

The Parish Beacon

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October 2018

Another school year begins. For the church, that means we are about to re-experience the same annual events and all the same liturgical seasons, Advent, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost. For students the repetition is even more noticeable as another year of math, science, and history classes have begun, and homework, exams, and sporting events await over the next twelve months.

As much as it appears we are doing the same things repeatedly, the 2018/2019 year will also be different than the last. Kindergarteners are now 1st graders, 5th graders are 6th graders, 8th graders are high school freshmen, and high school graduates are off at colleges, trade schools, or getting started in the workforce. The new year brings fresh opportunities to learn and grow, even if we go through the same motions all over again.

The same is true for our congregation at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. The kids are getting older and learning new things, confirmation will say hello to a new batch of 6th graders, and another group of graduates has left to go serve God in their new vocations within their new communities. But it's not just students. Everyone in the church will face new challenges, hear new sermons, attend new Bible studies, and get to know yet another new vicar!

Amidst the old and the new this year brings, we shift our focus to rejoicing in the Lord. Last year, you spent a full year pausing in the middle of the third petition of the Lord's Prayer. I was only here for the final month of that church wide theme of *Thy Will Be Done*, but it was obvious to me how big of an impact that had on the members at Our Redeemer.

I pray that our new theme, *Rejoice!*, will have a similar impact by the end of next summer. It will certainly present us with its own blessings and challenges. I already anticipate the groans in my own heart as we go through the liturgy and sermons all calling me to rejoice. Sometimes I feel like rejoicing, but there are also many times when I do not. I suspect that by the end of this vicarage year, I will be quite ready to take a break from rejoicing. However, it is through this steady repetition that we learn what it really means to *Rejoice!*

Rejoicing in our Lord, Jesus Christ, is not about how we feel. We will have plenty of days and weeks over the next year when rejoicing will be the last thing we want to do. Yet we will come together and learn to rejoice despite the way we feel. It is a skill that most of the world cannot learn, but as members of Christ's, who know that God's will is that we have forgiveness of sins, salvation, and life everlasting, we can and should rejoice at all times and in all places.

Rejoicing in Jesus is about turning our eyes to the cross, where Jesus died for our sins, and to the empty tomb, where Jesus rose in victory over death. Praise God when we can rejoice with our feelings, and praise God that we can rejoice without them. This new church year will be full of chances for us to come together as a congregation to practice rejoicing in both the good and hard times, and when it proves challenging, we can remember along with the prophet Isaiah the reason why we rejoice:

“I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation.” (Isaiah 61:10)

Rejoice!
-Vicar Otterman



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OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

1	Youth Committee 6:00pm Children's Ministry Committee 7:00pm
2	Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Human Care 6:30pm
3	Bible Study 11:00am Lunch Bunch 12:00pm Midweek Meal 6:00pm Midweek 6:45pm Youth Worship Rehearsal 6:45pm Adult Midweek 7:00pm
4	Visitation Meeting 10:00am Women's Beth Moore Study 7:00pm Board of Elders 7:00pm
6-7	LWML Sunday—All Services Flu Clinic 9:00am—noon Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible Study 9:30am
8	Outreach Committee 6:30pm
9	Women's Beth Moore 9:30am Stephen Ministry Peers-Thompson 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm
9-12	Pastoral/Office Staff at Best Practices Heartland
10	Properties Committee 6:00pm Midweek 6:45pm Adult Midweek 7:00pm
13-14	Gary Thies, Director Mission Central Update
13	Work Day 9:00am
14	Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal Begins Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible Study 9:30am Youth Worship Rehearsal 12:00pm
15	Lutheran World Relief Packing 6:00pm LWML 7:00pm
16	Stephen Ministry Peers—Skip/Marcia 6:30pm Assimilation 7:00pm
17	Bible Study 11:00am Lunch Bunch 12:00pm Midweek 6:45pm Youth Worship Rehearsal 6:45pm Adult Midweek 7:00pm
18	Women's Beth Moore Study 7:00pm Theology 101 7:00pm

21	Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible Study 9:30am Trivia Challenge 12:00pm Youth Worship Rehearsal 2:00pm
23	Women's Beth Moore 9:30am Stephen Ministry Large Group 6:45pm Men's LLL 7:30pm
24	Midweek 6:45pm Kids Club at Legacy 6:45pm Youth Worship Rehearsal 6:45pm Adult Midweek 7:00pm
25	Board of Directors 7:00pm
26-27	Confirmation Retreat
27-28	Youth Led Worship All Services Taking Directory Photos after all services
27	Men's Bible Study Youth worship Rehearsal 3:00pm Youth Meal at Wendy's 6:30pm
28	Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible Study 9:30am Preschool Meeting 11:45pm Trunk or Treat 4:00pm
31	Bible Study 11:00am Lunch Bunch 12:00pm NO MIDWEEK

Preschool-8th Sunday School - September 30
JOSEPH FORGIVES *Genesis 42-45, 50:15-21*
 Joseph revealed himself to his brothers and forgave them. Our Lord Jesus Christ reveals Himself to us and forgives us in His Holy Word and Sacraments.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30pm Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am
Communion on October 6,7,20,21

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 rehearsals at 6:45pm
No rehearsal October 3 or 17

Praise Team Practice schedule varies—
Contact Myrl Holida myrl-holida@uiowa.edu or
Louise Klopp choirdirector@ourredeemer.org

Watch *Reflections* for information on:



Gary Thies
Mission Central
October 13/14
Mission Update at all services
Bible Class



October 7
9:00am-12:00pm
Board Room



LWML Sunday
October 6/7

LWML
October 15
LWR Packing 6:00pm

Lutheran Family
Service Speaker
October 15
7:00pm
Fellowship Hall



CHALLENGE

October 21
12:00 pm
Fellowship Hall



Confirmation Retreat
October 26/27



October 28
4:00 pm
Parking Lot
Potluck follows in
the Fellowship Hall



YOUTH LED WORSHIP

October 27/28
All services



Work Day
October 13
9:00 am—noon



November 4
Noon
Fellowship Hall



Update your photo on
October 27/28



November 3
6:30pm
Sanctuary



PLAYGROUND CLEANUP

August 26



Photos courtesy of
Kaja Mueller



Submitted by Marcia Hulse

Stephen Ministry

We care, Christ cures.

GOD'S PRESENCE IS ALWAYS NEAR

My dad was a warm and wonderful father who believed his children could achieve anything. The nightmare began when, in his mid-fifties, this lovely man began to disappear behind a mask, as a series of minor brain hemorrhages drove him into a world where I could no longer reach him. At first, I thought that if I prayed and fought hard enough, I could somehow bring him back. But I was no match for his dementia. He who had always been there for me, abandoned me little by little.

I wondered whether he knew how we nursed and cared for him. I hope the disease was merciful to him, even if it wasn't to us. I found myself railing against God. How could he allow the sad, slow destruction of so many faculties?

My tears went on year after year for several years, until, when the final moment came, I was left feeling empty, defenseless, and fatherless. And yet, I remember so well thinking that we had been saying goodbye over the past six years, as he slowly slipped away. My emotions were on a rollercoaster. After Dad died, I finally agreed that a Stephen Minister might help me with these complicated emotions.

I wondered what his relationship with God was at the end. I had read Scripture to him when he was unable, and he appeared to respond. I prayed so hard that God would show me he was safe, and as I did, dozen of beautiful, long-forgotten memories flooded back to me - Dad reading by my bed, jiggling the coins in his pocket, playing with us after dinner and homework, stopping for ice cream on the way home after a sports event, dancing the twist to show us that he still could. What a father he was! And now these memories made me smile and I found myself laughing. Laughter was important to him, and he would say we should laugh daily. I felt as if he had been given back to me.

I keep on finding him now — in my attitudes and goals, and in the dreams he dreamt for me, so many of which he did not live to see, have been fulfilled in Jesus. Most of all, I recognize his influence in the way I see God. Because of my earthly father, I have found a generous, joyous heavenly Father whose love is rock solid, who takes me in His arms when I'm hurting, who believes in me, and denies me nothing unless it's best for me. This Father will never abandon me.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16 (NIV)

Board of Directors September Minutes

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The August deficit is \$4832.
- Year to date income \$427,694 with expenses of \$464,188 for a net deficit of \$36,000.
- The peach sales income has not yet been factored in and the estimated \$36 K will be reduced by \$8-\$8.5 K to more accurately reflect the deficit.
- Immeasurably More campaign total thus far is \$488,736.

ELDERS REPORT-Arlan Thompson

- Elders have reviewed all staff salaries.
- Elders are committed to continuing Vicarage program rather than calling an Assistant Pastor.
- Anticipating Laurel Sellers' retirement, the elders are investigating what other churches have for Office Coordinator duties.
- Facility Use policy is nearing completion.

AT-LARGE REPORTS

Barb Schanbacher

- Human Care preparing for Prime Time Dinner on November 4
- Angel Tree names will be coming soon (asked for 40 children this year)
- The Mitten Tree collection will begin when the Angel Tree is empty.

Jeff Kucera

- Johnson County Fair was a huge success
- Semi-saurus will be here August 8-11, 2019.
- City High Parade Party September 26.

Kevin Roiseland

- Preschool is going well

CHURCH PROPERTIES REPORT-Dave Johnson

- The light poles have been painted.
- A MidAmerican energy audit on the vicarage made it eligible for a rebate on additional insulation.
- The parsonage will undergo an energy audit.
- The committee is looking into solutions for eliminating vehicles speeding by the preschool.
- A damper to better control the temperature in the preschool will be installed.
- Properties Maintenance position still being discussed for duties including mowing, snow removal, and as contact person for property questions, inspections, etc. The committee will develop a job description.



KUDOS

Our Redeemer's
Board of Directors recognizes

CRAIG DAVIS

For all the plumbing work, as well as other services he provided for the church for many years. We wish him and Kathy well as they settle in their new home!

LILLAN MOYER

For her faithful service to the church in various capacities. She pieces many of the quilt tops for Comfort-Tiers and is a silent soldier, always sowing. She serves the church wherever and whenever needed.

Thank you all!

- Dave is looking at various projects to see if expenses can be reduced.

VISION 2020 REPORT

- The new chapel chairs have arrived
- Work will hopefully be done by July 31, 2019.

STAFF REPORTS

Vicar Otterman

- Began Confirmation classes.
- Theology 101 starts soon

Kaja Mueller (in absentia)

- 11 children enrolled all days.
- More will be coming as they turn 3 or complete paperwork.

Denise Hoida (in absentia)

- Small Groups have resumed.
- Beth Moore study has resumed.

Voters' Meeting September 16

TREASURER'S REPORT-Larry Freeman

- See Board of Directors report
- Current LCEF Loan balance is \$421,000

ELDERS REPORT-Arlan Thompson

- Annual staff reviews done
- Passed first draft of 2019 salaries/budget

CHURCH PROPERTIES REPORT-Dave Johson

- See Board of Director's Minutes
- Asphalt laid down in part of lot, lines repainted
- Need for maintenance person being evaluated
- Fall Workday on October 13

VISION 2020 REPORT

- Narthex/Gathering Placed complete under budget
- Sanctuary (other than technology) done and under budget
- Adult ed room slightly over budget
- Fellowship hall scheduled May-July 2019
- Air handlers are working now

STAFF REPORTS

Pastor Hartwig

- In August-5 nights teaching VBS, 4 weddings,3 funerals, 2 daughters off to college, 1 new vicar
- Equipping book available
- Attended Vicarage conference

Vicar Otterman thanked church for support

Kaja Mueller

- 11 children enrolled all days, more coming as they complete paperwork
- Eagle scout cinder block Preschool playground retaining wall finished
- Assistants are Sara Cross and Sheena White
- Awaiting Department of Human Services visit

Kara Hartwig

- Confirmation-6th Grade-12(4 new), 7th grade - 9 (2 are new), 8th grade - 13.
- Retreat for students Saturday, September 22nd
- Peach fundraiser will defray \$800 of \$1200 NYG costs for next July—Registration due October 1

Denise Holida see Board of Directors minutes

Marnie Schrader

- Evening VBS successful-will do the same in 2019
- Rally Day had some new families
- Still need 3rd grade Sunday School teacher
- October 28 is Trunk or Treat

2019 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT Alan Meyer

2nd year of 2-year term

VICE PRESIDENT Myrl Holida

2nd year of 2-year term, then president

TREASURER Larry Freeman

SECRETARY Jennifer Kooker

ELDERS *Dave Bohnsack

***Ryan Haack**

1st year of 1st three-year term

Eric Kooker

2nd year of 1st three-year term

Jim Eick

1st year of 2nd three-year term

Arlan Thompson

Vaughn Davisson

2nd year of 2nd three-year term

Skip Kempnich

Marnie Schrader

Marty Wenck

3rd year of 2nd three-year term

CHURCH PROPERTIES

Brenda Johnson

Henry Diggelmann

2nd year of 2nd two-year term

Dave Johnson (chair)

Dave Yansky

2nd year of 1st two-year term

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (at large)

Jeff Kucera

2nd year of 1st three-year term

Barb Schanbacher

3rd year of 2nd three-year term

Kevin Roiseland

1st year of 2nd three-year term

COMMITTEES

Assimilation Vacancy

Education/Children Kelly Kucera

Human Care Dean Hargens

Missions Bob Powers

Outreach Marlene Thompson

Marilyn Kempnich

Youth Art Schwarting

Small Groups Karyl Bohnsack

Technology *Rob Ghabel

Health Ministries Erica Davisson

Preschool Pam Wilson

Auditing Bob Hansen

Rolland Poust (unverified)

Dave Hintze

Nominating Twyla Freeman

Crissy Pence

Beth Hargens



Erica Davisson, Committee Chair

MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT FLU VACCINES

Can a flu shot give you the flu?

No, a flu shot cannot cause flu illness. Flu vaccines given with a needle are currently made in two ways: the vaccine is made either with a) flu vaccine viruses that have been ‘inactivated’ (dead) and are therefore not infectious, or b) with no flu vaccine viruses at all (which is the case for recombinant influenza vaccine). The most common side effects from the influenza shot are soreness, redness, tenderness, or swelling where the shot was given. This initial soreness is most likely the result of the body’s early immune response reacting to a foreign substance entering the body. Low-grade fever, headache and muscle aches also may occur for 1-2 days.

In randomized, blinded studies, where some people get inactivated flu shots and others get salt-water shots, the only differences in symptoms was increased soreness in the arm and redness at the injection site among people who got the flu shot. There were no differences in terms of body aches, fever, cough, runny nose or sore throat.

Are any of the available flu vaccines recommended over the others?

For the 2018-2019 flu season, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends annual influenza vaccination for everyone 6 months and older with any licensed age-appropriate flu vaccine including inactivated influenza vaccine (IIV), recombinant influenza vaccine (RIV4) or live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV4) with no preference expressed for any one vaccine over another.

Is it better to get the flu than the flu vaccine?

No. Flu can be a serious disease, particularly among young children, older adults, and people with certain chronic health conditions, such as asthma, heart disease or diabetes. Any flu infection can carry a risk of serious complications, hospitalization or death, even among otherwise healthy children and adults. Therefore, getting vaccinated is a safer choice than risking illness to obtain immune protection.

Do I really need a flu vaccine every year?

Yes. CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine for just about everyone 6 months and older, even when the viruses the vaccine protects against have not changed from the previous season. The reason for this is that a person’s immune protection from vaccination declines over time, so an annual vaccination is needed to get the “optimal” or best protection against the flu.

What about people who get a seasonal flu vaccine and still get sick with flu symptoms?

There are several reasons why someone might get a flu symptoms, even after they have been vaccinated against flu.

1. One reason is that some people can become ill from other respiratory viruses besides flu such as rhinoviruses, which are associated with the common cold, cause symptoms similar to flu, and also spread and cause illness during the flu season. The flu vaccine only protects against influenza, not other illnesses.
2. Another explanation is that it is possible to be exposed to influenza viruses, which cause the flu, shortly before getting vaccinated or during the two-week period after vaccination that it takes the body to develop immune protection. This exposure may result in a person becoming ill with flu before protection from the vaccine takes effect.
3. A third reason why some people may experience flu like symptoms despite getting vaccinated is that they may have been exposed to a flu virus that is very different from the viruses the vaccine is designed to protect against. The ability of a flu vaccine to protect a person depends largely on the similarity or “match” between the viruses selected to make the vaccine and those spreading and causing illness. There are many different flu viruses that spread and cause illness among people.
4. The final explanation for experiencing flu symptoms after vaccination is that the flu vaccine can [vary in how well it works](#) and some people who get vaccinated may still get sick.

CDC conducts studies each year to determine how well the influenza (flu) vaccine protects against flu illness. While vaccine effectiveness can vary, recent studies show that flu vaccination reduces the risk of flu illness by between 40% and 60% among the overall population during seasons when most circulating flu viruses are well-matched to the flu vaccine. In general, current flu vaccines tend to work better against influenza B and influenza A(H1N1) viruses and offer lower protection against influenza A(H3N2) viruses.

When should I get vaccinated?

You should get a flu vaccine before flu begins spreading in your community. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies that protect against flu to develop in the body. CDC recommends that people get a flu vaccine by the end of October.

Where can I get a flu vaccine?

**Get your flu shot at Our Redeemer on Sunday, October 7th
from 9:00 am-12:00 pm in the Board Room!**



MISSION	MAY
Iowa District East	\$4,166.67
UIHC Chaplain Endowment Fund	416.66
Consultation of Religious	625.00
Concordia Seminary	500.00
Food for the Poor	250.00
Lutheran Hour	625.00
TOTAL	\$6,583.33
MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS	
Concordia Seminary Food Bank	\$100.00



Rev. Brian Gauthier, Panama missionary, guest preacher



September 9, 2018



6th graders receive ESV Lutheran Study Bible, Luther's Small Catechism in a Confirmation carry bag



Presentations to 3 year olds, 1st, 3rd, and 11th graders



Blessing of teachers — Sunday School, Midweek, Small Group

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church's **Children's & Youth Ministries** were pleased to provide our students with materials to aid in their spiritual growth.

3 year olds— My First Bible Story Book

1st Graders— ESV Children's Bible

3rd Graders— Timeless Bible Truths

6th Graders— ESV Lutheran Study Bible, Luther's Small Catechism, and a Confirmation carrying bag

11th Graders— Concordia's Complete Bible Handbook



Sunday School teachers were introduced to their classes and left together for their classrooms



Grace to you and peace from God, our Father, and from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. What a blessing it is to live in the love of Christ shown through your amazing gifts of prayer and support to my family and me. Now that we are securely back into the routine of Seminary I've finally gotten a chance to write to you and say, thank you. Thank you for being willing to share the gifts God has given to you with us. You are a wonderful blessing.

I've completed the 1st month of 4th year seminary classes. It seems like things are flying fast, but I'm happy with that. I long to get out into the Church God has planned for me. I'm enjoying classes, but I yearn for the active life of the congregation. This quarter my classes are focused on the foundations of the Pastoral office. My classes include Systematics II (Church and Ministry), Preaching and the Bible, early Church Councils, and The Psalms.

Each class has been fascinating and is helping to reinforce my understanding as I get closer and closer to my call. We've also started 4th year placement meetings so that we know how to fill out all of the paperwork and documents necessary for the Seminary, Synod, and Churches to issue us our first call. Needless to say, the process is much more involved than the Vicarage placement process we've already been through.

Eden, Faith, & Isaac have all started back into school. Hope has thus resumed her Mommy Taxi route. The kids are all enjoying their new classes and friends. Each day brings new joys of knowledge and adventure. Levi has finally started walking. He went one week with only taking 2-3 steps if VERY motivated to the next week walking 20-30 steps with little problem. Hope is just getting started in bell choir and a spouse's class at the Sem. Eden is learning violin and has started in an all-girl BSA Cub Scout den. Faith started Gymnastics today and Isaac started preschool ballet last week. The weeks are busy, and the time is flying, but everyone is having a good time and enjoying the opportunity to finish out our last year as a seminary family.




God is able to do
Immeasurably
MORE
 ...according to the power that works within us...
 Ephesians 3:20

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

**Cash in hand
 \$500,456.69**

"one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all" (Eph 4:5-6).

Your Servant in Christ,

 Luke Scheele

"My hope and prayer and encouragement to each of you is to see people of all abilities as God sees them. Each of His children is beloved and valued. Each is uniquely gifted so that the work of God may be displayed—through every season of life." *Mona Fuerstenau, director of Lutheran Ministry Partnerships, Bethesda Lutheran Communities – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •*
www.lutheransforlife.org



6th GRADE YOUTH RETREAT

September 21-22



Creation Pizza



Day 1—Light (oven)



Day 2—Sky (crust)



Day 3—Land, Sea, Plants (sauce)



Day 3—Land, Sea, Plants (pepperoni)



Day 4—Sun, Moon, Stars (cheese)



Day 5—Birds, Fish (chicken, sardines)



Day 6—Animals, People (sausage, extra cheese because people like cheese)

Photos by Kara Hartwig



Capture the Flag



BIBLEWORDGAMES

Used with Permission

1. What do trials and tribulation produce in a Christian? (Romans 5:3)
A. Righteousness B. Patience C. Strength D. Salvation E. Repentance
2. Who were given the oracles of God (Romans 3:2)
A. Christians B. Greeks C. Pharisees D. Jews E. Sadducees
3. What do many people not like to "retain in their knowledge"? (Romans 1:28)
A. Love B. Faith C. Christ D. God E. Truth
4. How long did Paul stay on Malta after being shipwrecked? (Acts 28:11)
A. Three days B. Four weeks C. Three months D. Five months
5. By what is a man justified? (Romans 3:28)
A. Deeds of the law B. Repentance C. Righteousness D. Good works E. Faith
6. Being justified by faith we have what with God through Jesus? (Romans 5:1)
A. Peace B. Fellowship C. Glory D. Salvation E. Rejoicing
7. Who shall be justified by the deeds of the law? (Romans 3:20)
A. No person B. Christians C. All people D. Jews
8. What did Paul say was "the power of God unto salvation"? (Romans 1:16)
A. Good works B. Gospel of Christ C. Love D. Jesus Christ E. Faith
9. Paul preached that "the goodness of God" leads to what? (Romans 2:4)
A. Salvation B. Forgiveness C. Repentance D. Righteousness
10. Who have sinned and come short of the glory of God? (Romans 3:23)
A. Evil Men B. The Wicked C. All people D. The ungodly
11. Paul said "the power of God unto salvation" was sent to who first? (Romans 1:16)
A. Greeks B. Christians C. Gentiles D. Jews
12. How long did Paul preach from his rented house in Rome? (Acts 28:30)
A. 11 months B. Two years C. 7 months D. One year
13. God will render to every man according to his what? (Romans 2:6)
A. Kind acts B. Warm thoughts C. Deeds D. Nice works
14. What did Paul say the just shall live by? (Romans 1:17)
A. Christ B. Truth C. Faith D. Love

ANSWERS: 1. A, 2. D, 3. D, 4. C, 5. E, 6. E, 7. A, 8. B, 9. B, 10. C, 11. D, 12. B, 13. C, 14. C



**Confirmation
Orientation**
September 19



Acolyte Training

If Communion, light the candles on the altar 1st. Then, light candelabra from top to bottom—think God comes down to us.

6th Grade Confirmation



Left to Right: Connor Cross, Tyler Bell, Karsten Gabel, Tate Frantz, Adam Schaefer, Philip Bloesch, Shayla Servantez, Nick Caylor, Molly Krogh, Claire Hartwig, Rachel Matel and Addyson McKillip

7th Grade Confirmation

Left to Right: Kendra Schwarting, Makayla Saylor, Brice Bernhard, Jordyn Kucera, Jalynn Beranek, Ava Pence, Zach Aisenbrey, Caron Pence and Cade Dyson



8th Grade Confirmation



Left to Right: Madeline Schrader, Avery Bolton, Ava Cross, Hannah Ramsey, Ella Nelson, Lexi Faudel, Austin Bell, Mara Caylor, Andrew Hotz, Luke Ramsey, Tyce Alt, Corey Holman and Max Krogh



President Donna Saehler installs Secretary Marge Lemke

<u>Baptisms</u>	
Audrey Michelle Tibbetts (NM)	9-8-2018
Maisie Edith Magsamen	9-16-2019
<u>Removed</u>	
Amy Lauer (Brennan, Izaak)	9-27-2018
<u>Marriage</u>	
Jordan Lyon (NM) & Aubry Kunze	8-24-2018
Scott Hoffman (NM) & Amanda Brase	8-24-2018
Corey Ranney (NM) & Kristin Maher (NM)	9-8-2018

*Membership Changes
and
Official Acts*



Parade Party September 26th



Photos by Kevin Sellers





Growing in God's Word everyday as we create, discover, forgive, laugh, learn, play, pray, and share!





Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade

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

Trunk-or-treat
& potluck

October 28th

4-5 pm Trunk-or-Treating

5:00-5:30 pm Potluck

Please signup at the church
welcome center to join the fun!



DONATIONS

As part of our Trunk-or-Treat event, we will be collecting items for the Shelter House. There will be a trunk available for donations of conditioner, deodorant, razors, towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, grocery gift cards, towels, blankets, ear plugs, over-the-counter medications like acetaminophen, ibuprofen, sinus medications & antihistamines.

Contact Sarah Gabel with questions 319-621-0267 or sarah@gabel.com.



KID'S CLUB HAPPENINGS

October 3—opening & story
Fellowship hall

October 17—Birthday Night

October 24—Legacy Point

October 31—No class




Christmas program practices for "Back to the Manger"
begin October 14 during Sunday school music time.

Youth

6th - 12th Graders

OCTOBER

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			

DATE	EVENT	TIME
3	Youth Worship Rehearsal	6:45 pm
14	Christmas Program Rehearsal Confirmation students Youth Worship Rehearsal	Sunday School 12:00 pm
17	Youth Worship Rehearsal	6:45 pm
21	Youth Worship Rehearsal	2:00 pm
24	Youth Worship Rehearsal	6:45 pm
26-27	Confirmation Retreat	
27	Youth Worship Rehearsal Youth Led Worship Participants eat at Wendy's	3:00 pm 5:30pm 6:30pm
28	Youth Led Worship Youth Led Worship Trunk or Treat	8:00 am 10:30 am 4:00 pm
31	NO MIDWEEK 	

7th & 8th Grade Fall Confirmation Retreat

WHEN: 6:30 pm on Friday, October 26th—
Saturday, October 27th at 8:00 am

WHERE: Our Redeemer

COST: \$10.00 per student

Make checks payable to “Our Redeemer Lutheran Church” on the memo line write “Fall Retreat”.
(See Pastor or Kara for scholarship money.)

Return registration form, medical consent form and payment to Kara’s mailbox in the church office by **Sunday, October 21st**.

“Whose UR? Social Media”

presented by a special guest speaker
from Lutheran Family Service

Friday, October 26th evening

YOUTH PARENTS

should plan to attend with your student(s).
This event is also open to the congregation.

In **Whose UR**, the purpose is to bring a *positive message* for a healthy life to young people in our communities, focusing on important topics facing *young people* today.



Confirmation Students can **earn points** for participating in the Christmas Program.



To earn Confirmation Points, a student must **attend practices** for the Christmas Program during Sunday School **every Sunday** in October, November and December **plus** **2 Saturday rehearsals** in December.

For those interested in speaking roles and vocal solos, auditions will be on **Sunday, October 14th**, during the Sunday School hour.



OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

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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 20th 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.

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.

Cheesecloth



*Zephaniah 3:14-17
(Making jelly)*

The dampened cheesecloth

lies starchless

and limp in my hand;

it has no life of its own—

and neither do I.

Only through You do I find

strength

encouragement

heart

energy

resolution

faith

forgiveness

hope

trust

life

Only through You--only.



Carol Schuldt