



The Parish Beacon

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

In spite of the fact that we are sinful people, God wants us to become involved in His work.
Are we willing to use our talents in service to Him?

Jesus did not pick people from society's elite when He chose his workers.
He chose a stammering Moses to lead His people out of bondage.
He chose an unhealthy Paul to be the first great missionary of the Church.

Jesus' disciples were peasants, fishermen, and even a tax collector.
Paul wrote, ***"For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong..."***
(1 Corinthians 1:26-28).

The majority of God's work was done and continues to be done by ordinary people.

Look at the group that is offering and exploring Vacation Bible School possibilities in Panama.
Look at the group that determined the best option for the Cross and Entrance project.
Look at the group that is leading our ***Enter His Courts*** Ministry Expansion Campaign.
Look at the group that hosted our campaign kickoff on Super Bowl Sunday.
Look at the group that is preparing for the ***53rd Annual Pancake Day*** at Our Redeemer.
Look at the group that is preparing for the mission trip to Eswatini this summer.
Look at the group that is signing up for ***UKANDU*** in Chicago in June.
Look at the group that...

All of this work is being done by the ordinary people of God's Kingdom.
All of this work is being done by His people who are called according to His purposes.

It is only by God's grace that we are saved, called, and equipped to be in His service. If we come into God's work with impressive talents, we risk taking the glory and credit for ourselves. God desires the weak and the lowly. As Paul said,

"Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12:9-10).

God uses ordinary people to do extra-ordinary things, and look around Our Redeemer, extraordinary things are being done.

God be with you, Pastor Hartwig

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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 the “Enter His Courts” Ministry Expansion Campaign that God would teach us stewardship and this campaign allow the cross and entrance project to move forward, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For the group traveling to Panama for safe travel and effective ministry to the churches through Vacation Bible School, 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*), **Jeff Hundley** (*grandson of Karen Abernathy*), **Dora Jacobson** (*granddaughter of George and Carol Schuldt*), **Todd Jones** (*Barb & Ron Jones' son*), **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 Pences'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, and Garry Wilcox** (*Melissa Mullane's dad*), let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For the family and friends of **Brad Huggins** (*friend of Chad Pence*) as they mourn his death. 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.**

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sun 02/22 Worship Service 8:00am
 Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 9:20am
 Worship Service 10:30am
 District 13 Meeting 2:30pm
 The Chosen (Season 5) 6:00pm

Mon 02/23 Chamber Singers 6:00pm
 Sunlight AA Group 6:00pm

Tues 02/24 SM-Small Group/Marlene 6:00pm
 SM-Large Group/Marcia 6:45pm
 Chamber Singers—Small Group 7:00pm
 AI-Anon 7:00pm

Wed 02/25 TOPS 8:00am
 Lenten Worship 1:00pm
 Emerson Point 2:00pm
 Lenten Meal 5:10pm
 Lenten Worship 6:10pm
 Choir Rehearsal 6:45pm
 Midweek Classes 6:45pm
 Adult Bible Study 7:00pm

Thurs 02/26 Comfort 9:00am
 AI-Anon Birthdays 7:30pm

Fri 02/27 ***

Sat 02/28 Men's Bible Class 8:00am
 Worship Service 5:30pm

Sun 03/01 Worship Service 8:00am
 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 9:20am
 Worship Service 10:30am
 The Chosen (Season 5) 6:00pm



Basics of the Faith Friday, March 27 7:00pm - 9:00 pm Saturday, March 28 8:30am - 2:30pm

Basics of the Faith will be happening March 27 & 28. It's a great way to refresh one's knowledge. For new members or those who want to become a member it is an excellent way to receive instruction.

Signup sheet is on the counter.



Today's (February 22) coffee and treats are joyfully provided by The Human Care Committee. Free will offering will go towards the youth fund for their future mission projects.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

****WATCH YOUR FRIDAY EMAIL FOR LIVE STREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP****

**Saturday 5:30pm In Person/LIVE STREAM
 Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am In Person/LIVE STREAM**

Communion: February 28, March 1, 14, 15, 28, 29

**Sunday School 9:20am—In Person
 Adult Bible Study 9:20am—Fellowship Hall/ZOOM**

**Bible Study/Lunch Bunch meets on the 1st & 3rd
 Wednesday of each month at 11:00am with lunch
 following.**

Comfort-Tiers meet Thursdays at 9:00am

Choir practice Wednesdays at 6:45pm

**Praise Team Practice schedule varies—
 Contact Myrl Holida: myrl-holida@uiowa.edu or
 Louise Klopp: choirdirector@ourredeemer.org**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Watch *Reflections* for more details



Bible Class & Lunch Bunch
Wednesday
March 4
11:00am
Fellowship Hall

NO ICCSD SCHOOL
MARCH 4



PANCAKE DAY
Saturday, March 7
7:00am-1:00pm
Fellowship Hall



Spring forward in faith!
CHANGE YOUR CLOCK and join us on time for worship
DAYLIGHT SAVING
TIME BEGINS
MARCH 8

NO ICCSD SCHOOL
MARCH 13
2 HOUR EARLY
RELEASE



NO SCHOOL ICCSD
MARCH 16—20



Bible Class & Lunch Bunch
Wednesday
March 18
11:00am
Fellowship Hall



MARCH 20



BASICS OF THE FAITH
MARCH 27, 7:00pm &
MARCH 28, 8:30am



TASTING BEE
SIGNUPS IN PROGRESS
Stop by the table in the narthex before by
March 29



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

Birthdays

February 22	Jeff Ealy, Andrew Lake, Lindsey Lyrenmann, Jerry Wilske
February 23	Sheila Alt, Amanda Hoffman, Cameron Koch, Aubry Lyon, Giovanni Servantez
February 24	Carolyn Cole, Kasey Gaffey, Kinsley Grosvenor, Mitchell Holman, David Jarvis, Shane Rosenberg, Mark Vinsand
February 25	Abby Borg, Carol Holman, Scott Klett
February 26	Brian Holman, Reese Lane, Wesley McDowell, Ryan West
February 27	Zachary Aisenbrey, Ian Gates, Rita Knock
February 28	Joshua Miller, Shane Nicholson, Michael Palmer, Judy Schwartz

Stewardship—February 14/15, 2026

ATTENDANCE		TREASURES	
Sat. 2/14 In Person 5:30pm	24	Contributions	\$10,139.25
Sun. 2/15 In Person 8:00am	87	Monthly needs for budget	\$71,996.33
Sun. 2/15 In Person 10:30am	163		
TOTAL WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	274	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	53/59



MISSION	Jan/Feb
Iowa District East	\$5,833.32
TOTAL	\$5,833.32
Panama Rickman	\$250.00
Housing Fellowship	\$125.00
MONTH TOTAL	\$6,208.32
Crisis Center	***
Lutherans for Life	***
Concordia Seminary Food Bank	***
TOTAL	\$6,208.32

Membership Changes and Official Acts

<u>Membership by Affirmation of Faith</u>	
<u>Transferred In</u>	
<u>Deaths</u>	

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH PANCAKE DAY HISTORY

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church's annual Pancake Day has become a "must attend" event for Iowa City. To many, Pancake Day signifies a number of things; spring is soon to arrive, a break from cabin fever, a good breakfast, and/or the support of a local charity.



The first Pancake Day was in 1969, and it was organized to raise funds for the church organ. The 1969 Pancake Day was a success and it was decided to make this an annual event. The Lutheran Laymen's League oversaw the smooth operation of successive Pancake Days. The funds raised during the LLL's tenure went to support "511 Melrose".

In 2008, the organizing of Pancake Day was shifted from the LLL to the Mission Committee. Also, at this time, "511" Melrose" became self-supporting with funds raised from football gameday parking.

Seeking a new outlet for the funds raised, several charities were contacted, but only CommUnity (formerly known as Crisis Center) answered with a positive "yes". The funds raised from the ORLC Pancake Day supported CommUnity for many years. In 2023, the Pancake Day funds began to support the missions local and abroad that our members wanted to be a part of.



Pancake Day is a chance for ORLC to show hospitality to the surrounding area. As a part of ORLC, come take part in our grand history of Pancake Day and help serve the community around us as we live as God's chosen people



After enjoying the pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 7th, please stop by to see the delicious options at the bake sale. All proceeds from the bake sale will benefit the Orphan Grain Train. The Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical and other items to people in 73 different countries including 40 states in the USA.

We'll be there from 7:00 - 1:00 (or until sold out). Come early for the best selection. I'm sure you'll see home-baked breads, cookies, pies, cakes, cinnamon rolls, kolaches, muffins, brownies, and/or even snack mixes.

But, for this fundraiser to be successful, bake sale donations are needed! Every contribution - big or small - will help us with our goal. We ask that donations be labeled as to what the type of treat/flavor they are. Most importantly, it will save time that morning if items are packaged and priced accordingly. Please bring your bake sale donations to church on Friday, March 6th during setup. There'll be tables in the Fellowship Hall to set your items on. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Sexton or Angela Hotz. Thank you for your help!

LWML Cedar Rapids Zone Spring Event



*Rejoice in the
Lord always;
again I say,
rejoice. Philippians 4:4*

Saturday, April 11, 2026

8:30 am Registration 9:00 am Brunch/Program

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
2301 East Court Street, Iowa City, IA

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Brent Hartwig
“Foro: Joy in Working Together in Christ”

In-gathering Recipient: Domestic Violence Intervention Program
Items needed are bath towels, washcloths, twin sheet sets, bed pillows, twin size blankets, body soap, shampoo and body lotions.

IOWA DISTRICT EAST LLL CONVENTION

We are God's Fellow Workers

... Because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now ...
Philippians 1:5



SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
3271 Sandy Beach Rd NE
Solon, IA 52333

9:00 a.m.	Registration Opens
10:00 a.m.	Convention Begins
4:00 p.m.	Convention Concludes

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:



GUEST SPEAKER
Rev. Dr. Matthew Heise
Executive Director,
Lutheran Heritage Foundation



Households of Faith
Presentation



Iowa District East
LWML Update

Mail completed form and payment to:
Richard Hoelz, IDE LLL District President
3519 Heatheridge Dr. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

For more information, please contact:
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REGISTRATION FORM 2026 IDE LLL DISTRICT CONVENTION

Registration deadline **April 6**
Make check payable to
IDE LLL District

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Number of Attendees: _____ at \$20 per person (includes lunch) Total Enclosed: \$ _____

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Oct 3 - Oct 10, 2026

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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

**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2026 ~ 7:00pm**

Attendance: Jeff Kucera, Bruce Maurer, Kennedy Donovan, Dave Yansky, Mary Robinson, Jim Tiedemann, Steve Scott, Barb Pronk

1. Call to order, welcome
2. Opening Devotion—Pastor
3. Bylaws Review
 - Preamble
 - Article I
4. Review and approval of minutes from last meeting.
5. Treasurer's Report—Kennedy Donovan
 - No updated report.
 - Sarah and Pastor are working on the year end numbers.
 - Bringing in an accountant to close out.
6. Elder's Report—N/A
7. At Large Reports—
 - Mary Robinson (Outreach, Missions, Small Groups)—N/A
 - Tim Tiedemann (Connections, Health Ministry, Human Care, Technology)—N/A
 - Steve Scott (Children, Preschool, Youth)
 - A. Christmas Program was wonderful with great equipment.
 - B. Live Nativity was moved.
 - C. HHS did an inspection and the Preschool did well.
8. Church Properties—Dave Yansky
 - Properties meet next week.
 - The plan for this year is to only repair things that are really bad due to the upcoming entrance project.
 - Minor leak on north end of Sanctuary.
 - Helping to install new receivers for updated audio equipment.
 - Trying to get a city grant to add the second set of doors at the lower west entrance.
 - Developing a contract with an elevator company for inspections.
9. Staff Reports—
 - Pastor—
 - A. Working paperwork for an LCEF Loan.
 - B. Received thank you card from day care.
 - Vicar—
 - A. Will be starting work on Pancake Day.
 - Denise—Adult—N/A
 - Kaja—Preschool—
 - A. HHS came for a surprise visit. No citations.
 - B. 8 Preschoolers coming 5 days.
 - C. Halfway done with Preschool Annual Report.
 - Kaja/Kara—Children—
 - A. Christmas and Cookies went well.
 - B. Kids Club made gingerbread houses at the Happy Birthday Party.

10. Discussion Items—

- Daycare may be out before April.
- February 8th voters meeting about Ministry Expansion Campaign.

11. Kudos—

- Eric Kooker and Rick Gienapp for putting up the Live Nativity.
- Julie Nieland for Deck/Undeck the Halls this Christmas.

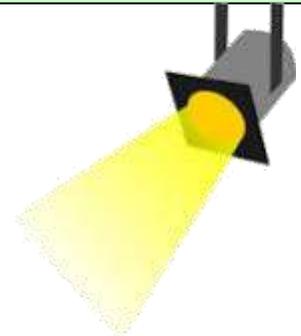
12. Prayer and Adjourn—

- Next meeting February 3, 2026, at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Pronk, Secretary



New Member



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church would like to welcome Krista Jiroutek as a new member. Krista enjoys leisure time activities and hobbies. Some of those are walking, reality TV, family, friends, cooking gardening, and reading. Her areas of interest in the church are bell choir, choir, and LWML.

Fun fact about Krista....she attended the youth convention with Our Redeemer in 1986.

**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2026 ~ 7:00pm**

In attendance: Jeff Kucera, Bruce Maurer, Barb pronk, Kennedy Donovan, Kevin Roiseland, Dave Yansky, Mary Robinson, Jim Tiedemann, Steve Scott, Denise Holida

1. Call to order. Welcome.
2. Opening Devotion – Pastor
3. Bylaws Review
 - Article II
 - a) Section 1 – Article of Faith
 - b) Section 2 - Marriage
 - Article III
 - a) Synodical Membership
4. Reviewed minutes from last meeting – approved.
5. Treasurer’s Report – Kennedy Donovan
 - Total Income 2025 - \$869,128.05
 - Total Expenses 2025 - \$853,783.62
 - Surplus 2025 - \$15,344.43It was moved and seconded:
 - 1) To use the \$15,344.43 surplus from the 2025 budget to zero out any negative amounts in pass through funds.
 - 2) Leftover money will go to Missions (\$4,582.61)
 - 3) Parsonage Fund of \$17,102.11 will go towards paying off the mortgage.
 - 4) \$10,406.60 to pay off negative funds.
6. Elder’s Report – Kevin Roiseland
 - Welcomed the new elders and divided the Elder’s responsibilities.
7. At Large Reports –
 - Mary Robinson – Missions
 - 1) Discussed the trip to Eswatini and the Mission trip to Panama at the end of the month
 - Jim Tiedemann – N/A
 - Steve Scott – N/A
8. Church Properties – Dave Yansky
 - Approved the elevator repair and contract.
 - In the process of obtaining quotes for integrating fire suppression system into alarm system and the boiler value replacement.
 - Annual properties report completed.
 - Working on obtaining another \$10,000 grant from the Iowa City Climate Action Grant Fund for vestibule at the front doors and southwest entrance. Initiated quote request from Knebel Windows. Can’t enter this until site goes live in March.

- Requested from Pastor that we send in paper work for Mid American easement access prompt for payment.
9. Staff Reports –
- Pastor –
- 1) This Sunday is Kickoff Day for our campaign with Voter’s Meeting on Sunday, February 8th, after late service.
 - 2) Panama VBS Mission Trip on February 21 – March 2.
 - 3) Mission Trip to Eswatini in June with 9 members.
 - 4) Our staff and congregation are very blessed to have Vicar Vought with us this year.
- Vicar –
- 1) A reminder that Pancake Day is March 7th.
- Denise (Adult) –
- 1) Our Women’s Retreat was held at church. Deb Burma was the guest speaker and Wendysue Fluegge played live music throughout the day.
- Kaja – Preschool – N/A
 Kaja/Kara – Children – N/A
 Kara – Youth – N/A
10. Discussion Items –
- Received a letter from the Ministry Expansion Campaign Leadership Team and Susan Scott about the Kickoff on Sunday, February 8th, encouraged all Board members to attend and support the campaign.
11. Kudos –
- Thank you to Barb Schanbacher for playing the piano for all services while Marilyn Paetz recovered from surgery.
12. Prayer and Adjourn – Next meeting March 12th, at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Barb Pronk, Board of Directors Secretary



Building Healthy Families: *Wives, what do you think of your husband’s gifts?* (No, not the ones he gave you for your last birthday or Christmas!) What are his talents? What does he love to do? What are his spiritual gifts? What are his accomplishments? Aspirations? Hopes and dreams? Recognize them, name them, and communicate your respect for them...to him and to others. Communicating authentic respect is one way to build a great relationship. Looking for more ways to strengthen or repair your marriage? Check out the blog posts on the LFS website and call us to schedule time to meet with a marriage counselor in person or virtually. We’re here to help! Learn more at www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**



Trivia Challenge 2026

FOOD * FUN * TRIVA QUESTIONS * LAUGHTER



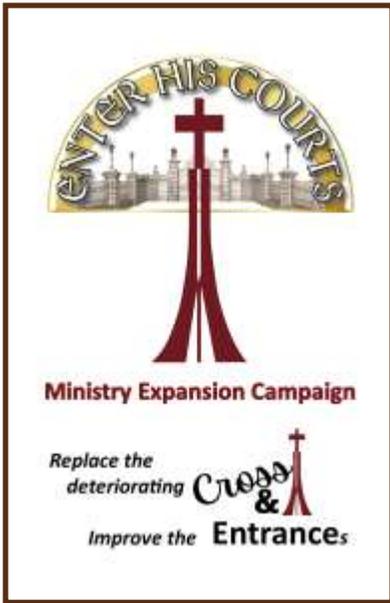
**And the winning
team is.....TABLE 4!**





Super Bowling 2026





Ministry Expansion Campaign

If you were unable to attend the Kickoff to the Ministry Expansion Campaign and you are wondering what it is all about and how you can be involved, we have attached a link to the YouTube presentation and then urge you to stop by the office and pick up the booklet that was handed out to those attending the kickoff. Thank you for taking the time to watch and read the materials. More events will be coming in the future so watch for more information.

The video for the Kickoff meeting has been posted to the ORLC YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/Rwp72iuj4eU>

Campaign Kickoff Highlights



Preschool Beacon



Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller Assistants, Christie Cherian M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH
Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949 www.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org preschool@ourredeemer.org
Our Redeemer Preschool where children play, learn, and grow in Jesus!



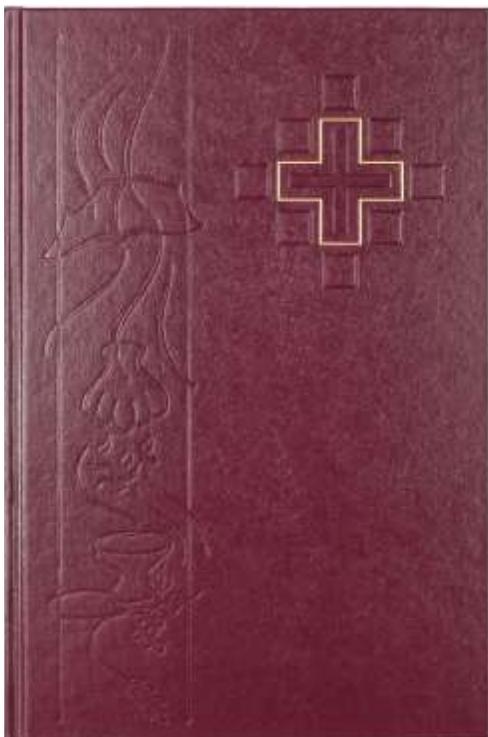
Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



Toddlin' to 5th Grade
Sundays at 9:20am

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
February 22	Genesis 37; 45:1-10	Hope in Hardship—Joseph
March 1	Exodus 2:23-3:22	Fiery Directions—Moses
March 8	Exodus 14	The Egypt Exit—Exodus
March 15	Exodus 20:1-21	A Loving Law—Ten Commandments
March 22	Joshua 3:1-4:18	The Land at Last—Joshua
March 29	Judges 7:1-23	A Judge Leads—Gideon



KIDS CLUB

Wednesday, February 25, at 6:45pm

Lessons: Lent & Lenten Hymns

Teachers: Joni & Kaja

LENTEN MEAL AT 5:10pm

LENTEN SERVICE AT 6:10pm

Youth

6th - 12th Graders

MARCH 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1			

DATE	EVENT	TIME
3/4	Lenten Meal (7 th Grade Crew) Lenten Service Midweek & Confirmation Classes	5:10pm 6:10pm 6:45pm
3/7	 Pancake Day	7:00am to 1:00pm
3/8	Daylight Savings Time Begins (Remember to set your clocks forward one hour)	
3/16	SPRING BREAK— No Classes March 16—20 	
3/25	Lenten Meal Lenten Service Midweek & Confirmation Classes	5:10pm 6:10pm 6:45pm
4/1	Prayer Walk  11:00am—7:00pm Midweek Classes	6:45pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, March 4th
5:10pm LENTEN MEAL
7th Grade Crew
6:10pm LENTEN SERVICE
6:45pm MIDWEEK CLASSES

Saturday, March 7th
7:00am
PANCAKE DAY



Sunday, March 8th
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME BEGINS
(Remember to set your
clocks forward 1 hour)

Wednesday, March 11th
5:10pm LENTEN MEAL
6:10pm LENTEN SERVICE
6:45pm MIDWEEK CLASSES



March 16th—20th
SPRING BREAK—
NO CLASSES

Wednesday, March 25th
5:10pm LENTEN MEAL
6:10pm LENTEN SERVICE
6:45pm MIDWEEK CLASSES

Wednesday, April 1st
11:00am—7:00pm
PRAYER WALK
6:45pm
MIDWEEK CLASSES



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.

Help Me, O Lord

Romans 8:1-17

For my sins are ever before me;
they surround me, have invaded me—
I am thoroughly steeped in them.

Pride, pettiness, sharp words, vanity,
selfishness and prejudices abound—
I alone cannot rid myself of them.

But You have forgiveness in You for me
with no limits to the extent of Your love
and You answer me with Your life.

You cleanse me through Your death--
Your blood washes me white as snow
giving my heart and spirit peace.

You have sent me the Spirit to live
in my heart, and I am grateful.
Make me ever aware of Your Gift.

Holy Spirit, enable me to resist
temptations that come my way
that I may live with Him forever. Amen.

Carol Schuldt