



# Reflections



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Weekly Newsletter - July 16/17, 2016

~ *Ninth Sunday after Pentecost* ~

## Summer Sunday School 2016 at 9:30am

Adult/High School in the Sanctuary with Vicar  
6,7,8<sup>th</sup> grades in room 208 studying "According to Plan"  
Children/Toddlin' in Fellowship Hall

Date	Adult	Children/Toddlin
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>Missionary Presentation—Molly Christensen</i>	
September 11	Rally Day - 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Regular Sunday School	

## 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 through July 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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**Playground Sand Delivery  
August 10<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon.**

If you can walk and haul some sand,  
please come help. Contact Kaja  
Mueller #338-5626.



**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.

**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

# 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.



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>**.*

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.



Join Our Redeemer for

## FAITH FEST

Saturday, August 6th

3:30 - 5:30 pm

Bouncy House

Cotton Candy

**Kids' Carnival Games**

Sing-a-long

Storytelling



Please prayerfully consider how you can help. Sign-up sheets will be available soon. Plan on attending and bring a friend!

# NO STOVES DURING JULY

The two stoves in the kitchen have proven quite unsuitable replacements for their predecessors. Properties has removed them and consigned them for sale. Please plan any use of the kitchen to avoid the need for 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.



Replace me!

The properties and the LWML serving committee have joined forces and have applied for and received a \$250



Thrivent Action Grant as seed money for replacement of the stoves/ovens. In order for these to be replaced and new ones in as soon as possible, we are asking for a little help from everyone. **We will have a door offering on August 7<sup>th</sup> to cover the cost of these.** If you would like to donate ahead of time, just put your check in an envelope and mark it "oven replacement fund". These ovens are used for midweek meals, advent and Lenten meals, funerals, prime time and by other groups who use the fellowship hall. Thank you for helping make this happen.

## Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca Summerfest Auction Fundraiser and 1-Mile/5K Fun Runs



We are quickly approaching Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca's annual Summerfest fundraiser auction and Fun Runs. Come celebrate the mission of Camp Io-Dis-E-

Ca on **Saturday, July 30**, beginning at 10 am. The first quilts for auction have been delivered; we still need more quilts and other fine craft items to be donated and then auctioned off for the benefit of the camp. Send yours in today! Past festivals have brought in over \$10,000 for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca, and we need your donations and attendance to make Summerfest 2016 a success. Remember, we'll also be having our 1-mile race for kids, and 5-K fun runs for kids and adults. The top three placers in each receive 2017 camp scholarships. The fun runs begin at 10 am and the auction begins at 1 pm. We hope to see you at Camp on July 30!

## Our Redeemer's Human

Care Committee has enlisted a group of volunteers who may be willing to help you with a small job should you not be able to do it. These would be of short duration such as:



- Rides to the doctor, bank, drugstore
- Very light lawn or house work for someone during recovery after a hospital stay
- Tech support for computer
- Provide a meal after a hospital stay
- Move a piece of furniture
- Change light bulbs, etc.

Lawn mowing, snow-shoveling, and other heavy jobs or jobs that take a long time will probably not be something we can do.

So, if you need a little assistance or you would like to help in these areas, call Dave Hintze at 351-5873 and we will see what we may be able to do for you.

## Sunday School Teachers Needed

No, summer is not over, but we are already looking for Sunday School teachers for the fall. We are looking for people who enjoy teaching kids, and who have a loving respect for God's Word. We are asking for a commitment from September through May. A Sunday School teacher will receive two trainings a year from Pastor, various emails, and open communication from the directors. Please prayerfully consider being a Sunday School teacher!

Contact Kelli Kucera at [kellikucera@yahoo.com](mailto:kellikucera@yahoo.com). Or contact the church office at 338-5626.

**Teachers Needed for:**  
Co Teacher for Toddler  
Kindergarten  
2nd grade  
3rd grade



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.



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

Building Healthy Families: What are your best childhood memories? Psychologist Mary Pipher says there are three things that most people usually remember with great happiness from childhood -- time spent outdoors, vacations and family meals. In the midst of these long summer days, be sure to relax with your children outdoors with unplanned time together. Take some time off work...plan a picnic...let your children or grandchildren choose the spot. You don't have to leave home to vacation!

**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**



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).

# 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.



And they are off to 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.***

## OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

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### 2016 Board of Elders

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Denny Schrader	530-1562
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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.