



Reflections



**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
And Preschool**

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Weekly Newsletter - June 4/5, 2016

~ *Third Sunday after Pentecost* ~



Christ Cares Community Service Sunday June 5, 2016

This weekend you have the opportunity to represent Our Redeemer Lutheran Church by volunteering to serve our community. Below is a list of agencies who need our assistance with descriptions of volunteer activities (*denotes agencies that particularly need workers):

Briarwood

Play bingo with residents.

Community Car Wash

The Our Redeemer Lutheran Church car wash will be hosted at the Eastside Hy-Vee.

Crisis Center

Indoor work and painting

*Domestic Violence Shelter

Yard work

Elder Services

Many individual yards need clean-up

Emerson Pointe

Play Bingo with residents.

Harvest Preserve Foundation

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

*Hope Lodge

Dusting, vacuuming, cleaning kitchen, etc.

Housing Fellowship

Yard Work at three sites. If rain, then cancelled.

Iowa City Rehabilitation and Health Care Center

Visiting residents, perhaps music

*Lantern Park

Visit and play games with residents

Our Redeemer

Help with lunch in Fellowship Hall and make cards

Ronald McDonald House

Provide, prepare, clean up meal at Ronald McDonald House

Secret 1883 Octagonal Barn

Painting and other restoration

There are service opportunities remaining! You can still sign up after the service and join in the fellowship of serving together. See the committee members in the narthex and pick up your shirt. Groups will gather and announcements will be made following the 8:00 am service.



July-September *Portals of Prayer & IDE Today* available at the Welcome Center

Christ Cares Schedule

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

LWML-IED Convention



June 17-18, 2016

William Penn University

201 Trueblood Avenue
Oskaloosa, IA

Visit the website for more information and registration:

<http://lwml-ied.org/resources/lwml-ied-convention/>



LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICE
Caring for Families in Iowa Since 1901

Building Healthy Families: In her book, "The Power of a Positive Mom", Karol Ladd notes the importance of intentionally planning for summer activities with your children. She suggests making a large poster with "The Summer of 2016" written across the top. Invite your kids to join you in making a list of fun activities you want to do over the next two months. Also include some summer rules, like how much television time will be allowed, what chores will be required and how late is too late to sleep in. A little planning will help you enjoy these months off and avoid that regretful September statement, "Where did the summer go?"

Lutheran Family Service
(319) 393-1000

Why should I consider wearing my name tag?

Because wearing your name tag helps –

- ◆ others to call you by name
- ◆ you to be known by others
- ◆ the vicar to match a name with a face
- ◆ encourage new members to wear their name tags
- ◆ those who have a hard time remembering names
- ◆ start conversations
- ◆ everyone to get to know each other better
- ◆ to identify those who are members and those who are visiting
- ◆ those who think they know your name, but because you're wearing your name tag, they can be sure of it.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

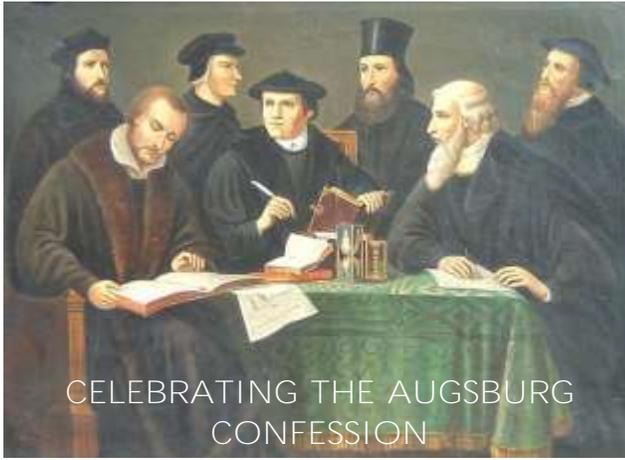
Care Initiatives Hospice is looking for caring, compassionate people in the Coralville area to become hospice volunteers. We currently have a patient at Lantern Park Specialty Care. Volunteers provide care and support to patients and families to help ensure quality of life at the end of life. Our volunteers determine their own schedule and can help by holding a hand, listening to memories and life stories, sharing special talents, give a hug, touch a heart. There are countless ways to help and change a life!

Call Mimi Leonard, Volunteer Coordinator, at 877-577-2999 or

mleonard@careinitiatives.org to learn more.

For more information about Care Initiatives Hospice, visit our website at

www.careinitiativeshospice.org .



CELEBRATING THE AUGSBURG
CONFESSION

If you can help out with special music for Sunday during the summer, please contact Twyla Freeman at 230-2371 or taf13146@ourredeemer.org.



The **Augsburg Confession** was presented on June 25, 1530. It was a return to the pure Gospel that our Lord Jesus Christ gave to his apostles. It is good for God's people to celebrate this day by hearing our Lord's holy Word and receiving the blessed Sacrament. On June 25, 2016 St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Bennett, IA cordially invites you to join us in celebrating this day. Please join us anytime after 4:00 pm. Our congregation will provide a meal at 5:00 pm. At 5:45 pm, Rev. Anthony Dodgers will teach us the significance and theology of the Augsburg Confession. The day will conclude with the Divine Service at 7:00 pm. Rev. John Preus will preach and Rev. Traphagan will be celebrant. Please join us, even **if you can only come for the Divine Service.**

4TH OF JULY BRING ON THE WATER

Each year Outreach sponsors a float in the Coralville 4th of July parade. Volunteer parade walkers hand out bottles of water labeled with a Christian message. Many of the bottles donated by congregational members are labeled during VBS (June 13-17) so start bringing cases of water to the Fellowship Hall.



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Come help us fight world hunger by volunteering to work a two hour shift hand-packing meals. Adults and children ages five and up can help pack meals. Volunteers can sign up as individuals or register with families, friends, coworkers, athletic teams, churches, etc.

Shifts are as follows:

Friday June 17th

- Packing Shift #1 8am to 10am
- Packing Shift #2 11am to 1pm
- Packing Shift #3 2pm to 4pm
- Packing Shift #4 5pm to 7pm
- Event Clean Up 7pm to 9pm

This is a great opportunity to serve in the community for just 2 hours. Register now for the MobilePack Event Feed My Starving Children. Slots fill up quickly. This year, Our Redeemer does not have a set time slot but we are encouraging members to volunteer for any of the shifts. Be sure to wear your "Our Redeemer" t-shirt for your shift. The Mission Committee did give a \$monetary donation in support of this event. Contact Denise Holida at smallgroups@ourredeemer.org with any questions.

You can register at: <https://shar.es/1dsqNw>

or call Cindy Vonderhaar at 319-530-8062
email her at cindy.vonderhaar@gmail.com

1 Day • 750 Volunteers • 148,000 Meals
June 17th – Mission Possible!

***Thank you for turning
hunger into HOPE!***

Our Redeemer Youth 19th Annual Colorado Peach Fundraiser



17-20 pounds per box
40-50 peaches per box
\$35 a box

It is that time of year when we look forward to the arrival of fresh, handpicked, juicy Colorado peaches. Early signs indicate a great 2016 peach harvest. As always, orders will be filled on a first come first serve basis-as quantities allow.

1. Your cleared check is your confirmation receipt.
2. You will be officially notified by postcard of the exact pick-up date and time once we get word that our peaches are ready. Pick up will be at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.
3. On pick up day, you must have your reminder postcard in hand. If you are having someone else pick up your peaches please give them your postcard.
4. Complete form, cut along dotted line and *keep top* portion for your records. *Return bottom portion with cash or a check payable to "LYF". Orders must be prepaid.* Orders should be dropped off at or mailed to:

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Attn: Peaches
2301 East Court Street
Iowa City, IA 52245

Questions or comments: Phone #319-338-5626 –ext. 27; OR email: peaches@ourredeemer.org

Cut on dotted line

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2016 Order Form

Return with payment to Church - No phone orders accepted

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email: _____

Number of Boxes: _____ @ \$35.00/Box = \$_____

IF APPLICABLE, name of youth who told you about peaches:

We greatly appreciate your support of youth ministry programs at Our Redeemer! All proceeds are divided among youth and their mission projects.

Now Enrolling
Our Redeemer
Preschool
 At corner of 1st Ave.
 and Court St., Iowa City
(319) 338-3949



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. Scholarship Money is available for those who apply. Please see Kaja Mueller for more information.

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

Put a lawn sign out today! Don't have one?

Pick one up in the narthex of church.

You're Invited
Cyles Carter's Ordination
Saturday, June 18 at 2:00 pm
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
7706 S. 96th St.
La Vista, NE 68128

Evangelicals and a Culture of Life

Lutherans For Life Fall Conference
Zion Lutheran Church
201 First Avenue, Hiawatha, Iowa
Saturday, September 17, 2016
2:00 pm

Free and open to all



On September 17, 2016, seminarian/currently Vicar Aaron Spratt will give us some food for thought on “evangelicals” and life issues. In this election year, the term “evangelical” is in many headlines. How do we as LCMS members relate to that term? It is most often seen in the legal name of many of our congregations, but society has changed. How does that affect us?

Seminarian Spratt served as vicar at Immanuel, Iowa Falls, and St. John’s, Hubbard, this past year. Prior to becoming a LCMS member and enrolling at Concordia Theological Seminary, Spratt and his wife had a difficult faith journey that included several “evangelical” churches. His experience is first-hand, and he will be sure to enlighten you with his presentation.



Kids
Sponsored: 8
Registered: 56

Vacation Bible School



June 13th - 17th from 9 - 11:30 am

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

Key Bible Verse: “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.” Psalm 23:1

VBS 2016 is “farm-tastic!” In Barnyard Roundup VBS, your children learn that Jesus gathers us together! They’ll look into the Bible, God’s Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts where Jesus graciously gathers us together to be with Him in His abundant provision and saving protection, now and forever. Registration is open for children age 3 years (potty-trained) through current 7th graders. High school 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/events/OurRedeemerChurchPreschool/3393>

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

** Paper Products * Snacks * Trail Guides*

CAN WE BORROW? Do you have some farm decorations we can borrow for VBS? Milk Jug, Fence, tractor, wheelbarrow, boots, etc.?

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are always needed to help us reach approximately 200 children! We have a Volunteer Registration Form in the church office. You can contact Kaja Mueller, #338-5626 or dce@ourredeemer.org. VBS Training Dates will be for all volunteers on Monday, June 9th (7:00 pm) and Sunday, June 12th (11:45 am); you are required to come to one of them. Kaja Mueller will be leading this hour of training. We will play a few games that you are encouraged to play with your classes and then we will get into the details of the week. A Potluck Lunch on June 12th will be for anyone who wants to stay after late worship and help set up for the week of VBS. You don't need to even be a leader in any way to help out. Just help move tables and set up decorations! The more hands the merrier.

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!*



Youth Happenings

UKANDU CHICAGO 2016

Sunday, June 19th —
Saturday, June 25th

UKANDU Meeting

for participants and parents

Sunday, June 5th

following the Christ Cares lunch
in the Youth Room

UKANDU Commissioning

for participants and chaperones

Sunday, June 19th

8:00 am worship service

UKANDU 2016 Theme:



*He Is Like A Tree Planted
By Streams Of Water That
Yields Its Fruit In Its Season,
And Its Leaf Does Not Wither.*

-Psalm 13

High school youth

meet at church

at **6:15 pm**

on **Tuesday, June 7th**

We'll carpool to Sycamore Mall for \$5 movie night.

Bring money for the movie and snacks/drinks.



Sign up in the
church office

Youth Lunch at Pizza Ranch

for Confirmation and high school youth

Wednesday, June 15th

12:00 pm (following VBS)

Parents are welcome to attend with the youth.

Bring money for lunch.



In Christ Alone
LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

July 13-21,
2016

NYG Meeting

Wednesday, June 15th

6:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

HUMILITY

Scripture focus: Philippians 2:5-11

God humiliates Himself for us in Christ. Christ's humility is our humility. This isn't just a virtue, but our reality. There is joy in living out humility in Christ alone.

IDENTITY

Scripture focus: Philippians 2:5-11, 1:21-26, 3:8-12

We live as both sinner and saint. This "identity crisis" is resolved in the blood of Christ. In Christ we are forgiven and given vocations in which to live out our identity in service to God and others. There is joy in our identity in Christ alone.

COMMUNITY

Scripture focus: Philippians 2:5-11, 1:3-7

There is true community in Christ alone. Community is diverse and inclusive spanning across space and time, a place to receive and practice grace. There is joy in the community created in Christ alone.

OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

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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.