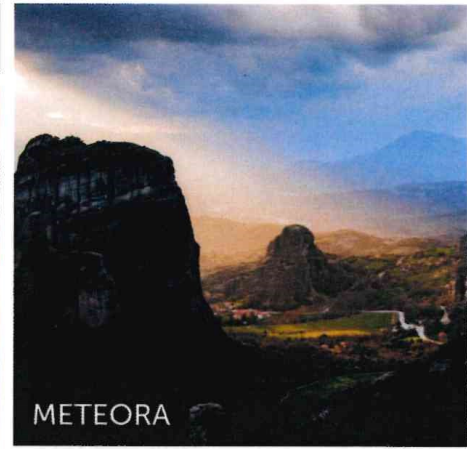
In the morning, we transfer to Athens Airport for our return flight to the U.S.A.



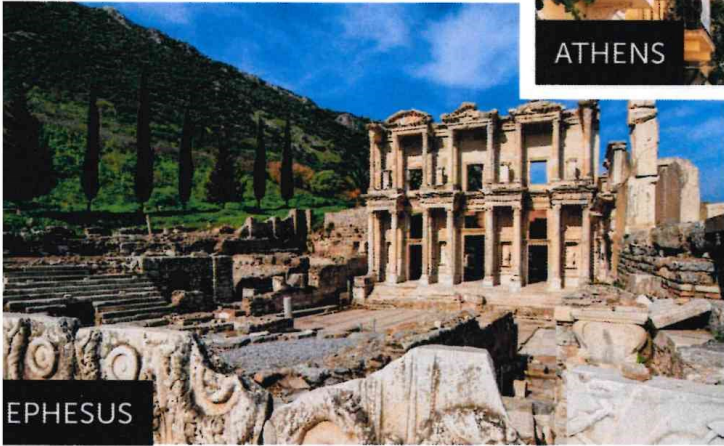
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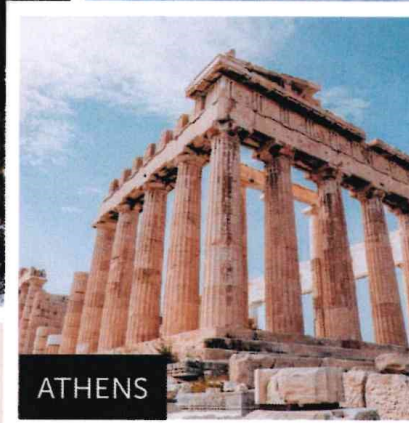
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NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

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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.

Registrations after 120 days require full payment and may incur a \$300 late fee if received 119-90 days before departure. Failure to make final payment by 90 days prior to departure results in automatic cancellation, forfeiture of the \$500 deposit, and potential additional fees.

Imagine Tours and Travel, LLC (hereafter referred to as *Imagine*) reserves the right to impose a surcharge if the dollar declines by more than 2% against the destination currency based on booking date (11/18/24).

GROUP SIZE & SUPPLEMENTS:

Tour pricing assumes a minimum group size of 20 passengers.

Smaller groups may incur supplements:

- \$150 per person (19-16 travelers)
- \$195 per person (15-12 travelers)

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

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is based on double occupancy (two people sharing a room). Single rooms may be smaller than double rooms and, when available, incur an additional supplemental charge of \$1,495 for the basic itinerary. Roommates are assigned if available; otherwise, single-room occupancy may apply. Roommates may be assigned as late as 120 days prior to departure when applicable.

ITINERARY & CHANGES:

Imagine reserves the right to adjust itineraries due to airline schedule changes. Changes requiring extra nights incur \$195 per person per night (\$295 for single rooms). You will be notified in writing of said changes when possible. Meals for additional overnights are not included. Changes and/or deviations from the program and/or departure city listed by the passenger must be provided in writing no later than 120 days prior to departure.

All deviations are subject to a \$250 administrative fee plus applicable airline fees. All tours are made final at 90 days prior to departure.

No changes (including additions) may be made after this time.

LAND ONLY:

Land Only price is \$4,892 per person, excluding international flights.

Land Only passengers may be responsible for transfers and/or additional overnights incurred by booking their own flights. Passengers changing from the regular tour (with group airfare) to Land Only after 120 days prior to departure will be charged a fee of \$195 per person.

AIRLINE TICKETS & SEATING:

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

participate or allow passengers to use points, miles, or other airline-related offerings on group contracted airfare. Seating requests are at the discretion of the applicable airline and cannot be guaranteed. All requests, including seating, dietary restrictions, and/or all other accommodations must be made in writing prior to 120 days of departure. Airline changes, if allowable, made by the passenger after 120 days prior to departure will incur additional fees. Individual ticketing fees/deposits may apply in certain situations. These fees can be up to \$2,000 per person and will be applied to your final balance.

FLIGHT TIMES:

All flight times are subject to change without notice. *Imagine* is not liable for expenses resulting from flight delays or changes. If making your own flight arrangements to a departure city or any other portion of your trip, we recommend obtaining a ticket which can be changed without large penalties. All passengers are responsible for reconfirming their flights with the airline 24 hours prior to departure.

PASSPORTS & VISAS:

Passengers must ensure their passports are valid for at least six months beyond the return date of their trip and submit a valid passport copy to our office no later than 120 days prior to departure. Visa requirements vary by country, and it is each passenger's responsibility to obtain necessary visas prior to travel. *Imagine* is not liable for obtaining any required travel visas.

TRIP RESCHEDULING:

Imagine and/or the group leader/organization reserves the right to reschedule the trip to future dates and/or a different destination to governmental action, pandemics, wars, or other circumstances beyond their control. Travelers unable to travel on the new dates or to the updated destination may transfer to another tour within one year of the original travel dates, subject to fees of up to \$300 per person, plus any applicable fees imposed by ground operators, airlines, or other vendors.

CANCELLATION FEES:

Passengers cancelling from the day of registration up to 121 days prior to departure will be charged a \$500 administrative fee plus any airline penalties, if applicable. If passenger cancellation forces a roommate into a single room, the canceled passenger may be charged their single room fee. (see Accommodations)

The following charges also apply: (plus airline fees, when applicable)

- \$1,500 (120 - 91 days)
- \$2,750 (90 - 75 days)
- 85% of total tour cost (74 - 60 days)
- 100% of total tour cost (59 days to day of departure)

All cancellations must be submitted in writing. No refunds will be provided for unused services on or after the day of departure. We advise purchasing travel insurance. In the event *Imagine* cancels the tour due to insufficient participation, a \$200 administrative fee per passenger will be deducted from any applicable refund, plus any airline penalties.

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Preschool Newsletter

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

December 2—6, 2024

Director/Teacher: Kaja Mueller M-F
Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949 Fax: 319-338-9171

Assistants: Christie Cherian M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH
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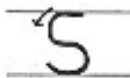


This Week

Classroom Rules
Math equation
Christmas songs / chants
Bible: David, the singing shepherd. God's presence gives us peace.
Christmas books
Alphabet books
Fire Drill
Stories with Bill & Suzie
Librarian visit Mrs. Casey
Adventures with Cindy
Conservationist Nick Timmer visit
Letter Dd—recognize, write, and make the sound



Little curve
Turn
Little curve



Home Question

What things do you like to do in the cold weather? Why?

Next Week's Snacks

You get to bring snacks and be our line leader. M/W/F = 14 students; T/TH = 14 students

Monday: Judah
Tuesday: Sage
Wednesday: Maeve
Thursday: Moses
Friday: Mason



On the preschool bulletin board there is a record of the snacks we have served. You only need to bring 2 healthy food groups for snack of the 5 presented in our CACFP Credible Food List packet. **Half a gallon of a drink is all we really use in class.** Thanks for the snacks.

All those **staying for lunch** remember to pack all 5 food groups. **If a preschooler would like to join us for lunch**, please let Mrs. Kaja know. All you need is \$5 and your lunch!

Future Dates

December 11—Optional—Preschool sings for Wednesday night worship service.
Dec. 19 & 20—Happy Birthday Jesus Christmas party during class.
Dec. 23-Jan. 3—No Preschool, Christmas and New Years Break.

Temp for Playground Clothes

Temperature for the playground

Above 60—Short sleeves
Below 60—Long sleeves
Below 50—Coats, gloves, hats unless child is hot
Below 30—Winter attire
Below 3 degrees we will not go outside (wind-chill included)

Let's get ready to play in the snow!

1	2	3	4	5
snow pants	boots	coat	hat	gloves

Ss (To Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

Sing, sing, sing a song, sing a silly song.
Singily, jingily, ringily, swingily, won't you sing a long?



Preschool Christmas Songs

Preschool will start practicing some Christmas songs to sing for the church's worship on Wednesday night, December 11th at 6:10 pm. Please arrive at 5:50 pm and bring your child upstairs to our entryway. **Wear the blue preschool shirt.** Mrs. Kaja, Mrs. Christie, and Mrs. Sara will lead your children as a class to sing and then escort them to you when we are done. You are welcome to join us for worship that night. We will be asking to see who will be able to attend. Our Redeemer Church members love to see the preschoolers. There is a free dinner starting at 5:10pm that same night that you are welcome to attend in our Fellowship Hall.



Bells Are Ringing

(Tune: Are You Sleeping?)

Bells are ringing; bells are ringing.
Christmas bells; Christmas bells.
It is Jesus' birthday; it is Jesus' birthday.
Ring, ring, ring! Ring, ring, ring.

Wisemen Traveled From Afar

Wisemen traveled from afar
Following the Christmas star
When they stopped
They jumped for joy
And worshiped baby Jesus boy

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger no crib for His bed.
The little Lord Jesus laid down
His sweet head. The stars in the sky
looked down where He lay. The
little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Preschool Christmas Wish List

Can you help us with a few items for the preschool? You can purchase them or donate money towards them. All contributions will help. Thank you!



Various paints as we run out. We purchase by the gallon, Crayola Washable Paint.



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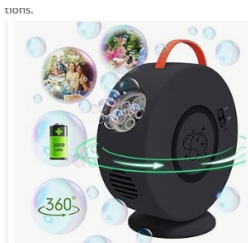
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Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade

Sunday School

PreK—5th grade

December 8, 2024, 9:20 am—10:15 am



Lesson:
The Rescuing Queen—Esther
Book of Esther



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.

<https://forms.gle/ZAGGUdB9jeQHGYxd9>



Toddlin' to Jesus

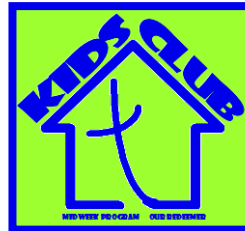
Room 215

(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

Advent Meal 5:10pm



The class topic will be:
"Epiphany, Prophet, Angel"

Youth

6th —12th Grade

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

Confirmation Classes

Wednesday, December 11th at 6:45 pm

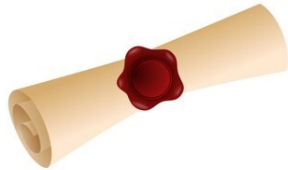
6th Grade—Lecture

Unit 2: Kings



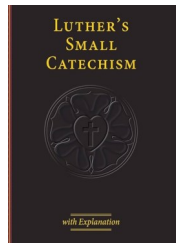
7th Grade—Lecture

Into, First & Second
Petition of the
Lord's Prayer



8th Grade—Small Group

CREED—1st Article



Sunday School,
December 8, 2024
9:20 am—10:15 am



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



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

Wednesday, January 8th

6:45pm Fellowship Hall

HIGH SCHOOL EPIPHANY PARTY

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