

# The Parish Beacon

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace, mercy and peace to you from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I have spent some time these past few days pondering *The End*. My vicarage is drawing to a close. By the time many of you sit down to read this, I will already have moved back to St. Louis for my final year of studies. God willing, a year from now I will receive a call and ordination into the Office of Holy Ministry. After four long years, *The End* is in sight!

*The End* brings unknowns. What will it be like? Will it come quickly? Will it be scary? A group of early Christians living in Thessalonica pondered *The End* of a different sort. They knew Jesus would return at *The End*, but that brought unknowns. What would it be like? Would it come quickly? Would it be scary? So St. Paul wrote to comfort them:

*“We gave thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that He has chosen you...”*

– 1 Thessalonians 1:2-4

In response to anxiousness about *The End*, St. Paul took time to... thank them! And to thank God for them. So I say the same thing to you: Thank you! Thank you to each and every one of you here at Our Redeemer for your hospitality, your kindness, your willingness to let me be a part of your spiritual life for an entire year. I am better equipped for pastoral ministry now than I was at the beginning of the year, because of you.

And I do not only thank you; I thank *God* for you. He uses each of us to accomplish His good on earth—and He has chosen you to do much good! Even in a pandemic, even over Zoom calls, even in livestreamed worship services, even when many of you were quarantined for weeks on end, even in all these trials, you continued to do the necessary work of “equipping disciples to make disciples for Jesus.” You have been a blessing to me. I give thanks to God for your witness to His goodness and mercy!

I hope to see you all again next year, and God-willing again after that. But if we should not meet again in this world, I pray you will continue to faithfully trust in God and do His work in the world, that we may all give thanks together at *The End*.

God’s grace, mercy and peace be with you. Bless your next vicar as you have blessed me!

Your brother in Christ,



Vicar Don Stein



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## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sun 7/25	Worship Service-In Person/Live Stream 8:00am Summer Sunday School (All ages) 9:20am Worship Service-In Person/Live Stream 10:30am Vicar's Stein's Farewell Lunch 12:00pm District 13 Meeting 2:30pm
Mon 7/26	Staff Meeting 1:00pm T & T Small Group 5:00pm Sunlight AA Group 6:00pm VBS Planning Meeting 6:00pm
Tues 7/27	Solon Nursing Home 9:30am Al-Anon 7:00pm
Wed 7/28	TOPS 8:00am Emerson Point 2:00pm Youth Water Games 6:00pm
Thurs 7/29	Comfort Tiers 9:00am Al-Anon 7:30pm
Fri 7/30	***
Sat 7/31	Worship Service-In Person/Live Stream 5:30pm
Sun 8/1	Worship Service-In Person/Live Stream 8:00am Summer Sunday School 9:20am Worship Service-In Person/Live Stream 10:30am VBS Volunteer Lunch & Meeting 11:30am Setup for VBS 1:00pm VBS Volunteer Meeting 4:00pm Vacation Bible School 5:00pm

**Dear Members & Friends of Our Redeemer,**

Office hours here at church are:

**Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm**

Please Check the online calendar to stay up to date.

If you have any questions, please call the Church

Office at 338-5626 or email me at:

**redeemer@ourredeemer.org**

Yours in Christ,

Lorrie

“Here I am.”

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**\*\*WATCH YOUR MONDAY EMAIL FOR SIGN-UP LINKS FOR WORSHIP\*\***

**Saturday 5:30pm In Person/LIVE STREAM**  
**Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am In Person/LIVE STREAM**  
**Sunday School 9:20am—In Person**

**Adult Bible Study 9:20am—Fellowship Hall/ZOOM**

**\*\*Communion: August 1, 15, 29\*\***

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

**Choir practice Wednesdays at 6:45pm**  
*Watch future Beacon and Reflections for updates.*

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

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

Revealed Lord, You are great and to be praised greatly. You rule earth and sea and sky. We give You thanks for the blessings of creation and life that come from Your abundant goodness. Give to Your Church boldness to speak of Your awesome deeds and sing always of Your righteousness.

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

**Here I am**

Revealed Lord, You are able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think. Be glorified in Your Church and in Christ Jesus! Ground us in love, give us a faith rooted in the promises of Christ, and give us strength to comprehend with all the saints His love that surpasses all understanding.

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

**Here I am**

Revealed Lord, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, as You preserved Noah and his family and brought forth new life from the ark under the promise of Your covenant, bless now our families also. Make marriages strong and fruitful according to Your will. Let Your Word rule in every home, uniting its members in forgiveness and causing Your Son to dwell in every heart through faith.

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

**Here I am**

Revealed Lord, through Your Son and His reconciling death, we receive all good gifts, healing and sustenance. We bring before You the sick and those in need. Give them healing and protection, and encourage them in the midst of this life by the recognition of Your Fatherly providence known in Christ, our Savior.

*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), **Ron Rafferty**, **Diana Schultz**, **Nora Sellers** (Great niece of Kevin & Laurel Sellers), **Bob Siemer**, **Deloris Siemer**, **Rozie Siems** (Daughter of Mary Siems), **Ursula Teggatz**, **Karen Warner**, and **Mark Wilson**.*

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

**Here I am**

Revealed Lord, do not allow our hearts to become hardened by indifference or any frustration in this world. Give us understanding and courage to sustain us in this sin-full world. Bring us to remember our Baptisms which wiped away our sin like a Flood. Teach us to remember Your promises, that we may receive Your assurance with confidence.

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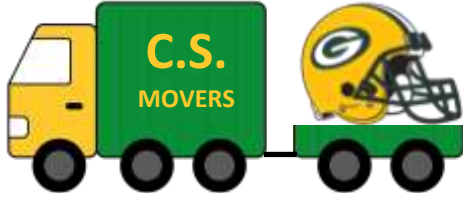
**Here I am**

Revealed 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.

# UPCOMING EVENTS FOR AUGUST



Vicar Stein & Family return to St. Louis, July 29



August 1-5  
5:00pm Meal  
5:30pm Opening  
8:15pm Pickup



Vicar Kyle & Holly Lewis arrive, August 4



August 4  
Bible Class 11:00am  
Lunch 12:00pm  
Fellowship Hall



August 8<sup>th</sup> for:  
Worship at the Cross 10:30 am  
Hot Dog/Chip/Drink Picnic 11:45 am  
Faith Fest Games 12:00 pm-2:00 pm



August 18  
Bible Class 11:00am  
Lunch 12:00pm  
Fellowship Hall



LWML Picnic & Devyn's presentation  
August 21, 5:30pm

First day of Iowa City School



August 23

Extra! Extra! Read All About!



Coffee will be starting up again in the Gathering Place on September 12. We are seeking volunteers to do coffee time before Sunday School and Bible Class. For more information contact Sharon Hintze 319-321-2113. The sign-up sheet is located on the counter, next to the sink, in the Gathering Place.



**Building Healthy Families:** *"Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?"* What a thought-provoking quote from *Corrie Ten Boom!* I Thessalonians 5:17 reminds us to, "pray without ceasing." So, which is it for you...steering wheel or spare? Think about it and adjust accordingly!

Lutheran Family Service - [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)



## We welcome Vicar Kyle & Holly Lewis

They are slated to arrive August 4th. The box for filling the new vicar and his wife's pantry is located on the Welcome Counter in the narthex to receive donated items.

## Summer Sunday School (All Ages)    THEME: “Here I Am: Apostles”

Date	Bible Lesson
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	<b><i>No Class—Set up for outdoor worship, Church Picnic, and Fun Faith Fest</i></b>
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>
September 5	<b><i>No Class—Labor Day Weekend</i></b>

### Birthdays

Sun. 7/25	Craig Benson, Juan Capitan, Carmen Davis, Carmen Marks, Barbara Pronk, Jacqueline Ross, Cora Schneider
Mon. 7/26	Jackson Nemitz, Faith Pederson, Mark Schweer, Emerson Sexton
Tues. 7/27	Daniel Juhl
Wed. 7/28	Dillion Bruckman, Cade Obermueller
Thurs. 7/29	Amy Frantz, Kelsey Johnston, Olga Will
Fri. 7/30	Andrew Bell, Kelly Carlson, Kristene Lake, Lonnie Loney, Alexander Rasmussen, Amanda Saterfield, Cade Sexton, Zoey Sexton
Sat. 7/31	Charles Kleinmeyer, Claire Siems, Ardith Stoner

### Stewardship July 17/18

ATTENDANCE		TREASURES	
Equipping Disciples Video 7/13	***	Contributions	\$11,838.03
Sat. 7/17 In Person/LIVE STREAM 5:30pm	47	A Little Farther	\$5,734.00
Sun. 7/18 In Person/LIVE STREAM 8:00am	76	Monthly needs for budget	\$64,902.00
Sun. 7/18 In Person/LIVE STREAM 10:30am	194	Recorded Service 7/17	34
<b>TOTAL WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>351</b>	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	<b>25/51</b>

# Membership Changes and Official Acts

<u>Deaths</u>	
Charles W. Calef	05-28-2021
Terri Dee Westfall	05-28-2021
Timothy James Wood	05-29-2021
Steven Schultz (burial)	06-12-2021
<u>Baptism</u>	
Ellis James Dyson	07-04-2021
<u>Wedding</u>	
Andrew and Emilia Thompson	06-19-2021
Christian and Devyn Schramm	07-3-2021
Ethan and Grace Coblentz	07-17-2021

MISSION	JUNE/JULY
Iowa District East	\$3,333.33x2
UIHC Chaplain Endowment Fund	\$333.33x2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,333.32</b>
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca	\$500.00
Lutheran Family Service	\$500.00
Orphan Grain Train	\$250.00
St. Paul's Chapel	\$375.00
Concordia Seminary	\$250.00
Lutheran Hour	\$500.00
Common Fund	\$625.00
<b>MONTH TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,333.32</b>
<b>MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	
CommUnity Crisis Center	**
Lutherans For Life	**
Concordia Seminary Food Bank	\$150.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>



Thank you for your continued support.

Pledges received for the months of June/July	\$17,574.66
Total amount of pledges received	\$239,530.79
Total amount pledges promised	\$358,446.16



## Board Reports

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- Administration costs decreased by \$5000 in the past month.
- It was recommended that we eliminate printing of bulletins, since they are included with the announcement of service orders online each week (Some will be available in the office).
- May summary reveals a positive balance of \$8000. Discussion continues about various options of refinancing our loans.

### **ELDER'S REPORT**

- No report/No July meeting because of holiday.

### **AT-LARGE REPORTS**

- Outreach: Planning for Faith Fun Fest in August.
- We will not be participating in the July 4 parade or Johnson County fair this year due to COVID limitations.
- Mission: Plans to install permanent uniform signage.

### **CHURCH PROPERTIES**

- Replacement of front steps and driveway at vicarage is complete.
- Working with Mission committee on new signage
- Speed bumps on lower level parking lot will be replaced.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### **Pastor Hartwig-**

- We will continue to social distance until CDC lifts restrictions.
- Vicar's presentation of his Israel trip will be July 11, during Bible class hour.
- UKANDU @ Home will be Saturday, June 26.

**Vicar Stein-**No report

#### **Youth Ministry-Kara Hartwig-**

- Peach fundraiser is underway.
- VBS is first week in August

#### **Small Group-Denise Holid-**

- Planning Vicar's farewell luncheon on July 25.

**Kaja Mueller-** No report

**Marnie Schrader –** No Report

**Other–** None



**KUDOS**



**Our Redeemer's**

Board of Directors recognizes

Rob West

For donating his lawn mower to our equipment arsenal. His generosity represents a significant cost savings to enhancing the beauty of our property.





# Stephen Ministry

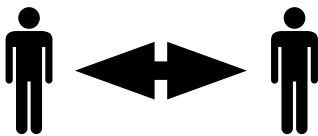
We care, Christ cures.

## The Differences between a Friendship and a Stephen Ministry Caring Relationship

A Stephen Minister is a trained caregiver who is assigned by Pastor Hartwig to walk alongside a hurting person during a difficult time. Although there are similarities between a Stephen Ministry caring relationship and a friendship, the differences between the two are significant.

### Friendship

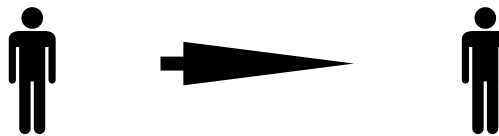
*Friends*



Care and Support

### Stephen Ministry Caring Relationship

*Stephen Minister—Care Receiver*



Care and Support

An informal, mutual relationship	A formal, helping relationship
Started by the friends themselves	Arranged by Pastor
Intended for the benefit of both people involved	Intended for the benefit of the care receiver
Independent of any formal supervision	Supported by the congregation's Stephen Ministry
Not based on any specific schedule	Involves scheduled weekly meetings for about an hour
Might meet purely for enjoyment or leisure	Meet specifically for caring visits
Might involve meeting practical needs	Involves meeting emotional and spiritual needs, not other types of needs
May involve more than two people in the relationship	Strictly a one-to-one relationship
Not focused solely on one person - each feels free to talk about his or her thoughts, feeling, and needs	Focused entirely on the care receiver and his or her thoughts, feelings, and needs, not on the Stephen Minister
A relationship without a specific, concrete purpose or predetermined endpoint	A relationship with the purpose of addressing a specific need for care, coming to a close when that need is met
Information may be publicly known or available. Or, some may have shared personal information with someone in the past, only to have that trust broken.	Maintaining confidentiality is a critical part of the caring relationship. All information about the care receiver is treated as private information and kept confidential

The relationship between a Stephen Minister and a care receiver is not a friendship. Rather, a Stephen Ministry caring relationship is an ongoing association arranged by Pastor for a specific purpose, with a beginning, middle, and end. Whatever relationship the Stephen Minister and care receiver may have had **before** or may have **after** Stephen Ministry, it is separate and distinct from the caring relationship itself.

#### STEPHEN LEADERS

Pastor Hartwig	338-5626
Bill Benson	517-881-9848
Marcia Hulse	351-7059
Kathy Schweer	466-3084
Kevin Sellers	631-8924

# THE VICAR HAS NEW STEPS & DRIVEWAY



**Hooray! The construction tape and orange cones have been removed and Vicar has new steps and a new driveway!**



**Thank you to all who helped in that project while Vicar was in Israel.**

**Below, Louise takes a moment for someone to snap her picture.**



PRESENTS:

# Wedding Shower



Grace Hartwig & Ethan Coblentz



The Not So Newlywed Game



Grace & Ethan were joined by parents Mary & Norv Coblentz and Pastor & Kara Hartwig for the Not So Newlywed Game



And as all good ties are resolved at Our Redeemer; Rock, Paper, Scissors decided winners Grace and Ethan



Sunday, June 13, 2021



Marilyn Kempnich led game of mock vows



# UKANDU @ HOME 2021

June 26, 2021

**SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

Crowded Closet  
Emerson Point  
Lantern Park  
Riverfront/Ralston Creek  
Secret Barn

CommUnity  
Shelter House Kits  
Hawaiian Shirts  
Quilt Tying  
Card Making

UKANDU @ HOME 2021

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7 <sup>30</sup> -8	ARRIVAL & CHECK-IN	NARTHEX
8	DEVOTION	SANCTUARY
8 <sup>30</sup>	PACK LUNCH	FELLOWSHIP HALL
9	5K <sup>PHIL'S FRIENDS</sup>	(TBD)
10-10 <sup>30</sup>	TRAVEL	TO SERVICE ACTIVITY
10 <sup>30</sup>	SERVICE ACTIVITY #1	(TBD)
12 <sup>30</sup>	LUNCH & DEVOTION	ON-SITE
1-1 <sup>30</sup>	TRAVEL	TO SERVICE ACTIVITY
1 <sup>30</sup>	SERVICE ACTIVITY #2	(TBD)
3 <sup>30</sup>	GAK <sup>GODLY ACTS OF KINDNESS</sup>	(TBD)
3 <sup>45</sup> -4	RETURN	TO OUR ASSEMBLY
4	DEBRIEF	FELLOWSHIP HALL
4 <sup>30</sup>	DINNER	FELLOWSHIP HALL
5 <sup>30</sup>	WORSHIP	SANCTUARY



5K



Phil's Friends Card Making  
Cards of Hope for cancer patients



Service  
Activities



GAK (Godly Acts of Kindness)



Concluding 5:30 pm Worship

2021-2022 Enrollment Form



Child First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Male Female Age as of September 15, \_\_\_\_\_ years

What year in school: Prek 3 OR Prek 4

DAILY SCHEDULE:

7:30am Extended Care Drop off  
 9:00am Preschool Starts  
 9:30am Learning Centers  
 10:30am Snack/Bathroom  
 11:00am Outside Recreation  
 11:45am Story/Music  
 12:00pm Preschool Ends/Pick Up/Lunch  
 12:45pm Lunch Ends/Pick Up  
 1:00pm Story/Quiet Rest Time  
 3:00pm Snack  
 3:20pm Outside/Playground  
 4:00pm Learning Centers  
 5:30pm Day Ends/Pick Up

**OTHER INFORMATION:**  
 \* Our Preschool starts after Labor Day and ends before Memorial Day.  
 \* Children may enroll throughout the school year as spaces allow.  
 \* Scholarship information is available upon request.  
 \* Extended Care hours – Students may be dropped off any time after 7:30am and picked up any time before 5:30pm.  
 \* The morning snack will be provided by an assigned preschool student. Those preschoolers staying for lunch should provide their own bag lunch. No breakfast will be offered. An afternoon snack will be provided by the preschool.  
 \* If Iowa City Schools are delayed, no preschool, extended care starting at noon.  
 \* If Iowa City Schools are cancelled, no preschool or extended care.  
 \* If Iowa City Schools close early, we have extended care.

CHECK DESIRED PROGRAM:

_____ (M/W/F)	Preschool Program	9:00am-12:00pm	\$221/month
_____ (M/W/F)	Preschool Program with extended care LUNCH time	9:00am-12:45pm	\$290/month
_____ (M/W/F)	Preschool Program with MORNING extended care	7:30am-12:00pm	\$323/month
_____ (M/W/F)	Preschool Program with MORNING e.c. & LUNCH	7:30am-12:45pm	\$393/month
_____ (M/W/F)	Preschool Program with AFTERNOON extended care	9:00am-5:30pm	\$602/month
_____ (M/W/F)	Preschool Program with FULL day extended care	7:30am-5:30pm	\$707/month
_____ (T/TH)	Preschool Program	9:00am-12:00pm	\$162/month
_____ (T/TH)	Preschool Program with extended care LUNCH time	9:00am-12:45pm	\$208/month
_____ (T/TH)	Preschool Program with MORNING extended care	7:30am-12:00pm	\$232/month
_____ (T/TH)	Preschool Program with MORNING e.c. & LUNCH	7:30am-12:45pm	\$278/month
_____ (T/TH)	Preschool Program with AFTERNOON extended care	9:00am-5:30pm	\$417/month
_____ (T/TH)	Preschool Program with FULL day extended care	7:30am-5:30pm	\$486/month
_____ (5 Day)	Preschool Program	9:00am-12:00pm	\$366/month
_____ (5 Day)	Preschool Program with extended care LUNCH time	9:00am-12:45pm	\$481/month
_____ (5 Day)	Preschool Program with MORNING extended care	7:30am-12:00pm	\$538/month
_____ (5 Day)	Preschool Program with MORNING e.c. & LUNCH	7:30am-12:45pm	\$653/month
_____ (5 Day)	Preschool Program with AFTERNOON extended care	9:00am-5:30pm	\$1,001/month
_____ (5 Day)	Preschool Program with FULL day extended care	7:30am-5:30pm	\$1,175/month

*Financial scholarships are available for Preschool, not for extended care or lunch expenses. Scholarship Application due August 1<sup>st</sup>.*

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Best Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Best Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Our Redeemer Preschool admits children of any race, color, nationality or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities of the Preschool. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, nationality or ethnic origin in administration of the educational or admission policies. Our curriculum is Christian-based.*

Please mail your completed form along with the \$50 non-refundable registration fee made payable to:

Our Redeemer Preschool  
 2301 E. Court Street  
 Iowa City, IA 52245

**Upon receipt of the Enrollment Form and fee, your child's spot will be reserved.** An enrollment packet will be sent to you containing all additional paperwork to be completed. Thank you for enrolling your child with Our Redeemer Preschool.

# Preschool Loves These Kids



Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller      Assistants, Kate Ramsey M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH  
Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949    www.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org    preschool@ourredeemer.org  
*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!



Things Not To Worry About When Your Child



**Can't name any of the other kids in his or her class.** There's so much that's new and so many kids. Teachers will help the children learn each other's names once they're sure everyone knows the more vital things—like where the bathroom is and that it's OK to use it.

## QUESTIONS TO ASK KIDS!

How would the world be different if animals could talk?



Would you cheat on a test if you knew you would not get caught? Why or why not?

## PRESCHOOL CENTERS

JESUS TIME- *Enable children to...*

- \*hear stories about Jesus, their Savior and friend
- \*feel secure in Jesus' love
- \*rejoice and express feelings of praise
- \*talk to Jesus in prayer
- \*sing their praises
- \*be happy knowing that there is a place for them in heaven because of Jesus' death and resurrection
- \*discuss ways to share Jesus' love with others



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

ABCmouse – Try for free for 30 days. <https://www.abcmouse.com/abt/homepage?8a08850bc2=T1066945726.1585950398.9211&msclkid=e3d1fdbafe1917935ed9a33d50a2ffb4>



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—5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**VBS 2021 IS COMING for 4 year olds - 8<sup>th</sup> Graders!**

**August 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>**



**5:00 pm Meal    5:30-5:45 Opening    5:30-8:00 Activities    8:00-8:15 Closing**

**Sign-up at: <https://vbsmate.com/OurRedeemerVBS2021>**

## Summer Sunday School: The Apostles

Sunday Mornings 9:20 am — 10:05 am

**Meet in the Toddlin' Room (upper level)**

July 25<sup>th</sup>: James & Phillip

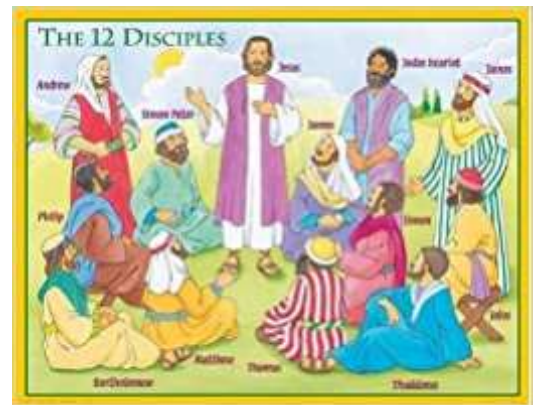
August 1<sup>st</sup>: Bartholomew & Thomas

August 8<sup>th</sup>: *Setup for Worship outside*

August 15<sup>th</sup>: Matthew

August 22<sup>nd</sup>: James, Judas & Simon

August 29<sup>th</sup>: Acts of the Apostles



**JOIN US...**

Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>

10:30 am **Worship at the Cross**

(outside service in the upper parking lot)

*VBS participants sing during service*



11:45 am **Hot Dog Lunch** (outside)

12:00 pm **Fun Faith Fest**

*Fun for all ages: games, cotton candy,  
popcorn,  
prizes & more!*



# Our Redeemer Youth 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:peaches@ourredeemer.org)

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*Cut on dotted line*

*Cut on dotted line*

## 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.*













# 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:

- cherries 
- blueberries 
- peaches 
- blackberries 
- strawberries 
- raspberries 
- currants 
- rhubarb 

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.**

# 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				

DATE	EVENT	TIME
1	Vacation Bible School (August 1-5)	5:00 pm
8	Worship at the Cross & Fun Faith Fest	10:30 am
9	Youth Committee	6:00 pm
11	Youth Summer Event	T.B.D.
18	Youth Summer Event	T.B.D.
23	First Day of School Iowa City	***
29	National Youth Gathering Information Meeting (Following Late Service)	12:00 pm

SUMMER YOUTH Event  
for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> – outgoing 12<sup>th</sup> graders



### Water Games

Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Outdoors

*Bring a friend!*

## Youth Sunday School

Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>

9:20 am – 10:05 am

Youth Room



**THIS WEEK'S LESSON:**

PHILIP

John's Brother

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.



## Tire Marks

Isaiah 31:21a

Damp tread marks on cement  
show where cars have come  
onto the road.

Black skid marks on concrete  
show where one has inadvertently  
left the road.

Lord, You know when and where  
I have come onto Your highway  
and if I am continuing  
**on the straight and narrow...**

Help me to never skid off into a ditch.

Carol Schuldt