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# Reflections

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
And Preschool



Weekly Newsletter - July 2/3, 2016

~ *Seventh 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

Date	Adult	Children/Toddlin
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	



Parade walkers needed!  
Decorators needed!



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.

The signup for walkers is in the church office. There are also places to indicate Christ Cares shirt information, that you can help decorate at 8:45 am at the McGregor's parking lot, and availability to help distribute the water bottles (that is take the plastic & cardboard off) on the float @ 9:45 am. Any questions, please let me know.

Julie Nieland 337-8419 or [enieland@mchsi.com](mailto:enieland@mchsi.com)

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.



## OUR REDEEMER OUTREACH BOOTH

### JOHNSON COUNTY FAIR

July 25-28, 2016

MEET NEW PEOPLE! SPREAD THE GOSPEL!  
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  
Steve Faga  
319-354-4035 or  
319-461-2292

## 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.



## BAPTISM THIS WEEK



**Cole Robert Jackson**  
*Saturday, July 2, 2016*

### *Parents*

Ryan Paul Jackson  
Jessica Leigh Youngberg Jackson

### *Sponsors*

Melinda Moore

**ONE LORD  
ONE FAITH  
ONE BAPTISM**

## FAREWELL & Godspeed

to Vicar and Melissa Adelsen

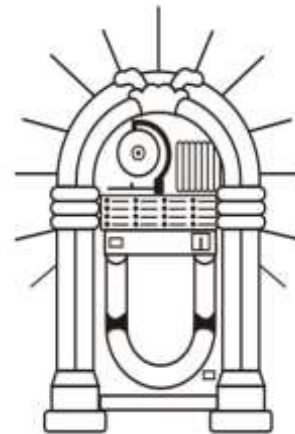
August 7, 2016

12:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Vicar Adelsen's time at Our Redeemer is drawing to a close. Let's gather to celebrate his time with us and to wish Melissa and him a fond farewell. Chicken and cake will be provided. Plan to bring a side dish and come wish the Adelsens well. His last official day is August 14.

**GOD IN THE JUKEBOX** God. The Big Guy. The Man Upstairs. The Creator and Ruler of the Universe. Any way you express the idea of God, the fact remains that God has made quite a few appearances in popular music through the decades, being as he is an important aspect of human existence. Rap, Rock, Pop or Country music, God doesn't escape the attention of songwriters. Some artists declare their own faith in all of His mysterious works. Others look upon God as being a figment of the imagination, or a cruel hoax of



humanity's own making. Still others associate God with the idea of an ideal version of how the world should be if we were to be more godlike. Join us as we listen to songs, study the lyrics, and evaluate how the Christian faith is expressed in song. Does it align with Scripture?

July-September *Portals of Prayer*,  
*The Lutheran Messenger*, &  
*IDE Today* available at the  
Welcome Center



**LWML ROAD TRIP!  
FOOD! GRANT WOOD!  
ROME! MUCH MORE!**

Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

11:30 am Lunch at Newbo Ale House

1:00pm Grant Wood Studio Tour

Followed by tour of the  
Cedar Rapids Museum of Art

More details coming soon.

*Sign up in the church office by August 14<sup>th</sup>.*



Floor Cleaning & Waxing

July 18 - 23

Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

The kitchen and fellowship hall will be closed during this time to allow work and drying to take place. Please plan your activities accordingly.



**LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICE**  
Caring for Families in Iowa Since 1901

Building Healthy Families: Humility is hard to come by during an argument - especially when you think you are right and your husband (or wife) is wrong. Here are 9 simple but powerful words that can help when conflict comes in your marriage: *I am sorry. I was wrong. Please forgive me.* "A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger". Proverbs 15:1

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

You are invited to the Annual Meeting of Lutheran Family Service which will take place on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Lutheran Family Service Office in Urbandale, 6200 Aurora Avenue, Suite 410W Urbandale, IA 50322 beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Plan to join with other Iowa Lutherans to celebrate God's historic and current work through LFS with a presentation of the year in review.

Also, please accept this special invitation from us to attend our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fundraising Dinner, with featured topic, Embryo Rescue. Our guest speaker will be Kimberly Tyson. Kimberly is the Marketing & Snowflakes Director, Embryo Adoption Awareness Center in Loveland, Colorado. Snowflakes matches adoptive couples with couples who have frozen embryos to donate.

Some years ago, there were said to be 600,000 embryo's waiting in a cryo-preservation state. LFS hopes to educate our LCMS members about this significant opportunity to bring Christ to this needy group of pre-born persons who are often overlooked and frequently discarded as if their life had no value. We know God gives value to every human life no matter how young or small. Lutheran Family Service hopes to match these orphaned embryos with forever moms and dads who will teach and show them God's boundless love.

The fundraising dinner will be held this same afternoon after the Annual Meeting; to start at 6:30 p.m. at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 8301 Aurora Avenue, Urbandale, IA 50322. Sign up at <http://lfsiowa.org/events/lfs-1st-annual-fund-raising-dinner/> or call 515-251-4900.



**Lutheran Family Service**



LOOKING AHEAD!

Thank you so much for the great response for envelopes. **NO MORE ENVELOPES ARE NEEDED** at this time. **GLUE STICKS** are still on the wish list.



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

# NO STOVES DURING JULY

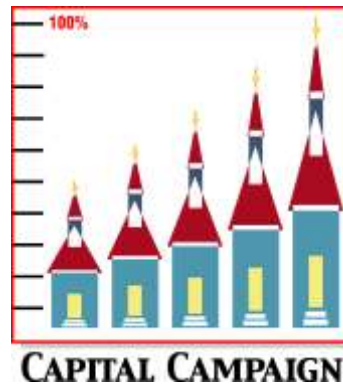


The two stoves in the kitchen have proved quite unsuitable replacements for their predecessors. Properties is planning to remove the present ones and consign them for sale during the week after July 4. Please plan any use of the kitchen to avoid use of the stoves at least through the month of July as new ones may not be in place immediately. The wall ovens will still be functional.

Hopefully this will not cause an inconvenience for anyone. Stay tuned for further information.



## The Campaign Plans Begin



All congregational members who want to be in the know or to help with the financial campaign that will allow Our Redeemer to carry out Vision 2020 as voted on May 21 are invited to be present for a meeting to outline the campaign.

Monday, August 1, 2016

6:30-7:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

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## 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**

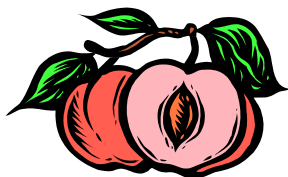
**Free and open to all**



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.

# 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.*

# Youth Happenings



**In Christ Alone**  
LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

July 13-21, 2016

Thrivent is providing  
Action Team funds to  
help pay for food during  
this trip.

The Gathering theme is **“In Christ Alone”** based on St. Paul’s  
amazing letter to the Philippians

17 youth and 7 adults are attending from Our Redeemer

What will we do there?

◆ Bible studies ◆ worship

◆ music (*live bands in concert*) ◆ topical studies

◆ mass events with Christian speakers, artists & comedians

## Did You Order Peaches Yet???

*Youth Fundraiser for Our Redeemer Lutheran Church*

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



These hand-picked juicy Colorado peaches are back  
by popular demand. Tell your friends; tell your  
neighbors! One box weighs 17-20 pounds, contains  
40-50 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.***

Farewell Party for Heidi Bingenheimer

**Sun, July 10<sup>th</sup>**

**3:00—6:00 pm**

**Lake MacBride**

***Meet at the swimming beach area***

*Sign up in the church office.*

Youth and their families are  
invited to attend.

Bring your swimsuit & towel,  
snacks/drinks to share and money  
for boat rentals.

Any questions, see Kara.



Come and hear how God was at work  
during the youth servant event!

**UKANDU Servant Event Presentation**

**9:30 am on Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Fellowship Hall**

*Thank you to Thrivent for funds  
to pay for transportation!*

**UKANDU  
CHICAGO  
2016**

## OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

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### 2016 Board of Elders

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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.