

# The Parish Beacon

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Dear Christian Friends:

Thanks to the Byrds, the words of Ecclesiastes 3 are familiar to much of the world:  
“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under Heaven.”

Like it or not, fall is in season and summer is out of season!

Some sighed with regret that relaxing, fun-filled, less structured days are over.

Others, refreshed and invigorated, have eagerly plunged into the routines of fall again, excited about new challenges and enthusiastic about projects and activities and FOOTBALL GAMES that lie ahead.

Even though the ebb and flow of our lives change with the variation of the seasons, some things remain constant. One of those constants is God’s presence with us: “I will never leave you nor forsake you,” promises the Father. “So we can confidently say, ‘The Lord is my helper, I will not fear; What can man do to me?’” (Hebrews 13:5-6)

Another is God’s complete control over the seasons. We may become impatient, but God’s timing and His response are always right. “At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of Your steadfast love answer me in Your saving faithfulness,” (Psalm 69:13), we boldly pray, asking that God’s will be done.

Another constant is the privilege to be about our Father’s business. As long as we remain on earth, God has a purpose for us. The Apostle Paul exhorts us, “Preach the Word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching” (2 Timothy 4:2).

He goes on to remind us that our words will not always be heeded. In every season, throughout the history of the Church, there have been scoffers and those who “will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions” (2 Timothy 4:3). We leave them to God; we are called simply to be “ready in season and out of season.”

In the love of Christ, Pastor Hartwig



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

For the Church throughout the world, that built on the confession of the Gospel and assured that the gates of hell will not overcome it, we may have the faith and courage to confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all families, children, single adults and youth; and for those who teach and those who learn, that they may advance in wisdom and grace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For victims of violence and oppression, and for those who live with injustice and fear, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all nations and their leaders, that they may act for peace and promote godliness, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For victims of disaster and those stricken by illness or infirmity; for the aged and infirm; and for those who grieve, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those burdened by sickness and affliction, [*especially **Connie Bailey** (Lorrie Bailey's aunt), **Dorothy Blume** (Carol Schuldt's sister), **David Caplin** (Lillian Moyer's son-in-law), **Titus Hanneman** (nephew of Kate Ramsey), **Emma Haugen** (Friend of Gwen Enokian), **Patsy Heinitz**, **Gabe Hundley** (grandson of Karen Abernathy), **Dora Jacobson** (granddaughter of George and Carol Schuldt), **Hazel Jones** (Granddaughter of Danny Fuhrmeister), **Todd Jones** (Barb & Ron Jones' son), **Shirley Losby**, **Norma Miller** (Twyla Freeman's aunt), **Carson Pence**, **Julie Pratt-Mullenkamp** (Cousin of Ruth Varney), **Aaron Raschke** (brother of Ruth Varney), **John Robinson**, **Darran Sellers** (brother of Kevin Sellers), **Rozie Siems** (Daughter of Mary Siems), **Reece Ullerich**, **Andy Ungermann**, **Karen Warner**, **Lynne Westphal**, **Mark Wilson**, and **Beth Wu** (Schuldt's relative),] that they may await healing and deliverance in the firm conviction that nothing can separate them from the love of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.***

For the family and friends of **Ken Reuter** (Jeff Reuter's father) and **Idella Lee** (Pastor Hartwig's aunt) as they mourn their deaths. 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 sins, 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.**



This Sunday's (August 27) coffee and snacks are being provided between the early service and Sunday School by the Mission Committee. Donations will go towards the continued mission efforts. ***Come join us for a little fellowship before heading off to Bible Class and Sunday School.***

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sun 8/27    Worship Service 8:00am  
               Adult Bible Class 9:20am  
               Sunday School 9:20am  
               Worship Service 10:30am  
               Preschool/Playground Clean-up 12:00pm  
               District 13 Meeting 2:30pm

Mon 8/28    Staff Meeting & Lunch 12:00pm  
               Chamber Singers 6:00pm  
               Sunlight AA Group 6:00pm  
               Youth Committee 6:00pm  
               Children's Committee 7:00pm

Tues 8/29    Al-Anon 7:00pm

Wed 8/30    TOPS 8:00am  
               Preschool Orientation 6:00pm  
               Choir Rehearsal 6:45pm

Thurs 8/31    Comfort Tiers 9:00am  
               Board of Directors 7:00pm  
               Al-Anon 7:30pm

Fri 9/1        \*\*\*

Sat 9/2        Men's Bible Study  
               Worship Service 5:30pm

Sun 9/3        Worship Service 8:00am  
**Labor Day**    Worship Service 10:30am

**Weekend**



We have a new AED--Philips Heartstart--which can be found in the white box on the wall by the elevator. ANYONE can use it in the event that someone collapses and is unresponsive--not just those trained in Basic Life Support/CPR. It gives you voice prompts telling you step-by-step instructions once you turn it on/pull the pads out. There is a backorder of pediatric pads for the AED, so we do not have those yet. However, adult pads can be used on children if necessary. Use the link provided here if you want to watch a short 1-minute video about how to operate the AED:

<https://youtu.be/KBeFlwsw784>

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**\*\*WATCH YOUR FRIDAY EMAIL FOR LIVE STREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP\*\***

**Saturday 5:30pm In Person/LIVE STREAM  
 Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am In Person/LIVE STREAM  
 Communion: September 2, 3, 16, 17**

**Sunday School 9:20am—In Person  
 Adult Bible Study 9:20am—Fellowship Hall/ZOOM**

**Bible Study/Lunch Bunch meets on the 1st & 3rd  
 Wednesday of each month at 11:00am with lunch  
 following**

**Comfort-Tiers meet Thursdays at 9:00am**

**Choir practice Wednesdays at 6:45pm**

**Praise Team Practice schedule varies—  
 Contact Myrl Holida: [myrl-holida@uiowa.edu](mailto:myrl-holida@uiowa.edu) or  
 Louise Klopp: [choirdirector@ourredeemer.org](mailto:choirdirector@ourredeemer.org)**



### FLOWERS TODAY

Today's flowers (August 27) for the altar are provided by Marlyce Hollis in memory of her husband Bill Hollis.

# UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER



September 4  
Office Closed



4-2 years

Preschool Classes Begin  
September 5/6



September 6  
Bible Class 11:00am  
Lunch 12:00pm  
Fellowship Hall



Fall Retreat  
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca  
September 8 & 9  
Children are welcome  
For more information call  
Laurel at 319-331-3242



September 17  
9:20 am Sunday School/Adult Classes Sanctuary  
12:00 pm Potluck Fellowship Hall  
*Presentations for 3 year-olds, first graders, third graders, sixth graders. and juniors will take place during late service.*



Voters Meeting  
September 17, 11:45am



September 18, 6:00pm  
Fellowship Hall



September 20  
Bible Class 11:00am  
Lunch 12:00pm  
Fellowship Hall



Hot Dog Parade Party  
September 20  
5:30pm

Confirmation Orientation  
Sunday, September 24  
11:45am in the Sanctuary

NO SCHOOL IC  
September 25



Kid's Club Begins  
September 27  
6:45pm

Confirmation Classes &  
Midweek Classes Begin  
September 27  
6:45pm



6th Grade Retreat  
September 29  
6:45pm



LWML Fall Zone Event  
Cedar Rapids  
September 30

## Birthdays

Sun. 8/27	Rob Bowman, Alan Cross, Paul LaRoche, Brittney Pirkl, Nathaniel Thoe, Samuel Weis
Mon. 8/28	Jeff Reuter, Kevin Roiseland, Grant Wilson
Tues. 8/29	Johnny Stoll, Matt VanKirk
Wed. 8/30	Loren Deetz, Beth Hargens, Anita Nicholson, Jack Thomas, Rodney Wittich III
Thurs. 8/31	Steven Scott, Jacob Wahlert
Fri. 9/1	Kathy Carlson, David Hintze
Sat. 9/2	Dawn Saterfield

## Stewardship—August 19/20, 2023

ATTENDANCE		TREASURES	
Recorded Service 8/19	4	Contributions	\$5,522.00
Sat. 8/19 In Person/LIVE STREAM 5:30pm	72	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Sun. 8/20 In Person/LIVE STREAM 8:00am	112		
Sun. 8/20 In Person/LIVE STREAM 10:30am	148		
<b>TOTAL WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>336</b>	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	<b>60/15</b>

Thank you for your  
continued support.



MISSION	August
Iowa District East	\$3,333.33
UIHC Chaplain Endowment Fund	\$250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,583.33</b>
Panama Rickman	\$500.00
Peace Officer Ministry	\$125.00
Housing Fellowship	\$500.00
<b>MONTH TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,708.33</b>
CommUnity Crisis Center	***
Lutheran For Life	***
Concordia Seminary Food Bank	***
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,708.33</b>

## Membership Changes and Official Acts

Deaths	
Ronna Jean Sojka	08-09-2023
Debra Kay Fuhrmeister	08-12-2023



**Building Healthy Families:** *When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant, I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years. (Mark Twain) Truth be told, parents and their children get along much better when the adolescent years are over. Dr. James Dobson once said that the goal of parenting teenagers is simply to survive and live to tell about it. If you and your family are navigating the turbulent waters of adolescence, don't give up. It will get better! Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6* **Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Mission Committee  
Christ said, *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations."*

Highlighting the Christian/humanitarian work of our congregation  
as a whole and as individuals. Here and around the world.

# PANAMA

## Mission Awareness Sunday Luncheon

### Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup>

The Mission Committee will be hosting a luncheon with a guest speaker on Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Noon.  
The Mission Committee is still working out the logistics for a short-term mission trip to Panama.  
Updates will be published in the Beacon & the Reflections newsletters as information becomes available.



Panama is straight south of Miami



In the mountains of western Panama

### **Mission Committee Members**

Denise Holida / Anita Nicholson / Val Penney / Bob Powers (Chairman Pro Tem)



Submitted by Marcia Hulse

# Stephen Ministry

We care, Christ cures.

## **Stephen Ministry**

The mission of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church's Stephen Ministry team is to walk alongside people in our congregation who are going through a difficult time, focusing on a relationship that is caring, trusting and led by faith.

## **Stephen Ministers**

A group of trained caregivers that are ready to listen, care for and encourage individuals. They will pray with you to help you through whatever you may be facing. The one to one pairing with a Stephen Minister is free and confidential.

*"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" ...~Galatians 6:10*

## **Why is it called Stephen Ministry?**

Stephen was one of the first lay-people commissioned by the apostles to care for the community of believers in Acts 6. Just as Stephen helped to meet the growing needs of the early church, Stephen Ministry expands the caring capacity of congregations. And just as Stephen shared the spirit of Jesus, so Stephen Ministry brings Christ's healing love to those who are hurting.

## **What are Stephen Ministers?**

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members called and trained to provide Christ centered, confidential, one-to-one care to people who are hurting and feeling like they are in a crisis.

## **What are Care Receivers?**

Care Receivers are members of our congregation who receive care from a Stephen Minister. Care Receivers are people struggling through a difficult time in life - experiencing grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, family crisis, or some other life event. Meetings with Stephen Ministers are confidential and in person or on occasion by phone. Potential Care Receivers first meet with Pastor who matches them with a Stephen Minister. The caring relationship lasts as long as the need remains.

## **How can I arrange to have a Stephen Minister?**

To get more information or to request to speak with Pastor Hartwig at 319-338-5626.

### **STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERS**

**Pastor Hartwig 338-5626**

**Bill Benson 517-881-9848**

**Marcia Hulse 351-7059**

**Kathy Schweer 466-3084**

**Kevin Sellers 631-8924**



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Hosted by  
Rev. Dr. Brent Hartwig

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

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**Cardholder Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**First, middle and last as it appears on your passport!**

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)

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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.

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## 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 worshippers 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)	Dave Yansky	Marty Wenck	Art Schwarting	Henry Diggelmann
Rob Bowman	Eric Kooker	Karyl Bohnsock	Marcia Hulse	Pastor Hartwig
Vicar Boester - Residing Vicar				

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

# Farewell to Vicar and Carrie Garrett



**Farewell  
Sunday  
July 30**

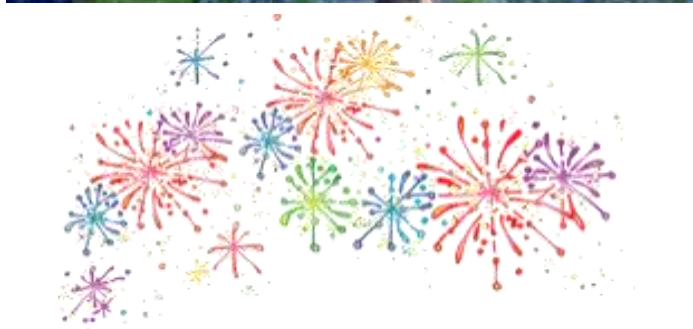




Welcome to Vicar and Krista Boester  
Installation August 5/6

## SOME ADDITIONAL 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY PARADE HIGHLIGHTS 2023





# VBS 2023

# August 6-10



**Bible studies**



**108 Registered, 95 per day**



**Leaders**



**Bible Studies**



**Semisaurus**

**Crafts**



**Music**



**Minnow Races**



**Snacks**



**Evening mealtime**



**Decorations**



**Final Celebration**



**Missions**

**CommUnity  
416 Items**

**Water Project –  
Africa \$606.77**

**50 Volunteers**



Volunteers work with Brian Young



Brian Young speaks to Our Redeemer at August 11 Dinner



## IS THE BIBLE RELIABLE?



When we compare the Bible to other ancient writings, it is more accurate than any other 10 pieces of ancient literature combined.

The chart below shows the Bible to be not only closer from the original text to its earliest known manuscript, but also to have a larger number of copies to compare its accuracy.

AUTHOR	NUMBER OF MANUSCRIPTS FOUND	TIME BETWEEN ORIGINAL AND COPY
Thucydides (History)	8	1300 years
History of Herodotus	8	1300 years
Caesar (Gallic Wars)	10	1000 years
Josephus (Jewish War)	9	1000 years
Plato (Tetralogies)	7	1200 years
Tacitus (Annals)	20	1000 years
Pliny (History)	7	750 years
Suetonius	8	800 years
Horner (Iliad)	450	500 years
New Testament	Over 24,000	25-100 years

The longer the time span between the copy and the original the less trustworthy it would be. Also, the less the number of copies, the less one can check for accuracy.



Semisaurus at Vacation Bible School Open to the public August 11-13

# FUN FAITH FEST

August 13



Hot dog lunch in the fellowship hall 160 served



64 Registered participants play the games







  
**LWML**  
Lutheran Women in Mission  
**LWML ROAD TRIP**  
**August 19**



# Preschool Beacon

Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller

Assistants, Christie Cherian M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH

Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949 [www.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org](http://www.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org) [preschool@ourredeemer.org](mailto:preschool@ourredeemer.org)

*Our Redeemer Preschool where children play, learn, and grow in Jesus!*



*Train up a child  
in the way he should go and when he is old,  
he will not depart from it.*  
-Proverbs 22:6



Consign through the Stuff; this is a fundraiser for our preschool. You can donate items by dropping them off yourselves or placing them in a box outside the preschool. Preschool will receive 50% of the profit from the donated items that are sold at Stuff. All items given to Stuff will be a donation if they cannot sell them.

Iowa City #43522

# Children's Ministry

Birth—5<sup>th</sup> Grade



## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

### "God Redeems His People"

**Toddlin' age—**12<sup>th</sup> Grade 9:20 a.m. — 10:15 a.m.

*Invite your friends and come learn about Jesus!*

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
September 3	No Classes—Labor Day Weekend	
September 10	Mark 7:31-37	A Hearing Aide—Jesus Heals a Deaf Man
September 17	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rally Day—1<sup>st</sup> Day of regular school year Sunday School</b>  <b>Teacher Orientation during Sunday School</b></p> <p>9:15am—Opening in Sanctuary            9:30am—Adult Bible Study with Vicar in Sanctuary until 10:15am            Teacher training with Pastor in Room 208            1st Graders and parents with Kaja in Room 119            Children in the Fellowship Hall            Youth with Kara in the Youth Room</p> <p>10:10am—Closing/Teachers get their students from Fellowship Hall and take to classrooms for parent pickup</p>	

## This week's lesson in Sunday School



**Lesson: The Fish and Bread Sign—  
 Jesus Feeds Five Thousand**  
**Scripture: John 6:1-15**

# Youth

6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Graders

## SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

DATE	EVENT	TIME
9/17	<b>Rally Day</b> Opening in Sanctuary Youth with Kara in Youth Room Milestone Gift Presentation Potluck Lunch in Fellowship Hall	9:15am 9:30am 10:30am 12:00pm
9/20	Hot Dog parade Party	5:30pm 6:45pm 6:45pm
9/24	Confirmation Orientation	11:45am
9/27	Confirmation Classes & High School Midweek Begin	6:45pm
9/29	6th Grade Retreat	6:00pm

## September Events

### Rally Day is Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>



We kick off the start of Fall Sunday School with Rally Day. Join us at 9:15 am in the Sanctuary, then attend worship at 10:30 am for the Milestone gifts and stay for the Potluck Lunch at 12 pm.

### Confirmation Orientation (Parents & Students)

Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> @ 11:45 am



Meet in the Sanctuary  
Includes Acolyte Training & Robe Fitting

### 1<sup>st</sup> Night of Confirmation Classes & High School Midweek

Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:45 pm  
6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and high school youth meet in the Fellowship Hall

### 6th Grade Confirmation Retreat

(Parents & Students)



Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 pm—9:00 pm



### Dear Lord Jesus, we pray for...

- teachers, paraeducators, cafeteria personnel, custodians, librarians, guidance staff and all those who work in schools;
- students (our own children, grandchildren, neighbors' & church family's children, children in our community and around the world); and the
- parents, grandparents & guardians of the students.

*Please be with them as school begins and throughout the year ahead. Keep them strong in their faith. Guard, protect and bless them so that they may be equipped in every way to serve others in whatever purposes the Lord calls them. Amen.*

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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.



## Be Strong in the Lord

Ephesians 6:10-18  
With his favorite hymn  
For Vicar Morgan Garrett

**Be strong in the Lord, take courage, with God's Word be bold!**

Tell of Christ and His story; it must always be told!  
Put on the Gospel armor along with many a prayer  
and follow in His footsteps which will lead you everywhere.

**You'll find the devil 's schemes blocking progress every day,**  
so speak the truth-filled Word of God; it is your staff and stay.  
**Dress daily in the Lord's armor of righteousness and prayer--**  
**stand your ground with faithfulness for Satan's everywhere.**

Be ready with an answer, dispelling every lie.  
**Trust in the Lord! He cares for you; He's always close by.**  
**With the world full of evil, there's hatred everywhere.**  
Be strong in the Lord, take courage, always covered with prayer!

Rejoice!

By Carol Schuldt