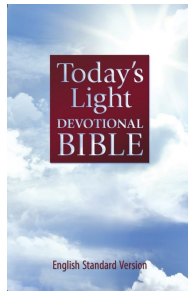




*~The Baptism of Our Lord~*

## ADULT BIBLE CLASS

*Read through the Bible in two years*



Week 55 Date	Scripture
1/13/2025	Isaiah 26:1-27:13
1/14/2025	Isaiah 28:1-29:24
1/15/2025	Isaiah 30:1-31:9
1/16/2025	Isaiah 32:1-20
1/17/2025	Isaiah 33:1-35:10
1/18/2025	Isaiah 36:1-39:8

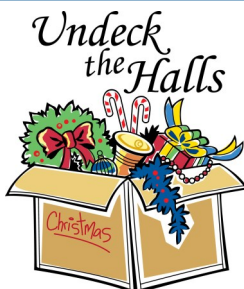
## Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
January 12	Luke 1:26-56	An Angel Announces—Jesus' Birth Foretold
January 19	Luke 1:5-25, 57-67	Silence before a Son—John is Born
January 26	Luke 2:1-40	The Temple Testimonies—Jesus' Birth and Presentation



### Sunday Coffee & Treats

This Sunday's coffee and treats are being provided by the Human Care Committee. 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.



### January 12, 11:45am Help is needed to Undeck the Halls!

Many sets of hands are needed to make quick of the work. Thank you in advance for those who come to help.

## Prayer of the Church/The Baptism of Our Lord/January 12, 2025

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

Blessed Lord, You wonderfully foreshadowed the promise of Baptism in the passing of Your people through the Red Sea and Jordan River. In Christ and by His Baptism, You have kept Your Word and made Baptism the water of new life. Give us Your Holy Spirit, that we would walk as the new and holy people You have declared us to be. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Lord, preserve the family, especially all Christian homes. Turn husband and wife toward one another in love, equip fathers and mothers for their holy duty as teachers of the faith, and preserve all children in the saving faith and certain promises of their Baptism unto life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Lord, Your Son, Jesus, is the Christ and the true King of this world. Grant great humility to the rulers of the nations, that they would submit to the preaching of His Holy Word for the sake of their own souls and for the good of Your holy people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Lord, raise up among us those who will continue to serve as pastors and teachers, deaconesses and other workers in Your Church, that Your Word may have free course among us and be our joy. We especially pray for the church work undergraduates we are supporting: Noah Hartwig (Senior Concordia Chicago), and Brock Wenck (Junior Concordia Nebraska). Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Lord, we give You thanks for standing with us in times of weakness, illness, despair and death. Give us every aid of Your Holy Spirit, that we may endure these afflictions and find comfort in the healing wounds of our Savior. *[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), Stephanie Riley (friend of Bruce and Grace Maurer), Reece Ullerich, Karen Warner, Mark Wilson, and Beth Wu]* Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

*[silent prayers]*

All these things and whatever else you know that we need, grant us, Father, for you have made us your chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation belonging to you, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

## BIRTHDAYS

January 12 Cole Jackson  
 January 13 Esmeralda Davis, Molly Krogh, Jill Nemitz, Ryan Young  
 January 14 David Davis Jr., Ryan Freeman, Claire Hartwig, Gary Hotz, Makayla Reese, Joseph Robinson, Richard Sexton, Doris Siemer  
 January 15 Carter Borntreger, Jessica Johnson, Pamela Kapple, Archer Knock  
 January 16 Raymond Boyum, Jim Mickelson  
 January 17 Nyle Kruse, Emily Robinson, Madeline Robinson, Myranda Robinson  
 January 18 Kamerson Eldridge, Kahlan Eldridge, George Norenberg, Warner Stoll

### STEWARDSHIP January 4/5, 2025

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 1/4—5:30pm	35	Contributions	\$27,961.58
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 1/5—8:00am	75	Monthly needs for budget	\$71,996.33
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 1/5—10:30am	130		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	240	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	30/56

### This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, January 12—19, 2025

<u>Sunday, 1/12</u>		<u>Wednesday continued...</u>	
Worship Service	8:00am	Windmill Manor	2:00pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Midweek Classes	6:45pm
Worship Service	10:30am	<u>Choir Rehearsal</u>	6:45pm
Un-Deck the Halls	11:45am	Adult Midweek	7:00pm
The Chosen	6:00pm		
		<u>Thursday, 1/16</u>	
<u>Monday, 1/13</u>		Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Atrium Village	3:30pm
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	Cross & Entrance Committee	6:00pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Old Capitol Quilters	6:00pm		
Preschool Committee	6:30pm	<u>Friday, 1/17</u>	
Outreach Committee	6:30pm	Lifeline Screening	8:15am
<u>Tuesday, 1/14</u>		<u>Saturday, 1/18</u>	
SM-Small Group/Marcia-Skip	6:30pm	Al-Anon District	9:00am
Connections Committee	6:30pm	Worship Service	5:30pm
Al-Anon	7:00pm		
GriefShare	7:00pm	<u>Sunday, 1/19</u>	
		Worship Service	8:00am
<u>Wednesday, 1/15</u>		Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
TOPS	8:00am	Worship Service	10:30am
Bible Study	11:00am	The Chosen	6:00pm
Lunch Bunch	12:00pm		

## Vicar and Rachel's baby will be arriving soon!

You can help take one thing off of their plate by bringing them a plate of food! If you are able and willing to help, you can use [this link](#) to sign up for a date to provide dinner for their family. The schedule allows them to plan ahead and spread out the love from our generous congregation. The Simmons Family is so appreciative of your support!

For those who are not able to sign-up online please call Kristin Weis at 319-325-7844



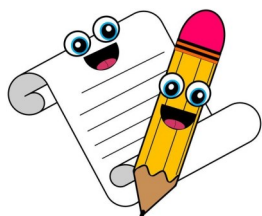
Depression is associated with many things, but weak faith is not one of them. Martin Luther himself struggled with depression as did many of our other church leaders. If you are feeling depressed, please don't suffer alone. Luther had the right idea five hundred years ago when he said, "Solitude produces melancholy. When we are alone the worst and saddest things come to mind. We reflect in detail upon all sorts of evils. And if we have encountered adversity in our lives, we dwell upon it as much as possible, magnify it, think that no one is so unhappy as we are, and imagine the worse possible consequences." Reach out and talk to someone you trust. Your pastor and your team of Lutheran Family Service counselors are here for you, regardless of where you live.

Lutheran Family Service [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)



### 2025 FLOWER CALENDAR

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

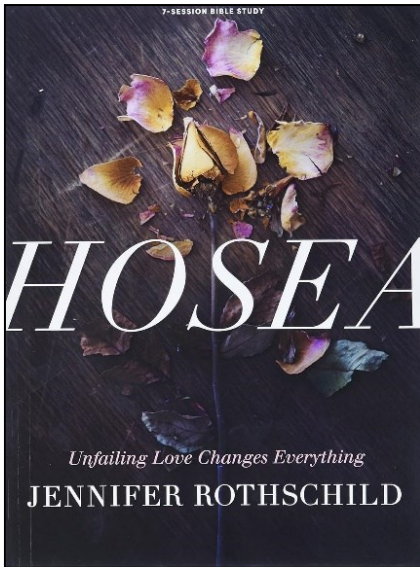


## HELP WANTED

Risen Christ Lutheran Church, Davenport, IA is in need of a Church Administrator. This person would be responsible for administrative tasks, including policy and facility management, and various financial duties. This position is for 30 hours per week. If interested, please contact the church office at 563-386-2342



## New Women's Bible Study



The book of Hosea—it's a deeply personal and passionate love story, yet it's a difficult story. As an account full of harsh judgment unfolds, we find in its midst a rare and pure gem: the truest and purest of loves.

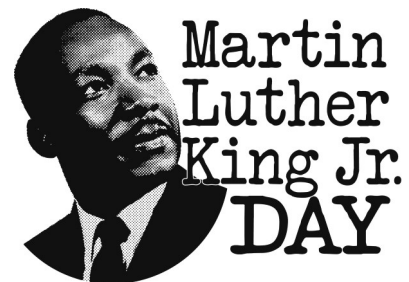
Hosea, an Old Testament prophet, preached his own life message using his marriage as the sermon illustration. The study of Hosea looks deeply at that message. In this 7-session Bible study, Jennifer Rothschild provides background to better understand the intricacies of the man and his message. You'll be guided to understand, but more especially to apply the message of the prophet of love.

The book will challenge us with judgment so harsh it will singe our hair—an unheeded sermon warning of devastating doom shortly to come. But it will show us the kind of love we dream about. Be amazed by the love of Hosea for his wayward spouse—and more amazed by the unfailing love of God for His wayward people, and for all people. Hosea showers us with hope—hints and portents pointing to the coming of the promised Messiah.

**Join us Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM starting January 21, 2025.  
Registration forms are in the narthex.**

### **OFFICE CLOSED January 20, 2025**

A reminder that the office will be closed on January 20 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



## **High School Midweek**

*All high school youth & their friends are welcome!*

**College Care Packages "Packing Night"**

January 29 @ 6:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall

The high school youth will help the Kid's Club children pack the boxes, make personalized cards for each of the college students and label the boxes. We'll pray for the college students and hear a story.

## THE NOT SO NEWLYWED GAME

February 2, 2025, 12:00 pm

Fellowship Hall



Everyone is invited to cheer on our three newlywed (or not-so-newlywed) couples. We need a studio audience to applaud their efforts to match answers.

Bring appetizers and goodies to share as our contestants compete. Come share the fun, fellowship, food, and laughter! Drinks and paper products will be provided.

### *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](http://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](http://lhm.org/discoverlhm) to donate ... or just to learn more and receive a free gift!

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LHM SUNDAY 2025

## SPREAD THE LOVE PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY



The Human Care Committee will once again collect peanut butter and jelly for the annual "Spread The Love" campaign for the month of February. Please bring your donations and place them in the box provided in the Narthex.

Peanut butter is a great item to donate to the Food Bank—it's relatively affordable and a good source of protein and other important nutrients to help those in need. Plus, peanut butter is a favorite for many families—especially if you throw in some jelly.

**The campaign goes from February 1—through March 2, 2025**

# INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

During the 10:30am worship service on February 9, the 2025 officers elected to represent Our Redeemer will be installed. We thank them for their willingness to take on leadership roles and we join in supporting them and encouraging them throughout their terms of service.

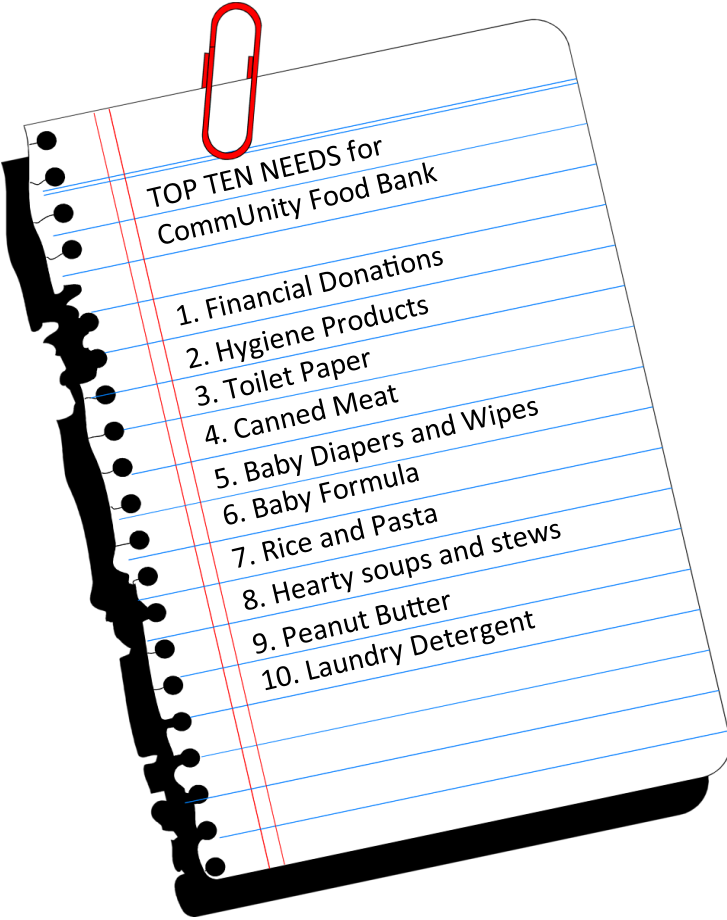



## A Chance to Share The Fun ~ Trivia Challenge

Our Redeemer offers a perfect environment for a friendly game of Trivia Challenge. A no-pressure competition with family and friends, where winning is secondary to fellowship. Feel free to invite neighbors, co-workers, friends or family. Bring an appetizer if you can and join us in the Fellowship Hall.


Event will be February 16<sup>th</sup> right after 10:30 worship.

Sign up on the chart on the Welcome Counter located in the Narthex.  
Last minute walk ins are acceptable.

**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.



**Thank You and Help Us** — Thank you to anyone who donates leftover containers and other items in the donation bin in the storage room behind the kitchen. Our one request with leftover containers is that they are clean and that they have a lid. Donations of any big items (Roasters, blenders, mixers, etc.) please check with the kitchen or serving committee to see if there is a need. Kitchen committee, Pam Wilson or Kara Hartwig.

Serving committee, Marilyn Albright or Cynthia Freundt.





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.

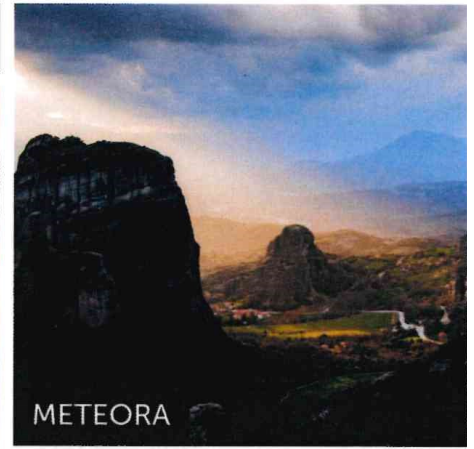




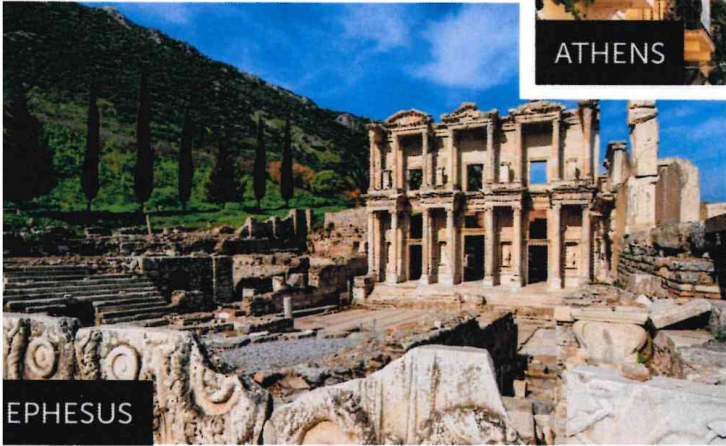
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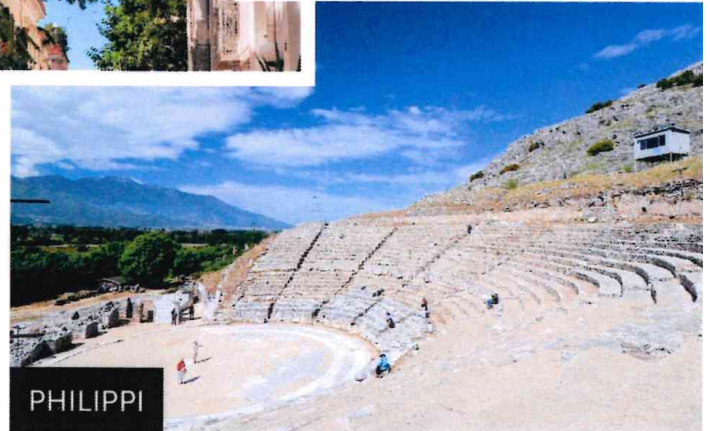
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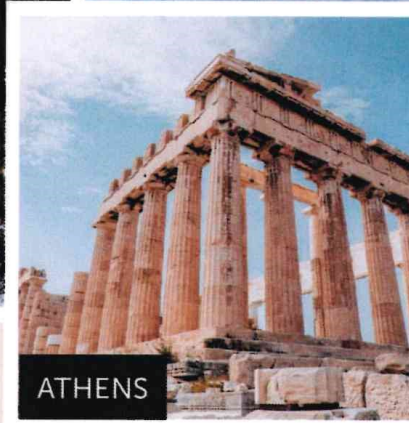
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### INCLUDED IN PRICE:

-  Round-Trip Airfare per brochure
-  Breakfast & Dinner Daily per brochure
-  Select Excursions Ephesus, Patmos, & Crete
-  Gratuities of \$130 guides, drivers, cruise staff, etc.
-  Port fees of \$149
-  Lunches Onboard Cruise & drinks in dining room(s)
-  Entrance Fees to sites visited
-  First-Class Hotels & XA/Cabin on Celestyal Cruise
-  Deluxe Motor Coaches
-  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:

Passports, visas, vaccinations (if required), laundry, lunches not on the tour menu (food outside of the contracted menu will be billed prior to leaving the hotel or restaurant), excursions not listed, telephone/international data, mini-bar, alcohol, other beverages, airport transfers on non-qualifying flights, portage at airports, excess baggage fees, additional airline fees after registration, travel insurance, and all other items not explicitly mentioned.

### 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!

January 6—10, 2025

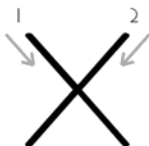
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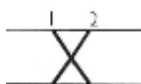


## This Week

- Welcome nighttime question
- Math equation
- What is a nocturnal animal?
- Number recognition
- Letter Xx
- Bible Lesson: Simeon & Anna see Jesus
- Nocturnal animal painting
- X-ray craft
- Monthly hallway craft
- Line leader story
- Sleep time book
- Fire Drill
- Winter puzzles
- Nocturnal animal name recognition
- Nocturnal animal coloring
- Color letter X
- Color pajamas
- Sleep / night books
- Sensory table coins and cotton balls



Big line  
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## Dates

- January 20—No Preschool, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 29—No Preschool
- February 13/14—Valentines Party in class
- March 7—No Preschool
- March 17-21—No Preschool Spring Break
- March 31—No Preschool

## Home Question

If you were nocturnal, what would you do if you were awake for the entire night?

## Next Week's Snacks

You get to bring snacks and be our line leader.  
M/W/F = 16 students; T/TH = 14 students

- Monday: Arthur
- Tuesday: Elizabeth
- Wednesday: Bennett
- Thursday: Ellis
- Friday: Cata



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.



Happy 3 1/2 Birthday, Emma!



Happy 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Mason!

**Xx** (To Camptown Races)

Xavier was an alien, extraterrestrial. He was born on Planet X, extremely far from Earth. He had two pointy heads; his vision was x-ray. He saw exactly everything in an alien way.



## Preschool Christmas Wish List

Thank you to all who have gifted or given money to our preschool Christmas Wish List! I am thankful to God everyday that we have such wonderful support for our preschool students. Merry Christmas and God bless us all in the New Year.

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*



# Children's Ministry

Birth—5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Sunday School,  
January 12, 2025  
9:20 am—10:15 am**



**Lesson:  
An Angel Announces—  
Jesus' Birth Foretold  
Luke 1:26-56**



## Toddlin' to Jesus

Room 215  
(Toddlin' Room)

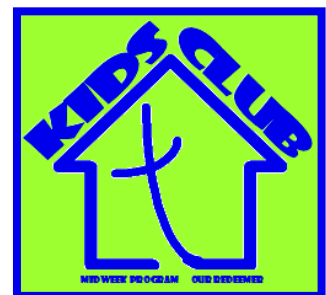
**Join us at 9:20 am on Sunday mornings.**

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.



**Lesson: Nicene Creed**



## Kids Club

4 years old—5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
**Wednesdays 6:45pm  
January 15, 2025**

# Youth

6<sup>th</sup> — 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Youth Coordinator Kara Hartwig [youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org](mailto:youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org) (319) 855-2728

## Confirmation (6<sup>th</sup>—8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm

6<sup>th</sup> Grade—Small Group  
Unit 2: Prophets

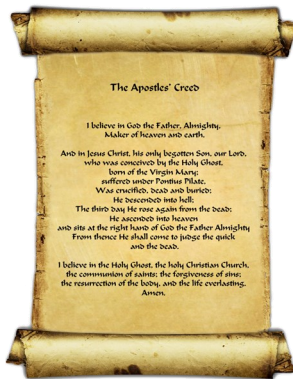


## The Prophets

7<sup>th</sup> Grade—Small Group  
Third, Fourth, and Fifth  
Petitions of the Lord's  
Prayer



8<sup>th</sup> Grade—Lecture  
Unit 2: Apostle's Creed  
*Article 3: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*



Sunday School,  
January 12, 2025, 9:20am



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# WINTER Retreat

## Confirmation Winter Retreat

Friday, January 31—Saturday, February 1, 2025

Location will be a local area hotel

For all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation students

Please use the QR code  
to register a student  
or be a chaperone:



Registration form  
& payment **DUE:**  
Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>



## Save the Dates

Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>—

College Care Packages

**Highschool Youth** will help the Kid's Club children pack the boxes, make personalized cards for each of the college students, and label the boxes. We'll pray for the college students and hear a story.



Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>—

Confirmation Winter Retreat

6<sup>th</sup> grade to 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Starts at 5:30pm



Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>—

Bowling

At 1:00pm/Watch for future Information & updates from Kara.



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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 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

## RADIO

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## VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND SCREENING

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