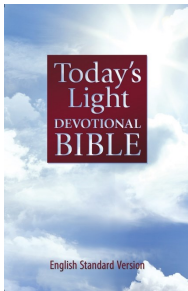




~Fourth Sunday of Advent~

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Read through the Bible in two years



Week 52 Date	Scripture
12/23/2024	Ecclesiastes 3:1-4:16
12/24/2024	Ecclesiastes 5:1-6:12
12/25/2024	Ecclesiastes 7:1-8:17
12/26/2024	Ecclesiastes 9:1-10:20
12/27/2024	Ecclesiastes 11:1-12:14
12/28/2024	Song Solomon 1:1-3:11

**NO ADULT
 BIBLE
 CLASS ON
 DECEMBER
 22 & 29**

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
December 22 & 29	Christmas Weekend & New Years Weekend—No Classes	

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 Youth. 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 Mark and Pam Wilson for being blessed with 56 years of marriage

Prayer of the Church/Fourth Sunday of Advent/December 22, 2024

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

O Lord, there is none like You in holiness, constancy and might; yet, You exercise Your power for the salvation of sinners. As we draw near to the celebration of Jesus' birth, fill our hearts with gratitude that Your Son humbled Himself and became flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty God, Your Son from of old was born of Mary in time to be our peace. Grant us repentant hearts, that for His sake we would be at peace with You. Grant also that, forgiven of our sins, we may forgive and be at peace with those around us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty God, You are the Creator of all life. Have mercy on those women who are unable to conceive or who suffer the heartbreak of miscarriage. Be their rock against despair, provide them consolation and purpose in Your Son, and restore them to exult in Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty God, our God, uphold [*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), Brian Soldner (friend of Carol Holman), 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 suffer in mind or body. Give them the knowledge of Christ, their Immanuel, who is with them in their trials. Grant them health and healing in accord with Your perfect will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty God, raise up among us those who will continue to serve as pastors. We especially pray for the seminarians we are supporting: **Seminarian Nathaniel Pekari** (1st Year), **Seminarian Josiah Coblentz** (2nd Year), **Vicar Tyler Simmons** (3rd Year), and **Seminarian Ethan Boester** (4th Year),

Mighty God, You instituted marriage between one man and one woman. We give you thanks for the 49 years of marriage you have granted **Kevin and Laurel Sellers** and for the 56 years of marriage you have granted **Mark and Pam Wilson**. 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.**

Mighty God, we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ on the cross. Prepare the hearts of all who commune this day with penitence and trust in Your promises, and so make us holy with Your Son's body and blood. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty God, 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 22 Tony Faudel, Amy O’Shea, Wesley Obermueller, Jennifer Reynolds
 December 23 Kolby Kucera, Ronald Sexton, Mark Stimmel
 December 24 James Haack
 December 25 Zettie Jones, Duane Miller, Alvin Wagner
 December 26 Sadie Clack, Garrett Sexton
 December 27 La Shelle Morrison
 December 28 Cheryl Davisson, Justin Ellyson, Rachel Matel, Peter Mickelson, Megan Miller,
 Eunice Scheer, Marnie Schrader, Jerry Wear, Beau Zeman

STEWARDSHIP December 14/15, 2024

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 12/14—5:30pm	8	Contributions	\$15,202.32
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 12/15—8:00am	170	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 12/15—10:30am	177	Advent Service (December 11)	141
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	355	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	56/58

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, December 22—29, 2024

<u>Sunday, 12/22</u>		<u>Wednesday, 12/25-Christmas Day</u>	
Worship Service	8:00am	Christmas Day Worship Service	9:30am
Worship Service	10:30am	Office Closed	
District 13 Meeting	2:30pm		
		<u>Thursday, 12/26</u>	
<u>Monday, 12/23</u>		Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm		
		<u>Friday, 12/27</u>	
<u>Tuesday, 12/24-Christmas Eve/Office Closed</u>		****	
Family Worship Service	4:30pm	<u>Saturday, 12/28</u>	
Communion Worship Service	6:30pm	Worship Service	5:30pm
Al-Anon	7:00pm		
Christmas Eve Worship Service	11:30am	<u>Sunday, 12/29</u>	
		Worship Service	8:00am
		Worship Service	10:30am



Building Healthy Families: What do you do in your home to keep your family focused on the true meaning of Christmas? Time spent together without technology, taking turns reading aloud the “original” Christmas story from Luke 2 is one great idea. Praying together is another. Perhaps at Christmas dinner, invite your family to read a Christmas song as a prayer before the meal, with each member given a verse to share. The text from Martin Luther’s “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” (Lutheran Service Book #358) would be a beautiful family prayer. A blessed, peaceful and joyful celebration of Jesus’ this Christmas to you and yours -----from your friends at Lutheran Family Service! **Lutheran Family Service**
www.LutheranFamilyService.org

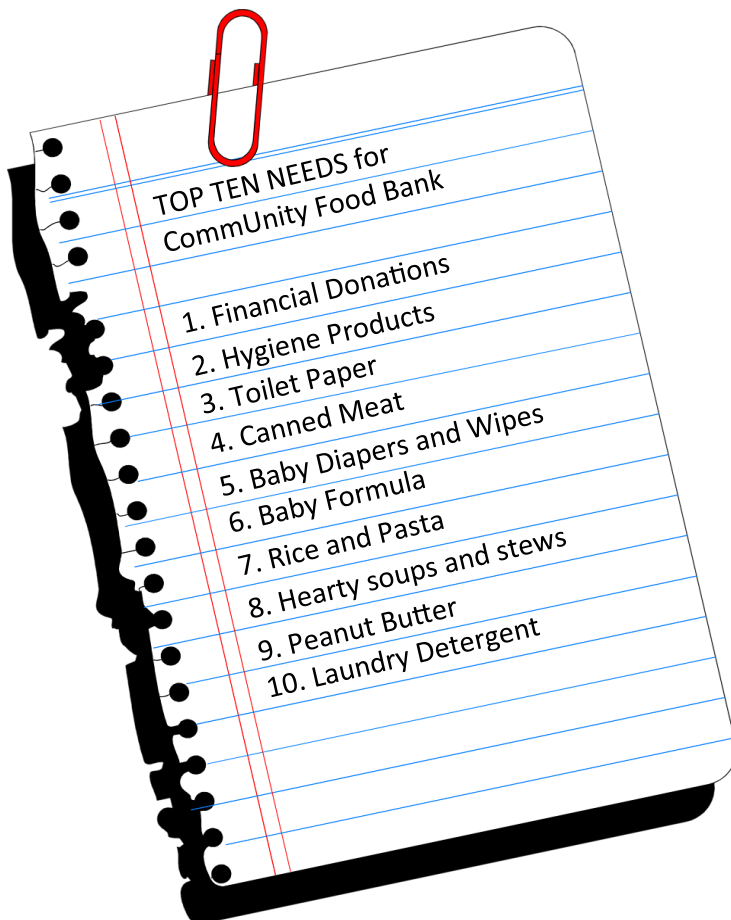


LWML CARD SHOP NEWS

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.



Donation bin located in Narthex by the Welcome Counter

Please consider picking up extra items as you are shopping to donate to the CommUnity Crisis Center.

*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,
Thank you for
blessing 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. Through your gift, children feel connected with their parent who cannot physically be there with them at Christmas. They are reminded they are never forgotten. These children receive not only a present, but also the Gospel message, and a personal message of love from their incarcerated parent.

Thank you!!
The Outreach Committee



**You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.
1 Peter 2:9**

We are chosen! Amen! Amen! Amen!

Wait, there is more to the verse - Chosen for what exactly? Chosen to declare the praise of Him who willingly for our sake left the glory of heaven to be born in a manger, to live a human life, and to die and rise again in order that we might never die.

Are YOU interested in sharing the Christmas message with those in prison, the message that although our lives may seem dark, Jesus loves us, was born for us, and is calling us all out of darkness into His wonderful light?

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?
PLEASE CONTACT:

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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

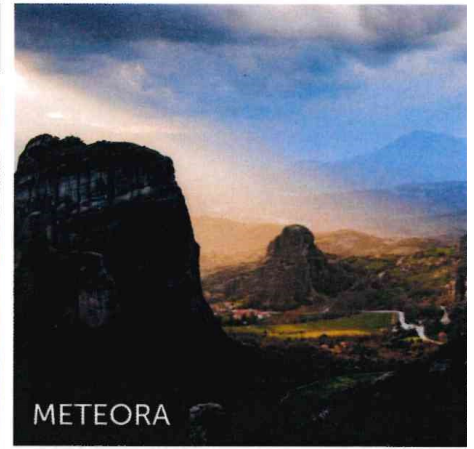
In the morning, we transfer to Athens Airport for our return flight to the U.S.A.



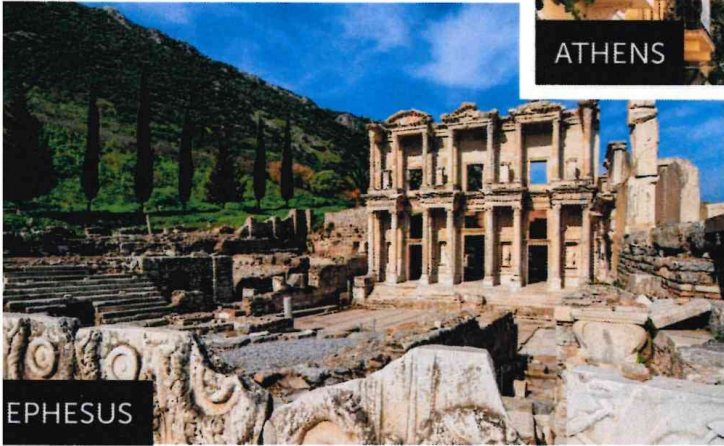
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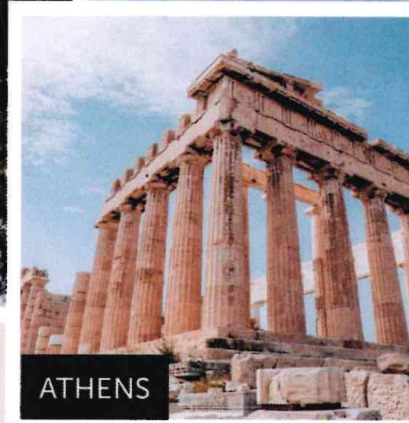
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-  Round-Trip Airfare per brochure
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-  First-Class Hotels & XA/Cabin on Celestyal Cruise
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-  Guided Sightseeing

Taxes and fuel charges totaling \$578 USD comprised of \$247.60 for fuel charges (subject to airline increase up to 30-days before departure) and \$330.40 for taxes (including U.S. federal inspection fees, airport taxes international air transportation tax, agricultural tax, other government-imposed fees such as the September 11th Security fee up to \$10 per person, passenger facility charges up to \$18 per person, federal domestic flight segment fees up to \$3.50 per segment and U.S. and International arrival and departure, and other government imposed fees up to \$300 per person).

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.

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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.

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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.

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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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By participating in this tour, you affirm your fitness to travel and acknowledge all associated risks to your safety and health. Travel inherently involves risks, especially in certain countries like Israel, where risks include terrorism, criminal acts, and health hazards. You voluntarily assume these risks and release Imagine, its officers, agents, and employees from all liability for:

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Preschool Newsletter

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

December 16—20, 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
www.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org preschool@ourredeemer.org



This Week

Daily Christmas question
Math equation
Color song—line leader choice
Bible: The angels announce to the shepherds.
Five little Christmas trees chant
Our Christmas songs
Nativity books
Stained glass nativity craft
Mrs. Casey's Christmas sing-a-long
Christmas party with games, songs, and cookie decorating

Future Dates

Dec. 23-Jan. 3—No preschool
Jan. 6/7—Preschool begins
Jan. 20—No preschool
January 29—No preschool

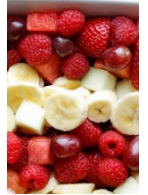
Home Question

Tell someone why we celebrate Christmas

Next Week's Snacks

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

Monday: Mason
Tuesday: Gwen
Wednesday: Zion
Thursday: Arielli
Friday: Emma



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!



Preschool Singing Christmas Songs

It was so wonderful to have the preschoolers sing for the church congregation last week! The preschoolers worked on singing and memorizing their songs and chants. Thank you parents for helping them!



Consign through the Stuff; this is a fundraiser for our preschool. You can donate items by dropping them off yourselves or placing them in a box outside the preschool. Preschool will receive 50% of the profit from the donated items that are sold at Stuff. All items given to Stuff will be a donation if they cannot sell them. **Consigner Number:** Iowa City #43522 Coralville #38168

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-



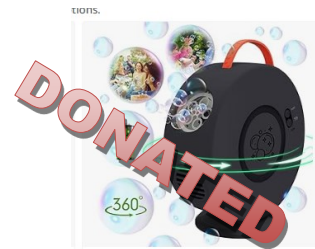
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Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade

**NO SUNDAY
SCHOOL CLASSES
ON THESE
WEEKENDS
December 22 & 29**



NOT MEETING DECEMBER 22 & 29



Toddlin' to Jesus

Room 215
(Toddlin' Room)

Join us at 9:20 am on Sunday mornings.

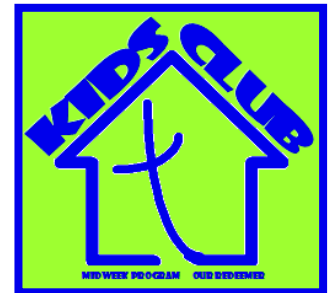
Parents and their children ages birth to age 2 are invited to participate. You will meet with other parents and children for a toddler-friendly Bible lesson, music and prayer.

It's a casual and relaxed environment balanced with activities and playtime.



Kids Club

4 years old—5th Grade
Wednesdays 6:45pm



**Activities will resume on
January 8, 2025
Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year**

Youth

6th – 12th Grade

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



No Confirmation Classes

Wednesday, December 25th & January 1st

**Christmas Day
& New Year's Day**

**Classes will resume
January 8, 2025**

**Sunday School,
December 22 & 29**

**NO ADULT BIBLE
CLASS & SUNDAY
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ON THESE
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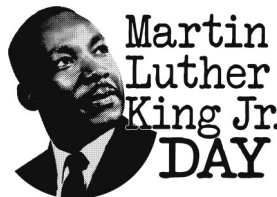


UPCOMING EVENTS



Wednesday, January 1st
OFFICE CLOSED
HAPPY NEW YEAR'S

Wednesday, January 8th
6:45pm Fellowship Hall
HIGH SCHOOL EPIPHANY PARTY



**Monday,
January 20th**
OFFICE CLOSED
**MARTIN LUTHER
KING Jr. DAY**

**Friday/Saturday,
January 31st
& February 1st**
**CONFIRMATION
RETREAT**
**Ask Kara for
details**



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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.