

Reflections



Weekly Newsletter—February 9, 2025

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~The Fifth Sunday after the Pentecost~

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Read through the Bible in two years



Week 59 Date	Scripture
02/10/2025	Jeremiah 15:1-17:27
02/11/2025	Jeremiah 18:1-19:15
02/12/2025	Jeremiah 20:1-22:30
02/13/2025	Jeremiah 23:1-40
02/14/2025	Jeremiah 24:1-25:38
02/15/2025	Jeremiah 26:1-28:17

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
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.



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



THE NOT SO NEWLYWED GAME

February 9, 12:15 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.



Sunday Coffee & Treats

This Sunday's coffee and pastries are being provided by Beth & Dean Hargens. Free will offering will go

towards the SPREAD THE LOVE, the peanut butter & Jelly campaign for CommUnity Food Bank. Human Care Committee will purchase peanut butter and jelly for this mission. Come join us for pastries & fellowship before Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.

Prayer of the Church/The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany/February 9, 2025

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

O God, be not far from us and teach us now to proclaim Your might to the next generation, that they, too, may rejoice in You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, be not far from us and sustain those called to be fishers of men in Christ's Church. Grant that they would not be discouraged when they toil all night and take nothing, but continue to let down their nets at His Word according to that calling. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

O God, be not far from us and 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),

O God, be not far from us and build up Your Church. Let our words be measured and intelligible to our fellow Christians and to those outside Your Church, that we may utter our "Amens" confidently in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, be not far from us. As You have worked deeds of salvation in Christ Jesus, so make haste to help us now in every trouble. Give healing to the sick, strength to the weak and comfort to the afflicted [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)]. Do not forsake us nor the generations to come. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

O God, be not far from us. 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 *Harlyn Fae Drahos* this weekend. Strengthen him and all baptized in the faith.

O 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!**

BIRTHDAYS

February	<i>y</i> 9	Elle	n Segar	, Steph	anie S	ervantez
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February 10 Drew Boysen, Liam Boyum, Lily Weis

February 11 Kelby Heck, Melody McDowell, Diana Reuter February 12 William Alt, David Fruendt, Randy Lovstuen

February 13 James Eick, Amy Eldridge, Daniel Hopp, Jonie Murken, Beau Nelson

February 14 Cori Cole, Howard Hintze, Connie Klett, Carol Rathke

February 15 Tom Pronk, Janice Wefel

STEWARDSHIP February 1/2, 2025

TIME		TREASURES	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 2/1—5:30pm	50	Contributions	\$9,802.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 2/2—8:00am	88	Monthly needs for budget	\$71,996.33
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 2/2—10:30am	161		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	299	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	42/74

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, February 9—16, 2025

<u>Sunday, 2/9</u>		Wednesday continued	
Worship Service	8:00am	Midweek Classes	6:45pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Worship Service—Installation of new officers	10:30am	Adult Midweek	7:00pm
Voters Meeting	11:45am		
Not-so-Newlywed Game	12:15am	<u>Thursday, 2/13</u>	
The Chosen	6:00pm	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
		Lantern Park	10:00am
Monday, 2/10		Briarwood	4:00pm
Old Capitol Quilters	9:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Staff Meeting	1:00pm		
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	<u>Friday, 2/14</u>	
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	***	
Outreach Committee	6:30pm		
		<u>Saturday, 2/15</u>	
<u>Tuesday, 2/11</u>		Worship Service	5:30pm
Connections Committee	6:30pm		
Al-Anon	7:00pm	<u>Sunday, 2/16</u>	
		Worship Service	8:00am
Wednesday, 2/12		Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
TOPS	8:00am	Worship Service	10:30am
Properties Committee	5:30pm	Trivia Challenge	12:00pm
		The Chosen	6:00pm

Trivec

A Chance to Share The Fun Trivia Challenge

Our Redeemer offers a perfect environment for a friendly game of Trivia Challenge. It's 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 16th right after 10:30 worship. Sign up on the chart on the Welcome Counter located in the Narthex. Last minute walk-ins are acceptable.

Building Healthy Families: Are you a Hallmark movie fan? If so, you know the familiar story line: big city woman in crisis returns to her hometown, reluctantly gets pulled into an effort to rally the community around some cause, reconnects with local man who frustrates her plans at every turn but who in the end fulfills all her dreams, and happy ever after begins. While entertaining, these stories can intensify feelings of unrest for the more than 50% of us who are single and living alone, who have never found or have lost our special someone, and also for the less than 50% who are married but whose marriage doesn't always look like the one depicted by Hallmark. This Valentine's Day, remember that God – the author and source of love – created us to live in families and communities where love is shared. He is the only one who never fails to meet our need to be seen, connected, cared for, and loved. This week, skip Hallmark and celebrate God's amazing love! (1 John 4:16)

Lutheran Family Service <u>www.LutheranFamilyService.org</u>

NEW ADULT MIDWEEK STUDY Beginning February 19 ~ 7:00pm

Come join us on Wednesday evenings for the Adult Midweek Class. There will be a new study starting February 19 titled "Ecclesiastes: Enjoying God's Gifts". For more information contact Denise Holida

DATE CHANGE FOR MIDWEEK MEAL

The midweek meal that had been scheduled for February 5 has been moved to February 19.

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



This fun event is for all ages of our congregation and friends are welcome to join us! We will start off with a quick pizza lunch, immediately following the late service, in the Fellowship Hall. Then, head to Colonial Lanes. For more information please contact Kara Hartwig or Kaja Mueller.





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



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 packratsandy@yahoo.com 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.

TASTING BEE CHAIRS			
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Sandy Wagner	packratsandy@yahoo.com		
Lynne Westphal	hawkscubs.1@gmail.com		

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.

OUR REDEEMER

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PANCAKE DAY

SATURDAY





We are continuing to look forward to our annual Pancake Day Fundraiser!

We will be supporting missions both local and abroad with the proceeds from this event.

Volunteers will be needed for set up, serving, and clean up. Please consider donating a few hours of your time to help with this event. Pancake Day volunteer sign-up sheets can be found in the church narthex.







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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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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.

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CANCELLATION FEES:

Passengers cancelling from the day of registration up to 121 days prior to departure will be charged a \$500 administrative fee plus any airline penalties, if applicable. If passenger cancellation forces a roommate into a single room, the canceled passenger may be charged their single room fee. (see Accommodations)

The following charges also apply: (plus airline fees, when applicable)

• \$1,500 (120 – 91 days)

• \$2,750 (90 – 75 days)

• 85% of total tour cost (74 – 60 days)

100% of total tour cost (59 days to day of departure)

All cancellations must be submitted in writing. No refunds will be provided for unused services on or after the day of departure. We advise purchasing travel insurance. In the event imagine cancels the tour due to insufficient participation, a \$200 administrative fee per passenger will be deducted from any applicable refund, plus any airline penalties.

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

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Preschool Newsletter

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

February 3—7, 2025

Preschool Video Director/Teacher: Kaja Mueller M-F Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949 Fax: 319-338--9171

Assistants: Christie Cherian M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH www.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org

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Home Question

How high can you count if you start at 1?

This Week

Welcome question Shaking hands Hello Song

Class equation

Adding and subtracting activities

Scat the Cat—numbers

Bible Lesson—Jesus's Heals the Lepers

Coloring monthly heart for hallway wall

Career coloring pages

Free style and heart painting

Kid jobs and adult jobs

Light table

Countable building blocks

Color pink

Th/F—Fire Drill

Number books

Job/number books

Valentine playdough

Puppet show

Dates

February 13/14—Valentines Party in class March 7—No Preschool March 17-21—No Preschool Spring Break March 31—No Preschool

Five Dollar Lunch Option

Bring \$5, send your child's lunch, and they can

stay with me and other preschoolers until 12:45

Next Week's Snacks

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

Monday: Zion Tuesday: Ellis

Wednesday: Bennett Thursday: Gwen

Friday: Cata

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.

Happy 5th Birthday, Elizabeth!



PINK (Tune: Jingle Bells)

Cotton candy, fat pink pigs, girls with socks and bows. P-I-N-K, P-I-N-K that is how it goes! Bubble gum, valentines,

these are all pink, too.

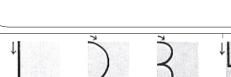
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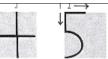
Enrollment for 2025-2026

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.



pm on Monday/Wednesday/Friday. If on Tuesday and/or Thursday anyone

wants to stay, contact Mrs. Kaja.













In Class Valentines Party

Thursday. February 13th and Friday, February 14th
Those children who attend everyday get to participate both days.

During preschool, we will have a Valentines Party! Your child will be able to participate in a game, decorate valentine cookies, and make a craft. Your child is asked to **bring a small valentine** for each child in their class on our party days. Upon arriving at school on the party day, have your child place their valentines in their friends' bags that we will make next week.

Valentines can include a prepackaged food item, or non-food item, or a homemade craft. We encourage each child to try to write their own name, or the first letter of their name, on the valentine they are giving. Don't do this all at once, but maybe only a few at one sitting. They do not need to write their friends' names.

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."

1 John 4:10-12

Class List

M/W/F

- 1. Arielli
- 2. Arthur
- 3. Bennett
- 4. Cata
- 5. Emersyn
- 6. Emma
- 7. Josie
- 8. Judah
- 9. Maeve
- 10.Mason
- 11.Matthias
- 12.Moses
- 13.Norah
- 14.Sage
- 15. Vinley
- 16.Zion

<u>T/TH</u>

- 1. Arielli
- 2. Arthur
- 3. Elizabeth
- 4. Ellis
- 5. Emersyn
- 6. Emma
- 7. Gwen
- 8. Maddie
- 9. Maeve
- 10.Moses
- 11.Reuben
- 12.Sage
- 13.Theo
- 14.Zion





Scholastic Book Order

You can shop and submit your order online. Every purchase you make earns FREE books and educational supplies for our classroom. Happy reading! Ordering online is fast and easy: scholastic.com/readingclub-ensemble ENTER Class Activation Code

MQWNQ. All book orders will be shipped to our classroom unless you

designate them to be shipped to your house.



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



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade

Sunday School, February 9, 2025 9:20 am—10:15 am



Lesson: The Pointing Prophet— John Points to Jesus Matthew 3



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.



THIS DATE WAS CHANGED TO THIS WEEK

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



Kids Club

4 years old—5th Grade **Wednesdays 6:45pm February 12, 2025**



6th -12th Grade

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

Confirmation (6th—8th Grade)

Wednesday, February 12th at 6:45 pm

6th Grade—Small Group Unit 2: EXAM



7th Grade—Small Group EXAM



8th Grade—Lecture

<u>Unit 2: Lord's Supper</u>

<u>Benefits</u>



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



Lesson: The Pointing Prophet— John Points to Jesus Matthew 3



Save the Dates

Wednesday, February 12th— College Care Packages

Date was changed!

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 16th— Trivia Challenge

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



Sunday, February 23rd— 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 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.