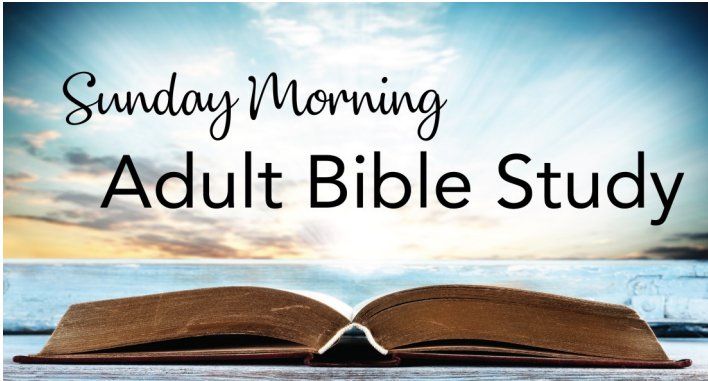




~Second Sunday after Pentecost~



June 11
Cross: We suffer with Jesus *Romans 6*

June 18
What Does it Mean to be Thankful?

June 25
UKANDU Presentation

Summer Sunday School Lessons

| Date | Scripture | Bible Lesson |
|------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 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 | |



ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers for the altar this weekend honor 30 years of marriage for Gary and Angela Hotz.

SUNDAY COFFEE
is sponsored by the Youth Committee. Proceeds go to the Youth Fund.

CONFIRMAND BANNERS
and name ribbons are on the counter in the office for pickup. Please stop by for them.

TODAY'S LIGHT and PORTALS OF PRAYER
for July– September now available in the church office as well as the current ones covering June.

Thank you to Pastor Tom Heren for leading us in worship and Adult Bible study this weekend.

Prayer of the Church /Second Sunday after Pentecost/June 11, 2023

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

For repentance, that the Lord who both strikes down and heals would revive us and raise us up to live before Him, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For parents, that our Father in heaven would strengthen them to train their children diligently, defend them from discouragement and apathy, and convince them that He is able to do what He has promised, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace among the nations, that our Lord, who calls everything into existence and governs it for good, would guide those in authority to reflect His order and purpose in their work, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For healing of body and strength of faith, that God would help the suffering [*especially **Connie Bailey** (Lorrie Bailey's aunt), **Dorothy Blume** (Carol Schuldt's sister), **David Caplin** (Lillian Moyer's son-in-law), **Debra Fuhrmeister**, **Emma Haugen** (Gwen Enokian's friend), **Gabe Hundley** (Karen Abernathy's grandson), **Dora Jacobson** (George and Carol Schuldt's granddaughter), **Norma Miller** (Twyla Freeman's aunt), **Barb Nace** (Doris Siemer's niece), **Bob Nace**, **Deloris Nace**, **Julie Pratt-Mullenkamp** (Ruth Varney's cousin), **Patricia Schable** (Lorrie Bailey's friend), **Darran Sellers** (Kevin Sellers' brother), **Rozie Siems** (Mary Siems' daughter), **Ronna Sojka**, **Reece Ullerich**, **Karen Warner**, **Mark Wilson**, **Beth Wu** (Schuldt's relative),] and restore them according to His gracious will, 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 30 years of marriage you have granted **Gary and Angela Hotz**. 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 faith, that our Father would strengthen us like Abraham to trust His promises in Christ despite our weaknesses and troubles, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For His kindness to Abraham, Sarah, and all the saints who have received Christ's eternal promises, let us give thanks to the Lord; and that He would preserve us in faith and righteousness to glorify Him now and forever, 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

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|-------------|--|
| Sun. 6/11 | Anna Klein |
| Mon. 6/12 | Sydney Alt, Marven Doehrmann, Beckham Dyson, Brent Hartwig, Nancy Jones, Kaylee Murken |
| Tues. 6/13 | Ryan Haack, Rebecca Hanson, Kenneth Robe |
| Wed. 6/14 | Avery Bolton, Mary Kay Brooks, Brian Lund |
| Thurs. 6/15 | *** |
| Fri. 6/16 | Abigail Hanson, Michael Jensen, Matthew Meseck, Chloe Sexton, Kayla West |
| Sat. 6/17 | Emma Clack, Alexis Faudel, Skip Kempnich, Miriam Thoe |

STEWARDSHIP June 3/4, 2023

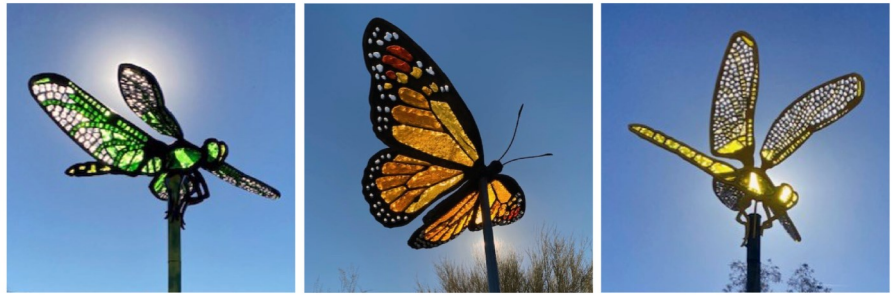
| TIME | TREASURES | | |
|--|-----------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Worship-In Person/Live Stream 5/27—5:30pm | 60 | Contributions | \$13,160.92 |
| Worship-In Person/Live Stream 5/28—8:00am | 94 | Monthly needs for budget | \$67,240.58 |
| Worship-In Person/Live Stream 5/28—10:30am | 154 | | |
| Recorded Services 5/27 | 17 | | |
| Total Saturday/Sunday Worship | 325 | Sunday School/Adult Bible Class | 18/59 |

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, June 11—18 2023

| <u>Sunday, 6/11</u> | | <u>Thursday, 6/15</u> | |
|-------------------------------|---------|--|---------|
| Worship-In Person/Live Stream | 8:00am | ICCSA Safety Meeting | 8:00am |
| Summer Sunday School | 9:20am | Comfort Tiers | 9:00am |
| Worship-In Person/Live Stream | 10:30am | Cross and Entrance | 6:00pm |
| | | Al-Anon | 7:00pm |
| <u>Monday, 6/12</u> | | | |
| Staff Meeting | 1:00pm | <u>Friday, 6/16</u> | |
| Sunlight AA Group | 6:00pm | *** | |
| Old Capitol Quilters | 6:00pm | | |
| Outreach Committee | 6:30pm | <u>Saturday, 6/17—UKANDU COMMISSIONING</u> | |
| | | Worship-In Person/Live Stream | 5:30pm |
| <u>Tuesday, 6/13</u> | | | |
| Assimilation | 6:30pm | <u>Sunday, 6/18</u> | |
| Al-Anon | 7:00pm | Worship-In Person/Live Stream | 8:00am |
| | | Summer Sunday School | 9:20am |
| <u>Wednesday, 6/14</u> | | Worship-In Person/Live Stream | 10:30am |
| TOPS | 8:00am | | |
| Bible Study | 11:00am | | |
| Lunch Bunch | 12:00pm | | |
| Properties Committee | 5:30pm | | |
| Youth at Terry Trueblood | 6:00pm | | |

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

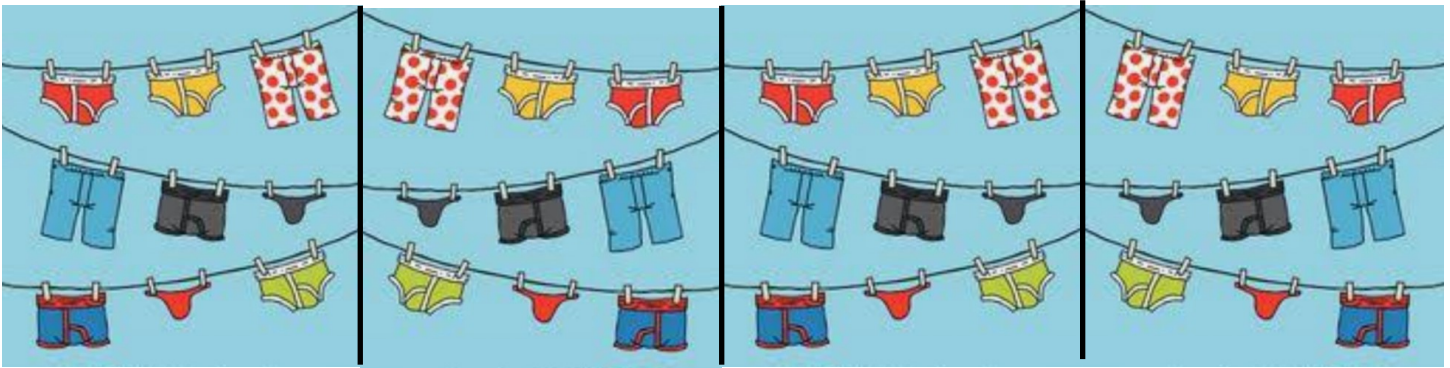


in Flight have been replicated in luminous steel and dalle de verre glass by artist Alex Heveri. These amazingly life-like sculptures showcase an array of beneficial insects and pollinators including beetles, bees, dragonflies, and butterflies. The interaction of sunlight and the beautiful colored glass 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 Available for Your 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 at diggelfa@gmail.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!



KEEP THEM COMING!

THANK YOU for the bottles of water already donated for Our Redeemer's 4th of July parade float. **PLEASE** keep them coming.

As the bottled water comes in, we also need to put the Gospel labels on them.

Whenever you have some time, please come to the church to put labels on the donated bottles of water. There is a table against the brick wall in the narthex with labels to put on the bottles of water.

Your continued donations of bottled water and time to label these bottles is greatly appreciated.

Our Redeemer Outreach Committee





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEEDS EVERYONE'S HELP

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

SCHOLARSHIP money is needed for students to attend VBS. No money is required to attend so costs are covered by donations to the scholarship fund. Please be generous and mark your contribution for VBS scholarship fund. A collection box is on the Welcome center.

VOLUNTEERS—Adults and High Schoolers are encouraged to sign up to help. There are many areas that require help. Kid friendly meals are served so if you do not want to help directly with the participants, there are opportunities in the kitchen. If you would be available to help decorate prior to VBS, please let Kara know at youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org.

Sign-up for both participants and volunteers:

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



SEMISAURUS VISITS OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

On the last evening of Vacation Bible school, the Semisaurus will be available for those attending Vacation Bible School from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. The Semisaurus is a 48-foot semi trailer converted into a state of the art museum that is packed with high-end displays, animatronic dinosaurs, and evidence-based information to teach the Truth about creation and evolution. The museum has four main display areas that provide historical context, fossils, artifacts and interactive cut-screen technologies. With a self-guided audio tour, you will take a walk through history to find your origins and purpose on earth! It will also be available to the public through the Faith Fun Fest on Sunday, August 13. Make plans to visit!

Free and open to the public:

Friday, August 11, 2023

9:00 am—3:00 pm

Saturday, August 12, 2023

9:00 am—3:00 pm

Sunday, August 13, 2023

12:00—2:00 pm



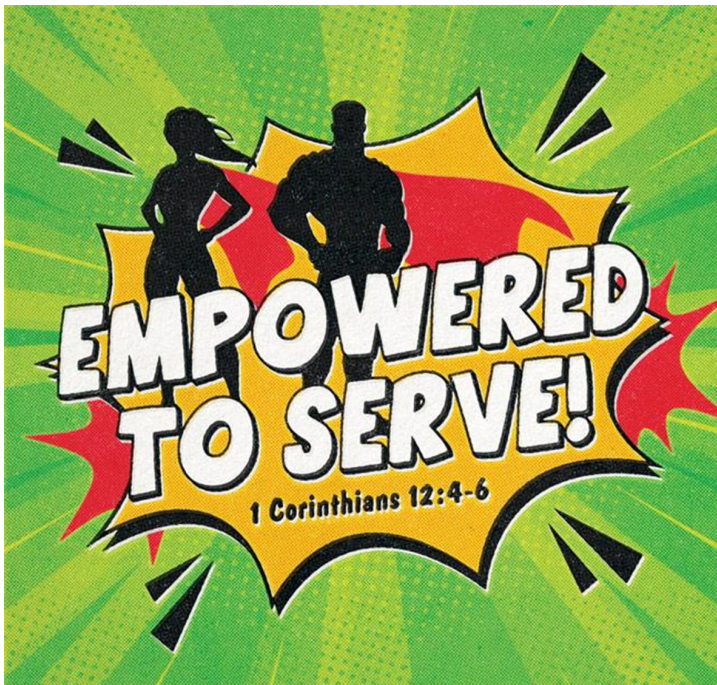
Relief for Human Need Worldwide

SUPPLIES FOR ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

A shipment of 31 boxes was taken to Orphan Grain Train by Todd and Joel Schuldts on Tuesday, June 6. There were 10 boxes of clothing, 33 baby blankets, 423 diapers, 16 blankets, 2 towels and 74 quilts. These will be sent later this summer to

Lithuania where they then will be distributed to countries wherever needed. FYI--they were told that more collection places of Lutheran World Relief are closing due to more churches taking their items directly to OGT because their drop off places are closer and more numerous.

None of the above would be possible but for the donations of sheets, fabric, T-shirts, etc. that came from you! Thanking you so very much! Rejoice! <>< <><



Lutheran Family Service

For Nothing is Impossible with God

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: Teens spend about nine hours a day online. *That's not okay.* Setting limits, being familiar with their apps, and maintaining open communication are essential parenting skills when raising teens. Here's a challenge for you this week: secretly observe your family, each day recording your observations using a "screen time chart", then begin to make some changes implementing ideas provided by your partners at Lutheran Family Service. Find ideas to spark your plan for change and a link to the "screen time chart" at <https://lutheranfamilyservice.org/2019/09/reducing-screen-time-family>. **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

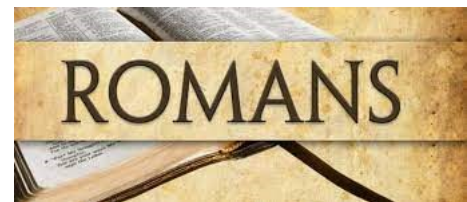


The Lunch Bunch

Different Week

Lunch Bunch has voted to meet throughout the summer when a Bible study leader is available. In June there will only be one gathering on June 14. July will be the regular first and third Wednesdays.

The Bible study on Romans begins at 11:00 am and the potluck lunch begins at 12:00 pm. Feel free to join for either or both!



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 am - 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 three hours, they have tied at least one whole quilt and sometimes two if there are around only eight tying.

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

Thanking you!
The Comfort-Tiers





Summer Preschool Newsletter

June 5–9, 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!



Home Question

If you could change one rule that your family has, what would you change?

Things Not To Worry About When Your Child Starts School

Brings home a paper covered with 20 lbs. of glue and one tiny scrap of blue construction paper. Most kids concentrate on mastering one skill at a time when doing art projects. Attaching actual items to the paper will be more interesting once he has thoroughly figured out the glue bottle's possibilities. Besides, squeezing the glue bottle is great fun and good for small muscle development. Some teachers even fill glue bottles with an inexpensive flour and water solution and let kids squeeze to their heart's content.



BOOKS - Enable children to...

- *browse through books for pleasure
- *discover that print and speech are related in a specific way
- *learn how books work
- *develop left to right sequencing
- *discover that reading leads to pleasure
- *tell stories in sequence

2023-2024 Enrollment Forms

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

<https://ourredeemer.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Preschool-Enrollment-Form-2022-20238449.pdf>



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—5th Grade



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, crafts, and more! Let's celebrate that we're covered in Jesus' grace.

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



Sunday, June 11th

Lesson: Homecoming Hopes—
Returns from Exile

Readings: Ezra 1:1-2; 7:11-28;
Nehemiah 2:1-8; 12:27-43

Youth

6th —12th Grade

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



Youth Game Night at Church

Wednesday, June 14th

6:00pm—8:00pm

6th—12th Graders

Outside if the weather permits, inside if not

SAVE THE DATES!!

Saturday, June 17th

5:30pm—Commissioning

June 18th—24th

UKANDU in Chicago

Sunday, June 25th

UKANDU Presentation

9:20 am

During Sunday School Time



Sign up to attend VBS or volunteer to help!

Confirmation (incoming 6th—8th graders) - Signup to attend. *We're excited to see you and your friends!*

High School (incoming freshman and older) - Signup to volunteer for one night, a few nights or all five. *We're flexible and happy for your help!*

VBS SIGNUP FOR CONFIRMATION & HIGH SCHOOL:

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



Sun, August 6th—
Thurs, August 10th
5:00 pm—8:15 pm

Youth Summer Sunday School

9:20 a.m.—10:15 a.m.

June 11th



Lesson: Homecoming Hopes—Returns from Exile

Readings: Ezra 1:1-2; 7:11-28;
Nehemiah 2:1-8; 12:27-43

Watch Reflections
for peach
updates.



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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.