

# Reflections



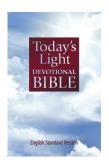
Weekly Newsletter—March 16, 2025

Iowa City, IA 52245
Phone: 319-338-5626
Email: redeemer@ourredeemer.org
www.ourredeemer.org

#### ~The Second Sunday in Lent~

#### **ADULT BIBLE CLASS**

Read through the Bible in two years



Week 64 Date	Scripture
03/17/2025	Ezekiel 22:1-23:49
03/18/2025	Ezekiel 24:1-27
03/19/2025	Ezekiel 25:1-27:36
03/20/2025	Ezekiel 28:1-26
03/21/2025	Ezekiel 29:1-32:32
03/22/2025	Ezekiel 33:1-34:31

# **Sunday School Lessons**

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
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

# \*\*\*\*ATTENTION! ATTENTION!\*\*\*\*

We still have plenty of leftover sausage from Pancake Day still available. It is \$5 for a bag of 5 patties. They are located in the freezer in the kitchen. If you write a check please put "sausage" in the memo line.



## **Sunday Coffee & Treats**

This Sunday's coffee and pastries are being provided by LWML. Free will offering will go towards current and future missions projects. Come join us for pastries & fellowship before Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.



#### ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers for the altar this weekend are from Carol Zimmermann and family in memory of Pastor Tim Zimmermann on what would have been his birthday (March 10).

#### Prayer of the Church/The Second Sunday in Lent/March 16, 2025

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

O Holy God, see how many still walk as enemies of the cross of Christ and face destruction! Make known Your mercies in Christ, that they may repent and become citizens of Your kingdom. Protect Your people from their evil intentions, and grant that we would follow the example of the apostles who willingly suffered wrong to make Jesus known.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

O Holy God, remember the households of this congregation. Provide help and companionship to those who live alone, and foster love between husbands and wives, parents and children, that our homes would not be places to worship our bellies, glory in shame or set our minds on earthly things, but a refuge here and a foretaste of our heavenly home.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

O Holy God, remember our nation and those You have placed in authority. Give them wisdom and integrity, and grant that neither they nor the citizens of our land would hinder Your Church or despise Your call to repentance.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

O Holy 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 to be upon the four churches of Panama – *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, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

O Holy God, remember the sick and afflicted [We especially remember Becky Behrens, Arlene Boots, Dorothy Blume (Carol Schuldt's sister), Loren Deetz, Kathy Eick, Chuck Enokian, John Enokian (brother of Chuck Enokian), Mary Helen Gibson (sister of Gwen McNatt Enokian), Dennis Huedepohl (friend of Bruce & Grace Maurer), 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), 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.

O Holy God, remember this household of faith and gather us together at Your altar as a hen gathers her brood under her wings. Unite us in true confession of Your Word, sincere repentance for our sins, and joyful confidence in Your forgiveness.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

O Holy God, who urges us to come to you, hear our silent prayers

[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 16 Kennedy Chapman, Connor Cross, Robert Siems

March 17 Allison Fetzer, Raegan Pence

March 18 \*\*\*

March 19 Liam Hosier, Andrew Long, Zachary McComas, Willa Ohlmann, Jeanie Thurston

March 20 Janet Hein, Mary Robinson, David Segar, Rodney Wittich Jr.

March 21 Jessica Schafer, Jade Woods

March 22 Rory Hinkle

#### STEWARDSHIP March 8/9, 2025

TIME TREASURES			
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 3/8—5:30pm	37	Contributions	\$6,452.05
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 3/9—8:00am	71	Monthly needs for budget	\$71,996.33
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 3/9—10:30am	136	Ash Wednesday Services	31/119
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	244	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	35/29

#### This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, March 16—23, 2025

Sunday, 3/16		Wednesday continued	
Worship Service	8:00am	Lenten Service	1:00pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Windmill Manor	2:00pm
Worship Service	10:30am	Lenten Meal	5:10pm
The Chosen	6:00pm	Lenten Worship	6:10pm
Monday, 3/17		Thursday, 3/20—First Day of Spring	
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	Atrium Village	3:30pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Cross & Entrance Committee	6:00pm
Children's Committee	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
LWML	7:00pm		
		<u>Friday, 3/21</u>	
<u>Tuesday, 3/18</u>		***	
Solon Nursing Home	9:30am		
Women's Bible Study	10:00am	<u>Saturday, 3/22</u>	
SM-Small Group/Marcia	6:30pm	Men's Bible Study	8:00am
Stephen Ministry Training	6:45pm	Worship Service	5:30pm
Al-Anon	7:00pm		
		Sunday, 3/23	
Wednesday, 3/19		Worship Service	8:00am
TOPS	8:00am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
Bible Study	11:00am	Worship Service	10:30am
Lunch Bunch	12:00pm	The Chosen	6:00pm



#### **LENT IS HERE**

Lenten season has begun. There is still a need of ushers for extra services during the season of Lent—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.



# LWML, Monday, March 17 at 7 p.m.



Join us on Monday, March 17. Our speaker for the evening is our very own member, Amy O'Shea. She is a veteran who served a tour of duty in Afghanistan. She will talk to us about her time in the service, and as a woman who served in the armed forces. She is now serving with the federal government doing research on veterans living in rural areas and the discrepancy on the available resources. Join us to hear Amy speak. Our mission ingathering is not necessarily an ingathering. We are asking you to consider going on line and making a donation to The Wounded Warrior project or Disabled American Veterans (DAV). They are both good Veteran-centric non-profit organizations. If there are any veterans (men or women) feel free to join us also to hear Amy talk. Hostesses for the evening are Marilyn Albright and Kathy Folkmann. Devotion will be lead by Marilyn Albright. See you on March 17.



# **Our Redeemer Lutheran Church VBS**

Sunday, August 3, 2025 to Thursday, August 7, 2025 5:00 PM—8:15 PM

2301 East Court Street lowa City, IA

Sign up today for **Epic Australian Adventure VBS** this summer! Throughout this program, we will go on an epic adventure through Australia and along the way be guided by our Savior, Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life! Let's go on an unforgettable journey!

#### **NIGHTLY SCHEDULE**

5:00 pm meal 5:30-5:45 pm opening 5:30-8:00 pm activities 8:00-8:15 pm closing

#### **STUDENT AGES:**

4 year old (who are potty trained) through 8th grade students (for 2025-26)

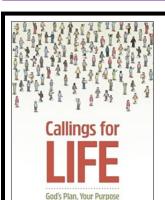
#### Sign up to attend or volunteer:

https://vbsmate.com/OurRedeemerVBS2025

#### 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



JEFFREY LEININGER

## **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





# HELP WITH THE 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.

Support missions along with the LWML by doing any of the following:

- **Provide 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.
- **Decorating a table** according to the theme. A round table seats 8. A rectangle table seats 10. This year's theme is "Chosen to be...".
- Sign up on the waiting list for tickets remaining after signups are fined

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 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. Speak to the people at the signup table soon or contact any of the people below with questions. Thanks in advance.

TASTING BEE CHAIRS			
Cynthia Fruendt	dcfruendt@icloud.com		
Donna Saehler	dojosaehler9591@gmail.com		
Laurel Sellers	klksellers@gmail.com		
Laura Stresow	lstresow@gmail.com		
Sandy Wagner	packratsandy@yahoo.com		



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

Variety! An Evening of Talented Performers and Delectable Desserts.

an					
7:00pm					
2025					

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.



## **PRAYER WALK**

April16, 2025 Fellowship Hall 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

The Prayer Walk has become a Silent Wednesday tradition at Our Redeemer. Come spend as little or as much time as you like, visiting one or all of the areas in the Fellowship Hall offering prayer suggestions and time to pray and meditate. If you have never experienced this, you will want to make it one of your Holy Week stops. People come back from year to year to absorb the peaceful, calming ambience.



#### **LUTHERAN WITNESS**

subscriptions will need to be in by Monday, April 21. If you wish to continue your subscription or add a new one, stop by the office to check or add your address and drop off a check in the amount of \$20.65 made out to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. In the memo line please put Lutheran Witness Subscription. If you are wanting to have a subscription to Lutheran Witness for the first time, call or see Lorrie in the office during regular hours Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm. If you are looking for an example to see what one is like there is an edition of the Lutheran Witness in the Library.



#### 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 jonkohlmeier@gmail.com for more information.



# **LWML Cedar Rapids Zone Spring Event**

Please join us for the LWML Cedar Rapids Zone Spring Event on Saturday, April 12 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1363 1st Ave SW, Cedar Rapids. Registration opens at 8:30 AM; brunch and our program start at 9:00 AM. Our theme comes from Psalm 22:30-32: Future generations will be told about the Lord. They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it! Richard Hoelz will share his knowledge about "Lutheran Hour Ministries – Something for Everyone." Ingathering gifts will go to Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. The Camp needs paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, kleenex, stamps, and cleaning supplies. Cash donations are also helpful. Hope you all can come! Please sign up by Monday, April 7. Sign up sheets are located on the LWML table across from the kitchen.





Rev. Dr. Brent Hartwig
319-855-2521
bhartwig@ourredeemer.org

# Walk in the FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL

Hosted by Rev. Dr. Brent Hartwig



Departures \$5,492 FROM CHICAGO, IL

### PRICE INCLUDES

US & Intl. departure taxes/fuel, gratuities, & port fees

Additional departure cities are available upon request.

## EARLY BIRD SAVINGS

off the total trip cost with your initial deposit of \$500.00!

\$100 off if your payment is received by 12/15/24

Register Online: RegisterNow.ittworld.com

Tour Code: HartwigG25

# 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.



In this we do our best to ensure that all items listed in your itinerary are included, here 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.



#### imagine Tours and Travel

#### 509 W County Rd. 540A, Lakeland, FL 33813

**863.709.9208 6** 866.262.9507 @info@ittworld.com

www.ittworld.com

#### We recommend trip insurance through Travel Guard.

Please contact Travel Guard directly to purchase it at either 1-800-826-5248 and reference agent code 127152

or visit our website, ittworld.com, and click on "Travel Insurance" on the homepage.

#### THE FINE PRINT ENROLLMENT IN AND PAYMENT OF YOUR DEPOSIT FOR THE TOUR, CONSTITUTES YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONDITIONS AND STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY.

#### **INCLUDED IN PRICE:**

**Round-Trip Airfare** per brochure

**Breakfast & Dinner Daily** per brochure

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

guides, drivers, cruise staff, etc. Port fees of \$149

**Lunches Onboard Cruise** & drinks in dining room(s)

**Entrance Fees** to sites visited

First-Class Hotels & & XA/Cabin on Celestyal Cruise

**Deluxe Motor Coaches** 

**Guided Sightseeing** 

Taxes and fuel charges totaling \$578 USD comprised of \$247.60 for fuel charges ((subject to airline increase up to 30-days before departure) and \$330.40 for taxes (including U.S. federal inspection fees, airport taxes international air transportation tax, agricultural tax, other government-imposed fees such as the September 11th Security fee up to \$10 per person, passenger facility charges up to \$18 per person, federal domestic flight segment fees up to \$3.50 per segment and U.S. and International arrival and departure, and other government imposed fees up to \$300 per person).

#### NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

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

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.

imagine Tours and Travel, LLC (hereafter referred to as imagine) reserves the right to impose a surcharge if the dollar declines by more than 2% against the destination currency based on booking date (11/18/24).

#### **GROUP SIZE & SUPPLEMENTS:**

Tour pricing assumes a minimum group size of 20 passengers. Smaller groups may incur supplements:
• \$150 per person (19-16 travelers)
• \$195 per person (15-12 travelers)

Tours with fewer than 12 travelers may be canceled due to insufficient participation.

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.

#### RELEASE OF LIABILITY:

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:

• Any physical, mental, emotional, or other injuries sustained during the tour;

- Loss of or damage to property, illness, injury, delay, or death, regardless of cause,
- Claims arising from strikes, armed conflicts, terrorism, acts of God, mechanical failures, diseases, local laws, governmental actions, criminal acts, weather conditions, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, visa refusals, or other events beyond

imagine Tours & Travel, LLC., is registered with the State of Florida as a Seller of Travel. Registration No. ST36635. Valid as of 11/18/24 AA/KM



# Preschool Newsletter

OUR REDEEMED PRESCHOOL

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

March 10-14, 2025

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 preschool@ourredeemer.org

# Home Question

What would you like to build? Why? What tools would you need to use?

# This Week

Welcome building question
Class math
Song practice
Bible Lesson—Zaccheus
Letter Zz–recognize, write, sound
Librarian visit

Construction blocks
All building blocks
Caution cones
Construction vests

Construction books
Vehicle books
Construction vests

Assessments for conferences





Little line Big line Little line



# The BIS Bible Sticker Book

# March Book

The March book was provided buy our church office manager Lorrie Bailey. She enjoys gifting books for children and their families to read together.

# Preschool Sings

It was so wonderful to have the preschoolers sing for the church congregation! Thank you parents for helping the great kids get to the church to sing!



- Mv God is So Great
- JOY—J is for Jesus, O is for others, Y is for you
- Can Not Keep Jesus Love in a Box

# Snack in two Weeks

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

Monday: Emersyn Tuesday: Bennett Wednesday: Mason Thursday: Emersyn 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 need.** Thank you. If staying for lunch, our preschoolers need all 5 food groups present.

#### **Zz** (To On Top of Old Smokey)

Z is for Zelda, who zoomed off to Mars. She zigged and she zagged past a zillion bright stars. She zipped to the left and she zapped to



the right. Then Zelda zoomed home by the moon's golden light.

# Thank you for your Scholastic book order!



# 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 preschool hallway.

## Five Dollar Lunch Option

Lunch Bunch is happening everyday!
Bring \$5, send your child's lunch, and they can stay until 12:45 pm. Contact
Mrs. Kaja if your child will get to eat with us.



# Children's Ministry

Birth—5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Sunday School, March 16, 2025**9:20 am—10:15 am



Lesson: The Matthew Matter— Jesus Calls Matthew Matthew 9:9-13



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church VBS Sunday, August 3, 2025 to Thursday, August 7, 2025 5:00 PM—8:15 PM

2301 East Court Street, Iowa City, IA

Sign up today for **Epic Australian Adventure VBS** this summer! Throughout this program, we will go on an epic adventure through Australia and along the way be guided by our Savior, Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life! Let's go on an unforgettable journey!

#### **NIGHTLY SCHEDULE**

5:00 pm meal 5:30-5:45 pm opening 5:30-8:00 pm activities 8:00-8:15 pm closing

#### **STUDENT AGES:**

4 years old (who are potty-trained) through 8th grade students (for 2025-26)

Sign up to attend or volunteer:

https://vbsmate.com/OurRedeemerVBS2025

March 19
Iowa City Spring Break—No Classes

Lenten Meal 5:10pm Lenten Service 6:10pm

Kid's Club will meet again on March 26, at 6:45pm





6<sup>th</sup> —12<sup>th</sup> Grade

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

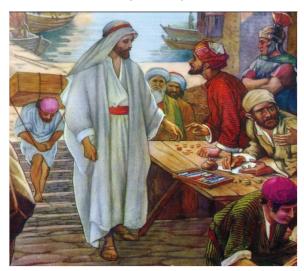
Confirmation (6<sup>th</sup>—8<sup>th</sup> Grade) Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

Iowa City Spring Break
No Classes

In the Fellowship Hall

6:10PM
In the Sanctuary

Sunday School, March 16, 2025, 9:20am



Lesson: The Matthew Matter— Jesus Calls Matthew Matthew 9:9-13



# **Save the Dates**

Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>—No Classes/Spring Break Lenten Meal 5:10pm Lenten Service 6:10pm

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





April 12<sup>th</sup>
St. Paul's Variety Show
7:00pm

#### OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

Office: 338-5626 Fax: 338-9171 Website: <a href="http://www.ourredeemer.org">http://www.ourredeemer.org</a> Preschool: 338-3949 Prayer Chain: 351-5297 or prayerchain@ourredeemer.org Special Announcements Line: 338-3505

STAFF & EMAIL	PHONE NO.	STAFF & EMAIL	PHONE NO.
Rev. Dr. Brent Hartwig, Senior Pastor bhartwig@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church) 337-2403 (home)	Kaja Mueller, Preschool Director preschool@ourredeemer.org	338-3949 (preschool) 338-5626 (church)
Tyler Simmons, Vicar vicar@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church)	Lorrie Bailey, Office Coordinator redeemer@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church)
Christie Cherian, Preschool Assistant preschoolassistant@ourredeemer.org	338-3949 (preschool)	Sara Cross, Preschool Assistant preschoolassistant@ourredeemer.org	338-3949 (preschool)
Sarah Ghabel, Bookkeeper bookkeeper@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church)	Kara Hartwig, Youth Coordinator youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church)
Denise Holida, Adult Coordinator smallgroups@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church) 930-0165 (cell)	Louise Klopp, Director Choirs/ Properties <u>choirdirector@ourredeemer.org</u>	338-5626 (church)
Marilyn Paetz, Organist organist@ourredeemer.org	351-4262 (home)	Kevin Sellers Director of Technology technology@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 ext. 18 631-8924 (cell)
Laurel Sellers, Consultant consultant@ourredeemer.org	319-331-3242 (cell) 338-5626 ext. 21		

2025 Boa	rd of Elders		2025 Board of Directo	ors
Bill Benson (chair)	517-881-9848	President	Ben Weis	319-936-6850
Kevin Roiseland	319-230-5247	Vice President	Jeff Kucera	563-316-1088
Tim Eick	248-514-2881	Secretary	Barb Pronk	641-425-4880
Rick Gienapp	319-331-7425	Treasurer	Kennedy Donovan	515-230-2057
Chad Waring	319-331-8303	Board of Elders	Chad Pence	319-321-5686
Skip Kempnich	319-351-5297	Properties	Dave Yansky	319-621-7694
Brad Mullane	319-936-5826	At Large	Mary Robinson	319-400-5572
Chad Pence	319-321-5686		Marilyn Albright	319-430-8129
Art Schwarting	319-325-6152		Steve Scott	563-889-0990

### 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.