




~*Seventh Sunday of Easter*~



**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)**

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS**


## Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
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>	



### FLOWERS TODAY

Flowers for the altar this weekend are from Tom and Sandy Wagner in celebration of their 43rd wedding anniversary.



### SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY CELEBRATION FOR ALL AGES!

This Sunday's coffee and treats are being provided for Sunday School Sunday Celebration. Come join us for a little refreshment, games, and fellowship down in the Fellowship Hall during the regular Sunday School hour.



## Graduation Reception Invite!

Everyone is invited to a cake and punch reception in honor of Pastor's graduation. This will take place immediately following the late service in the Gathering Place.

## Prayer of the Church /Seventh Sunday of Easter/May 21, 2023

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

For the Church of God, that she would be protected from every attack of the prowling lion, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For protection against Satan's seductions and terrors, that no false doctrine or ungodly living would gain a foothold among us, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For endurance and patience, that where the devil incites enemies against God's Word and Church, the saints may rejoice to share in Christ's sufferings, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Heavenly Father, raise up among us those who will continue to serve as pastors and teachers, deaconesses and other workers in Your Church, that Your Word may have free course among us and be our joy. We especially pray for the seminarians we are supporting: **Deon Hull** (Vicarage Year), **Kyle Moellenhoff** (Vicarage Year), **Josiah Schultz** (Vicarage Year), **Kyle Lewis** (Pastor-elect), and our current Vicar Morgan Garrett. We give thanks also Lord for the graduation of **Rev. Dr. Brent Hartwig**, pastor here at Our Redeemer.

For our nation and all people of the world, that peace and justice would overcome war and violence, liberty reign over oppression, and that the holy angels would guard those who defend us in the armed forces or protect us in our communities, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For faith to recognize the body and blood of our Lord Jesus and to receive this blessed food in the Holy Communion; and for guidance to live faithfully here on earth until we live with Him eternally, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and the distressed, those whose hearts are heavy, those whose lives are burdened, those who mourn, and all who are in need [*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 that they would be granted healing and given God's peace which passes all understanding, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, grant us always strong marriages, as You instituted marriage between one man and one woman. We give you thanks for the 43 years of marriage that you have granted **Tom and Sandy Wagner**. Bless them and all husbands and wives as you strengthen the love between them and their love for you. 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. 5/21	Jackson Ellyson, Michelle Greve, Kaylee Kasal, Amy Lane
Mon. 5/22	Robert Holmes, Michael Martens, Leora Smith, Zachary Swart
Tues. 5/23	Fredrick Walters
Wed. 5/24	Marlene Moeller
Thurs. 5/25	Brent Caven, Jace Caven, Eric Fletcher
Fri. 5/26	Rebecca Cahoon, Patricia Kaefring, Stacey Klett, Jackson Lyon, Darra Stuart, James Young
Sat. 5/27	Joshua Josten, Harold Scheer, Scott Stuart

## STEWARDSHIP May 13/14, 2023

TIME		TREASURES	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 5/13—5:30pm	52	Contributions	\$6,056.78
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 5/14—8:00am	109	Monthly needs for budget	\$67,240.58
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 5/14—10:30am	119		
Recorded Services 5/13	7		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	287	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	31/52



**Building Healthy Families:** Have you read up on your marriage manual lately? You may be thinking, “Wait...I never received an owner’s manual when I got married!” God knew exactly the circumstances, trials, and joys you would experience as a married couple. Ecclesiastes 4:12 reminds us that as a married couple is a team. *“Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.”* Each of the strands represents the husband, wife, and God. Draw closer to God, and you will draw closer to each other. **Lutheran Family Service**  
[www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

## This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, May 21-28 2023

<u>Sunday, 5/21-SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY</u>		<u>Wednesday, 5/24</u>	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	TOPS	8:00am
Sunday School Celebration	9:20am	Emerson Point	2:00pm
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am		
		<u>Thursday, 5/25</u>	
		Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm		
Preschool Board	6:30pm	<u>Friday, 5/26</u>	
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		<u>Saturday, 5/27</u>	
Solon Nursing	9:30am	Men’s Bible Study	8:00am
SM-Small Group/Marlene	6:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
SM-Large Group/Marcia	6:45pm		
Al-Anon	7:00pm	<u>Sunday, 5/28</u>	
LLL Meeting	7:30pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
		Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am

## All hands on deck!



There are many boxes stacked up at Lillian's, full of quilts needing knots tied! Calling everyone with a few hours on Thursday mornings, 9-noon, to drop in and stay for an hour or more to get these out to both Lutheran World Relief and Orphan Grain Train so they can ship them out to shivering bodies wherever they are located!

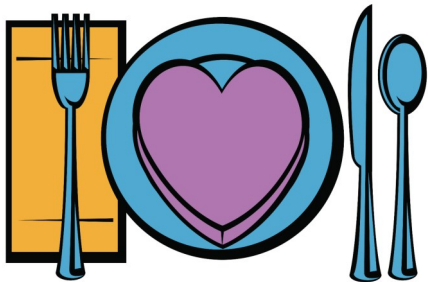
All the supplies are at hand along with fellowship, a goodie or two and a short devotion afterwards. The tables are also raised to waist high to save backs while the quilts end up being three layers for more warmth than a woven blanket.

Please come and at least try! For every person who stays the 3 hours, they have tied at least one whole quilt and sometimes two if there are around only 8 tying.

Men welcomed and also any youth tall enough to reach at least the edge rows!

Thanking you!  
The Comfort-Tiers

### Dinners for Eight



### Renewed

### Survey for "Dinners for Eight Renewed"

### Would you be interested?

The congregation has recently been sent an email to survey the interest level in having the Assimilation Committee organize a *Dinners for Eight Renewed* opportunity for members. Yes, this is a rerun of 2014 when about nine groups were formed. This is a chance to form groups again, but before beginning our efforts, we are seeking your input to decide if the congregation is interested in such an experience. Quite simply, it is a group of eight people

(couples and/or singles) who get together in a home for dinner 3 or 4 times during the year for **fun**, **food**, and **friendship** only. (Food responsibilities are shared.)

If you do not have an email account and are interested in this opportunity, please complete the brief survey found in the Welcome Center by **May 30**, and place it in the box provided in the Welcome Center. Your input will enable the Assimilation Committee to either proceed with plans for the opportunity or to table it for future consideration.

Thank you,  
Assimilation Committee



## 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

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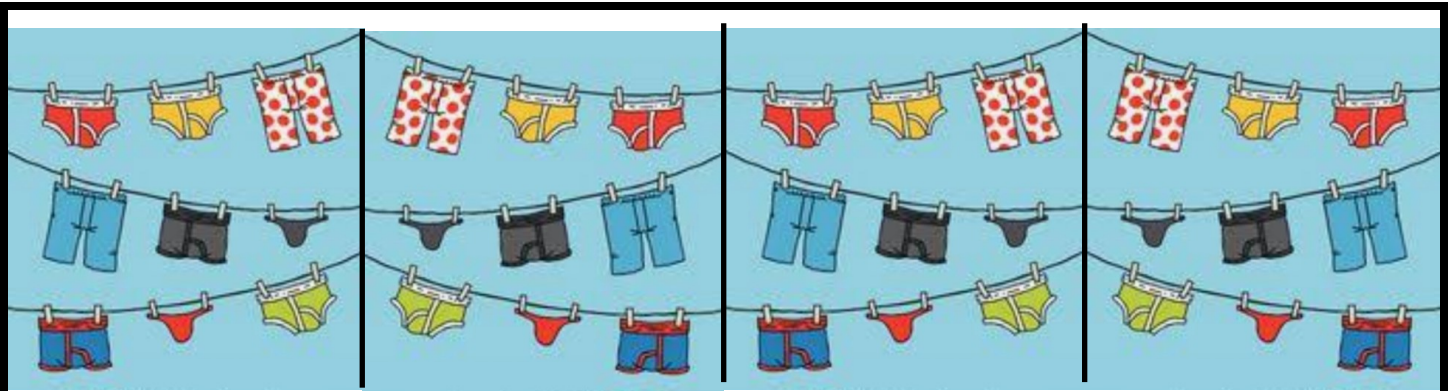
<https://vbsmate.com/events/OurRedeemerVBS2023/26849>



## ANNUAL COOKOUT



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.



## UNDIES SUNDAY

During the month of June, Our Redeemer Human Care Committee will once again 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, women, and children. Selections in all sizes and colors are appreciated. Laundry baskets will be placed in the Narthex for donations. Please consider donating a pair or two to benefit the homeless.



Thank you!



## CAN YOU HELP?

Our Redeemer will have a float in Coralville's 4<sup>th</sup> of July float again this year, so we need bottled water. Can you help provide cases of bottled water? We have Gospel labels for 8000 bottles of water.

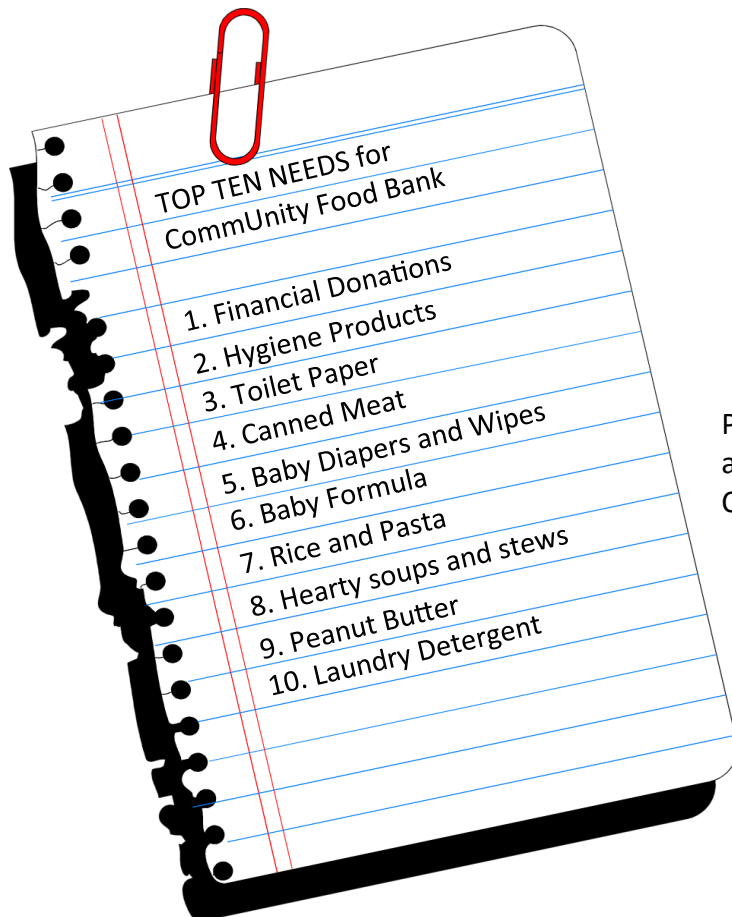
**Please bring the cases of bottled water to the narthex  
AFTER JUNE 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Thank you!  
Our Redeemer Outreach Committee



## Iris Blooming in Sensory Garden

These beautiful purple iris plants blooming in the Sensory Garden were donated by a member several years ago. The clusters have overgrown the area they are planted in and need to be divided. If you would like some of these plants for your garden, please contact Linda Diggelmann: [diggelmann@outlook.com](mailto:diggelmann@outlook.com) or 319-594-6908.



## Donation bin located in Church Office

Please consider picking up extra items as you are shopping to donate to the CommUnity Crisis Center.



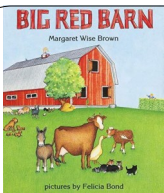
*Join Pastor and Kara  
and travel to...*

**ISRAEL**  
**June 2024**



*details are coming!*





# Preschool Newsletter

## May 15-19, 2023

Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller Assistants, Christie Cherian M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH  
#319-338-3949 www.ourredeemer.org preschool@ourredeemer.org  
*Our Redeemer Preschool where children play, learn, and grow in Jesus!*



41 years

### Home Question

If you could have one animal, what would it be and why?

### This Week

Welcome farm question  
Classroom rules  
Letter P—recognize, sound, write  
Farm animal facts  
Farm animal sounds  
Line leader color song  
Bible lesson—Pentecost  
Songs for the celebration  
Old McDonald song & craft  
Name writing  
Monthly writing project



Big line  
Turn  
Big line



### Coming Up .....

May 25/26—11:45 am Celebration and Graduation in sanctuary  
August 6th-10th—Vacation Bible School from 5:00-8:15 pm with optional dinner at the beginning.  
September 5th—Preschool class 2023-2024 begins



### Mr. Sun

Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun  
Please shine down on me.  
Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun  
Hiding behind a tree.  
Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun  
Please shine down on me.



These little children are asking you, to please come out so we can play with you.  
Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun please shine down on me!

### End of Year Celebration Songs

- Jesus Loves Me
- Froggy Tongue
- Mr. Sun by Raffi
- 7 Continents
- Color Blue
- Drive My Car by Laurie Burkner

# Pp

(Tune: Do You Know the Muffin Man?)

P is for Penelope, Penelope, Penelope,  
P is for Penelope, a proud and pretty pig.  
Penelope is pink and plump, pink and plump,  
pink and plump. Penelope is pink and plump a truly perfect pig.



### 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

## Special Sunday School Special VBS Preview

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9:20am-10:15am  
Fellowship Hall

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



## 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!**

# 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>



**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 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**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*

**Noisy Offering**

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

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

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



**UKANDU**  
**June 17—24**  
**Chicago**

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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.