



The Parish Beacon

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

Have you been taught to not say “but” after an apology?
Not to say “but” after giving a compliment?

The word “but” seems to negate everything that came before it.
“I’m sorry I hurt your feelings, BUT I’m sure you’d want to know you look awful in that dress.”
“You did a great job on that presentation, BUT, next time, make it a little shorter.”

Hearers of that word “but” tend to forget everything positive and focus on the negative.

On the other hand, if the word “but” follows a negative statement, what sticks with us is the positive that come afterward. Take, for example, Romans 5:7-8:

“For one will scarcely die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die – BUT God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ dies for us.”

How about Genesis 50:20?

“As for you, you meant evil against me, BUT God meant it for good...”

So it is with the word “but,” the first word of Luke 24. The previous chapter records Jesus’ trials before Pilate and Herod, the cries of the people to crucify Him, His crucifixion and death, and at last His burial. Other than Jesus’ words of forgiveness and love spoken from the cross, these are dismal events. “BUT,” starts the 24th chapter, and we begin to read the amazing, positive, exciting, life-giving account of Jesus’ resurrection.

One little word, “but,” negates death and condemnation.

Yes, Jesus died, “but” He lives!

Yes, we are sinners, “but” Christ won victory for us over our sins!

Yes, it appeared Satan had won, “but” Jesus rose triumphant over sin, death and the Devil.

Yes, you can do nothing to be saved, “but” saved through the blood of Jesus Christ you can...

“Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord” (Psalm 98:4)

“Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord” will be our theme verse for the 2015-2016 academic year.

So let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord!



OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

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SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

- 1 Preschool Orientation 6:00pm
- 2 Confirmation Potluck 6:00pm Fellowship Hall
- Confirmation Orientation 6:45pm
- Kids Club Teacher Orientation 6:45pm
- Properties Committee 7:00pm Board Room
- 3 Board of Elders 7:00pm Board Room
- 5 GGG at Iowa City Hy-Vee 1st Avenue 7:30am
- 6 **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL/ADULT BIBLE CLASS**
- 7 **LABOR DAY—Office Closed**
- Education Committee 7:00pm Room 208
- 9 Bible Study 11:00am Fellowship Hall
- Lunch Bunch 12:00pm Fellowship Hall
- 10 Women’s Beth Moore 7:00pm Room 208
- Board of Directors 7:00pm Board Room
- 11 Knitting Small Group 1:30pm Library
- 12 Men’s Bible Study 8:00pm Fellowship Hall
- 13 Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible Class 9:30am
- Rally Day Presentations at 10:30 am Worship
- Rally Day Potluck 12:00pm
- 14 Outreach Committee 6:30pm Fellowship Hall
- Preschool Board 7:00pm Library
- Mission Committee 7:00pm Room 208
- Mission Guild Board 7:00pm Board Room
- 15 Women’s Beth Moore 10:00am
- Assimilation 7:00pm Board Room
- 16 Midweek Classes 6:45pm
- 17 Theology 101 7:00pm Board Room
- 18 Basics of the Faith 7:00pm
- 19 Basics of the Faith 8:30am
- Young Adult Hawkeye Tailgating 2:00pm
- 20 Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible Class 9:30am
- Voters’ Meeting 11:45am
- Youth Meeting and Event 12:30pm
- 21 LWML Mission Guild 6:00pm Fellowship Hall
- 22 Women’s Beth Moore 10:00am

- 23 Bible Study 11:00am Fellowship Hall
- Lunch Bunch 12:00pm Fellowship Hall
- Midweek Classes 6:45pm
- 24 Women’s Beth Moore 7:00pm Room 208
- Parade Party 5:30pm Parking Lot
- 26 Men’s Bible Study 8:00pm Fellowship Hall
- 27 Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible 9:30am
- New Member Brunch 12:00pm Fellowship Hall
- Education Enrichment 6:00pm Fellowship Hall
- 29 Young Adult Bowling 7:00pm Colonial Lanes
- 30 Midweek Classes 6:45pm

***Comfort-Tiers Meeting
Tuesday & Thursday Mornings
Through October 15***

***Young Adult Bible Study
Sundays - TBA***

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 rehearsal Wednesdays at 7:00pm,
starting September 16**

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

Watch *Reflections* for information on:

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Hawkeye Tailgating
Saturday, September 19
2:00 pm

Colonial Lanes Bowling
Tuesday, September 29
7:00 pm

Bible Study
Sundays TBA
4:00 pm



Basics of the Faith
September 18th - 19th
Fri. 7 - 9 pm
Sat. 8:30 - 2:30 pm

Parade Party

Come on Thursday, September 24th at 5:30 p.m. to the church parking lot to watch the Homecoming Parade.

Bring your own chairs or blankets to sit curbside.

Hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be served in the parking lot.




September 13
Potluck/Pot "blessing"
meal following

thē-ōl' ə-jē
101
September 17
Friday 7



LWR Packing/Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 12
6:00/7:00 pm

Fall LWML Retreat
September 18, 19
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

Salad Supper
Monday, September 21
6:00 pm



Women's Bible Study
Tuesday mornings &



Preschool Orientation
Tuesday, September 1
6-7 pm

Cedar Rapids Zone Rally

Saturday, October 24
Registration 8:30 am, 9:00am Brunch
King of Kings, Cedar Rapids

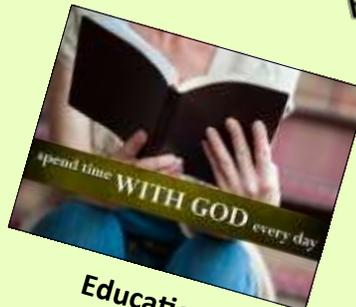


New Member Brunch
September 27
After 10:30 service

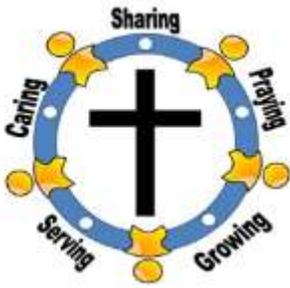


Prime Time Dinner
November 1
Noon
Fellowship Hall

"That's
Entertainment"



**Education
Enrichment**
September 27th
6:00pm - 7:30pm



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....

Over 100 members of Our Redeemer and friends enjoyed the annual picnic in the park hosted by SGM on August 16th. We enjoyed hot dogs, snow cones, and many great side dishes; but most of all, we enjoyed the fellowship of our Christian friends (see page 5)! Be sure to plan to attend the annual picnic next summer.

Serving in Christ, Denise Holida, Director of SGM



**BEGIN WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 16!!
6:45 pm**

Midweek Classes for 3 year olds to adults

Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm

**First Midweek Meal October 7
6:00pm
All ages welcome
Freewill offering**



Kara Hartwig has been hired as part-time Youth Coordinator!

Look for more information on youth activities to come!

CONFIRMATION
September 2
Confirmation Dinner 6pm
Orientation 6:45pm



August 16
Mercer Park



Photos by Denise Holida
& Kevin Sellers

AUGUST BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- ◆ The Elders approved a part-time Youth Ministry position (15-20 hours/week); the position has been advertised.
- ◆ 87 adults and 10 youth staffed the Our Redeemer booth at the Johnson County Fair.
- ◆ As a result of the recent Feasibility Study, the architects are developing new plans that will exclude the multi-purpose facility that was originally planned.
- ◆ The Board approved purchasing property next to the parsonage contingent on congregational approval.
- ◆ Eventual repair work is needed on the black top area in the parking lot' also, the cross in front of the church needs major repair or replacement.
- ◆ 9 children registered for preschool to this point
 - ◇ Kate will fill in as director during Kaja's maternity leave
 - ◇ Two other staff are filling in as assistants
 - ◇ Joseph Van Zante is working on improving the playground as an Eagle Scout project



KUDOS

Our Redeemer's

Board of Directors recognizes

FEASIBILITY STUDY COORDINATORS

Dawn Ealy
Jeff Nicholson
Joel Eckman
Diane Burke
Bob Powers
And their teams

STEVE FAGA
and the Outreach Committee
For their work with the fair booth

Thank you all!

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING - August 23

Voters attending the special voters' meeting on August 23 voted unanimously to purchase the property at 512 S 1st Avenue for \$240,000 subject to a home appraisal and home inspection.

Present plans are for Pastor Hartwig's family to move to 512 S 1st Avenue following a few renovations and Vicar Adelsen and Melissa to move into the present parsonage.

Current apartment rental and utilities for the Vicar run between \$12,900 and \$14,100 annually. The costs associated with mortgage payments and operating expenses should run about \$17,940, a difference of \$3,840-\$5,040 above the current budget.

Total one-time costs for down payment, closing cost, lease sub-letting fee are \$40,950-\$50,950.

Based on the 2015 budget, Seth's departure leaves a net gain of approximately \$28,000 for 2015 and \$56,000 for 2016. With the hire of a part-time youth coordinator, we still gain approximately \$40,000. The current negative cash-flow of -\$19,602 YTD, seems less disconcerting when we realize during the same period last year we were at -\$41,376 and nearly balanced by the end of the year. Previous to this investment, we had no debt and have an unrestricted net liquid fund balance of \$134,861.



Stephen Ministry

Thoughts of a Care Receiver

I would say to members of our congregation...

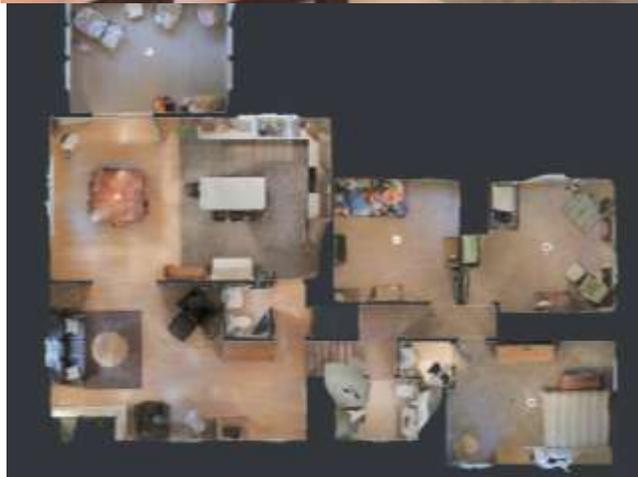
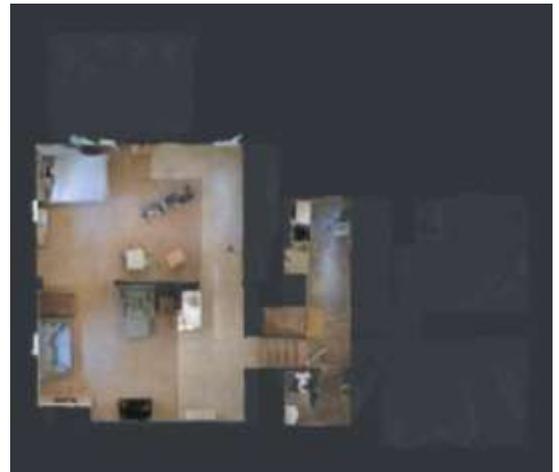
If you feel yourself struggling spiritually, or emotionally, or physically, a Stephen Minister's guidance will help you in your journey. Perhaps you are having a difficult time at work, or caring for a family member, or just feel that something in your life is faltering. A Stephen Minister will provide completely confidential support that is centered in Christ and is focused on your specific journey.

As a receiver of a Stephen Minister's care, my well-being improved from the very first session. The thoughts, advice, comfort, and Bible verses we shared with each other continue to help me stay strong during my journey—even weeks after our last Stephen Ministry session.

Contact Pastor Hartwig today to get in touch with a Stephen Minister. I'm very, very glad that I did. And I am so grateful and blessed that I have this opportunity for support at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Thanks for listening!

A PEEK INSIDE 512 1st AVENUE



PEACH PICK UP DAY 2015



Sunday, August 9



Pictures courtesy of Karyl Bohnsack





OUR REDEEMER 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. Please see Kaja Mueller for more information. REGISTER TODAY! Contact preschool@ourredeemer.org or 319-338-3949.

Preschool starts
September 8th & 9th, 2015

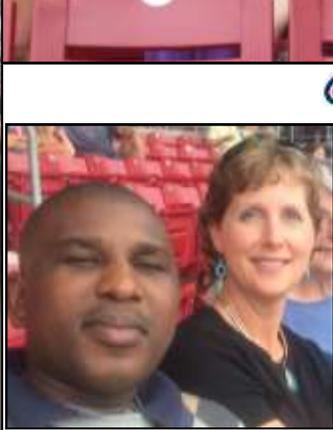


August 9
Celebration of Retirement
Larry Freeman



MISSION	AUGUST PAYMENT
Crisis Center	\$115.00
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
Transforming Campus Ministries	\$505.00
TOTAL	\$6,828.32





August 9

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Pastor Hartwig, Vicar Peter & Melissa Adelsen



Sunday, August 16

Vicar Adelsen is
installed at Our
Redeemer

Building
up the
Body
through
GOD'S WORD

Readings for next week:
Romans 15 - 1 Corinthians 9

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

READ THE BIBLE IN
TWO YEARS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Our year is up! Wow, so hard to believe! Bittersweet is the only way to describe how we feel right now. We have truly enjoyed our time at Immanuel in Grand Rapids and find it so difficult to leave, but at the same time we want to move on to the next leg of our journey. We could not have asked for a better place to experience vicarage and our memories here will definitely last a lifetime.

As we continue on to Saint Louis, we get to move into an apartment close to Seminary. Just so happens to be the same complex we lived in last year, just a two bedroom instead of a one bedroom. After we move back and unpack, we will enjoy a two-week trip visiting family in Iowa and Nebraska and then head south to Arizona for a wedding. A friend of ours, and fellow Seminarian, Andrew Cave will be getting married in Arizona to Emily Ringelberg, a Deaconess student. Tyler is the best man and we couldn't be more excited for the both of them! We're also excited for our trip and to see some amazing sites along the way.

With another move comes more transitions! Thankfully, God is looking out for us and providing! Tyler has worked at the Seminary doing General Labor, Cafeteria, Audio/Visual, etc. and thankfully he will be able to do many of these when we move back. He has a lesser class load this year since he decided to do a lot of classes before, so he wants to work more hours. The classes he will be taking this upcoming quarter are: John and the Catholic Epistles, Systematics IV, Church Revitalization, and Mission Shift. I am sure he will enjoy these classes and learn a lot!

I have officially ended my job here in Grand Rapids and I know it was a difficult end, but there are definitely new beginnings in store! I've applied for a job down in Saint Louis and interviewed, just waiting to hear back! The job I was working in Grand Rapids was a good experience, just not as challenging as I would have hoped. Luckily for that reason, we will be moving on and hopefully find something more up my alley.

We are so incredibly blessed in so many ways! Thank you very much for your continued support and prayer! We would not be where we are without people like you. This year has been very eye opening and yet so encouraging for us to see what our future could hold. God is continuously preparing us in every opportunity and we pray that we will always be learning and growing in Him.

God's Blessings,

Tyler Carter

Natalie Carter

Membership Changes & Official Acts

<u>Baptisms</u>	
John Willard Walters	8-11-2015
<u>Marriage</u>	
Jacob Sexton & Valerie Kooker	8-8-2015
<u>Death</u>	
Ruth Walters	7-30-2015

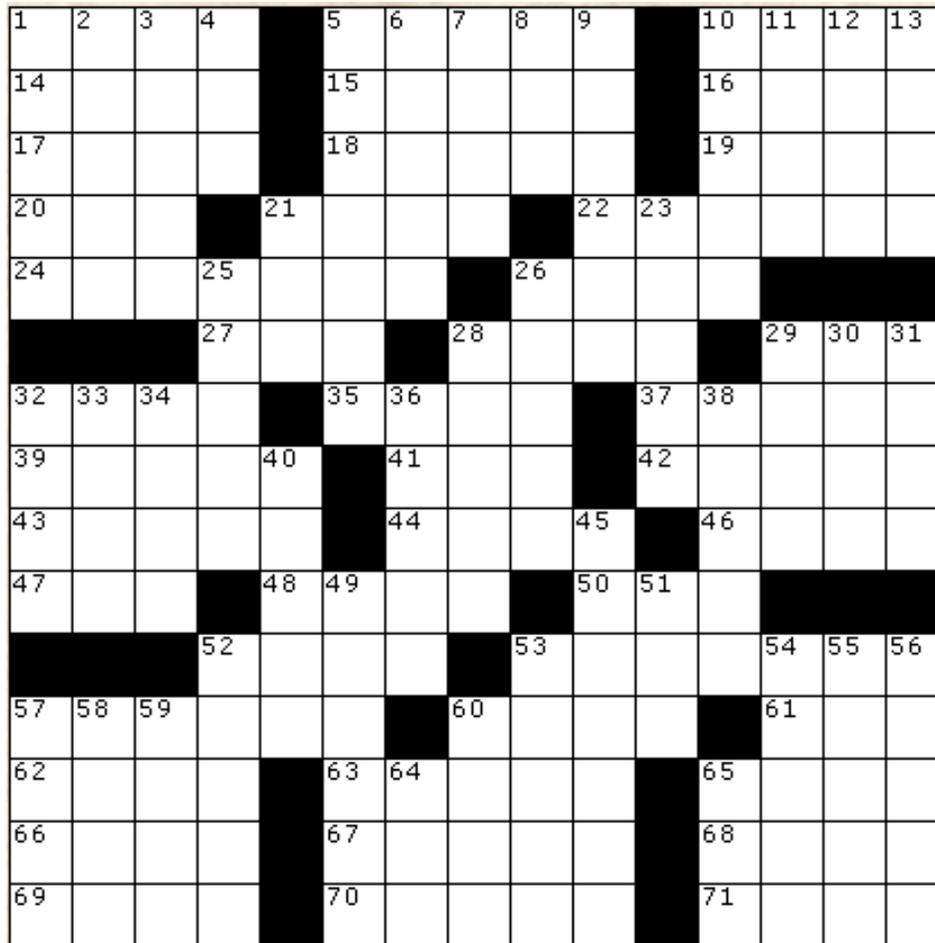
Our Redeemer Goes to the Fair



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Christian Bible Reference Site



ACROSS

- 1 Peak
- 5 Sleep disorder
- 10 Garden of __
- 14 Not that
- 15 Teddies
- 16 Tear down
- 17 Faction
- 18 Wife of Abraham, originally
- 19 Halo
- 20 Serving of corn
- 21 Webbed
- 22 Disqualify from practicing law
- 24 One of Jesus' 12
- 26 Word interpreted by Daniel
- 27 Hoopla
- 28 How Judas betrayed Jesus
- 29 Santa's helper
- 32 The __ of God (Jesus)
- 35 Night light
- 37 Sugar-free brand

39 Ancient Greek marketplace

- 41 Furning
- 42 Mock
- 43 Fisherman disciple
- 44 Otherwise
- 46 Ocean movement
- 47 Compass point
- 48 Heroic tale
- 50 BB association
- 52 __ fide
- 53 Mocked
- 57 Putting together
- 60 Globes
- 61 Samuel's mentor
- 62 Quell
- 63 Type of alcohol
- 65 Related
- 66 Bluish green
- 67 Cultivate
- 68 Surrender
- 69 Eye infection
- 70 Blemishes
- 71 Sliding toy

DOWN

- 1 Afloat (2 wds.)
- 2 Tawdry
- 3 Opp. of macro
- 4 Time zone
- 5 Son of David
- 6 On earth __ good will toward men
- 7 Not one
- 8 Epoch
- 9 Side notes
- 10 Take away
- 11 Smear
- 12 OT book of history
- 13 Approach
- 21 Type of partnership
- 23 Set in
- 25 Cavalry sword
- 26 "Great __ think alike"
- 28 Kangaroo bear
- 29 Decorative needle case
- 30 Loan
- 31 Lavish party

32 What dogs sit on

- 33 Gets older
- 34 Speck of wood, etc. (KJV)
- 36 Last letter of Greek alphabet
- 38 The devil
- 40 Malicious burning
- 45 Endows
- 49 Gets mad
- 51 Public transportation
- 52 Holy book
- 53 Rendezvous
- 54 Word interpreted by Daniel
- 55 Omit
- 56 Ate
- 57 Book after Gospels
- 58 Performing couple
- 59 Cart for hauling heavy things
- 60 Buckeye State
- 64 Strike lightly
- 65 American

Cancer Society (abbr.)



LCMS Lutheran among 'heroes' in French-train ordeal

on August 25, 2015 in [News](#), [Reporter](#), [Top Story 4](#)

One of three heroic Americans who risked their lives to subdue an armed attacker on a train bound from Amsterdam to Paris Aug. 21 is a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Roseburg, Ore., and his congregation is beaming with pride for him.

French President François Hollande, left, awards the Legion d'Honneur, Aug. 24 to Alek Skarlatos, a U.S. National Guardsman and Lutheran from Roseburg, Ore., while Airman 1st Class Spencer Stone, right, looks on at the Elysee Palace in Paris. Hollande also pinned Legion d'Honneur medals on Stone and Anthony Sadler. The three men, lifelong friends, were honored for subduing a gunman Aug. 21 as he moved through a train with an assault rifle strapped to his chest. (AP Photo/Michel Euler, Pool)



St. Paul member and Oregon Army National Guardsman Spc. Aleksander Skarlatos and his childhood friends — Airman 1st Class Spencer Stone and Anthony Sadler — thwarted the attack as they were on vacation when a gunman reportedly entered the train carrying an AK-style machine gun, a handgun and a box cutter.

Skarlatos reportedly spotted the attacker and alerted his friends. Stone then rushed the gunman as Skarlatos and Sadler assisted in disarming and subduing the assailant. A British passenger also assisted later in the scuffle, according to media reports.

“It wasn’t a conscious decision,” Skarlatos said in a [U.S. Air Force News Service \(AFNS\) report](#) Aug. 23. “We didn’t even have time to think about it. We just acted.”

[The Associated Press \(AP\) reported](#) that the gunman was identified as 26-year-old Moroccan Ayoub El-Khazzani. The AP also reported El-Khazzani was detained and, as of Aug. 23, European authorities continued to investigate El-Khazzani’s possible ties to Islamic militants.

French President François Hollande, left, awards the Legion d'Honneur, Aug. 24 to Alek Skarlatos, a U.S. National Guardsman and Lutheran from Roseburg, Ore., while Airman 1st Class Spencer Stone, right, looks on at the Elysee Palace in Paris. Hollande also pinned Legion d'Honneur medals on Stone and Anthony Sadler. The three men, lifelong friends, were honored for subduing a gunman Aug. 21 as he moved through a train with an assault rifle strapped to his chest. (AP Photo/Michel Euler, Pool)

We often use the word hero, and in this case I know that word has never been more appropriate,” Hartley said in the AFNS report. “They are truly heroes. When most of us would run away, Spencer, Alek and Anthony ran into the line of fire, saying ‘Let’s go.’ Those words changed the fate of many.”

On hearing about his church member’s heroism, the Rev. Andrew Farhat, who is pastor at St. Paul, said he wasn’t surprised by Alek’s bravery.

“Alek and his father, Emmanuel [Skarlatos] and stepmother, Karen, became members of our church in 2011. Alek was always a strong-minded person who wanted to do things his way,” Farhat said. “After working at [a local store] for a while, he decided that he wanted to serve his country. At first, his father was very concerned about what could happen. But later, with the help of faith, he decided to bless his son’s endeavors. Little did he know that his son would become an internationally renowned hero.”

Farhat said Alek’s public news feed on Facebook indicates that within only two days, Alek had spoken with President Barack Obama, Vice-President Joe Biden and Hollande.

“The congregation feels honored,” said Farhat. “We live in a small city in southern Oregon that most people have not heard of, so many of our members felt proud and honored that a man from our community acted with no fear to disarm a terrorist and save innocent lives.”

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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.



Luke 15:11-31

I have empathy with the Father
for my words fall on the deaf ears
of my children.
I try to open doors,
but find them closed and locked
against me.
They trust the words of strangers
instead of people who have seen them
grow since birth.
Perhaps I did the same.

But I cry to You, O Lord,
to help them--give them wisdom
beyond their years.
They do not realize their immaturity.

I do not want them to find ten years
from now that their parents were right;
my pain would be too great.
Their troubles are mine,
for they came from within me;
but they will never know my distress,
until they also have children.

My Word falls on the deaf ears
of My children.
I try to open doors,
but find them closed and locked
against Me.
They trust the words of strangers
instead of Me who has seen them
grow since birth.
So I gave them My Son.

I want them to call to Me, their Lord,
to help them--to give wisdom
beyond their years.
They do not realize their immaturity.

I do not want them to find ten years
from now that their Lord God was right;
My sorrow would be too great.
Their troubles are Mine,
for I made and formed them,
but they will never know My full pain.
They are body and soul, Mine.

~Carol Schuldt