

# The Parish Beacon

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## Why God?

A cry of distress. A mournful lament. An angry, lashing roar. A burning whisper.

The question, “Why God?” expresses itself in many different ways and in our increasingly active world it is asked for a variety of reasons. From stubbing your toe on the coffee table to the increase of troubles in Afghanistan. From the death of a loved one to your favorite ride at Disney World being closed for sudden maintenance. Some troubles appear more worthy of questioning God than others. However these troubles may appear, they have one thing in common. They break apart the way we believe the world ought to be.

“I believe in God the Father, Maker of heaven and earth.”

Who else to bring our broken world to but the one who made it? Our heavenly Father. However, in moments like these He doesn't always appear so heavenly and feels more distant than a father should be. The pithy phrase “God works in mysterious ways” doesn't seem comforting when your world has been shaken. As a matter of fact, in these situations God working mysteriously is perhaps the most frustrating thing. To not know God's intentions makes life scary and uncertain rather than comforting.

Our Heavenly Father knows our fear and uncertainty, He knows when our world that we have made breaks apart. He knows because he laid the world's foundation, He measured his line upon the earth, He shut in the seas and prescribed their limits. (Job 38:4-10) He is the one who sent Jesus at “the fullness of time” (Galatians 4:4) to bring an end to sin and death. Our Heavenly Father doesn't forget about us but sends relief at the right time and points us to His dear Son.

Jesus Christ, fully God and fully man, came and made His intentions clear. His earthly mission culminated with His death on a cross on Good Friday by which He saved us from our sins and in His rising from the dead. By this He restores the world and holds it together. At the right time the world will be more than just held together, but fully redeemed. No longer distressed but rejoicing.

In this we turn the question from “Why?” to “Who?”. No longer “Why am I suffering?” but “Who can save me from this suffering?” and it is our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Blessings,  
Vicar Lewis



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## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sun 8/29	Worship Service-In Person/Live Stream 8:00am Summer Sunday School (All ages) 9:20am Worship Service-In Person/Live Stream 10:30am Preschool Clean-up Time 11:45am National Youth Gathering Infor Meeting 12:00pm
Mon 8/30	Staff Meeting 1:00pm Sunlight AA Group 6:00pm Iowa City Chamber Singers 6:30pm
Tues 8/31	Emerson Point 3:00pm Preschool Orientation 6:30pm Al-Anon 7:00pm
Wed 9/1	TOPS 8:00am Bible Study 11:00am Lunch Bunch 12:00pm Choir Rehearsal 6:45pm
Thurs 9/2	Comfort Tiers 9:00am Visitation Meeting 11:00am Atrium Village 3:00pm Board of Elders Meeting 7:00pm Al-Anon 7:30pm
Fri 9/3	***
Sat 9/4	Worship Service-In Person/Live Stream 5:30pm
Sun 9/5	Worship Service-In Person/Live Stream 8:00am
<b>Labor Day</b>	Worship Service-In Person/Live Stream 10:30am
<b>Weekend</b>	Children's Ministry Committee Meeting 7:00pm

**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: September 4/5, 18/19\*\***

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

**Choir practice Wednesdays at 6:45pm**

**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.

Lord God, we ask You to be near us with Your Word and Spirit. Guide and lead us, that we may not stray from the way of Your commandments nor forget the wonderful blessings that You have given to us. Direct us always with Your Word of truth.

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

**Here I am**

Lord God, grant us to know You and Your love. Bless pastors and teachers, parents and grandparents, and all who teach the faith that the Gospel may continue to spread throughout the world. We especially pray for the seminarians our congregation is supporting: **Deon Hull** (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), **Kyle Moellenhoff** (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), **Josiah Schultz** (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), **Andrew Thompson** (4<sup>th</sup> Year), and **Don Stein** (4<sup>th</sup> Year), and we ask a special blessing upon our Vicar, **Kyle Lewis**.

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**Here I am**

Lord, You are the strength of the weak and the refuge of the powerless. Be with Your people who are struggling with doubt and temptation. Grant assurance to the doubtful and deliverance to those tempted by this world. Give Your power, grace and love to those who need it.

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**Here I am**

Lord God, bring health and healing to Your people. We pray for everyone in need of Your mercy. Strengthen them with Your Word of grace, that they would look to You for comfort in the midst of suffering and pain. *[We especially pray for **Pat Adkins** (Marilyn Kempnich's sister), **Pete Berry** (friend of Myrl and Denise Holida), **Dorothy Blume** (Carol Schuldt's sister), **David Caplin** (Lillian Moyer's son-in-law), **Susan Carlson**, **Jody Cole** (Charles Calef's friend), **Chad Dyson**, **Emee Elkeurti**, **Joanne Fobian**, **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), **Shannon Miller** (friend of Gwen Enokian) **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**].*

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**Here I am**

Lord God, purify our hearts with Your cleansing Word. Remove all impurities from us, and enable us to lead godly lives before You.

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**Here I am**

Lord God, we rejoice that You have written our names in the Lamb's Book of Life and given us the new birth of water and the Word. We are especially grateful for the baptism of **Emery Wynn Naraine** this weekend. Strengthen him and all baptized in the faith.

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

**Here I am**

Lord God, You knit us together in our mother's womb and we give you thanks for the healthy birth babies around the world, and especially **Amelia Carolyn Lewis** born to Vicar and Holly Lewis this past week. We look forward to the day when Amelia will be baptized.

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

**Here I am**

Lord God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to shed His blood on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. Bless us this day as we receive that same body and blood in this Holy Sacrament, remembering and proclaiming with joy the salvation accomplished for us by His death and resurrection.

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**Here I am**

Lord God, 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 SEPTEMBER



September 1  
Bible Class 11:00am  
Lunch 12:00pm  
Fellowship Hall



Labor Day  
September 6  
Office Closed



First Day of Preschool  
September 7



Resumes Monthly Meetings  
Tuesday, September 7  
6:30pm



September 12

Happy 40th Anniversary



September 12



September 15  
Bible Class 11:00am  
Lunch 12:00pm  
Fellowship Hall



VOTERS MEETING  
September 19  
Following Late Service



6TH Grade Retreat  
September 25/26



Basics of the Faith  
September 26  
and October 3  
1:00pm

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

Date	Bible Lesson
August 29	ACTS OF THE APOSTLES — <i>The Last Supper</i>
September 5	<b>No Class—Labor Day Weekend</b>

### Birthdays

Sun. 8/29	Johnny Stoll, Matt VanKirk
Mon. 8/30	Loren Deetz, Beth Hargens, Anita Nicholson, Jack Thomas, Rodney Wittich III
Tues. 8/31	Steven Scott, Jacob Wahlert
Wed. 9/1	David Hintze
Thurs. 9/2	Dawn Saterfield
Fri. 9/3	Jeffrey Kleinmeyer, Nalia Naraine, Michael Schmidt
Sat. 9/4	Kean Mueller, Christopher Stoll, Ryan Stoll, Michael Trimpe, Joseph Van Zante

### Stewardship—August 21/22

ATTENDANCE		TREASURES	
Recorded Service 8/21	12	Contributions	\$5,236.00
Sat. 8/21 In Person/LIVE STREAM 5:30pm	55	A Little Farther	\$1,519.00
Sun. 8/22 In Person/LIVE STREAM 8:00am	97	Monthly needs for budget	\$64,902.00
Sun. 8/22 In Person/LIVE STREAM 10:30am	107		
<b>TOTAL WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>271</b>	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	<b>12/50</b>



St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in McGregor, Iowa will be celebrating their 90th anniversary. All are invited to attend the event during the weekend of September 11/12.

Some of the subjects of discussion will be Guttenberg Germany, Augsburg Confession, and the Reformation. Special guests and speakers are Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb, Dr. Martin Luther, and his wife Katharina von Bora.

**To learn more about this special event please** check the bulletin board by the bathrooms. Please call this number to RSVP for this free event. (715) 459-6204.



**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)**

**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.



Thank you for your continued support.

MISSION	AUGUST
Iowa District East	\$3,333.33x2
UIHC Chaplain Endowment Fund	\$333.33x2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,333.32</b>
LCMS World Mission Iowa (Lutz)	\$500.00
Peace Officer Ministry	\$250.00
Housing Fellowship	\$500.00
<b>MONTH TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,916.66</b>
<b>MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	
CommUnity Crisis Center	***
Lutherans For Life	***
Concordia Seminary Food Bank	***
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>***</b>

## Membership Changes and Official Acts

<u>Deaths</u>	
Roger Dennis Folkmann	08-03-2021
Ardith Irene Cushing	08-14-2021
<u>Transfer In</u>	
Brian, Taresa, Allison, Brynnley Fetzer	08-05-2021
Ben, Kristin, Silas Weis	08-23-2021
<u>Baptisms</u>	
Emery Wynn Naraine	08-29-2021
<u>Weddings</u>	
Lindsey (Schwartz) & Jeff Toraason	07-24-2021



Pledges received for the month of August	\$17,574.66
Total amount of pledges received	\$239,530.79
Total amount pledges promised	\$358,446.16



August 21



Fellowship with bag lunch, devotions, games, short business meeting, and root beer floats complete the activities

Devyn Alt Schramm, recipient of LWML Young Woman's Mission Grant speaks to LWML on mission trip to Costa Rica

## Board Reports

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- Income up by \$34,000.
- Envelope donations up by \$18,000.
- Currently, we have a positive balance of \$15,000.

### **ELDER'S REPORT**

- Held meet/greet for Vicar Lewis.

### **AT-LARGE REPORTS**

#### **Outreach:**

- Family, Faith Fun Fest was a huge success and important outreach event.
- Activities were moved inside because of the heat.

### **CHURCH PROPERTIES**

- Basement drains in Vicarage need attention, along with several other tasks.
- Speed bumps on lower level parking lot will be replaced.
- Need removal of two trees on the property.
- AC replaced at the Parsonage.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### **Pastor Hartwig-**

- Attendance at services continues to increase. 78% of membership has returned to in-person worship. We will continue COVID practices as we're doing with registration online or in person, until further notice.
- All fall events will resume as before the pandemic.
- Coffee hour will resume September 12.

#### **Vicar Lewis-**No report

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

- Peach fundraiser was successful with 800 boxes sold and only a few left.
- VBS attended by 71 children, with assistance of 40 volunteers.
- Confirmation classes will begin along with all children's activities.
- Rally day is September 12.
- NYG planning meeting is August 29. HYG is in Houston in 2022.

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

- Adult Bible classes beginning soon.
- Trivia Challenge is October 24.

#### **Kaja Mueller-**

- September 7 is first day of Pre-School. There are 11 children on M-W-F and 4 children on T-Th.
- We will celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pre-School on September 12.

#### **Marnie Schrader –** No Report

#### **Other-** None



KUDOS



**Our Redeemer's**

Board of Directors recognizes

Melody Strom, Donna Saehler, and Carol Holman for organizing the Fun Faith Fest.

The Board also thanks Will and Kate Lothamer for bringing their goats to the Fun Faith Fest for petting.

Thank you also to Norv Coblentz for donating the ingredients and his ice cream freezer for delicious homemade ice cream for Fun Faith Fest.

Finally, the Board thanks all volunteers who make VBS, Fun Faith Fest, and the peach sales and distribution important outreach events for the community.

# The Stephen Ministry Connection: How You Can Pave the Way



Alex, a single parent with two young children, moves into your neighborhood.

You meet Alex, and the two of you spend time talking.

You and Alex greet each other when you meet at your kids' school events or the supermarket, and you chat occasionally about how life is going.

One day, Alex mentions feeling overwhelmed by family responsibilities and the move to a new city.

You listen and tell Alex about Stephen Ministry at your congregation. You share how others in similar situations have found encouragement, strength, and help from a Stephen Minister.

Alex agrees to your contacting the Referrals Coordinator about assigning a Stephen Minister, with the understanding that all information will be kept confidential.

You call the Referrals Coordinator, sharing some basic information about Alex and the current situation without going into a lot of detail.

The Referrals Coordinator calls Alex. They set up a time to meet.

Alex meets with the Referrals Coordinator. The Referrals Coordinator finds out more about Alex's situation, explains how Stephen Ministry works, and recommends that Alex receive Stephen Ministry. Alex agrees.

The Referrals Coordinator prayerfully considers Alex's situation and then assigns a Stephen Minister to meet with Alex on a regular basis.

The Stephen Minister contacts Alex and sets up a time for the two of them to meet.

The Stephen Minister and Alex meet for the first caring visit . . . and caring ministry continues from there.

## STEPHEN LEADERS

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Marcia Hulse	351-7059
Kathy Schweer	466-3084
Kevin Sellers	631-8924





## **PUT SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> ON YOUR CALENDAR TO HELP SAVE LIVES**



Why September 12<sup>th</sup>? That is the day when *Our Redeemer will host the Kickoff to 40 Days for Life!!!* The gathering will be in our Fellowship Hall from 5pm to 6:30pm and we will be welcoming Christians from various Iowa City area churches to join us for a Taco Dinner, prayer, and a guest speaker. The meeting will also include prayers, hearing Gospel Voices from other compassionate Christian men and women and hearing the plans for the upcoming 40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGILS in Iowa City beginning September 22<sup>nd</sup> and continuing for 40 solid days.

The **PREGNANT MOMS IN CRISIS** in the Iowa City area **NEED YOU TO ATTEND** to support them in prayer and perhaps in other compassionate, loving ways to reach out to them in the time when they are in crisis and struggling with the decision whether or not to kill their baby in their womb or to love their baby as God would have them do. Please do not assume you will be asked to stand on a sidewalk in front of Emma Goldman Clinic to confront moms in crisis. You will not be asked to do anything that is uncomfortable to you. **JUST ATTEND.** Pastor Hartwig expressed that he wants a large attendance from Our Redeemer to be at this important meeting where you will learn much about how other Christians are combating abortion by reaching out to Moms in Crisis in compassion and love. You may want to become an active prayer warrior to save babies. You may want to learn how you can donate items to the **INFORMED CHOICES CLINIC** on Gilbert Street in Iowa City—items like diapers, clothing, toys, and other helps that Moms in Crisis need to provide them confidence that they are indeed loved and will be provided for. **BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY, PLEASE. There will be advance registration for this evening to help plan for tacos. Please call the Church office(319-338-5626) to RSVP.**

This will be an evening that will give you direction in your thoughts and actions about helping pregnant women and babies in crisis. This will not be an evening filled with judgment and or condemnation toward anyone, but rather an evening that will fill you with a desire to love others as Christ loves us. ***Gather up your love, compassion, family and friends and attend...***

***Pregnant moms and babies will say, "Thank you for learning how to love us."***

***"Be on Guard. Stand firm in the Faith. Be Courageous. Be Strong.  
Let all that you do, be done in Love." 1 Corinthians 16:13-14***

**Farewell!**

To the Stein Family



Wednesday,  
July 28



*Out with the old vicar*

*In with the new vicar*



Friday, July 30

**WELCOME**

To Vicar Kyle and  
Holly Lewis

Thursday, July 29

Thank you to all the help Thursday getting the Vicarage spruced up for our new Vicar and family. The great crew was: Marcia Hulse, Beth & Dean Hargens, Barb Pronk, Linda McBride, Cory Strumpel, Beth & Bill Benson, Pam Huss, Marlene Thompson, Henry Diggelmann, Dave Hintze, Louise Klopp, and Brenda Johnson.



Thanks to all our moving crews!!



**AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**Worship at the Cross moved indoors 10:30 am**  
**Hot Dog/Chip/Drink Picnic in fellowship hall 11:45 am**  
**Faith Fest Games 12:00 pm-2:00 pm**



# End of Year Minnow races in Preschool!



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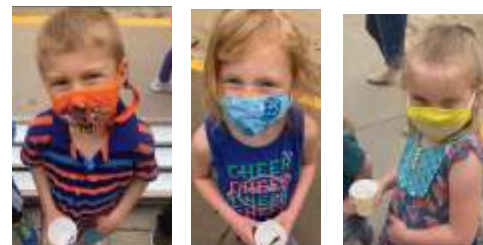
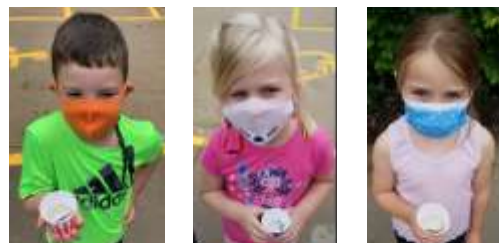
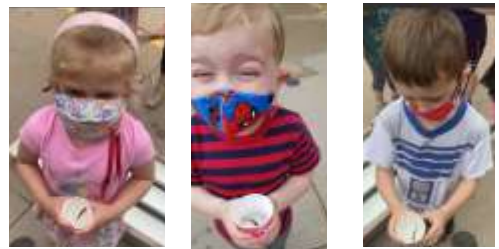
*Our Redeemer Preschool where children play, learn, and grow in Jesus!*

## Minnows

### Names 2021

#### T/Th class

- Gold stripe
- Fishy
- Strike
- Minnie
- Flash
- King Minnow
- Awesome
- Anna
- Elsa
- Elsa



## Minnows

### Names 2021

#### M/W/F class

- Elsa
- Hawaii
- Quickster
- Red Lighting
- Brodie
- Lizard
- Lizard Guy
- Feth
- Chef Jeffrey
- Yagoo
- Ed
- Flash



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



August 1-5, 2021



71 Children Registered, highest attendance 67  
40 Volunteers  
\$488.14 Raised for Panama mission  
357 Items collected for CommUnity

***Rainforest Explorers, God keeps His promises...  
God keeps His promises, Jesus leads the Way!***



# Peaches 2021

August 7<sup>th</sup>

**Thank you for supporting our youth!**

We sold **800 boxes** of peaches this year. So many customers told us how excited they were to get Colorado peaches.



*We heard many wonderful compliments about our peach pickup process!*



**A special note of thanks** to the many organizers and volunteers this year and throughout the last **25 years** for their hard work and effort making this fundraiser a community favorite!



# Summer Youth Events 2021

Kickball  
NIGHT



**Nerf Battle**



**Swimming,  
Campfire &  
Outdoor Movie at  
Bohnsacks**



**Boating at Terry  
Trueblood**




# Youth

6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Graders

## September

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		

DATE	EVENT	TIME
6	<b>Youth Committee</b>	6:00 pm
12	 <b>Rally Day</b> <i>Fall Sunday School                      Worship — Milestone gifts                      Rally Day Lunch</i>	9:30 am 10:30 am 12 pm
15	<b>Midweek Meal</b> <i>High School helps with meal</i>  <b>Confirmation Classes &amp; High School Midweek</b> begin	6:00 pm  6:45 pm
22	<b>Parade Party</b> <b>High School Midweek CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION</b> <i>Parents &amp; Students</i>	5:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
25— 26	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat</b>	6:30 pm
29	<b>Midweek &amp; Confirmation Classes</b>	6:45 pm



## Youth Sunday School

Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>  
9:20 am  
Fellowship Hall

Come to watch a video of the Last Supper to wrap up the ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (study about Jesus' 12 disciples)

Exciting events this month for our Youth!



Our Redeemer kicks off the new school year with **Rally Day** to start fall Sunday School on **September 12<sup>th</sup>**.

**Milestone Gifts** will be presented to our incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation students and High School Juniors during the 10:30 am Worship Service on **Rally Day**.

**Confirmation classes & High School Midweek** begin with a **Midweek Meal** on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor will lead **Confirmation Orientation** for the parents and Confirmation students on **Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

The **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation students** will get to experience Creation Pizza with Pastor during their **Fall Retreat** on **Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**.



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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.

# Here I Am

For Vicar Don Stein

*John 16:33—I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace.  
In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.*

*With all the trouble in this world,  
there's comfort in His love.  
Derechos come as do pandemics,  
but He still reigns above.  
To Him sing songs of praises with  
praying for strength combined;  
He hovers over His flock  
with their welfare in mind.*

*Christ gave His life to and for all...  
there's a need to reply in kind.  
His paying for sin on the cross  
brings God's peace to our mind.  
To learn His Word and speak it well  
is the aim of Christian man.  
To spread His Word to others  
is part of our God's Plan.*

*We are not promised only roses  
for life is filled with thorns;  
but with our Savior's dying love,  
our night soon becomes the Morn.  
Declare His glory to all mankind;  
His Love that will never end.  
Salvation is ours; through our Lord's grace  
via our dear Brother and Friend.*

Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples! 1 Chronicles 16:24/Psalm 96:3

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