



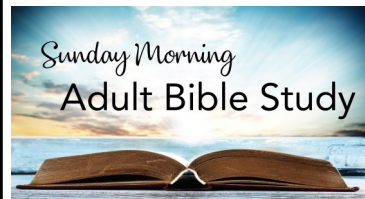
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# Reflections



Weekly Newsletter - August 5/6 2023

~Tenth Sunday after Pentecost~



Join us for Sunday morning Adult Bible Class starting at 9:20am in the Fellowship Hall.

## Summer Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
August 6	Mark 4:35-41	A Weather Wonder—Jesus Calms a Storm
August 13	No Class—Setup for Indoor Worship, Hot Dog Lunch (Fellowship Hall), Fun Faith Fest, and Semisaurus	
August 20	Mark 5:21-24, 35-43	A Life Restored—Jairus’s Daughter
August 27	John 6:1-15	The Fish and Bread Sign—Jesus Feeds Five Thousand



### 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 7 & 8 here in Reflections.



### ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers for the altar this weekend are from Jacob & Valerie Sexton in celebration of them being blessed with 8 years of marriage.

## Prayer of the Church /Tenth Sunday after Pentecost/August 6, 2023

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

For the people of God, that in the steadfast love of their Lord they may give thanks and have confidence that no danger, trouble or hardship can separate them from the love of Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In gratitude for all God provides for our bodies and lives, that we might not covet or turn elsewhere for what comes from His hand alone, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For eyes to see the Lord's mercies anew every morning, and for grateful hearts to receive and share our Lord's rich and daily grace with the needy and His Church, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For strength and endurance, that we may not despair but have confidence in our Father's steadfast love, especially as we receive Christ's body and blood in His Sacrament, 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), **Debra Fuhrmeister**, **Emma Haugen** (Friend of Gwen Enokian), **Bob Hansen**, **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), **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), **John Robinson**, **Darran Sellers** (brother of Kevin Sellers), **Rozie Siems** (Daughter of Mary Siems), **Ronna Sojka**, **Reece Ullerich**, **Karen Warner**, **Lynne Westphal**, **Mark Wilson**, **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 a what ever work is done in your name is not done in vane, we ask You, O Lord, to benefit our **VBS program "God's Living Water"**, that you bless the volunteers who give of their their time, that you bless the student will learning and memories that make Your name great, and that your Gospel may be proclaimed among all people in all of creation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For strong marriages, for You instituted marriage between one man and one woman. We give you thanks for the 8 years of marriage you have granted **Jacob and Valerie Sexton** (August 8) and for the 60 years of marriage you have granted **Don and Donna Reddel**. Bless them and all husbands and wives as you strengthen the love between them and their love for you. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our new Vicar, that as Vicar Ethan Boester is installed at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church we ask that You bless him and bless his year of learning, that You provide opportunities for vicar to grow and learn the vocation of pastoring. 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. 8/6 Lorna Jerrad, Kelsey Schwarting  
 Mon. 8/7 Kaitlyn Brimeyer, Kathy Druecker, Isaiah Giebeck, Tammy Krantz, Isaac Pinnell,  
 Megan Raddatz, Carrie Schneider  
 Tues. 8/8 Tate Nelson, Calvin Simmons, Grant Wardenburg, Diane Weyer  
 Wed. 8/9 Tammi Frantz, Tim Frantz, Rachel Haack, Breanna O’Leary, Holden Schrader  
 Thurs. 8/10 Florence Miller  
 Fri. 8/11 Alexander Chabal, Marcus Emmel  
 Sat. 8/12 LilliAnne Eldridge, Debbie Johnston, Hope Koch, Loyd Koopman, Winifred O’Shea,  
 David Varney

### STEWARDSHIP July 29/30, 2023

TIME		TREASURES	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 7/29—5:30pm	65	Contributions	\$9,149.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 7/30—8:00am	77	Monthly needs for budget	\$67,240.58
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 7/30—10:30am	172		
Recorded Services 7/29	9		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	323	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	42/20

### This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, August 6—13, 2023

<u>Sunday, 8/6</u>		<u>Thursday, 8/10</u>	
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am	Lantern Park	10:00am
Summer Sunday School	9:20am	Briarwood	4:00pm
Worship-In Person/Live Stream	10:30am	VBS	5:00pm
VBS Volunteer Lunch	12:00pm		
VBS Set-up	1:00pm	<b><u>Friday, 8/11</u></b>	
VBS	5:00pm	Semisaurus	9:00am
		Dinner with Brian Young	6:00pm
<u>Monday, 8/7</u>		<u>Saturday, 8/12</u>	
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Men’s Bible Study	8:00am
VBS	5:00pm	Semisaurus	9:00am
<u>Tuesday, 8/8</u>		Al-Anon District	10:00am
VBS	5:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	5:30pm
<u>Wednesday, 8/9</u>		<u>Sunday, 8/13</u>	
Youth Driving Simulator	11:30am	Worship-In Person/Live Stream	8:00am
VBS	5:00pm	Worship-In Person/Live Stream (VBS Sings)	10:30am
Properties Committee	5:30pm	Hot Dog Lunch	11:30am
		Fun Faith Fest & Semisaurus	12:00pm



## 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>



## 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



## PRAYERFULLY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THIS YEAR'S FUN FAITH FEST: AUGUST 13

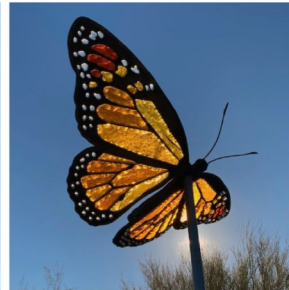
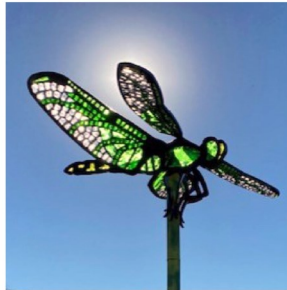


The Outreach Committee is excited to announce that we will be have Fun Faith Fest again this year on Sunday, August 13th, from 12:00pm—2:00pm. We will need a lot of volunteers to make this a successful event! There will be games, prizes, popcorn, a bouncy house, the dunk tank, as well as the Semisaurus Mobile Museum. There will be a volunteer sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center counter as well as at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DACAD2FABF5CF8-funfaith2>

We also are in need of 12—14 canopy tents for sun protection for the volunteers. If you have a canopy, would you be willing to loan it to us for that day? Please contact Donna Saehler at 319-321-3207, or via email at: [dojosaehler9591@gmail.com](mailto:dojosaehler9591@gmail.com) Thanks!

## 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.



## 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.



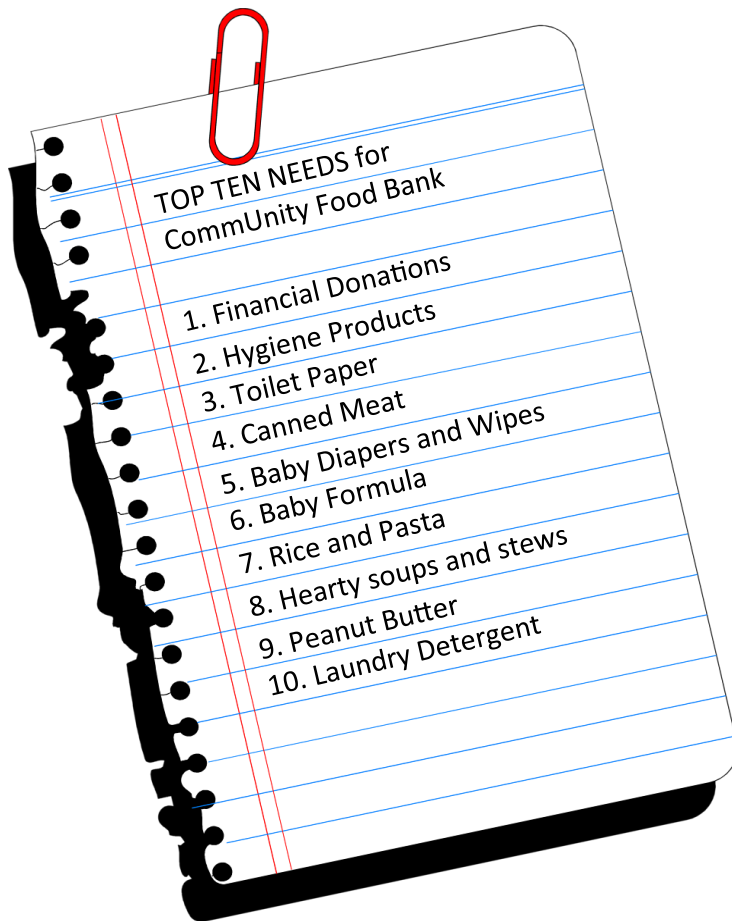
## WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER WEARING MY NAME TAG?

Because wearing your name tag helps –

- ◆ others to call you by name
- ◆ you to be known by others
- ◆ the Vicar & Krista Boester 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



**Building Healthy Families:** Parents and grandparents, looking for something to do with your children or grandchildren during these waning days of summer? Take them to the cemetery with you on a mission to find your ancestors' grave sites. Bring along old family photos to match and give a face to the names on the tombstones. This could be a fun adventure for them and you, as well as a unique opportunity for you to share your faith and stories of the faith of your family in previous generations. *You shall teach [God's commandments] diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. Deuteronomy 6:7* Lutheran Family Service [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)



### Donation bin located in Church Office

Please consider picking up extra items as you are shopping to donate to the CommUnity Crisis Center.





# Experience the Holy Land

Hosted by Rev. Dr. Brent Hartwig

Traveling JUNE 5 - 14, 2024

Departures \$4,687 FROM CHICAGO, IL

PRICE INCLUDES \$695 US & Intl. departure taxes/fuel & \$160 gratuities Additional departure cities available upon request

EARLY BIRD SAVINGS off the total trip cost with your initial deposit of \$500.00!

\$75 off if your payment is received by 08/05/23 \$50 off if your payment is received by 10/05/23

### PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- Check - Payable to *imagine* Tours and Travel, LLC
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Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Date (month/year): \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

*The security code is either the last 3 numbers listed separately on the back of the card or 4 numbers listed on the front, depending on your credit card company.*

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

### QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT:

Rev. Dr. Brent Hartwig  
☎ (319) 855-2521  
@ bhartwig@ourredeemer.org

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)

### FULL DEPOSIT OF \$500/PERSON REQUIRED

**COPY of PASSENGER'S PASSPORT (photo pg) REQUIRED 100 DAYS PRIOR to TRAVEL**

**SIGNATURE REQUIRED BELOW** - Minors require parental or guardian signature

Enrollment in and payment of deposit constitutes your acceptance of the "Fine Print". I understand that I am responsible for and agree to pay any post-booking increases in fuel surcharges, taxes, and fees as provided in the Fine Print. *imagine* Tours and Travel, LLC is the tour operator and is solely responsible for the travel program. *imagine* Tours & Travel, LLC, is registered with the State of Florida as a Seller of Travel. Registration no. ST36635.

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



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### THE FINE PRINT ENROLLMENT IN AND PAYMENT OF YOUR DEPOSIT FOR THE TOUR, CONSTITUTES YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONDITIONS AND STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY.

#### 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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# Summer Preschool Newsletter

## July 31–August 4, 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!*



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

**Doesn't bring home any artwork at all.**

There are so many other interesting things to do. And they're every bit as worthwhile. You just can't hang them on the refrigerator.

**Orientation Night for parents and current students will be held on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 from 6:00pm until 7:00pm in the church Fellowship Hall.**

### Home Question

**If you could make one rule that everyone in the world had to follow, what rule would you make? Why?**

**Preschool & Playground Clean-up  
Sunday, August 27th, 12:00pm  
Seeking volunteers to help with Clean-up to get ready for the 2023–2024 school year.**



**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. **Consigner Number:** Iowa City #43522

### 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, August 6<sup>th</sup>  
9:20am to 10:15am

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

Lesson: A Weather Wonder—Jesus Calms a Storm  
Scripture: John 2:1-11



# Youth

6<sup>th</sup> —12<sup>th</sup> Grade

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## 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>



Sun, August 6<sup>th</sup> —  
Thurs, August 10<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 pm—8:15 pm

## FUN YOUTH EXPERIENCE

Driving Simulator  
Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 am—2:30 pm

Meet at Culver's in Coralville for lunch at 11:30 am  
**Bring money for lunch.**

After lunch, we will go to the Driving Safety Research Institute (DSRI) for a tour, robotic demonstration & miniSim driving experience.



## SUMMER YOUTH FAMILY NIGHT

Youth families with 6<sup>th</sup> — 12<sup>th</sup> graders,  
you're invited to...

**Bohnsack's Backyard**  
Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 pm—9:00 pm

The Bohnsack's are hosting the Youth families (*Confirmation & High School students, siblings & parents*) in their backyard. Be ready for a fun night of swimming, roasting hot dogs & marshmallows, playing lawn games, and watching a short movie projected outside.

We will provide the hot dogs, chips, stuff for s'mores and drinks.  
**Bring your swimsuit, towel, and a lawn chair.**



FREE!



Prizes

Bouncy  
house

AUGUST 13

10:30 am Worship with VBS Singing

11:30 am PICNIC LUNCH: Hot Dog/Chips/Drink

12 — 2 pm Fun Faith Fest Games & Semisaurus

Games

Popcorn

Dunk  
tank

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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.