



The Parish Beacon

Volume 337– No. 8

September 2016

Greetings ...

from the land of the Patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
from the land flowing with milk and honey,
from the land of Joshua, Caleb, the Judges, and Samuel,
from the land of the United Kingdom, Saul, David, and Solomon,
from the land of the Divided Kingdom, Israel to the north, Judah to the south,
from the land exiled by the Assyrians and the Babylonians,
from the land rebuilt by Zerubbabel and Nehemiah,
from the land where John the Baptist said, “Behold the Lamb of God” (John 1:21), and
from the land where Jesus said, “Follow me” (Matthew 4:19).

Greetings from Israel!

In the last ten days we have visited 25 national parks and many other locations.

We started in Jerusalem,

traveled East to the Jericho Overlook, the Jordan River, the Dead Sea, and Masada,
traveled South to the Arad, Beersheba, and wondered in the Wilderness of Tsin,
traveled West to the Shephelah and the Ailajon, Sorek, Eluh, Guvrin, and Lachish Valleys,
traveled North to Mount Carmel, Nazareth, Capernaum, Sea of Galilee,
all the way to Dan, Caesarea Philippi, and Mount Herman.

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. (Luke 9:51)

As I write this letter we are following the Jordan River down to Jericho and over to Jerusalem. The final days of this class will be spent in Jerusalem as we tour sites, visit museums, and finish lectures.

This fall in Bible Study I will unpack some of these locations. We will explore the geography of this Biblical land, and we will see through the scriptures the impact geography has upon our understanding of scripture.

Please plan to join me Sunday mornings!

Until then, may God’s holy angels continue to watch over you and me.

I cannot simply express the impact that touring this land has had upon me, and I am grateful to the Seminary, our congregation, my family, and those who financial contributed to make this trip possible. I pray the knowledge and experiences I have gained will positively impact my teaching and preaching.

God Bless, Pastor Hartwig



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SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

- 1 Board of Elders 6:00pm
- 4 Missionary Presentation 9:30am
- 5 *Labor Day—Office Closed*
- 6 Human Care 6:00pm
- 7 Bible Study 11:00am
Lunch Bunch 12:00pm
Kids Club Teacher Orientation 6:45pm
- 8 Board of Directors 7:00pm
- 10 Men's Bible Study 8:00am
- 11 *Rally Day*
Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible Study 9:30am
Potluck 12:00pm
Confirmation & High School Orientation 1:00pm
- 12 Outreach Committee 6:30pm
LWML Mission Guild Board 6:45pm
Mission Committee 7:00pm
- 13 Women's Beth Moore 9:30am
- 14 Midweek Meal 6:00pm
Midweek Classes 6:45pm/Adult 7:00pm
Properties Committee 7:00pm
- 15 Comfort-Tiers 9:00am
Women's Beth Moore 7:00pm
- 16-17 6th Grade Retreat
- 18 Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible Study 9:30am
Voters' Meeting 12:00pm
- 19 LWML Mission Guild 6:00pm
- 20 Assimilation 7:00pm
- 21 Bible Study 11:00am
Lunch Bunch 12:00pm
Midweek Classes 6:45pm/Adult 7:00pm
- 22 Theology 101 7:00pm
- 24 Men's Bible Study 8:00am
- 25 Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible Study 9:30am
- 27 Women's Beth Moore 9:30am
- 28 Midweek Classes 6:45pm/Adult 7:00pm

BAPTISMS THIS WEEK



**Aleena Marie Cardona
Ariana Nicole Cardona**
Saturday, August 27, 2016

Parents

Jonathan Cardona
Barbara Yelena Perez-Cardona

Sponsor

Denise Schwarting

Witness

Cortney Perry

**ONE LORD
ONE FAITH
ONE BAPTISM**

2016-2017 Equipping Disciples books are available now! Pick up one today to have the year in brief available.

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 Holda myrl-holda@uiowa.edu or
Louise Klopp choirdirector@ourredeemer.org

Watch *Reflections* for information on:

FALL SCHEDULE



MIDWEEK CLASSES START

September 14

Meal at 6:00pm
Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm

Classes at 6:45pm
Adult Bible Study 7:00pm



September 11
Fall Sunday School begins
Potluck 12:00pm
Confirmation/High School
Orientation 1:00pm



LWML FALL RETREAT
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
September 9 - 10



September 16-17
Our Redeemer

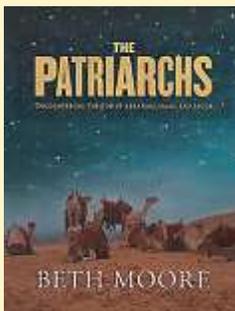


September 18
After 10:30 am Worship
Fellowship Hall

GUILD MEETING
Salad Supper/Convention
Report
September 19 at 6:00pm
Fellowship Hall



Molly Christensen, Speaker
September 4
9:30am
Fellowship Hall



WOMEN'S BETH MOORE

Tuesdays 9:30-11:30am,
starting September 13

Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm,
starting September 15



DIRECTORY PHOTOS
September 17/18
October 8/9
After all services



**NEW MEMBER BRUNCH &
EDUCATION ENRICHMENT**
October 2
12:00pm
Fellowship Hall



Stephen Ministry

By Marcia Hulse

We care, Christ cures.

“This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.” (1 John 1:5-7).

Sometimes when we turn on our car’s headlights in the dark, foggy rain, we cannot see them shining. We cannot be sure if they are really on. Their reflection is blocked by the fog and the darkness. To assure ourselves that they are on, we might pull up to a building and let the headlights shine *against* it.

At times, our faith is like that. As we move through our daily life, we know inside that we are a Christian. But when we fail to allow our faith to shine, darkness may be there; and depression, discouragement, or doubt can creep in. Then others cannot see our faith - there is no light.

When our faith shines *against* God’s Word, the light shines brightly and reflects right back. The light illuminates any darkness and gives us the assurance that we are beloved by God. It shines directly on the path that we are reluctant to travel. When our faith shines *against* others, their light mixes with our light and both glow brighter, illuminating the dark places of the soul.

As Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers involved in caring ministry, we have the opportunity to shine the light of our faith *against* each other and our care receivers. Together we can discover that our love, our caring, and our faith are shining brightly. Our light combines with the light of others to glorify Jesus, the Light of the World - “in him there is no darkness at all.” Let us shine our lights toward one another.

Kids Club

Classes Start on

September 14th 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 1st and 2nd 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





FAITH FEST

August 6, 2016



Thanks to Donna Saehler,
organizer, Outreach Committee,
Praise Team, and all the other
volunteers for creating this event to
bridge the gap between Johnson
County Fair and Our Redeemer.

Pictures courtesy of Kara Hartwig



KUDOS



Our Redeemer's

Board of Directors recognizes

MARTY KRANZ

for purchasing sand for the preschool playground

STEVE SCOTT

for providing the equipment to move sand into the playground area

ANITA NICHOLSON

for planning and organization of Swaziland mission trip and activities

Thank you all!

Financials - August

- July ended with total income of \$51,428.96 with expenses of \$54,419.97 giving a negative cash flow of \$(2,991.01).
- Year to date income \$374,086.33 with expenses of \$387,125.87 giving a negative cash flow of \$(13,039.54). Last year at this time, there was a negative cash flow of approximately \$(19,602.14).



I wish to express my deep gratitude for the well wishes and deeds of love shown to Carol and me since my surgery. Recovery has been slow but God is good—the surgery was successful and I am healing well. Thank you so much for your care and love and ongoing prayers. God be praised for His love and healing power!

Pastor Tim Zimmermann



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

God is able to do

Immeasurably

MORE

than we can imagine . . .

...according to the power that works within us.

Ephesians 3:20

Fall brings not only school, falling leaves, and cooling weather, but this year also brings a capital campaign to Our Redeemer. On May 21, voters approved a plan to refurbish and renovate parts of the church, including finishing renovations to the sanctuary, new flooring, new bathrooms for the preschool, a divider for the fellowship hall, and a restructured narthex.

The next step will be a capital campaign starting in September. LCEF Consultant John Sproul will start us off with an “Imagine Weekend” on September 17 and 18. An “Inform Weekend” follows on October 15 and 16 with a lunch following the October 16 10:30 am service. There will be a campaign presentation as a part of this kid-friendly event.

Look for this “Immeasurably More” logo to announce other dates and events, and to identify campaign materials.

The Youth Relaxing on Coralville Lake



Thanks to the Reynolds family for hosting this outing!

Welcome to Preschool!

I pray that you had some great quality time with your family this summer. I know my family sure enjoyed the different pace. Praise God for our reenrollment to preschool this year, 23 students enrolled! 11 students will attend on M/W/F and 14 students will attend the T/TH class. Of these students there are 4 that will attend everyday.

Orientation Night will be Wednesday August 31st from 6:30-7:30pm.

This will be Mrs. Kate and Mrs. Kaja's 4th year teaching together!



*Dear Lord,
Our creator, our savior, our companion,
bless this journey of a new school year
that we undertake. Refresh our souls and
renew our spirits as we embrace the
beautiful ministry you have called us to.
We welcome those who are new and ask
that you strengthen them to share the
wonderful gifts you have given them. Lord,
make our hearts pure as we prepare for
the return of students and teachers to
school, and may you guide them to return
with open hearts and minds eager to
learn.*

*We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen*

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

Enroll TODAY

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.

Moving Crew for Vicar Peter & Melissa Adelsen
Wishing you God's blessings!



WELCOME!

Our Redeemer is happy to welcome Vicar Andrew Wolfgram and his wife Cassie!

The Adelsens moved out of the vicarage on Friday, August 19, the cleaning crew under Brenda Johnson

“swept through” over the weekend and another moving crew helped the Wolfgrams move in on Tuesday, August 23.

Remember the boxes in the narthex to help them “stock the pantry.”

Thanks to all the Our Redeemer volunteers!

Thank you!



Youth Peach Fundraiser



Photos courtesy of Karyl Bohnsack and Kara Hartwig



Pick Up Day - August 20
4 hours
400+ cars served
60 volunteers





Back to School: Children's Eye Health and Safety

Vision plays an important role in your child's physical, mental, and social development. Uncorrected vision problems can impair child development, interfere with learning, and even lead to permanent vision loss. Early detection and treatment of eye problems are critical.

Be an advocate for your child's vision and eye health!

1. Make sure your child's healthcare provider, educator, or public health program completes regular vision screenings.
2. Take your child to an eye doctor (optometrist or ophthalmologist) if they do not pass a vision screening, if they are at increased risk of a vision problem due to developmental delay, medical condition, or a family history of vision problems, or if you have a concern about your child's vision.
3. Follow all treatment recommendations the eye doctor prescribes for your child- including eye glasses, wearing an eye patch, medications, and/or surgical recommendations.

Eye Safety

For all age groups, sports-related eye injuries occur most frequently in water sports, basketball, and baseball/softball.

More than 25,000 people seek treatment for sports-related eye injuries each year. The good news is that almost all of these injuries can be prevented. Whatever your game, whatever your age, you need to protect your eyes!

Take the following steps to avoid sports eye injuries:

- Wear proper safety goggles (lensed polycarbonate protectors) for racquet sports or basketball. In order to be assured that your eyes are protected, it is important that any eye guard or sports protective eyewear are labeled as ASTM F803 approved. This eyewear is performance tested to give you the highest levels of protection.
- Use batting helmets with polycarbonate face shields for youth baseball.
- Use helmets and face shields approved by the U.S. Amateur Hockey Association when playing hockey.
- Know that regular glasses don't provide enough protection



All information was obtained from:

<http://www.preventblindness.org/getting-your-child-ready-school>

<http://www.preventblindness.org/sports-eye-safety>

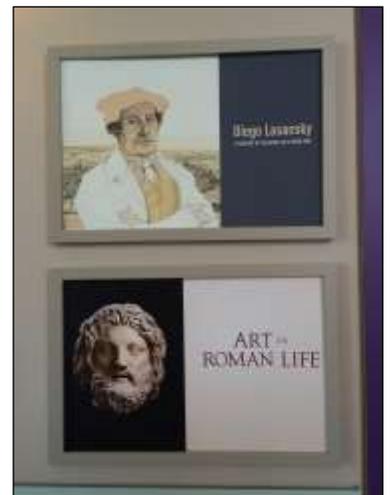


ROAD TRIP

Saturday, August 20



Pictures
courtesy of
Beth
Hargens





MISSION	AUGUST PAYMENT
Iowa District East	\$4,583.33
Hospice of Iowa City	\$375.00
LCMS World Mission Iowa	\$500.00
Peace Officer Ministry	\$250.00
TOTAL	\$5,708.33
Member Contributions	
Crisis Center	\$125.00
Lutherans For Life	\$240.00
Transforming Campus	310.00

BOWLING EVENT

Sunday, August 21

Thanks to Art & Denise Schwarting for coordinating this event!



Photos courtesy of Kaja Mueller

BIBLE WORDGAMES



A Look at 2016 Thus Far

With your help, Bridgehaven has provided the following services and material support to women, men and families in our community during the period of January through June 2016:

- 256 Pregnancy Tests (50 abortion-vulnerable clients)
- 273 Ultrasounds
- 205 Spiritual Discussions with 16 Gospel presentations
- 20,252 Food Items
- 15,194 Diapers
- 351 containers of Formula
- 74 Layettees
- 69 Emergency Assistance recipients
- 1,069 Students reached through Prevention department

INGATHERING FOR IO-DIS-E-CA

Items needed by September 8:

- Paper towels
- Paper napkins
- Toilet paper
- Postage stamps
- Laundry detergent

Place items in the blue tub labelled for Io-Dis-E-Ca across from the kitchen.

LWR

Items still needed for school kits:

- **BLUNT** school scissors
- 2. 5" Erasers
- Pencil sharpeners
- 30 cm/inches ruler

Doublepuzzle 7

RELDE
17 3 1 9 11

NOARM
7 12 13 19

TSIIV
4 21

KEME
8 20 2

VEIF
10 15 5 18

SETMI
23 14 6

Unscramble the letters on the left to form words. Then take the letters from the numbered boxes and place them in the same numbered boxes at the bottom to form a Bible phrase. Some numbers are used more than once

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Membership Changes and Official Acts

<u>Baptisms</u>	
Aleena Marie Cardona	8-27-2016
Ariana Nicole Cardona	8-27-2016
<u>Profession of Faith</u>	
Patricia Morrow	8-8-2016

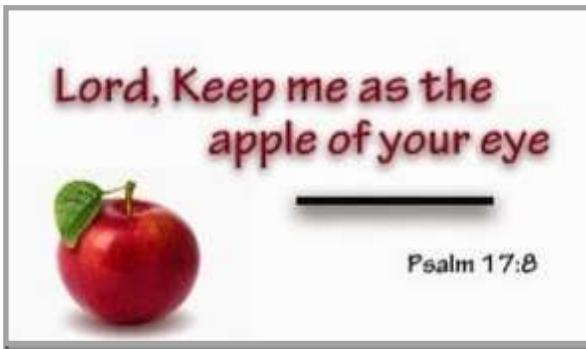
Christian Family Bible DoublePuzzle
Word Game Solution No.7
ELDER, ROMAN, VISIT, MEEK, FIVE, SMITE
Deliver me from mine enemies
(Ps.59:1) KJV

Youth

Peach Arrival Day August 19th



A huge thank you to Christian Schwarting and the Kooker Family including Jacob Sexton for all of their help with Peach Arrival Day!



September

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				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	

- 11 Confirmation and High School Orientation
All 6th—8th graders, High Schoolers and Parents 1—3 pm
- 14 1st Night of Confirmation and Midweek Classes 6pm Meal
Confirmation & High School 6:45pm Classes
- 16-17 Fall 6th Grade Confirmation Retreat Held at Our Redeemer
Confirmation youth (6th graders only)

Weekly Activities for Youth (6th - 12th grade)

Sundays
9:15 am—10:15 am

Sunday School
Growing In Christ

6th Graders Room 208 upstairs

7th & 8th Graders Board Room in the church office

High School Youth Youth Room

Wednesdays
6:45 pm—8:00 pm

6th Graders *alternate between lecture with Pastor and small group*

7th Graders *alternate between lecture with Vicar Wolfgram and small group*

8th Graders *alternate between lecture with Pastor and small group*

High School Youth Youth Room

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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 20th of each month.

TELEVISION ~ RADIO

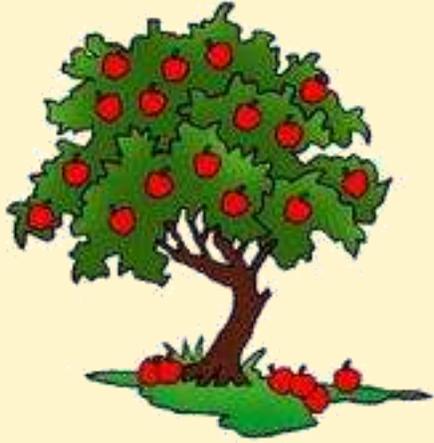
Our Redeemer Worship Service on Public Access TV Channel 18 every Wednesday at 4:00 pm.

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.



Apple Harvest

Proverbs 14:30

On my tree of life
 hang many apples.
Some are ripening,
 some turning to rot.
I shall savor each
 delicious one
And not keep the
 taste of the others
 in my mouth.

Carol Schuldt

