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Reflections

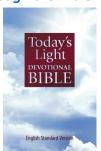


Weekly Newsletter—April 6, 2025

~The Fifth Sunday in Lent~

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Read through the Bible in two years



Week 67 Date	Scripture
04/07/2025	Daniel 7:1-8:27
04/08/2025	Daniel 9:1-27
04/09/2025	Daniel 10:1-12:13
04/10/2025	Hosea 1:1-2:23
04/11/2025	Hosea 3:1-4:19
04/12/2025	Hosea 5:1-6:11

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson	
April 6	Luke 9:28-36	A Mountain Wonder—Jesus' Transfiguration	
April 13	Luke 10:1-12, 17-20	Mission Wonders—Jesus Sends the Seventy-Two	
April 20	Easter—No Classes/Easter Breakfast 8:30-10:00/Easter Egg Hunt 10:05		
April 27	Luke 10:38-42	A Welcome Truth—Mary and Martha	



A Fellow Our Redeemer Member Needs Rides

One of our members is no longer able to drive, but is quite mobile and would very much like to attend worship and Bible study. If anyone could give rides either consistently or occasionally, it would be very much appreciated. This is an opportunity to put Christian service and caring into action. If this is a way you would be willing to assist your fellow members, please give Lorrie a call at 319-338-5626.



Sunday Coffee & Treats

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

Prayer of the Church/The Fifth Sunday in Lent/April 6, 2025

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

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

O Lord, You gave Your Son to be rejected by sinners, that we may be welcomed into Your kingdom. Preserve Your Church in this life won by Christ, crucified and risen. Give faithfulness to the preaching of Your Word and the administration of Your Sacraments, and let Your people receive these gifts with penitence and faith.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

O Lord, You shield us and lift our heads. Provide for us civil authorities who discourage evil and encourage good, but keep us ever mindful that our hope is in You.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

O Lord, show Your compassion to [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), Jane Mills (aunt of Rob Ghabel), 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, Stanley Seese (friend of Harold Warner), Marlene Thompson, 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)]. all who suffer in our midst. Remind them continually of Your benefits, forgive all their iniquities, heal all their diseases and crown them with steadfast love.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

O Lord, St. Paul counted all things as rubbish in order that he might gain Christ. Give us repentant hearts, that we would abandon all confidence in our flesh and so receive Your Son's body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

O Lord, help us to count all things as loss except Jesus and Him crucified. Draw us to Him through Word and Sacrament, that rejoicing in the righteousness that comes through faith in Jesus, we may forget what lies behind us and press on toward the goal.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

O Lord, 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

April 6 Lynn Forbes, Landon Waddilove

April 7 Benita Carney

April 8 Arlene Gerard, Philmore Holman, Maxwell Milam, Alex Mullane, Jessica Vilhauer

April 9 Britni Piegors, Noah Siems, Lauren Slater April 10 Ellis Dyson, Fred Ogilvie, Emily Worden

April 11 Crew Borntrager, Sloane Miller, Brian Morrison

April 12 Mara Caylor, Morgan Kimball, Kevin Rauch

STEWARDSHIP March 29/30, 2025

TIME TREASURES			
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 3/29—5:30pm	28	Contributions	\$8,676.70
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 3/30—8:00am	78	Monthly needs for budget	\$71,996.33
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 3/30—10:30am	164	Lenten Wednesday Services (March 26)	25/91
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	270	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	30/52

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, April 6—13, 2025

<u>Sunday, 4/6</u>		Wednesday continued	
Worship Service	8:00am	Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Midweek Classes	6:45pm
Worship Service	10:30am	Adult Midweek	7:00pm
Lunch for World Vision Participants	12:00pm		
The Chosen	6:00pm	<u>Thursday, 4/10</u>	
		Comfort Tiers	9:00am
<u>Monday, 4/7</u>		Lantern Park	10:00am
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Briarwood	4:00pm
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	Board of Directors	7:00pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Youth Committee	6:00pm		
Tasting Bee Committee	6:30pm	<u>Friday, 4/11</u>	

<u>Tuesday, 4/8</u>			
Properties Committee	5:30pm	Saturday, 4/12—LWML Spring Zone Event	
Connections Committee	6:30pm	Men's Bible Class	8:00am
Stephen Ministry Training	6:45pm	Worship Service	5:30pm
Al-Anon	7:00pm	St. Paul's Variety	7:00pm
Wednesday, 4/9		Sunday, 4/13—Palm Sunday	
TOPS	8:00am	Worship Service	8:00am
Lenten Service	1:00pm	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
Lenten Meal	5:10pm	Worship Service	10:30am
Lenten Worship	6:10pm	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.





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!

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

Variety! An Evening of Talented Performers

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 stpaulschapel.iowacity@gmail.com 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.

WE WALK FOUL NOT BY SIGHT

PRAYER WALK

April 16, 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.



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. The sign up sheet is located on the LWML display table downstairs, across form the kitchen door.*

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR EASTER BREAKFAST

The youth will be hosting their annual Easter Breakfast on Easter morning, April 20th starting at 8:30 am.

This meal is offered as a freewill donation, and we would greatly appreciate your help in providing some of the necessary ingredients.

Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.







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.



Mark your calendars...Our April LWML meeting is Monday, April 21.

We will start the evening at 6:00 p.m. with packing for World Relief. The meeting will then start at 7:00 p.m. Our guest speaker is our own Laura Stresow. She is going to speak on mental health in general and depression and anxiety specifically. She has been a nurse since 1993, and a nurse practitioner since 2000. She is double boarded in family medicine and psychiatry. She has worked in a variety of settings from public health to floor nursing to the emergency room. She has also taught nursing in the classroom and online. Currently, she works full time in psychiatry and has for the last 10 years.

Our mission ingathering this month is items for the baby care kits for World Relief...baby socks and baby sweaters and/or jackets (with hoods if possible). Hostesses for the evening are Brenda Johnson, Sandy Wagner, and Lynne Westphal. Devotions will be led by Lynne Westphal. We will also be having a signup for Ladies Night Out in May to the Miller Homestead for a fantastic Amish meal. See you all on April 21.



THIS WEEKEND IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY TO SIGN UP OR PURCHASE <u>EARNED</u> TICKETS

Saturday, April 26 11:00 am

Waiting list will be called about ticket availability this week!

Table decorators and recipes still needed!!

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 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 finished.



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 packratsandy@yahoo.com 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		

CALL DAYS 2025

Call Day at Concordia Seminary is fast approaching and this year it is going to be 2 different days at Fort Wayne and St. Louis! So take a look at the dates and times and for more information check both Concordia websites.

Monday, April 28, 7:00pm (Eastern Time), at Concordia Seminary—Fort Wayne, Josiah Coblentz receives his placement for his vicarage. https://ctsfw.regfox.com/2025-call-day

Wednesday, April 30, 3:00pm (Central Standard Time), at Concordia Seminary—St. Louis, we will see if we are blessed with another vicar for 2025/2026. https://www.csl.edu/academics/call-day-services/

Wednesday, April 30, 7:00pm (Central Standard Time), at Concordia Seminary—St. Louis, previous Ethan Boester will receive his call. https://www.csl.edu/academics/call-day-services/



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.

Blessing Books Now through May 11th

We will continue to do our senior books a page at time.

Messages of encouragement and congratulations to
the graduates can be sent via email or write them on a
quarter sheet of paper allowing half an inch on the left for binding.

WHO SHOULD "SIGN" THE BLESSING BOOKS? Everyone in the congregation can sign.

WHAT SHOULD I WRITE? Write a short note of Christian encouragement, share your favorite Bible verse or simply sign your name.

<u>HOW DO I SHARE MY MESSAGE?</u> You can either write your message on a quarter sheet of paper and email a picture of it <u>or</u> just email the text you want--you can use the same message or create one for each student. (Please make sure that you specify the recipient of individual messages)

Please email your message to Laurel at consultant@ourredeemer.org by May 11th



Tyler Bell Connor Cross Molly Krogh Adam Schaefer Philip Bloesch Karsten Ghabel Rachel Matel Grant Wilson

Nicholas Caylor Claire Hartwig Addyson McKillip



Preschool Newsletter

OUR REDEEMEN PRINCHOON

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

April 1-4, 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

This Week

Welcome question

Questions how many teeth do you have, what part of the body has the most bones, biggest and smallest bone in the body

The Flower song Body Rock song

Bible Lesson—Woman anoints Jesus' feet

Letter Ff-recognize, write, sound Calendar

Free-style painting

Color the monthly board picture Halleluiah, Praise Ye the Lord sona

Books all about our five senses, bones, teeth, etc.

Dental Hygienist visit

Real shapes around the world



Big line





Dates

April 16 & 17—Donuts with Grow-ups 11:30 am & Spring Program 11:50 in the classroom

April 18—Good Friday No Preschool

May TBA—Open House

May 9—Pizza and Playground event

May 22/23—Graduation/Celebration

Five Dollar Lunch Option Lunch Bunch is happening everyday!

Lunch Bunch is happening everyday! Bring \$5, send your child's lunch. Pick up is at 12:45 pm.

Next Week's Snacks

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

Monday: Maeve Tuesday: Theo Wednesday: Mason

Thursday: Ellis Friday: Matthias

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.

Spring Conferences



Thank you for taking the time to meet with me about your child. Your involvement in their education contributes to their progress in preschool We are happy to be involved in your child's success!

[To Alouette]

Five fast fishes swimming down the river. Five fast fishes swimming down the stream.

Swimming past five floating logs. Swimming past five floating frogs.

Floating logs. Croaking frogs. Floating logs.

Crocking frogs. Five fast fishes.

Fa la la la la



Scholastic Book Order

Every purchase you make earns FREE books and educational supplies for our classroom.

Ordering online is fast and easy: scholastic.com/readingclub— ENTER Class Activation Code MQWNQ.





Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade

Sunday School, **April 6, 2025** 9:20 am—10:15 am



Lesson: A Mountain Wonder— Jesus' Transfiguration Luke 9:28-36



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April 9 Wednesday 6:45pm

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

> Lesson: Crucifixion Window II

EASTER EGG HUNT Sunday, April 20th 10:05 am

We will be holding the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday.

ALL children 5th grade and younger are invited to join us for the Easter Egg hunt.

Please meet outside on the grassy hill by the West door.

In case of rain, we will meet inside.







6th —12th Grade

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

Confirmation (6th—8th Grade)

Wednesday, April 9th at 6:45 pm

6th Grade—Small Group Unit 3: Study Guide



7th Grade—Small Group <u>EXAM</u>



8th Grade—Lecture
Passover Meal



Lenten Meal 5:10pm—Fellowship Hall
Lenten Service 6:10pm—Sanctuary

Sunday School April 6, 2025, 9:20am



Lesson: A Mountain Wonder— Jesus' Transfiguration Luke 9:28-36



Save the Dates

April 12th St. Paul's Variety Show 7:oopm Fellowship Hall



Saturday, April 19th Easter Breakfast Set up 8:00am Fellowship hall

Sunday, April 20th
Easter Breakfast
Fellowship Hall
Check with Kara
for ready time

Saturday, April 26th
Spiritual Growth Event
7:00pmSanctuary followed
by reception the Fellowship
Hall at 8:00pm





Sunday, April 27th
Confirmation Service 10:30am



Saturday, April 26th
Spiritual Growth Event 7:00pm
Confirmation Reception 8:00pm

Sunday, April 27th Confirmation Sunday 10:30am Service

OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

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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.