

# The Parish Beacon

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June/July 2022

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I'm reminded of all the journeying to and fro that comes with summertime. People going on vacation, college students coming and leaving, teachers emptying their classrooms. Even the upcoming change for my family as we return to the Seminary. This summer I am reminded of impermanence and how the world continually changes.

Whether you're heading off somewhere this summer or having new experiences with this change of season, things don't remain the same as they once were. Time marches on, and life shifts and churns. Sometimes these shifts bring about blessings and reprieve from challenges of the past. At other times, they bring difficulties and even suffering. Births, deaths, baptisms, new opportunities, job changes, moving states, disease, marriages, these are just a small sample of life's changes that come at you. And they come ceaselessly, both as blessing and as affliction.

Solomon sums this up in the third chapter of Ecclesiastes (v. 1-8):

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
a time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to cast away;  
a time to tear, and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
a time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time for war, and a time for peace.”

And in what appears to be an ever-shifting and changing world, how do we stay centered, at peace, and content? Solomon continues in verse fourteen:

“I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it.”

The work of God lasts forever and does not fail. It does not shift or change or churn. Mountaintops can make way to valleys and lakes and oceans become empty craters, the whole face of the earth could change, and God and his work would remain. Every last nation could be overturned but God and His kingdom persist eternally.

Very much unlike our own lives that twist and turn in every direction. Yet, God is our constant. Even as we go through our twists that afflict us and the turns that bless us, God and His work remains the same. And the greatest work, the saving death of Jesus Christ for our salvation, can never be shifted, moved, or taken away. But what God has done in Jesus lasts forever. We live with our feet planted firmly on the rock, Jesus, who doesn't crumble like sand. And by His strength and His Holy Spirit, we continue into summertime and all of life's many changes in His saving grace.

In Christ, Vicar Lewis



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

Heavenly Father, Your Son obeyed Your holy will for the sake of our salvation. Through Your Spirit, give Your Church on earth unity of faith, that the world may know that You sent Your Son to rescue us from sin, death and the power of the devil.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You have made us all heirs of Your kingdom through Holy Baptism. We are especially grateful for the baptism of **Crew Andrew Borntreger** this weekend. Strengthen him and all baptized in the faith.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You have seated Christ at Your right hand for our deliverance. Remember all who are afflicted with illness and injury [*including Theodore Alderman, Pete Berry (friend of Myrl and Denise Holida), Dorothy Blume (Carol Schuldt's sister), Ernest Bowman, Joanne Bowman, David Caplin (Lillian Moyer's son-in-law), Susan Carlson, Jody Cole (Charles Calef's friend), Eme Elkeurti, Debra Fuhrmeister, Bryan Grafft, Emma Haugen (Friend of Gwen Enokian), Gabe Hundley (grandson of Karen Abernathy), Dora Jacobson (granddaughter of George and Carol Schuldt), David Jones (Lonne Loney's uncle), David Johnson, Brad Koelper (Donna Saehler's nephew), Mike Kopf, Joanne Leeper (mother of Cathleen Loney), Cathleen Loney, Norma Miller (Twyla Freeman's aunt), Barb Nace (Doris Siemer's niece), Bob Nace, Deloris Nace, Chad Pence, Carson Pence, Diane Schultz, Rozie Siems (Daughter of Mary Siems), Ronna Sojko, Reece Ullerich, Vince Williams, Mark Wilson and Beth Wu (Schuldt's relative)]]]. Give them health and strength according to Your will. Sustain them in faith, knowing that, for Jesus' sake, You will raise them in glory on the Last Day.*

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, grant us always strong marriages, as You instituted marriage between one man and one woman. We give you thanks for the 62 years of marriage that you have granted **George and Carol Schuldt**. Bless them and all husbands and wives as you strengthen the love between them and their love for you.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, in life and in death you abide with us. Be with the family and friends of **Charlie Kleinmeyer** 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.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we offer You our silent prayers.

*[Pause for silent prayer]*

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sun 5/29      Worship Service-In Person/Live Stream 8:00am  
                   Worship Service-In Person/Live Stream 10:30am

Mon 5/30      **Memorial Day—Office Closed**  
                   Sunlight AA Group 6:00pm

Tues 5/31      SM-Training 6:45pm  
                   Al-Anon 7:00pm

Wed 6/1        TOPS 8:00am  
                   Bible Study 11:00am  
                   Lunch Bunch 12:00pm

Thurs 6/2      Comfort Tiers 9:00am  
                   Over Eaters Anonymous 5:00pm  
                   Al-Anon 7:30pm

Fri 6/3         \*\*\*

Sat 6/4         Worship Service-In Person/Live Stream 5:30pm

Sun 6/5         Worship Service-In Person/Live Stream 8:00am  
                   Summer Sunday School 9:20am  
                   Worship Service-In Person/Live Stream 10:30am



During the month of June, Our Redeemer Human Care Committee will be sponsoring "Undies Sunday" to benefit the Iowa City Shelter House. Did you know that underwear is one of the most requested items for the homeless that does not get donated very often? Having a clean pair of underwear each day is critical for a person's physical and emotional well-being. Our committee is asking the congregation to donate **NEW** underwear for men (sizes M & L are needed the most at this time). Selections in all sizes and colors for women and children too are also appreciated. Laundry baskets will be placed in the Narthex for donations. Please consider donating a pair or two to benefit the homeless. Thank you!



**FLOWERS TODAY**  
 Flowers this weekend (May 28/29) are from George and Carol Schuldt for being blessed by the Lord with 62 years of marriage.



**BAPTISM**  
**CREW ANDREW BORNTRAGER**  
**SON OF**  
**DELWYN & SARAH BORNTRAGER**  
**SPONSORS ARE:**  
**LUKE BECKER    MARK BECKER**  
**MACKENZIE BECKER    SHAWNA BORNTRAGER**  
**May 28, 2022**

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**\*\*WATCH YOUR FRIDAY EMAIL FOR LIVE STREAM 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: June 4, 5, 18, 19  
 July 2, 3, 16, 17, 30, 31\*\*\***

**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](mailto:myrl-holida@uiowa.edu) or  
 Louise Klopp [choirdirector@ourredeemer.org](mailto:choirdirector@ourredeemer.org)**

# UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JUNE/JULY



June 5  
Summer Sunday School begins



Midterm Elections  
June 7—Narthex  
7:00am—8:00pm



LWML District Convention—June 10/11



UKANDU Commissioning  
June 12  
10:30am service



UKANDU  
June 18-25



UKANDU Presentation  
June 26, 9:20am



NYG Commissioning  
July 3  
10:30am service



National Youth Gathering  
July 5-14



NYG Presentation  
July 31, 9:20am  
During Sunday School



Vicar's Farewell Lunch  
Sunday, July 31 immediately  
Following late service

## **TREASUER'S REPORT**

- The envelope income is up \$25,000 YTD compared to 2021.
- The total income is up \$11,000 YTD compared to 2021.
- Expenses are up slightly due to increases in insurance premiums and expected salary increases.
- Review of income and expenses as usual.

## **ELDER'S REPORT**

No report.

## **AT-LARGE REPORTS**

- Faith, Fun fest will be August 14, the weekend following VBS.
- ORLC will not be participating in the Coralville, July 4 parade due to logistical difficulties.

## **CHURCH PROPERTIES**

- The porch work at the Parsonage will begin in June.
- Six mowing teams are organized.
- Fire inspection revealed that 2 strobe lights need to be replaced.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

**Pastor Hartwig**-None

**Vicar Lewis**-

- Vicar has 2 ½ months remaining on his Vicarage.
- A new Vicar has been assigned to ORLC and will arrive early August.

**Youth Ministry**-Kara Hartwig-None

**Small Group**-Denise Holid—

- Trivia Challenge was well attended again.
- A new Lenten mid-week Bible study has begun.

**Kaja Mueller**—None

**Other**—None

## **KUDOS**

OUR REDEEMER'S  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
RECOGNIZES



DAVE FRUENDT



FOR HIS MANY ROLES IN VOLUNTEERING  
WITH VARIOUS TASKS AT THE CHURCH.

ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP WHEN  
CALLED UPON. HIS CONTRIBUTIONS  
INCLUDE ORGANIZING THE MOWING  
TEAMS AND WEEING TO THE UPKEEP OF  
THE EQUIPMENT AND NECESSARY  
REPAIRS. THANK YOU, DAVE!

# Mission Minute



Christ said, *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations.”*

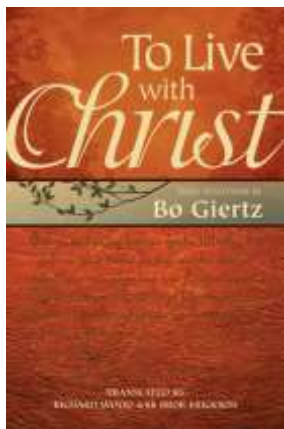
The Great Commission calls us to share God’s Word near and far, and the Mission Committee at Our Redeemer has worked hard to do so, even in a pandemic! Now you have an opportunity to help. This week (May 28/29) is our last Mission Minute so get your penny votes in.

The six of Our Redeemer’s missions to vote on:

- ~Panama FORO
- ~LCMS Iowa District East Scholarships for Church Workers
- ~Eswatini
- ~Pastor Becker’s Mission in Africa
- ~Peace Officer Ministries
- ~UKANDU



Final tally will be presented in Reflections.



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**Building Healthy Families:** Sometime in the coming week you will likely have an opportunity to choose how you will respond to at least one challenging situation. When you do, remember Whose you are - God’s chosen one, holy and beloved - and that you have a choice in how you respond. Read Colossians 3:8-17

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



## Summer Adult Bible Class

This is a little summer Adult Bible Class series that Pastor and Vicar have put together. Bring your coffee and join us at 9:20am in the Fellowship Hall.

## Birthdays

Sun 5/29	Lynn Kubit
Mon 5/30	Harold Losby Jr.
Tues 5/31	Brett Jarvis, William Lothamer, Peter Rocca
Wed 6/1	Linda Brachtel, Kristin Breza
Thurs 6/2	Eli Haack
Fri 6/3	***
Sat 6/4	Kara Hartwig

## Stewardship—May 21/22

ATTENDANCE		TREASURES	
Recorded Service 5/21	13	Contributions	\$10,520.00
Sat. 5/21 In Person/LIVE STREAM 5:30pm	68	A Little Farther	\$225.00
Sun. 5/22 In Person/LIVE STREAM 8:00am	101	Monthly needs for budget	\$64,902.00
Sun. 5/22 In Person/LIVE STREAM 10:30am	116	<b>Sunday School Sunday</b>	
<b>TOTAL WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	298	Adult bible Class/Sunday School	81 combined

Pledges received for the month of May	\$3,824.33
Total amount of pledges received	\$324,686.23
Total amount pledges promised	\$365,174.87



Thank you for your continued support.



MISSION	May
Iowa District East	\$3,333.33
UIHC Chaplain Endowment Fund	\$250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,583.33</b>
LCMS World Mission Iowa (Lutz)	\$500.00
Peace Officer Ministry	\$125.00
Housing Fellowship	\$500.00
<b>MONTH TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,708.33</b>
<b>MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	
CommUnity Crisis Center	***
Lutherans For Life	***
Concordia Seminary Food Bank	***
<b>TOTAL</b>	

## Membership Changes and Official Acts

<u>Deaths</u>	
Charles Kleinmeyer	05-14-2022
<u>Baptisms</u>	
Wren Paisley Freie	05-15-2022
Crew Andrew Borntrager	05-28-2022
<u>Confirmations</u>	
Brooke Marie Bernhard	05-01-2022
Rachel Christine Haack	05-01-2022
Mitchell Robert Holman	05-01-2022
Jessi Mae Kucera	05-01-2022
Natalie Mae Ramsey	05-01-2022
Lucy Catherine Robinson	05-01-2022
Caroline Raye Schrader	05-01-2022
Evan Allan Waring	05-01-2022



May 22, 2022



Music with Aaron Mueller



Games with Pastor Hartwig, Vicar Lewis, and selected contestants



# Sunday School Sunday



Fellowship & Food



Get your prize ticket here!

Presentations 4 year-olds through high school





April 28, 2022

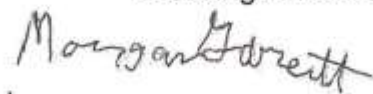
Dear Congregation and Staff of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church,

Greetings in the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ! I Morgan Garrett formally accept this assignment to be the Vicar at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Iowa City, Iowa. It is truly a blessing from God that I have received this opportunity to learn and grow in your ministry. I am very excited about this assignment as I have heard many great things about your Church and ministry there. I have heard of how your ministry is thriving from Pastor Hartwig himself. From your youth ministry to the life of the church on a daily basis, I am sure I will be able to grow and learn so much from the staff and congregation at Our Redeemer.

A little about me and my family, my wife and I are from Michigan and we have been married for a little under two years now. We met in college at Concordia University Ann Arbor As we were both singing in the choir. I am from the northern side of Michigan by Lake Huron and my wife is from the Detroit area. My wife and I are truly looking forward to meeting you all and getting to know Iowa City. We both like to travel and explore new places and this is a unique opportunity for us as we've never been to Iowa. My wife is specifically excited as she is a Nurse and we've heard that a good portion of your congregation is in the medical field. It sounds like God has truly found a perfect fit as I have heard wonderful things about the people I will be working with and your congregation sounds very warm and inviting. This opportunity to grow in the faith and learn more about ministry has us both truly looking forward to what God has in store for us in Iowa.

In conclusion, We are really looking forward to becoming involved in your congregation and can not wait. As I finish out the school year it feels as though I have some extra motivation to finish strong as I am genuinely thrilled to soon be a part of all the amazing things happening at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. I pray that our time together will be filled with joy and learning. That God would work through the ministry at Our Redeemer for the sake of his mission and that, despite my inexperience, I would be a blessing to you all and the ministry at your wonderful church. May God grant a swift few months and safe travels as we look forward to meeting you all in August.

Blessings in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morgan Garrett". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Greetings in the Lord to my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we now have entered this Easter season, we look forward with hope of the Resurrection and the joy that Jesus' victory gives us. It is the time of the year where Christians really have the best news to tell everyone and be reminded that the Gospel is for everyone. Because at the end of the day, at the end of someone's life, who they really need is the risen Jesus. This message is such an important one, and a great message that myself and my classmates were reminded of on our call day. The sermon at that service from Missouri District President Lee Hagen told us all that what is most important is that our future congregations see the risen Jesus through us. Not only that, but also that we as pastors see the risen Jesus in the work of the congregation as He is the Alpha and the Omega.

However, speaking of call day, that most anticipated day just happened on April 26<sup>th</sup>, and Amelia and I are going to... Plymouth, Wisconsin!! I received a call to be an associate pastor at St. John Lutheran Church and School to begin my ministry there. Amelia and I are beyond excited to move, to settle down in this community, and to begin life in the congregation. The congregation seems to be a healthy congregation that has a Preschool-8<sup>th</sup> grade school attached to it. The community size is one that we are both looking forward to: around 9,000 people in Plymouth while only being 15-20 minutes away from the city of Sheboygan and one hour straight north of Milwaukee. Lastly, it is listed as the semi-official cheese capital of the world, which is perfect for Amelia and I as we both really enjoy cheese!


Although, on a more serious note, Amelia and I also continue to covet your prayers through this process of moving and leaving Seminary. Once again, as I face my last three weeks of classes and time with classmates, it will be tough leaving this community. Our class graduation is on May 20<sup>th</sup> and will be the conclusion of eight full years of class that began when I started as a pre-seminary student at Concordia University Chicago in 2014. Lastly, Amelia and I look forward to my ordination and installation this summer. While these dates are not set yet, I hope to be ordained at my home congregation in late June while I intend to begin ministry at St. John in Plymouth around the middle of July.

This journey has been full of challenges and blessings, but the Lord has led Amelia and I through them all. We are confident that the Lord hears us in all our prayers to Him and is forever with us to provide for His children. We also to continue to show the risen Jesus to God's people in Plymouth. God's blessings to you all this Easter season in the name of our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ,



Andrew Thompson




  
 25 years
   
 of
   
 Tasting Bee
   
 Memories
   
 1994-2022

April 23



Committee Chairs: Jennifer Kooker, Donna Saehler, Lynne Westphal, Sandy Wagner

Kitchen: Jennifer Kooker, Diana Bowman



Door prizes: (not pictured) Marilyn Kempnich, Melissa Mullane



Desserts and breads: Merri Mullane, Pat Sexton, Laurel Sellers, Cynthia Freundt, Marilyn Albright, Beverly Prem, Marilyn Kempnich



# LWML Ladies Night Out ~ May 16, 2022



The ladies were served family style and looked to be enjoying themselves.



The cooks and hostesses Ila and Michelle



Pictured left to right:  
Laurel Sellers (President)  
Donna Saehler  
Sharon Hintze (Secretary)

Laurel Sellers and Sharon Hintze being installed by Donna Saehler

A good time was had by all as we headed out to the Miller Homestead for a delicious home cooked meal. Our wonderful and delightful cooks and hostesses were Ila and Michelle. We enjoyed chicken, roast beef, homemade bread and jam, 2 salads, mashed potatoes, gravy, noodles, and green beans. To top all that, we ended with our choice of peach or chocolate cream pie. Did I mention, all homemade...made from scratch. Several said they felt like they were eating at Grandma's, and Grandma's cooking was always made with a lot of love.



## Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Mission Committee

Highlighting the Christian/humanitarian work of our congregation  
as a whole and as individuals here and around the world.

# IDE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

!!! 50% of all the Current LCMS Pastors will be Eligible for Retirement in 15 Years !!!



Iowa District East offers Student Aid for Future Church Workers  
(which are desperately needed in all areas of church vocations)

<https://lcmSIDE.org/studentaid/>

**Help support this investment in the future.**

Matthew 9:37

Then He said to His disciples,

**“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.”**

## Mission Committee Members

Denise Holidá, Anita Nicholson, Val Penney, & Bob Powers (Chairman Pro Tem)



Submitted by Marcia Hulse

# Stephen Ministry

We care, Christ cures.

God, our refuge in time of trouble.

It is hard when things don't make sense. We like to understand not only how things happen, but why. We look for cause and effect. We like to connect the dots. We seek answers.

During one prolonged hospital stay, Joan had tubes going in and coming out every which way, keeping her from moving around much. She described how she was feeling—miserable, frustrated, and depressed. Where is God when I'm in pain? It's a question every faithful person has faced. Sometimes our souls grow weary. We turn to God but don't get an immediate answer or the answer we think we want, so we pray harder. We might even assume the Almighty isn't listening and doesn't care.

Soon after meeting her Stephen Minister, Joan developed a sense of trust with her. As Joan shared her feelings and the discomfort she was experiencing, her Stephen Minister acknowledged the existence of both her physical pain and spiritual discomfort. Her Stephen Minister did not judge her for being frustrated with God. She did not push for a quick resolution to Joan's spiritual crisis. Joan found comfort knowing that her Stephen Minister was a safe person to talk with about God and faith.

A Stephen Minister will be there to help and support by reassuring us that God's voice is powerful—not to remove the struggles—but to remind us that God is always with us. Because her Stephen Minister trusted that God would work through their caring relationship at a comfortable pace, Joan felt more at ease to address her struggles and, finally, make peace with God.

*"Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."* Psalm 37:4 KJV

#### STEPHEN LEADERS

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

## No Need to Run, Just Stand Firm



For those people who zoom by in their cars as we stand in front of the abortion clinic, it seems to them that we are just “standing around.” For those who protest us as we stand in front of the abortion clinic, they really don’t understand that we are not just “standing around”. We hear them talking loudly to themselves, but in reality they are really talking to us when they say --

*“If they were really upset about abortions, then they would rush the clinic, pound on the door, call the police; not just stand around.”*

**God tells us not to just “stand around.” God tells us to “STAND FIRM.”**

I Corinthians 16:13-14 ***“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men and women of courage; be strong. Do everything in Love.”*** God gives us wisdom in how we go about doing His will when we stand in front of the clinic.

### STANDING FIRM.... IT’S A PROCESS!

**“Be on your guard;”** Guard against the evil one, the lies, the accusations against you and the doubts.

**“Stand firm in the faith;”** God’s work in us is to strengthen us to STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH. Stand still, pray and stand firm in faith!!

**“Be courageous;”** Be courageous to do the uncomfortable for God. Summon up God’s help and stand firm even when situations seem out of control.

**“Be strong;”** This step in the process happens when we have prayed our way through the previous steps in the process of STANDING FIRM. Our **guard** is up, God has strengthened our **faith** which has given us **courage** and made us **strong** and now is the time to ----

**“Do everything in Love;”** The final step in this God Process!!! It comes at the end, because we cannot do “everything in love” unless you do the first steps. This is what the people in the cars whizzing by and the protestors on the other side of the sidewalk need to understand. We are doing all this because of our love for them, for moms, for babies and for God.

***“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***

# April 27, 2022



## Spiritual Growth Night

This year we have eight Confirmands who...

- answered questions on the basics of the Christian faith using the Six Chief Parts of the Small Catechism;
- presented their essays about their Confirmation verse, what their verse means to them and explained the design of their Confirmation banner;
- and are ready to publicly profess their Christian faith during the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, May 1, 2022.



**Brooke Marie Bernhard**

*Surely I will be with you always til the very end of time.*

Matthew 28:20



**Rachel Christine Haack**

*For we walk by faith, not by sight.*

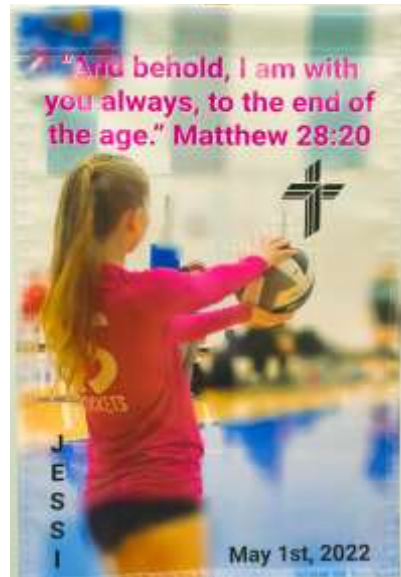
2 Corinthians 5:7





**Mitchell Robert Holman**

*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*  
Ephesians 2:8-9



**Jessi Mae Kucera**

*"And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*  
Matthew 28:20



**Natalie Mae Ramsey**

*Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him.*  
Jeremiah 17:7



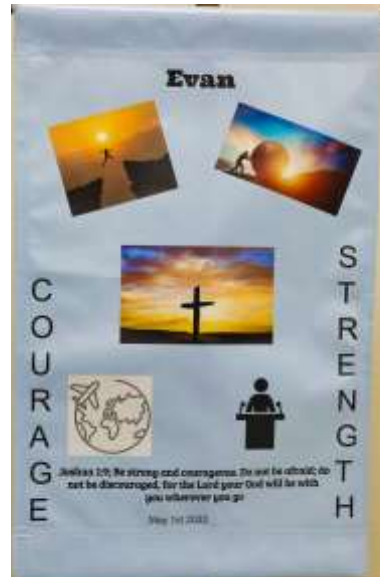
**Lucy Catherine Robinson**

*"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*  
John 14:6



**Caroline Raye Schrader**

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord...*  
Jeremiah 29:11

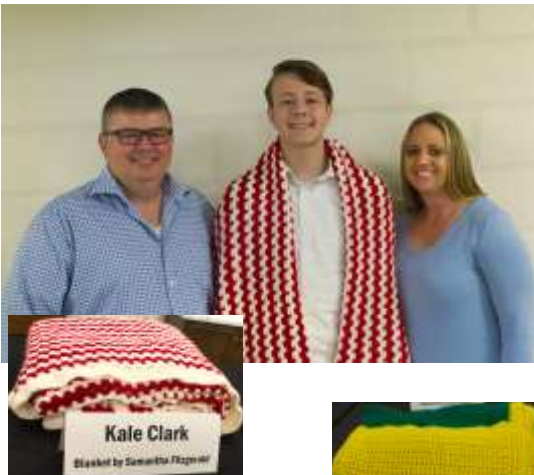


**Evan Allan Waring**

*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.*  
Joshua 1:9

# GRADUATION BREAKFAST

May 15, 2022



Other Graduates and  
blankets:

Maddie Caylor—  
Marilyn Paetz

Matthew Davies—  
Anonymous

Rory James—Laurel  
Sellers

Peter Rocca—  
Samantha Fitzgerald

Sam Schaefer—Carol  
Schuldt

Nolan Waters—  
Carol Schuldt





# Preschool Wrap Up

Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller      Assistants, Kate Ramsey M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH  
Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949    [www.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org](http://www.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org)    [preschool@ourredeemer.org](mailto:preschool@ourredeemer.org)  
*Our Redeemer Preschool where children play, learn, and grow in Jesus!*



**We Love  
These Kids!**





# Children's Ministry

Birth—5<sup>th</sup> Grade



**Toddlin' age**—12<sup>th</sup> Grade

9:20 a.m. — 10:15 a.m.

*Invite your friends and come learn about Jesus!*

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
June 5	Luke 17:11-19	The Thankful One—Jesus Heals Ten Lepers
June 12	Luke 18:15-17	The Kingdom of Children—Jesus Blesses the Children
June 19	John 12:1-8	The Passion Prediction—Mary Anoints Jesus
June 26	<i>UKANDU Presentation</i>	
July 3	Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 24:7-10	The King Arrives—Jesus into Jerusalem
July 10	Mark 12:41-44	A Trusting Widow—Jesus Teaches about Offerings
July 17	Luke 22:7-23	Forever Food—The Lord's Supper
July 24		Betrayed and Arrested—Jesus in Gethsemane
July 31	<i>NYG Presentation</i>	

## KIDS CLUB

4 year olds —5<sup>th</sup> grade



We will be resuming Kid's Club activities in the fall. Watch Reflections for future notifications of activities.



**SAVE THE DATES!**  
**Vacation Bible School 2022**  
**August 7<sup>th</sup>—11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Registration details**  
**coming soon**

# Youth

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

June

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		

July

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
6/5	Summer Sunday School starts	9:20am
6/12	UKANDU Commissioning	10:30am
6/15	Youth Summer Event—Fellowship Hall 6 <sup>th</sup> —12 <sup>th</sup> Grades	6:00pm
6/18	UKANDU—June 18-25	
6/26	UKANDU Presentation	9:20am
7/3	NYG Commissioning	10:30am
7/5	National Youth Gathering—July 5-14	
7/31	NYG Presentation	9:20am
7/31	Vicar's Farewell Lunch	12:00pm



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## UKANDU Commissioning

Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>  
10:30 am Service

*Please keep those serving and being served at UKANDU in your prayers.*

“If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.” John 13:14

## National Youth Gathering



## NYG Commissioning

Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
10:30 am Service

Other NYG dates to be posted in future Reflections.

## SUMMER YOUTH Event

for 6<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> graders

Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>

6—8 pm at church

Bring a friend!

Watch for details in Reflections



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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.



# Rip Tides

Galatians 5:1-2

The strong waves of temptation flow in like the ocean,  
swirling about my feet,  
tugging;  
undermining,  
pulling,  
wanting to gather me to its core.

I can only stand firm  
in the Lord.

Carol Schuldt