

## WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE



**May 13-14, 2011**

**Friday 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM, 7:00 – 10:00 PM**

**Saturday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

**Wells Fargo Arena, Des Moines  
Hotel Reservations at Quality Inn**

Imagine what it would be like if the God who created us was willing and able to provide exactly what we need. God is bigger than you think...loves you more than you ever dreamed...and is ready and able to go beyond your expectations. Why would He do that? Because He loves us. He loves YOU. Imagine that. Find out what that means for YOU in 2011 at two life-changing days of laughter, music, stories and time with the God who loves you more than you can ever Imagine. Don't miss it!!

## Worship Connections:

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### ADVENT AND LENTEN SUPPERS

All are invited to come! During the Advent and Lent seasons, various groups and individuals prepare dinner for the congregation prior to these special worship services.

Advent dinners are on the three Wednesdays prior to Christmas, and Lenten dinners are on the five Wednesdays prior to Easter.

Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. with the special worship service at 6:10 p.m. There is no cost, only a free will donation to cover expenses.

### LENTEN PRAYER WALK

Lent is a time of reflection. Join us for a time of focused prayer. In small groups or individually, journey from prayer station to prayer station focusing on the life and death of our Savior, Jesus Christ. This prayer walk is specifically placed in the middle of Passion Week.

### ACOLYTES

It is expected that all students serve as acolytes during confirmation, grades 6-8.

The word "acolyte" means "follower" or "attendant". It refers to the fact that the

acolyte is assisting the pastor in the worship service in very specific ways.

Here at Our Redeemer, the duties include candle lighting, receiving the offering plates, and caring for the return trays for the communion cups.

## **ADULT CHOIR**

Anyone of high school age and older who enjoys singing is encouraged to join!

Rehearsals are held Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m., September through May. The choir sings regularly for worship services.

Contact the church office at 338-5626.

## **ALTAR GUILD**

The Altar Guild organizes the ordering and placement of altar flowers, altar linen care, parament care, candle care, baptismal napkins, communion ware cleaning, and banner placement for church services and weddings. Contact the church office at 338-5626.

## **BAPTISM**

*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20*

We believe the Bible teaches that a person is saved by God's grace alone through faith in Jesus Christ. Baptism is one of the miraculous means of grace through which God creates and/or strengthens the gift of

faith. This Sacrament, explicitly commanded by God with His precious promises attached to it, is a powerful means of grace by which God grants faith and the forgiveness of sins.

A class on Baptism is offered twice annually. Attending one of these classes is highly encouraged before or even after a baptism. Check the Adult Education calendar for specific dates.

Anyone wishing to be baptized should contact either Pastor Zimmermann or Pastor Hartwig.



Expecting parents are encouraged to contact Pastor Hartwig with their expected due date so that a baptismal date may be scheduled.

## **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Music is an important part of our Sunday School and Kids Club programs. Periodically throughout the year the children have the opportunity to share what they have learned at worship. Watch Sunday School and Kids Club newsletters for more information.

## **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TABLE**

We encourage families to bring their children to worship and are pleased to offer resources for worship time.

Children's worship bags are available for children age birth to 6 years, located on the "trees" in the narthex.

Children's worship bulletins are available on the children's worship table in the narthex as well as monthly devotion materials.

We encourage volunteers to help staff this table prior to all worship services, to help welcome our youngest worship participants.

## **FELLOWSHIP TIME**

As we come to our church home to nurture and support one another, a special fellowship time is available after 8:00 a.m. worship prior to Bible study.

Our fellowship area is located in the narthex, where coffee and treats are hosted each week by different groups.

If you or your group would like to host, please see the sign-up sheet in the fellowship area.

## **GREETERS**

The greeter program is designed to help members and visitors feel warmly welcomed as they come to worship at Our Redeemer. Contact Ardith Cushing at 354-3158 if you would like to be a greeter.

## **HANDBELL CHOIR**

For high school and older. Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays at 6:45 p.m., September through May and play regularly for worship services. Contact the church office at 338-5626.

## **NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

A nursery is available during all worship services, and is staffed on Sunday mornings during 10:30 a.m. worship by request.

Parents who utilize the nursery service, as well as other loving adults and youth take turns providing childcare to our youngest members.

The nursery is located just past the church library and restrooms on the upper level. For more information, please contact the church office at 338-5626.

## **ORGAN AND PIANO**

Our Redeemer is blessed to have Marilyn Paetz as a staff organist. Likewise, we have three talented pianists who rotate serving for the Gracious Beginnings Divine Service on Saturdays. Thank you all for using your talents and skills in glory to God.

If you have the talent and skill of playing either the organ or piano, please let Pastor Hartwig know. With vacations, illnesses, and life, there could be a time we need a spare. Or we could benefit from you giving a Offertory during services.

## **PRAISE TEAM**

The Praise Team leads worship with contemporary music during the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday morning. The group introduces new music and traditional favorites to the worship service. Rehearsals are held year-round on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Contact the church office at 338-5626.

## PRAYER CHAIN

Jesus instructed us to pray and assures us in Matthew 18:19 *“Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.”*

*“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.”*

1 John 5:14

This prayer chain consists of members from Our Redeemer who have seen the power of prayer in the life of God’s people.

If you would like to become a member of the prayer chain contact the church office at 338-5626 or Skip Kempnich at 351-5297 or [prayerchain@ourredeemer.org](mailto:prayerchain@ourredeemer.org).

If you would like the group to offer prayers on your behalf, for a loved one or for any special needs you may have, contact the church office at 338-5626 or Skip Kempnich at 351-5297 or [prayerchain@ourredeemer.org](mailto:prayerchain@ourredeemer.org).

When requesting prayer, be sure to indicate if you would or would not want the prayer to be included in the public worship services.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

“Music is God’s greatest gift. It has often so stimulated and stirred me that I felt the desire to preach,” said Luther. And also, “Music is an outstanding gift of God.” We invite you to use your musical talents during our Divine Worship Services. This invitation includes our youth. We want any and all members to participate.

Please contact Twyla Freeman to let her know what you would like to do musically during our worship services. You can contact Twyla Freeman at 354-5537 or email her at [specialmusic@ourredeemer.org](mailto:specialmusic@ourredeemer.org).



## TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANTS

We are fortunate to have some of the latest technology devices to enhance our worship experience.

Our sound system helps us hear the Word, message and music more clearly during the service and also allows us to record one service each week for uploading to our web site so the service can be accessed via computer at a later date.

Our projection system permits a hands-free worship environment and also aids a visitor not familiar with our liturgies to more easily follow along.

Our cameras allow special events to be put up on the screens for better viewing. They also allow a service to be aired on the local access channel on Mediacom each week.

A volunteer is needed at each service to put the correct slide on the screens at the right time. The services are set up on the computer prior to the service by the Director of Technology. Advancing the slides for the screens is not complicated. There are only a few buttons to learn. A second volunteer is needed at the sound board during services when the praise group leads the music or when other special music is done.

A third volunteer is needed to operate the cameras for the service being recorded and for other special services.

***Please consider helping in this area!***

Training is available at any time on any of the equipment.

Contact the Director of Technology at 338-5626 or at [technology@ourredeemer.org](mailto:technology@ourredeemer.org)

## **USHERS**

Ushers are an important part of our Sunday services. They distribute worship bulletins and other worship aids prior to the services. Ushers also assist in gathering the offering and distributing communion. Five ushers participate in each service. Ushers volunteer to serve regularly at one service per month. Contact Dave Freundt (338-5546).

## **Administrative Connections:**



### **BEACON**

Our monthly church newsletter “Beacon” is our overall guide to the month’s news, activities, and calendar within the Body of Christ here at Our Redeemer.

The name of the newsletter comes from Matthew 5:14 *You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.* Notice the skylight at the top of the sanctuary. From this place, we shine our Gospel light into the community. Not just the building, but we the people are the light in this community.

***We encourage regular reading of this publication.***

The Beacon is mailed out once a month, and is also located online at [www.ourredeemer.org](http://www.ourredeemer.org).

Submissions are due to the church office no later than 5 p.m. on the 16th of each month. Contact our Office Manager Sally Trimpe.

### **CARD SHOP AND BOOKSTORE**

LWML hosts a Christian card shop and bookstore located just outside the fellowship hall on the lower level of the church. This service is available to provide low-cost Christian messages of hope, concern, encouragement and joy.