



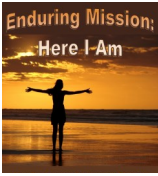
First Avenue and Court Street
Iowa City, IA 52245
Phone: 319-338-5626
Email: redeemer@ourredeemer.org
www.ourredeemer.org

Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - July 3/4, 2021

~The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost~



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

The Church Office will be closed Monday, July 5th for the 4th of July holiday.

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

Date	Bible Lesson
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 Saturdays 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



BAPTISM

Ellis James Dyson
 Son of
Chad & Erin Dyson
BAPTISM
 July 4~~10:30am
 Sponsors are:
Cade & Hayden Dyson

VICAR'S FAMOUS CHILI!!!

LUNCH BUNCH



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.



*You are invited
to the wedding ceremony
of GRACE HARTWIG and
ETHAN COBLENTZ
Saturday, July 17, 2021 at 1PM*
Cake and punch reception to follow ceremony.

After much consideration, the Hartwig family is excited to invite the whole congregation to Grace and Ethan's wedding. With both of them growing up in this church, we wanted to invite everyone to the ceremony. There will be a cake and punch reception afterwards. You will see Grace and Ethan cut the cake and feed each other, which is a time-honored tradition. Feeding each other lives out the wedding vows where the bride and groom promise to provide for each other. Although funny, when the bride and groom smash the cake, it demonstrates the lack of care for your new spouse. We hope that you will join us and understand if you are not comfortable in the current pandemic environment.

Prayer of the Church/Sixth Sunday after Pentecost/4 July 2021

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

Gracious Lord, Your Son endured rejection in this world. You lead us likewise through a hostile world that shows no honor to Your Church or its wisdom. Do not let us lose heart. Strengthen us in faith, and let us rest confidently in the identity we have in You.

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

Here I am

Gracious Lord, Your great and mighty work is to create faith by Your Holy Spirit in the eternal blessings of Your Son, Christ Jesus. We implore You, make Your preachers effective to proclaim Your prophetic Word. Remove all stubbornness from our ears, all impudence from our mouths, all rebellion from our hearts. Do not leave us without Your Word, but make Your home among us and restore the joy of Your salvation.

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

Here I am

Gracious Lord, bless our nation. Remember in Your kindness our president, our governor, and those who serve us in any public office, that all who hold positions of trust may serve Your holy will, for the protection of the weak, the promotion of virtue, and the establishment of peace and harmony here and throughout the world.

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

Here I am

Gracious Lord, take away from us all prejudice and hate; help us to show Your compassion and love to all in need. Sanctify our homes with Your presence. Make them places of welcome and love in Christ. Bless husband and wife, parent and child, that we may live in Christ-like love toward one another.

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

Here I am

Gracious Lord, in our weakness we are strong for the sake of Christ, whose grace is sufficient for every need. Give comfort to those whose pain is chronic, whose sustained suffering is unknown, who wrestle with difficult thorns in body or mind, or who are tempted to despair. In weakness, insults, hardships, persecutions and calamities, let us boast in Christ and His cross, by which we and our sufferings are sanctified. *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**, **Delores 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

Gracious Lord, out of Your abundant blessing You satisfy us with Christ, the bread of life. Give repentance and faith to all who commune this day, that finding refuge in Your Son's true body and blood, we may taste and see that You are good.

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. 7/4 Kylea Greve, Denise Schwarting, Kevin Sellers
 Mon. 7/5 Heidi Bricker, Evelyn Mueller, Karrie Price, Vicar Stein
 Tues. 7/6 Linda Diggelmann
 Wed. 7/7 Diane Amundson, Kelsey Benson, Pearl Bricker, Linda McBride, Dixie Walker
 Thurs. 7/8 Mike VanKirk, Jerry Waddilove
 Fri. 7/9 ***
 Sat. 7/10 Daniel Lake

STEWARDSHIP June 26/27

TIME	TREASURES		
Equipping Disciples Video 6/22	83	Contributions	\$10,262.95
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 6/26--5:30pm	105	A Little Farther	\$275.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 6/27--8:00am	86	Monthly needs for budget	\$64,902.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 6/27—10:30am	122		
Recorded Service 6/26	15		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	328	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	69

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, July 4-11, 2021

<u>Sunday, 7/4-Independence Day</u>		<u>Thursday, 7/8</u>	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Summer Sunday School (All Ages)	9:20am	Lantern Park	10:00am
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am	Briarwood	4:00pm
Sheila Alt—Short Family Gathering	11:30am	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Children’s Ministry Committee Meeting	7:00pm		
		<u>Friday, 7/9</u>	

<u>Monday, 7/5-Independence Day Observed</u>			
Office Closed			
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	<u>Saturday, 7/10</u>	
VBS Planning Meeting	6:00pm	Men’s Bible Study	8:00am
<u>Tuesday, 7/6</u>		Thompson Family Gathering	9:00am
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Worship Service	5:30pm
<u>Wednesday, 7/7</u>		<u>Sunday, 7/11</u>	
TOPS	8:00am	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
Bible Class	11:00am	Vicar’s Israel Presentation	9:20am
Lunch Bunch- VICAR’S FAMOUS CHILI	12:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am
Youth at Bohnsack’s	7:30pm		

**VICAR NEEDS HELP
LOADING ON THE 28th
OF JULY AT 9:00am!!
IT WOULD BE GREATLY
APPRECIATED!!!**



Elder Services of Iowa City is seeking drivers to deliver hot lunches to 8-16 households. Drivers would receive the meals at the old Musgraves Furniture building at 10:30 AM on the day they are able to serve, and be finished before noon. Call Doreen at (319) 338-0515 for more information.



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 an outdoor church service, hotdog lunch, cotton candy, popcorn, games and prizes, and more! Please use the link provided in the link [Sunday, August 8](#) to sign-up or sign-up in person at church on each the Saturday or Sunday services. The sign-up will be on the counter outside the office door. There is also a link in the weekly sign-up and worship email.

We are also in need of borrowing 11 canopy 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



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.



Let's help
Vicar Kyle & Holly Lewis
with their

Pantry Needs

STOCK THE PANTRY

The Lewis' will be moving into the vicarage on August 4th. Let's give them a warm Our Redeemer welcome with things for their pantry.

Suggested items to donate include:

- *non-perishable food items
- *household goods
- *paper products
- *cleaning supplies
- *gift cards (grocery store, local restaurants or area businesses)

The items collected will be presented to them upon their arrival. We will continue to collect them through his installation on August 7/8. Please place your donations of goods in the box in the Narthex. **However**, please put your donations of gift cards in the church office.

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.



Did You Know:

Unlike some countries where you must worship behind locked doors, we are fortunate to live in a country where we can openly express our religious beliefs. During your Independence Day celebrations this week, remember to pray for our Iowa senators and representatives that they may have the wisdom and boldness to protect life and our religious freedoms. Happy Independence Day!

Lutheran Family Service - www.LutheranFamilyService.org



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!



DATES: Sun, August 1st—Thurs, August 5th

TIME: 5:00 pm—8:15 pm

Nightly Schedule

5:00 pm Meal

5:30 pm Opening

5:45 pm Activities

8:00 pm Closing

8:15 pm Pick up

Register Now for VBS!

4 year old Preschool—8th Grade

AGES FOR VBS: Children must be a minimum of age 4 (turned 4 by 8/1/2021), and ready to be in a small group situation without their parents. All children must be toilet-trained and able to use the bathroom independently.

We have classes for children who meet the pre-K4 requirements through incoming 8th graders for the 2021-22 school year.

To register, use this link:

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

WAYS TO HELP

- Pray for students & volunteers**
- Donate money for scholarships (avg cost is \$15.00 per student)**
Please make check payable to "ORLC" with "VBS" on the memo line and place check in the box in the Narthex.
- Donate items (look for list in upcoming Reflections)**
- Volunteer to help (see below for signup link)**

VBS Volunteers Wanted!

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

Possible opportunities: craft helper, snack helper, help with dinner, be an "Explorer Guide" (class leader, taking group from station to station), and many other options

If you're available for a few hours, a couple of nights, or all 5 nights, we would greatly appreciate whenever you can help.

If you are willing to help, go to:

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

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!

Questions to ask kids

Of all the things you are learning, what do you think will be the most useful when you are an adult?



Things Not To Worry About When Your Child Starts School



Is unusually obnoxious at home. Kids make a real effort to behave well at school for the first few weeks. Meanwhile at home, where they feel safe, they let it all out. Don't worry. Their refined company manners will wear off as soon as they feel comfortable at school—and they won't need to bring all those pent-up feelings home to you.

PRESCHOOL CENTERS

CRAFTS - 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

COLLECTING

Bubble Dance

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



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

Family responsibilities – Have them pick up their toys, room, brush teeth, write a note to someone, set the table, plant some seeds, read a story to siblings (reading the pictures counts).



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

We're learning about Jesus' 12 Disciples this summer in Sunday School.

July 4th: John—The Disciple Whom Jesus Loved

July 11th: Vicar's Israel Presentation

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

Sunday, August 1st—Thursday, August 5th
4 years old—8th grade

5:00 pm Meal (*for students & volunteers*)
5:30 pm—5:45 pm Opening
5:45 pm—8:00 pm Activities
8:00 pm—8:15 pm Closing

To register, use this link:

[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:

[https://vbsmate.com/volunteers/
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

We're still taking Peach Orders

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

Bohnsack's Backyard

Wednesday, July 7th

7:30 pm—10:30 pm

**MOVIE
NIGHT**



The Bohnsack's are hosting the Confirmation & High School Youth in their backyard for a fire & an outdoor movie. Be ready for a fun night of roasting marshmallows, playing lawn games, & watching a movie projected out side. *Bring a lawn/bag chair.*



Youth Sunday School

Sunday, July 4th

9:20 am—10:05 am

Youth Room

THIS WEEK'S LESSON:

JOHN

The Disciples Whom
Jesus Loved

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

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.*

OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

Office: 338-5626 Fax: 338-9171 Website: <http://www.ourredeemer.org> Preschool: 338-3949
 Prayer Chain: 351-5297 or prayerchain@ourredeemer.org Special Announcements Line: 338-3505

<u>STAFF & EMAIL</u>	<u>PHONE NO.</u>	<u>STAFF & EMAIL</u>	<u>PHONE NO.</u>
Brent Hartwig, Senior Pastor bhartwig@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church) 337-2403 (home)	Kaja Mueller, Preschool Director preschool@ourredeemer.org	338-3949 (preschool) 338-5626 (church)
Donald Stein, Vicar vicar@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church)	Lorrie Bailey, Office Coordinator redemer@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church)
Sara Cross, Preschool Assistant preschoolassistant@ourredeemer.org	338-3949 (preschool)	Sarah Gabel, Bookkeeper bookkeeper@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church)
Kara Hartwig, Youth Coordinator youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church)	Denise Holida, Adult Coordinator smallgroups@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church) 930-0165 (cell)
Louise Klopp, Director Choirs/Properties choirdirector@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church)	Marilyn Paetz, Organist organist@ourredeemer.org	351-4262 (home)
Marnie Schrader, Children's Coordinator childrensministry@ourredeemer.org	319-530-1563 (cell)	Kevin Sellers Director of Technology technology@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church) 631-8924 (cell)
Laurel Sellers, Consultant consultant@ourredeemer.org	319-331-3242 (cell)	Sheena White, Preschool Assistant preschoolassistant@ourredeemer.org	338-3949 (preschool)

2021 Board of Elders

Bill Benson	517-881-9848
Dave Bohnsack (Chair)	319-430-2054
Jim Eick	319-430-5603
Tim Eick	248-514-2881
Ryan Haack	319-325-7915
Skip Kempnich	319-351-5297
Eric Kooker	319-339-0175
Chad Pence	319-321-5686
Art Schwarting	319-325-6152

2021 Board of Directors

President	Myrl Holida	319-351-4301
Vice President	Denny Schrader	319-461-7318
Secretary	Barb Schanbacher	319-351-3998
Treasurer	Kari Kibby	319-573-4127
Board of Elders	David Bohnsack	319-430-2054
Properties	Dave Yansky	319-621-7694
At Large	Jeff Kucera	563-316-1088
	Marilyn Albright	319-430-8129
	Kevin Roiseland	319-230-5247

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.