



The Parish Beacon

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Dear Christian Friends:

Modern marketing statistics articulate that the average American is expected to see 4,000 – 10,000 ads... PER DAY. Take a second to let that soak in. I was aghast when I read this statistic as I would have never guessed the number to be so high in my life (but I certainly believe it!). This means that 4,000 – 10,000 times a day, you look at something that has been specifically designed by paid and trained professionals to influence your brain into thinking in a certain way. I don't care how disciplined you may be, certainly some of these ads will accomplish their mission.

As I am sure you have seen, not every ad is innocent. In fact, more and more ads are designed to lead us into some form of sin whether it be: envy, lust, materialism, or despair. You see, every ad may be completely unique and offer products that are entirely different, but they all have one thing in common: they are designed to keep you from being joyful and content. After all, nobody ever came up with a slogan "joyful contentment sells" because it just isn't true. For us Christians, this poses a problem, after all joyful contentment is the way St. Paul tells us we are to live (Philippians 4:11-13). So what are we supposed to do? Do we throw away our phones, move out into the middle of nowhere and go off the grid with nothing but a Bible and a roll of duct tape? As tempting as that may sound for some of us, I'd like to offer a far more practical solution: we must be intentional about filling our mind with positive Biblical influences (Philippians 4:8).

This starts with getting into our Bibles **daily**. For many of you, this is already a practice you are taking part of as you continue with our "Read Your Bible in 2 Years" plan. For those that are finding it difficult, I fully understand, we all have busy schedules. Still, you will **always** have time for the things in your life you prioritize. When you consider all the other things in life that are specifically designed to draw you into idolatry and discontentment, escaping from these things regularly and filling yourself with the counsel of God's Word is an essential daily habit.

Perhaps it would help to think about this from a different perspective. When I was a criminal investigator, one of my favorite parts of the job was conducting interrogations. This was not because I am particularly skilled at the actual interrogation portion, but rather because I loved the set up. You see, half the battle with an interrogation is how you set up your interrogation room. If you are able to create an environment that is friendly yet subliminally says "I have you dead to rights", you start an interrogation having already accomplished half the battle. Once the subject is in the room, you just talk friendly and confidently and allow their mind to wander. Most individuals fall prey to the setup and, imagining you already know the whole story, confess fairly early with very little prompting. Before they know it, they are shaking my hand and signing a statement swearing everything they said was the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Often times, they would even thank me for listening to them confess to their crime.

Friends, Satan has your flesh dead to rights and he has set this world up to lead you right into his trap. Your only chance to see through his schemes is to prioritize your faith. Never forget, his goal is to have you smile and thank him as he leads you away from the salvation you have in our Savior, Jesus Christ. There is no greater priority.

In the love of Christ, Vicar Simmons



OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

2301 East Court Street Iowa City, IA 52245

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

Lord God of Zion, we give You thanks that You have arisen to show pity to our fallen world and set us free from sin and death. In Christ the appointed time of favor has come for all people. Cause Your name to be declared among all peoples, that Your grace may not be rejected in our time but received with delight in every place. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God of Zion, Giver of the Holy Spirit, You bless Your servants with a variety of gifts from one and the same Spirit. Grant that each of us may use these gifts for the common good of Your people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God of Zion, as our Great Physician, mend the bodies and uplift the spirits of all in need [*We especially remember 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), Marvin Muhlenbruck, 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), David 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, Velma Zebuhr (Bruce Maurer's aunt)*] Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God of Zion, merciful Father, You instituted marriage between one man and one woman. We give You thanks for the 55 years of marriage You have granted **Bruce and Grace Maurer**. 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.**

Lord God of Zion, merciful Father, we rejoice that You have written our names in the Lamb's Book of Life and given us the new birth of water and the Word. We are especially grateful for the baptism of **David James Simmons** this weekend. Strengthen him and all baptized in the faith.

Lord God of Zion, 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!**

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sun 01/26 Worship Service 8:00am
 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:20am
 Worship Service 10:30
 The Chosen 6:00pm

Mon 01/27 Staff Meeting 1:00pm
 Chamber Singers 6:00pm
 Sunlight AA Group 6:00pm
 Children's Committee 6:00pm

Tues 01/28 SM-Small Group/Marlene 6:00pm
 LLL Meeting 6:30pm
 SM-Large Group Marcia 6:45pm
 Al-Anon 7:00pm
 GriefShare 7:00pm

Wed 01/29 TOPS 8:00am
 Choir Rehearsal 6:45pm
 Midweek Classes 6:45pm
 Adult Midweek 7:00pm
 UKANDU Informational Meeting 8:00pm

Thurs 01/30 Comfort Tiers 9:00am
 Board of Elders 7:00pm
 Al-Anon 7:30pm

Fri 01/31 Confirmation Retreat (Jan. 31 to Feb. 1)

Sat 02/01 Worship Service 5:30pm

Sun 02/02 Worship Service 8:00am
 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:20am
 Worship Service 10:30
 The Chosen 6:00pm



FLOWERS TODAY

Today's flowers (January 26) for the altar are provided by Bruce & Grace Maurer, to give thanks to God for 55 years of marriage.

THE BIBLE IN TWO YEARS

Week 57

01/27/25 Isaiah 53:1-12
 01/28/25 Isaiah 54:1-57:21
 01/29/25 Isaiah 58:1-59:21
 01/30/25 Isaiah 60:1-62:12
 01/31/25 Isaiah 63:1-66:24
 02/01/25 Jeremiah 1:1-2:37



BAPTISM



David James Simmons
 Son of
Tyler & Rachel Simmons
Sunday, January 26—10:30am

Sponsors:
Rev. Dr. Mark & Lisa Larson

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

****WATCH YOUR FRIDAY EMAIL FOR LIVE
 STREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP****

Saturday 5:30pm In Person/LIVE STREAM
Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am In Person/LIVE STREAM
Communion: February 1, 2, 15, 16

Sunday School 9:20am—In Person
Adult Bible Study 9:20am—Fellowship Hall/ZOOM

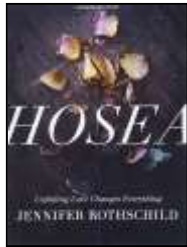
**Bible Study/Lunch Bunch meets on the 1st & 3rd
 Wednesday of each month at 11:00am with lunch
 following.**

Comfort-Tiers meet Thursdays at 9:00am

Choir practice Wednesdays at 6:45pm

**Praise Team Practice schedule varies—
 Contact Myrl Holida: myrl-holida@uiowa.edu or
 Louise Klopp: choirdirector@ourredeemer.org**

UPCOMING EVENTS



New Women's Bible Study
 Future meeting dates are:
 Tuesdays
 February 4 & 18,
 March 4 & 18, April 1 & 15


MIDWEEK MEAL
 Wednesday
 February 5
 6:00pm
 Fellowship Hall



February 5
 Bible Class 11:00am
 Lunch 12:00pm
 Fellowship Hall



THE NOT SO NEWLYWED GAME
 February 9, 2025, 12:10 pm
 Fellowship Hall
 Immediately following
 the Voters Meeting



There will be a Voters Meeting
 on Sunday, February 9,
 immediately following the late service.



During the 10:30am worship
 service on Sunday, February 9



Trivia Challenge
 Event will be Sunday,
 February 16th right after
 10:30 worship.
 Fellowship Hall



February 19
 Bible Class 11:00am
 Lunch 12:00pm
 Fellowship Hall



Our Redeemer BOWLING Day
 Sunday, February 23, 2025
 1:00 pm at Colonial Lanes



PANCAKE DAY
 Saturday, March 1
 7:00am-1:00pm
 Fellowship Hall

Birthdays

January 26	Norvin Coblentz, Jane DuVall, Michelle Johnston, Sharon Lake
January 27	Becky Bell, Denise Johnson
January 28	Kelly Baker, James Brachtel, Marge Lemke, Julie Piegors
January 29	Brynnley Fetzer, Erica McDowell-Sexton, Miranda Moore, Andrae Naraine, Arlan Thompson, Brodie Woods
January 30	Austin Bell, Catherine Kelly, Jeff Kucera, Frank Ogilvie
January 31	Cade Dyson, Susan Scott, Jeff Segar, Logan Stuart
February 1	***

Stewardship—January 18/19, 2025

ATTENDANCE		TREASURES	
Sat. 1/18 In Person 5:30pm	43	Contributions	\$9,511.70
Sun. 1/19 In Person 8:00am	69	Monthly needs for budget	\$71,996.33
Sun. 1/19 In Person 10:30am	150		
TOTAL WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	262	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	59/24

Thank you for your support.



MISSION	January
Iowa District East	\$3,333.33
TOTAL	\$3,333.33
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca	\$350.00
Lutheran Family	\$125.00
Orphan Grain Train	\$125.00
MONTH TOTAL	\$3,833.33
Crisis Center	***
Lutherans for Life	***
Concordia Seminary Food Bank	***
Lutheran World Relief	\$1,400.00
TOTAL	\$5,233.33

Membership Changes and Official Acts

<u>Transferred in</u>	
Robert & Carol Helle	01-06-2025
<u>Baptisms</u>	
David James Simmons	01-26-2025



Submitted by Marcia Hulse

Stephen Ministry

We care, Christ cures.

Stephen Ministers Are There To Care

Each of us has times when we are lonely, grieving, hurt, or in need of care. In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes that when we suffer and are troubled, we find comfort through Christ (2 Corinthians 1:4–6)—and one of the ways we find this comfort is through other caring Christians.

Our congregation has a group of people skilled in caring for those facing challenges in their lives. These people are Stephen Ministers. Our Stephen Ministers are working with people who are experiencing many different kinds of crises.

Who might receive care from a Stephen Minister? Care receivers are members of our church who may be hospitalized, grieving the death of a loved one, separated or divorcing, homebound, unemployed, adjusting to the birth of a child, or experiencing many other kinds of life difficulties.

Think about your life and the lives of the people around you. Are you, or is someone you know, going through a time of crisis or challenge? The care of a Stephen Minister may be exactly what's needed to help bring Christ's healing. They listen, empathize, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support on a weekly basis.

Consider whether you know of someone who might need care, and offer to connect them to this ministry. To find out more, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders or Pastor Hartwig. And remember our Stephen Ministry in your prayers.

STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERS

Pastor Hartwig 338-5626

Bill Benson 517-881-9848

Marcia Hulse 319-541-4026

Kevin Sellers 631-8924

A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!!

The LWML Mission Committee and the Comfort-tiers want to thank the whole congregation and anyone else who contributed to the making of the quilts and gathering of items needed for the quilts and kits for distributing to Lutheran World Relief and Orphan Grain Train! You have made it one of the banner years for making the children and people on the receiving end so very grateful! The following is what has added up to your 'gifting'!

LWR-714 quilts, 100 health kits, 3 fabric kits, 86 baby kits and 99 school kits. The shipment to Orphan Grain Train has not yet been delivered because of scheduling but will be on its way soon. It consists of 661 diapers, 16 boxes of clothing, 128 baby blankets, 5 blankets, and 129 quilts. Also, donated were 93 quilts to Domestic Violence, 8 quilts and 7 baby blankets to Hurricane Relief, 7 quilts and 2 baby blankets to the Oxford Fire Department.

Blessings to you and yours for all the fabrics, sheets, kit needs, and any other kinds of donations you have given from your heart! Rejoice!

Prior to the Event: Lutheran Hour Ministries Sunday is coming!

Lutheran Hour Ministries Sunday is on Feb. 2. *[Substitute the date of your church's event.]* Daily Devotions, video Bible studies, and many other resources are free because friends like you have already joined our mission. Visit lhm.org/discoverlhm to find a helpful resource today.

Day of the Event: Today is Lutheran Hour Ministries Sunday!

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) energizes, equips, and engages Christians to share the Gospel in the U.S. and around the globe. It hinges on a ministry family nationwide, *Connected in Christ*. Today's donations toward LHM can be DOUBLED, dollar for dollar, by a \$25,000 matching grant. Visit lhm.org/discoverlhm to donate ... or just to learn more and receive a free gift!

CONNECTED *in Christ*



LHM SUNDAY 2025



Building Healthy Families: Have you experienced the grief and loss of infertility? Or maybe you have parenting experience and room in your heart and home for one more child? Prayerfully consider adopting a child, possibly one who exists today as a waiting frozen embryo, or one who is waiting in foster care, in need of a forever family. Christian adoption builds a family through love that transcends genetics, biology and culture.

Visit <https://lutheranfamilyservice.org/adoption-services/>.
Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Board of Director's Meeting Agenda
January 9th, 2025 ~ 7:00 PM

Ben Weis - President	Kennedy Donovan - Treasurer	Mary Robinson - Board At Large
Jeff Kucera - Vice President	Bill Benson - Board of Elders	Marilyn Albright - Board At Large
Barb Pronk - Secretary	Dave Yansky - Board of Properties	Steve Scott - Board At Large

1. Call to Order, Welcome
2. Opening Devotion – Pastor
3. Constitution Review –Article VIII
 - Constitution Review has been a good addition to the board's agenda, looking to implement elsewhere
4. Review minutes from last meeting
 - Minutes from the previous meeting were approved
5. Treasurer's Report – Kennedy
 - No report as Pastor and Kari will be transitioning Kennedy into role on Tuesday 1/14
6. Elder's Report – Bill Benson
 - No report as the previous meeting was the Christmas party
7. At Large Reports:
 - Mary Robinson (Outreach, Missions, Small Groups)
 - Marilyn Albright (Connections, Health Ministry, Human Care, Technology)
 - a. Focusing on reconnecting with lapsed members, reminder that "Spread the Love" is coming up
 - Steve Scott (Children, Preschool, Youth)
8. Church Properties – Dave Yansky
 - Mold in Gathering Space not due to construction errors, but recommending that fans be installed to move moisture away
 - Crack in the "waterfall" table in the Gathering Space being looked at
 - Furnace inspection passed
 - Vicarage deck project will be headed by Karsten Ghabel as an Eagle Scout project
9. Staff Reports:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> –Pastor o Vicar evaluation complete o Stephen Ministry training this Spring o New computer up and running o Working with Sarah to close out the books –Vicar o Previewed new preschool promo video o Griefshare session 1 ends 1/28 –Kaja – Preschool o Highlighted the benefits of the preschool video 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> –Denise – Adult o Not So Newlywed - 2/9, Trivia - 2/16 –Kara – Youth o Excellent pie sales o Updated youth prize accounts o 1/31 Winter Retreat –Kaja/Kara – Children o 30 Sunday School children on average per week o Children's Christmas program went well despite the crazy winter weather!
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10. Discussion Items:
 - Miller house – no firm update apart from the family cleaning it up
11. Kudos
 - Carol Zimmerman for Vicarage piano donation and the "piano moving company" AKA Rob Bowman, Eric Kooker, Rick Gienapp, and Dave Yansky
12. Prayer and Adjourn: Next Meeting Feb 6th at 7pm (Voter's Meeting 2/9)



LCMS Iowa District East Student Scholarship JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN ABUNDANCE

A few examples are below.



TEACHING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE



DEACONESS

Iowa District East offers Student Aid for Future Church Workers
(which are desperately needed)
Please consider supporting this investment.
<https://lcmside.org/studentaid/>

Romans 10:15

And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written:
“How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”



Mission Committee Members

Denise Holida / Anita Nicholson / Val Penney / Bob Powers / Lynn Smith (Chair)



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

The **Human Care Committee** is so grateful for the generosity of Our Redeemer members and friends who blessed us with an impressive amount of donations for this year's mitten tree.

We were able to contribute an amazing 42 individual hats, 7 ear warmers, 48 sets of gloves, 5 sets of mittens, 55 individual scarves, 15 sets hat/glove combos, and 4 pairs of socks! The endless talent of so many who were able to donate hand knit or crocheted items is an impressive and most colorful sight to see.

An extra **thank you** to **LWML** for choosing the mitten tree as the recipient of their December mission donations. You all make our mitten tree gorgeous!

These items are so well-received by the school administration staff and arrived just in time as Iowa transitions into its harsh, cold winter conditions. Knowing so many of our local children are able to be wrapped in a little extra warmth warms our hearts!

Preschool Beacon



Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller Assistants, Christie Cherian M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH
Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949 www.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org preschool@ourredeemer.org
Our Redeemer Preschool where children play, learn, and grow in Jesus!



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

"God Redeems His People"

Toddlin' age — 12th Grade

9:20 a.m. — 10:15 a.m.

Invite your friends and come learn about Jesus!

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
February 2	Luke 2:41-52	His Father's House—Boy Jesus in the Temple
February 9	Matthew 3	The Pointing Prophet—John Points to Jesus
February 16	John 2:13-22	A Temple Cleaning—Jesus Clears the Temple
February 23	John 3:1-21	The Born-Again Truth—Jesus teaches Nicodemus



**Wednesday
January 29 at
6:45pm**



BAPTISM WINDOW

**Lesson:
Baptism
Window**

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.

Youth

6th - 12th Graders

February

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

DATE	EVENT	TIME
1/29	College Care Packages	6:45pm
1/31	Confirmation Retreat (1/31-2/1)	5:30pm
2/5	Midweek Meal Midweek & Confirmation Classes	6:00pm 6:45pm
2/12	Midweek & Confirmation Classes	6:45pm
2/15	UKANDU Registration Due	
2/16	Trivia Challenge 	12:00pm
2/19	Midweek & Confirmation Classes	6:45pm
2/23	Super Bowling 	1:00pm
2/26	Midweek & Confirmation Classes	6:45pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

- February 2—Luke 2:41-52
His Father's House—Boy Jesus in the Temple
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The Pointing Prophet—John Points to Jesus
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The Born-Again Truth—Jesus teaches Nicodemus

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, January 29th

6:45pm

MIDWEEK & CONFIRMATION CLASSES
ALSO High School Youth are doing College
Care Packages
NO SCHOOL ICCSD

Friday/Saturday, January 31st &

February 1st

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

See Kara for details

Wednesday, February 5th

6:45pm

MIDWEEK & CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Wednesday, February 12th

6:45pm

MIDWEEK & CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Saturday, February 15th

12:00pm

UKANDU REGISTRATION DUE

Sunday, February 16th

12:00pm

TRIVIA CHALLENGE 

Wednesday, February 19th

6:45pm

MIDWEEK & CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Sunday, February 23rd

1:00pm

SUPER BOWLING 

Wednesday, February 26th

6:45pm

MIDWEEK & CONFIRMATION CLASSES

OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

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Chad Pence	319-321-5686
Art Schwarting	319-325-6152

2025 Board of Directors

President	Ben Weis	319-936-6850
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	Marilyn Albright	319-430-8129
	Steve Scott	563-889-0990

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.

Baptismal Waters

Mark 16:16

I can soak in the tub and bathe
or stand in the shower to shave,
but I can't scrub the dirt from my heart.

I would stand in pouring rain
but it all will be in vain,
for I can't wash the stains through my heart.

I might swim in an ocean wide
but that won't take away the pride
that remains in the depths of my heart.

I could scuba around with the fish
but as much as it would be my wish—
it shan't remove the filth in my heart.

But there's a Font, that's given me Life
by a Savior that removes all strife;
He takes away all the sin from my heart!

Carol Scholdt

