



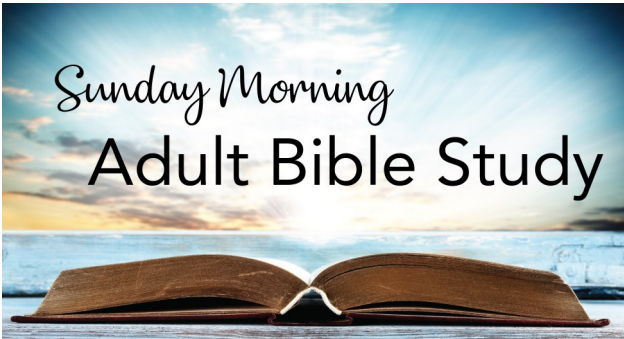
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Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - June 17/18, 2023

~Third Sunday after Pentecost~



June 18
What Does it Mean to be Thankful?
Pastor Lemke will be teaching

June 25
UKANDU Presentation

Summer Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
6/18	Luke 2:1-20	A Nativity Night—Jesus' Birth
6/25	UKANDU Presentation	

SUNDAY COFFEE


is sponsored by the LWML. Proceeds go to current and future mission projects.

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.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers for the altar this weekend are in celebration of 29 years of marriage for Brian and Lynne Westphal.

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

Prayer of the Church /Third Sunday after Pentecost/June 18, 2023

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

Almighty God, sustain Your servants of this congregation at UKANDU. Bless them with strength and zeal for Your house. May the work that they do be a blessing to others and further Your glorious name, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For glad obedience, that we who are treasured by God for Christ's sake may do all He has spoken, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the spread of the Gospel among all nations; for the labor of pastors, missionaries and all who share His Word; and that all the peoples would praise Him, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the fathers and sons of the Church, that they would be perfectly united in faith, hope and love after the example of Christ and His heavenly Father, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and afflicted [*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),] that God who is able to heal every disease and affliction would deliver them according to His gracious will, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.***

For those who commune, that as the Lord welcomed Moses into His presence at Mount Sinai, He would also welcome us to receive Christ's body and blood for our forgiveness, 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. 6/18	Waylin Nieland, Evelyn TeBockhorst
Mon. 6/19	Janis Boenker, Sharla Borg, Matthew Bruckman, Aiden Huedepohl, Vicki Smith
Tues. 6/20	Pastor Larry Lemke
Wed. 6/21	Kamila Davis, Curtis Enochson, Michael Willey
Thurs. 6/22	Beau Cornwell, Luella Feldman
Fri. 6/23	Brian Fetzer, Kathy Schweer, Korene Severt
Sat. 6/24	Deb Fuhrmeister, Gary McIlrath, Kimberly Steinke, Craig Stranathan, Turner Watkinson

STEWARDSHIP June 10/11, 2023

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 6/10—5:30pm	62	Contributions	\$11,716.26
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 6/11—8:00am	89	Monthly needs for budget	\$67,240.58
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 6/11—10:30am	140		
Recorded Services 6/10	3		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	294	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	21/31

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, June 18—25 2023

<u>Sunday, 6/18</u>		<u>Thursday, 6/22</u>	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Summer Sunday School	9:20am	Al-Anon	7:00pm
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am		
		<u>Friday, 6/23</u>	

<u>Monday, 6/19</u>			
Staff Meeting	1:00pm		
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	<u>Saturday, 6/24</u>	
		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
<u>Tuesday, 6/20</u>			
Girl Scout Troop 3744	6:00pm	<u>Sunday, 6/25</u>	
SM Small Group/Marcia	6:30pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Summer Sunday School	9:20am
		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am
<u>Wednesday, 6/21</u>		District 13 Meeting	2:30pm
TOPS	8:00am		
Cross & Entrance Committee	6:00pm		



Building Healthy Families: It is a challenging time to be a parent, perhaps especially a father. Our culture takes every opportunity to malign fathers and the media goes out of its way to portray them as undependable, immature, and ineffective. Yet an endless stream of research (not to mention God's clear word and our own experience) clearly identifies the critically important role of fathers in the lives of their children. Fathers, don't give up. Take heart and persevere – you are not alone! You are appreciated and loved. "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9) Happy Father's Day! **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

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

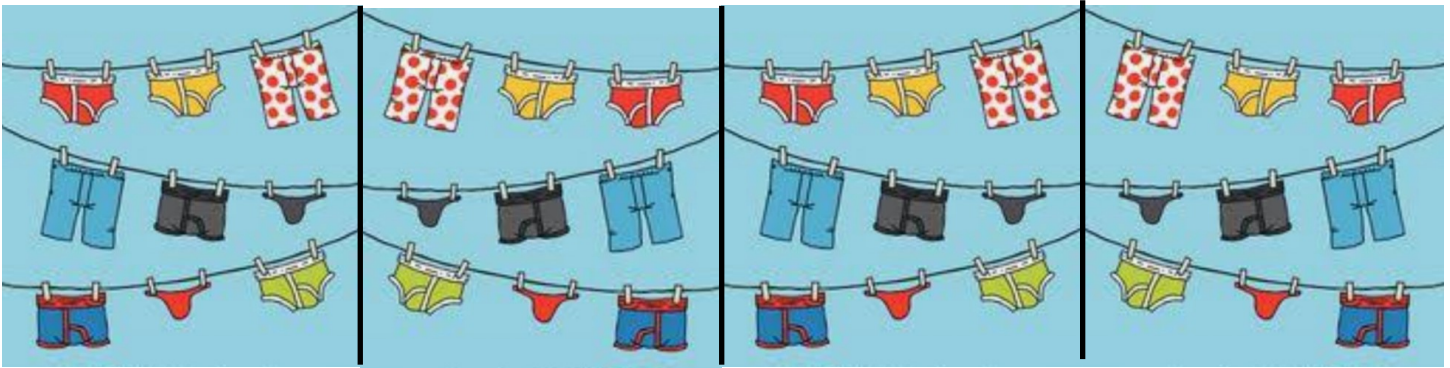


in Flight have been replicated in luminous steel and dalle de verre glass by artist Alex Heveri. These amazingly life-like sculptures showcase an array of beneficial insects and pollinators including beetles, bees, dragonflies, and butterflies. The interaction of sunlight and the beautiful colored glass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

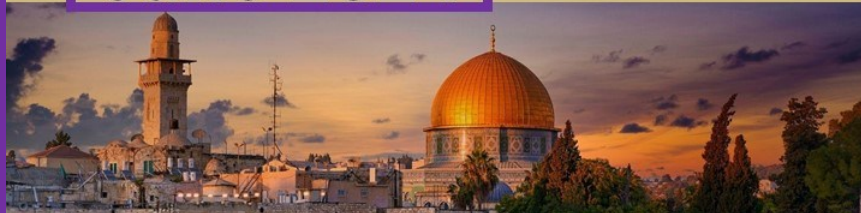
9:00 am—3:00 pm

Sunday, August 13, 2023

12:00—2:00 pm



On July 1st, Pastor is expecting to provide information regarding the trip.



So Long
Farewell
GOODBYE!
Adois Godspeed



It is nearing that time!

It is nearing that time when Vicar & Carrie Garrett will be heading back to the seminary for Vicar's final year of academics. Vicar's farewell and last Sunday will be July 30. There will be a farewell lunch following the late service and all are invited. **Vicar and Carrie will need help loading the moving truck after the farewell lunch. Some volunteers would be greatly appreciated.**

**Sign up to be
part of the**

LAWN-MOWING TEAM



Lawn Mowing HELP Needed

We have a lawn mowing gig for anyone that has free time this summer and/or fall. We are looking for additional volunteers to help with mowing (using the push mower).

If you have any questions you can contact Rick Gienapp or Dave Yansky.

A sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Counter in the Narthex.



Summer Preschool Newsletter

June 12-16, 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 What is something that makes your family special?

Things Not To Worry About When Your Child Starts School

Claims she isn't going to be invited to someone's birthday party.

Birthday parties are standard preschool bargaining chips as in—"If you don't give me a turn on the swing right now, I won't invite you to my birthday party." Rest assured that such threats have nothing to do with actual parties.

SCIENCE - Enable children to...



- *explore and experiment
- *develop skills in using the scientific method of problem solving: observing, predicting, testing predictions and generalizations
- *use source materials in problem solving
- *manipulate objects to move from concrete to abstract
- *find out about nature
- *classify relationships between objects

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 by the door for you to take home. 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 18th

Lesson: A Nativity Night—
Jesus' Birth

Readings: Luke 2:1-20

Youth

6th —12th Grade

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



Saturday, June 17th
5:30pm—Commissioning

June 18th—24th
UKANDU in Chicago

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



Tuesday, July 4th
Happy 4th of July
Office Closed



Tuesday, July 5th
Youth Night at the
Bohnsack's
6:00 pm—11:00 pm
Hot Dogs/S'mores/Firepit
Outdoor Movie/Yard Games



Watch Reflections
for peach updates.



Sunday, July 30th
Vicar Farewell Luncheon
12:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Youth Summer Sunday School

9:20 a.m.—10:15 a.m.



Lesson: A Nativity Night—
Jesus' Birth

Readings: Luke 2:1-20

Confirmation & High School Kids
can go to Toddlin' or Adult Bible
Class (Kara & Youth Leaders gone
at UKANDU)

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](https://vbsmate.com/events/OurRedeemerVBS2023/26849)



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

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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.