



# The Parish Beacon

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ –

Just as Jesus came not to be served but to serve (Matthew 20:28),  
we are called to serve Jesus by serving others.

Christ is our example of servanthood.

He is our reason for serving.

He is the One who calls us to serve, equips us to do His will.

He is the One who forgives our failures to live as servants should.

Our service, when done out of a sense of duty, is a burden. However, as redeemed children of God, we joyfully serve out of gratitude. We serve, not as the slave who serves out of fear of punishment, but out of love for our Savior and others.

Service like any other spiritual practice must be practiced! Sanctification is active righteousness, meaning we must do something. Servanthood must be practiced.

Most definitely, we practice this in our daily lives as we serve our family and friends.

Most definitely, we practice this in our careers

as we serve our employer, customers, and co-workers.

Most definitely, we practice this when we as a community serve this community  
at our annual Christ Cares Community Service Sunday.

If you haven't made plans, plan to join us the first Sunday of June!

Hebrews 10:24 reads, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works." As we do so, we will experience the joy of living lives of service.

In the love of Christ,

Pastor Hartwig



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## JUNE/JULY ACTIVITIES

JUNE		JULY	
3	GGG Iowa City Hy-Vee 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue 7:30am	1-22	Rooms 208 & 210 closed for remodel
4	<b>CHRIST CARES DAY 8am service only</b> NO Sunday School or Adult Bible Class Christ Cares Lunch 12:00pm	1	GGG Iowa City Hy-Vee 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue 7:30am
5	Mission Committee 7:00pm	2	Sunday School & Adult Class 9:30am
7	High School RC Car Race/Obstacle Course 6:00pm	4	July 4 Coralville Parade 10:00am
10	Men's Bible Study 8:00am	5/6	High School Cardboard City 6:00pm
11	Sunday School & Adult Class 9:30am VBS Volunteer Meeting 11:45am	6	Board of Elders 7:00pm
12	Outreach Committee 6:30pm	8	Men's Bible Study 8:00am
14	Bible Study 11:00am Lunch Bunch 12:00pm High School Nerf Battle 6:00pm Properties 7:00pm	9	Sunday School & Adult Class 9:30am Confirmation Boating
18	Sunday School & Adult Class 9:30am	10	Outreach Committee 6:30pm
19-23	Vacation Bible School 9:00-11:45am	12	Bible Study 11:00am Lunch Bunch 12:00pm High School UKANDU Prep & Water Games 6:00pm
20	Assimilation 7:00pm	13	Board of Directors 7:00pm
21	High School Pizza Ranch Lunch 12:00pm	16	UKANDU Presentation 9:30am
24	Men's Bible Study 8:00am	19	High School AirFX 6:00pm
24-7/1	UKANDU	23	Sunday School & Adult Class 9:30am
25	Sunday School & Adult Class 9:30am	24-27	Johnson County Fair Booth
28	Bible Study 11:00am Lunch Bunch 12:00pm Confirmation Nerf Battle 6:00pm	26	Bible Study 11:00am Lunch Bunch 12:00pm High School Trivia at Hy-Vee 6:00pm
		30	Sunday School & Adult Class 9:30am High School Boating
		31	Cut-off day for peach orders

Pastor Hartwig is in class in St. Louis  
June 5-23

Pastor Hartwig is with the UKANDU group  
June 24-July 1



Pastor Hartwig and family  
are on vacation July 19-27

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Saturday 5:30pm      Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am  
Communion on June 4, 18, July 2, 16, 30**

**Comfort-Tiers meet Thursdays at 9:00am**

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

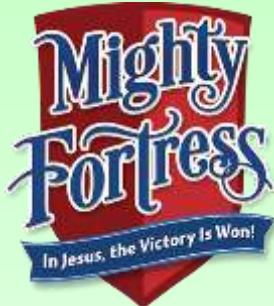
**Choir is on summer hiatus**

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

Watch *Reflections* for information on:



Wednesday, May 31  
6:30 pm  
Parents attend 1st 15 Minutes



VACATION BIBLE  
SCHOOL  
June 19-23  
9:00-11:45am



National Convention  
Albuquerque, NM  
June 22-25

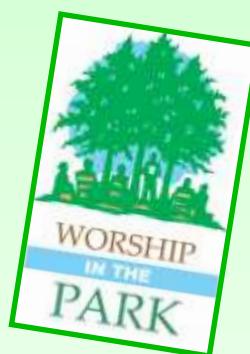


**June 4**  
**Regular Services**  
Saturday 5:30pm  
Sunday 8:00am  
**NO 10:30 Worship**  
**9:00am Community Service**  
**Fellowship Meal at Noon**



UKANDU  
June 24-July 1  
6:00pm

Presentation July 16  
9:30am in the  
Fellowship Hall



August 20  
10:30 am  
Mercer Park



October 15  
After 10:30am service  
Fellowship Hall



Johnson County  
Fair Booth  
July 24-27



Sunday, October 22  
2:00pm

May 28 is the last chance  
to reserve tickets  
338-5546 or  
dcfruentd@msn.com



Photos courtesy of  
Tracy Nelson



Submitted by Marcia Hulse

# Stephen Ministry

We care, Christ cures.

## SHARING ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS

I've always relied on my loved one for certain things. Her humor, her creativity, her strength are all invaluable part of our relationship. I don't want her to change. I don't want our relationship to change. I feel a little like a defiant child. I want to cry out. "No, no, no" I want things to remain the same. I feel like something important to me is being taken away.

I try to have faith that everything is going to turn out all right, that I'll be strong through it all, that the suffering of my loved one will be minimal. I try to believe in a God, but I don't see things turning out in a way that seems right. Some days I don't know what to believe in.

I guess I want God to fix everything with how "I think" things should be. That probably isn't very realistic. At least things aren't working out that way. The best I can do some days is to admit I don't have a clear sense of what to believe and let that be enough. The not knowing can be unsettling and I'm tempted to say I have a strong faith because I'm supposed to. But I can't pretend when I'm this confused and uncertain.

What does it mean to share one another's burdens? Job 6:14 says, "*A despairing man should have the devotion of his friends, even though he forsakes the fear of the Almighty.*"

The most difficult time for us to express our thoughts and feelings is when we are in pain. We want to keep our disappointment and doubt a secret. When we try to handle our difficulties by ourselves we only become more tired and stressed out. That is when we need to have a friend who will be there for us. That is when we need a friend for comfort, support and to remind us, "It's okay. I will have faith for you. I will trust God for you right now."

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God." ~2 Corinthians 1:3-4 NIV*

**What are you going to do next?**



**We're going to Walt Disney World. July 2018**  
Join the Hartwig family at Disney for several days of fun.  
If interested, talk to Pastor Hartwig. More details in the Fall.

# Board of Directors Meeting - May 11

## TREASURER'S REPORT

- April ended with total income of \$72,181.39 with expenses of \$61,628.72 giving a net income of \$10,552.67
- Year to date income \$237,737.05 with expenses of \$223,982.23, giving a net income of \$13,744.82

## ELDERS REPORT

- Staff reviews were May 4 and 18

## AT-LARGE REPORT

- Assimilation is planning a travelogue for fall

## CHURCH PROPERTIES

- Did a walk-through of the vicarage and parsonage to see what issues need to be addressed (annual inspection) - a new roof will be needed in the future
- Pricing new lawn mowers

## PASTOR HARTWIG

- Vicar Wolfgram's last day and Vicar Scheele's first day will be August 1
- Vision 2020
  - ◊ Cost of \$1.4 million
  - ◊ Completion of all approved projects by end of 2018
  - ◊ Construction loan will be obtained, probably early fall
  - ◊ After construction a closed-end loan will pay off the construction loan
  - ◊ Immeasurably More pledge monies will be applied to loans, but will need another capital campaign to completely pay off debt.
  - ◊ Moveable wall won't be done-feasible, but not cost effective
  - ◊ The wall between 208 and 210 will be removed to make an adult education room
  - ◊ Ron Sexton will do this construction and add bathrooms to the preschool

- ◊ New sound system will be in place by the end of May (Installed May 22-23)

## VICAR WOLFGRAM

- In charge of Christ Cares Sunday
- Will coordinate Johnson County Fair booth

## KATE RAMSEY

- 13 students enrolled in next year's M/W/F 10 in T/Th
- Teacher transition for Kaja to Kate has gone smoothly with teaching assistance from Sara Cross, Amy Schmidt-Rundell, and Jenn Boblentz. Cassie Wolfgram covers before and after school. Twyla Freeman helps with arts and crafts.
- Studying caterpillar/butterfly life cycle

## SENIOR BREAKFAST

- Board pays for muffins for senior breakfast
- Separate event for Lone Tree seniors unable to attend due to class trip



KUDOS

**Our Redeemer's**  
Board of Directors  
recognizes

LINDA DIGGELMANN  
BRENDA JOHNSON

Who made sure the landscaping,  
including blooming tulips, were in  
place for Easter Sunday

*Thank you all!*

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church



Pictures by  
Kara Hartwig

April 30  
1957-2017

Guest Preacher Rev. Stephen Niermann  
Son of Walter Niermann



Master of  
Ceremonies  
Rev. Brent Hartwig

196 signed up for the meal  
Pasta, sauces, chicken, salad & cookies



Thanks to all who helped with the  
celebration and to those who made  
60 years together possible





NEWS—Anita Nicholson

All information obtained directly from:  
[https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/on\\_people.html](https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/on_people.html) and  
[https://www.cdc.gov/lyme/signs\\_symptoms/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/lyme/signs_symptoms/index.html)

## Tick bite prevention and assessing for Lyme disease

**The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommend the following related to preventing tick bites:**

### Avoid Direct Contact with Ticks

- Avoid wooded and brushy areas with high grass and leaves.
- Walk in the center of trails.

### Repel Ticks on Skin and Clothing

- Use repellent that contains 20 percent or more DEET, picaridin, or IR3535 on exposed skin for protection that lasts several hours.
  - o Always follow product instructions. 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.

### Find and Remove Ticks from Your Body

- 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.
- Conduct a full-body tick check using a hand-held or full-length mirror to view all parts of your body upon return from tick-infested areas. Parents should check their children for ticks under the arms, in and around the ears, inside the belly button, behind the knees, between the legs, around the waist, and especially in their hair.
- Examine gear and pets. Ticks can ride into the home on clothing and pets, then attach to a person later, so carefully examine pets, coats, and day packs.
- Tumble dry clothes in a dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill ticks on dry clothing after you come indoors.
  - o If the clothes are damp, additional time may be needed.
  - o If the clothes require washing first, hot water is recommended. Cold and medium temperature water will not kill ticks effectively. If the clothes cannot be washed in hot water, tumble dry on low heat for 90 minutes or high heat for 60 minutes. The clothes should be warm and completely dry.

### Assess for Signs and Symptoms of Lyme Disease

Untreated Lyme disease can produce a wide range of symptoms, depending on the stage of infection. Seek medical attention if you observe any of these symptoms and have had a tick bite, live in an area known for Lyme disease.

### Early Signs and Symptoms (3 to 30 days after tick bite)

- Fever, chills, headache, fatigue, muscle and joint aches, and swollen lymph nodes.
- Red rash.
- Occurs in approximately 70 to 80 percent of infected persons.
- Begins at the site of a tick bite after a delay of 3 to 30 days (average is about 7 days).
- Expands gradually over a period of days reaching up to 12 inches or more (30 cm) across.
- May feel warm to the touch but is rarely itchy or painful.
- Sometimes clears as it enlarges, resulting in a target or “bull’s-eye” appearance.
- May appear on any area of the body.

### Later Signs and Symptoms (days to months after tick bite)

- Severe headaches and neck stiffness.
- Arthritis with severe joint pain and swelling, particularly the knees and other large joints.
- Facial palsy (loss of muscle tone or droop on one or both sides of the face).
- Intermittent pain in tendons, muscles, joints, and bones.
- Episodes of dizziness or shortness of breath.
- Shooting pains, numbness, or tingling in the hands or feet.
- Problems with short-term memory.



## KIDS CLUB meets Wednesdays during the school year



Little Lambs 3 Years through Kindergarten



CrossTown 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade



3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Explorers



5<sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Explorers



### TODDLIN' TO JESUS

meets during the Sunday School hour for children birth until preschool and their parents.

Photo by Tiffany Roiseland



MISSION	MAY
Iowa District East	\$4,166.67
UIHC Chaplain Endowment Fund	416.67
LCMS World Mission Iowa	500.00
Peace Officer Ministry	250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,333.34</b>

# SENIOR RECOGNITION



Graduation  
Breakfast



May 21



Pictures by Kara Hartwig &  
Kevin Sellers



Lone Tree Recognition Saturday May 13 due to class trip  
Michael Schmidt, Pastor Hartwig, Gregory Hotz  
Drake Hotz, Morgan Hotz



Kelsey Benson, Andrew Doll, Grace Hartwig, Alex Kooker,  
Annika Kopf, Katie Loney, Brittney Pirkle, Joseph Van Zante,  
Bryce West, Drew West (not pictured - Blake Ealy)



# I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

## Summer Sunday School Schedule

9:30 am - All ages meet in the Sanctuary

Adults-Sanctuary, HS & Confirmation-Youth Room, Toddlin'-5<sup>th</sup> Grade-Fellowship Hall

June 11	Lord's Supper
June 18	Peter Denies Jesus
June 25	The Passion of Christ
July 2	The Resurrection of Jesus
July 9	The Empty Tomb
July 16	No Class (UKANDU Presentation)
July 23	Jesus Appears on the Emmaus Road
July 30	Jesus Appears to Thomas
August 6	Jesus Appears in Galilee
August 13	Jesus Ascends Into Heaven
August 20	No Class (Worship in the park)
August 27	John's vision of Heaven



We are still in need of 10 volunteers to each teach a single Summer Sunday School lesson to the Toddlin'-5<sup>th</sup> grade group! Please contact Marnie Schrader @ 319-530-1563 or [mvschrader@icloud.com](mailto:mvschrader@icloud.com) to sign-up!

## Membership Changes and Official Acts

<u>Baptisms</u>	
Lucille Grace Mueller	5-13-2017
Maryn Sue Nieland	5-14-2017
<u>Transfer In</u>	
Mark Schweer	5-8-2017
<u>Transfer Out</u>	
Jack & Ashley Sandeen (Grayson)	5-24-2017
<u>Confirmation</u>	
David Bloesch	5-21-2017

God is able to do

Immeasurably  
MORE  
than we can imagine . . .

-according to the power that works within us.

**129 Pledges for  
\$626,897.52**

**Cash in hand  
\$177,661.71**



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

## Enroll TODAY

Enrollment for the 2017-2018 Preschool year has started.

A \$50 deposit and a completed Registration Form are required at this time. 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 Kate Ramsey for more information.

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



Key Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 15:57—"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Register online here: <https://vbsmate.com/events/OurRedeemerChurchPreschool/5283>

We ask for a donation of \$10 per child to help fund VBS.

No one helping this week receives any money from your donation. It all goes towards the kids!

April 30, 2017

Grace to you and peace from God, our Father, and from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I am happy to be writing to you as a fellow member of the Body of Christ. I hope things at Our Redeemer continue to go well and that the Holy Spirit will continue to enliven and enrich Our Redeemer Lutheran Church as He has during the past 60 anniversary celebrations that your congregation has enjoyed.

This letter signifies my formal acceptance of the Vicarage Assignment you have extended to me for next year. I am excited and happy to serve you and Christ as you allow me to learn and grow under your tutelage and that of Pastor Hartwig. I pray that God would use this opportunity as the Vicar at Our Redeemer to better equip me to serve Christ's Church into the future.

My family and I look forward to getting to worship with you again. In fact, we actually attended worship with you in February of 2016 after returning from one of my wife's cousin's weddings. At that time, we thought it would be fun to stop in a random LCMS congregation and worship before we headed back home. However, you were so welcoming that we actually commented at the time about how neat and friendly of a congregation Our Redeemer was. It is an ironic twist that God would give us more fellowship and worship opportunities with you as our Vicarage assignment.



As we prepare to join in worship and fellowship, I would like to share some of the details of my family. When we arrive at Our Redeemer we will be a family of six. My wife Hope is due in June with our fourth child, a boy who will be called Levi. Our second youngest, Isaac, will be turning two in June. Isaac loves to play with balls, cars, and lightsabers and can be very energetic at church services. Faith, our second oldest, will be turning four in June and is looking forward to doing preschool at Our Redeemer. She is also very excited about moving to Iowa.

Eden, our oldest, is six and is mostly looking forward to all the new friends she gets to make at Our Redeemer and getting the chance to walk to her first-grade classroom next year with Mommy or Daddy. My wife, Hope, is also super excited about the upcoming move and the chance to get involved and get to know the people of Our Redeemer. (She is also excited about NOT having to spend forty-five minutes each day playing taxi driver to get the kids to school.)

I pray that the Lord will bless Our Redeemer and keep you strong as Vicar Wolfgram finishes his time of learning with you. I also pray that the Lord will make His face to shine on you, and be gracious to you as He prepares your hearts to receive another Vicar. And I pray that the Lord will look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Your Servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luke Scheele".

Luke Scheele



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# SERVING THE LORD IN PANAMA



## NEWS FROM THE GAUTHIER FAMILY



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### Understanding FORO

At the beginning of May, Panamá hosted its third FORO meeting. The FORO (the Spanish word for ‘forum’) went wonderfully as national pastors from the five congregations, missionaries from the regional office, and partners from two congregations in the US gathered together for worship, fellowship, learning, a tour of various ministries and projects, and opportunities to discuss ministry and strategies for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Panamá (IELPA).

The idea behind the FORO is for missionaries, churches, service organizations, national churches, etc. to come together twice a year around a common table to talk, fellowship, participate in worship, and work towards a common goal in the ministry of the Gospel.

The three goals upon which the FORO is focusing are:

1. growth for the church (catechesis)
2. church planting
3. theological education

My call as theological educator focuses on goal #3. A concern of IELPA leadership is where and how the second generation of pastors and deaconesses will be trained to serve the church in Panamá. I will write articles on these three goals in more detail in the coming months.

The FORO provides the opportunity to discuss human resources, strategy, and finances to help accomplish these goals. This also gives partner congregations from the US a chance to be hands-on in the day- to-day mission work. If you are interested in learning more about the FORO in Panamá or how your congregation can help, please contact me. The next FORO will be November 10-12 in Panamá City. To God be the glory!



The Panama sign on Amador



The participants at the Spring Panama FORO



### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The Pre-Seminary classes that will begin in Panamá on May 26-27.
- The Panama FORO as it looks for partner congregations.
- Our immigration process. All of our paperwork has been submitted, now we wait.

### GIVE THANKS FOR:

- A successful and productive FORO meeting on May 6-7.
- The rain that has made everything green again.
- Ezra's baptismal birthday on May 17.



More photographs from the Spring Panama FORO



# SERVING WITH JOY

Molly Christensen in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

## Teaching in Togo

This month we made another trip to the CLET, the seminary in Dapaong, Togo. The missionary pastors along with the seminarians attended meetings while I helped teach health education classes for the wives. The topics included disease prevention, nutrition and sanitation. The classes were interactive and the women were very eager to learn. We started with a prayer, a song, and a Bible verse which went with our topics. The women then broke into groups to work through activities. We came together to discuss many diseases and how they can be prevented at home. I taught about infant and maternal nutrition. The women had many questions and were very engaged. It was a joy to learn together and build relationships. The best part was seeing the women perform skits for us to show what they had learned. Their joy was infectious and we all laughed together.

## Health Concerns

My nursing skills and knowledge were very useful while we were visiting Dapaong. Many of the students had family members with health problems. We saw a little boy with stomach pain, a pregnant girl with a heart condition, and an infant with a cough, among others. I can see that I will be very busy when I eventually serve in Dapaong. I am eager to learn French well, so that I can communicate with my patients and provide education and relief for them.

## Site Visit

Another part of our visit to Togo was to make preparations for our first Mercy Medical Team there, in September. We were able to meet with the local government officials and health directors. We also toured some of the local clinics and hospitals and visited a pharmacy. The president of the Lutheran Church of Togo took us to visit the site for the MMT. It will be located in a village school and serve a large rural population. We are always looking for volunteers to help with our MMT's. Please contact me for more information or visit: [lcms.org/mercyteams](http://lcms.org/mercyteams)



## Prayer Requests

- Thanksgiving for a house in Ouagadougou.
- Thanksgiving for a safe and productive time in Dapaong, Togo with the women.
- For wisdom and patience in studying French
- For the spread of the Gospel throughout the world
- For the health of the students and their families at the seminary in Togo



*The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song.*

~Psalm 28:7

May 2017

## "If I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me." Ps 139:9-10



Julie Lutz, with The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in Greater Asia for a time.

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**Hong Kong** - Since the beginning of the year, I have been living in and working out of Hong Kong! What an astonishing -and delightful - paradox of living, learning, and serving. In a city of millions, **I've** never been more on my own. With rapid transit at my doorstep, **I've** walked more steps than in years. Next door to the towering skyscrapers of Hong Kong are country parks and beaches. My circle of friends includes more Filipinos than Chinese. In countries where Christians are few, we see faith flourish. **I'm** fully engaged with life in Hong Kong, yet I await my return to Papua New Guinea. Yes, this is my life today - still guided on yet another far side of the sea.

**I'm** currently assisting **Concordia Welfare and Education Foundation**. CWEF has its roots in LCMS human care ministry. Through projects in education and health, CWEF supports individuals from disadvantaged areas to thrive, offering hope and service to their communities. My role at present is to support staff training and development. This includes providing for weekly Bible studies in each office - which is an amazing opportunity, for some of the staff are not yet Christian! As I learn and make connections between ministry in PNG and CWEF, I am reminded of **Joseph's** reassurance to his brothers in Egypt. "**You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done.**" Gen 50:20 I **don't** claim to know fully what **God's** up to by having me with CWEF for a spell, but I trust it is good! I have had the great pleasure of meeting the CWEF staff in China and Cambodia and have had a brief overview of some of the projects. The children in the photo are enjoying books provided by CWEF. China has new regulations regarding foreign non-governmental organizations and CWEF is in the process of re-registering. This process has taken time and some programs cannot go forward until the registration is complete. Please pray that the CWEF registration will soon be approved so the programs can resume with vigor!



Back in **Papua New Guinea** - \*The court-directed mediation process of the Gutnius Lutheran Church has officially failed. This long-standing impasse within the church has hindered the witness to Christ and His forgiveness, peace, and unity. We pray the ill-will shall soon end and we shall know reconciliation among GLC members, to the glory of our Triune God! PNG will have national elections in late June. This has historically been a time of civil unrest and flagrant disregard for democratic voting ethics. We pray that this election will lead to a just, safe, flourishing future for each citizen and the country. (Both the relationships within the church and the political situation in Papua, New Guinea, impact my ability to return to PNG and for Anton Lutz to enter and leave PNG as needed. So, these prayer requests are also personal. Today as I write, marks one year from the day I was not allowed to board the plane to return to PNG.)



And with the **Family** - Welcome John Anton Hall! John was born on 11 April, to daughter Laura and Nathan Hall. Great-grandma Lola Behrens and Big Brother Stephen are on the right. Laura and Nathan will be moving this week to New Hampshire where Nathan has accepted a call as pastor.



Paul and Rebecca and their six are carrying on nobly in Pennsylvania. David and Tabby and their daughter are thriving in PNG. Anton continues with LCMS in Papua, New Guinea, along with the Ritzman family, Larry and Tina Matro, and newly arrived Martin and Marie Dicke.

**Please pray** Registration for CWEF; reconciliation in the Gutnius Lutheran Church; elections of integrity in PNG; profitable ministry use of my time in Hong Kong; the road opening for my return to PNG – as the Lord wills; thanksgiving for John Anton's birth and health and spiritual growth for each of my grandchildren! Thank you for praying with me and for your continuing financial support! Living in Hong Kong has suddenly increased my living expenses so your support is even more appreciated!

# BIBLEWORDGAMES

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## BIBLE-CRYPTOVERSE (Scripture verse in code) No.12

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## THESE AGENCIES NEED VOLUNTEERS!!

### **Elder Services- Need volunteers**

Many individual yards need cleaned-up

### **Harvest Preserve Foundation- Need volunteers**

Weed, trim, and possibly mulch. There will be multiple sign-up sheets.

### **Hope Lodge- Need volunteers**

Dusting, vacuuming, cleaning kitchen, etc.

### **Housing Fellowship- Need volunteers**

Light yard work and mulching. Youth welcome. If rain, then canceled.

### **Iowa City Rehabilitation and Health Care Center- Need volunteers**

Sing music, play bingo or other games, and visiting with residents

### **Lantern Park- Need volunteers**

Painting resident's nails and games.

### **Secret 1883 Octagonal Barn- Half-full for volunteers**

Painting and other restoration projects

**SIGN UP  
TODAY!!**

Solution to number 12: For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe. I long to dwell in your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of your wings ~Psalms 61:3-4 N.I.V.

Confirmation  
Youth Event  
every month

# Youth

**6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Graders**

High School  
Youth Event  
every Wednesday  
at 6:00 pm

## Summer Schedule

Confirmation  
(students in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades  
2017-18)

High School  
(students in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades  
2017-18, including grads)

### June

DATE	EVENT
Sun, June 11	Coffee Hour—hosted by 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Families (8 <sup>th</sup> grade in '17-18)
Weds, June 14 @6pm	Nerf Battle



DATE	EVENT
Weds, June 7	RC Car Race/Obstacle Course
Weds, June 14	Nerf Battle
Weds, June 21 @ noon*	Lunch after VBS @ Pizza Ranch

### July

DATE	EVENT
Sun, July 9	Boating on Coralville Lake <i>See Reflections for time</i>



DATE	EVENT
Weds, July 5— Thurs, July 6	Cardboard City (overnight event)
Sun, July 9	Coffee Hour—hosted by High School Families (9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grades In '17-18)
Weds, July 12	UKANDU & Water Games
Weds, July 19	AirFx in Hiawatha
Weds, July 26	Trivia Night at Hy-Vee
Sun, July 30	Boating on Coralville Lake <i>See Reflections for time</i>

### August

DATE	EVENT
Sun, Aug. 13	Coffee Hour—hosted by Confirmation Families (6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grades in '17-18)
Weds, Aug. 9 @6pm	Water Games

DATE	EVENT
Weds, Aug. 2	Hike
Weds, Aug. 9 @8pm*	



**Weds, August 16 @ 6pm**

**End of Summer Campfire**

All Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades during 2017-18)

**Hartwig's Backyard**

## 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 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. For more information on Lutheran Hour Ministries go to [www.LHM.org](http://www.LHM.org).

### **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.

## GROWN WEEDS



*Colossians 3:5-11*

Strolling on the sidewalk  
through the neighborhood  
I pass lush, plush lawns  
meticulously trimmed.

But a weed, then several, I espy  
growing at the edge of the walk  
and in cracks  
defying all efforts to extricate them.

Perhaps I need to pay more attention  
to my sidewalk of life  
and get rid of instilled weeds.



*Carol Schultdt*