



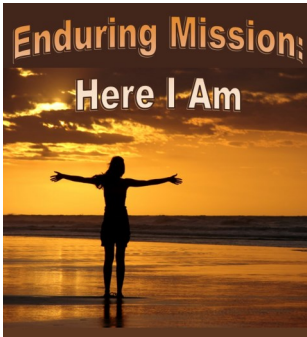
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Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - June 27/28 2021

~The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost~



Summer Sunday School Meeting Places:
Adults in the Fellowship Hall
Confirmation (6th, 7th & 8th grades)
 and **High School** in Youth Room (lower level)
Children (Toddlin' - 5th grade) in Toddlin' Room
 (upper level)

Summer Sunday School (All Ages) THEME: "Here I Am: Apostles"

Date	Bible Lesson
June 27	UKANDU Presentation
July 4	Lesson 5: JOHN – <i>The Disciple Whom Jesus Loved</i>
July 11	Vicar's Israel Presentation
July 18	Lesson 6: ANDREW - <i>Peter's Brother</i>
July 25	Lesson 7 & 8: JAMES (<i>John's Brother</i>) & PHILIP (<i>The Second Circle</i>)
August 1	Lesson 9 & 10: BARTHOLOMEW & THOMAS (<i>The Second Circle</i>)
August 8	No Class—Set up for outdoor worship, Church Picnic, and Fun Faith Fest
August 15	Lesson 11: MATTHEW— <i>The Tax Man</i>
August 22	Lesson 12: JAMES THE LESS, JUDAS & SIMON THE ZEALOT (<i>The Third Circle</i>)
August 29	ACTS OF THE APOSTLES — <i>The Last Supper</i>

A CHANGE IN COMMUNION SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

During the month of July, there are many scheduled Saturday weddings, and only one will take place in our sanctuary. Since Pastor will be away on the regularly scheduled communion Saturday's for the month of July and the unavailability of an ordained pastor, the July communion schedule will be as follows:

Saturday Communion: July 10 & 31
Sunday Communion: July 4 & 18

Prayer of the Church/Fifth Sunday after Pentecost/27 June 2021

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, from whom our help comes, You have brought us into Your Holy Christian Church and made Christ our shield from every enemy. Preserve us in such faith until at last You bring us out of this world in the resurrection forevermore.

The Lord answers, calls to us, and we respond:

Here I am

O Lord, be with the governing authorities and enable them to preserve peace and order in our nation. Hear our prayers for our president and governor; our military and police; and other civil servants. Increase a spirit of unity and cooperation among the people of our land and the nations of the world.

The Lord answers, calls to us, and we respond:

Here I am

O Lord, we praise You for all the faithful Christians who have served their neighbors in Your name. We give thanks especially for the adults and youth who blessed our city in the UKANDU @ Home service day. Teach us all to seek out our neighbor's needs and "Love them Like Jesus." Send us as servants and laborers into Your harvest fields, and sustain and protect us in Your Word.

The Lord answers, calls to us, and we respond:

Here I am

O Lord, you instituted marriage between one man and one woman. We give you thanks for the 50 years of marriage that you have granted Arlan and Marlene Thompson. Bless them and all husbands and wives as you strengthen the love between them and their love for you.

The Lord answers, calls to us, and we respond:

Here I am

O Lord, You did not turn aside the bold request of Jairus nor the timid faith of the suffering woman. We implore You, hear our prayers for those in need. Drive away our fears and increase our faith. Give healing and strength to the sick and suffering. *We especially pray for **Dorothy Blume** (Carol Schuldt's sister), **David Caplin** (Lillian Moyer's son-in-law), **Nicholas Carney**, **Jody Cole** (Charles Calef's friend), **Chad Dyson**, **Emee Elkeurti**, **Gabe Hundley** (grandson of Karen Abernathy), **Dora Jacobson** (granddaughter of George and Carol Schuldt), **David Jones** (Lonne Loney's uncle), **Creedon Miller** (Duane and Flo Miller's son), **Norma Miller** (Twyla Freeman's aunt), **Barb Nace** (Doris Siemer's niece), **Faith Pederson**, **Ron Rafferty**, **Judy Schweer** (Kathy Schweer's daughter-in-law), **Nora Sellers** (Great niece of Kevin & Laurel Sellers), **Bob Siemer**, **Deloris Siemer**, **Rozie Siems** (Daughter of Mary Siems), **Andy Stockman**, **Karen Warner**, and **Mark Wilson**.*

The Lord answers, calls to us, and we respond:

Here I am

O Lord, give comfort to those who mourn, that they may find peace in knowing that Christ has destroyed death and all who die in Him are, like Jairus' daughter, only sleeping until You awaken them at the Last Day. We pray especially for the family and friends of **Ann Thompson** (sister of Pastor Zimmermann) as they mourn her death. Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

The Lord answers, calls to us, and we respond:

Here I am

O Lord, listen to our silent prayers.

[we pause for a moment for silent prayer]

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BIRTHDAYS

Sun. 6/27 Patricia Eckhardt, Emily Jones, Bob Lentfer, Jeffrey Nicholson, Mardine Price, Emelia Richardson
 Mon. 6/28 Trisha Cornwell, Megan Jerred, Mark Martens, Diane Thomas
 Tues. 6/29 Jonas Coblentz, Patsy Heinitz, Isabella Sexton, Beth Stein
 Wed. 6/30 Tyce Alt, Lacie O'Leary, Mary Ann Schlueter, Evan Waring
 Thurs. 7/1 Martin Beer, Kathryn McIlrath
 Fri. 7/2 Brian Kirstein, Eric West
 Sat. 7/3 Debra Vinsand

STEWARDSHIP June 19/20

TIME		TREASURES	
Equipping Disciples Video 6/15	***	Contributions	\$7,830.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 6/19--5:30pm	68	A Little Farther	\$109.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 6/20--8:00am	87	Monthly needs for budget	\$64,902.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 6/20—10:30am	120		
Recorded Service 6/19	19		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	294	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	7/49

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, June 27-July 4, 2021

<u>Sunday, 6/27</u>		<u>Thursday, 7/1</u>	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
UKANDU Presentation	9:20am	Visitation Meeting	11:00am
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am	Atrium Village	3:00pm
		Elders Meeting	7:00pm
<u>Monday, 6/28</u>		Al-Anon	7:30pm
Staff Meeting	1:00pm		
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	<u>Friday, 7/2</u>	
<u>Tuesday, 6/29</u>		<u>Saturday, 7/3</u>	
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Worship Service	5:30pm
<u>Wednesday, 6/30</u>		<u>Sunday, 7/4-Happy Birthday America</u>	
TOPS	8:00am	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
Youth Summer Event	6:00pm	Summer Sunday School (All Ages)	9:20am
		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am



Happy 50th Anniversary!

Congratulations and God's blessings to Arlan and Marlene Thompson as they celebrate 50 years of marriage. May the Lord bless them with many more!

MISSIONARY TO VISIT

The Rev. Dr. Michael Paul, a theological educator missionary for the China Evangelical Lutheran Church in Taiwan - a partner of the LCMS, will visit St. Silas Wednesday, June 30th. Dr. Paul teaches in congregations and at China Lutheran Seminary, Hsinchu. He also writes and translates Lutheran Chinese resources and helps mentor new church workers. He will speak to us about his work in Taiwan at 7:00 pm on June 30th. Light refreshments will follow.

LUNCH BUNCH



VICAR'S FAMOUS CHILI!!!

Lunch Bunch meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays

of each month. Lunch Bunch will be meeting again on July 7 in the Fellowship Hall. Bible Class is at 11:00am followed by lunch at 12:00pm. Yes, Vicar will be providing his famous chili for the lunch. In a step back to normal people are invited to bring their favorite side dish. If you are still uncomfortable at this time partaking in potluck please feel free to bring your own sack lunch.



Join us for Vicar Stein's last sermon on July 25th. Following late service we will be having a noon meal that is being provided. A free will offering will be collected to help Vicar Stein in his final year at the seminary.



PRAYERFULLY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP ME WITH THIS YEAR'S FUN FAITH FEST:

AUGUST 8

We are very excited to announce that we will be having our Fun Faith Fest this year! This event is large and in order to get the event set up and make it successful, we are in need of a lot of volunteers. This event will have hotdogs, cotton candy, games, and more! Please use the link provided here to sign-up [Sunday, August 8](#) or sign-up in person at church on Sunday. We are also in need of borrowing tents for the game booths. If you have one to loan please call/text me at 319-330-3326 or email me at jmstrom@southslope.net. A big thank you in advance!

Melody Strom



Building Healthy Families:

Summer days are perfect for memory making! Making sandcastles at the beach, going for a bike ride, throwing a ball, or flying a kite are simple activities that make for great family time and memories. It's time to disconnect the electronics and reconnect as a family! *"Start children off in the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it."* Proverbs 22:6

Lutheran Family Service - www.LutheranFamilyService.org



Sun, August 1st—Thurs, August 5th
5:00 pm—8:15 pm

VBS Volunteers Wanted!

We need several adult volunteers to help us make our VBS a success.

Are you available for a few hours, a couple of nights, or all 5 nights? We appreciate whenever you can help.

If you are willing to help, go to:

<https://vbsmate.com/volunteers/OurRedeemerVBS2021/20523>



PLEASE CLAIM YOUR ITEMS

Please call Lorrie in the office during regular hours of operation if you have lost a specific item. There have been quite a few items that have shown up including two sets of car keys.



LOOKING FOR BED SHEETS

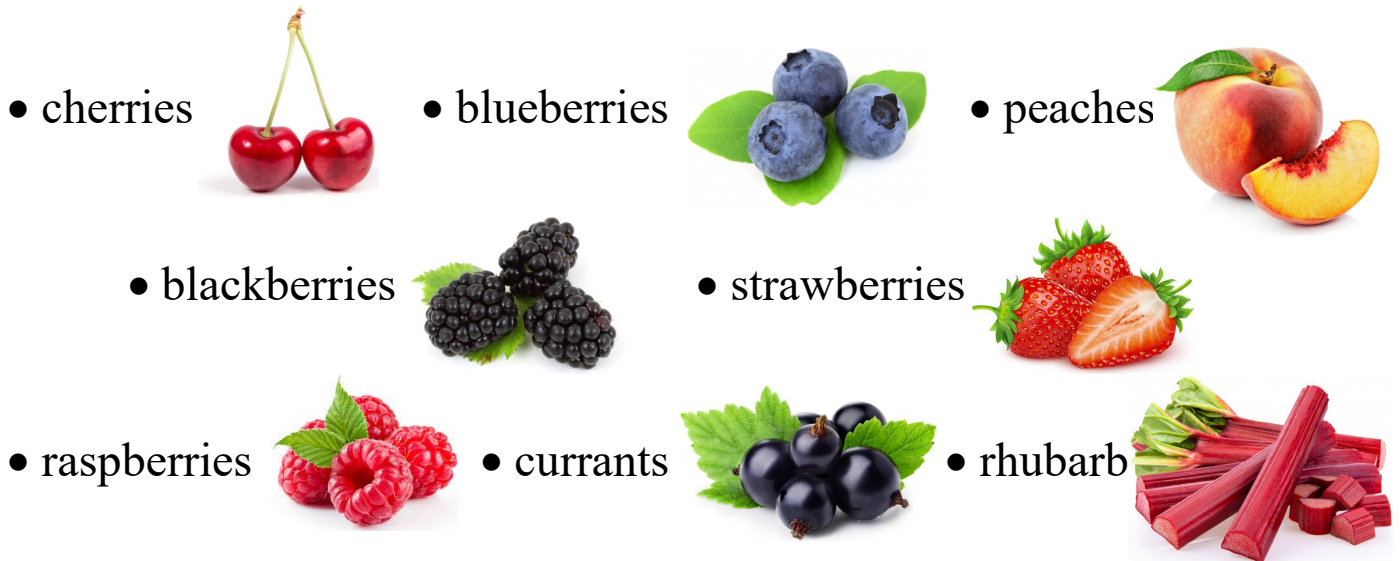
The Comfort-tiers are looking for more sheets of any size or condition as we can use the nicer ones for backs and the not-so-nice for middles. If you go to garage sales, please ask if they have any. Thank you SO much!

FRUIT FOR PIES



The Youth are requesting fruit donations for their annual Youth Pie Sale held in November.

If you have any extra fresh fruit, we are asking you to donate it to the youth to make their pies. The types of fruit we are looking for are:



When apples are ready later in the year, we would appreciate them also.

Please wash the fruit, slice or chop as appropriate, and put the fruit in a **LABELED** gallon ziploc bag. Please write "Youth Pies" on the bag and the type of fruit & approximate quantity. Place the bag(s) in the church kitchen freezer.

We appreciate keeping down the cost of making the pies. With your help there will be some **FABULOUS** pies in November for you to buy.

If you have questions, contact Kara Hartwig.



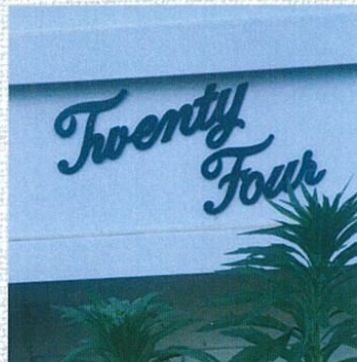
After 40 years on Amber Lane, we're moving!

Our new address
Parkview Apartments #104
315 South Spring Street
Sparta, WI 54656

You are always welcome!



Thank
you



We are grateful for the support and love of family, friends, and neighbors. We will cherish our Amber Lane memories.

Always,
Duane and Florence Miller

Summer Edition

Preschool Newsletter



Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller Assistants, Sheena White M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH
Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949 www.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org preschool@ourredeer

Our Redeemer Preschool where children play, learn, and grow in Jesus!

COLLECTING

Bubble Dance

We would be happy to have bubbles for our outdoor playground time. Please bring to the church office. Thank you!



PRESCHOOL CENTERS

ART - Enable children to...

- *create an expression of self
- *work with a wide variety of materials
- *experiment with color, texture, and shape
- *use visual expression as a means of communication
- *develop problem-solving skills
- *improve fine-muscle control

What is something that makes your family special?



Things Not To Worry About When Your Child Starts School

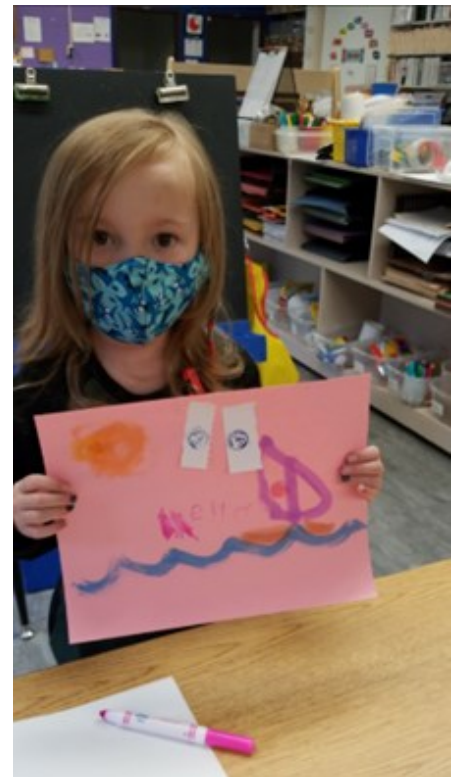


Doesn't bring home any artwork at all.

There are so many other interesting things to do. And they're every bit as worthwhile. You just can't hang them on the refrigerator.

Claims she isn't going to be invited to someone's birthday party. Birthday parties are standard preschool bargaining chips as in—"If you don't give me a turn on the swing right now, I won't invite you to my birthday party." Rest assured that such threats have nothing to do with actual parties.

LOOK
AT
WHAT
I
MADE!



IDEAS: Helpful things *you can do* with your preschooler to keep them learning:

Live animal cameras on the internet – Have them describe to you what they see (habitat, colors, etc.) and let them try to explain.

Color/Cut/Paste – fine motor skills, building muscles.



Consign through the Stuff; this is a fundraiser for our preschool. You can donate items by dropping them off yourselves or placing them in a box outside the preschool. Preschool will receive 50% of the profit from the donated items that are sold at Stuff. All items given to Stuff will be a donation if they cannot sell them. **Iowa City #43522**



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade

Summer Sunday School

Preschool—5th Grade
Toddlin' Room
9:20 am—10:05 am

June 27th: UKANDU Presentation

July 4th: John-The Disciple Who
Jesus Loves

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July 18th: Andrew-Peter's Brother

July 25th: James & Philip

August 1st: Bartholomew & Thomas

August 8th: Set up for Outdoor Worship

August 15th: Matthew

August 22nd: James, Judas & Simon

August 29th: Acts of the Apostles



REGISTER FOR VBS NOW

August 1st-5th

4 years old-8th grade

5:00 pm Meal

5:30-5:45 Opening

5:45-8:00 Activities

8:00-8:15 Closing

Go to:

[https://vbsmate.com/
OurRedeemerVBS2021](https://vbsmate.com/OurRedeemerVBS2021)

Thrivent Cards Needed for VBS!

We are in need of 8-10 Thrivent
cards for VBS to help with meals,
crafts, and other expenses.
Contact Kara Hartwig.

VBS Volunteers Wanted!

We need several adult volunteers to
help us make our VBS a success.

If you are willing to help, go to:

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OurRedeemerVBS2021/20523](https://vbsmate.com/volunteers/OurRedeemerVBS2021/20523)

Youth Ministry

6th —12th Grade

Youth Coordinator Kara Hartwig youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org (319) 855-2728



Sign up to attend VBS or volunteer to help!

Confirmation (incoming 6th—8th graders) - Sign up to attend. *We're excited to see you and your friends!*

High School (incoming freshman and older) - Sign up to volunteer for one night, a few nights or all five. *We're flexible and happy for your help!*

Sun, August 1st—Thurs, August 5th
5:00 pm—8:15 pm

**VBS SIGNUP FOR
CONFIRMATION & HIGH SCHOOL:**
<https://vbsmate.com/OurRedeemerVBS2021>

Peach Fundraiser

Can you believe it's our Youth's 24th Annual Colorado Peach Fundraiser?

All Youth in 6th—12th grades for next school year (2021-22) are selling boxes of Colorado peaches for the annual **Our Redeemer Youth Peach** fundraiser.

Cost per box: \$38.00 (30—40 peaches per box; about 18—22 lbs per box)

Order forms are in the church office. See Kara with any ?'s.

REMINDER: Students' names need to be on the form when it is turned in so they can earn money for their church Prize Account.

SUMMER YOUTH EVENT

for incoming 6th— outgoing 12th graders

Kickball

Wednesday, June 30th
6—8 pm



Meet in the upper parking lot by the cross. Wear tennis shoes (no flip flops or crocs). Snacks & drinks provided.
If rain, we'll play games inside.

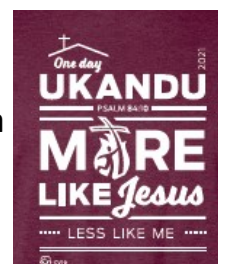


Sunday School

Sunday, June 27th
9:20 am—10:05 am
Fellowship Hall

UKANDU Presentation

All ages will be together for a special presentation about UKANDU @HOME 2021.



Our Redeemer Youth 24th Annual Colorado Peach Fundraiser



18-22 pounds per box
30-40 peaches per box
\$38 a box

We're so excited to host our Peach Sale this year! We continue to pray for a good harvest as we look forward to the arrival of fresh, handpicked, juicy Colorado peaches. As always, orders will be filled on a first come first serve basis – as quantities allow. Please get your order form in early.

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

5. Questions or comments: Phone #319-338-5626 –ext. 27; OR email: peaches@ourredeemer.org

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2021 Order Form

Return with payment to Church – No phone orders accepted

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Number of Boxes: _____ @ \$38.00/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 will go to the youth and their mission projects.*

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.

RADIO

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 a strong, caring ministry with children and youth. To promote the safest and most secure environment possible all employees and volunteers, both new and existing, undergo a background screening before working with younger members. Performing background checks provides safeguards and peace of mind to our staff, volunteers, parents, youth, and children.