



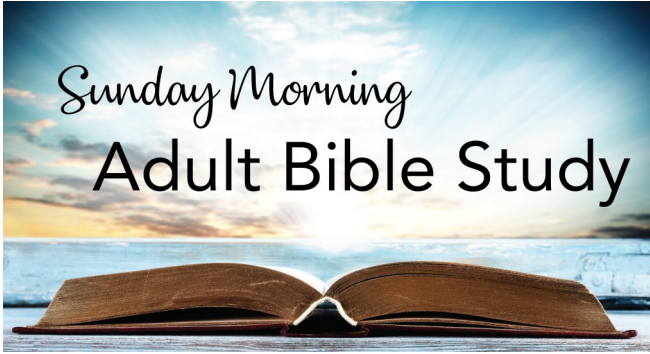
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Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - July 8/9, 2023

~Sixth Sunday after Pentecost~



July 9
Overcoming through Taking Risks and Tenacity

July 16
Overcoming through the Storm

July 23
Overcoming through Faith

July 30
Overcoming through Singing

Summer Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
7/9	Luke 3:15-22; 4:1-13	Claimed and Tested—Jesus’ Baptism and Temptation
7/16	Luke 5:1-11	Fishers Follow—Jesus Calls Disciples
7/23	John 2:1-11	The Wine Sign—A Wedding at Cana
7/30	Matthew 6:25-34	Mountain Message—Jesus Preaches on the Mount



ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers for the altar this weekend are from Kathy Folkmann in memory of her husband Roger on what would have been their 8th wedding anniversary.



INFORMATION
NOW AVAILABLE!

Pastor has provided us with a brochure for the Israel trip it is located on the Welcome Counter. Also, a copy of the brochure can be found on pages 5 & 6 here in Reflections.

Prayer of the Church /Sixth Sunday after Pentecost/July 9, 2023

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

For deliverance from anxiety and worry, that we would hold fast to the conviction that, for Jesus' sake, we are of more value than birds and lilies to our Creator, who knows what we need, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation, that the Lord would enkindle the gifts of His Holy Spirit and give us mutual encouragement by each other's faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our homes, that our heavenly Father would be the companion of those who are alone, the strength of husbands and wives, and the blessing of parents as they catechize their children; and that He would preserve our families from every plague and evil, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace and protection, that God would bless our nation's leaders with integrity and wisdom to defend against evil, until at last He cuts off the war horse and the chariot forever, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are incarcerated, that God would foster in them repentance and trust in His grace, preserve them from greater evil, and enable them by such forgiveness to bear their sentence as a joyful custody of hope, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For comfort to those weary and heavy-laden with tribulations or illnesses, [*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), **Bob Hansen**, **Gabe Hundley** (grandson of Karen Abernathy), **Dora Jacobson** (granddaughter of George and Carol Schuldt), **Todd Jones** (Barb & Ron Jones' son), **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 blessed with the knowledge of His easy yoke and light burden and find rest from their Lord, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.***

For the family and friends of **Bob Alberhasky** (*relative of the Hotz family*) as they mourn his death. Help us we pray in the midst of things we cannot understand to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of all sins, and the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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. 7/9	***
Mon. 7/10	Daniel Lake
Tues. 7/11	Kathy Bolton, Marlene Folkmann
Wed. 7/12	Dennis Stockman
Thurs. 7/13	Tom Hannemann
Fri. 7/14	Jonathan House, Kathryn Lothamer, Timothy Lyon
Sat. 7/15	Keith James, Jamin Lane, Lindsay Stacey

STEWARDSHIP July 1/2, 2023

TIME		TREASURES	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 7/1—5:30pm	75	Contributions	\$17,434.34
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 7/2—8:00am	89	Monthly needs for budget	\$67,240.58
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 7/2—10:30am	148		
Recorded Services 7/1	5		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	317	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	54/8

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, July 9—16, 2023

<u>Sunday, 7/9</u>		<u>Thursday, 7/13</u>	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Summer Sunday School	9:20am	Lantern Park	10:00am
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am	Briarwood	4:00pm
		Al-Anon	7:30pm
<u>Monday, 7/10</u>		<u>Friday, 7/14</u>	
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	***	
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm		
Chamber Singers	6:00pm		
Old Capitol Quilters	6:00pm	<u>Saturday, 7/15</u>	
Outreach Committee	6:30pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
<u>Tuesday, 7/11</u>		<u>Sunday, 7/16</u>	
Girl Scout 3744	6:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
Assimilation	6:30pm	Summer Sunday School	9:20am
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am
<u>Wednesday, 7/12</u>			
TOPS	8:00am		
Properties Committee	5:30pm		

Vicar Farewell Luncheon

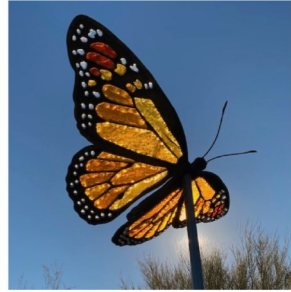
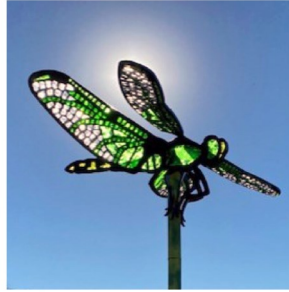
Sunday, July 30, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall

The whole congregation is invited. Chicken and drinks will be provided. The congregation members are asked to bring side dishes and desserts for the potluck. There will be a free will donation basket to help support Vicar in his final year at the seminary. Vicar and Carrie will need help after lunch loading the truck.



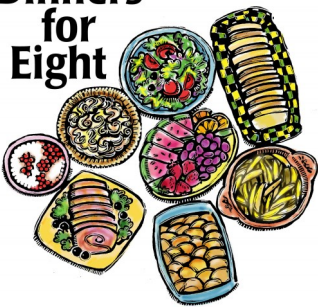
LWML ROAD TRIP

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 for 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 and 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.

Dinners for Eight



The results of the Assimilation survey show that many of Our Redeemer members are wanting to be a part of ***Dinners for Eight Renewed***. The Assimilation Committee is ready to make definite plans to have that happen so that members can get to know each other better. Groups of eight will be formed after we receive information from you to help us get organized. Dinners for Eight Renewed are groups 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**. The Assimilation Committee will make the groups and then assign one person per group to contact those in their group so that decisions can be made about when and where to meet

for the first time. **If you want to be a part of *Dinners for Eight Renewed*, please fill out the form found in the Welcome Center by July 24th and put it in Box #372.** If you have any questions, please contact Pam Wilson (319-530-1920) markpamwilson@msn.com



Building Healthy Families: Maybe you are experiencing some of the greatest joys of your life right now, or perhaps you feel you are in the lowest of valleys. God knows what you're experiencing. In fact, He has known of your highs and lows all along. Look back on the greatest times in your life as well as the most difficult. God was there. He promises to always be with you, and He keeps His promises. Your circumstances will change, as will your emotional responses. But the one constant in your life? His faithfulness. "I will never leave you nor forsake you." *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."* Hebrews 13:5,8 Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org



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QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT:

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Register Online: **RegisterNow.ittworld.com**

Tour Code: **Hartwig24**

DEPARTURE PREFERENCE:

Chicago, IL (ORD) Other: _____
 Land Only - I will be securing my own flights.

Legal Name: _____
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Title: _____ Preferred Name: _____
Ex: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Rev. Dr. Fr. If different than above

Street Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Main Phone: Area Code () _____
(Select one) Home Cell Office

Alt Phone: Area Code () _____
(Select one) Home Cell Office

Email: _____

I prefer to have my correspondence sent to me via **email** OR **mail**

Birth Date: _____ / _____ / _____ Sex: M F Age: _____
Month Day Year

Emergency Contact: _____

Phone: Area Code () _____ Relationship: _____

Emergency Contact Email: _____

Rooming Options:

I would like to room with: _____

We would prefer a shared bed separate beds

Please match me with a roommate (*imagine* will choose one for me)

I want a single room (limited availability and at an additional cost)

FULL DEPOSIT OF \$500/PERSON REQUIRED

**COPY of PASSENGER'S PASSPORT (photo pg)
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SIGNATURE REQUIRED BELOW - Minors require parental or guardian signature

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INCLUDED IN PRICE:

1) Round trip airfare per brochure — deluxe motor coaches — First Class / Superior Class hotels — guided sightseeing — entrance fees to sites visited — breakfast & dinner daily per brochure

2) Taxes and fuel charges totaling **\$695** USD comprised of **\$364.60** for fuel charges (subject to increase by airline up to 30 days prior to departure) and **\$330.40** for taxes (including federal inspection fees for the U.S. Customs and Immigrations; international air transportation tax; agricultural tax; other per person taxes imposed by government entities; airport taxes and fees including the September 11th Security fee up to \$10 per person, passenger facility charges up to \$18 per person, federal domestic flight segment fees up to \$3.50 per segment and U.S. and International arrival and departure, and other government imposed fees up to \$300 per person).

3) Gratuities of **\$160** for tour guide or cruise director, local host, driver, local guides, and/or ships' crew; gratuities on ferries, and cruise ships.

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

Not included in your package are passports, visas, COVID-19 tests, vaccinations, laundry, lunches, telephone, mini-bar, alcohol, other beverages, and food outside of the contracted tour operator menu as presented at a hotel or restaurant (these extra items will be billed to you before leaving the hotel, or restaurant), airport transfers on non-qualifying flights, portage at airports, travel insurance, excess baggage fees, any fees or fuel surcharges imposed by the airlines after the date you register for your trip, and all other items not specifically mentioned.

PAYMENT:

A full deposit of \$500 per person is required at time of registration.

Credit cards are only accepted for the initial deposit. **All other remaining payments must be made in the form of a check, including final payment.**

Final payment is **due no later than 100-days prior to departure.**

Registrations received after 100-days prior to departure must be accompanied by full payment. Registrations received between 90-75 days prior to departure are subject to a \$300 late fee.

Tour pricing is based on a minimum group size of 20 passengers to be valid. The following supplements may apply for smaller groups: 19-15 travelers, \$150 per person; 14-10 travelers, \$195 per person. If group size is less than 10 travelers, the tour may be canceled due to lack of participation.

If final (full) payment is not received by *Imagine Tours and Travel, LLC* (hereafter referred to as *Imagine*) 75-days prior to departure, you will be automatically cancelled from the tour and your initial deposit of \$500 will be forfeited and additional fees may apply. *Imagine* reserves the right to add a surcharge if the dollar declines by more than 2% against the shekel or euro based on foreign exchange rates in effect on date (06/15/23) when your tour was booked by your tour leader/church. **All payments are required in US Funds.**

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is based on double occupancy (two persons sharing a room). When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While *Imagine* will try to match roommates, we cannot guarantee one will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 75 days prior to departure. If one is not available or if you request a single room, there will be a **single room supplement charge of \$995 for the basic itinerary.**

ITINERARY & CHANGES:

Because airlines often change flight schedules after brochures are printed, *Imagine* reserves the right to shorten or lengthen the itinerary accordingly. You will be notified in writing when possible. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$195 per night/per person (single rooms \$225/night). Meals for extra nights are not included. **Any changes and/or deviations from the program and/or departure city listed, by the passenger, must be provided in writing to *Imagine* no later than 100-days prior to departure and any extra costs incurred will be billed to the passenger.** All deviations are subject to a standard fee of \$150 plus any applicable airline fees. All tours are final at 70-days prior to departure. No changes and/or additions may be made to the tour after that time.

LAND ONLY:

Land Only price is **\$4,137 per person**. Price does not include international flights. Land Only passengers may be responsible for transfers and/or additional overnights incurred by booking their own flights. We recommend you purchase a ticket which can be changed without large penalties, as the group's flights may change. Passengers changing from the regular tour to Land Only after 120 days prior to departure will be charged a fee of \$150 per person.

AIRLINE TICKETS:

In order to keep prices low, *Imagine* does not guarantee you will be on the most direct flights to your final destination. *Imagine* also does not guarantee the group will be on the same flights, particularly if registering 100 days prior to departure. Flight routings are chosen by the airlines and not *Imagine*. Airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded once issued. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class aboard IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together for entire itinerary. *Imagine* is unable to use individual frequent flyer points to upgrade or accept them as partial payment for air transportation. Deviations by the passenger, from the group's scheduled flights, could result in different routings/air carriers. Airline changes, if allowable, made by the passenger after final payment has been made, may incur additional fees.

FLIGHT TIMES:

All flight times are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. *Imagine* is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If making your own flight arrangements to a departure city or any other portion of your trip, we recommend you purchase a ticket which can be changed without large penalties. All passengers are responsible for reconfirming their flights with the airline 24 hours prior to departure.

PASSPORT:

Each passenger is responsible for making sure that they have a **valid passport that has an expiration date at least six months after the date of return from their trip**. A copy of your valid passport must be submitted to our office by 100 days prior to departure.

VISAS:

Applicable visas will be obtained by *Imagine* for U.S. and Canadian Citizens only. All passengers who do not carry U.S. or Canadian Passports will be responsible for obtaining visas to the countries they are visiting. *Imagine* is not responsible for non-U.S. & Canadian Passport holders.

TRIP RESCHEDULING:

Imagine and/or Trip leader reserve the right to re-schedule the dates of the Trip to future dates TBD due to governmental action, pandemic, or other circumstances beyond their control. Should that occur, all travelers will be rebooked for the new dates. Travelers unable to travel on the new dates may cancel their participation and will be assessed a cancellation fee of up to \$300 per person, plus any additional penalties/fees imposed by ground operator(s), airlines, or other vendors. Travelers can transfer to another available tour up to one year from their original departure date.

CANCELLATION FEES:

Any passenger cancelling from the day of registration to 100 days prior to departure will be charged a **\$300 non-refundable administrative fee** per person plus any airline penalties, if applicable. You will also be charged a single room fee if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single room from 75 days prior until the date of departure.

The following charges also apply: 99-75 days = **\$500**; 74-55 days = **\$1950**; 54-41 days = **75% of total cost**; 40 days to day of departure = **100% of total cost**. **All cancellations must be received in writing.** On or after the day of departure there is no refund for any services not used. **We strongly recommend you purchase travel insurance.** If *Imagine* cancels the tour due to lack of participation, there will be a charge of \$200 deducted from the amount refunded to each passenger for administrative fees plus any airline penalties if applicable. No changes may be made to the tour within 70-days of departure, as the tour is officially closed.

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY:

Imagine and its associated companies agree to provide the itinerary described in this brochure. This represents the entire agreement between the passenger and his agent, the travel agent, the tour host, and the tour operator. All prices, itineraries and schedules are subject to regulations and changes by acts of government, international agreement, and airline tariff adjustments, rules, and regulations. *Imagine* reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of *Imagine*, incapable of group travel. Except for the willful negligence of its direct employees, the tour operator assumes no liability or responsibility for any injuries, inconveniences, illness, irregularity, or incidental damages caused by circumstances beyond the control of the tour operator or by any person or reason whatsoever, including but not limited to events such as strikes, revolts, wars, natural disasters, pandemic, closures of airports or hotel, default or omission of any common or private carrier, or the fault, negligence, or omission of and by any third party providing services or facilities related to or included in this tour or any part thereof, or in arranging for the same, or the acts or omissions of the travel agent or the tour host. The conditions become a binding contract when your enrollment and payment are received and accepted by *Imagine*. Florida law will be applicable to any dispute which arises out of or concerns regarding this brochure or your tour.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY:

By traveling on this tour you affirm that you are fit to participate in this tour and accept all risks to your safety and health. All travel involves risks, and travel to some countries, including Israel, involves a heightened risk to your health and safety, including risks from terrorism, criminal acts, and illness. You understand and freely accept these risks, and you generally and specifically release and hold harmless *Imagine* and their officers, agents and employees from any liability and any claims for (i) any physical, mental, emotional or other injuries whatsoever that you may sustain related to this tour; (ii) delays, damages, illness, injuries or death, or for the loss of or damage to property, from any cause (including negligence) and however occurring; and (iii) any accident, illness, injury, damage, sickness, loss of personal property, delay, or other Injury or claim of any kind related to or arising from strikes, armed conflicts, social or labor unrest or strikes/work stoppages, war or acts of war, terrorism or terrorist acts, acts of God, mechanical or construction failures or difficulties, diseases, local laws or acts of local or government authorities, criminal acts, weather or climatic conditions, volcanic eruption, earthquake, disruption of advertised schedules, refusal of visas, or any other causes beyond their direct control.

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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>



MEAL WITH BRIAN YOUNG

Fellowship Hall
Friday, August 11 at 6:00 pm

Plan to join Brian Young for his presentation at a pizza meal, talking about the Semisaurus and the Truth about creation and evolution. The meal will be free and open to the public. Please sign up in the narthex to help plan for food.

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

STOCK THE PANTRY



*Let's help
Vicar Ethan & Krista
Boester
with their
**Pantry
Needs***

The Boester's will be moving into the vicarage on August 5. Let's give them a warm Our Redeemer welcome with things for their pantry.

Suggested items to donate include:

- *non-perishable food items
- *household goods
- *paper products
- *cleaning supplies
- *gift cards (grocery store, local restaurants or area businesses)

The items collected will be presented to them upon their arrival. We will continue to collect them through his installation on August 5/6. Please place your donations of goods in the box in the Narthex. **However**, please put your donations of gift cards in the church office.

CROSS Information

As you may know, The Cross in front of the church has been deteriorating for several years and the time has come that an intervention is needed. The wood is deteriorating, and pieces have fallen off. Because of this, temporizing measures of securing loosening areas and inspections and maintenance to ensure safety are ongoing. It is time to begin planning and do something permanent.

The Cross was constructed and dedicated in 1969 and it has served our church well as an important landmark standing for Jesus Christ and what He did for us on The Cross. You may have had friends or visitors say that “your church is the one with the big Cross in front of it.” It is an especially important image of what Jesus has done for us.

The original design includes three legs of support that suggest first the basic aspect of our religious teachings: The Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The definition of church itself is The Word, the Pastor and the people. There are many mentions of threes in The Bible; the number three biblically represents divine wholeness, completion and perfection. Gideon asked God for three signs in Judges; three visitors appeared to Abraham (Genesis 18:2); Jesus answered the Satan’s threefold temptations with three scriptural references (Matt 4:1-11). Jesus said, “Destroy this temple and I will rebuild it in three days.” And, of course, we must include these three: forgiveness of sins, salvation and life everlasting. The number three is just one of the depictions of completeness and the examples in The Bible are numerous.

As part of the plan as we approach this project, it is important to maintain the architectural heritage and intent of the original design and in keeping with the appearance that complements and mimics the current structure knowing that an exact replica is not feasible given that other changes that may be needed to provide a more accessible and weather protected entrance that enhances and blends with the church structure.

Many congregational members have suggested that some type of entrance modification is desired so that worshipers may exit their vehicles and avoid inclement weather or slippery sidewalks, and possibly have a drive-through area. Most of the door closures are obsolete and a security plan is also in consideration. These are the concerns we hope to address, and the expectation is that this will be a major project. Our options might be dictated by space allowances and city regulations/ordinances, and these will be considered with future planning and discussion.

It is time to move forward and imagine how we can continue to make Our Redeemer Lutheran Church an inviting place to worship. In the coming weeks and months, we will arrange for events of imagination and dreaming to get input for what is desired much like what was done during Vision 2020 planning. That will be announced when we have reached that timepoint.

Please discuss among yourselves and with any Cross and Entrance Committee member what you feel is important in our Church to fulfill our mission, our motto and our vision. (Listed below).

Our motto “This is what we are about”

Equipping Disciples to make Disciples for Jesus

Our Mission “This is what we do”

Connecting all generations to Jesus, His Word and each other; Reflecting His Love in word and deed.

ORLC-Our Vision “This is where the Spirit is taking us”

Our Redeemer Congregation is a grace-filled, God-glorifying community of believers devoted to Word, fellowship, Sacraments and prayer, committed to involving more people in ministry so that the Body of Christ would be built up for service to others as we reach out to more people with the Gospel.

The current Cross and Entrance Committee members include:

Myrl Holida(chair)	Marcia Hulse	Dave Yansky	Marty Wenck
Karyl Bohnsack	Art Schwarting	Henry Diggelmann	Pastor Hartwig
Rob Bowman	Eric Kooker	Residing Vicar currently Vicar Garrett	

Please direct any questions or discussion to whoever you feel the most comfortable.

It’s all about (Jesus) The Cross , The Cross and Entrance Committee

Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you, Marty Kranz, for providing the trailer and pickup and for driving for the parade. Thank you, Julie Nleland, for designing the float. Thank you, Bill Saehler, for providing a place to park the float Sunday and Monday. Thank you to each of you who donated bottles of water, labeled bottles of water, constructed the float, decorated the float, walked the parade, dismantled and undecorated the float, and for those who prayed for this witness opportunity. God be praised!

Our Redeemer Outreach Committee



LLL Steak Fry August 22 at 6:00pm Fellowship Hall

Men of the congregation are invited to bring their own meat to grill along with a side dish.



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





FRUIT FOR PIES



The Youth are requesting fruit donations for their annual Youth Pie Sale held in November.

If you have any extra fresh fruit, we are asking you to donate it to the youth to make their pies. The types of fruit we are looking for are:

CHERRIES



BLUEBERRIES



PEACHES



BLACKBERRIES



STRAWBERRIES



RASPBERRIES



CURRENTS



RHUBARB



When apples are ready later in the year, we would appreciate them also.

Please wash the fruit, slice or chop as appropriate, and put the fruit in a LABELED gallon ziploc bag. Please write "Youth Pies" on the bag and the type of fruit & approximate quantity. Place the bag(s) in the church kitchen freezer.

We appreciate keeping down the cost of making the pies. With your help there will be some FABULOUS pies in November for you to buy.

If you have questions, contact Kara Hartwig.



Summer Preschool Newsletter

July 3–7, 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!



42 years

Home Question

How would the world be different if the animals could talk?

Things Not To Worry About When Your Child Starts School

Can't name any of the other kids in his/her class. There's so much that's new and so many kids. Teachers will help the children learn each other's names once they're sure everyone knows the more vital things—like where the bathroom is and that it's OK to use it.

HOUSKEEPING- Enable children to...

- *construct the world as she/he sees it
- *act out feelings and emotions in a comfortable setting
- *role-play real life situations
- *practice language and social skills
- *interact with other children in an informal setting
- *plan and work with others

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, July 9th
9:20am to 10:15am

Ages: Preschool to
5th grade meet in
the Toddlin' Room

Lesson: Claimed and Tested—Jesus' Baptism and Temptation
Scripture: Luke 3:15-22; 4:1-13

Our Redeemer Youth 26th Annual Colorado Peach Fundraiser



18-22 pounds per box
30-40 peaches per box
\$45.00 a box

We're so excited to host our Peach Sale this year! We continue to pray for a good harvest as we look forward to the arrival of fresh, handpicked, juicy Colorado peaches. As always, orders will be filled on a first come first serve basis – as quantities allow. Please get your order form in early.

1. Your cleared check is your confirmation receipt.
2. You will be officially notified by postcard of the exact pick-up date and time once we get word that our peaches are ready. Pick up will be at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, **possibly** in August or September (depending on ripening of fruit).
3. On **pick up day**, you **must have** your **reminder postcard** in hand. If you are having someone else pick up your peaches, please give them your postcard.
4. Complete form, cut along dotted line and *keep top portion* for your records. *Return bottom portion* with cash or a check payable to "LYF". Orders must be **prepaid**. Orders should be dropped off at or mailed to:

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Attn: Peaches
2301 East Court Street
Iowa City, IA 52245

5. Questions or comments: Phone #319-338-5626 –ext. 27; OR email: peaches@ourredeemer.org

Cut on dotted line

2023 Order Form

Cut on dotted line

Return with payment to Church – No phone orders accepted

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Attn: Peaches
2301 East Court Street
Iowa City, IA 52245

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date _____
Check #/Cash _____
Amount \$ _____
Deposit # _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Number of Boxes: _____ @ \$45.00/Box=\$ _____

IF APPLICABLE, name of youth who told you about peaches: _____

*We greatly appreciate your support of youth ministry programs at Our Redeemer!
All proceeds will go to the youth and their mission projects.*

THANK YOU FOR ORDERING!

Youth

6th —12th Grade

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

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

Order forms are now available



All Youth in 6th—12th grades for
next school year (2023-24) are
selling boxes of Colorado peaches
for the annual **Our Redeemer
Youth Peach** fundraiser.

Cost per box: \$45.00 (30—40
peaches per box; about 18—22 lbs.
per box) Order forms are in the
church office. See Kara with any
questions.

REMINDER: Students' names need
to be on the form when it is turned
in so they can earn money for their
church Prize Account.



Youth Summer Sunday School

9:20 a.m.—10:15 a.m., July 9th
6th grade—12th grade meet in
the Youth Room



**Lesson: Claimed and Tested—
Jesus' Baptism and Temptation**
Scripture: Luke 3:15-22; 4:1-13

OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

Office: 338-5626 Fax: 338-9171 Website: <http://www.ourredeemer.org> Preschool: 338-3949
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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.