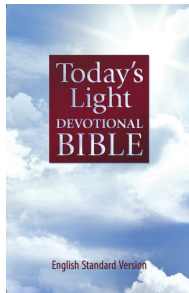




~Third Sunday of Advent~

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Read through the Bible in two years



Week 50 Date	Scripture
12/16/2024	Proverbs 22:1-23:35
12/17/2024	Proverbs 24:1-25:28
12/18/2024	Proverbs 26:1-27:27
12/19/2024	Proverbs 28:1-29:27
12/20/2024	Proverbs 30:1-31:31
12/21/2024	Ecclesiastes 1:1-2:26

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
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: This time of the year finds many of so busy shopping, wrapping, baking, hosting parties, attending concerts...you know the list! While these activities aren't bad, let this be your friendly reminder to slow down, be still, and not miss the reason we celebrate. Refocus if you need to! "Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2 **Lutheran Family Service**
www.LutheranFamilyService.org



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.**



Sunday Coffee & Treats

This Sunday's coffee and treats are being provided by the LWML. 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 Denise Holida in memory of her father, Mike Wenndt.

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

Heavenly Father, we pray for the homes of our land, that God would grant safety and security to all families; and that the faith would be delivered from one generation to the next. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You wounded Your own Son to bring us the eternal healing of Your love. Bless all who suffer wounds of body and soul [*especially 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's 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*]. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for the 56 years of marriage you have granted **John and Paula Robinson**. Bless them and all husbands and wives as you strengthen the love between them and their love for you. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, thank you for the **children in this morning's program**, and we ask, O Lord, that would you strengthen their faith as they proclaimed the saving message of the Babe of Bethlehem. 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, Amen!**

BIRTHDAYS

December 15	Luca Boyum
December 16	Nicholas Josten, Amy Martens
December 17	Harry Karnes, Sandy Libenguth, Liz Matel, Jeffrey Ohlmann, Cindy Penney, Nathan Recker, Arabella Roiseland
December 18	Nickolas Bell, Bailey Bowman
December 19	***
December 20	Emma Huedepohl, Amber Vandenbosh, Nolan Waters, Avery Yansky
December 21	Lexus Rozmus, Julie Wardenburg

STEWARDSHIP December 7/8, 2024

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 12/7—5:30pm	75	Contributions	\$13,473
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 12/8—8:00am	135	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 12/8—10:30am	142	Advent Service (December 4)	115
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	352	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	77/55

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, December 15—22, 2024

<u>Sunday, 12/15</u>		<i>Wednesday continued...</i>	
Children's Christmas Service	8:00am	Windmill Manor	2:00pm
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Advent Meal	5:10pm
Children's Christmas Service	10:30am	Sing a-long	6:00pm
Soup and Sandwich	11:45am	Advent Worship Service	6:10pm
Live Nativity	4:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
The Chosen Special	6:00pm	Midweek Classes	6:45pm
		Adult Midweek	7:00pm
<u>Monday, 12/16</u>		<u>Thursday, 12/19</u>	
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	Atrium Village	3:30pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Cross & Entrance Committee	6:00pm
LWML Christmas Party	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Children's Committee Meeting	6:00pm		
<u>Tuesday, 12/17</u>		<u>Friday, 12/20</u>	
Solon Nursing Home	9:30am	****	
Al-Anon	7:00pm	<u>Saturday, 12/21</u>	
Grief Share	7:00pm	Worship Service	5:30pm
<u>Wednesday, 12/18</u>		<u>Sunday, 12/22</u>	
TOPS	8:00am	Worship Service	8:00am
Bible Study	11:00am	Worship Service	10:30am
Lunch Bunch	12:00pm	District 13 Meeting	2:30pm
Advent Worship Service	1:00pm		



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 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.



Thank you for the wrapping paper!!

Our Redeemer Lutheran Preschool would like to thank everyone that donated wrapping. The students have enough paper to wrap gifts for their family.



Thank you for the Children's Christmas Worship Gift Bag Donations, Snack, and Lunch Sign-ups. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



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.



Thank you to all who purchased gifts!!



*Dear Lord,
Bless the
children.
Amen.*

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ to hurting families in our community who have a loved one in prison. **Please return all gifts to church by this Sunday, December 15.**

Thank you!!
The Outreach Committee



Thus says the LORD, "Who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters: "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.
**Behold, I am doing a new thing;
Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?**
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and will not remember your sins."
(Isaiah 43:16, 18-19, 25)

What a message of encouragement! The Lord is committed to delivering and redeeming His people – He brought them out of Egypt and out of Babylon when it seemed impossible. Surely he will bring us out of whatever enslaves us in our own lives when we turn to Him. The Lord is doing a new thing in our lives and in the lives of those in prison, daily forgiving us and changing us from what we were to be more like Him.

Are YOU interested in sharing that message of encouragement 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



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 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

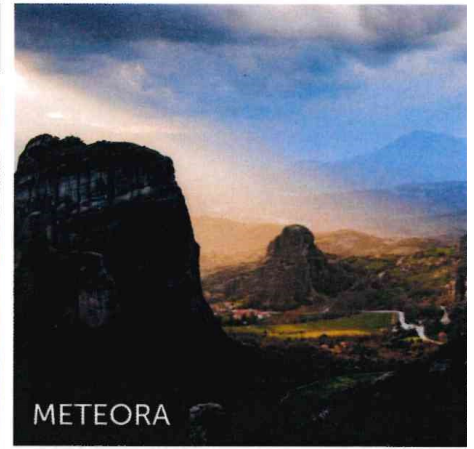
In the morning, we transfer to Athens Airport for our return flight to the U.S.A.



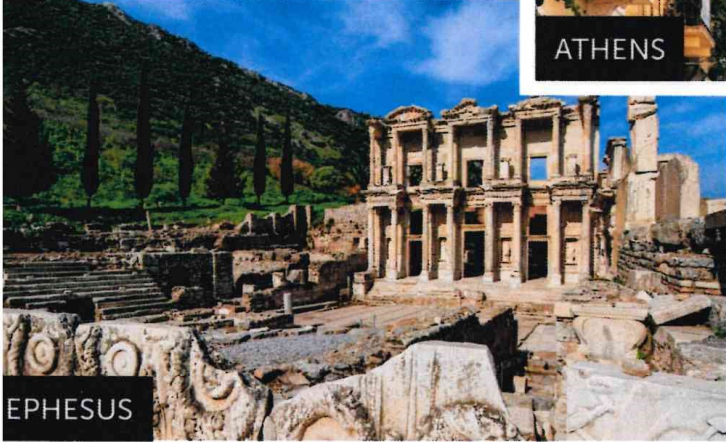
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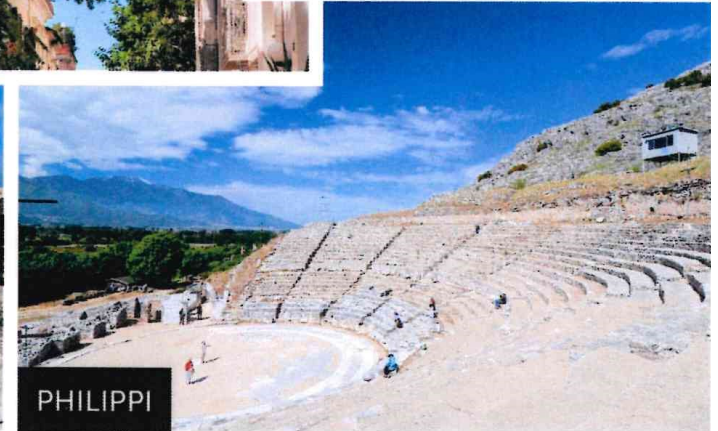
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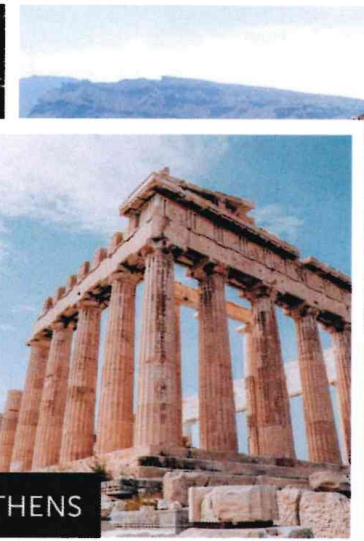
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NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

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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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Tour pricing assumes a minimum group size of 20 passengers.

Smaller groups may incur supplements:

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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.

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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.

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LAND ONLY:

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

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- \$1,500 (120 - 91 days)
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- 85% of total tour cost (74 - 60 days)
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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 9—13, 2024

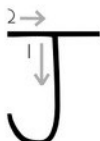
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This Week

- Daily candy cane question
- Math equation
- 5 Little Christmas Trees chant
- Songs/chants for Wednesday night
- Number 4 four
- Bible: Jesus is born.
- Christmas and number books
- Candy cane craft
- Christmas symbols free style painting
- Letter Jj—recognize, write, and make the sound
- Alphabet Hunt

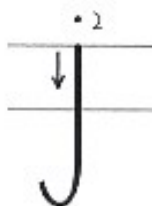


Big line
Turn
Little line



CHRISTMAS IN LEARNING CENTERS

- Candy cane science—set a hypothesis, test it out
- Memory game
- Stickers
- Cards
- Wrapping
- Gift making
- Coloring sheets
- Boxes
- Nativities
- Patterns



**The kids did a wonderful job on Wednesday!
Thank you, parents, for getting them here.**

Future Dates

- Dec. 19 & 20—
Happy Birthday Jesus Christmas party during class.
- Dec. 23-Jan. 3—
No Preschool, Christmas and New Year's Break.
- Jan. 6—
Preschool starts again

Home Question

If you were to make a candy cane, what colors would you have on it?

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!

Superman Prayer (sung)

Thank you God for giving us food.
Thank you God for giving us food.
The food that we eat,
The friends that we meet.
Thank you God for giving us food.
Amen.

J is for Jesus

Look at the Candy Cane
What do you see?
Stripes that are red
Like the blood shed for me
White is for my Savior
Who's sinless and pure!
"J" is for Jesus
My Lord, that's for sure!
Turn it around
And a staff you will see
Jesus my shepherd
Was born for Me!



Jj (To Frere Jacques)

James and Judy, James and Judy
jumped all day, jumped all night.
Jumping Double Dutch, they jumped
rope much too much; they jumped
all night, jumped all day.



December Book

The December book was donated by Lorrie Bailey. She is the office manager for the church.



Thank you, Lorrie! Symbols of Salvation: The Story of Jesus' Birth—Travel with Mary and Joseph as they make their way into Bethlehem, to the Inn, and as Jesus is born.

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.

GREEN



green

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.



Colorations Plastic Handle Jumbo Chubby Paint Brushes for Kids Painting Multipack (12 Pack), Model:BTPB

★★★★☆ 75
200+ bought in past month

\$14⁹⁹ (\$1.25/Count)



4 Pack Mini Rolling Pin for Kids, 9 Inch Plastic Handle Rolling Pin Non-Stick Silicone Rolling Pins for Children Cake Baking

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100+ bought in past month

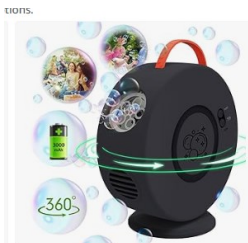
\$12⁹⁹



Blu Track Classic 15 Ft Starter Set

★★★★☆ 736
2K+ bought in past month

\$44⁹⁵ List: \$50.00



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Amazon.com: POP-n-Teach 100 Pop It Fidget Toy Rainbow Hundreds Chart for Kids -Counting Toys - Poptits for Kids - Count to 100 Numbers - 1st Grade ...

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Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE 2024

Preschool (Three and Four Year Olds)

"Angel Band" "Red Green White" "Baby Jesus, We Love You" "Christmas Bells"

Ellis Dyson, Winifred O'Shea, Hannah Simmons, Evelyn Tebockhorst,
Harper Hahn, Elizabeth Lothamer, Timothy Lyon

The Christmas Story

Directed by Kaja Mueller & Kara Hartwig/Piano Accompaniment by Gae Ellyn Gentsch
(Kindergarten-8th Grade)

The Christmas Story



CAST

Mary: Eloise Guhl (8th)

Joseph: Cyrus Gabel (8th)

Jesus: Clara Lyon 8:00 am
& Jacob Marks 10:30 am

Wisemen:

1. Toby Haack (2nd)
2. Cavanaugh Rex (3rd)
3. Eli Haack (4th)
4. Beckham Dyson (3rd)

Shepherds:

1. Titus Mueller (3rd)
2. Kayden Murken (6th)
3. James Roiseland (4th)
4. Rhett Marks (3rd)
5. Caleb Marks (1st)
6. Beau Nelson (K)

Angels:

1. Anna Klein (8th)
2. Kaylee Murke(3rd)
3. Beatrice Guhl (4th)
4. Lydia Marks (5th)
5. Ella Jane Rex (2nd)
6. Liam Sexton (1st)
7. Demi Lambert (K)
8. Silas Weis (K)

Townpeople:

1. Arabella Roiseland (4th)
2. Andrew Quillin (6th)
3. Jayse Morrison (5th)
4. Avalynn O'Shea (3rd)
5. Ruth Simmons (2nd)
6. Lucy Mueller (2nd)
7. Isabel Lee (2nd)
8. Jolene Nelson (4th)
9. Jace Dyson (6th)

Sheep (non-speaking):

- Cade Sexton (K)
Zoey Sexton (K)

Kids Choir (non-speaking, no costume):

- Brynn O'Shea (1st)
Darius Gabel (7th)
Madelyn Bell (8th)
Jacob Lothamer (7th)
Jackson Nemitz (7th)
Maddex Nemitz (5th)

Narrators:

1. Lorelei Rex (7th)
2. Jady Waring (7th)
3. Kean Mueller (6th)
4. Raegan Pence (6th)

Story Tellers:

1. Jasmine Gabel (4th)
2. Archer Knock (4th)
3. John Simmons (3rd)

PROGRAM

It Came upon the
Midnight Clear

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Away in the Manger

Joy to the World

Angels We Have Heard
on High

Silent Night, Holy Night

Solos/Trios:

- Kean Mueller (6th)
Lucy Mueller (2nd)
Anna Klein (8th)
Eloise Guhl (8th)
James Roiseland (5th)
Arabella Roiseland (5th)
Ruth Simmons (2nd)
Andrew Quillin (6th)

Sunday School

PreK—5th grade

December 15, 2024,
9:20 am—10:15 am



Lesson:
Return to Rebuild—
Rebuilding the Temple
Ezra 3:1-11;
Nehemiah 3



Kids Club

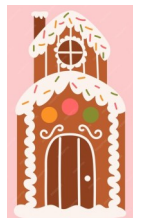
4 years old—5th Grade

Wednesday, 6:45pm

December 18, 2024

Advent Meal 5:10pm

Jesus' Birthday
Party and
Gingerbread Church
Craft



Youth

6th —12th Grade

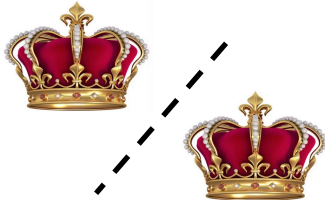
Youth Coordinator Kara Hartwig youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org (319) 855-2728

Confirmation Classes

Wednesday, December 18th at 6:45 pm

6th Grade—Lecture

Unit 2: Divided Kingdom



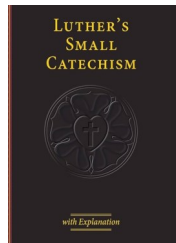
7th Grade—Small Group

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



8th Grade—Lecture

CREED—2nd Article



UPCOMING EVENTS

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



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



Lesson:
Return to Rebuild—
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LIVE NATIVITY
December 15th
4:00 pm—6:00 pm



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

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