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Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - June 3/4, 2023

~Holy Trinity Sunday~



ADULT BIBLE CLASS

OVERCOMING LIFE'S SORROWS

June 4

Overcoming through Surrender and Shalom

June 11

Overcoming through the New David and the Renewed Covenant

June 18

Overcoming through Taking Risks and Tenacity

June 25

Overcoming through the Storm

Summer Sunday School Lessons

| Date | Scripture | Bible Lesson |
|------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 6/4 | Daniel 6 | A Trap Release |
| 6/11 | Ezra 1:1-2; 7:11-28; Nehemiah 2:1-8; 12:27-43 | Homecoming Hopes—Returns from Exile |
| 6/18 | Luke 2:1-20 | A Nativity Night—Jesus' Birth |
| 6/25 | UKANDU Presentation | |



FLOWERS TODAY

Flowers for the altar this weekend are from George and Carol Schuldt in celebration of God blessing them with 63 years of marriage.



Congratulations

Zachary Westemeyer & Kelsey Benson June 3, 2023

Prayer of the Church /Holy Trinity Sunday/June 4, 2023

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

For the Church of the Holy Lord God, called out of darkness into His marvelous light and purchased with the precious blood of Christ, that she would be kept in the true faith, without error, schism or compromise, until He welcomes her home as His spotless Bride, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the light of Christ would shine through us so that others may see our good works and give glory to our Father, who with the Son and the Spirit created all things, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the preservation of government and law to protect the weak and foster godly virtue; for our president, governor and all who make, administer and judge our laws; for the armed forces, emergency medical workers and those who inform us; and for those who would oppress with mistruth, violence or fear to be frustrated, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who are sick, lonely, whose hearts are heavy with grief, or who are in any need [especially Connie Bailey (Lorrie Bailey's aunt), 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, Reece Ullerich, Karen Warner, Mark Wilson, Beth Wu (Schuldt's relative),] and that they would be healed and given relief by the Lord who upholds His creation and will, at the last, put an end to the curse of sin, 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 40 years of marriage you have granted *Val and Cindy Penney*, and for the 63 years of marriage that you have granted *George and Carol Schuldt*. 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.**

For all couples engaged to be married, that God would clothe all brides and grooms in the forgiveness of Christ, so that they can forgive each other as they have been forgiven, [we especially pray for Kelsey Benson and Zachary Westemeyer married this weekend], let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For all who receive the blessed Sacrament, that they may show forth the fruits of the Spirit in lives of faith, repentance and goodness, 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. 6/4 Kara Hartwig

Mon. 6/5 Kecia Boysen, Shelby Davis

Tues. 6/6 Kayla Huedepohl, Don Reddel, Kimberly Sexton, Alissa Sotzen

Wed. 6/7 Casey Sexton

Thurs. 6/8 Steven Betcher, Lennox Boyum, Hanna Hein, Alana Mullet, Russ Schomers, Jack Young

Fri. 6/9 Jalynn Beranek, Jamie Heren, Bradley Kempnich

Sat. 6/10 Mathilde Baldwin, Amy Guhl, Reanna Honemann, Joetta Redlin, Cory Servantez

STEWARDSHIP May 27/28, 2023

| TIME | | TREASURES | |
|--|-----|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Worship-In Person/Live Stream 5/27—5:30pm | 59 | Contributions | \$13,160.92 |
| Worship-In Person/Live Stream 5/28—8:00am | 81 | Monthly needs for budget | \$67,240.58 |
| Worship-In Person/Live Stream 5/28—10:30am | 138 | | |
| Recorded Services 5/27 | 14 | | |
| Total Saturday/Sunday Worship | 292 | Sunday School/Adult Bible Class | **/43 |

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, June 4—11 2023

| Sunday, 6/4—Holy Trinity Sunday | | Wednesday continued | |
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| Worship-In Person/Live Stream | 8:00am | Youth Nerf Battle | 6:00pm |
| Summer Sunday School | 9:20am | | |
| Worship-In Person/Live Stream | 10:30am | Thursday, 6/8 | |
| | | Comfort Tiers | 9:00am |
| <u>Monday, 6/5</u> | | Lantern Park | 10:00am |
| Staff Meeting | 1:00pm | Briarwood | 4:00pm |
| Sunlight AA Group | 6:00pm | Al-Anon | 7:30pm |
| Youth Committee | 6:00pm | | |
| Mission Committee | 7:00pm | <u>Friday, 6/9</u> | |
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| <u>Tuesday, 6/6</u> | | | |
| Human Care | 6:30pm | <u>Saturday, 6/10</u> | |
| LLL Meeting | 7:00pm | Worship-In Person/Live Stream | 5:30pm |
| Al-Anon | 7:00pm | | |
| | | <u>Sunday, 6/11</u> | |
| Wednesday, 6/7 | | Worship-In Person/Live Stream | 8:00am |
| TOPS | 8:00am | Summer Sunday School | 9:20am |
| Properties Committee | 5:30pm | Worship-In Person/Live Stream | 10:30am |

LWML ROAD TRIP





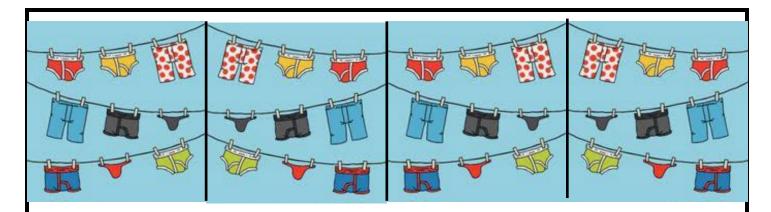


The annual LWML Road Trip is set for Saturday, August 19. We are headed for Reiman Gardens in Ames, Iowa. The theme this year at Reiman Gardens is Light and Reflection. The art is glass composed of iridescent exoskeletons and translucent wings. The giant insects of Glass in Flight have been replicated in luminous steel and dalle de verre glass by artist Alex Heveri. These amazingly life-like sculptures showcase an array of beneficial insects and pollinators including beetles, bees, dragonflies, and butterflies. The interaction of sunlight and the beautiful colored glass in these 20 pieces highlights the brilliant connectedness of light to plants, insects, the environment, and even us humans. How is light connected to you? Come witness the way light reflects on the beauty of the gardens gleaming with glass. This trip is open to anyone in the congregation (male or female) who is interested in going. We plan to meet at church at 7:30 am for some rolls, coffee, juice and to get organized in loading up in cars and leave by 8 am. We will need people willing to drive. Signup sheet for this trip is in the narthex on the counter. Signup will end Sunday, August 6. We plan to arrive at Reiman Gardens shortly after 10 am. View the garden displays and exhibits till 2 pm. Price is \$12, or \$11 for those over 65. We will go to Hickory Park Barbecue in Ames before heading home.



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 or 319-594-6908.



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!



BOTTLED WATER NEEDED FOR OUR REDEEMER'S 4TH OF JULY FLOAT

Please bring your donations to the narthex starting Sunday, June 4th.

We have Gospel labels for 8000 bottles of water so all donations will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you! Our Redeemer Outreach 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 lowa 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:

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All hands on deck!



There are <u>many</u> 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 are welcome and also any youth tall enough to reach at least the edge rows!

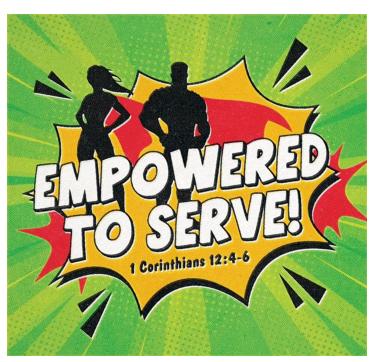
Thanking you!
The Comfort-Tiers

WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER WEARING MY NAME TAG?

Because wearing your name tag helps -

- others to call you by name
- you to be known by others
- the vicar to match a name with a face
- encourage new members to wear their name tags
- those who have a hard time remembering names
- start conversations
- everyone to get to know each other better
- to identify those who are members and those who are visiting
- those who think they know your name, but because you're wearing your name tag, they can be sure of it







Through your adoption in baptism, you too are Empowered to Serve through Lutheran Family Service!

Join our Spring Appeal to bring mental health counseling support and resources to all our Lutheran schools!



Building Healthy Families: Each person's experience with grief following an important loss is unique, yet we share one thing in common: we all have need for someone to hear us, listen to our stories, and be witness to our deep loss, without needing to fix, lessen, or reframe our experience. Knowing that many are struggling with prolonged, complicated grief, Lutheran Family Service recently added a person with specialized, extensive training and experience in grief work to help people with grief. Dr. Mark Vande Braak - a life-long LCMS Lutheran - is now available to you and anyone you know who has suffered traumatic loss and complicated or prolonged grief to work with you through individual meetings providing grief education and support. Meetings with Dr. Mark are available in-person in Sioux Falls, South Dakota or via telehealth to anyone in the United States, regardless of location. Reach out today for more information or to schedule a time to talk with Dr. Mark by emailing mvanderbraak@lutheranfamilyservice.org or through the "contact us" link on the LFS website. Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org



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Summer Preschool Newsletter

May 29 – June 2, 2023

Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller Assistants, Christie Cherian M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH

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!

Home Question

At what age is a person an adult? Why do you think so?

Things Not To Worry About When Your Child Starts

Brings home sheet after sheet of easel paper completely covered with greenish-brown paint.

Don't worry; he's not depressed. It's just one of the earliest stages of painting. To kids, it's a major accomplishment to cover the entire sheet of paper. They also like to paint one color over another, resulting in that murky shade of brown. It may not look like much, but it takes a tremendous amount of concentration to do.

2023-2024 Enrollment Forms

The 2023-2024 Preschool Enrollment forms are now available online.

https://ourredeemer.org/wpcontent/uploads/2022/02/ Preschool-Enrollment-Form-2022-20238449.pdf

WRITING- Enable Children to...

- *attempt to create print
- *develop fine-motor control
- *become aware of how lines can be combined to form letters and letters combined to form words
- *learn how writing and speech relate
- *use pictures, letters and words to represent objects
- *use a variety of materials for self-expression
- *feel a sense of pride in their development of writing skills



Preschool Lawn Signs

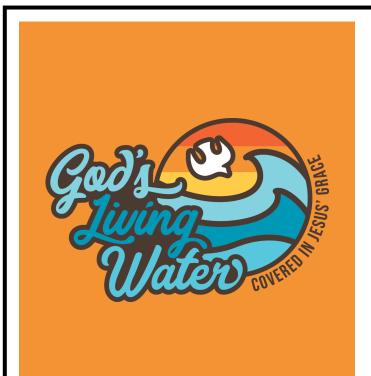
As you leave preschool, there will be lawn signs for you to take home by the door. Place it where others can see it on your lawn. We want to share Our Redeemer Preschool with everyone. We still have openings in our classes for next year, so spread the word!





Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



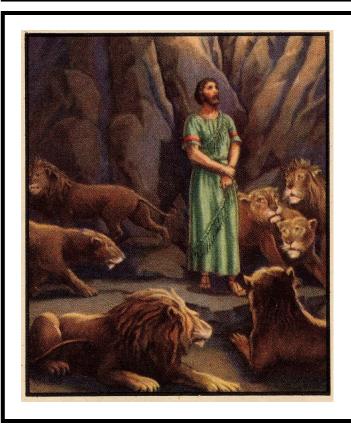
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Lesson: A Trap Release Reading: Daniel 6



6th —12th Grade

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



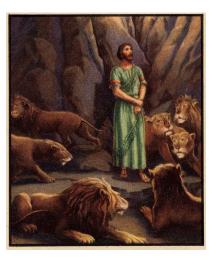
Youth Nerf Battle

Summer Youth activities begin on Wednesday, June 7th
6:00pm—8:00pm
Here at the church.
6th—12th Graders



Youth Summer Sunday School 9:20 a.m. -10:15 a.m.

June 4th



Lesson: A Trap Release Reading: Daniel 6

SAVE THE DATES!!

Wednesday, June 14th
YOUTH AT TERRY TRUEBLOOD PARK
6:00 pm—8:00 pm



Sunday, June 25th
UKANDU Presentation
9:20 am
During Sunday School Time



Volunteers are still needed for VBS

Sign-up link is available on church website

August 6—10 5:00pm—8:15pm

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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 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.