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# Reflections

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
 And Preschool



Weekly Newsletter - July 9/10, 2016

~ Eighth Sunday after Pentecost ~

## UKANDU PRESENTATION

Sunday, July 10

9:30 am

Fellowship Hall

*All age groups will meet in the fellowship hall to hear from our youth and adults that participated in UKANDU from June 20 to 24.*

### Youth

Kelsey Benson  
 Sarah Benson  
 Andrew Doll  
 Emma Hartwig  
 Grace Hartwig  
 Alex Kooker  
 Riley Reynolds  
 Christian Schwarting  
 Logan Stuart  
 Joseph Van Zante



### Adults

Mary Benson  
 Pastor Hartwig  
 Jen Reynolds  
 Art Schwarting

*And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.*  
 Philippians 1:9-11 (ESV)

## NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

Keep the Our Redeemer youth and chaperones in your thoughts and prayers as they travel, study, worship and fellowship together in New Orleans July 13 through 21.

### STUDENTS

Sydney Alt  
 Claire Behrens  
 Kelsey Benson  
 Sarah Benson  
 Kyle Clark  
 Andrew Doll  
 Sam Gienapp  
 Emma Hartwig  
 Grace Hartwig  
 Morgan Hotz

Alex Kooker  
 Katie Loney  
 Riley Reynolds  
 Christian Schwarting  
 Logan Stuart  
 Hannah Thompson  
 Joseph Van Zante

### ADULTS

Mary Benson  
 Pastor Brent Hartwig  
 Kara Hartwig  
 Lonne Loney  
 Arthur Schwarting  
 Scott Stuart  
 Julie Van Zante



In Christ Alone

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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



## The Campaign Plans Begin



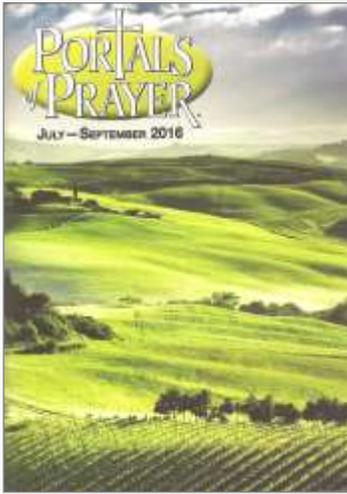
**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

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



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

# 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.



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.



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

Saturday, August 20

10:40 am Carpools leave Our Redeemer

11:30 am Lunch at Newbo Ale House

1:00pm Grant Wood Studio Tour

Followed by tour of the  
 Cedar Rapids Museum of Art

**Cost: Individuals pay lunch costs**  
**Tour: \$8, \$7 for 62 years and older**

The Ale House is located at 1201 Third Street SE, the Grant Wood Studio at 810 Second Avenue SE (free parking, but not handicapped accessible) and the Museum of Art is at 410 Third Avenue SE (free parking).

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



THANK  
 YOU

Thanks to you and praise to God for each of you who donated bottled water (8,063), labeled the bottles, decorated the float,

walked in the parade, and took down the float. We witnessed to thousands of people with this one event. Praise be to God!





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

Building Healthy Families: Kids watching a lot of movies or spending time playing video games this summer? What messages are they learning through these mediums? Parents and grandparents can be informed through websites that review movies and games from a Christian perspective and how their messages impact children at different stages of cognitive development. Two such sites are [www.movieguide.org](http://www.movieguide.org) and [www.pluggedin.com](http://www.pluggedin.com). The more you know, the better prepared you will be to guide the little ones entrusted to your care!

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

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**



LLL Cookout  
Tuesday, August 23  
6:30 pm  
Fellowship Hall



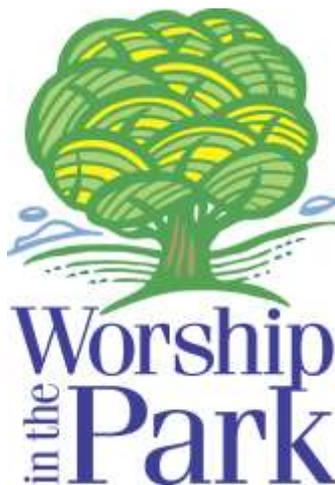
If you can help out with special music for Sunday during the summer, please contact Twyla Freeman at 230-2371 or [taf13146@ourredeemer.org](mailto:taf13146@ourredeemer.org).

# NO STOVES DURING JULY



The two stoves in the kitchen have proven 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.



Includes  
Vicar  
**Wolfram's**  
Installation  
**Worship at  
Mercer Park**  
**10:30 am**

CHURCH WIDE PICNIC:  
August 28<sup>th</sup> following worship

MERCER PARK: Shelter #1

**Hosted By:** Small Group Ministry

Hot dogs/buns/condiments and table  
service provided

Bring a dish to share and drinks

## 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.

## It's time!

We leave this week for New Orleans.

Please keep our youth and chaperones in your prayers as well as those from around the world who are also traveling to attend the National Youth Gathering.

*Over 25,000 youth and adults will be attending the Gathering!*

## Did You Order Peaches Yet???

*Youth Fundraiser for Our Redeemer Lutheran Church*

Start licking your lips, dig out your bibs, 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 boat rental parking lot***

*Sign up in the church office.*

Youth and their families are invited to attend.

Bring your swimsuit & towel, snacks/drinks to share and \$5 for a pontoon boat ride.

*Hot dogs, buns, plates, forks/spoons, cups and ice provided.*

Any questions, contact Kara at  
youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org or cell

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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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.