



Reflections



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
And Preschool

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Weekly Newsletter - June 10/11, 2017

~ Trinity Sunday ~

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
June 4	<i>No Class—Christ Cares Sunday</i>	
June 11	Luke 22:1-23	Lord's Supper
June 18	Mark 14:26-72	Peter Denies Jesus
June 25	Matthew 27:11-66	The Passion of Christ
July 2	Matthew 28:1-10	The Resurrection of Jesus
July 9	John 20:1-18	The Empty Tomb
July 16	<i>No Class—UKANDU Mission Presentation</i>	
July 23	Luke 24:13-35	Jesus Appears on the Emmaus Road
July 30	John 20:19-31	Jesus Appears to Thomas
August 6	John 21:1-19	Jesus Appears in Galilee
August 13	Acts 1:1-11; Luke 24:44-53	Jesus Ascends Into Heaven
August 20	<i>No Class—Worship in the Park</i>	
August 27	Revelation 21-22	John's Vision of Heaven
September 3	<i>No Class—Labor Day Weekend</i>	
September 10	<i>Rally Day – 1st day of regular school year Sunday School</i>	

All ages meet
in the
sanctuary
starting
June 11 at
9:30 am



The
Pastor
is preaching in
Pekin, IL

Thanks, Vicar Wolfgram, for taking all the services this week while Pastor Hartwig preaches in Pekin.

Pastor Hartwig will be out of the office during the week for the next three weeks as he takes classes in St. Louis for his doctorate and then goes to UKANDU.



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.



Not able to go to Albuquerque for the LWML National Convention June 22-25? Go to www.lwml.org and click the link to livestream opening worship and all the sessions! Be encouraged, equipped, and engaged in celebrating God's faithfulness!



Note of thanks:

Eunice & Harold Scheer are very grateful for the cards, personal notes, & words of thanksgiving to our Lord & Savior for His blessing us with 50 years of marriage.

Building Healthy Families:

Jesus said, *"Your faith has made you well."* Lutheran Family Service counselors are privileged to witness the transformation of lives as God extends "grace by faith" to people at the point of their greatest need. Do you know someone who is struggling and in need of help? Give them the number for your nearest LFS counseling office. Your support of this work which allows many to be served regardless of their ability to pay is needed and always appreciated!

Lutheran Family Service

(319) 393-1000
LFSiowa.org



July - September *Portals of Prayer*
and
Today's Light
available in the narthex



I Love To Tell The Story

Summer Sunday School starts this
Sunday - June 11

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 volunteers to teach a single 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 you can share the story in a fun way!

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

**Your help needed
NOW!!**

Sharing God's Beauty!

What a joyous feeling I get when strangers driving by Our Redeemer, honk and thank us for the beautiful flowers outside. Because we believe the exterior of our church is our "first impression", the dedicated landscaping volunteers and mowers are diligently keeping our grounds attractive, inviting and just plain beautiful. This has only been possible with countless volunteer hours and very generous donations from the Lutheran Laymen's League and private donors.

Without their belief in our mission, none of what has been accomplished could have happened since landscaping is not a budgeted item for our church. SOME of the tasks we have accomplished include mulching all the large planting areas around the church and around the parsonage; finishing the rock mulching around the education wing; planting rose bushes, seasonal flowers and perennials; removing diseased trees; grinding out tree stumps; planting a new tree; trimming shrubs and last but not least, weeding!

Many, many thanks to everyone who has helped, donating your time and funding, so that the beauty and serenity of nature's colors created by our loving God can be enjoyed by members, visitors and those just driving by,

Oh, by the way, we always welcome new volunteers and totally love the returning volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please contact us by email or phone.

Your Landscaping Committee,

Linda Diggelmann (diggelfa@mchsi.com, 319-594-6908), Brenda Johnson (bkjrun@aol.com, 319-333-9653)





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.

Our Redeemer's Human Care Committee has enlisted a group of volunteers who may be willing to help you with a small job should you not be able to do it. These would be of short duration such as:

- Rides to the doctor, bank, drugstore
- Very light lawn or house work for someone during recovery after a hospital stay
- Tech support for computer
- Provide a meal after a hospital stay
- Move a piece of furniture
- Change light bulbs, etc.

Lawn mowing, snow-shoveling, and other heavy jobs or jobs that take a long time will probably not be something we can do.

So, if you need a little assistance or you would like to help in these areas, call Dave Hintze at 351-5873 and we will see what we may be able to do for you.



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. A \$50 deposit and a completed Registration Form are required to enroll. Forms are available in the church office

Contact preschool@ourredeemer.org or 319-338-3949 for more information.

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.*



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/events/OurRedeemerChurchPreschool/5283>

NEEDS!!! We always need snack and paper products. The snack list 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 100 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 100 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 Youth 20th Annual Colorado Peach Fundraiser



18-22 pounds per box
30-40 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. We're praying for a good harvest, but a freeze in late April may have caused damage that is still difficult to gauge. As always, orders will be filled on a first come first serve basis – as quantities allow.

Get your order form in early.

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

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2017 Order Form

Return with payment to Church – No phone orders accepted

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

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.*

Youth Happenings



Nerf Battle

For all Youth (6th—12th graders during 2017-18
& recent graduates)

Wednesday, June 14th at 6:00 pm

Bring your own Nerf gun and darts

For
Confirmation
& High School
Youth

Lunch after VBS

(students in 9th—12th grades during 2017-18, including recent grads)



Join us for lunch at Pizza Ranch following VBS.

Weds, June 21st

around 12:00 pm

Pizza Ranch at Sycamore Mall

Bring money to pay for your lunch. (Buffet \$9.99 + tax, includes drink)

Summer Schedule

Confirmation

(students in 6th—8th grades
during 2017-2018)

Events will be held once a month for this age group.

NEXT MONTH'S EVENT:

Boating on Coralville Lake
on Sunday, July 9th

Parent volunteers are needed to help. Let Kara know if you're available.

High School

(students in 9th—12th grades
during 2017-2018
& recent grads)

Events will be held **every Wednesday** night at
6:00 pm for this age group. (There are a few
exceptions.)

UPCOMING EVENT:

Cardboard City
on Weds, July 5th at 6:00 pm
until Thurs, July 6th

This is an overnight event.

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 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.