



First Avenue and Court Street
Iowa City, IA 52245
Phone: 319-338-5626

Email: redemer@ourredeemer.org
www.ourredeemer.org

Reflections

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
And Preschool



Weekly Newsletter - May 20/21, 2017

~ Sixth Sunday of Easter ~

Blessing Books

Now through Saturday, May 20th

Narthex

WHO SHOULD SIGN THE BLESSING BOOKS?

Everyone in the congregation

WHAT SHOULD I WRITE?

Write a short note of Christian encouragement, share your favorite Bible verse or simply sign your name.



Blessing Books will be given to the seniors at the Graduation Breakfast.



Graduation Breakfast
Sunday, May 21st
9:15 am
Fellowship Hall

The whole congregation is invited to attend.

Everyone is invited to Grace Hartwig's
 graduation open house
 from 3:00 pm—7:00 pm
 Sunday, May 21, 2017 in the Fellowship Hall

GRADUATION PRAYER

Anonymous

Father,
I have knowledge, so will You show me now,
How to use it wisely and find a way somehow
To make the world I live in a little better place,
And make life with its problems a little bit easier to face.

Grant me faith and courage and put purpose in my days,
And show me how to serve Thee in effective ways.

So my education, my knowledge and my skill
May find their true fulfillment as I learn to do Thy will.

And may I ever be aware in everything I do,
That knowledge comes from learning, and wisdom comes from You.
Amen.



CLASS OF 2017

Kelsey Benson
 Andrew Doll
 Blake Ealy
 Grace Hartwig
 Drake Hotz
 Gregory Hotz
 Morgan Hotz
 Alex Kooker
 Annika Kopf
 Katie Loney
 Brittany Pirkil
 Michael Schmidt
 Logan Stuart
 Joseph Van Zante
 Bryce West
 Drew West



Through May 28, voting to distribute the \$5000 that the Mission Committee is providing for missions will take place. Penny voting (up to one dollar per person per Sunday) will determine the distribution of funds sent to each agency. Voting monies will also be sent to that

mission. No denominations over a dollar will be counted in the vote, though the money would go to that organization. Info sheets available on voting table.

Agencies include:

- Mission Central - mission training/conference center in Western Iowa that supports missionaries around the world
- Bright Stars of Bethlehem - focused on bringing hope to Palestine
- Orphan Grain Train - Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical, and other needed items to 65 countries
- Peace Officer Ministry - Christian law enforcement chaplaincy ministry resource for officers
- Lutheran Indian Ministries—Alaska Native American ministry
- Lutheran Hour - Christian outreach ministry
- Voice of the Martyrs - supports the persecuted Church around the world
- MOST Ministries - Christian non-profit that connects, trains, and sends short-term mission teams throughout the world



I Love To Tell The Story

Summer Sunday School

June 11-July 9

July 23-August 13

August 27

Come and join us for a summer of hearing the story of Jesus
from The Lord's Supper to His ascension.

9:30 Sanctuary for Opening with Pastor/Vicar

Hymn Sing

9:40-10:15 Separate for Bible Study (locations TBA)

Adult, High School, Confirmation & Toddlin'-5th grade

**We are looking for 10 volunteers to teach one already prepared children's lesson on one Sunday. Anyone from the congregation who loves to share the story of Jesus with the children of Our Redeemer is welcome! The lessons will be simple and share the story in a fun way!*

Contact: Marnie Schrader, mvschrader@icloud.com to volunteer



Willing to provide special music this summer? It could be singing, alone or with a group, playing an instrument or a combination. Twyla Freeman will work with you to find a weekend. Call Twyla Freeman at 319-530-2371 or email at taf13146@ourredeemer.org.



Beginning this weekend, you will have the opportunity to sign up to represent Our Redeemer Lutheran Church by volunteering to serve our community on June 4. Below is a list of agencies who need our assistance with descriptions of volunteer activities:

Briarwood

Play bean bag toss/bowling game with residents.

Crisis Center

Putting river rock around the border areas of the Crisis Center

Domestic Violence Shelter

Yard work

Elder Services

Many individual yards need clean-up

Harvest Preserve Foundation

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

Hope Lodge

Dusting, vacuuming, cleaning kitchen, etc.

Housing Fellowship

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

Iowa City Rehabilitation and Health Care Center

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

**NO 10:30 AM SERVICE
JUNE 4!**

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
OR ADULT CLASS**

**Regular Saturday, June 3
5:30 pm Divine Worship**

**Sunday, June 4
8:00 am Divine Worship**

**For those who share Christ Cares Day AND
those who simply wish to worship**

SCHEDULE FOR CHRIST CARES

8:00 –9:00am	Worship
9:00-9:30am	Dismissal & travel to site
9:30-11:30am	Volunteer at site
11:30am-Noon	Travel back to church
Noon	Meal

Lantern Park

Painting resident's nails and games.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Help with lunch in Fellowship Hall and make cards

Ronald McDonald House

Prepare and make crockpot meal for residents to be cooked later.

Secrest 1883 Octagonal Barn

Painting and other restoration projects

**Sign up in
the narthex!**



May 25
7:00—9:00 pm
Board Room

Bring your questions—
Stump the Vicar!



**TIME TO WATCH
FOR WATER BARGAINS**

Each year Outreach sponsors a float in the Coralville 4th of July parade. Volunteer parade walkers hand out bottles of water labelled with a Christian message. Many of the bottles donated by congregational members are labelled during VBS (June 19-23) so start bringing cases of water to the Fellowship Hall.

Media Sponsor **MatureFocus**

The Church Basement Ladies
in
Rise Up, O Men SM

Sponsored by John and Peg Shisher

The newest addition in the *Church Basement Ladies* series, *Rise Up, O Men*, is a musical comedy featuring the men of the church and your favorite ladies from the basement. As these hard-working farmers discuss "man stuff," they unintentionally disrupt the order of the kitchen. But that's what happens when you let the rooster in the hen house. Will you have fun? You betcha!

Written by Greta Grooch; Music by Dennis Curley; Lyrics by Dennis Curley; Greta Grooch; Additional Material by Graydon Royce; Inspired by the books of Janet Leites Martin and Suzanne Nelson including the best-seller *Growing Up Lutheran*.

OLD CREAMERY THEATRE
Professional Theatre Since 1971

Anyone interested in going to Amana Old Creamery Theatre to attend the fun event of "The Church Basement Ladies in Rise Up, O Men"? We reserved tickets to attend on Sunday, Oct. 22 at 2 p.m. Group rate is \$27. If interested in reserving your ticket, please call (338-5546) or email Cynthia Fruendt at dcfruentd@msn.com. Deadline to get the group tickets is May 28.

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE!



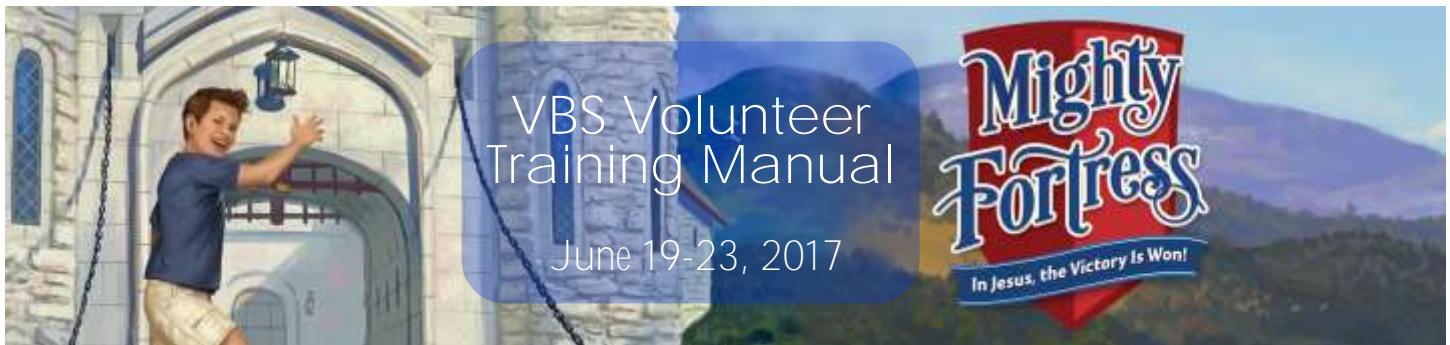
Reserve your spot now to help pack meals--the Mission Committee has 15 slots! Our Redeemer will be helping to pack meals for "Feed



My Starving Children" on **Saturday, June 10th from 9:00—11:00 am at Iowa City High School.** Children

(age 5 and above) and adults hand pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children that are shipped to nearly 70 countries around the world. This is a great event for families to participate in a mission opportunity and it only involves two hours of your time!! Participants from previous years have enjoyed being able to participate in this event.

Sign up in the church office or contact Denise Holida to participate.



VBS Volunteer Training Manual

June 19-23, 2017


June 19—23, 2017 from 9-11:45am

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church & Preschool—2301 E. Court St, Iowa City #338-5626

Key Bible Verse: “Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 15:57

At Mighty Fortress, kids learn that God is their refuge and strength. Friends may fail them. They may not ace their test or make the team, but God promises to be their rock and their salvation—their fortress and sure defense. So raise your banner! In Jesus, the victory is won!

Registration is open—children age 3 years (potty trained) through current 7th graders are invited to VBS. Current 8th through 12th grade students can volunteer to work! They will get to enjoy a fantastic week here at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church & Preschool this summer. The transformation from church home to VBS theme is amazing! Our mornings begin with a spectacular opening, which is followed by great Bible lessons, fun crafts, games, snacks, and recreation. Student Registration Forms are in the church office and online at: <https://vbsmate.com/OurRedeemerChurchPreschool>

NEEDS!!! We always need snack and paper products. The snack list will is in the church office. 

VOLUNTEERS

We need a Game Leader, Trail Guides for each class, people to help with crafts, snacks, games, and in all our classes. Volunteers are always needed to help us reach approximately 200 children! All volunteers 18 years and older will need to complete a Background Check before VBS starts.

There will be a mandatory meeting for all volunteers on June 11 immediately following 10:30 am service. Contact Tiffany Roiseland at the.roislands@gmail.com.

SPONSORSHIP

Please consider sponsoring a child for Vacation Bible School (VBS). Each \$10 in sponsorship will help one child receive the music CD, crafts, snack, and a free Bible if they do not have one at home.

We focus each year on regularly reading God’s Word from the Bible. At least 65% of the children who attend our VBS are non-members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church & Preschool, and often many may not have a Bible at home.

Our VBS outreach event helps us to reach many children from our congregation and the community (approximately 200 children total).

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone#: _____

Email: _____

Number of Children you would like to sponsor: ____

(Suggested donation of \$10/child)

Amount You Are Donating _____

Please return sponsorship to the church office. *Thank You! We ask you to also remember to pray for these children during the week of VBS. Thank you for your support!*

Our Redeemer Preschool Weekly Newsletter
May 15th-19th, 2017



Growing in Jesus

Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller

Assistant, Kate Ramsey

Substitutes, Sara Cross and Amy Schmidt-Rundell

Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949 www.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org preschoolassistant@ourredeemer.org

Enrollment for the 2017-2018 Preschool year has started.
A \$50 deposit and a completed Registration Form are required at this time.

BIBLE LESSON

The children learned that Peter and John healed a lame man in the name of Jesus. They showed him God's great mercy. They gave him something more important than anything else –Jesus! Doctors and our parents help us when we are hurt, but more importantly, Jesus heals us, too, especially from our sin! Praises to God!!



CRAFTS

Father's Day Craft
Parts of a Flower
Cutting on a Line

NEW LEARNING CENTERS

Flower Shop
Doctor's Office

READING CENTER

Are You My Mother?-P.D. Eastman
Busy People-Doctor-Lucy M. George
Grow, Flower, Grow-Lisa Bruce
Llama, Llama, Mad at Mama-Anna Dewdney
Numbers in God's World-Beverly Beckmann
Once There Was A Seed-Judith Anderson
Ten Apples On Top-Dr. Seuss
Ten in the Bed-Jane Cabrera
Ten Little Fish-Audrey Wood
Ten Tiny Tadpoles-Debbie Tarbett

SCIENCE CENTER

Parts of a Plant
Different kind of seeds



SENSORY TABLE

Seed Corn

SNACK FOR THE LAST WEEK

Monday: Anna
Tuesday: Bryson
Wednesday: Julia
Thursday: Joanna
Friday: Lillyan

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

*May 25th & 26th—Last days of Preschool!

A final program will begin at 11:45am in the church sanctuary upstairs. An optional lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

A sign up sheet to bring items for this lunch gathering is outside the preschool by the daily sign in sheet.

Butterfly Update: All five caterpillars survived and turned into butterflies! These "Painted Lady" butterflies were released right outside our church on Monday and Tuesday. Once out of the butterfly house, they fluttered above all the children and flew away. If you are interested in having this experience at home, you may purchase your own at www.insectlore.com.



Youth Happenings

Youth Summer Kickoff

6:30 pm on Wednesday, May 31st

All youth currently in 5th—12th grades

- Ice cream sundae bar
- Games (divided into 2 age groups: Confirmation and High School)
- Peach Fundraiser info
- Summer Youth Calendar

Parents, please plan to stay for the first 15 minutes



Confirmation

(students currently in 5th—7th grades)

Sign up to attend VBS

June 19 - 23, 2017 from 9:00 am—11:45am



- There are VBS classes for students through 8th grade (current 7th graders).
- Register online at: <https://vbsmate.com/OurRedeemerChurchPreschool>
- Registration forms are also available in the church office.

High School

(students currently in 8th—12th grades)

Volunteer to help with VBS

- High schoolers, including 8th grade graduates, are encouraged to contact Tiffany Roiseland (the.roislands@gmail.com or 719-217-3522) or Kara Hartwig to volunteer.

UKANDU Meeting

(for all participants and chaperones)

Thursday, June 1st

6:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

2017 THEME:

UNLEASHED

OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

Office: 338-5626 Fax: 338-9171 Website: <http://www.ourredeemer.org> Preschool: 338-3949
 Prayer Chain: 351-5297 or prayerchain@ourredeemer.org Special Announcements Line: 338-3505

<u>STAFF & EMAIL</u>	<u>PHONE NO.</u>	<u>STAFF & EMAIL</u>	<u>PHONE NO.</u>
Brent Hartwig, Senior Pastor bhartwig@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church) 337-2403 (home)	Kaja Mueller, Director of Christian Ed. dce@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church) 541-4827 (cell)
Kaja Mueller, Preschool Director Kate Ramsey, Assistant preschool@ourredeemer.org	338-3949 (preschool) 338-5626 (church)	Andrew Wolfgram, Vicar vicar@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church)
Sarah Gabel, Bookkeeper bookkeeper@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church)	Kara Hartwig, Youth Coordinator youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church)
Denise Holida Director of Small Group Ministry smallgroups@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church) 930-0165 (cell)	Louise Klopp, Director of Choirs choirdirector@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church)
Marilyn Paetz, Organist organist@ourredeemer.org	351-4262 (home)	Kate Ramsey, Preschool Assistant preschoolassistant@ourredeemer.org	
Kevin Sellers Director of Technology technology@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church) 631-8924 (cell)	Laurel Sellers, Office Coordinator redemer@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church)

2017 Board of Elders

Bill Benson	517-881-9848
Vaughn Davisson	319-648-4660
Jim Eick	338-1293
Myrl Holida (Chair)	351-4301
Skip Kempnich	351-5297
Val Penney	354-1453
Denny Schrader	461-7318
Arlan Thompson	338-2938
Marty Wenck	330-2761

2017 Board of Directors

President	Steven Scott	563-889-0990
Vice President	Alan Meyer	319-461-1748
Secretary	Jennifer Kooker	319-339-0175
Treasurer	Larry Freeman	319-400-8356
Board of Elders	Myrl Holida	319-351-4301
Properties	Rob Bowman	319-325-8989
At Large	Dave Johnson	319-333-9606
	Barb Schanbacher	319-351-3998
	Kevin Roiseland	319-230-5247

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. For more information on Lutheran Hour Ministries go to 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.