

The Parish Beacon

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ —

What a blessing it is that we can gather together each week for worship, for the Divine Service, where God comes to us, to offer to us His precious gifts of grace and mercy and peace. During the Divine Service, either before or after the offering and offertory, we join together for prayer, specifically the Prayer of the Church. Notice this is called the prayer not the prayers. This is because during this time of worship we offer one prayer as one body of Christ. One prayer with several petitions. To some, this can seem like it is just a long time of the pastor talking, but there is a specific reason for why we pray for everything and everyone that we pray for in this prayer.

God commands in 1 Timothy 2:1-2, ***“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.”*** And this is indeed what we do in the Prayer of the Church. We offer prayers for all of these people.

As you listen to these prayers, pay attention to what we are praying. We pray on behalf of our congregation and the church at large. We pray for pastors and that God would raise up new pastors. We pray for the government (*regardless of whether or not we like those who are in office*). We pray on behalf of the sick and injured. We give thanks for those who have departed in the faith and pray for peace to their families. All of these prayers are not just the pastor talking, but indeed the pastor offering up all of your prayers collectively together to God.

And this leads to your response to the prayers. There are five general forms of liturgical prayers that are used in the Divine Service.

The first, which was used in The Lutheran Hymnal, was one continuous prayer that the pastor prays and to which the congregation adds their Amen at the end.

The second, known as the Responsive form, has the pastor offering up to God a petition of the prayer, ending it with “Lord in your mercy” to which the congregation responds, “Hear our prayer”. This is the format that has been used the most over the last fourteen years that I have been here at Our Redeemer.

The third, known as the Ektene (*pronounce ek-teen*) format, has the pastor offering saying what we will be praying (“*That the Lord would grant healing*”, “*For all those who have departed*”, etc.) ending with “Let us pray to the Lord” and the true prayer part is the congregations responds “Lord, Have Mercy.” This is the format we have chosen to use for this academic year as we focus on our theme of “Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief!”

The fourth, which we rarely use, is the Bidding Prayer, which combines the Ektene and the Responsive form. In this format, an assistant offers up a bid in the Ektene format “That...”, to which the pastor then puts in the full petition, and then the congregation responds with “Hear our prayer.”

(Letter continued on the next page)



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The fifth, which we use primarily on Ash Wednesday, is the Litany. Litanies are prayers to our Lord consisting of a series of petitions and responses. The word “litany” itself comes from the Greek word “lite,” as the responsive prayer consists of short pithy phrases. In public worship, one person recites the first part of the prayer, which is followed by a response from the congregation (such as “pray for us,” “have mercy,” or “We implore You to hear us, good Lord”).

So as you listen to Prayer of the Church, I encourage to not only listen for the key words that prompts your response but listen to the entire prayer. After all, it is your prayer that is being prayed.

Blessings,
Pastor Hartwig

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH/Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost/September 25, 2022

In peace,
let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For diligent study of God’s Holy Word, that we might be content with His provision for us in this life, trust in Christ and His death for us, rejoice in His resurrection, and look forward to the life to come,
let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those studying to be pastors, that God would bless their studies and their preparation. We especially pray for the seminarians we are supporting: **Kyle Moellenhoff** (Vicarage Year), **Josiah Schultz** (Vicarage Year), **Deon Hull** (4th Year), **Kyle Lewis** (4th Year), and we ask a special blessing upon our Vicar, **Morgan Garrett**,
let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our households, that God would preserve us from idols and sins of idleness; and that He would bless fathers and mothers as they catechize their children to guard their hearts and rejoice in His gifts,
let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the authorities of the nations, that the King of kings and Lord of lords would deliver them from idols of wealth and power and strengthen them to fulfil the duties of their offices in humility and service to others,
let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and those who suffer, for those troubled in mind, for the grieving in their sorrows, and for the dying in their last hours, [especially **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), **Emee Elkeurti**, **Cynthia Freundt**, **Debra Fuhrmeister**, **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), **Harry Karnes**, **Brad Koelper** (Donna Saehler’s nephew), **Joanne Leeper** (mother of Cathleen Loney), **Cathleen Loney**, **Norma Miller** (Twyla Freeman’s aunt), **Aaron Mueller**, **Barb Nace** (Doris Siemer’s niece), **Bob Nace**, **Deloris Nace**, **Rozie Siems** (Daughter of Mary Siems), **Ronna Sojka**, **Reece Ullerich**, **Mark Wilson**, and **Beth Wu** (Schuldt’s relative),] that the Lord would grant them the comfort of His presence, relief according to His will and peace in their hearts,
let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For His kindness to the saints whom God has delivered and now comforts with eternal rest, let us give thanks to the Lord; and that God would preserve us in repentance,
let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For Your Word tells us, “Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.” (Romans 12:12) So we bring to You, O Lord, our silent prayers.

[*Silent Prayers*]

Preserve us, O Lord, from all temptation and *DOUBT*. Grant us faith, that we may rest all our prayers and the desires of our hearts in Your merciful arms, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sun 9/25 Worship Service-In Person/Live Stream 8:00am
 Adult bible Class/Sunday School 9:20am
 Worship Service-In Person/Live Stream 10:30am
 District 13 2:30pm

Mon 9/26 Staff Meeting 1:00pm
 Sunlight AA Group 6:00pm
 Chamber Singers 6:00pm

Tues 9/27 Solon Nursing Home 9:30am
 Women's Beth Moore Bible Class 10:00am
 SM-Small Group/Thompsons' 6:15pm
 SM-Large Group/Marcia 6:45pm
 Women's Bible Class-Finding God Faithful 7:00pm
 Al-Anon 7:00pm

Wed 9/28 TOPS 8:00am
 Emerson Point 2:00pm
 Parade Party 5:30pm
 Choir Rehearsal 6:45pm
 Midweek Classes 6:45pm
 Adult Midweek 7:00pm

Thurs 9/29 Comfort Tiers 9:00am
 Over Eaters Anonymous 5:00pm
 Al-Anon 7:30pm

Fri 9/30 ****

Sat 10/1 Worship Service-In Person/Live Stream 5:30pm

Sun 10/2 Worship Service-In Person/Live Stream 8:00am
 Adult Bible Class/Sunday School 9:20am
 Worship Service-In Person/Live Stream 10:30am
 Basics of the Faith 1:00pm



BAPTISM

AVA ANN ARTHUR
DAUGHTER OF
MICHAEL & TIFFANY ARTHUR
SPONSORS ARE: TRAVIS COLE
JAMES ARTHUR JILL ARTHUR
September 24, 2022

This Sunday's coffee and snacks are being provided by Human Care Committee between early service and Sunday School. Donations will go towards continued mission projects. ***Come join us for a little fellowship before heading off to Bible Class and Sunday School.***



FLOWERS TODAY

Flowers this weekend (September 24/25) are from Denise Holda in memory of her mother, Dolores Wenndt.

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
****Communion: October 1, 2, 15, 16, 29, 30****

Sunday School 9:20am—In Person
Adult Bible Study 9:20am—Fellowship Hall/ZOOM

Bible Study/Lunch Bunch meets on the 1st & 3rd
Wednesdays of each month at 11:00am

Comfort-Tiers meet Thursdays at 9:00am

Choir practice Wednesdays at 6:45pm

Praise Team Practice schedule varies—
Contact Myrl Holda myrl-holda@uiowa.edu or
Louise Klopp choirdirector@ourredeemer.org

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OCTOBER



Basics of the Faith
October 2 & 9
1:00pm



October 5
Bible Class 11:00am
Lunch 12:00pm
Fellowship Hall



LWML Sunday
October 9



Pictures for Church Directory
October 15 & 16
Before and after each service



October 19
Bible Class 11:00am
Lunch 12:00pm
Fellowship Hall



Lutheran for Life National Conference
October 21/22



Wendysue Fluegge
October 22/23
Will be singing at all
three worship services



Sunday, October 30 at 4:00pm

Birthdays

Sun 9/25	Twyla Freeman, Bradley Kimball, Melissa Lenz, Charles Murphy
Mon 9/26	Michael Gerholdt, Malinda Wade
Tues 9/27	Melanie Breza, Terri Deetz, Bob DuVall, Katie Servert
Wed 9/28	Beth Benson, Cael Caven, Krista Farnsworth, Stacey Sexton, Robert Sexton
Thurs 9/29	Mark Greve, Kyle Kelley, Kyle Mullet, Dennis Peer, Todd Saterfield
Fri 9/30	Jackson Caylor, Nathan Kibby, Ivan Mack
Sat 10/1	Julie Cole, Lisa Hintze

Stewardship—September 17/18

ATTENDANCE		TREASURES	
Recorded Service 9/17	30	Contributions	\$5,538.00
Sat. 9/17 In Person/LIVE STREAM 5:30pm	48	A Little Farther	\$300.00
Sun. 9/18 In Person/LIVE STREAM 8:00am	68	Monthly needs for budget	\$64,902.00
Sun. 9/18 In Person/LIVE STREAM 10:30am	155	(No live stream for Sunday services)	
TOTAL WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	301	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	61/53

Pledges received for the month of September	\$3,630.55
Total amount of pledges received	\$347,112.91
Total amount pledges promised	\$365,174.87



Thank you for your continued support.



MISSION	September
Iowa District East	\$3,333.33
UIHC Chaplain Endowment Fund	\$250.00
TOTAL	\$3,583.33
Common Fund	\$500.00
Lutheran Hour	\$375.00
Panama	\$625.00
MONTH TOTAL	\$5,083.33
CommUnity Crisis Center	\$75.00
Lutherans For Life	***
Concordia Seminary Food Bank	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$4,708.33

Membership Changes and Official Acts

<u>Released</u>	
Krista Stevens	09-09-2022
<u>Transfer In</u>	
Marshall, Jordan, Aurora, Rylan, Avery, and Emily Mack	08-31-2022
<u>Deaths</u>	
Dennis Maxwell Miller	09-02-2022
Rev. Timothy John Zimmermann	09-05-2022
<u>Baptism</u>	
Ava Ann Arthur	09-24-2022
<u>Affirmation/Profession of Faith</u>	
Melody McDowell	09-22-2022



Submitted by Marcia Hulse

Stephen Ministry

We care, Christ cures.

God Keeps Me Going

I called my husband my two-year wonder, because every two years I wonder what he is going to do next. In not quite twenty-four years of marriage, Rich's life changes—include twelve companies, four careers, three surgeries, and three relocations — have significantly affected my life.

I like change and enjoy variety, so I am a good fit for this marriage. However, when Rich announced his current change — well this newest change was not in my plan book and I could not imagine how we were going to survive this change. What do I do? For the first time I felt alone and insignificant.

I was at a point where I needed someone to talk to about my struggles. My pastor recommended that I consider meeting with a Stephen Minister—another woman, trained as a caregiver, who would walk beside me during this difficult time. Trusting someone with personal information about my life was something I feared at first, but my pastor reassured me that everything was confidential, so I agreed to give it a try. I'm so glad I did! Soon after meeting with my Stephen Minister, I quickly sensed I could trust her.

She helped me see that when I feel in over my head, I could be assured that as a child of God, I have a protective Redeemer, patient Savior, and most personal God. She asked me to look to Him. Grab His hand and allow Him to hold on to me. Only then I could feel the security of His grip and the warmth of His love. She added that someday I might look back to see the purpose of His refining work in my life.

Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you. I've called your name. You're mine. When you're in over your head, I'll be there with you. When you're in rough waters, you will not go down. When you're between a rock and a hard place, it won't be a dead end - because I am God, your personal God. —Isaiah 43: 1-3

Stephen Ministers Care!

Stephen Ministry can help a person experiencing tough times by establishing a safe haven based upon the love of Christ.

Do you need to receive care? Stephen Ministers are trained members of our congregation who care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support allowing the person to again feel the healing power of Christ's love within his/her life. Confidentiality is implicit in all Stephen Ministry relationships. To receive care talk to Pastor Hartwig or a Stephen Leader.

Will you consider serving in this way? We will be recruiting for our 2023 training which typically starts in mid-January. If you think you might be interested in this training, please contact the church office or one of the Stephen Leaders.

STEPHEN LEADERS

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

- August income approximately \$45,000
- August expenses were approximately \$62,000
- YTD income is 480K, current negative balance of \$4765.
- Review of income and expenses as usual.

ELDER'S REPORT

- Approved membership changes.
- Discussed cleansing of communion ware and made assignments.
- Other business as usual.

AT-LARGE REPORTS

Outreach:

- The City High homecoming parade is 9/28. We will be serving our usual free food to the public.
- The committee is working on plans for the 2023 July 4th Coralville parade.

Human Care: No report

Assimilation: No report.

CHURCH PROPERTIES

- The replacement of the fence at the Parsonage was completed, except for some painting. Twenty volunteers helped to get this project done.
- The pre-school was painted.

STAFF REPORTS

Pastor Hartwig

- Pastor and Vicar will attend the FORO meeting in Panama for an update.
- Pastor has received many exciting comments about the new theme for the year.
- Pastor is giving a hospitality presentation in Frankenmuth, MI this coming weekend.
- Rally Day went well with a large participation by those families involved.

Vicar Garrett-

- Preparing adult Bible studies for the next two Sundays.
- The 20's and 30's group met with 6 couples attending.
- Completed the booklet for the 7th grade Confirmation class.

Youth Ministry-Kara Hartwig-

- Rally Day went well.
- There are 3 new families in Confirmation classes.
- Confirmation orientation is 9/14.
- Mid-week youth has 16 participants.

Small Group-Denise Holidia—

- The fall programs have begun along with the Bible classes. Refer to Reflections/Beacon for the schedule.

Kaja Mueller—

- Eleven students are enrolled in each of the pre-school classes.
- Pastor and Vicar have visited children in the pre-school.
- Sunday School will have 2 teachers in each room this year.

Other—

- Voters meeting September 18, 2022, 12:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall, for the purpose of approving the slate of officers for 2023.
- The Nominations Committee met with Pastor to conduct a thorough review of the Administrative Rules/Regulations with respect to more accurately reflecting the current practice. They presented the updated document for BOD approval. **MOTION: The Board of Directors unanimously approved the Nomination Committee's revised version of the Administrative Rules/Regulations of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.**



KUDOS
OUR REDEEMER'S
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RECOGNIZES



THE TWENTY VOLUNTEERS

WHO ASSISTED WITH THE
REPLACEMENT OF THE PARSONAGE FENCE.
THIS TASK WAS DIRECTED BY TREVOR TAVES
(NON-MEMBER) WHO SUPPLIED THE NEEDED
EQUIPMENT AND PROVIDED DIRECTION FOR
COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT.

Gardening Opportunities at Our Redeemer

Attractive landscaping can contribute to the welcoming atmosphere of a church and may encourage people to venture in to seek out the inner gifts the church has to offer. In order to keep our flowers, shrubs, and trees healthy and beautiful, we need people to assist with planting, watering, weeding, and keeping the spaces free of litter from April through October. It would be helpful if we could create a team of volunteers that can be called on for assistance in the gardens. You may be a novice gardener or have years of experience gardening; there are opportunities for all skill levels. Time commitment is variable.

There are so many fabulous things about gardening and the best is that anyone can do it. ~C.Z.Guest

Look for the sign-up sheet on the counter outside the office door.

For more information, contact Linda Diggelmann at
319-594-6908 or diggelfa@gmail.com



Building Healthy Families: There are two kinds of people in the world: those who wake up and say, "Good morning, Lord!" and those who wake up and say, "Good Lord, it's morning!" Which are you? It is usually true that mood follows message. How we feel emotionally results from how we think about what is happening. The next time you are having a difficult day, stop and check your thoughts. Listen to what you are telling yourself. Challenge and then replace negative, untrue self-statements with the truth. (Hint: look for truths from the author of life Himself in your Bible). LFS counselors are available to help you learn to change negative thought patterns, replacing them with truth.

Lutheran Family Service - www.LutheranFamilyService.org.



WELCOME TO A NEW MEMBER

We would like to take the time to welcome new member Kennedy Kruse. Her current occupation is as an accountant. Kennedy's leisure time activities and hobbies are sports and cooking. Her areas of interest that she would like to get into with church are young adult group and small group Bible study.

Kennedy's parents are in Gowrie, Iowa. She has two brothers Kayden and Kolson.





Pictorial Directory Photo Time!!

When: Weekends of Oct. 15 & 16/November 19 & 20 after any of the worship services

Where: In the Chapel

Who: Anyone who doesn't have a photo in the directory and anyone who needs an updated photo

What to Bring: Your smiles!!

This is also a good time for anyone to update their contact information for the directory, even if you don't need a photo taken. Or you can update information by emailing or calling Lorrie in the office.

If neither date works, you can submit a photo to the church office (by email or bring in a printed one). Another option is to contact the Assimilation Committee for someone to take your photo at a time that works for you. Contact Cory Strumpel at 319-321-6436 or Pam Wilson at 319-530-1920 with questions or to schedule at a different time.

Thank YOU!!

Assimilation Committee



Across the globe, the Orphan Grain train brings hope to hungry, destitute people who struggle to live day to day without warm clothing, nourishing food, clean water, shelter or medical care. In 1992, Pastor Ray Wilke saw that need face to face and determined to make a positive impact on as many people as possible. Today, OGT has shipped to 69 different countries, sharing God's mercy and love by meeting the needs of the hopeless. Hear the uplifting story about this remarkable Christian organization and its on-going mission from our guest speaker, Richard Hartwig, Saturday, October 8 at the LWML Cedar Rapids Fall Zone Event at Zion Lutheran Church in Hiawatha. There will also be an ingathering of non-perishable foods for a local charity – Mission of Hope. Check out their "wish list" on the poster.



RSVP to Laurel Sellers at 319-331-3242 or sign up on the sheet on the LWML table across from the kitchen.

SOCKTOBER

Warm toes = warm hearts



This year Our Redeemer Human Care Committee will again be sponsoring a month long Socktober running the month of October. So why SOCKTOBER? Because every night in the United States an estimated 600,000 people live on the streets and need simple things, like socks, to help get them thru the night. Plus, the NUMBER 1 needed clothing items for those in need is new socks, but people rarely ever donate new socks to the homeless! New socks are like gold to the homeless. For people without permanent housing feet work overtime when there isn't a warm home to return to each night. Our committee is working in partnership with the Iowa City Homeless Shelter to collect socks. We are asking the congregation to donate NEW crew socks (dark are preferred) with reinforced toes are the best. Please place your donations in the SOCKTOBER box in the narthex. If you prefer to give a monetary gift rather than socks, we'd be happy to shop for you! Please make your check out to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church with Socktober in the memo line and place in offering plate. With Covid still a concern please contribute new items only. We are, also, still taking donations for brand new packs of underwear for men, women, and children. Thank you for your help.



PRIME TIME DINNER

Sunday November 6th after the 10:30am service

The Prime Time Dinner is for everyone in the congregation aged 60 and older. The dinner is hosted by the Human Care Committee with Chef Steve Rudin preparing his usual delicious meal to delight the tastebuds. In order to determine the amount of food needed for this special occasion the Human Care Committee requests that you RSVP to Tracy Nelson at her email address by Sunday, October 23rd, 2022.

Tracy's email address: tracy-nelson@uiowa.edu

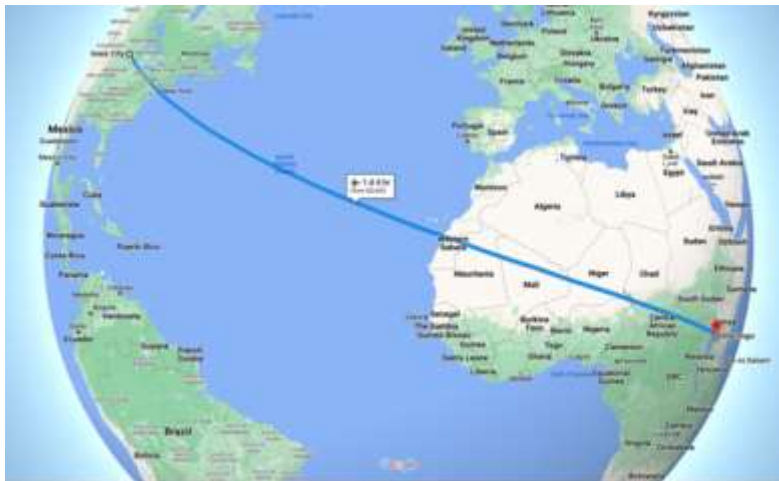


Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Mission Committee
Highlighting the Christian/humanitarian work of our congregation as a whole and as individuals.
here and around the world.

MATONGO KENYA

Missionaries Pastor Vance & Linda Becker

Teaching students from all over East Africa to be Pastors, Deacons
and Deaconesses in their home communities.



Distance: Iowa City to Matongo Kenya = 7400 miles.
Time Difference: Iowa City to Matongo Kenya = 9 hours



(Above Left) Pastor Vance Becker leading a Seminary class on the Lutheran campus.
The students on campus also maintain crops & livestock for food & for sale.



(Above Right) Linda Becker with future Deaconesses.

Mission Committee Members

Denise Holid / Anita Nicholson / Val Penney / Bob Powers (Chairman Pro-Tem)

Lutherans for Life National Conference in Rock Island



**All day Friday until Saturday at noon at the
Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center
in Rock Island (Quad Cities) on October 21-22.
Yes, we need to go! Who is WE? Everyone!!**

How do we get there? We meet and carpool. If you wish you can stay in the block of rooms they have reserved, but more than likely the carpool will swim back to Iowa City after each day.


Why should we go? To refresh and energize our Gospel Voices for the Pre-Born Babies that God wants us to speak up for and to protect moms as well. There are millions of Pre-Born Babies and Moms in crisis who need your prayers and Gospel Voice to give them life and hope. It is that simple! You can help unite and support the Body of Christ in a most compassionate event that will save countless lives through the Love of Jesus Christ. That should be reason enough.

What will we do there? There will be inspiring speakers to move you to action. There will be Workshops with leaders who will equip you to save lives....we all want to save lives, right? We will sing, praise, learn, grow in God and fellowship and eat. That's what I needed to hear!!

What should I do right now? There is a sign-up sheet in the church office. Go to it. Sign your name and commit to doing this event. Conference details will be with the signup sheet...Don't think about this, just go do it!

We will organize when we find out that you are going.
Yes, find out that YOU ARE GOING!!

***"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***



How many do you remember?

**Each year we have had a theme for the year.
Here are the church themes from 2010 to current.**

2010-2011 Take the Next Step

2011-2012 For Jesus

2012-2013 Vocation: God's Direction for You!

2013-2014 The Gift of Forgiveness

2014-2015 Building up the Body

2015-2016 Make a Joyful Noise

2016-2017 More Than You Can Imagine

2017-2018 Thy Will Be Done

2018-2019 Rejoice

2019-2020 Show Hospitality

2020-2021 Enduring Mission: Here I Am

2021-2022 Living with Christ

2022-2023 Lord I Believe, Help My Unbelief



← Taking down the old fence

Drilling post new post holes →



Thank You!
 The parsonage wooden fence "repair" is done! Thank you to those who volunteered to work on repairing the fence on an "Iowa vs Iowa State" football Saturday. You all worked well individually and together, saw what needed to be done and did it!! Thank you all for the wonderful job you did and for your persistence in getting it finished.

~Property Committee



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Confirmation Orientation

We are excited to start the 2022-23 Confirmation classes with Confirmation Orientation for the students and their parents.

Pastor led the orientation which includes acolyte training and a review of the syllabus.

As we look forward to the academic year ahead, we pray for the Holy Spirit to work through what the students hear in Confirmation to strengthen their faith.

To equip the 6th graders who are starting Confirmation classes, Our Redeemer gifts them with a Lutheran Study Bible, Luther's Small Catechism, and a Confirmation bag to carry their things to class each week.

6th Grade Confirmation



Left to Right: Maddie Bell, Eloise Guhl, Anna Klein, Cyrus Gabel-Lopez, and Cutler Bell

7th Grade Confirmation

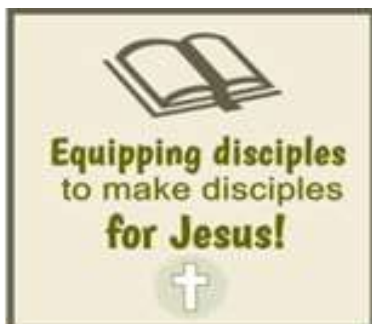


Left to Right: Joseph La Grange, Jackson Lyon, Evelyn Mueller, Kenley Murken, Tate Nelson, Willa Ohlmann, Micah Hartwig, and Brynnley Fetzer (James Haack not pictured)

8th Grade Confirmation



Left to Right: Rylan Mack, Addison Klein, Jack Caylor, Brian Holman, Benji Lothamer, Breckin Morrison, Taylor Pence, and Hayden Dyson





September 11, 2022

Introducing the 2022-2023 Theme
*"I do believe,
 help my unbelief."*



Rally Day Potluck



2022—2023 Sunday School Classes & Teachers
Toddlin' to Jesus Kate Lothamer, Erin Dyson and Kristin Weis
Preschool 3 & 4 year olds Angela Hotz and Morgan Hotz
Kindergarten & 1st Grade Allison & Ryan Haack
2nd - 3rd Grade Tiffany Roiseland and Amy Guhl
4th & 5th Grade Kate Ramsey and Sara Cross (Hannah Ramsey and Ava Cross)
Confirmation (6th, 7th & 8th Grades) Josiah Coblentz
High School Kara Hartwig
Adult Bible Class Pastor Hartwig and Vicar Garrett

Milestone Gifts

11th Grade

Jalynn Beranek
 Cade Dyson
 Allison Fetzer
 Jordyn Kucera
 Ava Pence
 Carson Pence
 Kendra Schwarting

6th Grade

Cutler Bell
 Maddie Bell
 Cyrus Ghabel-Lopez
 Elois Guhl
 Anna Klein

3rd Grade

Avery Mack
 Lydia Marks
 James Roiseland
 Arabella White

1st Grade

Beckham Dyson
 Rhett Marks
 Titus Mueller
 Kaylee Murken
 Aibhlinn O'Shea
 Zander Ohlmann
 Camden Schwarting

3-Year-Olds

Demi Lambert
 Cade Sexton
 Zoe Sexton
 Silas Weis



Preschool in September



Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller Assistants, Kate Ramsey 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!



Classroom Rules

What we get to do so we have a good day in preschool!

- We sit crisscross apple sauce.
- We raise our hands to say something.
- We walk.
- We take turns and share.
- We help clean up.

In order to have a good day at preschool, we follow these simple rules and remember everyone is special to God so they are special to us. We get to treat everyone nicely and have patience.





Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



KIDS CLUB
4 year olds—5th grade

Kids Club meets
Wednesday nights
from 6:45 pm—8:00 pm

October 5
God's Word

October 12
Time of the Church

October 19
Trinity

October 26
Field trip to Legacy Pointe



Sunday School Classes

Toddlin' to Jesus (0-2 Year olds) are in room 215. The teachers are Erin Dyson, Kristen Weis, and Kate Lothamer. Parents and their children are invited to participate!

Pre-K3 & Pre-K4 are in room 219. Their teachers are Angela Hotz and Morgan Hotz.

Kindergarten & 1st grades are in room 217. The teachers are Ryan & Allison Haack.

2nd & 3rd grades in room 117. Teachers are Tiffany Roiseland and Amy Guhl.

4th & 5th grades are in room 121. Their teachers are Kate Ramsey and daughter Hannah. As well as Sara Cross and her daughter Ava.

6th/7th/8th grades are in room 208 (Adult Ed.) Their teacher is Josiah Coblenz.

All High School students are in room 110 (Youth Room) with their teacher Kara Hartwig.

All Adults are in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Hartwig and Vicar Garrett.

Sunday School Lesson for September 25th:

A Walking Wonder: Peter and John Heal a Man Who Can't Walk from Acts 3:1-16; 4:5-22.

Sunday School starts at 9:20 a.m. and dismisses at 10:15 a.m.. Invite your friends and come learn about Jesus!




Youth

6th - 12th Graders

October

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DATE	EVENT	TIME
2	Basics of the Faith	1:00 pm
5	Midweek Meal <i>MEAL CREW: 6th Grade Families</i> Confirmation Classes & HS Midweek	6:00 pm 6:45 pm
9	Children's Christmas Service Information <i>During Sunday School</i>	9:20 am
9	Basics of the Faith	1:00 pm
12	Confirmation Classes & HS Midweek	6:45 pm
19	Confirmation Classes & HS Midweek	6:45 pm
26	Confirmation Classes & HS Midweek	6:45 pm
30	 Trunk Or Treat	4:00pm

YOUTH Sunday School



Confirmation—Room 208
High School—Youth Room

Sunday Mornings
9:20 am —10:15 am

High School Midweek

All high school youth and their friends are welcome!

We meet on Wednesdays at 6:45 pm in the Youth Room.

Join us for a casual time of fellowship!

YOUTH PARENTS and HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

You're invited to attend Basics of the Faith for a fast-paced look at the basics of what Christians believe: what is the Bible, who is God, why do we get baptized and more!

Basics of the Faith

Join us for this 2-part session:

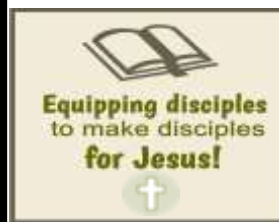
Sunday, October 2nd

1:00 pm —5:00 pm

And

Sunday, October 9th

1:00 pm —5:00 pm



RSVP to the church office at 338-5626.

OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

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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.



Hospital Chaplain's Visit

For Chaplain Harold Scheer
Hebrews 13:5b

The flurry of admission,
the filing of paperwork,
the departure of relatives
is past.

I am alone among strangers.

Alone with
my thoughts,
my fears of tomorrow.

What tortures
must I undergo?
How much pain
must I endure?
Will the correct procedures and diagnosis
be found?
Is my disease
fatal?
Why me?
Why? Why?

The questions continue to haunt me.

Another face comes into focus;
a voice penetrates my anxiety
with words of strength
and prayers of comfort.

He leaves me with my Lord.

I am not alone,
never have been,
and, I have a new friend.

Carol Schuldt