



# Reflections



**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
And Preschool**

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**Weekly Newsletter - June 11/12, 2016**

*~ Fourth Sunday after Pentecost ~*

## Summer Sunday School 2016 at 9:30am

Adult in the Sanctuary with Pastor

High School in the youth room

6,7,8<sup>th</sup> grades in room 208 studying "According to Plan"

Children/Toddlin' in Fellowship Hall with Kaja Mueller

Date	Adult	Children/Toddlin
June 12	God In The Jukebox	The Bronze Serpent
June 19	God In The Jukebox	Jesus Seeks & Saves The Lost
June 26	God In The Jukebox	Jesus Heals Ten Lepers
July 3	God In The Jukebox	Jesus Blesses the Little Children
July 10	<i>No Class - UKANDU Presentation</i>	
July 17	God In The Jukebox	David & Jonathan
July 24	<i>No Class - Swaziland Presentation</i>	
July 31	God In The Jukebox	Fall of Jericho
August 7	<i>No Class - NYG Presentation</i>	
August 14	God In The Jukebox	Deborah
August 21	God In The Jukebox	Sampson
August 28	<i>No Class—Worship in the Park</i>	
September 4	<i>No Sunday School—Labor Day</i>	
September 11	Rally Day - 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Regular Sunday School	

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

# 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: “A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society.” The counselors at LFS affirms this quote from Billy Graham and recognize the incredibly important role that strong fathers play in the lives of their children and in their families. Today is Father’s Day, so notice and sing the praises of the fathers you know who are leading their families through these challenging days!

**Lutheran Family Service**  
(319) 393-1000

**ACTION TEAMS**



**THRIVENT FINANCIAL®**  
*Connecting faith & finances for good.®*

What Action Team projects that you have applied for have been accepted? We know of around \$3000 in funded projects from last year—there may have been more.

To avoid duplications within Our Redeemer and have a record of the assistance given by Thrivent in 2016 over the course of the year, please let the church office ([redemer@ourredeemer.org](mailto:redemer@ourredeemer.org)) know if you have an approved project going so that we will have a record.

If you are looking for projects to apply for Action Team funds, let the office know. We have a list of possibilities if you need ideas. Thanks!

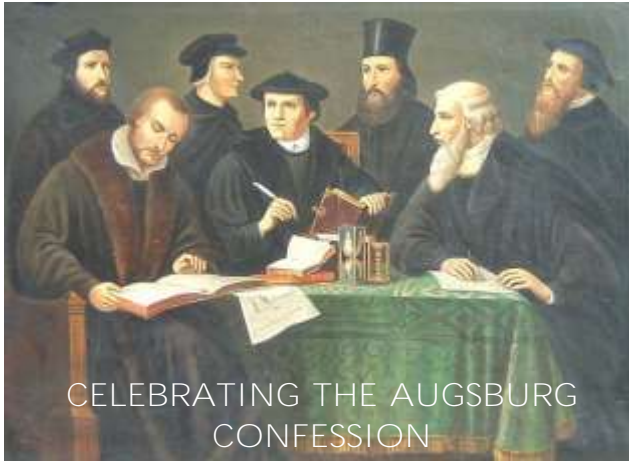


**Care Initiatives Hospice**

**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](mailto:mleonard@careinitiatives.org) to learn more. For more information about Care Initiatives Hospice, visit our website at [www.careinitiativeshospice.org](http://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.**

**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY BRING ON THE WATER**

Each year Outreach sponsors a float in the Coralville 4<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>

- 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](mailto:smallgroups@ourredeemer.org) with any questions.*

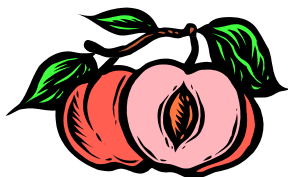
You can register at: <https://shar.es/1dsqNw>

or call Cindy Vonderhaar at 319-530-8062  
email her at [cindy.vonderhaar@gmail.com](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:peaches@ourredeemer.org)

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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](mailto: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.



June 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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/OurRedeemeerChurchPreschool/3393>

**CAN WE Still Attend?** Registration is still open to walk ins but we ask for any helpers we can have. Contact Kaja Mueller on Monday morning.

**Please pray for all the children and adults that they would hear the word of God!**



**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

Sign up in the church office

## Youth Lunch at Pizza Ranch

for Confirmation and high school youth

**Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

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 15<sup>th</sup>

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.

**UKANDU  
CHICAGO  
2016**

Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> —  
Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

## 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 1:3

### UKANDU

### Commissioning

for participants and  
chaperones

Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am worship service



Youth Night at AirFx

for high school youth

**Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**

Time to be announced

## OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

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### 2016 Board of Elders

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Skip Kempnich	351-5297
Val Penney	354-1453
Denny Schrader	530-1562
Arlan Thompson	338-2938
Marty Wenck	330-2761

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.