



The Parish Beacon

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June/July 2015

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

After the Israelites left Egypt, they were led through the desert for many years. There isn't a lot of food in a desert, you know, and they got hungry. Then the complaining started. "Why did we ever leave Egypt?" they grumbled. "We had all kinds of good things to eat there. So what if we had to slave 24/7! Let's go back."

In spite of their ungrateful attitude, God said, "OK, I'll give you food. Every morning when you wake up, you'll see this white stuff on the ground. Its manna. Take as much as you'll need for each day, but no more."

Most of the people did just as God said. The moms shared recipes for making roasted manna, toasted manna, and grilled manna. Some people, though, gathered more manna than they really needed and saved it till the next morning. What a mistake! Their manna was full of maggots and, wow, did it stink!

Sometimes we're just like those Israelites.

God gives us good things every day and asks us to use just what we need and to share our extra with others. But we like to hoard, don't we?

- How can I give an offering on Sunday when, on Monday, my phone may break and I'll need a new one?
- What if I rake my elderly neighbor's leaves after school and then have to study when my friend calls and wants me to do something fun?

What if? What if? And we take care of our own needs and ignore our neighbor's.

On June 7th you will have the opportunity to serve your neighbor. During the **Christ Cares Community Service Sunday** you can serve. After we worship together at 8:00 am, we will depart Our Redeemer for various locations in the Iowa City, Coralville, and Johnson County area. From playing Bingo to painting the barn, from washing cars to weeding the yard, there are opportunities for all skill and strength levels. Following two hours of service, we return to Our Redeemer to eat and share our experiences.

Being God's stewards means using all the gifts God gives us - money, time, strength, energy, knowledge - to serve others. Then everyone wins, because God is pleased, others are helped, and you have satisfaction of knowing you could be of benefit to others and have obeyed God's will at the same time.

In Christ,
Pastor Hartwig



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JUNE/JULY ACTIVITIES

JUNE

- 1 Mission Committee 7:00pm
- 2 Human Care Committee 7:00pm
- 3 Bible Study 11:00am
Lunch Bunch 12:00pm
Properties Committee 7:00pm
- 5 Church League Softball 8:00pm Field 2
- 6 GGG Iowa City Hy-Vee 1st Avenue 7:30am
- 7 **Christ Cares Day**
- 8 Outreach Committee 6:30pm
- 10 Summer GAP Kickoff 6:00pm
- 11 Board of Directors 7:00pm
- 12 Knitting Small Group 1:30pm
Church League Softball 7:00pm Field 2
- 13 Men's Bible Study 8:00am
- 14 Summer Sunday School/Bible Study 9:30am
Vacation Bible School Training 11:45am
- 15-19 Vacation Bible School 9:00-11:30am
- 16 Assimilation Committee 7:00pm
- 17 AirFX-Youth 6:00pm meet at church
- 18 Board of Elders 7:00pm
- 19 Church League Softball 7:00pm Field 3
- 20 Farewell w/meal (bring a dish to share) for Seth
- 21-27 LYF Summer Servant Event
- 21 Summer Sunday School/Bible Study 9:30am
- 25-28 National LWML Convention-Des Moines
- 27 Men's Bible Study 8:00am
- 28 Youth Servant Event Presentation 9:15am
Summer Sunday School/Bible Study 9:45am

Pastor out of office

- Studies June 21 after services to June 26
- Vacation June 29-July 8
- National 15 Youth Conference July 12-17
- Vacation July 20-August 5

Fellowship Hall cleaning/waxing

July 14-August 1

JULY

- 1 Properties Committee 7:00pm
- 3 **Office Closed - Observe Independence Day**
- 4 GGG 1st Avenue Hy-Vee IC 7:30am
Coralville Parade
- 5 Summer Sunday School/Bible Study 9:30am
- 6 Education Committee 7:00pm
Mission Committee 7:00pm
- 7 Human Care Committee 7:00pm
- 9 Board of Directors 7:00pm
- 10 Knitting Small Group 1:30pm
Church League Softball 8:00pm Field 3
- 11 Men's Bible Study 8:00am
- 12-17 National 15 Youth Conference
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- 13 Outreach Committee 6:30pm
- 17 Church League Softball 6:00pm Field 3
- 19 Summer Sunday School/Bible Study 9:30am
- 21 Assimilation Committee 7:00pm
- 24 Church League Softball 7:00pm Field 3
- 25 Men's Bible Study 8:00am
- 26 Summer Sunday School/Bible Study 9:30am
- 27-30 Johnson County Fair Booth
- 31 Church League Softball 6:00pm Field 3

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 is on summer hiatus.

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

Watch *Reflections* for information on:



June 7
8:00am Worship
9:30am Community Service
Noon lunch in the Fellowship Hall



Mobilepack
June 5 2015
1:30-3:30 pm
Fairgrounds, Bldg C



Alaska Mission Trip
July 5-15
Contact
Miriam 319-461-1759
Anita 319-337-2164



Vacation
Bible
School

June 15th - 19th 9:00-11:30 am



June 12
July 10
1:30 pm
Library



Youth Fundraiser
Order forms are in
the office



LWML Convention
June 25-28
Des Moines



Prime Time Dinner
November 1
Noon
Fellowship Hall

Preview "That's
Entertainment" at
fundraiser Saturday,
June 6
City High



Need water and
walkers for
Coralville parade



August 16
10:30am
Picnic Following



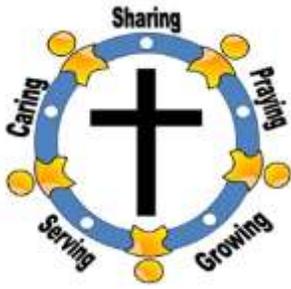
Kernels vs. Bowling Green Hot Rods
Congregational Fellowship
August 9
2:05 pm

We Love These Kids!



2015-2016 Preschool Enrollment is OPEN

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. Contact preschool@ourredeemer.org or 319-338-3949.



Small Group Ministry Mission Statement: *To grow in grace using our spiritual gifts, through good stewardship for the benefit of the group so that the body of Christ may be built up.*

Updates from Small Group Ministry....



Mobilepack

Still need a few volunteers to fill our 30 slots

June 5, 2015 at 1:30-3:30 pm

Johnson County Fairgrounds, Building C

Come pack with us!

This spring the Adult Midweek small group completed their study on the “Minor Prophets”, focusing on Amos, Jonah, and Habakkuk. As we studied each book in depth, we identified with the concept that “there is nothing new under the sun” (Ecclesiastes 1:9). The sinful concerns that surface in Amos, Jonah, and Habakkuk survive today. Spiritual decay amidst economic prosperity is evident in America today, just as it was during Amos’s time. Jonah’s unwillingness to share the Gospel with those deemed unworthy remains today as many Christians are reluctant to speak of God’s grace to unbelievers today. Habakkuk’s dismay at God’s choice to use those who do not recognize Him is echoed among God’s people today. Thanks be to God, that we are shown the same mercy today that He showed then! In Christ, we have the assurance of God’s love for us! Now that is something to celebrate!!

Be sure to join us next September when Midweek resumes. I look forward to having each and every one of you joining our small group!

Blessings, Denise Holida,
Director of Small Group Ministry



Class members present on April 29



MISSION	MAY PAYMENT
Housing Fellowship	\$500.00
Hospice	\$375.00
Iowa District/Synod Budget	\$4,166.66
UIHC Chaplain Endowment Fund (Budget)	\$416.66
Dr. Lutz/New Guinea	\$500.00
Peace Officer Ministry	\$250.00
TOTAL	\$6,208.32

May Board of Directors Meeting

Church Properties:

- Footings in for the new maintenance building
- Church property sidewalks repaired
- Many hours volunteer labor saved the church thousands
- New kitchen stoves calibrated
- Humidifier installed in the sanctuary
- Fellowship Hall to be stripped and refinished in July
- Church entryway floor to be replaced with vinyl planking

Elders:

- Staff evaluations are underway
- Staffing concerns are Bookkeeper Larry Freeman retirement (interviews to be held in June) and arrangements for interim Family Life and Preschool head during Kaja Mueller's leave of absence (October-December)

Staff Reports:

Kaja:

- Preschool Open House attendance 33 (14 current, 19 potential families)
- Kids Club and Sunday School have completed their seasons
- Vacation Bible School June 15-19 with the theme "Camp Discovery: Jesus at Work Through Us" (Need volunteers!)
- Church-wide Kernels Game set for August 9

Seth:

- LYF Servant Event in Chicago from June 21-27
- Peach Sale, key Youth fundraiser, aiming to sell 1200 boxes

Denise:

- Group Ministry sessions winding down for the year
- Congregational service/picnic on August 16, Mercer Park

Vision 2020 - Pastor Hartwig

- Five Forums elicited vigorous, wide-ranging comments and questions on future projects
- Congregation-wide Survey available on-line & May 31 service
- Personal interviews with 80 families in the next month
- Vision 2020 display of building plans now featured in the church entryway



KUDOS



Our Redeemer's

Board of Directors recognizes

HAROLD SCHEER,

unofficial "Property Volunteer Coordinator"

for organizing volunteers for preparation and work details for the sidewalk/driveway repair and carpet cleaning with Keith Macek

LILLIAN MOYER

For countless hours of sewing and organizing quilts for LWR and local agencies

SIDEWALK REPAIR VOLUNTEERS

Thank you all!



Tick Season Precautions

Spring in Iowa means planting fields and gardens, outdoor recreation, warm days, cool nights and, as a reminder from the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), it also means the start of tick season. Please enjoy opportunities to be active outdoors, while remembering to protect against ticks. Ticks can carry the organisms that cause Lyme disease (the most common tick-borne disease), Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, and Ehrlichiosis. In 2014, there were 194 confirmed and probable cases of Lyme disease in Iowa; so far this year, there have been two cases.

Remember, avoid wooded and tall, grassy areas, but if you do spend time in these areas:

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long, light-colored pants tucked into socks or boots.
- Stay on trails when walking or hiking and avoid high grass.
- Use insect repellents that contain 20 to 30% DEET. Read and follow the label directions for application (DEET is not recommended for use on children under 2 months of age. Parents should apply this product to their children, avoiding hands, eyes, and mouth.
- Use products that contain permethrin on clothing. Treat clothing and gear, such as boots, pants, socks and tents with products containing 0.5% permethrin. It remains protective through several washings. Pre-treated clothing is available and may be protective longer.
- Check yourself, your children and your pets for ticks as soon as you get back home. Ticks tend to prefer the back of the knee, armpit, scalp, groin, and back of the neck.
- Bathe or shower as soon as possible after coming indoors (preferably within two hours) to wash off and more easily find ticks that are crawling on you.

How to remove a tick:

http://www.cdc.gov/ticks/removing_a_tick.html

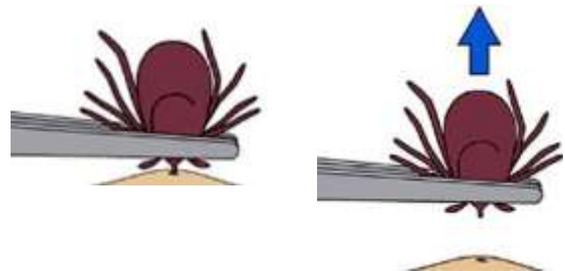
Symptoms of tickborne illness:

The most common symptoms of tick-related illnesses are:

- **Fever/chills**
- **Aches and pains (flu-like symptoms)**, including headache, fatigue, joint pain, and muscle aches
- **Rash:** in Lyme disease, the rash may appear within 3-30 days, typically before the onset of fever. It is the first sign of infection and is usually a circular rash called erythema migrans, and it resembles a "bull's-eye" or target-like lesion. This rash occurs in approximately 70-80% of infected persons and begins at the site of a tick bite. It may be warm, but is not usually painful.

See your health care provider if you have any of the symptoms listed above.

Have a safe and fun summer!





Stephen Ministry

By Kevin Sellers

Here we are at the end of May, and very quietly, the Stephen Ministry program at Our Redeemer has passed another milestone! Our First class of Stephen Ministers has been in the field for one year! They have gained experience by working with members of our church community who have asked for help dealing with situations that appeared to be overwhelming. This is indeed a time for celebration, but it is also a time for reflection and planning.

I have been in the unique position of working with our first class during the past year and have seen some exciting changes. I have watched the class process the abstract concepts taught during their training, adapting them to the real-life situations. I have seen doubt converted to confidence through their interaction with their peers, and in a few rare occasions, have been able to help them through some difficult problems. But mostly, I have watched them evolve from a group of Stephen Ministers into a family of Stephen Ministers!

In the course of the year they have not only provided the Christ-centered care necessary for their care receivers to cope with difficult situations, but they have extended that same level of care and concern for each other. That is truly a significant manifestation of the lessons taught during their Stephen Ministry training. These singular acts demonstrate that they are able incorporate the principles taught during their training and apply them to situations encountered within their everyday lives. What a blessing for the entire Our Redeemer community!

This is a wonderful start, but we need to expand the family of Stephen Ministers by recruiting more Stephen Ministers. If you are interested in joining the family, I would suggest speaking to any of our current Stephen Ministers to discuss their experiences. As we have stated before all you need is a caring heart and the desire to help others. Our loving Savior will provide the rest.

Current Stephen Ministers

Diane Clark
Steve Faga
Sarah Ghabel
Marcia Hulse
Skip Kempnich
Cathy Nelson
Shari Sedlacek
Arlan Thompson
Marlene Thompson

Stephen Ministry Leaders

Bill Benson
Pastor Hartwig
Kathy Schweer
Kevin Sellers
Marvel Titone



Steve Faga, Marlene Thompson , Marvel Titone (Instructor), Marcia Hulse
HEROES Care Class, Saturday, April 25

GREETINGS FROM VICAR ADELSEN—Installation August 22/23

Greetings in Christ's Name,



I am thrilled to accept the vicarage assignment at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church of Iowa City! Prior to the vicarage assignment service, my wife, Melissa, and I had no idea where we would be heading for my vicarage year. A few days prior to the service, I was made aware that my vicarage supervisor would be attending the service. This information made us happy to know that we would be meeting my future supervisor—Pastor Hartwig. I am very excited to be able to share some of what I have learned while at Concordia Seminary! Next year will be a continuation of my formation into becoming a Lutheran pastor. I am thrilled to meet some new and friendly faces this August!



Melissa and I are from central Indiana. Melissa is from Greenfield and I am from Kokomo. I received my Bachelors from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, where I majored in journalism and minored in political science. I also was a contributor to the *Ball State Daily News* and served as a sports personality and producer with WCRD college radio.

After graduating, I worked as a journalist at the *Kokomo Perspective* for three years, which is one of the three newspapers in Kokomo. While at the *Perspective*, I reported on local education and politics, and eventually became the sports editor. I began actually considering going into the ministry while at the *Perspective*. After much prayerful consideration, I enrolled at Concordia Seminary to begin my journey in pastoral formation. The professors have been diligent in their task of preparing men for the Office of the Public Ministry, but I readily admit there is still much more learning to do. I have been blessed to have the opportunity to work at the seminary in the Advancement Office's Creative Services Department and as a tour guide.

For this upcoming year, I am looking forward to seeing what it is like to serve God's people in the role of vicar. As a seminary student, I have only preached sparingly at my fieldwork congregation, so I am looking forward to the opportunity of preaching more regularly as Pastor Hartwig permits. I am also looking forward to having more of an opportunity to teach Sunday School and whatever else Pastor Hartwig assigns me while on vicarage. I believe this will be a very beneficial and enjoyable year!

Heavenly Father, God of all Grace, I thank You for the ministry at Our Redeemer, continue your blessings upon Pastor Hartwig and his flock, the congregation of Our Redeemer. I thank You for sending me to this congregation for my continuation in studying Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!

In His Service,

Peter Adelsen

Joshua and Virginia Vanderhyde worshipped with us on the weekend of February 14 and 15 when Josh, a second year seminarian, preached at Our Redeemer.

May 6, 2015

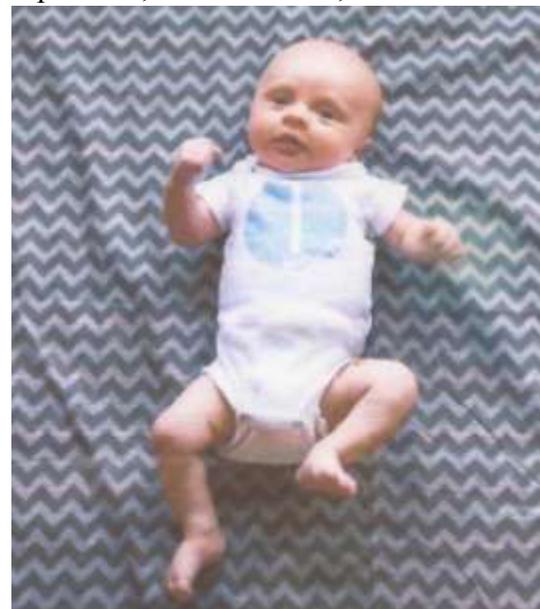
Dear members of Our Redeemer,

Three weeks from the end of the quarter, there is still much to do! Please pray for me as I write papers and take tests. Simeon's birth made this quarter fun and full of change. Nevertheless, I benefited greatly from my classes and gained skills and theological insight that will be useful in pastoral ministry. I'm thankful for the formation I received this quarter and excited for the opportunities to come. Virginia and I would like to thank you once again for your continued prayers and support. You have played a significant role in God's provision for us. We thank God for you.

Vicarage! Last week I processed into the Chapel of Saints Timothy and Titus with the other members of my class to hear where we would spend the next year of our lives. The fact that Virginia and I were open to going anywhere did not lessen the intensity of our anticipation. Finally, Dr. Neilson announced, "Joshua Vanderhyde: Cross Lutheran Church in New Braunfels, Texas." I've spoken with my supervisor, Pastor Fraker, and I think he will be a wonderful mentor. We are also excited to live in



Call Day!



Simeon David Vanderhyde - One month old

southern Texas for a year; New Braunfels is near San Antonio. I'm looking forward to learning by doing. Please pray for us as we prepare for vicarage and move to Texas.

On May 27th I will fly to Israel with a group from the seminary. We will spend about fifteen days there studying the scriptures alongside the geography of the Holy Land. The goal will be to learn how best to preach and teach the gospel in light of its geographical and historical context. I know this trip will enrich my understanding of Scripture and I pray that God will use it to enrich the understanding of those to whom I teach as a pastor. Please pray for our safety while there.

Watching Simeon grow and develop is such a joy! He is beginning to make eye contact and smile. It's hard to believe he is already seven weeks old. In a couple of months he might be rolling over – in his cowboy boots! He is a wonderful addition to our family.

Thank you again for your prayers and support. God's blessings on your ministry!

Josh, Virginia, & Simeon Vanderhyde



Faith-in-Action Sports Talk
Sunday, April 26



May 17 team that was most trivial

Bill Benson, Myrl & Denise Holida, Dave & Karyl Bohnsack, Laurel & Kevin Sellers, Beth Benson



Photo courtesy of Bohnsacks



Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity is proud to be partnering with Thrivent Financial to construct a home for a deserving family in our community. Construction began May 25th, and we will continue with volunteer shifts most Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays through August. Construction of a Habitat home is huge and can involve nearly a

thousand volunteers, so please help us to spread the word to potential volunteers! Individuals will find sign in times on our Hub at this link <http://ivhfh.volunteerhub.com/Events/Event/Summary.aspx?EventID=2233219> We need people interested in scheduling group build days to contact us directly by calling [319.337.8949](tel:319.337.8949).

Shema & Françoise will partner with us to purchase this Habitat home. They are a hardworking family who came to the United States as refugees from war torn countries in Africa. They will partner with us to build and purchase their Habitat home this year!

We need fun and energetic volunteers to assist us in construction of their home! Anyone 16 and older is welcome to participate in building Habitat homes. No prior construction skills or knowledge is necessary, though we do need skilled construction volunteers willing to lead and mentor during our build days. Just come out with a positive attitude and we will give you all the tools and training you need to do everything from framing walls, installing cabinetry, painting, landscaping, installing siding and so much more. This is a great opportunity to meet new people, help deserving families right here in our community, and to learn new skills.



TREASURED NEWS



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WHERE IN THE WORLD HAVE OUR MITES GONE??



Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne Lutheran Ministries Media

Brings the worship setting
to those in nursing homes and retirement facilities!

PAID
IN
FULL
\$80,000



Rebuilding Nord Est Haiti Lutheran School

PAID

IN FULL
\$100,000



Your shared blessings have helped to provide a Lutheran school that meets earthquake standards. These children appear to be eager to learn! Most of all, they will have the opportunity to hear about Jesus' love.

PAID

IN FULL
\$40,000

LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO

ISSUES, ETC. is a radio talk show, produced in Collinsville, Illinois, hosted by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Pastor Todd Wilken. The topics proclaim the Gospel and provide a better understanding of contemporary social issues in a Christian context. You can listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org.



This is part of the financial newsletter that is sent to District treasurers and is available at <http://www.lwml.org/giving/treasured-news.php>
Part of the national website www.lwml.org
Iowa East District LWML website www.lwml-ied.org/

Vision 20/20 Feasibility Study Update



Rev. Dr. John Sproul, a consultant for the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF), will be leading all of our worship services this weekend. The Vision 20/20 Feasibility Study committee and Pastor Hartwig have been working with Rev. Dr. Sproul over the last few months to help determine the level of support in our congregation



for the Vision 20/20 proposed plan. The Feasibility Study process provides a structured way to help our congregation learn about Vision 20/20 and determine if we are ready to move forward with the elements in the plan.

In addition to conducting worship this weekend, Rev. Dr. Sproul will administer a survey for the Vision 20/20 Feasibility Study to gather more detailed feedback from the congregation. **We strongly encourage everyone in the congregation to participate in the survey.** Paper copies of the survey will be made available at each service this weekend and an on-line link to the survey was emailed to everyone in the congregation this week. The deadline for completing a survey is **Monday, June 1st**. The survey results will be processed by the Lutheran Church Extension Fund during the month of June.

The Vision 20/20 Feasibility Study Forums in April were very successful thanks to the many members who attended and shared their questions and comments. A lot of information and ideas were exchanged and provided valuable feedback to the Feasibility Study process. The purpose of the forums was to provide a view into the Vision 20/20 plans and gauge at a high level how much support exists in the congregation for moving forward with the Vision 20/20 master plan.

On June 27th from 9:00 – 11:00 am, Rev. Dr. John Sproul from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund will present the results of the forums and the survey. Everyone in the congregation is encouraged to attend. Reports of the survey results will be available at this session.

The presentation of the survey results completes the Feasibility Study. Once the congregation has time to consider the Vision 20/20 plans and Feasibility Study results, the congregation can then determine how to take action on this information. We ask that everyone participate actively in this process and prayerfully consider support for the Vision 20/20 master plan.

More information about Vision 20/20 is provided in the Vision 20/20 booklets that are available in the main entry. You can also contact Pastor or any member of the Vision 20/20 committees for more information. A complete roster is provided in the Vision 20/20 booklet.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of Vision 20/20 and your engagement in this process as we walk in our mission of, “equipping disciples to make disciples, for Jesus.”

Coordinators and Leaders

Pastor Hartwig

Jeff Nicholson - Chair

Diane Burke – Personal Interview Coordinator

Dawn Ealy – Communication Coordinator

Joel Eckman – Forum Coordinator

Bob Powers – Hosting Coordinator

Rev. Dr. John Sproul – Lutheran Church Extension Fund Consultant



Since we began in April, 1996, we have distributed over 12 million pounds of food = 10 million meals = over \$54.4 million in community impact

- Total pounds rescued 2014 = 1,392,311
- Total meals from those pounds = 1,160,259
- Monetary impact to recipient agencies = \$3,155,904
- Total monetary impact to community (agencies and those they serve) = \$6,311,809
- Tons diverted from landfill = 696.15
- Tipping fees savings = \$27,796
- Table to Table has 5 paid staff equaling 3.125 Full Time
- We have over 100 volunteers in system
- We have 64 route slots to fill each week
- We collect from 40 donation sites
- We deliver to 34 agency sites
- We charge no fee for our service

Membership Changes & Official Acts

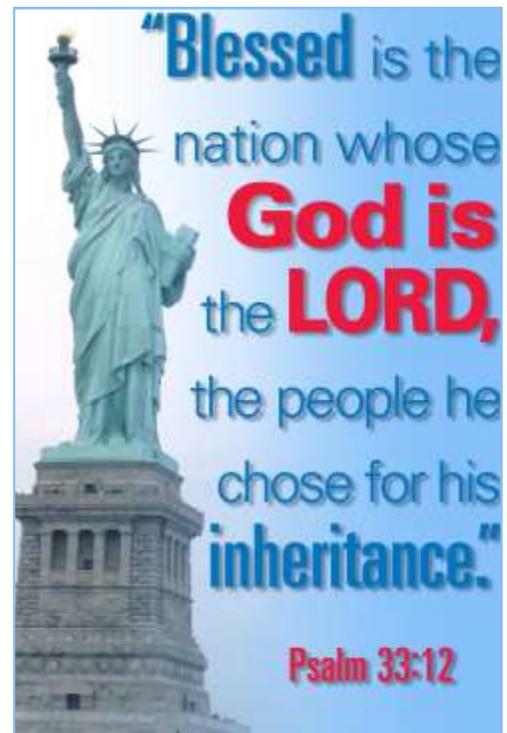
<u>Removed</u>	
Paul & Linda Dunahoo	4-24-2015
<u>Baptisms</u>	
Sloane Katherine Miller	5-2-2015
Layla Rose Woods	5-10-2015
<u>Marriage</u>	
Amanda Fuhrmeister & John Jones	5-2-2015
Hollea & Jeremy Willis—Renewal of Vows	5-23-2015
<u>Death</u>	
Kenneth Schultz	10-29-2014



Readings for next week:
Matthew 1-7

Sunday mornings
9:30 – 10:15 am
Fellowship Hall

READ THE BIBLE IN
TWO YEARS





Monica's



Ladies Night Out

Photos by
Beth
Hargens



President Cheryl Davisson congratulates new vice president Kara Hartwig and treasurer Linda Diggelmann

God's Bountiful Love

In June you will be uplifted by the bounty of God's love in Des Moines. Make plans to continue to be bountifully filled by joining your sisters in Christ at the Iowa East LWML Fall Retreat. Make your plans now for September 18 & 19. The speaker will be Alice Hoffmeier. The registration form is in the June Alive, or see an LWML member. Fees for the entire retreat are \$60. We will be gathering items for the camp. Join us!

Bible Quiz: The Gospels



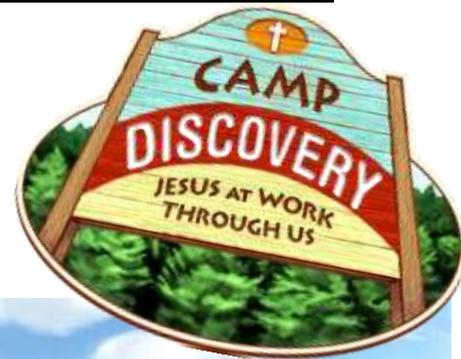
- The Bible books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are known as the *gospels*, (meaning "good news") of Jesus Christ. Almost everything we know about Jesus' life, ministry, death and resurrection comes from these four books. Which of the four books was the first one written?**
A. Matthew B. Mark C. Luke D. John
- Which of the four gospels shows a much different picture of Jesus than the other three?**
A. Matthew B. Mark C. Luke D. John
- The "kingdom of God" was the centerpiece of Jesus' teachings, but one of the gospels substitutes the phrase "kingdom of heaven." Which one?**
A. Matthew B. Mark C. Luke D. John
- True or False? The Gospel of John was written by John the Baptist.**
A. True B. False
- Which two books tell the story of Jesus' birth?**
A. Matthew & Mark B. Matthew & Luke C. Mark & Luke D. Luke & John
- Which of these stories about Jesus is in all four gospels?**
A. Jesus turns water into wine at the wedding at Cana
B. Jesus walks on water
C. Jesus feeds 5000 with a few loaves of bread and fishes
D. Jesus talks with a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well
- True or False? All four gospel books tell of Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion and resurrection.**
A. True B. False
- Which of these men was not one of Jesus' original 12 apostles?**
A. Bartholomew B. Judas C. Matthew D. Paul
- True or False? All four gospel books tell Jesus' parables of *The Good Samaritan* and *The Prodigal Son*.**
A. True B. False
- 10. What was the gospel writers' main purpose for writing their works?**
A. They wanted to present a complete biography of Jesus.
B. They were asked to write their accounts for inclusion in the Bible.
C. They wanted to show that Jesus was the Savior and the Son of God.
D. The Roman Emperor Constantine wanted an account of Christianity .

Vacation Bible School

June 15th - 19th ☞ 9-11:30am

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church & Preschool

2301 E. Court St, Iowa City #338-5626



We are having **S'MORE** fun at VBS and discovering how Jesus is at work through us! This year for our children age 3 years (potty trained) through 8th grade is invited to VBS.

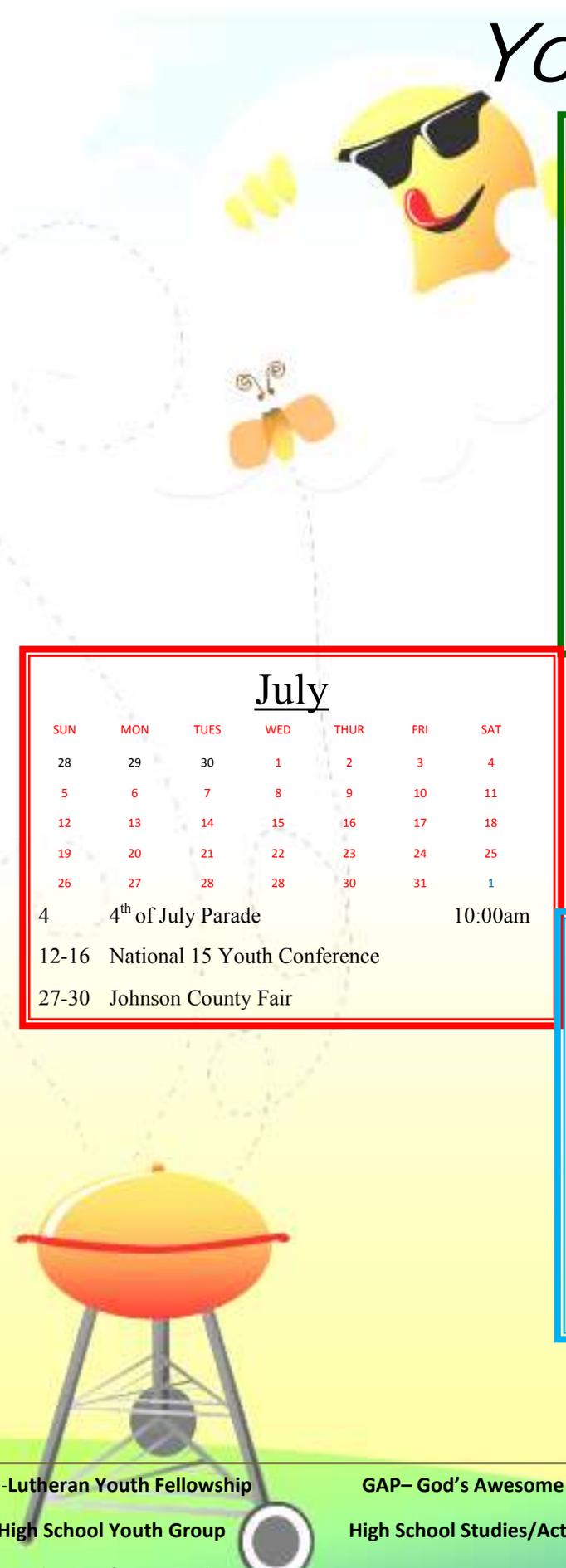
Each child will get to enjoy a fantastic week. Our mornings begin with a spectacular opening, which is followed by great Bible lessons, fun crafts, games, snacks, and recreation.

On Friday we have a free will offering pizza lunch that the whole family can enjoy.

Student Registration forms are in the church office or you can register online at: www.ourredeemer.org and follow the Events VBS link.

ORKS & LYF 2015 Summer of FUN!

Youth Ministry!



June

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
31	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	1	2	3	4

- 7 Community Service Day
- 10 Summer GAP Kickoff 6:00pm
- 14 Summer Sunday School Starts
- 15-19 Vacation Bible School
- 17 AirFX 6:00pm
- 21-27 LYF Summer Servant Event

July

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	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	28	30	31	1

- 4 4th of July Parade 10:00am
- 12-16 National 15 Youth Conference
- 27-30 Johnson County Fair

Summer Sunday School
For all ages,
June 14th - August 30th

August

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	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	2	3	4	5

- 16 Worship @ Mercer Park (*No SS*) 10:30am
- 16 Small Group Picnic @ Mercer 11:30am
- 24 Iowa City Schools Start

LYF-Lutheran Youth Fellowship

High School Youth Group

Incoming Freshmen-Seniors

GAP- God's Awesome Presence

High School Studies/Activities

ORKS- Our Redeemer Kids

Junior High Youth Group

Incoming 5th Graders- 8th Graders

OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

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2015 Board of Elders Congregational Assignments

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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 p.m.

Beacon Newsletter & Church Activities Calendar (printed monthly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) by noon on the 20th of each month.

TELEVISION ~ RADIO

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

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

Lutheran Hour Ministries on Radio—**WMT 600 AM Radio** on Sunday mornings at 6:30 a.m., and **KXEL 1540 AM Radio** on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND SCREENING

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church has been in ministry with children and youth for over 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.



Convention Recognition

(LWML)

2 Corinthians 2: 18

I saw her coming down the hall;
No doubt I knew her (none at all).

Her familiar smile, those twinkling eyes
shone with pleasure and faint surprise.

We drew nearer, we said, "Hello!"

I glanced at her badge and with a blow

Of shock--I knew not her name--
Then realized she had done the same!

We passed by and I could tell
By seeing other faces of the LWML

That I knew everyone--**through Christ's love.**

~ Carol Schuldt