

About the House

May 2, 2021



Confirmed in Christ

Today we recognize and celebrate the confirmation of faith made by four youth of our church family. This is certainly a milestone in their lives as they continue to grow in the faith that works in real life. Please remember 8th grade confirmands Noah Conrad, Matthew Davis, Maia Olson, Logan Yagow, and all their families as they take this next step in their journey of faith.

Time Well Spent

Presented by the Board of Outreach

Join us for an evening of fellowship! We'll learn about West Bloomington Revitalization and how they are making a difference in Bloomington/Normal.

Enjoy a meal from local BBQ restaurant, The Brass Pig Smoke and Alehouse.

When: Friday, May 21st at 6:00 pm

Where: Our Redeemer Church Parking Lot (Event is being held outside so that we can practice social distancing.)

During the presentation, the Board of Youth and Family Ministry will provide activities for any youth and children. After the presentation, please feel free to stay and fellowship! There will be outdoor heaters and fire pits in designated areas to keep us warm. Bring a chair to sit around the fire and catch up with friends that we haven't seen in a while!

The Board of Outreach will be providing all of the food which includes smoked meats, sides, and dessert from The Brass Pig Smoke House. Bottled water and bottled tea will also be provided. Feel free to bring any additional preferred beverages for yourself.

So that we have the appropriate amount of food, please add your name to the sign-up sheet located on the Welcome Center by Friday, May 14th if you plan to attend or RSVP to Cheri Byers at cbyers5@gmail.com, and we can add you to the list that way as well!

ROCKY RAILWAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SUNDAY, JULY 18TH - THURSDAY, JULY 22ND
6:00 PM TO 8:30 PM

Ready for a railway adventure? Then climb aboard the Rocky Railway Express as we explore the mountaintop adventure of discovering how Jesus' power can pull us through life's ups and downs!

Now seeking conductors (volunteers) and passengers (participants) to join us on our trip!

Volunteers and participants can sign up:

- ⇒ Online by clicking on the link from the church's website (www.OurRedeemerLCMS.net)
- ⇒ Calling or emailing Courtney at (815) 383-2647 or chohulin@gmail.com.

Card Ministry ... Come join Our Redeemer's Card Ministry group at 9:00 am in the Activities Room at church THIS Saturday, May 8th. In order to keep everyone safe during the card making session, added precautions of wearing masks, spreading out, using hand sanitizer, and sanitizing shared tools will be taken. For additional information, please contact Linda Christman at 309-838-4899.

Sunday Adult Bible Study Schedule ...

Please note the following schedule for the Sunday Adult Bible Study, Making Disciples for Life:

- ◆ May 2nd and 9th - No class
- ◆ May 16th and 23rd - Onsite and online format

The study meets from 9:15 am - 10:15 am in the Activities Room. All are invited to attend. This study will help us understand the hardships of the pandemic from a Biblical perspective. Each week a new topic is explored with a focus on God's promises and His Word for us.

Children's Song & Scripture ...

2 year old - 4th grade children are invited to meet in classrooms #2-3 today from 10:00 am - 10:20 am for a time of singing songs and exploring how those songs connect with God's Word. Next Sunday will be the final Song and Scripture time of the year, and we thank our leaders for their willingness to share God's Word through the gift of music! All children and their families are asked to continue following these guidelines:

- Complete the at-home screening before arrival (see www.ourredeemerlcms.net/child)
- Enter the building at the far entrance located near classroom #1 (main entry doors will be locked)
- Wear a face covering while in the building (masks are available, if needed)
- Stay spaced out in the classroom as directed by leaders
- Meet family in the Friendship Hall after class is over

Christ Light At-Home Sunday School ...

This week's Christ Light At-Home Sunday School lesson focuses on the account of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead — what a miracle! PreK - 4th grade families can find the video lesson at <https://nph.net/ss-at-home> and then use the activity handout to explore this biblical account in greater detail. Families may contact any member of the Children's Ministry Committee (Julie Bauer, Tricia Johnson, Jean Liebers, or Arlyn Meyer) with any questions.

Youth News



Sunday Mornings for H.S. Youth ...

9th-12th grade High School Youth will gather in the basement this morning from 9:15 am - 10:15 am for fellowship and conversation surrounding God's Word. All youth and their families are asked to continue following these guidelines:

- Complete the at-home screening before arrival (see www.ourredeemerlcms.net/youth)
- Enter the building at the far entrance located near classroom #1 (main entry doors will be locked)
- Wear a face covering while in the building (masks are available, if needed)
- Stay spaced out in the classroom as directed by leaders
- Go to the Friendship Hall after class is over to reconnect with your family

Freshman Welcome Event on June 4th ...

Current 8th-12th graders can plan now to attend the Freshman Welcome Event on Friday, June 4th. This special event which commemorates the end of the school year and welcomes the incoming freshmen, will run from 8:00 pm - Midnight. The evening will include socially-distanced group games, snacks, devotions, and some traditional Welcome Event activities. All youth planning to attend are asked to contact Arlyn Meyer (youthandfamily@OurRedeemerLCMS.net) by Sunday, May 23rd.

Conf. Youth Service Activities Due ...

5th-8th grade youth and families are asked to complete a total of five service activities and submit report forms for those activities to Mr. Meyer as soon as possible. Families may contact Mr. Meyer with any questions.

Int'l Prayer Day for Haiti Tomorrow ...

Tomorrow is the May International Prayer Day for Haiti. Trinity HOPE, the organization that oversees the feeding program at the Bas De Scaut school that Our Redeemer supports, encourages all of its sponsors to observe this monthly time of prayer for the people of Haiti tomorrow at 10:00 am (or a time that is more convenient for you). If you are looking for more specific prayer thoughts, go to trinityhope.org/devotions to access the prayer guide provided.

Quilt Raffle ... A connection between

Our Redeemer WinGS Quilting Ministry and Mid Central Community Action was formed many years ago when WinGS began making small quilts for the children of Neville House. Neville House is Bloomington's shelter for victims of domestic violence. More recently, WinGS has created and donated beautiful quilts to be raffled at the Annual Drive Out Domestic Violence Golf Outing. This is one of Mid Central Community Action's major fundraisers. On May 9th and 16th, this year's quilt will be displayed at Our Redeemer. You will have an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for this one-of-a-kind, queen-size quilt. Proceeds will go to support Neville House. Tickets are \$3 each, 2 for \$5, or 5 for \$10. If you are unable to attend on May 9th or 16th, you may contact Nancy or Danny Kiedaisch at kiedaisch143@comcast.net or 309-827-5981 to purchase tickets.

LWML May meeting ... Next Monday, May 10th at 7:00 pm at church, the LWML will meet to assemble the Lutheran World Relief health kits from the supplies that were donated by the congregation. The congregation is invited to come join in the assembly process. Jean Liebers will serve as hostess and lead a devotion. No meetings will be held in June or July.

Altar Guild Volunteers Needed ...

Entries through the end of the year have been added to the online altar guild sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48aea92ca2f4c61-altar> or you may contact the church office (office@OurRedeemerLCMS.net or 309-662-3935) to inquire about open dates. If you have never served on Altar Guild, simply contact Julie Nikolanci (309-706-3478 or nikolanci4@msn.com) for training requests or with any questions.



Open Altar Flower Dates ... Upcoming open dates include May 16th, and 23rd as well as all Sundays in June and July. Sign up is available online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48AEA92CA2F4C61-2021> or you may contact the church office (office@OurRedeemerLCMS.net or 309-662-3935) to inquire about open dates. After signing up, you will be contacted as usual prior to your selected Sunday regarding ordering and acknowledgement details.

Prayer Chain ... The Our Redeemer Prayer Chain is ready to share in lifting up the needs and joys of our church family to our Heavenly Father! Surgery, difficulties, thanksgivings, for yourself, for family or friends...the ups and downs of life, God cares. Your requests will be kept in confidence and prayed for each day by the Prayer Team. You may share as little or as much information as is comfortable – God knows.

To share a prayer request, contact Judy Vasel (mjvasel5@gmail.com or 664-0921) or the church office (office@OurRedeemerLCMS.net or 662-3935). New “pray-ers” always welcome!

“Pray continually.” 1 Thessalonians 5:17

You're Number 1

The world shouts, “You're number 1!” It further entices us to put ourselves first, coyly whispering, “You're worth it!” God, too, tells us that we're number 1. He, too, tells us that we're worth it. While the world uses this message to manipulate us to fall for its vain lies, God backs His words of affirmation with action: *“God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life”* (John 3:16).

Prayer: Lord, I thank You for loving me unconditionally. You demonstrated Your love by becoming my sin and suffering and dying on the Cross for me. I pray that my life will reflect Your love. Help me to follow Your will and to be obedient to Your Word. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.



Living a Stewardship Lifestyle

THIS WEEK AT OUR REDEEMER

Sunday, May 2nd

8:00 am Worship Service w/ Communion
9:15 am Rite of Confirmation Service
High School Youth Sunday School Class
10:00 am PreK - 4th Grade Song and Scripture
10:30 am Worship Service w/ Communion
7:00 pm AA

Monday, May 3rd

International Prayer Day for Haiti
10:00 am Office Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop Meeting

Tuesday, May 4th

9:30 am Oasis Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm AA

Wednesday, May 5th

1:00 pm Moms In Prayer (Post-HS)
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 6th

11:00 am Funeral Service for Nancy Furry
7:00 pm AA

Friday, May 7th

Pastor's Family Day
8:00 am Prayer Meeting via Zoom
6:30 pm Boy Scouts High Adventure Scuba Training

Saturday, May 8th

7:30 am Men's Bible Study via Zoom
9:00 am Card Ministry Work Day

Sunday, May 9th

8:00 am Worship Service
9:00 am Drive-up Communion Distribution
9:15 am Confirmation and High School Youth Sunday School Class
10:00 am PreK - 4th Grade Song and Scripture
10:30 am Worship Service
7:00 pm AA

Last Sunday's Worship ... 4/25/2021

Attendance: 30 / 54 Offering: \$3,538.00

Memory Verse Challenge

Memory verse for the week of April 25th is
1 Corinthians 15:57: "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Memory verse for the week of May 2nd is
John 1:4: "In him was life, and the life was the light of men."

PRAYER LIST:

(Names in **bold** are Our Redeemer members. Names in *italics* are the members who submitted the prayer request. Out of love and concern for all, we ask that any prayer request submitted for the prayer list be done so with the permission of the individual or family for whom the prayer is listed.)

General Prayer Requests

- Carle BroMenn's Outpatient Invasive Cardiology and Cardiac Catheterization Lab
- Chris Walters and family, *adopted seminarian*
- Bas De Sceaut School in Haiti

Deaths

- Nancy Furry

Recovery

- Carol Olson, knee surgery
- John Phares, procedure
- Megan Dryer, foot surgery
- Marlene Whiteaker, circulation issues
- Amy (Olson) Hyatt, intensive rehab, *niece of Pam Fuller*
- Ed Bork, heart issues, *former ORLC member*
- Shawn Phipps, kidney surgery, *brother of Lisa Heying and nephew of Mary Lessen*

Long Term Health Concerns

- Elaine Phares, strength needed
- Donna Ohler, heart issues and energy needed
- Jeanie Nord, stroke
- George Bowen, under doctor's care
- Becky Olson, cancer, *sister-in-law of Mike Olson*
- Stephen Block, cancer treatments, *son of Roland and Alice Block*
- Ben Holm, cancer, *son of Janis Semingson*
- Lena Doering, kidney cancer, *friend of John and Elaine Phares*
- Susan Costello, health issues, *daughter of Orval and Shirley Dahme*

Serving Next Sunday, May 9th

8:00 am

Organist Rhoda Kolbus
Elder Danny Kiedaisch
Ushers Gerry Christman (lead) and Bob McCuen

10:30 am

Organist Rhoda Kolbus
Elder Jeff Kuenneth
Ushers David Liebers (lead) and Mark Semingson