First Avenue and Court Street
Iowa City, IA 52245
Phone: 319-338-5626
Email: redeemer@ourredeemer.org
www.ourredeemer.org

Reflections

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church And Preschool

Weekly Newsletter - June 24/25, 2017

~ Third Sunday after Pentecost ~

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

All ages meet in the sanctuary at 9:30 am for opening.

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
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	***No Class—UKANDU Mission Presentation***	
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	***No Class—Worship in the Park***	
August 27	Revelation 21-22	John's Vision of Heaven
September 3	***No Class—Labor Day Weekend***	
September 10	***Rally Day – 1st day of regular school year Sunday School***	

Welcome, Rev. Larry Lemke!

We are happy to have you as our guest preacher this weekend.

BAPTISM CORRECTION

Tobias Ethan Haack
Sunday, May 18, 2017
10:30 am

Parents
Ryan Lee Haack
Allison Kaye Reid Haack

Sponsors
Darrin Haack
Crissy Pence
Tiffany Roiseland

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.

LWML See the Chihuly Glass exhibit at the Czech and Slovak Museum on August 12. Meet in the church parking lot at 9:00 am for carpool or at the museum at 10:00 am. Lunch will follow. Sign up in the church office. Note time change to coordinate starting times with a tour bus arriving for the exhibit.

FAREWELL & Godspeed

to Vicar and Cassie Wolfgram

July 30, 2017

12:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Vicar Wolfgram's time at Our Redeemer is drawing to a close. Let's gather to celebrate his time with us and to wish Cassie and him a fond farewell. Chicken will be provided. Plan to bring a side dish and come wish the Wolfgrams well. July 30 will be their last Sunday here.

LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICE
Caring for Families in Iowa Since 1901

Did You Know: *It wouldn't happen.* LFS statewide ministry of counseling, advocacy supporting life, adoption, youth education, caregiver support and marriage enrichment among troubled individuals, couples and families in Iowa as an extension of our LCMS congregations could not be carried out without your partnership. June 30 marks the end of LFS' fiscal year. If you haven't done so yet this year, demonstrate your care for those served through your partnership in this local, Lutheran, Christ-centered work by sending a gift this week by mail (409 Kenyon Rd, C, Fort Dodge, 50501) or online (through the secure portal at LFSiowa.org/donations). Every gift matters; your help this week is needed and appreciated!

Lutheran Family Service

(319) 393-1000
LFSiowa.org

Worship in the Park

Worship at Mercer Park

August 20
10:30 am

CHURCH WIDE PICNIC:
Following worship

MERCER PARK

Hosted By: Small Group Ministry

Hot dogs/buns/condiments and table service provided

Bring a dish to share and drinks

Sign up in the church office.

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 are simple and you can share the story in a fun way!

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

Vicar Scheele's Installation will take place August 5/6

Your help needed NOW!!

Please join us in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of the Rev. Thomas C. Wegener on Sunday, July 9th at College Hill Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls. The schedule for the day will be as follows:

9:00 am	Divine Service with the rite of Anniversary of an Ordination conducted by Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders who will also serve as the guest preacher.
10:30 am	Presentation by Pres. Saunders on the Office of the Holy Ministry and Ordination
11:30 am	Lunch (Provided by the Wegener family and the members of College Hill Lutheran Church)
1:00 pm	Reception and Program (Greetings and Slide Show with commentary by the Rev. Thomas Wegener)

An endowment fund for seminary students has been established in honor of Rev. Wegener and his faithful wife, Ruby. Donations may be made payable to "LCMS Foundation" and write "The Thomas & Ruby Wegener Endowment" on the memo line.

We look forward to seeing you! ~ The Wegener Family

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

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.

Vacation Bible School

June 19-23

As you enjoy the Vacation Bible School songs this weekend, enter the Mighty Fortress to praise God for:

- 109 Children registered, 97 average attendance
- 38 Volunteers
- Organization by Tiffany Roiseland and Marnie Schrader
- $470 Scholarship money provided
- 394 items donated for the Crisis Center, 474 lbs.
- $180.56 donated for the Tin Roofs for Africa mission

Starting Monday, June 26, construction of the preschool bathrooms and the formation of a large classroom/ meeting space combining rooms 208 and 210 will be underway. Behind the scenes, Properties, the Preschool Board, and VBS volunteers have been preparing these spaces for construction.

In the meantime, the Vision 2020 committee is in discussion with an engineering firm about dealing with the air handlers for the sanctuary.

Thanksgiving in July is one of the most important times to support The Crisis Center Food Bank with financial or food donations.

When school is out for summer, thousands of children in our community may have to skip meals they are used to getting at school during the year. In fact, *15 percent of children in our community* are considered food insecure, meaning they don't know where their next meal is coming from.

- **$35 feeds *a family of five* for *one week***
- **$110 feeds *two siblings* for *two months***
- **$250 feeds *three children* lunch *everyday this summer***

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

Tempting? Yes!
But good idea? No!

Remember all those hours you or others you know put into the refurbishment of the sanctuary? Let us respect those efforts and our place of worship by not extending our coffee time into the sanctuary. We get in the habit of taking our treats to the fellowship hall where the facilities are made for eating and drinking and forget that is not the purpose of the sanctuary when we meet there for summer Sunday school. Please keep food and beverages in the narthex or the fellowship hall.

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.

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. Though many of the bottles donated by congregational members were labelled during VBS, there are still bottles to label so stop by the Fellowship Hall to add a few labels as people continue to add water.

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 signup 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
Sat, June 24th— 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
Lonne Loney
Jen Reynolds
Riley Reynolds
Guerlin Roussel
Art Schwarting
Christian Schwarting
Denise Schwarting
Kendra Schwarting

- Prayers for safe travel for our group and the 14 other churches traveling from 8 states to serve together.
- Pray for opportunities for spiritual growth this week. That God, through the Holy Spirit, may spark a desire to grow closer to Him.
- Pray that we have the opportunity to impact others with the Gospel.
- Pray that God's Word, which is alive and active, penetrate our hearts to grow our faith.

Confirmation

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

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)

Cardboard City

Wed, July 5th at 6:00 pm
until Thurs, July 6th

This is an overnight event.

We will be sleeping outside in cardboard "houses".

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

STAFF & EMAIL	PHONE NO.	STAFF & EMAIL	PHONE NO.
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 Ghabel, 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 redeemer@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.