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Reflections

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
 And Preschool



Weekly Newsletter - June 17/18, 2017

~ *Second Sunday after Pentecost* ~

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
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>	



The righteous man leads a blameless life;
 blessed are his children after him.

~ Proverbs 20:7

A wise child makes a glad
 father...

~ Proverbs 15:20





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!

See the Chihuly Glass exhibit at the Czech and Slovak Museum on August 12. Meet in the church parking lot at 8:30 am for carpool or at the museum at 9:30 am. Lunch will follow. Sign up in the church office.



An Old Time Gospel Music Sing-A-Long and Jam Session hosted by the band "Heavens Callin'" that includes Kevin Kaufmann, Skip and Marilyn Kempnich will be held on Saturday, June 24 from 3-4:30 pm at UpTown Bill's, 730 S. Dubuque, Iowa City. Bring your voices, instruments, family, friends. Join the fun or sit back and enjoy listening.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

Arlette Victoria Menzel

Sunday June 18, 2017

8:00 am

Parents

Daniel Paul Menzel
Meghan Cathleen Grobe Menzel

Sponsors

Jared & Carly Ramthun

Tobias Ethan Haack

Sunday, May 14, 2017

10:30 am

Parents

Ryan Lee Haack
Allison Kaye Osborn Haack

Sponsors

Darrin Haack
Crissy Pence
Tiffany Roiseland



**ONE LORD
ONE FAITH
ONE BAPTISM**

July - September *Portals of Prayer*
and

Today's Light

available in the narthex



Did You Know: In addition to many other good reasons to pray, we know that praying with your spouse helps your marriage by promoting unity and increasing intimacy. It also correctly affirms mutual humility before God as leader in your relationship and home. If you haven't done so recently, gently take your partner's hand at the dinner table and offer a time of prayer. Enjoy the blessings that follow.

Lutheran Family Service

(319) 393-1000
LFSiowa.org



I Love To Tell The Story

Summer Sunday School
has started

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

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.



Three new Stephen Ministers will be commissioned today as well as Vicar Wolfgram.

Vaughn Davisson
Lynne Thomas
C. Jerry Wilske

Our Redeemer Preschool Hiring Assistant Teacher~



Our Redeemer is currently accepting applications for the job of Assistant Teacher of its preschool for the 2017-2018 school year. Our desire is to hire a morning, 8:45am—12:15pm, assistant teacher who has experience in early childhood education. If you are interested, need more information or know an LCMS teacher who may be interested, please contact Kaja Mueller, Preschool Director, 319-338-5626 or preschool@ourredeemer.org

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



CURRENT OPEN SLOTS:
M/W/F = 3, T/Th = 3

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 or in the narthex.

VOLUNTEERS

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. Still a chance to be involved—see Tiffany TODAY!

Contact Tiffany Roiseland at the.roiseland@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

Start licking your lips, dig out your bibs, clean out the canning jars, and get the pie crusts ready!

These hand-picked juicy peaches are back by popular demand. Tell your friends; tell your neighbors! One box weighs 18-22 pounds, contains 30-40 peaches (\$35).

All proceeds are divided among servant events, confirmation retreats, National Youth Gatherings, and general mission funds.



Order Forms are located in the church office.

***Please make checks payable to LYF.
No phone orders will be taken.***



OUR REDEEMER OUTREACH BOOTH

JOHNSON COUNTY FAIR

July 24-27, 2017



Now is the prime time to sign up to work the Our Redeemer fair booth, before time slots begin to fill. Come, work two hour shifts between 9:00 am and 9:00 pm. Work as many shifts as you would like. Three people per shift is ideal, especially at busy times.

A booth at the fair gives people an opportunity to share the word of Christ, as well as giving information to them about Our Redeemer. It is an opportunity for outreach to the 30,000-50,000 people who attend the Johnson County Fair.

Sign up in the church office today!

Questions? Contact Vicar Wolfgram

319-338-5626 ext. 22



2016 July 4 float

Help is needed to assemble the float on Saturday, July 1 at 9:00 am in the church parking lot. It will take approximately 1 1/2 hrs. If you can help, please contact Julie Nieland at (319) 530-1476.

4th of July Parade Day - Help is needed

The sign-up for walkers is in the church office. On the sign-up sheet please indicate if you will be able to help with the following:

- 1) Decorate at 8:45 am at the McGregor's parking lot
- 2) Help take the plastic and cardboard off the water at approximately 9:30 am
- 3) Walk in the parade

If you need a Christ Cares t-shirt please indicate that on the sign-up sheet.

*Any questions, please contact Julie Nieland
(319) 530-1476 or enieland@mchsi.com.*

Youth Happenings

UKANDU 2017

High School Servant Event & Adult Mission Trip



- We leave on Sat, June 24th and return on Sat, July 1st.
- Please keep our group in your prayers as they travel to Chicago to serve as Christ's hands and feet in inner-city Chicago communities.

Devyn Alt
 Sydney Alt
 Claire Behrens
 Kelsey Benson
 Sarah Benson
 Ethan Coblentz
 Josiah Coblentz

Marek Ghabel
 Claire Gienapp
 Pastor Hartwig
 Emma Hartwig
 Grace Hartwig
 Noah Hartwig

Spencer Holman
 Alex Kooker
 Jennifer Kooker
 Katie Loney
 Lonnie Loney
 Jen Reynolds

Riley Reynolds
 Guerlin Roussel
 Art Schwarting
 Christian Schwarting
 Denise Schwarting
 Kendra Schwarting

Lunch after VBS

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



Join us for lunch at Pizza Ranch following VBS.

Wednesday, 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 Wednesday, July 5th at 6:00 pm
 until Thursday, July 6th

This is an overnight event.

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

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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.