

## Reflections



Weekly Newsletter—February 2, 2025

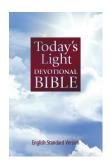
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#### ~Fourth Sunday after the Pentecost~

#### **ADULT BIBLE CLASS**

Read through the Bible in two years



Week 58 Date	Scripture
02/03/2025	Jeremiah 3:1-4:31
02/04/2025	Jeremiah 5:1-6:30
02/05/2025	Jeremiah 7:1-8:22
02/06/2025	Jeremiah 9:1-10:25
02/07/2025	Jeremiah 11:1-12:17
02/08/2025	Jeremiah 13:1-14:22

### **Sunday School Lessons**

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 Cleansing—Jesus Clears the Temple
February 23	John 3:1-21	The Born-Again Truth—Jesus Teaches Nicodemus



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.



### **Sunday Coffee & Treats**

This Sunday's coffee and treats are being provided by the ORLC Preschool. Free will offering will go towards the preschool's scholarship fund. Come join us for a little refreshment and fellowship before Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.



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

#### Prayer of the Church/Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany/February 2, 2025

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

Everlasting God, we remember how Simeon faithfully trusted Your promise that he would not die until he had seen the Savior. Grant us the same trust in Christ for the forgiveness of our sins, that having received His body and blood and beholding Him by faith, we would be prepared for the day we meet Him face to face. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Everlasting God, it is Your desire that Your saving Word is brought to the ends of the earth. We give you thanks for the gifts of *Mission Central* and all the missionary that make it possible for Your Word to spread far and wide. We especially thank you for the *Parish Nurses in eSwatini*, the children of eSwatini sponsored in the *Chosen World Vision* event, and *Arthur Rickman* and all the pastors and deaconesses in Panama. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Everlasting God, bless those placed in authority over us. Grant that they would serve with integrity and honor. Look favorably at our country; that division, conflict, and strife would give way to unity, peace, and quietness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Everlasting God, 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), Pat Schable (friend of Lorrie Bailey), Carol Schuldt, Marlene Thompson, Connie Ullrich (Jeff Kucera's aunt), Natalie Ullrich (Jeff Kucera's cousin), Reece Ullerich, Karen Warner, Mark Wilson, Rod Wittich, Beth Wu, and Velma Zebuhr (Bruce Maurer's aunt)]. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Everlasting God, show mercy to those who receive the Lord's Supper this day, that they would behold their salvation in the very body and blood of Christ given for them and, with St. Simeon, be well prepared to depart in peace according to Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Everlasting 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!** 

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

February 2 Carrie Barns, Steve Rudin, Kayla Sanders

February 3 Robert Haima, Elizabeth Lothamer, Sophie Price, Paul Vollmers

February 4 Tyler Bell, Eva Bolton, Jayse Morrison, Matthew Stoner, Marlene Thompson

February 5 Christopher Davis, John Nelson

February 6 \*\*\*

February 7 Blake Ealy, Luetta Feldman

February 8 Rodney Anderson, Ryan Bruckman, Sandra Jacobs, Heather Krogh, JoAnne Schmid

#### STEWARDSHIP January 25/26, 2025

TIME TREASURES			
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 1/25—5:30pm	56	Contributions	\$9,802.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 1/26—8:00am	90	Monthly needs for budget	\$71,996.33
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 1/26—10:30am	151		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	297	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	30/62

#### This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, February 2—9, 2025

<u>Sunday, 2/2</u>		Wednesday continued	
Worship Service	8:00am	Adult Midweek	7:00pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Spring Retreat Meeting	8:00pm
Worship Service	10:30am		
The Chosen	6:00pm	Thursday, 2/6	
		Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Monday, 2/3		Visitation Meeting	6:30pm
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Board of Directors	7:00pm
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm		
Youth Committee	6:00pm	<u>Friday, 2/7</u>	
		Cub Scout Pack 251 Derby Setup	3:00pm
<u>Tuesday, 2/4</u>			
Solon Nursing Home	9:30am	<u>Saturday, 2/8</u>	
Women's Bible Study	10:00am	Cub Scout Pack 251 Pine Wood Derby	8:00am
Human Care Committee	6:30pm	Men's Bible Class	8:00am
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Worship Service	5:30pm
Wednesday, 2/5		<u>Sunday, 2/9</u>	
TOPS	8:00am	Worship Service	8:00am
Bible Study	11:00am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
Lunch Bunch	12:00pm	Worship Service—Installation of new officers	10:30am
Midweek Meal	6:00pm	Voters Meeting	11:45am
Midweek Classes	6:45pm	Not-so-Newlywed Game	12:15am
Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm	The Chosen	6:00pm

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

\*\*\* We will be observing Lutheran Hour Ministries Sunday on Feb. 2. \*\*\* Daily Devotions, video Bible studies, and many other resources are free because friends like you have already joined our mission. Visit Ihm.org/discoverIhm 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 Ihm.org/discoverIhm to donate ... or just to learn more and receive a free gift!







#### THE NOT SO NEWLYWED GAME

February 9, 2025, 12:10 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.



#### **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.



## 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.



## SPREAD THE LOVE PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY CAMPAIGN FOR Community FOOD BANK IS BACK!!

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

#### **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, Registration forms are in the narthex.

Future meeting dates are: February 4 & 18, March 4 & 18, April 1 & 15

#### WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER WEARING MY NAME TAG?

#### Because wearing your name tag helps -

- others to call you by name
- you to be known by others
- the vicar to match a name with a face
- encourage new members to wear their name tags
- those who have a hard time remembering names
- start conversations
- everyone to get to know each other better
- to identify those who are members and those who are visiting
- those who think they know your name, but because you're wearing your name tag, they can be sure of it





#### TASTING BEE MISSION FUNDRAISER

Saturday, April 26 11:00 am

LWML sponsors this event to raise funds for missions. To make this a success, we need congregational support to sign up to provide a recipe or decorate and host a table.

Now is the time to find the recipe you want to submit and make for the Tasting Bee because signup starts soon. We ask volunteers to submit a recipe by April 14 to be included in the cookbook we compile and print to be handed out to those attending the Tasting Bee. When you sign up and submit your recipe, you are agreeing to make the recipe enough for 185 bites. A teaspoon is a TASTE. Anything else is a helping.

You can also participate by signing up to decorate a table according to the theme. A round table seats 8. A rectangle table seats 10. This year's theme is "Chosen to be...".

When you sign up to submit and make a recipe and/or decorate a table it entitles you to purchase 3 tickets for each thing you sign up to do, at \$10 each which you give or sell to your invited friends. You can purchase all tickets you are entitled to or only the amount you need. A waiting list is available to purchase available extra tickets after April 6.

**Signup will begin February 22/23.** Signup will end April 6. You will be able to purchase your allotted tickets the day you sign up and they must be purchased before April 6 or they will go to people on the waiting lists. Recipes need to be sent to Sandy Wagner at <a href="mailto:packratsandy@yahoo.com">packratsandy@yahoo.com</a> by April 14. Make sure you signup early so you don't miss out on this fun fundraiser. Feel free to ask questions when signing up. You may also contact any of the people below with questions. Thanks in advance.

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Mark your calendars

Monday, February 17 at 7 p.m.



It's LWML night and it's going to be a fun one. Tiffany Roiseland is again going to us lead through playing Bunco. If you don't know how to play, that's okay. Most of us don't remember from year to year, that's why we love Tiffany's patience in teaching us. Come join us. Bring your loose change for Mites and your fun personality for a great night out with other fun ladies. Our mission project for this month is "Diapers and wipes for Baby David". So bring a pack of size 1 or 2 diapers and a pack of wipes if you wish to participate in this month's mission project. Our hostesses for the evening are Tiffany Roiseland and Donna Saehler. Devotion leader is Margie Lemke. Look forward to seeing a lot of fun women there.



## LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!



Kaja Mueller and Vicar Simmons have been busy putting together a video to tell people about Our Redeemer Lutheran Preschool. It will be presented in church and also there is a link below to see it online. Thank you Vicar and Kaja for the wonderful video.

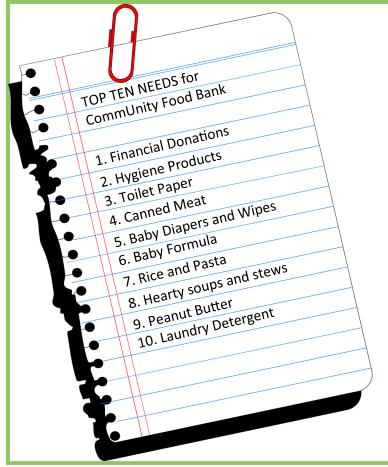




Building Healthy Families: Big changes are happening in our world. Someone once said, "If you want to know what is happening today, read the newspaper. If you want to know what will happen tomorrow, read the Bible." The Bible is filled with God's own words, given to teach, correct, and train us in righteousness. Reading and studying the Bible builds faith, changes our relationships, and prepares us for life. It helps us understand who God is and who we are. It builds trust and confidence in God and His good plan for us, which is especially helpful in times

when we may be feeling overwhelmed, sad, or anxious about the future and what tomorrow may bring. If you're not reading your Bible each day, how about starting today? (John 20:31) Ask your pastor for a reading plan or check out this one online at: <a href="https://www.1517.org/oneyear">https://www.1517.org/oneyear</a>.

Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org





## 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.





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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 (Titus1:5 & 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. Dinne 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 Baptistery 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 Imathia, 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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#### **INCLUDED IN PRICE:**

**Round-Trip Airfare** per brochure

**Breakfast & Dinner Daily** per brochure

**Select Excursions** Ephesus, Patmos, & Crete Gratuities of \$130

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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.

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;

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.

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 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.

Changes to the tour cannot be made within 90 days of departure, as the tour is considered closed at that time.

#### STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY:

imagine and its associated companies agree to provide the itinerary as described in this brochure. This agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the passenger, their travel agent, the tour host, and the tour operator. All prices, itineraries, and schedules are subject to government regulations, international agreements, and airline tariff adjustments. imagine reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who, in the sole judgment of *imagine*, is unable to participate in group travel. Except for willful negligence by its direct employees, the tour operator assumes no liability for injuries, inconveniences, illness, irregularities, or incidental damages caused by circumstances beyond its control, including but not limited to strikes, revolts, wars, natural disasters, pandemics, force majeure, airport or hotel closures, carrier defaults, negligence of third-party service providers, travel agents, or tour leaders/organizations. These conditions become a binding contract upon receipt and acceptance of your enrollment and payment to *imagine*. Any disputes regarding this brochure or your tour will be governed by Florida law.

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**Preschool Video** 

## Preschool Newsletter

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January 27—31, 2025

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### Home Question

Would it be cold living in an igloo? Why?

### This Week

Welcome igloo question

Math equation

Space & Igloo video (information

Space & Igloo video/information Rhyming words

Letter Yy

Bible lesson: Jesus's baptism

Space books Baptism craft

Preschooler's address



Little line Big line

#### Dates

February 13/14—Valentines Party in class

March 7—No Preschool March 17-21—No Preschool

March 31—No Preschool

Spring Break



### Next Week's Snacks

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

Monday: Emersyn Tuesday: Elizabeth Wednesday: Matthias Thursday: Arielli

Friday: Vinley

You only need to bring 2 healthy food groups for snack of the 5 presented in our Credible Food List packet. Half a gallon of a drink is all we really use in class. Thanks for the snack.

Fat old five goes down and around, put a flag on the top and see what you've found.



Yy (To If You're Happy and You Know It)



If you think that yams are yummy yell out, "Yes!" If you think that yams are yummy, yell out, "Yes!" If you think that yams are yummy, yell out, "Yes!" and rub your tummy. If you think that yams are yummy, yell out, "Yes!"

### Enrollment for 2025-2026

Preschool enrollment for next year is open! Get your enrollment in soon to reserve your child's spot in class. Preschool is from 9:00am until 12:00pm. Morning/lunch extended care and scholarships are available. Ask for more details. preschool@ourredeemer.org;

https://youtu.be/NpS50gRPF2s?si=WVmhT8jKSrfmnEYT



How To Build An Igloo | A Boy Among Polar Bears |
BBC



The Planet Song - 8 Planets of the Solar System Song for Kids | KidsLearningTube

https://youtu.be/mQrlgH97v94?si=fSlw7aLQ080JQwwK



## Children's Ministry

Birth—5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Sunday School, February 2, 2025 9:20 am-10:15 am



Lesson:
His Father's House—
Boy Jesus in the Temple
Luke 2:41-52

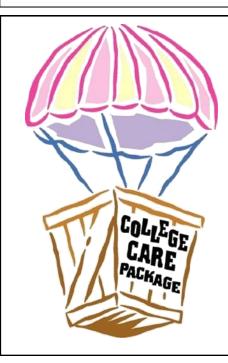


#### Toddlin' to Jesus

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.



Midweek Meal 6:00pm Fellowship Hall

Lesson: College Care Packages in the Fellowship Hall and listen to a story



Kids Club
4 years old—5<sup>th</sup> Grade
Wednesdays 6:45pm

Wednesdays 6:45pm February 5, 2025



6<sup>th</sup> —12<sup>th</sup> Grade

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

## Confirmation (6th—8th Grade)

Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm

6<sup>th</sup> Grade—Lecture

Unit 2: Homecoming of God's People



**7**<sup>th</sup> **Grade—Lecture** REVIEW DAY



8<sup>th</sup> Grade—Small Group Unit 2: Lord's Supper



#### Sunday School February 2, 2025, 9:20am



Lesson: His Father's House— Boy Jesus in the Temple Luke 2:41-52



### **Save the Dates**

## 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 5<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.



#### Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>— Trivia Challenge

Time to get the teams together & sign-up. Sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Counter. Bring your friends.



#### Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</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**

**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.