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# Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - July 31/August 1, 2021

~The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost~

**Summer Sunday School Meeting Places:**

**Adults** in the Fellowship Hall

**Confirmation** (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades) & **High School** in Youth Room (lower level)

**Children** (Toddlin' - 5<sup>th</sup> grade) in Toddlin' Room (upper level)

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

Date	Bible Lesson
August 1	Lesson 9 & 10: BARTHOLOMEW & THOMAS ( <i>The Second Circle</i> )
August 8	<b>No Class—Set up for outdoor worship, Church Picnic, and Fun Faith Fest</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>



Let's help Vicar Kyle & Holly Lewis with their

**Pantry Needs**

**STOCK THE PANTRY**

The Lewis family will be moving into the vicarage on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Let's give them a warm "Our Redeemer" welcome with things for their pantry.

Suggested items to donate include:

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

The collected items will be presented to them upon their arrival. We will continue to collect them through his installation on July 31/August 1. Please place donations in the box in the Narthex. **However, gift cards should be brought to the church office.**



**Nightly Schedule**

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

**Sun, August 1<sup>st</sup>—Thurs, August 5<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 pm—8:15 pm**

**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.



- Bring in paper towel tubes (longer ones from kitchen paper towels) **BRING THEM BY TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, BY 5:00 p.m.**

## Prayer of the Church/Tenth Sunday after Pentecost/1 August 2021

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

Gracious heavenly Father, as You provided for the Israelites during their journey through the wilderness, give us confidence to trust in Your promises and to look to Your hand to provide all we need for this life and for the life to come.

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

**Here I am**

Gracious heavenly Father, sustain those who You send into Your harvest. Give Your blessing to pastors, teachers, Christian leaders. Be with **Vicar Stein** and family as they return to seminary, and be with **Vicar Lewis** and family as they begin their Vicarage year.

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

**Here I am**

Gracious heavenly Father, bless our VBS this week as we travel to the rainforest to be **Rainforest Explorers** and learn that “*Jesus leads the way.*” Bless the volunteers giving them strength and endurance, and bless the participants in strengthening their faith.

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

**Here I am**

Gracious heavenly Father, hear our prayers for the hungry and the homeless. Provide for them not only bread to satisfy their hunger but, above all, the true bread of life, Jesus Christ, who alone can fill and satisfy every need of body and soul.

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

**Here I am**

Gracious heavenly Father, show Your mercy to the sick and hospitalized *We especially pray for **Pete Berry** (friend of Myrl and Denise Holida), **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**, **Roger Folkmann**, **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), **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**

Gracious heavenly Father, sustain the proper use of the Sacraments among us, that Your Church would continue to be blessed with Your gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation through the waters of Holy Baptism, and through the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

**Here I am**

Gracious heavenly Father, be with the family and friends of **Al Janssen** (brother-in-law of Carol Zimmermann) as they mourn his 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**

Gracious heavenly Father, 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. 8/1	Cody Kreutz
Mon. 8/2	Dylan Carlson, Bob Carroll, Paul Jahnke, Brad Mullane
Tues. 8/3	Douglas Kubit, Shirley Losby, Troy Stoll
Wed. 8/4	Dane Dermody, Roger Folkmann, Katie Loney, Shannon Miller
Thurs. 8/5	Sarah Juhl, Kaja Mueller, Craig Sexton, Nora Walters
Fri. 8/6	Lorna Jerred, Kelsey Schwarting
Sat. 8/7	Kaitlyn Brimeyer, Kathy Druecker, Isaiah Giebeck, Tammy Krantz, Isaac Pinnell, Megan Raddatz, Carrie Schneider

## STEWARDSHIP July 24/25

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 7/24—5:30pm	55	Contributions	\$4,824.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 7/25--8:00am	89	A Little Farther	\$750.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 7/25—10:30am	130	Monthly needs for budget	\$64,902.00
Recorded Service 7/24	12	Equipping Disciples	85
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	286	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	10/44

## This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, August 1-8, 2021

<u>Sunday, 8/1-Installation of new vicar</u>		<u>Wednesday continued</u>	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Vacation Bible School	5:00pm
Summer Sunday School (All ages)	9:20am		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am	<u>Thursday, 8/5</u>	
VBS Volunteer Lunch	11:30am	Visitation Meeting	11:00am
Set-up for VBS	1:00pm	Atrium Village	3:00pm
VBS Volunteer Meeting	4:00pm	Vacation Bible School	5:00pm
Vacation Bible School	5:00pm		
		<u>Friday, 8/6</u>	
<u>Monday, 8/2</u>			
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	<u>Saturday, 8/7</u>	
Vacation Bible School	5:00pm	Worship Service	5:30pm
		<b>PEACH PICKUP DAY!!!!!!!</b>	12:00pm
<u>Tuesday, 8/3</u>		<u>Sunday, 8/8</u>	
Vacation Bible School	5:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
		Worship at the Cross	10:30am
TOPS	8:00am	Fun Faith Fest	12:00pm
Bible Study	11:00am	Children's Ministry Committee	7:00pm
Lunch Bunch	12:00pm	<b><i>Come and worship with us again!</i></b>	



## SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP ME WITH THIS YEAR'S FUN FAITH FEST: AUGUST 8

**Worship at the Cross 10:30am   Hotdog Lunch 11:35am   Carnival 12:00pm-2:00pm**

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 \(https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4dacad2fabf5cf8-funfaith\)](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4dacad2fabf5cf8-funfaith) to sign-up or sign-up in person at church on each the Saturday or Sunday services. The signup 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](mailto:jmstrom@southslope.net). A big thank you in advance!   Melody Strom



### LWML Lunch & Devyn's presentation

Join the women of Our Redeemer on Saturday, August 21 at 11:30 am. The afternoon will be filled with fun and fellowship. Bring your own sandwich. Drinks, chips, and the makings for root beer floats will be furnished. We will start at 11:30 with a fun icebreaker, devotion, followed by lunch. Our guest speaker after lunch will be Devyn Alt Schramm, Mission Trip grant recipient. Root beer floats and a fun game will end the afternoon. Mark your calendar. We want to see YOU there.



### Building Healthy Families:

Did you know a snail can sleep for three years? What a long nap! Although we do not sleep that long, Jesus offers a greater rest. In Matthew 11:28 He tells us, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." During the coming week, take Jesus up on His offer for rest from the worries of this world.

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

### COLLECTING FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS



While shopping, why not pick up a few items for the school kits. Each School Kit requires the following items (all new):

Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper, approximately 8x10 1/2"; **no loose leaf paper.**

One 30cm/inches ruler

One pencil sharpener

One **BLUNT** scissors

Five **UNSHARPENED** #2 pencils with erasers, secured with rubber band

Five ballpoint pens (no gel), secured with rubber band

One box of 16 or 24 crayons

One 2 1/2' eraser

*Backpacks are sewn for these items by Lillian Moyer and others*



Personal Care Kits are also needing items:

One like new, light-weight bath-sized towel (between 20"x40" and 52"x27" ), dark color preferred

Two bath-size bars soap in original wrappings, any brand (4-5oz)

One adult sized toothbrush in wrapping or from multipacks with each in a business sized envelope

One sturdy comb

One metal nail clippers

For our Baby Kits we do need A LOT OF sleepers without feet, t-shirts, tops and pants for both boys and girls.

***Drop your items into the blue bins in the downstairs hallway across from the kitchen door .***



### 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!



Summer Edition

# Preschool Newsletter



Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller    Assistants, Sheena White M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH  
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*Our Redeemer Preschool where children play, learn, and grow in Jesus!*



## Questions to ask kids

If you could be invisible for a day, what would you do?



## 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



**Comes home in "school" pants because his somehow got wet.** Lots of young children are reluctant to use unfamiliar bathrooms and decide to wait until they get home to go. Don't worry. Teachers are used to changing wet pants. With time, the school's facilities will be on your child's list of Approved Bathrooms.

## PRESCHOOL CENTERS

### HOUSKEEPING- Enable children to...

- \*construct the world as she/he sees it
- \*act out feelings and emotions in a comfortable setting
- \*role-play real life situations
- \*practice language and social skills
- \*interact with other children in an informal setting
- \*plan and work with others



**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



Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>  
thru  
Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>

4 years old—8<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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**



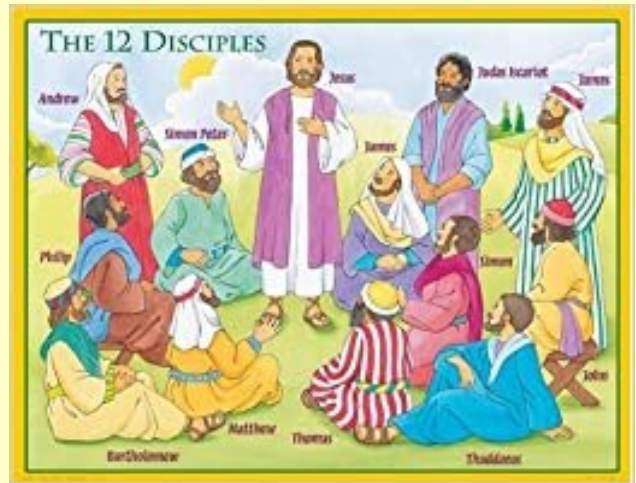
*Fun for all ages:  
games, cotton candy,  
popcorn,  
prizes & more!*



## Summer Sunday School

Preschool—5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Toddlin' Room  
(upper level past the restrooms)  
9:20 am—10:05 am

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



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

**August 8<sup>th</sup>:** Set up for Outdoor Worship

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

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

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

# Youth Ministry

6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Youth Coordinator Kara Hartwig [youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org](mailto:youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org) (319) 855-2728

## Peach Pick Up Day

### Saturday, August 7

**Please look for a yellow postcard in your mailbox.**



- If you ordered peaches, look for a yellow postcard in your home mailbox.
- We also sent an email message to everyone who ordered peaches AND gave us their email address.
- **REMINDER, you must bring your yellow POSTCARD with you to peach pick up!**  
*Thanks for your support!*

Attention:  
Youth Families

**Peach Pick Up Day is Saturday, August 7**



All 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth and parents, we need your help at our biggest Youth fundraiser for the year!

Help will be needed from 7 am until 1 pm on Peach Pick Up Day.

*Check your email inbox for more information.  
Thanks in advance for your help!*



**Youth Sunday School**

Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>  
9:20 am – 10:05 am  
Youth Room

**THIS WEEK'S LESSON:**  
**Bartholomew & Thomas**

## SUMMER YOUTH EVENT

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

**Event to be Determined**

**Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

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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.