



~Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany~

## Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
February 1	Genesis 6:11—22; 7:11-24; 8:13-22	A New Beginning—Noah
February 8	Genesis 12:1-9	A Call to Action—Abram
February 15	Genesis 28:10-22	A Promising Dream—Jacob
February 22	Genesis 37; 45:1-10	Hope in Hardship—Joseph



**Building Healthy Families:** Experiencing a private concern that you don't want to talk about with your friends or family? Don't look for help online. There you may find "answers," but they'll be from a faceless post or AI-generated source that provides simplistic solutions or platitudes that aren't consistent with teachings of the historic faith that have guided and sustained generations long before the internet gave influencers a platform. LFS has mental health, marriage and family, grief and loss education and support, unplanned pregnancy and adoption counselors available to you via confidential telehealth link no matter where you live. At LFS you'll find real people who are experienced helpers – equipped to provide confidential, sound counsel – who share your Lutheran Christian faith. Why struggle alone or scroll online when real help is available? Call us – it's why we're here! Learn more at [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org) Lutheran Family Service



### ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers for the altar this weekend are from David and Sharon Hintze for the Lord blessing them with 60 years of marriage.



### 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 1, 2026**

## Prayer of the Church/Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany/February 1, 2026

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For the sick and the dying, and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For

**Becky Behrens, Dorothy Blume** (*Carol Schuldt's sister*), **Joanne Bowman** (*Rob Bowman's mother*), **April Tutton Clark** (*Sister of Grace Maurer*), **Tom Cowley** (*Aaron Mueller's brother-in-law*), **John Enokian** (*brother of Chuck Enokian*), **Mary Helen Gibson** (*sister of Gwen McNatt Enokian*), **Dennis Huedepohl** (*friend of Bruce Maurer*), **Jeff Hundley** (*grandson of Karen Abernathy*), **Dora Jacobson** (*granddaughter of George and Carol Schuldt*), **Todd Jones** (*Barb & Ron Jones' son*), **David Kooker** (*Eric Kooker's father*), **Ruth Langehough, Dot Langholdt** (*friend of Ruth Varney*), **Ben Malcom** (*father of Tiffany Roiseland*), **Jane Marshall** (*mom of Erin Dyson*), **Craig Michel** (*Denise Schwarting's step-dad*), **Laura Miller** (*Linda Bonefeld's mother*), **Norma Miller** (*Twyla Freeman's aunt*), **Jane Mills** (*aunt of Rob Ghabel*), **Merri Mullane, Julie Pratt-Mullenkamp** (*Cousin of Ruth Varney*), **Erin Nielsen** (*cousin of Crissy Pence*), **Faith Pederson, Ed Pederson, Beverly Prem, Faith Quinlan, Ben Rollins** (*Lorrie Bailey's cousin*), **Carol Schuldt, George Schuldt, Amy Schulte** (*Crissy Pence's sister*), **Lee Schwarting** (*Art Schwarting's mother*), **Stanley Seese** (*friend of Harold Warner*), **Carol Simpson** (*mother of Kara Hartwig*), **Marlene Thompson, Natalie Ullrich** (*Jeff Kucera's cousin*), **Reece Ullerich, Don Warner** (*Harold Warner's brother*), **Harold Warner, Mark Wilson, and Garry Wilcox** (*Melissa Mullane's dad*), let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For the love between husbands and wives and that You instituted holy marriage. Bless **David and Sharon Hintze** for their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have Mercy**

Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy, Christ have Mercy, Lord have mercy. Amen.**

## BIRTHDAYS

February 1	***
February 2	Carrie Barnes, Steve Rudin, Kayla Sanders
February 3	Robert Haima, Elizabeth Lothamer, Sophie Price, Paul Vollmers
February 4	Tyler Bell, Eva Bolton, Jayse Morrison, Matthew Stoner, Marlene Thompson
February 5	Christopher Davis, John Nelson
February 6	***
February 7	Blake Ealy, Luetta Feldman

## STEWARDSHIP January 24/25, 2026

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 01/24—5:30pm	32	Contributions	\$24,030.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 01/25—8:00am	101	Monthly needs for budget	\$71,996.33
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 01/25—10:30am	113		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	246	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	48/59

## This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church February 1—8, 2026

<u>Sunday, 02/01</u>		<u>Wednesday continued...</u>	
Worship Service	8:00am	Midweek Meal	6:00pm
Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	9:20am	Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Worship Service	10:30am	Midweek Classes	6:45pm
Super Bowling	11:45am	Adult Bible Study	7:00pm
		Parent Winter/Spring Retreat Informational	8:00pm
<u>Monday, 02/02</u>		<u>Thursday, 02/05</u>	
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Visitation Meeting	6:30pm
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	Board of Elders Meeting	7:00pm
Youth Committee	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
<u>Tuesday, 02/03</u>		<u>Friday, 02/06—Confirmation Winter Retreat</u>	
Solon Nursing Home	9:30am	***	
Human Care Committee	6:30pm		
Chamber Singers—Small Group	7:00pm		
Al-Anon	7:00pm	<u>Saturday, 02/07</u>	
Board of Directors	7:00pm	Worship Service	5:30pm
<u>Wednesday, 02/04</u>		<u>Sunday, 02/08</u>	
TOPS	8:00am	Worship Service	8:00am
Bible Study	11:00am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
Lunch Bunch	12:00pm	Worship Service	10:30am
		Voters' Meeting	11:45am

# Our Redeemer BOWLING Day Sunday, February 1, 2026 11:45 am



**Cost: \$8/person** --includes bowling, shoe rental, pizza and drink. This fun event is for all ages of our congregation and friends are welcome to join us! Pizza will start at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will assign lanes and hand out shoe rental cards. After lunch we will meet at Colonial Lanes, Iowa City. There can be 6-8 players on your team. We will be bowling one full game. See you on the lanes!!! Quiz Question: In the game of bowling—What is a turkey?



## It's Kickoff Sunday!!

No, not Super Bowl!

It is kickoff for our Ministry Expansion Project!

**Sunday, February 8** is the kickoff Sunday for our ministry expansion campaign. Our **Voters' Meeting** that **follows the 10:30 am worship service** will be devoted to sharing the vision for our upcoming building project and answering questions about the needs, changes, and costs.

A **lunch will be provided** in the Fellowship Hall. Come, share the vision and learn more about the coming renovations to the cross and entrances, as well as what a ministry expansion campaign entails.

## Come and claim your items!

We have quite a few items in lost and found that are missing their owners. Please pick them up from the table in the narthex by **February 8**. Anything left after that will be donated or discarded.

Also, the unclaimed kitchenware from the kitchen have been brought up and placed on the table in the narthex.



## MAILING ADDRESSES FOR COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

The High School Youth will be making College Care Packages again this year. If you know a college student and want us to send them a care package, please email their name and college mailing address to Kara at: [youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org](mailto:youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org) by **Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**.

**The packages will be packed on Wednesday, February 4.**



The Property Committee is looking for additional members to assist with many projects - repairs, keep buildings, grounds, and equipment in working order. Some of our key duties include:

- Working with other committee members focusing on upkeep, repairs and general maintenance of buildings, facilities, and grounds of church properties, ensuring they are safe, functional, and well-maintained.
- Helping fix everything from a leaky faucet to replacing a furnace filter, touch-up paint and more.
- Knowing the tools of the trade, a star member is reliable, collaborative and takes pride in their work and our church.
- Attending monthly meetings. It's our responsibility to keep the lights on —and sometimes that means literally.

If you have any questions you can contact Dave Yansky, Chairman of the Property Committee.

## 2026 FLOWER CALENDAR



The 2026 flower calendar is on the bulletin board between the upper level restrooms and the nursery. Sign up to provide altar flowers in celebration of an event, in memory of a loved one, or just because.

## It's a Party and You're Invited!



Invite friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family to join you for Trivia Challenge. Bring an appetizer to share and join the party. Young and old are welcome to participate.

When: **Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30am** worship service  
Where: Fellowship Hall, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
Who: You, Friends, Neighbors, Co-workers, Family



**Sign up on the chart in the narthex.**

**VOLUNTEER**  
to usher  
during Lent



### **LENT IS FAST APPROACHING**

Wednesday, February 18 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.



Fellow workers in Christ,

On behalf of our staff and Governing Board, I am sending out an inquiry and announcement that we would kindly ask you to share with your congregation and with any individuals that come to mind who would be qualified/interested in an office manager position (job description is attached). Please feel free to share the following announcement/information within your congregations:

King of Kings Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids is seeking an office manager. This is a part-time (30 hours/week) position.

Interested candidates may send resume/inquiries to [jofft@kingofkingscr.org](mailto:jofft@kingofkingscr.org) or contact Jonathan at King of Kings at 319-393-2438 for more information regarding this position.



# TASTING BEE MISSION FUNDRAISER

Saturday, April 25  
11:00 am

LWML sponsors this event to raise funds for missions. Table decorators/hosts beautify the Fellowship Hall and recipes are furnished to be sampled and for the cookbook. Although LWML sponsors the event, to make this a success, we need congregational members to provide recipes or use their talents to decorate and host a table, as well as purchase tickets for the event itself.

Now is the time to find the recipe you want to submit and make for the Tasting Bee because signup starts on February 21/22. We ask volunteers to submit a recipe by April 13 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 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 “Alleluia: Praise the Lord for...”.

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. Tickets are \$12 each — use them, gift them, 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 March 30.

Signup will end March 29. You will be able to purchase your allotted tickets the day you sign up and they must be purchased March 29 or they will go to people on the waiting lists. Recipes need to be sent to Sandy Wagner at [packratsandy@yahoo.com](mailto:packratsandy@yahoo.com) by April 13, putting “RECIPE” in subject heading. Make sure you signup early so you don’t miss out on this fun fundraiser. Feel free to ask questions when signing up. You may also contact any of the people below with questions . Thanks in advance.

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



## Mark your calendars Monday, February 16 at 7:00 pm

It’s Bunco Night!! The LWML invites all the women of Our Redeemer to an evening of fun, laughs and fellowship. Tiffany Roiseland will lead us in a lively game of Bunco.

Devotions: Marge Lemke  
Hostesses: Kathy Folkman  
Marlyce Hollis

LWML members consider volunteering for nominating committee for president and secretary.

# Canada & New England Cruise

Still Available  
BOOK NOW



7-DAY CANADA & NEW ENGLAND CIRCLE: NEW BRUNSWICK  
Oct 3 - Oct 10, 2026



SHIP: **Zuiderdam** DEPARTS: **Boston, Massachusetts, US** ARRIVES: **Boston, Massachusetts, US**

Join Pastor and Kara Hartwig on a cruise to Canada's dynamic cities and Maine's alluring ports. Halifax's stunning waterfront, Sydney's giant fiddle, and Portland's eclectic boutiques. The beginning of October should be excellent for the changing colors of the New England leaves and the end of the whale watching season. In addition to experiencing all that Holland America has to offer, we will have private group Bible studies and a worship service. Planning to join us is as simple as 1, 2, 3...

## Explore Staterooms!

Inside cabin from \$1,469 pp.

Ocean View cabin from \$1,639 pp.

Verandah cabin from \$2,249 pp.



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Prices include all taxes and fees for the cruise.



You can book your own flight, have Pastor help you book, or have Holland America book your flight. Pastor suggests that you arrive in Boston by Thursday, October 1, 2026. The cruise ship will not wait. Pastor is working on a fun excursion for Friday in Boston. Do you want suggestions or help with your hotel before the cruise? Talk to Pastor. The excursion and hotel will be at an extra cost.



Holland America's "Have It All" is an optional premium package that bundles four key amenities—a Shore Excursion credit, a Signature Beverage Package, Specialty Dining, and Wi-Fi—into the cruise fare for significant savings over buying them separately, offering great value for guests who use all perks, though value varies by cruise length and usage.

Please contact Pastor with any questions – You know he LOVES to talk about travel! (319)855-2521  
If you are ready to book with Holland America, then call Bernice Harris, Holland America Personal Cruise Consultant at 800-355-3017 ext. 28109. Tell her... Group ID: TP6 Group Name: Orlc, Iowa City

## Mission Trip to Eswatini

May 31 – June 13, 2026

Cost: \$3,900 per person

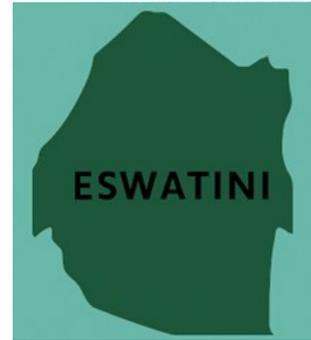
(1/3 you pay; 1/3 you fundraise; 1/3 church pays)

Contact: Anita Nicholson ([anita-nicholson@uiowa.edu](mailto:anita-nicholson@uiowa.edu))

Deadline to confirm: February 2, 2026

To sign up, submit a \$100 check. Space is limited!

Limit: 14 people (total)



The purpose of this mission trip is to explore and support Christian faith and spirituality as vital components of holistic care for the people of Eswatini.

We will volunteer with rural faith-based nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) that integrate spirituality and hope as they provide care to vulnerable communities. The church has supported these organizations through prayer and fundraising efforts.

### Organizations to collaborate:

#### World Vision

<https://www.wvi.org/eswatini>

World Vision works to alleviate extreme poverty through programs that provide clean water, sanitation, health services, HIV prevention, education and agriculture support. We will visit the community where many of our members sponsor children.

#### Faith Community Nursing

Faith Community Nursing promotes holistic health by combining spiritual care with physical and emotional well-being. Nurses provide health education, screenings, and referrals while addressing issues such as HIV, nutrition, and water scarcity. They partner with churches and community groups to improve access to care.

#### Good Shepherd Catholic Hospital & Home-Based Palliative Care

<https://www.gsh.org.sz>

GSCH provides affordable, high-quality healthcare. Its Home-Based Care program delivers follow-up and palliative care to people living in rural communities affected by HIV/AIDS, cancer, and other serious illnesses, emphasizing holistic, family-centered care.

#### Operation Hope Eswatini

<https://www.compelledbylove.org.au>

Operation Hope serves orphans and families facing food insecurity, lack of water, and health challenges. Programs include trauma recovery, education, housing, and livelihood support by promoting community empowerment.

#### Hope Alive 268

<https://www.hopealive268.org>

Hope Alive supports orphaned and vulnerable children through four divisions: Care (meals and safe spaces), Anti-Human Trafficking (education and prevention), Education (scholarships and tutoring), and Crisis Response (food and health campaigns).

#### Hosea's Heart

<https://hoseasheart.org/about-hoseas-heart/>

Hosea's Heart provides safe housing and holistic care for girls impacted by sex trafficking and abuse. Services include counseling, education, and spiritual support to restore dignity and independence.

## Eswatini Travel:

- **Physical Readiness:**

- Walking Ability: Be prepared to walk distances on uneven dirt roads in rural areas.
- Stamina: Expect hilly terrain and variable weather; moderate physical fitness is recommended.
- Footwear: Wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes for rough paths.
- Heat & Hydration: Carry water and stay hydrated; rural areas can be hot and humid.
- Flexibility & Balance: Some areas may require climbing into vehicles or navigating steep slopes.
- Medical Conditions: If you have chronic conditions (e.g., diabetes, hypertension), bring sufficient medication.

- **Health Recommendations:**

- Vaccinations & Preventive Care (make an appointment with a travel clinic)
  - Ensure routine vaccines are up to date (MMR, Tdap, polio, influenza).
  - Recommended vaccines: Hepatitis A & B, Typhoid, and COVID-19.
  - Malaria prophylaxis is essential for rural and lowveld areas—consult your healthcare provider for options (atovaquone-proguanil, doxycycline, or mefloquine).
- Food, Water & Personal Safety
  - Drink bottled, boiled, or filtered water; avoid tap water and ice.
  - Wash fruits and vegetables thoroughly; eat cooked foods when possible.
  - Carry oral rehydration salts for dehydration risk.
  - Use sunscreen, sunglasses, hats, and stay hydrated.
- Protection Against Insects
  - Use insect repellent with DEET or picaridin.
  - Wear long sleeves and pants, especially at dawn and dusk.
- HIV/TB Awareness
  - Eswatini has a high HIV prevalence; avoid exposure to blood or body fluids.
  - TB risk exists in crowded settings—limit prolonged exposure.
- Emergency Preparedness
  - Carry a personal medical kit (prescription meds, pain relievers, anti-nausea medications for travel on bumpy rural roads, bandages, antiseptic).
  - Have comprehensive travel insurance covering medical evacuation.

**Plane tickets will be purchased in early February.** Before departure, mission trip participants will attend a series of meetings designed to prepare them for the experience. These sessions will cover essential topics such as cultural awareness, health and safety guidelines, and strategies for promoting and supporting Christian faith as an integral part of care for the people of Eswatini. Participants will also learn about the nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) we will collaborate with, including their missions, community impact, and the roles volunteers will fulfill during the trip. In addition, these meetings will provide practical information on travel logistics, packing recommendations, and approaches for engaging respectfully with local communities. This preparation ensures that all participants are informed, confident, and ready to serve effectively during the mission.

# 2026-2027 Enrollment Form



Child First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

What year in school: Prek 3 OR Prek 4 Sex: Male OR Female Size T-shirt: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of September 15, \_\_\_\_\_ years

### DAILY SCHEDULE:

7:30am Extended Care Drop off  
 9:00am Preschool Starts  
 9:30am Learning Centers  
 10:30am Snack/Bathroom  
 11:00am Outside Recreation  
 11:45am Story/Music  
 12:00pm Preschool Ends/Pick Up/Lunch  
 12:45pm Lunch Ends/Pick Up

### OTHER INFORMATION:

- \* Our Preschool starts after Labor Day and ends before Memorial Day.
- \* Children may enroll throughout the school year as spaces allow.
- \* Scholarship information is available upon request.
- \* Morning extended care students may be dropped off any time after 7:30am.
- \* Lunch extended care students will be picked up at 12:45 pm.
- \* Morning snack will be provided by an assigned preschool student.
- \* Students staying for lunch will provide their own bag lunch and ice pack to keep food cold.
- \* No breakfast will be offered.
- \* During winter weather you will be notified if: *(We follow the Iowa City School District)*
  - We are delayed, no preschool, no extended care.
  - We are cancelled, no preschool, no extended care.

### CHECK DESIRED PROGRAM:

_____ (M/W/F)	Preschool Program	9:00am-12:00pm	\$256/month
_____ (M/W/F)	Preschool Program with extended care LUNCH time	9:00am-12:45pm	\$336/month
_____ (M/W/F)	Preschool Program with MORNING extended care	7:30am-12:00pm	\$374/month
_____ (M/W/F)	Preschool Program with MORNING e.c. & LUNCH	7:30am-12:45pm	\$456/month
_____ (T/TH)	Preschool Program	9:00am-12:00pm	\$188/month
_____ (T/TH)	Preschool Program with extended care LUNCH time	9:00am-12:45pm	\$240/month
_____ (T/TH)	Preschool Program with MORNING extended care	7:30am-12:00pm	\$269/month
_____ (T/TH)	Preschool Program with MORNING e.c. & LUNCH	7:30am-12:45pm	\$322/month
_____ (5 Day)	Preschool Program	9:00am-12:00pm	\$423/month
_____ (5 Day)	Preschool Program with extended care LUNCH time	9:00am-12:45pm	\$557/month
_____ (5 Day)	Preschool Program with MORNING extended care	7:30am-12:00pm	\$623/month
_____ (5 Day)	Preschool Program with MORNING e.c. & LUNCH	7:30am-12:45pm	\$756/month

*Financial scholarships are available for Preschool, not for extended care or lunch expenses. Scholarships are considered at each of these deadlines and are available while scholarship funds remain: March 1, May 1, August 1.*

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Best Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Our Redeemer Preschool admits children of any race, color, nationality or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities of the Preschool. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, nationality or ethnic origin in administration of the educational or admission policies. Our curriculum is Christian-based.*

Please mail your completed form along with the **\$50 non-refundable** registration fee made payable to:

**Our Redeemer Preschool**  
 2301 E. Court Street  
 Iowa City, IA 52245

**Upon receipt of the Enrollment Form and fee, your child's spot will be reserved.** An enrollment packet will be sent to you containing all additional paperwork to be completed. Thank you for enrolling your child with Our Redeemer Preschool.

Updated: 1/2025



# Preschool Newsletter

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

January 26—30, 2026

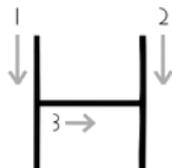
Director/Teacher: Kaja Mueller M-F  
Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949 Fax: 319-338--9171

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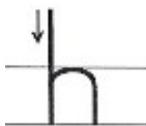


## This Week

Bible Lesson—Jesus heals a blind man  
Jesus is our superhero craft  
Letter Hh books  
Letter Hh—recognize, write, and make the sound  
Line leader story  
SUPER math equation  
Superhero free style crafts  
Super classroom rules



Big line  
Big line  
Little line



## Dates

February 11/12—Valentines Party in class  
February 17 & March 4—No School  
March 16-20—No School Spring Break  
April 1/2—Parent Teacher Conferences after school  
April 3—No School  
April 22/23—Donuts with Grown-Ups & Spring Program  
April 24 – No Preschool  
May 1 – Pizza & Playground Night  
May 21/22—Last Days of School Celebration and Graduation

## Home Question

If you had a super power, what would it be?

## Next Week's Snack

You get to bring snacks and be our line leader.  
M/W/F = 15 students; T/TH = 13 students

Monday: Evelyn  
Tuesday: Hazel  
Wednesday: Jane  
Thursday: Norah  
Friday: Brooklyn



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. All those staying for lunch remember the 5 food groups.

## Our Class is SUPER

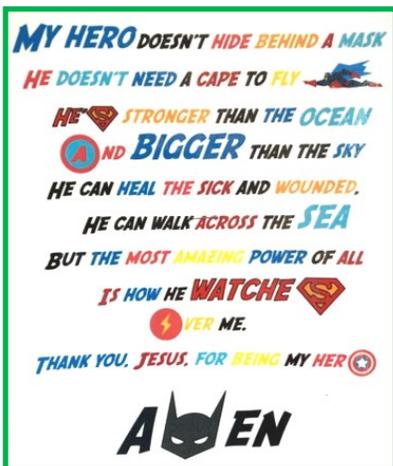
because we:



- Help others
- Listen and follow directions
- Do our best
- Are kind
- Make good decisions
- Share
- Solve problems
- Wear a smile
- Laugh often

**Hh** (To Miss Lucie Had a Baby)

Hannah had the hiccups. Hic, hic, hic, hic, hic, hic. All that hic, hic, hic-cupping, made Hannah feel quite sick. Her daddy didn't worry. He knew just what to do. To scare away the hiccups, he simply hollered, "Boo!"



# Preschool Valentines Party 2026

Wednesday, February 11th and Thursday, February 12th

*Children attending everyday get to participate both days. No outdoor recess these days.*



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

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

## Thank you to all who volunteered to bring items for the Valentines Party:

### Wednesday

- Cups – Mason
- Napkins – Emma
- Plates – Brooklyn
- 1 drink – Jane
- Sugar cookies – Coen
- Frosting – Evelynn

### Thursday

- Cups – Juniper
- Napkins – Emma
- Plates – Hudson
- 1 drink – Norah
- Sugar cookies – Given

## Class List 2025 - 2026

*Update: 1/21/2026*

### Monday / Wednesday / Friday Teachers: Kaja Mueller & Christie Cherian

1. Brooklyn
2. Calvin
3. Cata
4. Coen
5. Ellis
6. Elsie
7. Emma
8. Evelynn
9. Jane
10. Hazel
11. Iven
12. Mason
13. Parker
14. Samuel
15. Yoel

### Tuesday / Thursday Teachers: Kaja Mueller & Sara Cross

1. Ava
2. Calvin
3. Cata
4. Coen
5. Emma
6. Evelynn
7. Given
8. Hazel
9. Hudson
10. Juniper
11. Norah
12. Parker
13. Yoel

## Enrollment for 2026-2027 is OPEN!

Preschool enrollment for next year is open! Get your enrollment in soon to reserve your child's spot in class. Preschool is from 9:00am until 12:00pm. Morning/lunch extended care and scholarships are available. Ask for more details. preschool@ourredeemer.org

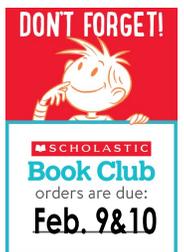


Preschool Video

## Scholastic Books

You can shop and submit your order online. Every purchase you make earns FREE books and educational supplies for our classroom.

[scholastic.com/readingclub](https://www.scholastic.com/readingclub); Class Activation Code MQWNQ.



**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** : Iowa City #43522 Coralville #38168



# Children's Ministry

Birth—5<sup>th</sup> Grade



**Sunday School**  
**Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**9:20am**



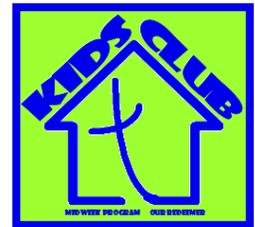
**A New Beginning—Noah**  
**Genesis 6:11-22; 7:11-24; 8:13-22**



**Our Redeemer**  
**BOWLING Day**  
**Sunday, February 1, 2026**  
**Starting with lunch at 11:45am**  
**Then out to Colonial Lanes**

**February 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Lesson: College Care Packages**  
**“Packing Night”**  
**Fellowship Hall**

**Kids Club**  
4 years old—5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Wednesdays at 6:45pm



**Midweek Meal**  
**6:00pm**  
**Fellowship Hall**

*The high school youth will help the Kids Club children pack the boxes, make personalized cards for each of the college students and label the boxes. We'll pray for the college students and hear a story.*

# Youth

6<sup>th</sup> —12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Youth Coordinator Kara Hartwig [youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org](mailto:youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org) (319) 855-2728

## Confirmation Classes

Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm

6<sup>th</sup> Grade—Lecture  
Homecoming  
of God's  
People



7<sup>th</sup> Grade—Small Group  
Sixth & Seventh Petitions  
and Conclusion of the  
Lord's Prayer



8<sup>th</sup> Grade—Small Group  
EXAM 2



**FEBRUARY 4—MIDWEEK MEAL**  
**8th GRADE IS KITCHEN CREW!!**

## WINTER Retreat

### Confirmation Winter Retreat

Friday, February 6—Saturday, February 7, 2026  
Location will be a local area hotel *For all 6th, 7th,  
and 8th Grade Confirmation students.*

PARENTS: We need several parents to chaperone  
this overnight event. Parents attend free. Email  
Kara at [youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org](mailto:youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org)  
to register as a chaperone.



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## High School Midweek

*All high school youth & their friends are welcome!*

### College Care Packages "Packing Night"

Has been changed to February 4 @ 6:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall

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pack the boxes, make personalized cards for each of  
the college students and label the boxes. We'll  
pray for the college students and hear a story.*

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

### RADIO

**Lutheran Hour Ministries on Radio**—WMT 600 AM Radio on Sunday mornings at 6:30 am, and KXEL 1540 AM Radio on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. For more information on Lutheran Hour Ministries go to [www.LHM.org](http://www.LHM.org).

### VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND SCREENING

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church has a strong, caring ministry with children and youth. To promote the safest and most secure environment possible all employees and volunteers, both new and existing, undergo a background screening before working with younger members. Performing background checks provides safeguards and peace of mind to our staff, volunteers, parents, youth, and children.