

# Reflections



Weekly Newsletter—March 2, 2025

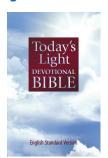
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~The Transfiguration of Our Lord~

#### **ADULT BIBLE CLASS**

Read through the Bible in two years



Week 62 Date	Scripture
03/03/2025	Lamentations 2:1-3:36
03/04/2025	Lamentations 4:1-5:22
03/05/2025	Ezekiel 1:1-2:10
03/06/2025	Ezekiel 3:1-5:17
03/07/2025	Ezekiel 6:1-7:27
03/08/2025	Ezekiel 8:1-9:11

# **Sunday School Lessons**

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
March 2	John 4:1-42	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



# 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



# LENT IS FAST APPROACHING

Wednesday, March 5 will be Ash Wednesday and ushers will be needed for extra services during the season of Lent—Ash Wednesday, Wednesday Lenten services, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. Ushers, please sign up at the Welcome Center for services for which you are able to assist.

#### Prayer of the Church/The Transfiguration of Our Lord/March 2, 2025

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

Heavenly Father, in prayer Your Son, Jesus, revealed His glory to Peter, James and John. Grant that we, also gathered in prayer, would see Him by faith and receive from Him the redemption He has accomplished for us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Heavenly Father, as You appointed Moses of old to lead Your people, so You sent Your Son, Jesus, to found and lead Your Church. Sustain us from age to age, and grant us teachers of righteousness to guide us in the days to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Heavenly Father, hear us for the sake of the troubled, the sick and the dying [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), Peter Klopp (father of Louise Klopp), 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), 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, Elizabeth Warner (Harold Warner's mother), Karen Warner, Mark Wilson, Rod Wittich, Beth Wu, and Velma Zebuhr (Bruce Maurer's aunt)]. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we praise You, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Give us ears to hear Your voice speaking through Your Word, holy lips to receive Christ's blessed Sacrament with repentance and faith, and holy awe at Your glory granted to us in the Means of Grace. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, comfort the family and friends of *Marcia Osborn* (mother of Allison Haack), as they mourn her death. Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, it is Your desire that Your saving Word be brought to the earth's ends. We thank you for the gifts of *Mission Central* and all the missionaries 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.

Heavenly Father, 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**

March 2 Eliza Heller, Palmer Heller, Carol Schuldt

March 3 Noah Christensen, Wesley Hottel, Alex Kooker, Barb Schanbacher, Sandra Trimpe

March 4 Joan James, Chad Pence

March 5 Kacee Bell, Sarah Borntrager

March 6 Cutler Bell, Marilyn Paetz, Sharon Sedlacek, Cadance Swart

March 7 Marvin Muhlenbruck, Joanne Young

March 8 Amy Jarvis

## STEWARDSHIP February 22/23, 2025

TIME TREASURES			
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 2/22—5:30pm	51	Contributions	\$6,452.05
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 2/23—8:00am	73	Monthly needs for budget	\$71,996.33
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 2/23—10:30am	123		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	247	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	29/57

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

<u>Sunday, 3/2</u>		Wednesday continued	
Worship Service	8:00am	Ash Wednesday Service	1:00pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm
Worship Service	10:30am	Ash Wednesday Service	7:00pm
Basics of the Faith	1:00pm		
The Chosen	6:00pm	Thursday, 3/6	
		Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Monday, 3/3		Visitation	6:30pm
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Board of Elders	7:00pm
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm		
Youth Committee	6:00pm	<u>Friday, 3/7</u>	
		Stephen Ministry Retreat—March 7 & 8	
<u>Tuesday, 3/4</u>			
Special Election—Precinct 17	7:00am	Saturday, 3/8	
Solon Nursing Home	9:30am	Inter AA St. Patrick's Day Party	4:00pm
Women's Bible Study	10:00am	Worship Service	5:30pm
Human Care Committee	6:30pm		
Stephen Ministry Training	6:45pm	Sunday, 3/9—Daylight Savins Time Starts	
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Worship Service	8:00am
		Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
Wednesday, 3/5—Ash Wednesday		Worship Service	10:30am
TOPS	8:00am	Basics of the Faith	12:00pm
Bible Study	11:00am	The Chosen	6:00pm
Lunch Bunch	12:00pm		

### TASTING BEE MISSION FUNDRAISER

Saturday, April 26 11:00 am



LWML sponsors this event to raise funds for missions — this year to Our Redeemer Mission Fund, Eswatini, Our Redeemer Cross Fund, and seminarian Ethan Boester. To make this a success, we need congregational support to sign up to provide a recipe or decorate and host a table.

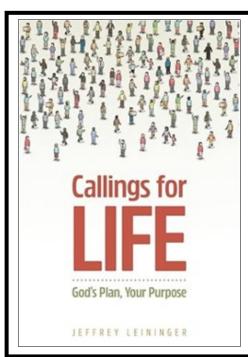
Now is the time to find the recipe you want to submit and make for the Tasting Bee because signup starts soon. We ask volunteers to submit a recipe by April 14 to be included in the cookbook we compile and print to be handed out to those attending the Tasting Bee. When you sign up and submit your recipe, 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 started 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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Sandy Wagner	packratsandy@yahoo.com		
Lynne Westphal	hawkscubs.1@gmail.com		



# BOOK CLUB STARTS MARCH 27 AT 7:00PM

God has chosen us, His people, to serve Him in the vocations that He has placed us. In this book study, Jeffrey Leininger will guide us through the theology of vocation, so we can see how God is calling us to carry out His plans in our vocations. This study will enrich members in all aspects of their lives, as they explore how to see themselves as God's chosen people, and what that means for their daily lives.

Cost of the book is \$15.Come join us. Signup sheet located on the Welcome Counter.

#### **Meeting Dates:**

March 27, 2025, April 24, 2025, May 22, 2025, June 26, 2025



# Basics of the Faith Sunday, March 2, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Sunday, March 9, 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Basics of the Faith will be happening March 2 & 9. It's a great way to refresh one's knowledge. For new members or those who want to become a member it is an excellent way to receive instruction. Signup sheet is on the counter.



Building Healthy Families: Parents, grandparents and pew buddies—the season of Lent is one of repentance, a turning away from our sins and the things that take our focus off Jesus. When we repent, we confess our sins and ask for forgiveness, making this a fitting time to focus on confession and absolution in the worship service. For younger children, explain that this is the part of the service where we tell God we're sorry for the things we've done wrong and encourage a simple, "I'm sorry, God." At home, take time as a family to read and discuss the words we and the pastor use during this part of the service (be sure to take home a bulletin or ask if you can borrow a hymnal for a few days, if you don't have one). Once you have confessed your sins, don't forget to help children listen for God's words of forgiveness in the absolution! Lutheran Family Service <a href="https://www.LutheranFamilyService.org">www.LutheranFamilyService.org</a>



St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel, your campus ministry at The University of Iowa, presents:

Variety! An Evening of Talented Performers and Delectable Desserts.

The event will take place at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2301 E. Court St., Iowa City, on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM). All proceeds go to our annual LCMSU teaching weekend (Theologian in Residence) and for future servant event trips.

Tickets are:
Adults - \$10
Students and Children - \$7
2 and under - Free

Tickets are available at St Paul's Chapel. You may reserve your tickets and pick them up the night of the show by sending an email to <a href="mailto:stpaulschapel.iowacity@gmail.com">stpaulschapel.iowacity@gmail.com</a> subject line VARIETY! In the email please indicate the number of tickets you need. Tickets will also be available at the door. Please note: Advance ticket sales and reservations are most appreciated and will help assure ample desserts and seating.



# **Part-Time Administrative Assistant Needed**

St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel, Iowa City is hiring a part-time Administrative Assistant to help with tasks such as maintaining attendance records, managing social media, producing weekly bulletins, and handling mailings. This flexible position requires 5–10 hours per week. If you're organized, tech-savvy, and looking for a way to support our chapel, please contact Jon Kohlmeier at <a href="mailto:jonkohlmeier@gmail.com">jonkohlmeier@gmail.com</a> for more information.





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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.



'hile we do our best to ensure that all items listed in your itinerary are included, nere are times when conditions beyond our control may affect your program or inerary, including but not limited to air carrier changes, delays, weather, political limate, time constraints, or changes made by your tour leader and tour guide.



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**Breakfast & Dinner Daily** per brochure

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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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By participating in this tour, you affirm your fitness to travel and acknowledge all associated risks to your safety and health. Travel inherently involves risks, especially in certain countries like Israel, where risks include terrorism, criminal acts, and health hazards. You voluntarily assume these risks and release imagine, its officers, agents, and employees from all liability for:

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# Preschool Newsletter



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

February 24—28, 2025

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Assistants: Christie Cherian M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH

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# Home Question

If you could give one thing to a person you loved, what would you give and who would you give it to?

# This Week

Welcome math question

Welcome song

Class equation

Love in a box song

Crayon song

Bible Lesson—Jesus blesses the children

Letter LI -recognize, write, sound

Valentines bags

Snowman name craft

Marble rolling painting

Alphabet song

Rice dyeing in the sensory table

Tuesday RESCHEDULED Valentines Party

Alphabet books

# Dates

March 7—No Preschool

March 12—Optional singing during worship

March 17-21—No Preschool Spring Break

March 31—No Preschool

March 31 & April 1—Conferences

# Next Week's Snacks

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

Monday: Josie Tuesday: Reuben Wednesday: Matthias

Thursday: Theo Friday: No School

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, Arthur!



Happy 31/2 Birthday, Norah!



Happy 31/2 Birthday, Maddie!



Happy 41/2 Birthday, Moses!



#### **PURPLE**



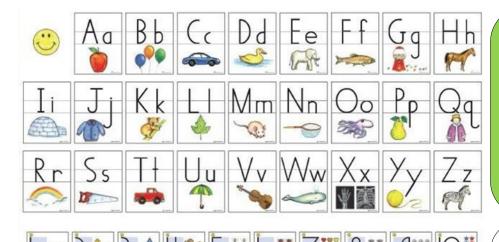
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# PURPLE

P-U-R-P-L-E, purple, purple. P-U-R-P-L-E, purple's what that spells. PURPLE grapes on the vine. Purple Kool-Aid fine, P-U-R-P-L-E, purple's what that spells.



**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



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# Preschool Sings



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Preschool has been asked to sing for a Lenten worship service at <u>6:10 pm Wednesday, March</u> <u>12th</u>. This is optional. Arrive at 5:50 pm at the preschool in order to practice. There is an optional free will offering dinner starting at 5:10 pm.

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# Spring Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on Monday, March 31 and Tuesday, April 1, 2025. No Preschool on the 31st and conferences will start after preschool is done on the 1st. Please sign up in the hallway by the preschool.

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# Where Do You Start Your Letters?

Where do you start your letters? At the top! Where do you start your letters? At the top! If you want to start a letter, then you better, better, better, remember to start it at the top!

Is this the top, top, top? No it's the bottom!

Is this the top, top, top? No it's the middle!

Is this the top, top, top? Yes, it's the top, top, top!

Where do you start your letters? At the top!

# Enrollment for 2025-2026

Preschool enrollment for next year is open! Preschool is from 9:00am until 12:00pm. Morning/lunch extended care and scholarships are available.
Ask for more details.
preschool@ourredeemer.org.

### February Snack Prayer

Shark Prayer: (spoken while holding fin on head)
God is great, God is good,
Let us thank Him
For our food! Amen.



# **Crayon Song**

Pick up a crayon, Pick up a crayon,
This is easy to do
Pick up a crayon, Pick up a crayon,
I just tell my fingers what to do
My thumb is bent,
Pointer points to the tip,
Tall Man uses his side
I tuck my last two fingers in
and take them for a ride

Now I'm holding it just right, But not too tight, Every finger knows what to do And now I have a big surprise, A big surprise for you Let's drop it and do it again!

# Five Dollar Lunch Option

Bring \$5, send your child's lunch, and they can stay with me and other preschoolers until 12:45 pm on Monday/Wednesday/Friday. If on Tuesday and/or Thursday anyone wants to stay, contact Mrs. Kaja.



# Children's Ministry

Birth—5<sup>th</sup> Grade

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



Lesson: Living Water— Jesus Teaches the Samaritan Woman John 4:1-42



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.

NO CLASS
ASH WEDNESDAY
WORSHIP SERVICE
AT 7:00PM



# Kids Club

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

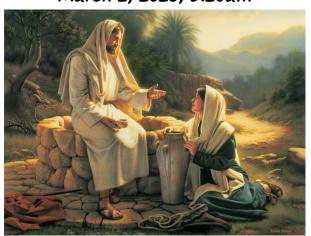


6<sup>th</sup> —12<sup>th</sup> Grade

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

# NO CLASS MARCH 5 ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AT 7:00PM

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



Lesson: Living Water— Jesus Teaches the Samaritan Woman John 4:1-42



# **Save the Dates**

Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>—
ORLC Pancake Day
7:00am to 1:00pm/Mmmm..
Pancakes!!!



Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>—
Ash Wednesday

Start of the Lenten season.

No Classes Worship Service at 7:00pm



Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>—
Daylight Savings Time Begins

Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>—

Lenten Meal 5:10pm
Lenten Service 6:10pm
Classes 6:45pm
Spring Retreat
Informational
Meeting 8:00pm



March 29<sup>th</sup>—31<sup>st</sup> Spring Confirmation Retreat



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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.