





~*Fifth Sunday of Easter*~

 <p><b>ADULT BIBLE CLASS</b></p>	<p><b>May 7</b> Senior Grad Breakfast—No Adult Bible Class</p>
	<p><b>May 14</b> Overcoming through Seeing and Persistence (<b>Part 2</b>)</p>
	<p><b>May 21</b> Sunday School Sunday—No Adult Bible Class Celebration in Fellowship Hall</p>
	<p><b>May 28</b> Overcoming through Surrender and Shalom (<b>Part 1</b>)</p>

## Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
May 7	Graduation Breakfast—No Classes. Everyone gather in the Fellowship Hall	
May 14	Jeremiah 1:4-10; 29:1-14; 31:31-34; 33:14-16	Comfort in Captivity—Jeremiah
May 21	<p><b>SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kids will speak at the end of 8:00am worship and at the beginning of 10:30am worship.</li> <li>Pastor will teach all ages in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday School time.</li> </ul>	
May 28	Special Sunday School—Special VBS Preview. All meet in the Fellowship Hall	



**FLOWERS TODAY**  
Flowers for the altar this weekend are from Jan Boenker in memory of her late husband Don on what would have been his 92nd birthday and their 70th anniversary.



**Sunday Coffee & Treats**  
There will not be treats this Sunday. All are welcome to come and celebrate the Graduating class of 2023 at the Grad Breakfast down in the Fellowship Hall in place of Adult Bible Class and Sunday School.

**Mark your calendar and sign up today for our annual LWML 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 on the signup sheet hanging on the LWML bulletin board or call Cynthia at 319-338-5546 or text her at 319-855-8891 or email to [dcfruentd@icloud.com](mailto:dcfruentd@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. Signup today.

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

For all His adopted children in Christ, that they would long for the pure spiritual milk of the Word, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the royal priesthood of believers, that they would offer spiritual sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving acceptable to God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all pastors and church workers and those preparing for church-work vocations, that we may be supplied with faithful leaders and servants of His Word, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the households of God's people, that begotten in Holy Baptism, we may grow in His grace and share together in His forgiveness and life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those redeemed through the water and the Word, that they would remain strong in the faith. We are especially grateful for the baptism of **Waylin Rae Nieland** this weekend. Strengthen her and all baptized in the faith. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Heavenly Father, by your Holy Spirit you teach and strengthen the members of your church. We offer you thanks and praise for the Adult Confirmands who are being confirmed this weekend. Bless our adult confirmands: **Kristina Duncan, Isaiah Giebeck, Blake Johnson, and Jessica Johnson.** Strengthen them in their faith unto life everlasting. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick, the sorrowing, the anxious, the fearful, the homebound, the homeless, the dying and all who have requested our prayers [*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, Kim Steinke, Reece Ullerich, Karen Warner, Mark Wilson, Beth Wu (Schuldt's relative),*] that for the sake of Christ's restoring cross, God would grant them healing, comfort and entrance into His heavenly kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who eat and drink the crucified and risen body and blood of our Lord, that they would taste that He is good and continually grow up into His salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord as you have promised to hear us we come to you with our silent prayers...

*[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.**

Dear Anonymous Door Prize Giver,

Thank you for the Teacup waterfall decoration. It will remind me of God's overflowing blessings.

## BIRTHDAYS

Sun. 5/7	Ryan Roth, Kristin Weis
Mon. 5/8	Karen Alderman, Todd Davis, Brian Potter, Callie Schneider, Robert Stoddard
Tues. 5/9	Brennley Fetzer, Marc West
Wed. 5/10	***
Thurs. 5/11	Ava Cross, Patricia Morrow, Zachary Rozmus, Pat Sexton
Fri. 5/12	Sara Caven, Callie Foster, Linda Langenberg, Taylor Pence
Sat. 5/13	Maggie Schmidt, Seth Schwarting

### STEWARDSHIP April 29/30, 2023—Confirmation Sunday

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 5/6—5:30pm	68	Contributions	\$5,530.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 5/7—8:00am	100	Monthly needs for budget	\$67,240.58
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 5/7—10:30am	213		
Recorded Services 5/6	5		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	386	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	28/5

### This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, May 7-14 2023

<u>Sunday, 5/7</u>		<u>Wednesday continued...</u>	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Properties Committee	5:30pm
Grad Breakfast	9:15am		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am	<u>Thursday, 5/11</u>	
		Comfort Tiers	9:00am
<u>Monday, 5/8</u>		Lantern Park	10:00am
Old Capitol Quilters	1:00pm	Briarwood	4:00pm
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Board of Directors	7:00pm
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm		
Outreach Committee	6:30pm	<u>Friday, 5/12</u>	
LWML Board Meeting	7:00pm	Pizza & Playground	5:30pm
Preschool Board	7:00pm		
		<u>Saturday, 5/13</u>	
<u>Tuesday, 5/9</u>		Men's Bible Class	8:00am
Old Capitol Quilters	8:30am	Al-Anon District	10:00am
Assimilation	6:30pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
Al-Anon	7:00pm		
		<u>Sunday, 5/14</u>	
<u>Wednesday, 5/10</u>		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
TOPS	8:00am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	9:20am
Preschool Open House	5:30pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am



**Building Healthy Families:** Sum, sum, summertime – it's coming! What's your plan for summer free time for you and your family? Wait - what, no plan?? Without a plan, we're more likely to migrate to our favorite individual activities or spot in front of the television or computer screen. Consider engaging your family this week to make a "summer bucket list", brainstorming a list of interesting things to do, perhaps with a set of parameters, like "it can't include screen time and it must be within a 2-hour drive of our home." Make up your own rules and let the brainstorming ideas begin! Be sure to add a Bible story or Scripture reading plan for the summer to your list. Reading the Bible with mom and dad instead of endless days of playing computer games alone or with friends – what great memories you will be making for your children, what an impact you will have on their life! **Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)



*Join Pastor and Kara  
and travel to...*

# **ISRAEL June 2024**



*details are coming!*



# **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.**



## **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.**

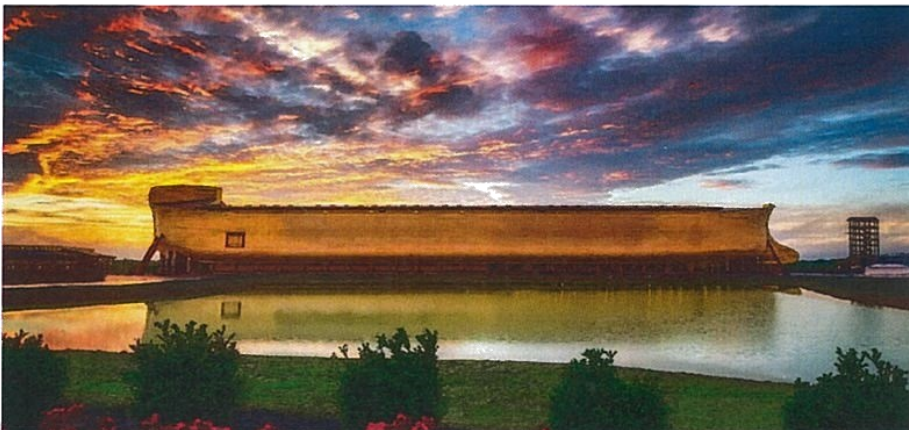
**Sign-up at:  
<https://vbsmate.com/events/OurRedeemerVBS2023/26849>**

# BUS TRIP

## CREATION MUSEUM



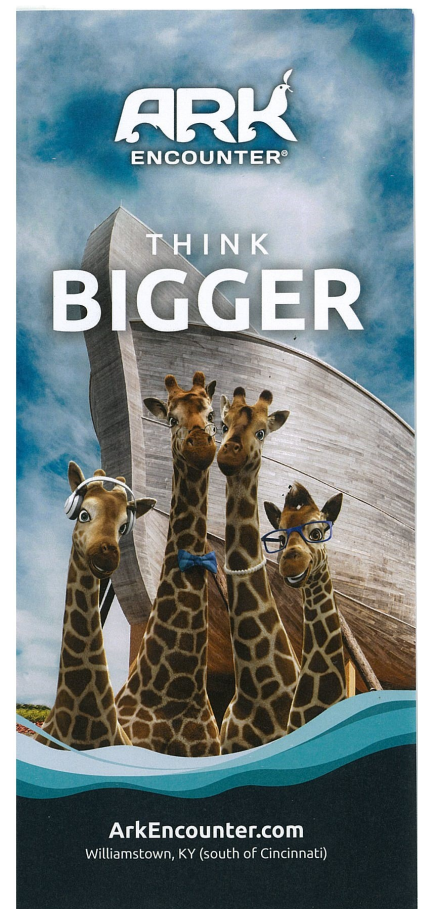
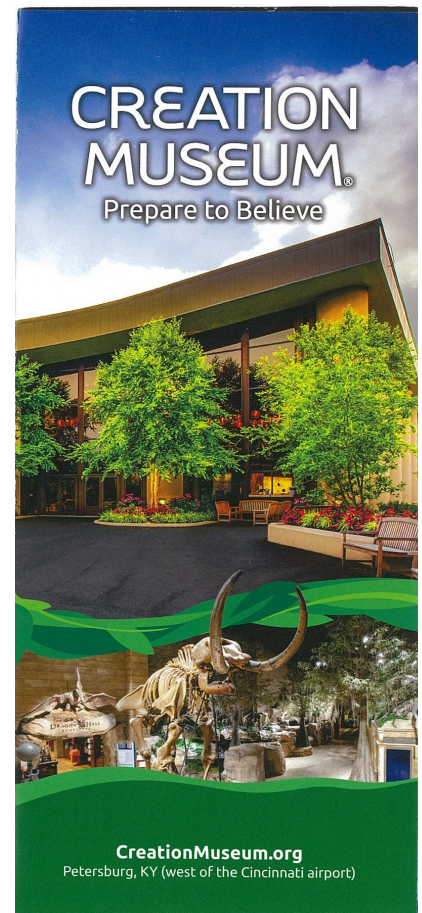
## ARK ENCOUNTER



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](mailto:bauerr@mchsi.com)





# 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!*

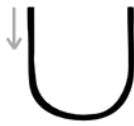


## Home Question

What are your favorite things about your family? Why?

## This Week

Welcome question  
Classroom rules  
Line leader chooses the color for the day.  
Mr. Sun song  
Letter of the week U u  
Bible lesson—Jesus cooks breakfast for His disciples.  
World language books  
Family books  
God's Promises rainbow craft  
Guest reader—Laney's mom  
Librarian visit  
Fire Department visit



Big line  
Turn  
Big line



## Dates

May 12—Pizza & Playground  
Night at Preschool—free pizza and fun connecting with families 5:30—7:00 pm  
May 10—Preschool Open House—Invite your friends and others to come 5:30—7:30 pm  
May 25/26—Last Days of School Celebration and Graduation



## Uu (To The Eensy Weensy Spider)



My uncle's ukulele goes unka, plunka, doo.

Each night he strums it underneath the moon.

Unka, plunka, plunka, doo ...

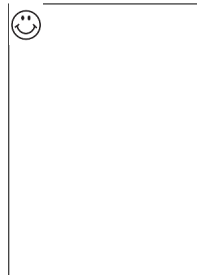
I hear Uncle's happy tune floating upstairs to my room.

## Where Do You Start Your Letters?

Where do you start your letters? At the top!

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If you want to start a letter, then you better, better, better, remember to start it at the top!



Is this the top, top, top?  
No it's the bottom!

Is this the top, top, top?  
No it's the middle!

Is this the top, top, top?  
Yes, it's the top, top, top!

Where do you start your letters? At the top!



A loop and a line down, that's the way to make a nine.

## Preschool Lawn Signs

As you leave preschool, there will be lawn signs for you to take home by the door. Place it where others can see it on your lawn. We want to share Our Redeemer Preschool with everyone. We still have openings in our classes for next year, so spread the word!

**Our Redeemer Preschool**

2301 East Court St.  
Iowa City



**(319) 338-3949**



# 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](mailto:preschool@ourredeemer.org)**

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

**2301 East Court Street, Iowa City 52245**



# Children's Ministry

Birth—5<sup>th</sup> Grade



**Sunday School Sunday**  
**Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**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!**

## Sunday School

9:15 am—10:15 am

For children ages:  
Birth to 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Graduation  
**BREAKFAST**



May 7<sup>th</sup>

**All are invited to the Fellowship Hall at 9:15am. There are no traditional Sunday School Classes this Sunday**



**Begins Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**

# Youth

6<sup>th</sup> —12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Youth Coordinator Kara Hartwig [youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org](mailto:youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org) (319) 855-2728

## Graduation Breakfast



Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>  
9:15 am—10:15 am  
Fellowship Hall

*The congregation is invited to attend this celebration for Our Redeemer's high school seniors who are graduating in 2023.*

## Youth Sunday School



May 7<sup>th</sup>

**Graduation Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. No traditional Sunday School Classes this weekend.**

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

## MAY EVENTS

**Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**GRADUATION BREAKFAST SET-UP**  
**3:00 pm—5:00 pm**  
6<sup>th</sup> graders thru 11<sup>th</sup> graders  
and families helping



**Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**GRADUATION BREAKFAST**  
**9:15 am—10:15 am**  
6<sup>th</sup> graders thru 11<sup>th</sup> graders  
and families helping



**Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY**  
**9:20 am**  
**Sunday School Celebration**  
*in the Fellowship Hall*  
**Memory Work during Worship Services**  
*End of 8:00 am service &  
beginning of 10:30 am service*

**Confirmation**—*The Apostle's Creed & The Ten Commandments*

**High School**—*Proverbs 3:5-6 and Psalm 23*

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### **Noisy Offering**

*Bring your coins to put in the offering jar in the Narthex*



**Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**MEMORIAL DAY**  
**Office Closed**  
**No School—Iowa City**



## OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

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Chad Pence (Chair)	319-321-5686
Art Schwarting	319-325-6152

### 2023 Board of Directors

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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.