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# Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - May 13/14 2023

~*Sixth Sunday of Easter*~



**ADULT BIBLE CLASS**

**May 14**

Rev. James Lamb from Lutheran Family Service will be leading Adult Bible Class

**May 21**

Sunday School Sunday (All ages will meet in Fellowship Hall)

**May 28**

Special Sunday School-Adults will be meeting in the Sanctuary Overcoming through Seeing and Persistence **(Part 2)**

## Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
May 14	Jeremiah 1:4-10; 29:1-14; 31:31-34; 33:14-16	Comfort in Captivity—Jeremiah
May 21	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY</b> <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	<b>Special Sunday School—Special VBS Preview—MEET IN FELLOWSHIP HALL</b>	



## Sunday Coffee & Treats

This Sunday's coffee and treats are being provided by the LWML. Come join us for a little refreshment and fellowship before Sunday School and Adult Bible Class. Free will offering goes towards continued missions.



**Building Healthy Families:** God gave women a special gift--the ability to carry new life within their own bodies. Psalm 139:13 says, "You knitted me together in my mother's womb." It is good that we have a day set aside specifically in honor of motherhood. In a world where human life in the womb is at risk of being aborted, we can encourage girls and young women, sharing with them the immense joy and honor of being a mother. To all our moms and grandmoms... thanks for who you are and all you do. Happy Mother's Day!

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

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

For the Church, that the Lord would bless and protect His people in a world where many false gods, known and unknown, are worshiped; and that He would give His saints a clear and bold proclamation of Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation and its catechumens, who have received the Spirit of truth in Holy Baptism, that they may not slip into sin and unbelief but always praise God before the world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the gift of mothers who raise their children in all things good, a mirror of God's love, that they may be strengthened in their calling and sustained through weary and difficult times, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the lonely, the destitute and the homeless, that they would rejoice in the presence of the Lord and trust Him for their daily bread; and that the Lord, who has promised not to abandon nor leave them as orphans, would make us messengers of His mercy to reach out to those in need, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the needy and the sick, [*especially Dorothy Blume (Carol Schuldt's sister), David Caplin (Lillian Moyer's son-in-law), Jacob Cohen, Debra Fuhrmeister, 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), Patricia Schable (friend of Lorrie Bailey), Rozie Siems (Daughter of Mary Siems), Ronna Sojka, Kim Steinke, Reece Ullerich, Karen Warner, Mark Wilson, Beth Wu (Schuldt's relative),*] and all those we name in our hearts. let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the family and friends of **Debbie Hartwig**, (Pastor Hartwig's mom), as they mourn her death. Help us we pray in the midst of things we cannot understand to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of all sins, and the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Let us pray to the Lord:  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Father of mercy, we rejoice that You have written our names in the Lamb's Book of Life and given us the new birth of water and the Word. We are especially grateful for the baptism of **Mary Margaret Coblentz** this weekend. Strengthen her and all baptized in the faith. 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.**

## BIRTHDAYS

Sun. 5/14      Russell Sexton  
 Mon. 5/15      Marilyn Kempnich, Jodie Obermueller, Thomas Recker, Shana Stuart  
 Tues. 5/16      Tim Eick, Michael Jones, Matthew Lepic, Erin McDowell, Janeen McKillip, Cy Miller,  
                          Violet Price, Easton Richardson, Carol Zimmermann  
 Wed. 5/17      Betty Redeker  
 Thurs. 5/18     Caroline Schrader  
 Fri. 5/19        Kenneth Shaner, Gerald Thompson  
 Sat. 5/20        Daniel Titus, Bill Benson, Devyn Schramm, Jerry Sexton

## STEWARDSHIP May 6/7, 2023

TIME		TREASURES	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 5/6—5:30pm	46	Contributions	\$23,318.48
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 5/7—8:00am	108	Monthly needs for budget	\$67,240.58
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 5/7—10:30am	176		
Recorded Services 5/6	2		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	386	Graduation Breakfast	125

## This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, May 14-21 2023

<b><u>Sunday, 5/14</u></b>		<b><u>Wednesday continued...</u></b>	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Lunch bunch	12:00pm
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Windmill Manor	2:00pm
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am		
		<b><u>Thursday, 5/18</u></b>	
<b><u>Monday, 5/15</u></b>		Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
LWML Ladies Night Out	5:10pm		
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	<b><u>Friday, 5/19</u></b>	
Children's Committee	6:00pm	***	
<b><u>Tuesday, 5/16</u></b>		<b><u>Saturday, 5/20—NOISY OFFERING</u></b>	
Solon Nursing	9:30am	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
SM-Small Group/Marcia	6:30pm		
Al-Anon	7:00pm	<b><u>Sunday, 5/14—SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY</u></b>	
		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
<b><u>Wednesday, 5/17</u></b>		Sunday School Celebration	9:20am
TOPS	8:00am	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am
Bible Study	11:00am		



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

# LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICE



Please help to provide HOPE for those  
experiencing difficult times.

<https://lutheranfamilyservice.org/>

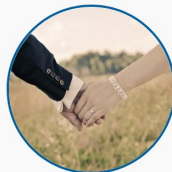
## LFS Provides



Pregnancy Help



Adoption  
Services



Marriage  
Counseling



Mental Health  
Counseling



Outreach

## Mission Committee Members

Denise Holida  
Anita Nicholson  
Val Penney  
Bob Powers (Chairman)



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5:00 PM—8:15 PM

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# ANNUAL COOKOUT

**LIVE**   
**GENEROUSLY**

You are invited to attend our Member Appreciation Event hosted by your Thrivent Financial Representative, Willis Wulf. It will be held Friday, June 2nd, at The 1854 First Square Park, at the corner of Highland and Welsh Streets, Williamsburg, IA. We will serve food from 11:00am to 7:00pm. A free will offering will be taken to help defray the costs for the next Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity Trip. These trips are open to any interested adults. Rain date will be June 9th.



## Iowa District East Job Opening

### **Business & Office Manager:**

The Business & Office Manager of Iowa District East works directly with the District President, Treasurer, Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca Director and Treasurer, Office Committee, Board of Directors and other IDE Missions (campus ministries, mission congregations, deaf ministry and Eastside Mission) in the management of the District's finances and business. This position also supervises two employees (Administrative Assistant and Communications / Technology / Events Coordinator) in the District Office.

An applicant for this position should have the ability to operate basic business software and Microsoft applications, maintain accurate records, manage resources of the district, and have high attention to detail. This individual should also have a basic knowledge of Iowa District East, its congregations, circuits, and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, representing Iowa District East in a warm and friendly manner in all interactions.

Requirements for this position are a bachelors degree in accounting or business management or seven years of experience in bookkeeping and office management. It is preferred that this position be filled with a member in good standing of a congregation of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

**Preferred start date:** July 2023.

**Primary work location:** Iowa District East office in Marion, Iowa.

Benefits include vacation, retirement savings plan and health insurance.

**Salary:** to be negotiated.

Submit applications to Iowa District East Administrative Assistant at [pam@lcmside.org](mailto:pam@lcmside.org)





# Preschool Newsletter

May 8-12, 2023

Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller      Assistants, Christie Cherian M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH  
Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949      www.ourredeemer.org      preschool@ourredeemer.org

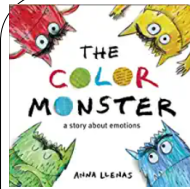


Our Redeemer Preschool where children play, learn, and grow in Jesus!

## Home Question

If you could ride or drive anything, what would it be?

- |           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| Plane     | Train       |
| Car       | Truck       |
| Boat      | Rocket ship |
| Bike      | Trike       |
| Scooter   | Van         |
| 4 Wheeler | Racecar     |
| Go cart   | Skates      |
| Unicycle  | Cruise ship |



Thank you to Laney whose mom donated the book we have been reading and doing an activity with. This is a great little emotions book that is helping us sort out some emotions we all have.

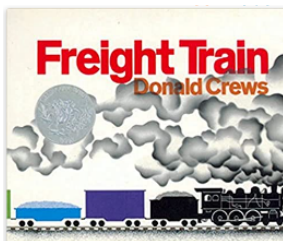
These are the emotions we are talking about in preschool.

*Curious, happy, loved, mad, frustrated, tired, brave, overwhelmed, sad, nervous, creative, lonely, relaxed, proud.*



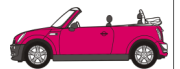
## This Week

- Welcome transportation question
- Classroom rules
- Line leader color song
- Number 10 ten
- Bible lesson—Jesus ascends into heaven
- Transportation books
- Personalized license plate craft
- Stop light craft
- Bike Days M & T—Hope you enjoyed the pictures on Class Dojo!
- Barnabas' birthday



Row, row, row your boat, gently down the stream.  
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily life is such a dream.

Drive, drive, drive your car, gently down the street.  
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily life is such a dream.



Fly, fly, fly your plane, way up in the air.  
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily life without a care!



## 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



# 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!**

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Fellowship Hall

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**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

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

## Summer Youth Schedule Coming Soon!

Summer Youth activities begin on  
Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>



## MAY EVENTS



**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**



**Youth Sunday School**  
9:20 a.m.—10:15 a.m.



**May 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Comfort in Captivity—Jeremiah**  
Jeremiah 1:4-10; 29:1-14; 31:31-34; 33:14-16

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

**Watch Reflections  
and Beacon for  
peach updates.**



## 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 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.