



# The Parish Beacon

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August 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This month promises to be another month of fun and activities as you welcome “New Vicar” and as you say good bye to “Old Vicar.” You’ll start the month off with a bang as Vacation Bible School, Worship at the Cross, and Fun Faith Fest come racing out of the chute. VBS will give you the opportunity to teach and mentor the children of this community. Then following on the heels of VBS, you’ll have the opportunity to worship outside at the foot of the cross and to share the love of Christ with the community at Fun Faith Fest. I’m sure the rest of August will feel like a vacation in comparison. Plus, I’m sure Vicar Otterman will enjoy the brief warm up as he switches from life at the seminary to life at Our Redeemer.

As I contemplate my opposite transition from life at Our Redeemer to life back at the seminary, let me take a moment to reflect on how the vicarage program at Our Redeemer has been a blessing for my family and me. We’ve had a lot of fun with you this past year, starting off with Faith Fest, where we learned how Our Redeemer has a passion and dedication to be a witness to the community and how Our Redeemer excels in finding community needs to fill as a part of those witness opportunities. Then, as the academic year started and we kicked off Confirmation and Youth activities, I had the opportunity to have fun while watching young men and women in Christ grow and mature in their faith. Then as the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation came to fruition, my wife and I had the chance to celebrate with the church as Martin and Katy Luther. We had a great time performing our skit and giving you all a chance to relax and enjoy the fun of 500 years of “By Grace alone, through Faith alone, in Christ alone!” As the year continued, we had many more opportunities for fun and I haven’t the space here to write them all down, but take joy in knowing that you have brought my family and me fun and joy.

Beyond fun and games, Our Redeemer has also brought the blessings of growth and education to my family and me. In patience, Pastor and the members of Our Redeemer have mentored me and helped me put my knowledge and expectations to good use. I’ve grown beyond just the ability to give a sermon or lead worship, but instead I’ve taken huge steps in learning to balance and prioritize all the different requirements of what it means to be a pastor. You’ve given me the opportunity to experiment and try different things, and to take notes and lessons from both good and bad experiences. This church has challenged me to be a better pastor, to be a better parent, and to be a better spouse, but most importantly, this experience has challenged me to be a better disciple of Jesus. I thank God, that Our Redeemer has succeeded in equipping this disciple to make disciples for Jesus.

Your Servant in Christ,

Vicar Scheele

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## AUGUST ACTIVITIES

- 1 Vacation Bible School 5:00pm
- 2 Visitation Meeting 10:00pm  
Preschool Board Meeting 1:30pm  
Vacation Bible School 5:00pm
- 4-5 Vicar Installation All services
- 5 Worship at the Cross In front of church 10:30pm  
VBS-style Sunday School/No Adult Class 9:30am  
Hot Dog meal/Fun Faith Fest follows 12:00pm
- 6 Youth Committee 6:00pm  
Children's Ministry Committee 7:00pm  
Mission Committee 7:00pm
- 8 Youth UKANDU Presentation Prep 6:00pm  
Properties Committee 7:00pm
- 9 Board of Directors 7:00pm
- 11 Men's Bible Study 8:00am
- 12 UKANDU Presentation 9:30am
- 13 Outreach Committee 6:30pm  
Stephen Ministry Peers/Marcia-Skip 6:30pm
- 15 Praise Band Rehearsal 6:45pm
- 16 Board of Elders 6:30pm
- 19 Summer Sunday School 9:30pm
- 21 Assimilation 7:00pm
- 23 ***Iowa City Schools Start***
- 25 Men's Bible Study 8:00am
- 26 Summer Sunday School 9:30pm  
Teacher Orientation w/Meal 12:00pm
- 28 LLL Steak Fry 6:30pm
- 29 Preschool Orientation 6:30pm

LWML Road Trip  
Saturday, August 18

Lunch at the Bierstube at 12:00 pm

Riverboat cruise at 3:00 pm

**Please sign up in the office BY AUGUST 1 and select an 8:00 am (add a trip to the Buffalo Bill Museum and shopping) or 10:30 departure time.**

**Cruise tickets are \$20 and money should be given to Donna Saehler or left with Laurel when you sign up.**



Sunday, August 5

Worship at the Cross 10:30 am

Hot Dog/Chip/Beverage Lunch 12:00pm

Faith Fest Follows Lunch

Needed:

- Popcorn and cotton candy makers
- Volunteers to run games
- Co-coordinator for 2019 with Melody Strom-get experience this year

Contact Donna Saehler, Melody Strom, or Arlan and Marlene Thompson if you have questions.

Sign up in the office or in the narthex.

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Saturday 5:30pm      Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am**  
**Communion on August 4, 5 (8:00am only), 18, 19**

**Comfort-Tiers meet Thursdays at 9:00am**

*Need more tiers anytime between 9:00 am to noon  
No expertise or materials required-Coffee provided*

**Choir is on summer hiatus until September 5**

**Praise Team Practice schedule varies—  
Contact Myrl Holida [myrl-holida@uiowa.edu](mailto:myrl-holida@uiowa.edu) or  
Louise Klopp [choirdirector@ourredeemer.org](mailto:choirdirector@ourredeemer.org)**

Watch *Reflections* for information on:



VBS  
 July 29-August 2  
 5pm Dinner  
 5:30-8:00pm VBS



RALLY DAY  
 Brian Gauthier  
 September 9  
 Potluck at 12 pm



Vicar Scheele Farewell  
 Last Sunday  
 July 29  
 Farewell Lunch Noon



UKANDU  
 PRESENTATION  
 August 12  
 9:30am  
 Fellowship Hall



NEW VICAR  
 Ottermans Arrive  
 August 2  
 Installation  
 August 4/5



Basics of the Faith  
 Sundays  
 September 9, 16  
 1:00 - 5:00 pm



Wednesday, September 12  
 6:00pm Meal  
 Fellowship Hall  
 6:45pm Midweek Activities



Worship at the Cross  
 Picnic  
 Fun Faith Fest  
 August 5



Teacher  
 Orientation  
 August 26  
 12:00pm  
 Fellowship Hall



LWML Road Trip to Le Claire  
 Lunch and Riverboat Ride  
 August 18  
 Sign up, choose time and pay in  
 the church office by August 1



Choir Rehearsal  
 First Fall Rehearsal  
 September 5  
 6:45pm  
 Room 206

# 4<sup>TH</sup> of JULY PARADE

Pictures courtesy of Emily Lenhart



Welcome the Otterman family

There are several ways to help:

- Stock the pantry—*non-perishable food items, household goods, paper products, cleaning supplies, gift cards (grocery store, local restaurants or area businesses)*
- Clean the vicarage Tuesday, July 31 starting at 9:00am
- Unloading storage POD Thursday, August 2, 5:00-7:00 pm

God is able to do

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Immeasurably

**MORE**

than we can imagine . . .

—according to the power that works within us. Ephesians 3:20

**129 Pledges for \$626,897.52**

**Cash in hand \$481,511.70**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings from South Dakota! I was installed as Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church and Zion Lutheran Church on July 22 and had the joy of my dad preaching the sermon. One of the aspects of the sermon was him giving me a shepherd staff and having me hold it above my head like Moses did in the battle with the Amalekites. Whenever Moses dropped the staff, the Israelites were losing, and whenever the staff was held high, the Israelites prevailed. I am not sure how long I held the staff above my head, but my arms became weaker and weaker and then he invited the Elders of the churches to come forward and help hold up my hands, as they will help and support me in our Ministry here. It was a powerful service and we enjoyed a great time of fellowship after the service. We have settled into the parsonage, where the dogs are enjoying a new view from the windows. Cassie looks forward to volunteering in the church preschool. I now sit in my office planning out the coming Sundays list of to-do's: from sermon to prayers, hymns and Bible study; seeing who is in the hospital, who are our shut-ins and getting a feel of how things go around here. I enjoy the memorabilia from Our Redeemer in my office, including the clock that was gifted to me was I finished my time there. It was a joy to spend our year of Vicarage with you in Iowa City. God's richest blessings to you as you send the Scheeles back for their final year of seminary and receive the Ottermans to learn in your midst.



Pastor Andrew and Cassie Wolfgram at his installation (above)

Ordination (below)

In Christ,

Pastor Andrew Wolfgram  
 St. John's Lutheran Church- Groton, SD  
 Zion Lutheran Church- Andover, SD

NEW ADDRESS: P.O. Box 348  
 Groton, SD 57445



MISSION	JUNE	JULY
Iowa District East	\$4,166.67	\$4,166.66
UIHC Chaplain Endowment Fund	416.66	416.67
Concordia Seminary	500.00	
IDE Student Aid	500.00	
Common Fund	625.00	
Food for the Poor	250.00	
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca		625.00
Mission Bishkek		250.00
Lutheran Family Service		625.00
Military Bible Stick		250.00
Orphan Grain Train		250.00
St. Paul's Chapel		375.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,458.33</b>	<b>\$6,958.33</b>



The 2018 VBS mission project is collecting money donations to support the building of a Children's Home and School in Ngong, Kenya through the Sister2Sister International Outreach Ministry, Inc. (a non-profit organization). Currently, Sister2Sister feeds about 100 children daily.

Thousands of children in Kenya are homeless due to poverty, violence, drought, illness such as HIV/AIDS and those born in the prison system. This area is estimated to have approximately 2,000 children living in the streets, where the average life expectancy is just 16 years old. Sister2Sister has established architecture plans, purchased a plot of land for the home, secured a water source and is currently constructing the building of the home and school. It will take \$250,000 to complete this project. A \$2 donation will pay for one cinder block plus its installation at the building site. You have the opportunity to contribute today through a door offering.





*Christ Cares Sunday*



*June 3*





Erica Davisson, Committee Chair

## Sun Safety Tips

Exposure to ultraviolet (UV) rays causes most cases of melanoma, the deadliest kind of skin cancer. **To lower your skin cancer risk, protect your skin from the sun and avoid indoor tanning.**

Show us your...



Plan your sun protection using these tips—

- Seek shade, especially during late morning through mid-afternoon.
- Wear clothing that covers your arms and legs.
- Wear a hat with a wide brim that shades your face, head, ears, and neck.
- Wear sunglasses that block both [UVA and UVB rays](#).
- More UVA rays reach the earth's surface than the other types of UV rays. UVA rays can reach deep into human skin, UVA rays can damage connective tissue and the skin's DNA.
- Most UVB rays are absorbed by the ozone layer, so fewer of them reach the earth's surface compared to UVA rays. UVB rays, which help produce vitamin D in the skin, don't reach as far into the skin as UVA rays, but they can still cause sunburn and damage DNA.
- Use sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher and both UVA and UVB (broad spectrum) protection.
- Remember to reapply sunscreen at least every two hours and after swimming, sweating, or toweling off.

## Fast Facts About Skin Cancer

- Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States, and includes different [types](#).
- Unprotected skin can be damaged by the sun's UV rays in as little as 15 minutes.
- Even if it's cool and cloudy, you still need protection. UV rays, not the temperature, do the damage.
- Anyone can get skin cancer, but some things put you at [higher risk](#).
- [Indoor tanning](#) exposes users to two types of ultraviolet rays, which damage the skin and can lead to cancer.
- The most common [signs](#) of skin cancer are changes on your skin, such as a new growth, a sore that doesn't heal, or a change in a mole.



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2018). *Skin cancer awareness*. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/dcpc/resources/features/skincancer/>



*Submitted by Marcia Hulse*

# Stephen Ministry

**We care, Christ cures.**

## Stephen Ministry Introductory Workshop

On Saturday, September 29, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Stephen Ministers' will host a "Stephen Ministry Introductory Workshop" from 9:00 am - 1 pm. Check-in begins at 8 am, and refreshments will served.

In May, we (ORLC) received a letter from Stephen Ministries St. Louis requesting that we host an introductory workshop for them. This workshop will be an excellent opportunity for area churches to learn about Stephen Ministry and how they can become involved.

Each of our 19 Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders will have an active role in hosting this workshop. We're really excited about this opportunity!

This workshop is sponsored by Stephen Ministries, the St Louis-based Christian training organization that has been providing congregations with training and resources for Christian caregiving for more than 30 years. The workshop will be led by Lori Kem a trained member of the Stephen Ministries St Louis program staff.

The half-day workshop consists of three sessions designed both to enhance participants' caregiving skills and to help area congregations to get more hands-on information about the purpose and blessings of having a Stephen Ministry program in their church. People can get a flavor of Stephen Ministry to take back to their congregations — Stephen Ministry is inter-denominational and open to people of all faiths.

### **First session**

In the first session of the workshop, "Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief," participants will learn about the grief process — the stages of grief and how to minister to people in each of those stages. The goal of this part of the training is to gain the skills and confidence to better care for individuals who are grieving.

Stephen Ministry is a way to help members fulfill their Christian calling to love one another. Loving and caring for people isn't just the pastor's job — all Christians are called to minister to one another.

### **Second session**

The second session will provide an introduction to the Stephen Series, a system of lay ministry through which congregation leaders can equip members to provide one-on-one Christian care to people in need. Since 1975, more than 13,000 congregations representing more than 180 denominations have implemented the Stephen Series.

### **Third session**

The final session of the workshop will explain "How to Care in a Distinctively Christian Way." Participants learn what makes Christian caregiving unique and how they can use resources such as prayer, blessings and scripture in their caring for others.

### **Need is great**

Participants will go home with practical ministry skills and an excellent understanding of how they can organize the members of their congregation for caring ministry through the Stephen Series.

Members of ORLC are invited to attend the workshop free of charge. If you would like to attend, please contact the church office at 319-338-5626 or email [redeemer@ourredeemer.org](mailto:redeemer@ourredeemer.org). Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity for personal growth and to learn more about Stephen Ministry.



## Board of Directors Meeting - June 14

### TREASURER'S REPORT

- May income of \$62,030 with expenses of \$64,600 giving a deficit of -\$2,581
- YTD income \$282,106 with expenses of \$300,076 for deficit of -\$17,970—concern for large summer deficit as June and July are usually negative income months
- May Immeasurably More giving \$9,814; total for campaign giving \$462,445; LCEF loan balance \$390,000

### ELDER'S REPORT-Arlan Thompson

- Finished staff evaluations
- Still working on facility use policy
- Looking at storage option for Communion wine

### CHURCH PROPERTIES-Pastor (Dave Johnson)

- Walk through vicarage created To-Do list
- Henry & Linda Diggelmann reorganized storage behind kitchen and closet at the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

### STAFF REPORTS

#### Pastor Hartwig

- In St. Louis June 18-21 working on dissertation proposal
- UKANDU June 23-30, 31 participants
- Vicar successfully completed vicarage—paperwork indicating this has been done
- New Vicar moves in August 2; installation August 4/5
- Summer Intern Andrew Doll 15 hours/week

#### Vicar Scheele

- Christ Cares-121 Participants (110 for lunch); had follow-up meeting for feedback
- Johnson County Fair booth in July
- Tuesday nights-label water bottles for float

#### Kara Hartwig

- Midweek youth event every summer Wednesday
- Peaches—order forms are out
- National Youth Workers Conference this summer in Minneapolis
- Summer Sunday School combines confirmation and high school age

#### Pastor for Denise Holidia

Will combine VBS Sing, worship outdoors/picnic and Faith Fest this year and hold in Our Redeemer



## KUDOS

**Our Redeemer's**  
Board of Directors recognizes

VICAR LUKE SCHEELE  
& CHRIST CARES COMMITTEE

Diane Burke  
Erica Davissson  
Sarah Gabel  
Pastor Brent & Kara Hartwig  
Marcia Hulse  
David Johnson  
Skip & Marilyn Kempnich  
Kaja Mueller  
Julie Nieland  
Kevin Sellers  
Melody Strom  
Arlan & Marlene Thompson  
Mark & Pam Wilson  
David Yansky

For orchestrating a successful volunteer event. Our Redeemer is one of the small percentage of LCMS churches holding a Christ Cares Sunday.

*Thank you all!*

parking lot the Sunday following VBS (inviting VBS families). After service, will be having hotdogs, etc. then bouncy house/games. Hopefully more congregation members will participate in Faith Fest

#### Pastor for Marnie Schrader

Working on VBS

#### AD-HOC COMMITTEES

#### Pastor for Sunday Morning Snack and Coffee Guidelines

NO FOOD or DRINK in carpeted area of Gathering Place or on bookcases

#### Pastor for Sanctity of Life

Tom Strumpel continues putting announcements in Reflections to indicate that attention will be given to the topic at Our Redeemer.

# Terry Trueblood Water Sports



Water Games



Ice Skating



# SERVING THE LORD IN PANAMÁ



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## NEWS FROM THE GAUTHIER FAMILY

### El Seminario Concordia el Reformador



**Seminary & Mercy Center in Palmar Arriba, Dominican Republic**

Greetings in Jesus! The first academic year for Concordia El Reformador, the Lutheran seminary in the Dominican Republic, has come to a close. In its first year, the seminary had 10 residential students from seven countries (Dominican Republic, Mexico, Guatemala, Peru, Venezuela, Bolivia, and Chile) and 40 students in its online program. This is truly

remarkable and the work of our faithful Lord. Consider the following: There are only about 250 ordained Lutheran pastors serving in all of Spanish speaking Latin America (about 250,000,000 people). With its first batch of students working through their formation, the Lord will add 50 more Spanish speaking pastors to the churches and missions of the Caribbean, and Central & South America. That is a 20% increase of pastors! Praise the Lord! Additionally, new students from Venezuela and Spain are set to begin their pastoral formation in the next academic year.

Part of my work on the mission field is to teach courses at the seminary, which I do through a video conferencing program and intensive style classes in the Dominican Republic. This semester I helped teach a class on pastoral theology and a class on the exegesis of the Pentateuch. I will continue teaching a course a trimester once I return back to Panamá after home service this October. I also serve as pastoral mentor and professor to Panamá's online seminary student, Edilberto Mendez.

Please continue to pray for the Lutheran Church in Panamá, that the Lord would provide young men interested in studying to be pastors.

Additionally, join me in giving thanks that the deaconess program is set to begin this fall, offering courses in Panamá to women interested in serving as deaconesses. To God be the glory!



**Students & faculty of seminary in the Dominican Republic**



### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

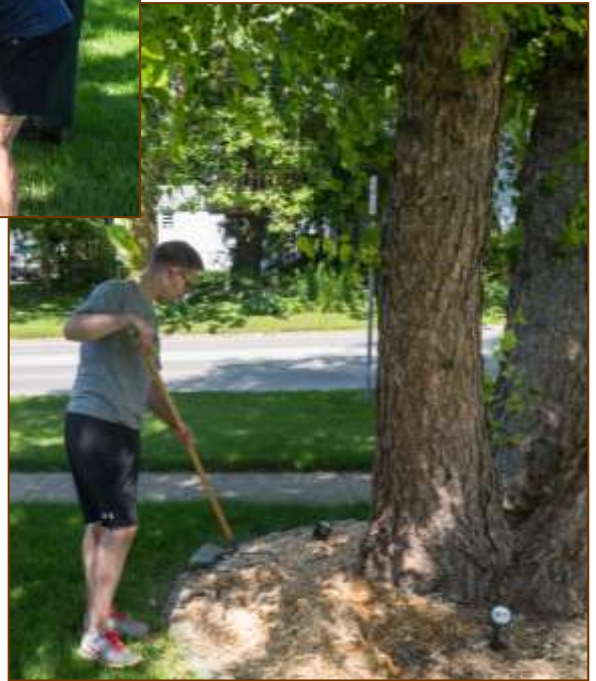
- Mauricio as he continues his confirmation classes.
- The Rickman family as they network build and prepare for their move from Hong Kong to Panamá.
- Pastor Carlos who is set to return back from Colombia next week.

### GIVE THANKS FOR:

- The close of the 1<sup>st</sup> academic year of the seminary in the Dominican Republic.
- That Pastor Arthur & Deaconess Eva Rickman have accepted the call to serve in Panamá.
- The 15 years of ordained ministry of Pastor Patricio Mora, pastor of Del Redentor and president of the Lutheran Church of Panamá.



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## Membership Changes and Official Acts

<b><u>Baptism</u></b>	
Raelyn Mae Drahos	6-9-2018
Beau Michael Nelson	6-16-2018
Brynn Lorelei O'Shea	6-30-2018
Artemesia Iris Hashemi	6-30-2018
Soraya Leigh Hashemi	6-30-2018
Benjamin William Lothamer	6-30-2018
Jacob Lee Lothamer	6-30-2018
<b><u>Transferred Out</u></b>	
Emily Bowman Geerdes	5-30-2018
<b><u>Burials</u></b>	
Ruth Records	6-3-2018
Clifford Pettit	6-7-2018
<b><u>Death</u></b>	
Cynthia Beer	7-23-2018



High school graduate Sydney Alt, daughter of Bill and Sheila Alt of Lone Tree receives her graduation afghan crocheted by the loving hands of her grandmother Pat Sexton as a part of a private recognition ceremony since Sydney was unable to attend the senior breakfast.

Congratulations, Sydney!

## *New Library - New Librarians*



Rita Johnson passes library responsibilities to Kelli Kucera (right) and Shana Stuart (not pictured)

Our Vision 20/20 renovation has made great strides in the last few weeks, and we are now able to turn the keys over to our new librarians. When Kelli Kucera said, "Being a librarian has always been my dream job," I knew she would be perfect to help direct our new church library. She has already started to develop plans for improvements to make it even better. Shana Stuart will be working with Kelli, as they both begin the learning process and start to put their own personal touches in our new location. As most of you already know, some of our materials have been relocated to rooms 208-210 for adult studies.

A huge THANK YOU to all the members who have used the library, while I served as librarian. You have been a great encouragement to me by teaching me to explore some of your favorite authors and subjects over the past 10+ years. I am passing the torch now, so happy reading everyone!

Rita Johnson

A little pre-trip mission work  
labeling water bottles for the  
July 4 parade



# UKANDU



Chicago



JUNE  
23-30

# BIBLEWORDGAMES

Used with Permission

## Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 265
Matt. 14:1-15

P	R	N	E	S	I	R	I	J	R	N	T	S	E	D
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C	N	M	T	H	A	E	T	L	L	T	E	E	G	R
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After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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### Death of John the Baptist

BOAT	BAPTIST
BODY	BEHEADED
BOUND	BIRTHDAY
BURIED	BROTHER
CROWD	CARRIED
DANCED	DAUGHTER
DINNER	DISCIPLES
GUESTS	GRANTED
HEALED	LAWFUL
HEROD	MOTHER
JESUS	ORDERED
JOHN	PLATTER
KING	PLEASED
OATH	POWERS
PEOPLE	PROPHET
PLACE	REMOTE
PRISON	REQUEST
RISEN	SAYING
TOWNS	WANTED

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Wordsearch 265 and Solution

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Phrase = Rise up O God Judge the earth Psm 82:8 niv



24 Members of Our Redeemer join in a visit to Disney World

July 15-21





You're a very special person,  
and we wanted you to know,  
how much we enjoyed being your teachers,  
how fast the year did go.

Please come back to visit us,  
as through the grades you grow.  
Try hard to learn all that you can,  
there is so much to know.

The one last thing we tried to teach you,  
to last your whole life through,  
is to know that God made you special,  
there is no one else like you.

In Christ's love from your Teachers,

*Mrs. Kaja Mueller*

*Mrs. Sheena White*

*Mrs. Sara Cross*



**2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR ENROLLMENT**

To register for the 2018-19 school year, please fill out our Enrollment Form and submit it to the office with the \$50 registration fee. We are filling up quickly!

Orientation Night for our preschool families on  
Wednesday, August 29, 2018 from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
At 6:40 pm introductions and instructions will start

Students and families come and explore our preschool classroom and meet the teachers during this special orientation night! A light snack will be provided. Important information (schedule, snacks, policies, etc.) will be given to take home with you, as well as any sign ups for the year. Any questions or concerns you may have about preschool can be addressed.

Classroom Supplies to bring with you:

- Washable Markers (1 package, a variety of colors are welcomed)
- Elmer's glue bottle (1)
- Hand soap (1 bottle, any size or more if you would like)
- Napkins (1 package, for snack)
- Dixie Cups (2 boxes of 5 oz cups)
- Construction Paper (1 package, 8 different colors, 96 pages)

Thank you! We look forward to meeting with you on Orientation Night.  
Preschool begins Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> and/or Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.







# Children's Ministry

Birth—5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Children's Coordinator Marnie Schrader [mvschrader@icloud.com](mailto:mvschrader@icloud.com) (319) 530-1563



Listen, God is Calling!



JACOB & ESAU—Bowls of Soup!



## Coming Soon

July 29-Aug 2  
VBS

August 5  
VBS Sunday  
School  
&  
VBS Sings

August 26  
Sunday School  
Teacher  
Orientation

September 9  
Rally Day

September 12  
**Kid's Club**  
Begins

# Youth

6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Graders

## August

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



August 8  
6:00-8:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall

UKANDU participants meet to prepare for the UKANDU presentation the following Sunday.

DATE	EVENT	TIME
7/29-8/2	Vacation Bible School 2018-2019 6th—8th Grade attend High School Help	5:00-8:15pm
5	Worship at the Cross Fun Faith Fest	10:30am-2:00pm
8	UKANDU Presentation Prep	6:00-8:00pm
12	UKANDU Presentation	9:30am
TBA	Peach Pickup Day	
20-23 23	Area Schools Begin Iowa City Schools Begin	



Rally Day will be September 9

Midweek begins September 12 & includes a midweek meal

Confirmation Orientations (Parents & students) is September 19



## OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

Office: 338-5626 Fax: 338-9171 Website: <http://www.ourredeemer.org> Preschool: 338-3949  
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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.

## Tried and True

*1 Thessalonians 5:11*

When little irritating problems  
Come knocking at your door,  
What do you say when you discover  
That here comes one thing more?—



*“Why does everything happen to me?”*

When mishaps come happening along  
In groups of threes or twos,  
Do you ask your Father for some help  
Or do you just sing blues—

*“I could do without this, can't I?”*

Sometimes God uses these minor things  
To help our faith increase.  
We need to be reminded to say  
*The words “Thank you” and “Please”.*  
Only the Lord knows if we shall have  
*A major thing come 'long.*  
So He allows us all these minor things  
To help to make us strong.  
What if Christ had turned His back and said,  
*“This is too much for Me!”?*  
But He prayed to His Father and ours  
To get through what must be.

God allows some things to come to us  
*To show Satan we're true*  
To Him; we allow Him to guide us  
Always, our whole life through.—

*“What am I to learn from this, Lord?”*

So the next time something comes along  
To make you test your strength,  
Ask the Lord for His help in holding  
*Satan off at arms' length.—*

*“That wasn't so bad, was it?”*

Carol Schuldt

**Therefore  
encourage  
one another  
and build  
each other  
up, just as  
in fact you  
are doing.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:11**