



# The Parish Beacon

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August 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When I arrived at Our Redeemer Lutheran, there were “Colorado Peaches” signs outside the church. Those signs later were removed and the peach truck arrived.

Those signs for “Colorado Peaches” have now returned to the property.

Wow! I can’t believe that I have served as vicar for a year! Where has the time gone? Yes, the seasons have changed from summer, to fall, to winter, to spring, and now back to summer. But, where has the time gone?

That is a sign of a great vicarage!

It feels like only yesterday that I was the new guy, who did not know what to expect when I was installed as vicar those three times on August 14 and 15, with the icing on the cake at Mercer Park.

I am truly blessed to have been a part of this wonderful church.

This congregation is truly following Our Lord Jesus Christ’s words: *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age”* (Matt. 28:19-20).

I have been a part of this Great Commission with the City High Homecoming Parade, Christ Cares Sunday, Independence Day Parade, Johnson County Fair and Our Redeemer Preschool.

It has been a blessing to be mentored by Pastor Hartwig. He has certainly influenced my life as a teacher and friend. Also, the staff of Our Redeemer is a class act. God is certainly working within each and every one of them.

This congregation has become like family to Melissa and me. Our Redeemer is a truly welcoming congregation.

I will miss the Elders, Board of Directors, Outreach, Young Adults, Stephen Ministry, hand bells and countless other meetings.

I have learned and grown so much this year. I cannot believe how much I have learned in just teaching Bible studies throughout the year. And yet, there is still so much to be learned. We will never know everything about the Triune God, but we should never stop searching through His Word.

Iowa City and the state of Iowa have certainly grown on me. I used to think walking to the University of Iowa was a long way, but now it’s become my Friday routine. I will forever hold a place in my heart for the Iowa Hawkeyes. But, now I must return for my final year of classes at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and the congregation will be blessed again to have a new vicar, Andrew Wolfram.

This is not a goodbye, this letter is a see you later.

In Christ, Vicar Peter Adelsen



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# AUGUST ACTIVITIES

- 1 LCEF Vision 2020 Capital Campaign 6:30pm  
Education Committee 7:30pm
- 2 Youth Committee Meeting 7:00pm  
Preschool Meeting 7:00pm
- 3 NYG Presentation Preparation 6:30pm
- 6 GGG - 1st Ave Hy-Vee 7:30am  
Faith Fest 3:30pm
- 7 National Youth Gathering Presentation 9:30am  
Farewell Meal for Adelsens 12:00pm  
*Pastor Leaves for Israel class*
- 8 LWML Mission Guild Board 6:45pm
- 9 Properties Committee 7:00pm
- 10 Bible Study 11:00am  
Lunch Bunch 12:00pm
- 13 Men's Bible Study 8:00am
- 14 Summer Sunday School/Adult Study 9:30am  
*Vicar Adelsen Official Final Day*
- 16 Assimilation 7:00pm
- 20 LWML at Newbo Ale House/Grant Wood  
11:30am, carpool at church 10:40am
- 21 Summer Sunday School/Adult Study 9:30am
- 23 LLL Cookout 6:30pm

- 24 *Iowa City School Starts*  
Bible Study 11:00am  
Lunch Bunch 12:00pm
- 27-28 Vicar Wolfgram Installation
- 27 Men's Bible Study 8:00am
- 28 Divine Service at church 8:00am  
NO FELLOWSHIP/EDUCATION HOUR  
Worship at Mercer Park 10:30am  
Youth Backyard Cookout 6:00pm
- 31 Preschool Open House

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Saturday 5:30pm      Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am**

**Comfort-Tiers meet Thursdays at 9:00am**  
*Need more tiers anytime between 9:00 am to noon*  
*No expertise or materials required-Coffee provided*

**Choir meets Wednesdays—6:00pm**  
**Rehearsals begin again on September 14**

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

## Summer Sunday School 2016 at 9:30am

Adult/High School in the Sanctuary with Vicar  
6,7,8<sup>th</sup> grades in room 208 studying "According to Plan"  
Children/Toddlin' in Fellowship Hall

Date	Adult	Children/Toddlin
July 31	God In The Jukebox	Fall of Jericho
August 7	<i>No Class - NYG Presentation</i>	
August 14	God In The Jukebox	Deborah
August 21	God In The Jukebox	Sampson
August 28	<i>No Class—Worship in the Park</i>	
September 4	<i>Missionary Presentation—Molly Christensen</i>	
September 11	Rally Day - 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Regular Sunday School	

Watch *Reflections* for information on:



**FAITH FEST**  
Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>  
3:30 - 5:30 pm



August 7, 2016  
12:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall



**LLL COOKOUT**  
Tuesday, August 23  
6:30 pm  
Fellowship Hall

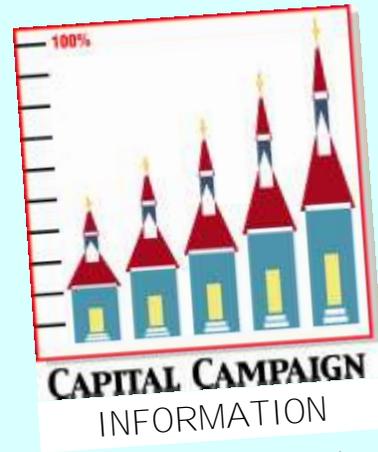


**LWML ROAD TRIP!**  
Saturday, August 20

10:40 am Carpools leaves  
11:30 am Lunch at Newbo  
Ale House  
1:00pm Grant Wood Studio  
Tour



**Vicar Wolfgram's**  
Installation  
August 27/28



**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**  
INFORMATION  
Monday, August 1  
6:30-7:30 pm  
Fellowship Hall



**Mercer  
Park Shelter  
#1**  
August 28  
10:30 am  
Picnic Follows



Wednesday, September 7  
6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
Orientation at 6:45pm  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
Orientation at 8:00pm  
**MIDWEEK CLASSES START**  
September 14 at 6:45pm  
Meal at 6:00pm

# Vacation Bible School 2016



Registered Kids: 123  
 Average Daily: 100  
 Kids Sponsored: 84  
 Number of Families: 68  
 Volunteers: 40  
 Time: 9:00-11:45am  
 Gospel Nets: \$254.24  
 Items gathered: 613  
 ORLC Families: 27  
 Different Church Families: 17  
 Non-Church Families: 20



## Volunteers: List your best memory of VBS this week.

- Music
- Christian made me a necklace =)
- All of them
- Smiles of kids saying "I love Jesus"
- Minnow races with Tiffany
- Watching kids do the minnow races
- Parachute games -2
- Seeing the kids really excited for any activity
- Seeing my kids excited to role play in VBS and watching them learn the lessons
- Hearing the kids sing the songs and be excited about knowing the words & actions
- Hugs from the kids
- Seeing kids grow throughout the week
- Music is great every year
- Loved every Bible Study
- Sharing God's truth with the VBS kids
- Preschool kids playing/acting out the Day 1 Bible Story



By Marcia Hulse

# Stephen Ministry

We care, Christ cures.

Jesus had taught his disciples for three years. Just before his ascension, he gave them one more opportunity to learn from him.

And what an opportunity it was! Luke tells us: “He opened their minds to understand the scriptures” (Luke 24:45). Oh, to have been there, to have the Lord himself open our minds to understand the Word of God. What an experience. What a finale to a three-year disciple’s training course!

When Jesus had concluded this last time of teaching his disciples, he commissioned them to preach and bear witness to him in all the world.

You know, Jesus could have stopped there. He could have said, “I’ve taught you all I could. I’ve done all I can. Now, it’s up to you.” But, he didn’t. After he commissioned the disciples, the Lord said, “Stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high” (Luke 24:49).

The training—three long, hot, itinerant, and dusty years of it — wasn’t enough. The commissioning wasn’t enough. The training provided knowledge and skills. The commissioning provided a direction and a sanction for the use of the knowledge and skills. But neither the training nor the commissioning provided the power. The training and the commissioning did not provide the disciples with the power they would need to carry out the ministry they were trained and commissioned to do. The power would come from the Holy Spirit.

The same holds true for our Stephen Leaders and for our Stephen Ministers. The training and the commissioning has prepared them for caring ministry as Stephen Ministers; but only the Holy Spirit can empower them for that ministry.

Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers need to be empowered by the Holy Spirit whose breath breathes life into them, and who breathes new life into others through their ministry.

They need to be empowered by the Spirit with all the gifts and the fruits necessary to fulfill our Lord’s call to be either Stephen Ministers or Stephen Leaders.

They need to be empowered by the Spirit if they are going to build bonds of trust with people so that a relationship with them can truly be what the Lord is calling them to do.

Thanks be to God, the Spirit of empowerment that is needed is promised to us. “And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised.” says our Lord (Luke 24:49).

“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you, As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’” (John 20:21-22) Amen.



Stephen Ministry Commissioning June 26

Thank You!

We give praise and thanks to God for everyone that supported us on our recent mission trip to Swaziland! We were blessed by your many prayers and generous financial donations. Without you, this trip would not have been possible. The trip had significant impact on each one of us. We are grateful for the opportunities we had to share God's love to the people of Swaziland through our words and actions. We hope you enjoy a few photo highlights from our trip today. If you have any questions about our trip, just ask any of the team members as we all love to talk about our experience!

Your fellow servants in Christ,

- Erica Davisson
- Barb Gienapp
- Myrl & Denise Holida
- Jeff & Anita Nicholson
- Miriam Meyer
- Will & Mallory Tollefson



SWAZILAND MISSION





KUDOS



**Our Redeemer's**

Board of Directors recognizes

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

JULY 4 PARADE VOLUNTEERS, particularly organizer

JULIE NIELAND

designer of the float and

ALAN MEYER

who continues to donate trailer to decorate and provided the tractor to pull the float

*Thank you all!*

## Board of Directors Minutes - June & July

- May total income of \$57,672.75, expenses of \$59,891.56, negative cash flow of \$(2,218.81)
- Year to date income \$277,254.06, expenses of \$278,656.26, negative cash flow of \$(1,401.20)
- June ended with total income of \$45,623.43 with expenses of \$54,051.89 giving a negative cash flow of \$(8,428.46).
- Year to date income \$322,797.37 with expenses of \$332,708.15 giving a negative cash flow of \$(9,910.78).
- Insurance and benefits will use same program for 2017. Health spending account option has saved thousands of dollars since it was over several years ago.
- Christ Cares—130 volunteers
- Preschool silent auction netted \$1,157 for tuition scholarships
- Andrew Wolfgram (new vicar) will be installed August 27/28
- Johnson County Fair subcommittee has decided to scale back the fair booth. Instead, postcards will be handed out announcing a post-fair event at church. More volunteers needed for booth.
- Post-fair event, Faith Fest, will be August 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 5:30 at church. Praise band will play, tours will be given, carnival games for kids, and information tables in fellowship hall.
- New driveway and sidewalk at parsonage (donated money for this).
- Sheetrock is still needed for parsonage sunroom and new shed.
- Boiler pump is leaking – cost to repair is approximately \$900 which includes pump, freight, and labor. Rob will order.



Crisis Center



Harvest Preserve Foundation



Elder Services



Hope House



Iowa City Rehab

Secret 1883 Octagonal Barn



Emerson Point



Lantern Park



Getting Started - Site Leaders

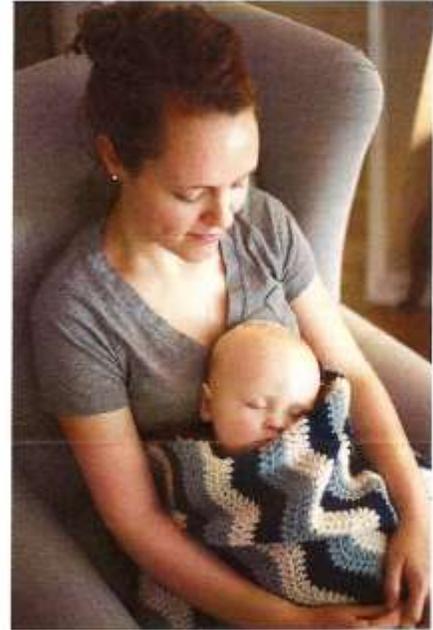


May 23, 2016

Dear members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church,

It's Virginia this time, Joshua's lovely, supportive wife. Oh right, I'm writing this letter not him. :) We thought we'd change things up a bit for this update. Since you have supported our whole family, it seems right for you to hear from me too.

Vicarage has been a whirlwind. On one hand, it feels like forever ago that we arrived here with our four-month-old and on the other hand, we can't believe it's already time to start thinking about leaving in a couple months. We've loved our supportive church family at Cross, tubing the Comal River, exploring historic Gruene, having play dates with other babies and moms in the area, celebrating Simeon's first birthday, swimming in our pool, and going to "story time" at the Purple Chair, walking distance from our apartment. New Braunfels, Texas has been such a fun place to become a family.



There's no better word to describe it than bittersweet. I have loved this time of learning to be a mom at home, embracing a new community, and having what felt like a more normal life compared to our time at the seminary, especially since Josh has more set hours for work, compared to endless reading and writing assignments. Nevertheless, seminary is a unique and special place where Josh has tons of support from his friends (many from college) who are all in the same boat. I also get to return to my friends (again many from college), some of whom now have baby boys as well. We are excited for next year but sad to leave; it's bittersweet.



I'd like to thank you for supporting our family with your prayers, gifts, and words of encouragement. We thank God that He has blessed us with such kind and caring people in our lives. Please continue to pray for us as we transition out of vicarage and move back to St. Louis. This coming

year, Josh will hit the books, the classes, and the writing, while I try and make something of my photography business in St. Louis. We are encouraged to know you are thinking of us and praying for us during this time.

Love,

*Virginia & the boys*

*We enjoyed watching the  
livestream of the Call Service  
and seeing our classmate  
from CUM named your next  
Vicar. ☺*

# UKANDU CHICAGO 2016



*He Is Like A Tree Planted  
By Streams Of Water That  
Yields Its Fruit In Its Season,  
And Its Leaf Does Not Wither.*  
-Psalm 1:3

June 20-24  
Commissioned June 19  
Return June 25



# The Cherry Pickers



Watch for  
delicious youth  
fundraiser pies  
later in the year.  
These are the  
youth that picked  
those cherries!



## Kids Club

*Classes Start on*

**September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm**

*\* Registrations are in the church office.*

**Our Kids Club** is a church-sponsored weekly program for young people. **LITTLE LAMBS** is for children 3 years through Kindergarten. **CROSSTOWN** is for children in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. **FAITH EXPLORERS** is for children in grades 3 through 5. Classes start at 6:45 pm with openings. The children learn Bible stories and Bible verses, sing songs, play games, and participate in craft and mission projects. Children earn awards for completing memory work. For more information about our Kids Club, please contact Kaja Mueller [dce@ourredeemer.org](mailto:dce@ourredeemer.org)

## Kids Club 2015





# Coralville July 4 Parade



Over 8,000 bottles of water distributed!





MISSION	JUNE	JULY
	PAYMENT	PAYMENT
Iowa District East	\$4,166.67	\$4,166.67
UIHC Chaplain Endowment	\$416.67	\$416.66
Consultation of Religious	\$375.00	
Concordia Seminary	\$500.00	
Food for the Poor	\$250.00	
Lutheran Hour	\$625.00	
Camp Io-Dis- E-Ca		\$625.00
Mission Bishkek		\$250.00
Lutheran Family Service		\$625.00
Military Bible Stick		\$250.00
Orphan Grain Train		\$375.00
St. Paul's Chapel		\$375.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,333.34</b>	<b>\$7,083.33</b>
<b>Member Contributions</b>		
Crisis Center	\$100.00	\$60.00
Lutherans For Life	\$200.00	\$240.00
Transforming Campus	\$495.00	\$125.00

### OUR REDEEMER PRESCHOOL

*We have the privilege to teach 3-5 year olds about letters, numbers, rhyming, and their Savior, Jesus Christ.*

#### Enroll Now

There are discounts for being a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, if you have multiple children in our preschool, or if you refer a new family who enrolls. Please see Kaja Mueller for more information. REGISTER TODAY!

Contact [preschool@ourredeemer.org](mailto:preschool@ourredeemer.org) or 319-338-3949.



Thank You!

I am filled with a variety of emotions as my school career of 22 years comes to an end. During finals week, I kept taking pictures of "my lasts". My last week. My last day working at Fresh Ideas, General Labor, Campus Store, and Baby Sitting. My last paper. My last class. This week has been about "lasts" and ending this chapter in the story of my life. However, the next chapter is beginning. Soon I will be experiencing "my firsts." My first Call. My first home. My first year of marriage not in school. My first Baptism. My first Wedding. Oh and did I mention my first baby! God has richly blessed us these past four years at Seminary and we are excited to see what He has instore for this next adventure!

God has blessed me and Natalie by calling us back to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. We feel so honored to be called back to serve our vicarage church. They are continuously pouring out their excitement, love, and support for us as we prepare to make our journey up to "Pure Michigan." I have been called as the Associate Pastor with the job description of working on discipleship, family ministry, small groups, youth and children ministry. Excited to use the skills that God has blessed me with to serve in these areas and to learn from those who have already been serving in them. Excited to work with Pastor Craig Bickel and all the staff at Immanuel. They have gone out of their way to welcome and include us into their family! God is Good!

Natalie and I are excited to announce that we are expecting! We are 14 weeks along right now and very excited for this journey ahead! We were able to inform our parents hours before Call Day, needless to say they were a little surprised! I guess we like to make transitions all at once! With this change, Natalie has moved out of the lab to help with documentation at work. This way it is a little safer and she is still able to be around her chemistry co-workers. It is about time for her to move on to the next job, thankfully God provides!

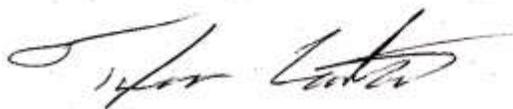
We have both been extremely blessed by people like you! Thank you for making this journey a reality! Because of your support and generosity, we are happy to announce that both Natalie and I will be leaving seminary debt free! God has done such amazing things and with people like you, we can bless others we come into contact with. Thank YOU! God is great!

We would love to stay in contact! My email address is [Tyler.Carter@cune.org](mailto:Tyler.Carter@cune.org). The church that I will be serving, Immanuel Lutheran Church, is located at: 2 Michigan Street NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503. We are still currently looking for housing of our own. Feel free to contact us, we would love to hear from you!

Isaiah 6:6

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

"And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"



Tyler Carter

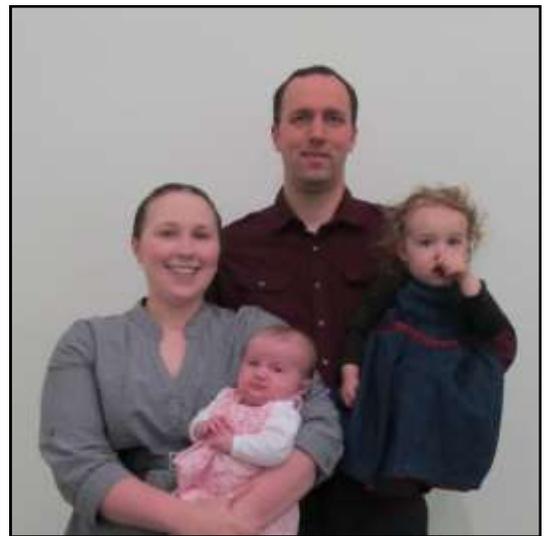


Natalie Carter

# Welcome, New Members

Welcome! Justin is a safety manager for Mortenson Construction while Amie is a homemaker. They have moved 14 times in less than eight years, living in Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, DeWitt, Dubuque and Ames, Iowa; Omaha, Nebraska, St. Louis, Missouri; Texas; Washington, D.C.; Bismarck, North Dakota; Owensboro, Kentucky; Richmond, Virginia; London, England; and perhaps others!

Amie likes reading, knitting, and baking. She has previously enjoyed music involvement in their churches, but is presently busy with kids and a new home. Justin likes working on the new house, while Ciara keeps busy with colors and finger paints.



Justin, Amie, Ciara & Meredith Slapnicka

## Membership Changes and Official Acts



<u>Baptisms</u>	
Kaylee Erin Murken	6-26-2016
Cole Robert Jackson	7-2-2016
<u>Deaths</u>	
Russell Stutzman	6-27-2016
<u>Removed</u>	
Daniel Burke	6/1/2016
<u>Released</u>	
Rachel Burke	6/1/2016
<u>Transfers In</u>	
Jill Nemitz, Jackson & Maddox	6-22-2016



Our Redeemer goes to the Johnson County Fair

Photo courtesy of Vicar Adelsen



**In Christ Alone**  
LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

July 13-21, 2016

# Youth

August 3	6:30pm	NYG Presentation Preparation
August 7	9:30am	NYG Presentation
August 28	6:00pm	Youth Backyard Cookout



Bubba Gump

Thanks to  
Mary  
Benson,  
Lonne Loney  
and Art  
Schwartz  
for sharing  
their photos!



Fearless Leader



Fulton  
Alley-  
Bowling &  
Dinner



District Event

ORLC Group  
follows the  
Hawkeye flag





WW II Museum



Bible Study



Closing Worship



Art, did you know you have an alligator on your head?



Mardi Gras World



"We solved the breakout box"



Mulate's Cajun Restaurant



"Framed"



Captain D's Seafood Restaurant



Crowder

# BIBLE WORDGAMES

Wordsearch 249 and Solution

## Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 249
Matt.9:9-22

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**BOOTH**    **DISCIPLES**

**CLOAK**    **DINNER**

**CLOTH**    **DOCTOR**

**DESIRE**    **FOLLOW**

**FAITH**    **GARMENT**

**HAND**    **GUESTS**

**HEART**    **HEALED**

**JESUS**    **HEALTHY**

**KNELT**    **HEARING**

**LEARN**    **MAKING**

**MERCY**    **MOMENT**

**NAMED**    **MOURN**

**PATCH**    **SACRIFICE**

**RUINED**    **SINNERS**

**RULER**    **SITTING**

**SKINS**    **TEACHER**

**TOUCH**    **TURNED**

**WINE**    **WOMAN**

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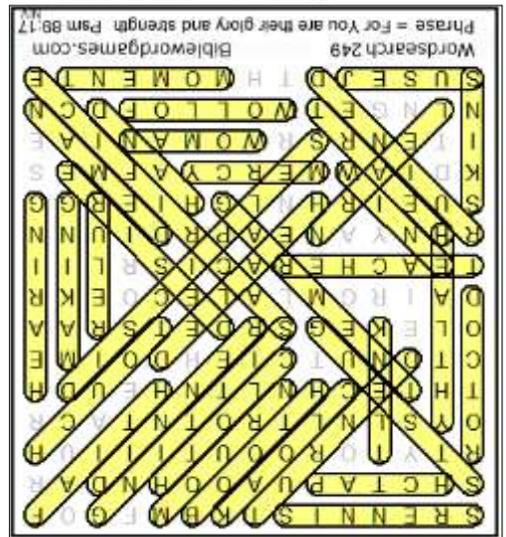
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Children's Choir  
under the  
leadership of  
Allison Haack

June 26



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Each family of the Our Redeemer flock is assigned alphabetically by last name to an elder to insure each family is prayed for and feels they "have an elder". It is the sincere feeling of the Board of Elders that we are to love and be of service equally to the entire body of believers. We encourage any one of you to contact any one of us so we can share your spiritual journey, ideas or concerns.

### **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.

### **TELEVISION ~ RADIO**

**Our Redeemer Worship Service on Public Access TV Channel 18** every Wednesday at 4:00 pm.

**The Lutheran Hour Television Ministries talk show "On Main Street"** is shown on Public Access Television Channel 18 on Thursdays at 1:30 pm and Sundays at 10:00 pm.

**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.

### **VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND SCREENING**

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church has been in ministry with children and youth for almost 55 years. Our insurance carrier, Church Mutual, strongly encourages us to promote the safest and most secure environment possible by screening all employees and volunteers, both new and existing, especially those who interact with children. Performing background checks will provide safeguards and peace of mind to our staff, volunteers, parents, youth and children. Additional details will be forthcoming as we put this screening process in motion.



## Sock Darning

*John 14:27*

**I slip my hands in my husband's socks**  
Two ragged holes then appear.  
I grab my thimble, thread and needle--  
My goal on this day is clear.

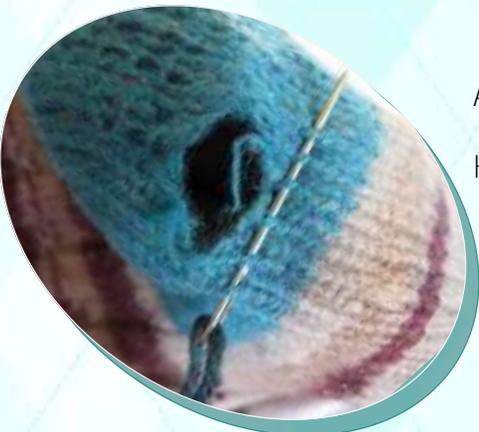
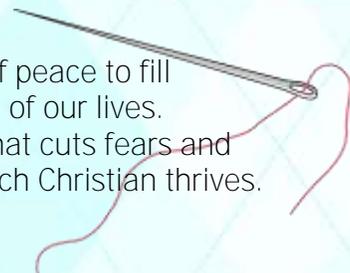
I carefully darn, catching each part  
In danger of being torn.  
Weaving out and in, I then can snip  
Threads off that are too worn.

**I mend and darn each area 'til it's**  
As flat as I can make it.  
Most times it may not be perfect, but  
**If it's smooth, I just fake it!**



These never will be as good as new,  
But they will wear just the same  
As if they were a pair of new socks;  
That is my ultimate aim.

Now God uses threads of peace to fill  
The holes in each of our lives.  
His Son? The scissors that cuts fears and  
Dread, so that each Christian thrives.



And so God cares for us throughout time,  
Mending and darning our life.  
He catches the unraveled threads we  
May have and trims away strife.

*Carol Schuldt*