



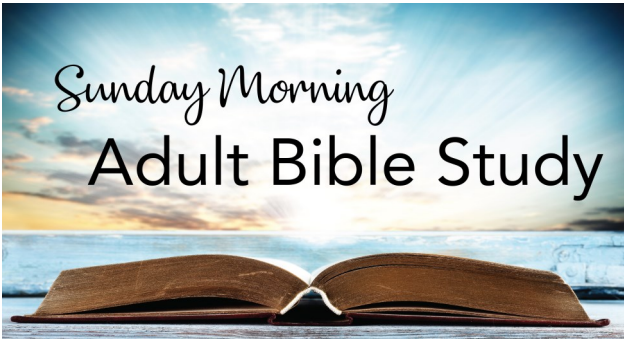
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# Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - June 24/25, 2023

~Fourth Sunday after Pentecost~




Sunday Morning  
Adult Bible Study

June 25

UKANDU Presentation  
Fellowship Hall during  
9:30am—10:15am

## Summer Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
6/25	UKANDU Presentation—9:30am to 10:15am in the Fellowship Hall	



**Building Healthy Families:** (Closed caption for all worry warts - does this pattern sound familiar to you?): *God's word tells me not to worry (Matthew 6:25), and I feel like a failure because I can't stop.* Good news for all worry warts! Lutheran Family Service counselors are here to help you break through this pattern, even if you've dealt with it your whole life! Through a combination of education (helping you understand where your worry comes from) and learning how to manage it (teaching you practical ways to respond to worrisome thoughts so they no longer have free reign in your head), is possible. Solid mental health education and treatment consistent with God's word and the Christian faith. Call to schedule an appointment in person or via telehealth from wherever you are! **Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

### SUNDAY COFFEE

This Sunday's coffee and snacks are being provided by The Human Care Committee in between early service and Sunday School in honor of Undies Sunday. Donations will go towards the purchase of underwear for the Iowa City Shelter House. Come join us for a little fellowship before heading off to Bible Class and Sunday School.



### CONFIRMAND BANNERS

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



### ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers for the altar this weekend are in memory of Dave and Brenda Johnson's anniversary.

## Prayer of the Church /Fourth Sunday after Pentecost/June 25, 2023

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

That sin would not reign in our mortal bodies or make us obey its passions, but as those brought from death into life we would present our bodies to God as instruments of righteousness, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For courage and fortitude, that God would bless His pastors and people to sing His praises, endure suffering for the name of Jesus, and continue by His grace to the end, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the households of this congregation, that our Father in heaven would overcome division with unity of faith, give wisdom and peace where there is anger and strife, and bless parents with faithfulness to teach their children, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the authorities of our nation, that God would bless them with wisdom to seek the common good, deliver them from temptations to promote evil and oppose His will, and give them penitent hearts and confidence in His grace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the love of God's Word, that though the world treats it with derision, we would hold fast to the Scriptures and declare God's praises, 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), **Darran Sellers** (brother of Kevin Sellers), **Rozie Siems** (Daughter of Mary Siems), **Ronna Sojka**, **Reece Ullerich**, **Karen Warner**, **Mark Wilson**, **Beth Wu** (Schuldt's relative)], 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 52 years of marriage you have granted **Arlan and Marlene Thompson** and for 29 years of marriage to **Brian and Lynne Westphal**. 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. 6/25	Marilyn Albright, Matthew Davies, Maeve Obermueller
Mon. 6/26	***
Tues. 6/27	Patricia Eckhardt, Emily Jones, Robert Lentfer, Jeffrey Nicholson, Emelia Richardson
Wed. 6/28	Trisha Cornwell, Megan Jerred, Mark Martens, Diane Thomas
Thurs. 6/29	Patsy Heinitz, Isabella Sexton
Fri. 6/30	Tyce Alt, Lacie O'Leary, Mary Ann Schlueter, Evan Waring
Sat. 7/1	Kathryn McIlrath

### STEWARDSHIP June 17/18, 2023

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 6/17—5:30pm	71	Contributions	\$11,716.26
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 6/18—8:00am	79	Monthly needs for budget	\$67,240.58
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 6/18—10:30am	133		
Recorded Services 6/17	21		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	304	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	8/26

### This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, June 25—July 2, 2023

<u>Sunday, 6/25</u>		<u>Thursday, 6/29</u>	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
UKANDU Presentation	9:30am	Al-Anon	7:00pm
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am		
District 13 Meeting	2:30pm	<u>Friday, 6/30</u>	
		Life Line Screening	8:00am
<u>Monday, 6/26</u>		<u>Saturday, 7/1</u>	
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm		
Children's Committee	6:00pm	<u>Sunday, 7/2</u>	
		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
		Summer Sunday School	9:20am
		Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am
		Load Water on Float	11:30am
<u>Tuesday, 6/27</u>			
Solon Nursing Home	9:30am		
SM Small Group/Marlene	7:00pm		
Al-Anon	7:00pm		
<u>Wednesday, 6/28</u>			
TOPS	8:00am		
Emerson Point	2:00pm		

So Long

Farewell

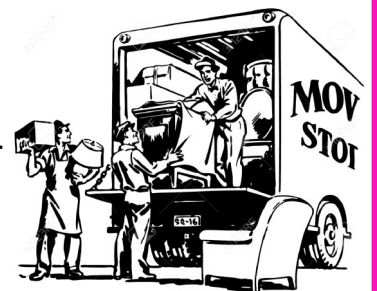
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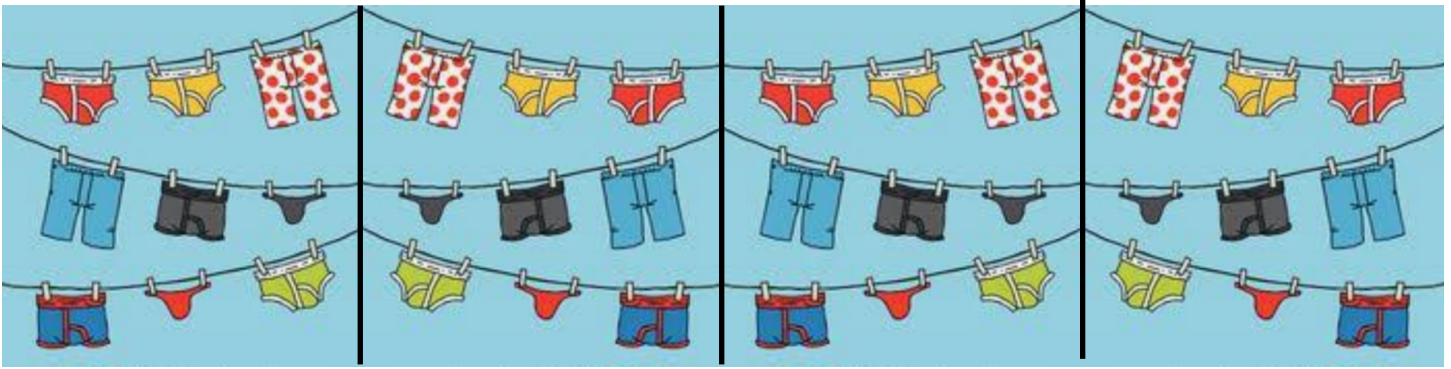
Adios

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.***





## 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!



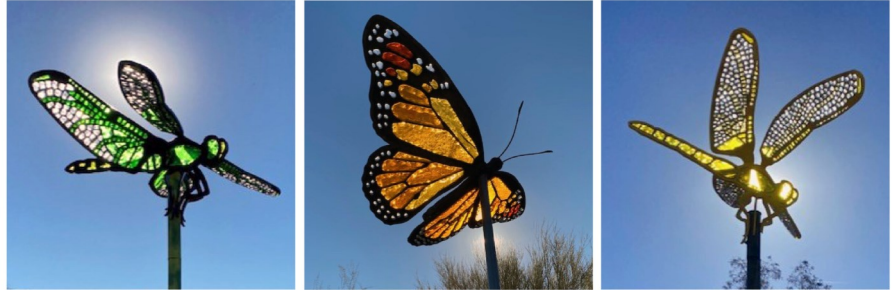
On July 1<sup>st</sup>,  
Pastor is  
expecting  
to provide  
information  
regarding  
the trip.





## 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.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP TO:

- Provide cases of bottled water (goal - 8000 bottles)



- Label bottles of water



- Decorate the float

- Load water on the float (Sunday, July 2)



- Walk in the parade to hand out bottles of water (Tuesday, July 4)



There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for decorating the float and walking in the parade.

Please sign up.

**THANK YOU!** 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](mailto: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

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 19–23, 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

*Of all the things you are learning, what do you think will be the most useful when you are an adult?*

#### Things Not To Worry About When Your Child Starts School

**Is unusually obnoxious at home.** Kids make a real effort to behave well at school for the first few weeks. Meanwhile at home, where they feel safe, they let it all out. Don't worry. Their refined company manners will wear off as soon as they feel comfortable at school—and they won't need to bring all those pent-up feelings home to you.

#### CRAFTS - Enable children to...

- \*create an expression of self
- \*work with a wide variety of materials
- \*experiment with color, texture, and shape
- \*use visual expression as a means of communication
- \*develop problem-solving skills
- \*improve fine-muscle control

#### 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—5<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>

UKANDU Presentation in the Fellowship Hall 9:30am to 10:15am.

# Youth

6<sup>th</sup> —12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Youth Coordinator Kara Hartwig [youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org](mailto:youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org) (319) 855-2728



Watch Reflections  
for peach updates.

## Sign up to attend VBS or volunteer to help!

**Confirmation** (incoming 6<sup>th</sup>—8<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>—  
Thurs, August 10<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 pm—8:15 pm

## Youth Summer Sunday School

9:20 a.m.—10:15 a.m.

June 25<sup>th</sup>



UKANDU Presentation  
Meet in the Fellowship  
Hall 9:30am to 10:15am.



Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>  
Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July  
Office Closed



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



Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>  
Vicar Farewell Luncheon  
12:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

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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.