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Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - August 21/22, 2021

~The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost~

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

Date	Bible Lesson
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>



CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 1st, 6:45 p.m.
LOOKING FOR JOYFUL VOICES TO JOIN THE CHOIR!
In chapter 66 of the book of Psalms it says, "Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing to the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!"



RALLY DAY Sunday, September 12

Rally day will be September 12 with a potluck at noon. All Sunday school classes, this includes the adult class, will meet in the sanctuary at 9:20am.

Presentations for 3 year olds, first graders, third graders, sixth graders, and juniors will take place during late service.



Celebrating 40 Years

On September 12 we will celebrate the 40th anniversary of our preschool. Join us in the Gathering Place to share coffee and snacks after the first service and before Adult Bible Study and Sunday School. Our Redeemer is blessed to have such a wonderful opportunity to reach out to our community and provide a preschool where children play, learn, and grow in Jesus!

Also, at both services on September 12, and during coffee and snacks in the Gathering Place, there will be a free-will offering to help fund the Preschool's tuition scholarship program. These funds will go toward supporting families who are unable to finance their child's enrollment in our preschool. Consider giving generously. Thank you.

LET'S HAVE COFFEE!!

Sign up to serve—we want to resume having coffee time before Sunday School and Bible Class on September 12. The sign-up sheet is located on the counter next to the sink, in the Gathering Place. For more information contact Sharon Hintze 319-321-2113.



Prayer of the Church/Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost/22 August 2021

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are known, grant us a true faith, that we would honor You not only with our lips, but serve You faithfully with all of our heart, mind and strength.

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

Here I am

Almighty God, give joy and hope to all Your children in remembrance of their Baptism, that they may rejoice in the forgiveness of sins that Christ freely pours out in this saving flood.

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

Here I am

Almighty God, preserve us from rejecting Your commandments for the doctrines of men. By Your Spirit's aid, lead all Christians to keep Your commandments in thought, word and deed, honoring You in all that we do.

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

Here I am

Almighty God, preserve Your estate of marriage. Grant that wives would submit to their husbands and husbands love their wives as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her.

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

Here I am

Almighty God, bless children of all ages so that they would not despise or anger their father and mother, but always honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

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

Here I am

Almighty God, guide and lead those facing difficult life-and-death decisions to make God-pleasing decisions, affirming that life is a precious gift from You.

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

Here I am

Almighty God, hear our prayers for our nation and its leaders, for all civil servants, and for those whose work imperils them for the sake of their neighbor.

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

Here I am

Almighty God, encourage with Your Word and grace all who suffer physically, emotionally and spiritually on account of illness [*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), **Susan Carlson**, **Nicholas Carney**, **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**].*

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

Here I am

Almighty God, comfort the family and friends of **Ardee (Ardith) Cushing** as they mourn her death. Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

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

Here I am

Almighty 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.

Midweek begins on Wednesday, September 15th at 6:45pm
Adult Midweek will begin on Wednesday, September 15th at 7:00pm



Did You Know: Lutheran Family Service is 120 years old! Established in 1901 to find loving Christian homes for orphans in the Fort Dodge area, LFS has been serving families ever since! Still providing pregnancy counseling and adoption services, our services have expanded to meet emerging needs through the years include mental health and marriage counseling, life advocacy, teaching and supporting young people, and support for church workers. All this help is provided through gifts that come from people like you – our LCMS partners throughout the state. Your gift, sent by mail to LFS at 409 Kenyon Road, Suite C, Fort Dodge, IA 50501, or made through our web site will be used to serve someone in need this year. Thanking God for His provision for His people through LFS for 120 years! **Lutheran Family Service** - www.LutheranFamilyService.org.

BIRTHDAYS

Sun. 8/22 Spencer Holman, Claire Milam, Carol Stoll, Gregory Wilson Jr.
 Mon. 8/23 Dustin Villhauer
 Tues. 8/24 Mark Becker, Carla Jackson
 Wed. 8/25 Virginia Alston, Isabella Brogley, Todd Schuldt
 Thurs. 8/26 Kristen Baker, Gary Burge, Leola Meraz, Kylie Miller, Randall Sexton
 Fri. 8/27 Rob Bowman, Alan Cross, Paul LaRoche, Brittney Pirkel, Nathaniel Thoe
 Sat. 8/28 Jeff Reuter, Kevin Roiseland, Grant Wilson

STEWARDSHIP August 14/15

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 8/14—5:30pm	46	Contributions	\$7,136.25
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 8/15--8:00am	80	A Little Farther	\$710.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 8/15—10:30am	96	Monthly needs for budget	\$64,902.00
Recorded Service 8/14	19		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	241	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	4/33

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, August 22-29, 2021

<u>Sunday, 8/22</u>		<u>Thursday, 8/26</u>	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Summer Sunday School	9:20am	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am		
		<u>Friday, 8/27</u>	
<u>Monday, 8/23</u>			
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	<u>Saturday, 8/28</u>	
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Men's Bible Study	8:00am
Chamber Singers	6:30pm	Worship Service	5:30pm
<u>Tuesday, 8/24</u>		<u>Sunday, 8/29</u>	
SM-Large Group/Marcia	6:45pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Summer Sunday School	9:20am
		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am
<u>Wednesday, 8/25</u>		Preschool Clean-up Time	11:45am
TOPS	8:00am	National Youth Gathering Info Meeting	12:00pm
Emerson Point	2:00pm	Thank you for worshipping with us!	
Small Group-Pam Wilson	6:30pm	Please join us again!	

WILL YOU SERVE?

Before you know it, it will be election time again at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Every year positions come open, not necessarily because people don't want to serve in their position anymore, but that the term is over. It leaves openings for people who may want to serve on a committee, board, or position in the church leadership.

Leadership is a scary word to some. It really shouldn't be because in many ways we already hold leadership positions. If you're a parent, you are a leader to your children. If you're a spouse, you have certain things that you are responsible to take care of. You might say how is that leadership; I'm just doing what I am supposed to. You have family coming for the weekend. There are countless things to take care of before that happens, so you might delegate some of the chores. Doesn't a leader do the same—they make sure the task gets done? A good leader doesn't do everything or that wouldn't be leading. Rather, they know who to ask that can fill the different needs of what needs to be done, be it at work, home, and at church.

Sometimes, the tasks ironically overshadow the purpose of the church itself. We are worried about this or that being done a certain way. We sometimes avoid taking on things because we are afraid we might fail. We don't take on tasks because we are afraid of criticism. There are many reasons why people don't want to say yes to that "recruiting call."

Let's take a closer look at some of those reasons. God has made us all unique. We do things differently. It may be the same product, but it has our personal "spin" that only we can add. Fear of failure is a common reason. It shouldn't be because we are supposed to be here to support each other. You may have the title, but you are far from alone. Your church family is there for help, just for the asking. Fear of criticism should be the last thing keeping you from a position. We are in a church; we are supposed to be friends and family. There are tactful ways to expressing an alternative action or idea without being disrespectful. As said before, there are many ways to serve and there will be calls being made very soon.

A final thought, if we are serving, helping, and even leading, we as Christians are doing it for Jesus Christ.

Preschool Newsletter



August 20, 2021

Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller Assistants, Sheena White 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!

Thank You



Thanks to everyone who brought in to preschool bubbles and pool noodles. The kids will love this when we start school.

Classroom Opens September 7, 2021



Preschool Clean-Up Date

Come on Sunday, August 29, 2021 at 11:45 am to help clean up the preschool playground. Help get the playground ready for school to start in September.

All ages are welcome to help. The playground needs weeds taken out, relocating sand, and toys washed.

Wear outdoor work clothes, bring work gloves, and be ready to help.

Contact Kaja Mueller at #319-338-3949 if you can help.



Orientation Night

We have an In-Person Orientation Night for our preschool families on Tuesday, August 31, 2021, from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Students and families will come and explore our preschool classroom and meet the teachers during this special orientation night. Important information (schedule, snacks, policies, etc.) will be talked through.

Classroom Supplies:

- Washable Markers (1)
- Elmer's glue bottle (2)
- Glue sticks (2)
- Hand soap
- Dixie Cups (2 boxes of 5 oz cups)
- Construction Paper (1 package, 8 colors OR 10 colors)



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



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September 12

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Summer Sunday School

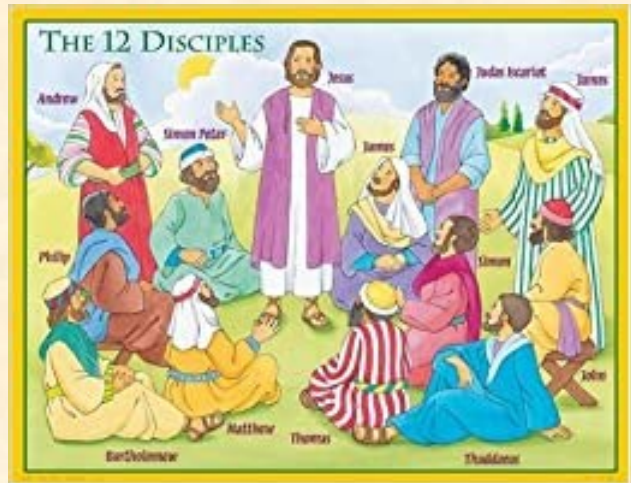
Preschool – 5th Grade

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 22nd: James, Judas & Simon

August 29th: Acts of the Apostles

Youth Ministry

6th – 12th Grade

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



Sunday, August 29th

12:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING '22 Initial Meeting

We invite all 8th grade & High School students and their parents to attend.



Sunday, September 12th



Rally Day—start of Fall Sunday School, Milestone Gifts & Potluck Lunch

Wednesday, September 15th

Confirmation & High School Midweek classes begin, includes a Midweek Meal

Wednesday, September 22nd

Confirmation Orientation for Parents & Students (6th, 7th & 8th grades)



Dear Lord Jesus, we pray for...

- teachers, paraeducators, cafeteria personnel, custodians, librarians, guidance staff and all those who work in schools;
- students (our own children, grandchildren, neighbors' & church family's children, children in our community and around the world); and the
- parents, grandparents & guardians of the students.

Please be with them as school begins and throughout the year ahead. Keep them strong in their faith. Guard, protect and bless them so that they may be equipped in every way to serve others in whatever purposes the Lord calls them. Amen.



Youth Sunday School

Sunday, August 22nd
Youth Room

The lesson for this week:
James the Less, Judas & Simon the Zealot

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DEADLINES

Reflections (printed weekly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) each Wednesday by 5:00 pm

Beacon Newsletter & Church Activities Calendar (printed monthly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) by noon on the 20th of each month.

RADIO

Lutheran Hour Ministries on Radio—WMT 600 AM Radio on Sunday mornings at 6:30 am, and KXEL 1540 AM Radio on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. For more information on Lutheran Hour Ministries go to www.LHM.org.

VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND SCREENING

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