



# The Parish Beacon

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Dear Christian Friends:

As we progress into the penitent season of Lent, you may be wondering: “why name a season out of that flammable stuff I pull out of my dryer?” First, it is the season of *Lent*, not the season of *lint*! Although, that would make for an interesting forty days... In all seriousness, Lent is an abbreviated version of the old English word *lecten* which means “spring season”. We can be thankful it doesn’t still go by the old Latin name for it which was *Quadragesima*. Try asking your friends what they’re planning on giving up for *Quadragesima* and you’re guaranteed to get weird looks.

The observance of the 40 day period before Easter can actually be traced all the way back to the 4<sup>th</sup> century AD. (That’s less than 300 years after Paul was writing his letters!). Originally, it was a season of fasting where Christians would restrict their diets heavily to focus on prayer and reflect on what Christ gave up in order to free us from our sins. Today, we still carry some of this tradition as many Christians also fast from one thing or another as part of their Lenten observance.

“But Why!” You might ask. After all, Christ has absolved us from all of our sins! Every day we are to die to sin and rise again with Christ. Why should these 40 days be any different from the other 325 days of the year? The truth is Lent is not a requirement for a proper Christian life. You are certainly no more or less sinful during this season, nor are you any less forgiven of your sins. Still, setting aside 40 days a year to really focus on how helpless we are in the face of sin is a beneficial practice, and it’s not completely foreign to us either.

We set aside time every year to celebrate birthdays, although we are no less alive any other day of the year. Similarly, we celebrate anniversaries, though we are no less married any other day of the year. We do the same for Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Valentines Day, and the list goes on. The truth is, we don’t have the time on any given day to focus and reflect on all the things we *should* focus and reflect on. We cannot dote on our mothers or fathers every day of the year, or have a party for the fact that we are alive every day, so we set aside one day to demonstrate how truly important these things are.

The season of Lent is no different. It is a scheduled 40 days of the year where we are to remind ourselves of things that should always be very aware of: the damaging wickedness of our own sin. Praise God He did not leave us in this state, however. Rather than awarding us the eternal hell and damnation we deserve, He sent His only Son to take on our flesh, die our death, and rise again as the first of the resurrection. This season of Lent I invite you to set aside time to reflect on the terror of sin, that you may also hold fast to the beautiful love show for us by God in that, while we were yet sinners, He sent His Son to die for us.

In the love of Christ, Vicar Simmons



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

Almighty God, Your Son, our Lord, commanded us to love our enemies, do good to those who hate us and pray for those who persecute us. We implore You, by Your gracious visitation, lead our enemies to true repentance and to have the same love, be of one accord, and share one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Church. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, preserve and unite Your Church. Bring an end to her earthly divisions, which grieve You. Give her the true unity of doctrine and faith in Your Word. Bless and sustain our leaders in our Synod, district, circuit and this congregation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, according to Your will grant healing to the sick and infirm.

*[We especially remember **Becky Behrens, 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), **Ruth Langehough, 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)]. Grant them patience to endure their time of suffering, and crown their days with Your mercy. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Almighty God, Your Word tells us to go and make disciples. Your Word tells us to go to Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. We ask your continued blessings upon the four Panama churches – ***El Redentor Lutheran Church*** in Balbo, ***Dios es Grande Lutheran Church*** in Loma Cova, ***Los Andes Mission Church***, and ***Emanuel Lutheran Church*** in Sora. Lord, bless the work of the FORO. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, 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 seminarians we are supporting: ***Seminarian Nathaniel Pekari*** (1<sup>st</sup> Year), ***Seminarian Josiah Coblentz*** (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), ***Vicar Tyler Simmons*** (3<sup>rd</sup> Year), and ***Seminarian Ethan Boester*** (4<sup>th</sup> Year). Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, be not far from us and 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 02/23    Worship Service 8:00am  
 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:20am  
 Worship Service 10:30  
 Pizza Lunch 11:45am  
 Super Bowling 1:00pm  
 The Chosen 6:00pm

Mon 02/24    Staff Meeting 1:00pm  
 Chamber Singers 6:00pm  
 Sunlight AA Group 6:00pm

Tues 02/25    SM-Small Group/Marlene 6:00pm  
 SM-Training 6:45pm  
 SM-Large Group Marcia 6:45pm  
 Al-Anon 7:00pm

Wed 02/26    TOPS 8:00am  
 Emerson Point 2:00pm  
 Choir Rehearsal 6:45pm  
 Midweek Classes 6:45pm  
 Adult Midweek 7:00pm

Thurs 02/27    Comfort Tiers 9:00am  
 Al-Anon 7:30pm

Fri 02/28    \*\*\*

Sat 03/01    PANCAKE DAY 7:00am—1:00pm  
 Worship Service 5:30pm

Sun 03/02    Worship Service 8:00am  
 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:20am  
 Worship Service 10:30  
 The Chosen 6:00pm

## THE BIBLE IN TWO YEARS

### Week 61

2/24/25    Jeremiah 41:1-43:13  
 2/25/25    Jeremiah 44:1-45:5  
 2/26/25    Jeremiah 46:1-49:39  
 2/27/25    Jeremiah 50:1-51:64  
 2/28/25    Jeremiah 52:1-34  
 3/1/25    Lamentations 1:1-22



## FLOWERS TODAY



Today's flowers (February 26) for the altar are provided by Annette Schlueter Powers, in memory of her father Robert Schlueter on what would have been his birthday.

## Sunday Coffee & Treats (February 26)

This Sunday's coffee and treats are being provided by the Human Care Committee for the "Spread the Love" Campaign to purchase peanut butter and jelly for the CommUnity Crisis Center.



## 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  
 March 1, 2, 5 (Ash Wednesday), 15, 16, 29, 30**

**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](mailto:myrl-holida@uiowa.edu) or  
 Louise Klopp: [choirdirector@ourredeemer.org](mailto:choirdirector@ourredeemer.org)**

# UPCOMING EVENTS



**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



**BASICS OF THE FAITH**  
 Sunday, March 2  
 1:00 pm –5:00 pm  
 Sunday, March 9  
 1:00pm—5:00 pm



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

**ASH WEDNESDAY—March 5**  
 Services 1:00pm & 7:00pm  
 Start of the Lenten Season  
 See full Lenten/Easter  
 Schedule on Page 5

**NO SCHOOL  
 ICCSD  
 March 7**



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS  
 TIME BEGINS**  
 March 9

**NO SCHOOL ICCSD  
 March 17—21  
 Spring Break**



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



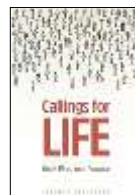
**FIRST DAY OF SPRING**  
 March 20



**SPRING CONFIRMATION  
 RETREAT MEETING**  
 Wednesday, March 26  
 8:00pm



**SPRING  
 CONFIRMATION  
 RETREAT**  
 March 29—31



**BOOK CLUB**  
 Starts meeting  
 Thursday, March 27  
 Room 208/210  
 7:00pm

**NO SCHOOL  
 ICCSD  
 March 31**

**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
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**HOLY WEEK 2025**

**Palm Sunday—April 12/13**  
Saturday Service 5:30pm  
Sunday Services 8:00am & 10:30am  
Sunday School &  
Adult Bible Class 9:20am  
**Prayer Walk—April 16**  
11:00am-7:00pm  
**Maundy Thursday—April 17**  
Services 1:00pm & 7:00pm  
**Good Friday—April 18**  
Kiwanis Prayer Breakfast 6:00am  
Services 1:00pm & 7:00pm  
**Saturday Worship—April 19**  
Service 5:30pm  
**Easter Sunday—April 20**  
Service 7:30am, 9:00am & 10:30am  
Easter Breakfast 8:30am  
Easter Egg Hunt 10:05am

**March 5—**  
**Ash Wednesday Services**  
1:00pm & 7:00pm

**March 12—April 9**  
**Wednesday Lenten Services**  
1:00pm & 6:10pm  
**Lenten Meal 5:10pm**

**Midweek Classes 6:45pm**  
**Adult Midweek 7:00pm**  
**(No Midweek Classes**  
**March 5 & 19)**

## Birthdays

February 23	Sheila Alt, Joshua Chapman, Amanda Hoffman, Cameron Kock, Aubry Lyon
February 24	Carolyn Cole, Mitchell Holman, David Jarvis, Shane Rosenberg, Mark Vinsand
February 25	Carol Holman, Scott Klett
February 26	Dawn Ealy, Brian Holman, Ryan West
February 27	Zach Aisenbrey, Rita Knock
February 28	Joshua Miller, Shane Nicholson, Michael Palmer, Judy Schwartz
February 29	Ryan Murken (Leap Year)
March 1	Sara Cross, Cory Kreutz, Joseph La Grange, Jenny Magsamen, Jerry Strom

## Stewardship—February 15/16, 2025

ATTENDANCE		TREASURES	
Sat. 2/15 In Person 5:30pm	51	Contributions	\$22,938.04
Sun. 2/16 In Person 8:00am	64	Monthly needs for budget	\$71,996.33
Sun. 2/16 In Person 10:30am	145		
<b>TOTAL WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>260</b>	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	<b>67/34</b>

## Membership Changes and Official Acts

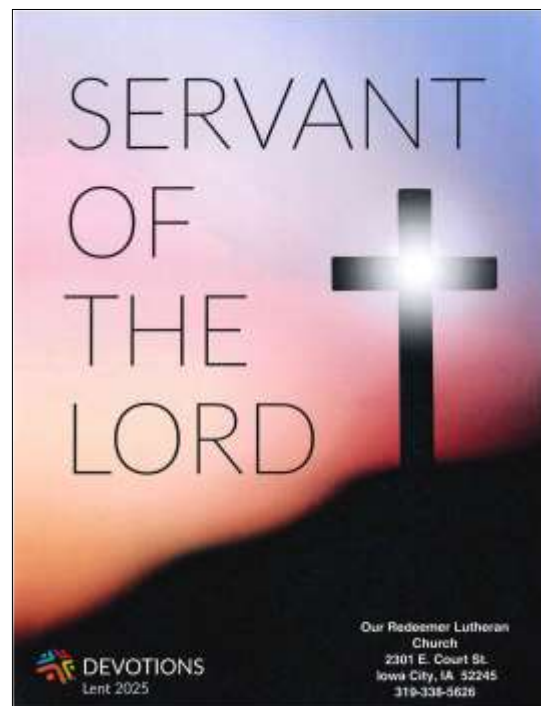
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Peter & Cathy Svare	02-21-2025
<b><u>Baptisms</u></b>	
Harlyn Fae Drahos	02-09-2025

Thank you for your support.



MISSION	February
Iowa District East	\$3,333.33
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,333.33</b>
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca	***
Lutheran Family	***
Orphan Grain Train	***
Peace Officer Ministries	\$125.00
Housing Fellowship	\$375.00
<b>MONTH TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,833.33</b>
Crisis Center	***
Lutherans for Life	***
Concordia Seminary Food Bank	***
Lutheran World Relief	***
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,833.33</b>

**Free 2025 Lenten Devotionals  
are now available at the Welcome  
Counter in standard print or  
LARGE PRINT.**



**OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN  
CHURCH PANCAKE DAY  
SATURDAY MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> FROM  
7AM-1PM**



**Pancake Day is drawing near!**

On Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be supporting various missions and organizations both locally and abroad with the proceeds from this event.

There are flyers and sign-up sheets out in the narthex, as well as tickets being sold after each service. You may also buy tickets from the church office.

We still need volunteers to assist in this event that reaches out to and provides benefit to the community. Please consider donating your time either the day of or setting up the day before Pancake Day.





Submitted by Marcia Hulse

# Stephen Ministry

We care, Christ cures.

An important theme of the Lenten season is the humanity of Christ. In Jesus, God became human and fully experienced the wide range of emotions we all encounter in life. Jesus experienced times of loneliness, sadness, hurt, anger, disappointment, grief, and abandonment. That is part of being human. Another part of being human is needing help from each other. God never intended us to be completely self-sufficient. Part of God's plan is for each of us to turn to others for help when we need it.

So when you are experiencing difficult times, don't struggle alone. Our Stephen Ministers will walk with you, listen to you, encourage you, pray with you, and provide confidential one-to-one care to help you through tough times. Stephen Ministers can bring the love of Jesus back into your life. If you or someone you know could benefit from the confidential, one-to-one care of a Stephen Minister, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders or Pastor Hartwig. **Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!**

#### STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERS

Pastor Hartwig	338-5626
Bill Benson	517-881-9848
Marcia Hulse	319-541-4026
Kevin Sellers	631-8924



**Building Healthy Families:** Husbands, want to have a great relationship with your wife, even during times of stress and conflict? Don't try harder to convince her of your point. Don't speak louder. Don't walk away. Love her. Listen harder. Research supports what Scripture has already told us: During an argument, 72% of wives feel unloved. "Each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself..." (Ephesians 5:33) It's not just a good idea; it's a clear directive from the creator of marriage Himself. And it works!

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



Board of Directors Meeting—February 2025

Call to order: 7:02

-Ben Weis

Devotion: 7:03

Introductions: 7:06

Constitution Review: 7:09

-Articles 9 & 10

Attendance:

-Ben Weis  
-Jeff Kucera  
-Kennedy Donovan  
-Bill Benson  
-Dave Yansky  
-Mary Robinson  
-Pastor Hartwig  
-Vicar Simmons  
-Kaja Mueller

Minutes Review (7:11):

-No comments/questions  
-Dave Motion, Jeff Second  
-Pass

Treasurer's Report (7:12):

-Pastor: Final report for 2024, report for 2025 is still pending.  
-Final Report for 2024:  
-Expenses:  
-Surplus of \$44,132.10  
-Balance Sheet:  
-Debt  
-Owed on Houses: 130,468.19  
-Owed on 2020 Project: 180,279.75  
-Total: 310,747.94  
-Reduced by \$108,000 in the past year!  
-Placing of the 44k  
-Recommendations:  
Pastor: \$20,000 toward eyeglass clinic for Fall 2025  
-\$6,000 toward Best Practices in 2026  
-To bring Staff to it.  
-Bill Motion to accept Pastor's recommendation (7:32)  
-Dave Second  
-**Vote: Pass**

312 S 1st Ave. Iowa City:

-Mission Committee Suggestions for uses of the new house?  
-Yes  
-Congregational Vote  
-Discuss at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday  
-Goes on Agenda  
-Presented by: Ben Weis

### Elder's Report:

#### -Bill:

- New Officers: Chad Wearing and Kevin Roiseland
- Pending Secretary
- Church attendance figures:
  - Streaming cannot count as attendance per synod regulations
- Pastor has submitted paperwork for a new vicar

### Properties:

- Meeting next week
- Completed and submitted annual report
- Planning equipment for the deck
  - Leak in the roof pipe in the sacristy
    - Needs to be inspected and repaired
  - Dave is back up and able to work on projects after an injury

### Pastor:

- Youth Ministry:
  - Trips are being planned
  - Winter retreat is done, all 17 children attended physically or virtually
  - Spring retreat is in March
  - Ukandu is coming up and NYG as well
  - It is all being planned and worked out at the moment
- Going to the FORO with Kevin Roiseland
- Lent is coming up
- Ash Wednesday is March 5

### Vicar:

- GriefShare
  - Cycle complete, new starting on 15 April
  - Pancake Day
  - Items ordered and things are ready to go.

### Kaja:

- Kids Club
  - Working through new things that will be done in 2025
- Sunday School is going well, but 3 will not be replaced.
  - Need new volunteers
  - Working on memory work
  - Bowling is coming up
    - New management: cannot bring in a lunch
    - will do pizza at church instead
- Preschool:
  - Registration is open
  - Numbers are 8 MWF, 3 TTh
  - 7 Families applied for Scholarship fund

### Kudos:

- Facilitators for GriefShare
  - Denise Schwarting
  - Melissa Mullane
  - Myrl Holida
  - Skip Kempnick

Closed in Prayer (8:39pm)

## Voters Meeting Minutes February 9, 2025

Call to order - Ben Weis

Opening Prayer - Pastor Hartwig

Treasurer's Report - Kennedy Donovan

- Kennedy laid out where our 2024 budget surplus was allocated.

Projects and Campaigns

- Pastor shared his appreciation for all that's been done and his vision for what is left to do.

312 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave - Ben Weis

- Congregation briefly discussed the pros and cons of pursuing the home purchase. Overall sentiment was that this isn't the time to purchase a new property.

Entrance Committee - Myrl Holida

- Myrl highlighted where the project was at a very high level and that there would be much more.
- Information to come soon as initial meetings with architects concluded.

Respectfully submitted, Ben Weis



**Trivia Challenge  
February 16  
2025**



**And the winners are...  
Team FORGIVEN!!**

**Fellowship, Food, Fun, and laughter.**

**There were about 90 people who  
attended.**

# PANAMA

Pastor Hartwig and Kevin Roiseland attended February's FORO meeting in Panama. FORO meetings discuss new outreach opportunities. These meetings also promote personal ties between all the churches involved.



Panama is in the Eastern Time Zone.



The four churches that were involved in last year's short-term eye glasses mission trip.



A few pictures from last year's short-term eye glasses mission trip to Panama.



## Mission Committee Members

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

# The NOT SO Newlywed Game

February 9



Contestants with emcee Pastor Hartwig



Contestants (rt to lt) Blake & Jesse Johnson, Melissa & Brad Mullane, Rob & Diana Bowman



Runners up: Blake & Jesse Johnson  
Rob & Diana Bowman

Winners: Melissa & Brad Mullane



Tillie is the answer to **Diana's question "What is the weirdest gift you ever received from your husband?"**

50 in attendance



Judges: Denise Holida & Laurel Sellers

# Preschool Beacon



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



# Children's Ministry

Birth—5<sup>th</sup> Grade



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

**"God Redeems His People"**

**Toddlin' age — 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

9:20 a.m. — 10:15 a.m.

*Invite your friends and come learn about Jesus!*

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
February 23	John 3:1-21	The Born-Again Truth—Jesus teaches Nicodemus
March 2	John 4:1-32	Living Water—Jesus Teaches the Samaritan Woman
March 9	John 5:1-17	The Poolside Sign—Jesus Heals at Bethesda
March 16	Matthew 9:9-13	The Matthew Matter—Jesus Calls Matthew
March 23	Matthew 14:22-33	A Water Wonder—Jesus Walks on Water
March 30	Matthew 16:13-23	A Confident Confession—Peter Confesses Christ



**Wednesday  
February 26 at  
6:45pm**

**Lesson:  
Prayers**



## 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

6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Graders

## March

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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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	29
30	31					

DATE	EVENT	TIME
3/5	ASH WEDNESDAY Service No Classes	7:00pm
3/12	Lenten Meal Lenten Service Midweek & Confirmation Classes	5:10pm 6:10pm 6:45pm
3/17	SPRING BREAK—No Classes March 17—21	
3/26	Lenten Meal Lenten Service Midweek & Confirmation Classes Retreat Information Meeting	5:10pm 6:10pm 6:45pm 8:00pm
3/29	Spring Confirmation Retreat March 29—31	

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

February 23—John 3:1-21



The Born-Again Truth—Jesus teaches Nicodemus

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>  
1:00pm  
SUPER BOWLING



Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>  
6:45pm  
MIDWEEK & CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm  
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE  
NO CLASSES

Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>  
5:10pm LENTEN MEAL  
6:10pm LENTEN SERVICE  
6:45pm MIDWEEK CLASSES

March 17-21  
SPRING BREAK—NO CLASSES

Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>  
5:10pm LENTEN MEAL  
6:10pm LENTEN SERVICE  
6:45pm MIDWEEK CLASSES  
8:00pm RETREAT INFO MEETING

March 29-31  
SPRING CONFIRMATION  
RETREAT  
6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades



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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](http://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.

# One More Time?

Hebrews 6:10

The needle on my machine  
is dull and worn.  
I need to replace it.

But I find myself  
almost asking it  
to do one more project  
before I change  
to a bright new one.

So, also, I seem to hear  
my Lord encouraging daily,  
“One more project, My child,  
before you rest.”

Carol Schuldt