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Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - April 22/23, 2023

~Third Sunday of Easter~



ADULT BIBLE CLASS


April 23
 Rev. Larry Lemke Teaching
 Eternal Salvation heaven

April 30
 Overcoming through Surrender and Shalom

May 7
 Overcoming through the New David and the Renewed Covenant

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
April 23	2 Samuel 4:4; 9:1-13	The King's Table—Mephibosheth
April 30	1 Kings 11:9-13, 26-40; 12:1-24	Jeroboam and Rehoboam



Sunday Coffee & Treats

This Sunday's coffee and treats are being provided by the Assimilation Committee. Come join us for a little refreshment and fellowship before Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.



FLOWERS TODAY

Flowers for the altar this weekend are from Lynne Westphal in celebration of her husband, Brian, on his birthday and in memory of Norma Westphal.

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

That we may perceive Christ, who expounded the Scriptures and revealed Himself in the breaking of the bread; and that we may rejoice in the gifts of His salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

That our piety may be renewed this Eastertide; and that we may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

That the God of all compassion, whose Spirit opens the Holy Scriptures, would enlighten this congregation with the resurrection light that never fades, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

For all parents, that God would continue to pour out His Spirit upon them to catechize their children faithfully in His Word, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

For the family and friends of **Bob Saterfield** 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. Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those who suffer and cry to God, that He would hear them and answer with grace sufficient for all their needs; and for the sick, the wounded and the dying, *[[especially **Dorothy Blume** (Carol Schuldt's sister), **David Caplin** (Lillian Moyer's son-in-law), **Jacob Cohen**, **Debra Fuhrmeister**, **Debbie Hartwig**, **Emma Haugen** (Friend of Gwen Enokian), **Gabe Hundley** (grandson of Karen Abernathy), **Dora Jacobson** (granddaughter of George and Carol Schuldt), **Norma Miller** (Twyla Freeman's aunt), **Barb Nace** (Doris Siemer's niece), **Bob Nace**, **Deloris Nace**, **Carson Pence**, **Julie Pratt-Mullenkamp** (Cousin of Ruth Varney), **Rozie Siems** (Daughter of Mary Siems), **Ronna Sojka**, **Reece Ullerich**, **Karen Warner**, **Mark Wilson**, **Beth Wu** (Schuldt's relative),]* let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

Mighty God, hear your people silently pray...

[We pause for a moment of silent prayer.]

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.**

BIRTHDAYS

Sun. 4/23 Gregory Bell, Rebeckah Hosier, Rory James, Julia Kimball, Shirley Stutzman
 Mon. 4/24 Rick Gienapp, James Roiseland, Corrie Sass, Jane Wepler, Jacob Willey
 Tues. 4/25 Adam Fuhrmeister, Robert Hanson, Cindy Kruetz, Caitlin Pinnell, Kyle Sexton, Brian Westphal
 Wed. 4/26 Glorine Berry, Luke Young
 Thurs. 4/27 Louise Klopp, Erica Watkinson
 Fri. 4/28 Kelli Bruckman, Darrick Eldridge, Samuel Gienapp, Elisabeth Hottel, Jessi Kucera,
 Aaron Mueller, Samantha Nelson
 Sat. 4/29 Haleigh Jones, Curtis McBride

STEWARDSHIP April 15/16, 2023—Easter

TIME		TREASURES	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 4/15—5:30pm	58	Contributions	\$7,599.78
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 4/16—8:00am	93	Monthly needs for budget	\$67,240.58
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 4/16—10:30am	155		
Recorded Services 4/15	23		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	329	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	53/40

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, April 23-30 2023

<u>Sunday, 4/23</u>		<u>Wednesday continued...</u>	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	9:00am	Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Spiritual Growth Event	7:00pm
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am	Confirmation Reception	8:00pm
District 13 Meeting	2:30pm		
		<u>Thursday, 4/27</u>	
<u>Monday, 4/24</u>		Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	Christ in Film	6:00pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
<u>Tuesday, 4/25</u>		<u>Friday, 4/28</u>	
Solon Nursing Home	9:30am	***	
SM-Small Group/Marlene	6:15pm		
SM-Large Group/Marcia	6:45pm	<u>Saturday, 4/29</u>	
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
<u>Wednesday, 4/26</u>		<u>Sunday, 4/30-Confirmation Sunday</u>	
TOPS	8:00am	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	9:00am
Emerson Point	2:00pm	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	9:20am
Midweek Meal	6:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am



details are coming!



**Concordia
Seminary**
ST. LOUIS

JOIN US!
CONCORDIA SEMINARY
VICARAGE PLACEMENT SERVICE
APRIL 26, 2023, Sanctuary
3:00 pm for assignments of vicarages

We will be blessed with another vicar for the 2023-2024 year! Please join us in the Sanctuary for the Vicarage Placement Service at 3:00pm when we will find out who our next vicar will be.

Our previous vicar, Kyle Lewis, will be receiving his first call at a 7:00pm service that will be live streamed from Concordia St. Louis. Concordia will livestream, Facebook, and YouTube. For more information go to: <https://www.csl.edu/academics/call-day-services/>



POPCORN PROVIDED

Come join us April 27, at 6:00pm, in the Fellowship Hall, for the continuation of the Christ in Film series.

The upcoming "feature" will be "A Monster Calls" Rated (PG-13)



Blessing Books *Now through May 8th*

We will continue to do our senior books a page at time. Messages of encouragement and congratulations to the graduates can be sent via email or write them on a quarter sheet of paper allowing half an inch on the left for binding.

WHO SHOULD "SIGN" THE BLESSING BOOKS? Everyone in the congregation can sign.

WHAT SHOULD I WRITE? Write a short note of Christian encouragement, share your favorite Bible verse or simply sign your name.

HOW DO I SHARE MY MESSAGE? You can either write your message on a quarter sheet of paper and email a picture of it or just email the text you want--you can use the same message or create one for each student (please make sure that you specify the recipient of individual messages).

Please email your message to Laurel at: consultant@ourredeemer.org by April 30th



Tyce Alt
Austin Bell
Avery Bolton
Mara Caylor
Ava Cross

Alexis Faudel
Corey Holman
Andrew Hotz
Max Krogh
Ella Nelson

Hannah Ramsey
Luke Ramsey
Madeline Schrader
Hillary Wilson



SPIRITUAL GROWTH EVENT

April 26 at 7:00 pm
Sanctuary

Join our confirmands as they:

- Present their knowledge of the Christian faith
- Display and explain their confirmation banner/verse
- Share their confirmation paper

Following their presentations and questioning, there will be a cake & punch reception in the Fellowship Hall.

Jack Caylor
Hayden Dyson
Brian Holman
Addison Klein

Benjamin Lothamer
Breckin Morrison
Taylor Pence



SUMMER STAFF VERY NEEDED!!

Looking for a summer job? Get that and more with a summer camp experience at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca in Solon, IA is hiring **male and female camp counselors** for the upcoming summer. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to spend your summer serving as a Christian role model for youth from Eastern Iowa and beyond! Employment begins **May 30** and ends **August 4**. All summer staff go through training in early June to be fully trained in camp activities and safety, including CPR, AED, and first aid training.

Candidates should be at least 18 years old. To get started, head on over the www.nloma.org and complete a summer service profile.

Please contact Alec at [319-848-4187](tel:319-848-4187) or email programdirector@iodiseca.org. if you have any questions or for more information, check out the Camp's website at www.campiodiseca.org.



Christian Life Committee

The Cedar Rapids Zone of the LWML is in desperate need of volunteers to help with our Christian Life committee!! If you love having the latest scoop on new devotionals and sharing God's Word with your Sisters in Christ, this is the job for you!

Contact Hannah Raebel at hmraebel@gmail.com for more information about tasks and the low time commitment.



Building Healthy Families: Wives, want to have a closer relationship with your husband, even during times of stress or conflict? Check your tone, your attitude, and your words. Research supports what Scripture tells us: During an argument, 83% of husbands feel disrespected. *"Each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband."* (Ephesians 5:33) Respect your husband always, even when you're not happy with him. It's not just a good idea, it's a clear directive from the creator of marriage Himself. And it actually works! **Lutheran Family Service** - www.LutheranFamilyService.org.

LWML Ladies Night Out



Mark your calendar and sign up today for our annual Ladies Night Out. The date is Monday, May 15. Everyone enjoyed our meal last year at the Miller Homestead and so we are going back. It will be a 2 meat meal with all of the traditional Amish meal sides, drink and homemade pie. Cost is \$25 which includes the tip. **Signup will end May 7.** Signup in person or call Cynthia at 319-338-5546 or text her at 319-855-8891 or email to dcfruedt@icloud.com. Payment needs to be made in advance and given to Cynthia Fruendt or put your money in an envelope with your name on it and place the envelope in Laurel Seller's box in the office mail box. We will carpool from church. We will load into cars at 5:10 pm and we WILL leave the parking lot at 5:15 pm to arrive at Miller Homestead by 6:00. Plan on joining us. Sign-up today.

Ascension Divine Service
Thursday, May 18, 2023
7:00pm

Hosted by Zion Lutheran Church LC-MS
201 First Avenue
Hiawatha, IA

Guest Preacher:
Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders,
District President, Iowa District East
Bars and Refreshments to follow
the service.

IOWA DISTRICT EAST LLL CONVENTION

Gifted FOR More



GUEST SPEAKER
Jeff Craig-Meyer
LHM Senior VP, Chief Strategy Officer

SATURDAY April 29, 2023

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
3271 Sandy Beach Road NE
Solon, IA 52333

9:00 a.m. : Doors Open
10:00 a.m. : Convention Begins
4:00 p.m. : Convention concludes

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE



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for More*



*Ministry Update on
LHM's International
Internship Program*



*Martha Hartwig,
Iowa District East
LWML President*

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REGISTRATION FEE: **\$15.00 per person
by April 22**
(\$18.00 at the door)

MAIL COMPLETED
REGISTRATION FORM
AND PAYMENT TO:

Dick Hoelz
3519 Heatheridge Dr. NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

CONTACT INFORMATION: Allen Schmid, IDE LLL District President • 563-249-3039 • allenschmid@hotmail.com
Dick Hoelz, IDE LLL Treasurer • 319-363-1214 • rahoelz@imonmail.com

REGISTRATION FORM 2023 IOWA DISTRICT EAST LLL CONVENTION

*Registration deadline April 22
Make check payable to IDE LLL*

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Number of Attendees: _____ at \$15 each Total Enclosed: _____



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church VBS

**Sunday, August 6, 2023 to Thursday, August 10, 2023
5:00 PM—8:15 PM**

**2301 East Court Street
Iowa City, IA**

Sign up today for VBS! Throughout this program, we will emphasize the Living Water, Jesus, through exciting games, lively music, impressive science experiments, and more! Let's celebrate that we're covered in Jesus' grace.

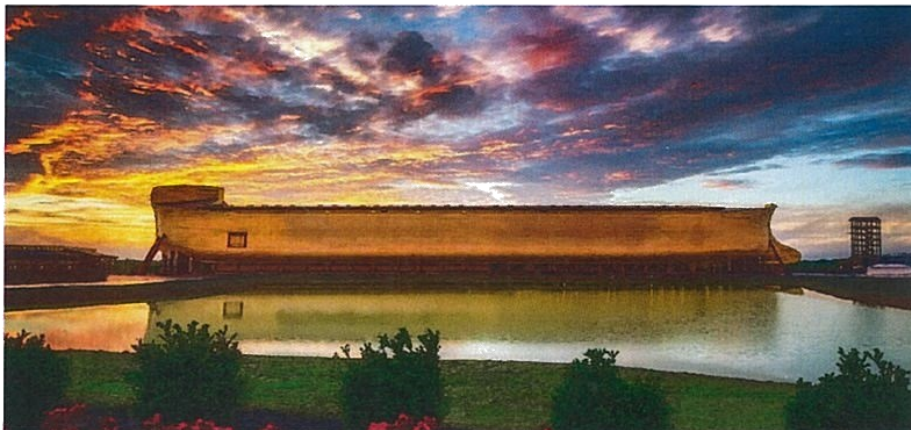
**Sign-up at:
<https://vbsmate.com/events/OurRedeemerVBS2023/26849>**

BUS TRIP

CREATION MUSEUM



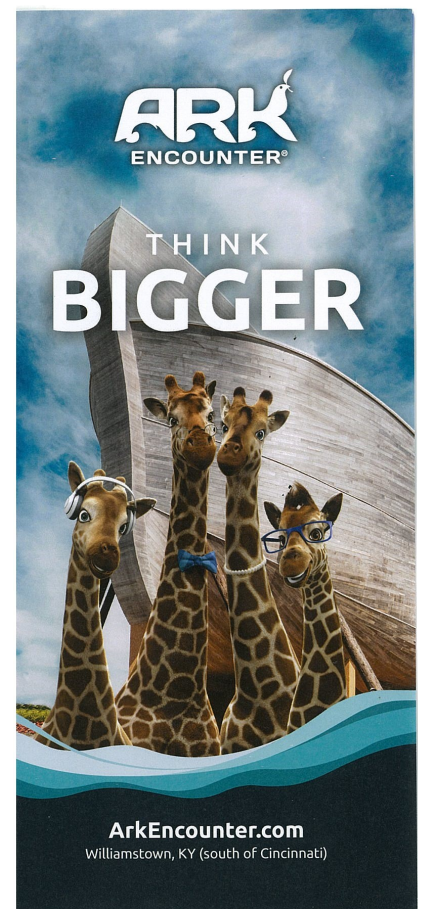
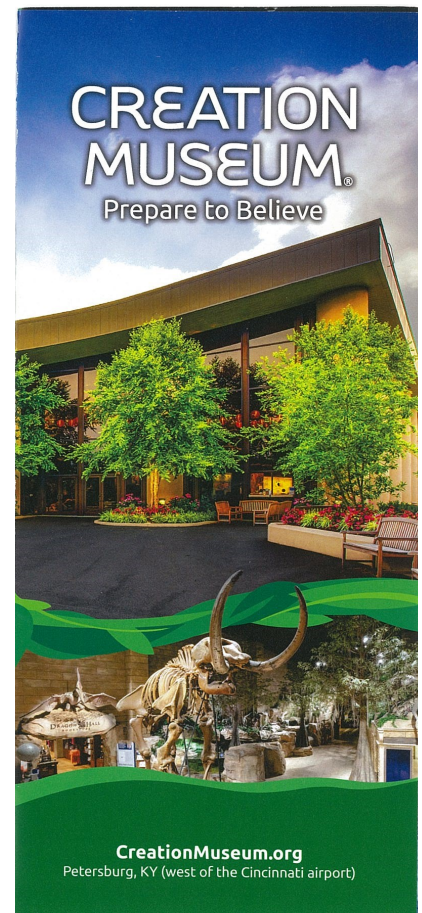
ARK ENCOUNTER



Are you planning to visit the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter this year? Roger and Ellen Bauer have two bus trips planned. Their trips are edu-tainment. The Trips are June 5-9, 2023 and December 4-8, 2023. The trip starts in Waverly, IA and makes several stops along the way.

If you would like more information, they can be contacted at:
319-352-5435 or 319-610-2623.

They can also be emailed at: bauerr@mchsi.com





55 °F | °C Precipitation: 0%
Humidity: 38%
Wind: 6 mph

Preschool Newsletter

April 17—21, 2023

Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller Assistants, Christie Cherian 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!

Home Question

What is your favorite kind of weather?
Why?

This Week

Weather daily question
Weather facts and observations
Letter of the week R r
Spring songs & chants
Bible lesson—The Widows Offering, Mark 12:41-44
Weather books
Tornado drill
Guest reader for T/Th class—Emerson's dad
Weather coloring pages

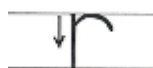


Big line
Little curve
Little line



Dates

April 19/20—Spring Program
April 20—Conferences
April 21—No School
April 24—No School
May 25/26—Last Days of School



Next Week Snack

You get to bring snacks and be our line leader! M/W/F = 12 students; T/TH = 11 students

Monday: NO SCHOOL
Tuesday: Arielli
Wednesday: Hazel
Thursday: Emerson
Friday: Heidi



You only need to bring 2 healthy food groups for snack of the 5 presented in our Credible Food List packet. **Half a gallon of a drink is all we really use in class.** Thanks for the snack.



Happy 5th Birthday Elliott!



Happy 5th Birthday Oliver!

Rr (To She'll be Coming Around the Mountain)

Roy's dog Rover runs all over.
Rover runs. Roy's dog Rover runs all over. Rover runs.
Rover races, Rover chases, Rover chews on Roy's shoelaces. Oh, yes, Rover runs all over. Rover runs.



Make an S but do not wait, go right back up to make an eight.

Spring Program

The Flower Song
Love in a Box
Opposites Song
My God is so Great
He's Done Marvelous Things



LAST Scholastic Book Order

You can shop and submit your order online. Every purchase you make earns FREE books and educational supplies for our classroom. Happy reading! **Ordering online is fast and easy: scholastic.com/readingclub— ENTER Class Activation Code **MQWNQ**.** All book orders will be shipped to our classroom unless you designate them to be shipped to your house.



Our Redeemer Preschool

For children ages 3-5 years and are potty trained

Open House



May 10, 2023
5:30pm-6:30pm

- ♥ Meet the staff
- ♥ Explore our classroom
- ♥ Create a craft
- ♥ Ask questions
- ♥ Enroll your child

*Ask about our 5 days, 3 days,
2 days, and extended care options.*



Phone: (319) 338-3949

Email: preschool@ourredeemer.org

[www.http://ourredeemer.org/preschool/](http://ourredeemer.org/preschool/)

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Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade

Sunday School

9:20 am—10:15 am

For children ages:
Birth to 5th grade



April 23rd

**Lesson: The King's Table—
Mephibosheth
2 Samuel 4:4; 9:1-13**

**KIDS CLUB is over for
this year but you can
watch the Confirmands
share their faith at the
Spiritual Growth Event.**

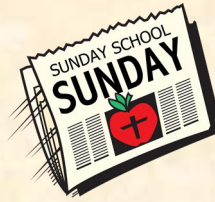
Wednesday, April 26th

Midweek Meal 6:00pm

Spiritual Growth Event 7:00pm

Cake Reception 8:00pm

**Kids Club will resume at the
start of the new school year.**



Sunday School Sunday

**Sunday, May 21st
during both worship services**

*All students will share the Memory
Work they've been working on.*

Toddlin' —Jesus Loves Me song

Preschool ages —Exodus 3:12 "God said, 'But I will be with you.'"

Kindergarten & 1st grade —Psalm 119:105 "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

2nd & 3rd grade —John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

4th & 5th grade —Books of the Old and New Testaments

Confirmation—The Apostles' Creed & The Ten Commandments

High School—Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will make straight your paths."

Psalm 23 "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**Sunday School is one step along the way of
equipping disciples to make disciples for Jesus!**

Youth

6th —12th Grade

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

Confirmation (6th—8th Grades)

Wednesday, APRIL 26th
7:00pm in the Sanctuary

6th Grade—Small Group
Spiritual Growth Event

7th Grade—Small Group
Spiritual Growth Event

8th Grade—Lecture
Spiritual Growth Event



Jack Caylor *Benjamin Lothamer*
Hayden Dyson *Breckin Morrison*
Brian Holman *Taylor Pence*
Addison Klein

Save these dates...

Spiritual Growth Event

Wednesday, April 26th

7:00 pm—8:00 pm

The 8th grade Confirmation students will share their Confirmation Bible verses and their banners at this special event. They will also share their knowledge of the Christian faith as they answer questions about Biblical truths.

There will be a reception of cake and punch, immediately following down in the Fellowship Hall

Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, April 30th

10:00 am Service

*Confirmation...is a time for our 8th Grade Confirmands to **confirm (or affirm) the promises** made to them by God in their Baptism.*

*Confirmation...is also an opportunity to **publicly announce the understanding** of their responsibilities as Christians.*

*Confirmation...is a tool that helps them along their life-long adventure of living out their **Christian faith** by teaching them the **basics of the Christian faith**.*

At Our Redeemer, we are about "Equipping disciples to make disciples for Jesus".

MIDWEEK MEAL

April 26th
6:00pm

The crew is the 6th Graders and their families.
Please arrive at 5:40pm to set up and start helping.

Youth Sunday School

9:20 am—10:15 am

Confirmation & High School
Youth Room

April 23rd

Lesson: The King's Table—Mephibosheth
2 Samuel 4:4; 9:1-13

*Equipping disciples through hearing
God's Word in Sunday School.*



Spring Confirmation Retreat

This weekend is the retreat! We are off to St. Paul!



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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.