



# Reflections



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
And Preschool

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Weekly Newsletter - July 8/9, 2017

~ Fifth Sunday after Pentecost ~

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
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 – 1<sup>st</sup> day of regular school year Sunday School</i>	



Thank you, Vicar Wolfgram for leading the services this weekend so that Pastor Hartwig and his family can

be a part of the ordination service Sunday, July 9 for Peter Adelsen at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe, Minnesota.

### I Love To Tell The Story



9:30 Sanctuary ALL AGES for Opening with Pastor/Vicar

Hymn Sing

9:40-10:15 Separate for Bible Study

**Adult, High School, Confirmation & Toddlin'**-5<sup>th</sup> grade

**Toddlin'**-5<sup>th</sup> grade needs a single teacher for each week. The lessons are simple and you can share the story in a fun way!

Let Marnie know that you can help for ONE Sunday.

Contact: Marnie Schrader, [mvschrader@icloud.com](mailto:mvschrader@icloud.com)

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

# 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 narthex today!*

Questions? Contact Vicar Wolfgram

319-338-5626 ext. 22

## Vicar Scheele's Installation

will take place August 5/6

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:preschool@ourredeemer.org) or 319-338-3949 for more information.

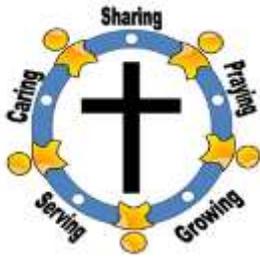
## What are you going to do next ?



**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.*



**Small Group Ministry Mission Statement:**  
*To grow in grace using our spiritual gifts, through good stewardship for the benefit of the group so that the body of Christ may be built up.*

**Upcoming Event for Small Group Ministry ...**



CHURCH WIDE PICNIC:  
Following Worship in the Park

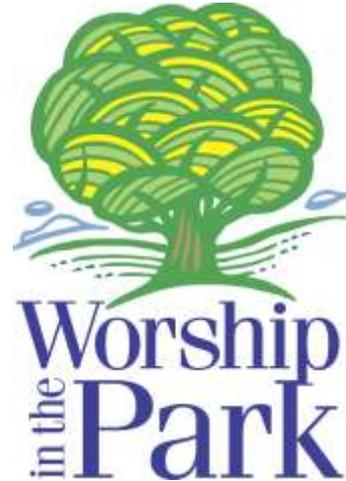
MERCER PARK ON AUGUST 20

**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!*



Worship at Mercer Park

Shelter #1

August 20

10:30 am



# Our Redeemer Youth 20th Annual Colorado Peach Fundraiser

The orders have been coming in. Get your order forms in now!

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.***



Word of God Lutheran Church for the Deaf is involved in mission work with the deaf in a couple of our partner churches in Africa. Alongside that work, my family is working with schools in those partner churches to provide hands-on resources for education that they normally wouldn't get, specifically LEGOs.

Word of God Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Cedar Rapids, is collecting LEGOs to piece together educational kits to send to elementary Lutheran schools in Africa. Please donate before July 30, 2017. We are accepting all LEGO sets and individual pieces – bricks, technic, etc. – we can use whatever you are willing to give! Questions? Contact Pastor Tim Eckert [deaflutheran@q.com](mailto:deaflutheran@q.com) or 563-359-7105. Donations may be dropped off in the Our Redeemer office. Thank you for sharing the love of Christ with kids in Africa!



Construction on the preschool bathrooms began Monday, June 26. Doorways to a smaller storage area and two bathrooms have been made. Plumbing access was gained through the concrete in the lower hallway.

Projected completion time is three weeks for the bathrooms and the creation of a larger classroom/meeting room by combining Rooms 208 and 210.



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**



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 [tafl3146@ourredeemer.org](mailto:tafl3146@ourredeemer.org).



Unveiled at the LWML National Convention in Albuquerque. LWML has decided to move forward with a new logo in response to the feedback received from the LWML Marketing and PR Survey that went out in February, 2017. LWML's prayer is that this new logo will help women take a first look or even another look at the 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.



Thanks!!

## FAREWELL & Godspeed

to Vicar and Cassie Wolfgram

July 30, 2017 at 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 courtesy of a Thrivent Action Team. A freewill offering will be taken to help Vicar finance his last year at seminary-plan accordingly. Bring a side dish or two and come wish the Wolfgrams well. July 30 will be their last Sunday here.

Thank you to everyone who provided the 7000 bottles of water, who labeled the bottles of water, who helped assemble the float, decorate the float, dismantle the float, who walked/rode in the parade and handed out the bottles of water, and who prayed for hearts to be touched with the love of Jesus. Special thanks to Julie Nieland and Alan Meyer. To God be the glory and praise.

~The Outreach Committee

Thank you also to Linda Diggelmann for approaching Hy-Vee #2 (corner of 1st Avenue and Muscatine) and Hy-Vee Manager, Tony Marrow, for providing 3,000 bottles of water.

## Mid-Week Stewardship Thought

### Giving Is an Act of Worship

A little boy was fidgeting in church one Sunday morning during the pastor's sermon. Finally, he leaned over to his mother and asked, "Mom, if we give the money now, do you think he'll let us go?" If this boy expresses our idea of stewardship, we are missing the true meaning, purpose, and joy that are associated with giving. Our giving should express our thankfulness for Who God is and what He does for us. Through our giving, we worship and honor our heavenly Father. We give not because God needs our gifts, but because we have a need to give. God in His sovereignty chooses to bless us as we give (Acts 20:35).



**Prayer:** Good and gracious heavenly Father, we thank You for all of Your wonderful gifts especially the most indescribable gift, the gift of Your Son. Help us to show our gratitude by granting us loving and giving hearts. May all that we do give You honor and glory. In Christ's name we pray. Amen,

**Blessings on your stewardship journey!**



Help the Scheeles move into the vicarage

Arrival expected about 3:00 pm on August 1

Please let the office know if you can help 338-5626 or [redemer@ourredeemer.org](mailto:redemer@ourredeemer.org)



Building Healthy Families: LFS workers are busy in all parts of Iowa serving young women who are pregnant without the benefit of marriage and couples who are ready to grow their family through the gift of adoption. You can help in two important ways: 1) If you know of someone who might want to consider an adoption plan, tell them about LFS; and 2) If God has blessed you in such a way that you could help support this life-work which depends heavily on partnership gifts from members of our Lutheran church, please contact LFS today!

**Lutheran Family Service**

(319) 393-1000  
[LFSiowa.org](http://LFSiowa.org)

Coming Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>



Watch for information  
We will need people to:  
Attend  
Bring a friend  
Help with music  
Help with activities

# Faith Fest

# Youth Happenings

## Summer Schedule

### Confirmation through High School

(students in 6<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> grades during 2017-2018 & recent grads)



### Boating on Coralville Lake

on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>

Following Vicar and Cassie Wolfgram's farewell lunch

Sign up in the church office if you'll be attending.

Parent volunteers are needed to help.

See Kara if you're available.



### High School

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



<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Wednesday, July 12	6:00 pm	Preparation for UKANDU presentation (July 16) & water games
Wednesday, July 19	6:00 pm	AirFX in Hiawatha
Wednesday, July 26	6:00 pm	Trivia Night at Hy-Vee
Sunday, July 30	Follows potluck	Boating on Coralville Lake



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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 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. For more information on Lutheran Hour Ministries go to [www.LHM.org](http://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.