



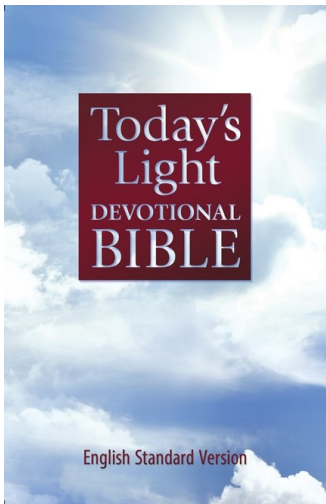
First Avenue and Court Street
Iowa City, IA 52245
Phone: 319-338-5626
Email: redeemer@ourredeemer.org
www.ourredeemer.org

Reflections



Weekly Newsletter—April 20/21, 2024

~Fourth Sunday of Easter~



ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Read through the Bible in two years

Week 17 Date	Scripture
4-22-2024	Deuteronomy 27:1-26
4-23-2024	Deuteronomy 28:1-68
4-24-2024	Deuteronomy 29:1-29
4-25-2024	Deuteronomy 30:1-20
4-26-2024	Deuteronomy 31:1-29
4-27-2024	Deuteronomy 31:30-32:52

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
April 21	Exodus 17:1-7	Waterworks—Water from the Rock
April 28	Exodus 31:18-32:35	The Idle Idol—The Golden Calf



Sunday Coffee & Treats

This Sunday's coffee and treats are being provided by the LWML. Come join us for a little refreshment and fellowship before Sunday School and Adult Bible Class. Free will offering goes towards continued mission projects..



Building Healthy Families: Your mom wants to stay in her own home and wants you to stop worrying about her. You want her to be happy, but you worry about her living alone as she ages. Sound familiar? A recent AARP survey found that staying at home as long as possible is a stated goal for 95% of people age 75 and older. Be creative and seek mutually agreeable solutions which make staying at home safe as long as possible; be brave and respectful and have conversations about options before a move is needed. Find helpful ideas and resources at <https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/aging-place/aging-place-growing-older-home> or invite a counselor from LFS out to speak to a group in your church or community about this important topic! **Lutheran Family Service**
www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Prayer of the Church/Fourth Sunday of Easter/April 21, 2024

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, You alone gather us as Your sheep and send faithful shepherds to us. Call all who have wandered from Your flock, and bless the faithful shepherds who gather them through the voice of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Your Son has called us to love our brothers. Turn us in love toward the neighbors closest to us, especially within our own homes, that we may daily show our confidence in God by deed and truth, laying down our lives as Christ first did for us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, through the Paschal Lamb You have wrought peace between man and God. By Your gift of good government, grant peace and good days also to our citizens and between the nations of the world, that we and all our neighbors may lead quiet lives in godly contentment. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, by the firstfruits of Christ's life from the dead, You secured forgiveness for our troubled consciences. Bless also with temporal health and well-being those who suffer among us [*especially Arlene Boots, Dorothy Blume (Carol Schuldt's sister), Loren Deetz, Marilou Dyson (Chad Dyson's mother), Chuck Enokian, Clint Fult (nephew of Robert Siems), Emma Haugen (Friend of Gwen Enokian), 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), Marilyn Kempnich, Dolores McNatt (Gwen Enokian's mother), Norma Miller (Twyla Freeman's aunt), Merri Mullane, Julie Pratt-Mullenkamp (Cousin of Ruth Varney), Delores Nace (sister of Doris Siemer), Marcia Osborn, Carol Schuldt, Lee Schwarting (Art Schwarting's mother), Reece Ullerich, Karen Warner, Mark Wilson, and Beth Wu (Schuldt's relative)*]. Grant them aid in this moment and, even more so, true, immortal health in the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.** Lord God, You tell us to come to You with our burdens, hear our silent prayers...

[We pause for a moment of silent prayer.]

O Lord, our Shepherd, You calm all fears in this valley of the shadow of death, and You prepare the holy table of Your Son's testament for us in the presence of our enemies. Grant us repentant and faithful hearts. In every tribulation or besetting sin, lead us to find comfort and strength in Your overflowing mercy given to us here in this Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for You have written THE STORY OF EVERYTHING – from Genesis to the Last Day that we may know Your Son, who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Amen.

BIRTHDAYS

April 21 Maddie Bell, Martha VanKirk, Bryce West, Drew West
 April 22 Barbara Green, Dana Novotny, Mary Redlin
 April 23 Gregory Bell, Rebeckah Hosier, Rory James, Julia Kimball, Shirley Stutzman
 April 24 Richard Gienapp, James Roiseland, Corrie Sass, Jane Weppler, Jacob Wiley
 April 25 Adam Fuhrmeister, Robert Hansen, Cindy Kreutz, Caitlin Pinnell, Kyle Sexton, Brian Westphal
 April 26 Glorine Berry, Luke Young
 April 27 Louise Klopp, Erica Watkinson

STEWARDSHIP April 13/14, 2024

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 4/13—5:30pm	45	Contributions	\$12,148.65
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 4/14—8:00am	99	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 4/14—10:30am	124		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	268	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	87/32

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, April 21—28, 2024

<u>Sunday, 4/21</u>		<i>Wednesday continued...</i>	
Worship Service	8:00am	Pizza Meal	6:00pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Midweek Classes/Spiritual Growth Event	7:00pm
Worship Service	10:30am	Cake Reception	8:00pm
Girl Scout Troop 8598 Pinewood Derby	11:00am		
Chamber Singers Open Rehearsal	3:00pm	<u>Thursday, 4/25</u>	
		Comfort Tiers	9:00am
		Book Club	7:00pm
<u>Monday, 4/22</u>		Al-Anon	7:30pm
Staff Meeting	1:00pm		
Chamber Singers	6:00pm		
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	<u>Friday, 4/26</u>	
<u>Tuesday, 4/23</u>		<u>Saturday, 4/27</u>	
SM-Small Group/Marlene	6:00pm	Men's Bible Study	8:00am
LLL	6:30pm	Worship Service	5:30pm
SM-Large Group/Marcia	6:45pm		
Al-Anon	7:00pm	<u>Sunday, 4/28</u>	
		Worship Service	8:00am
<u>Wednesday, 4/24-Spiritual Growth Event</u>		Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
TOPS	8:00am	Worship Service	10:30am
Emerson Point	2:00pm	Nelson/Mueller/Hartwig Confirm. Gathering	11:30am

CALL DAY 2024—April 23

Call Day at Concordia Seminary is fast approaching. According to the website the call service to see if we will be receiving another vicar is at 3:00pm (CDT) and the time for the Assignment of Calls is at 7:00pm (CDT). Please check for further details at www.csl.edu/academics/call-day-services/

SPIRITUAL GROWTH EVENT

April 24 at 7:00 pm
Sanctuary

Join our confirmands as they:

- Present their knowledge of the Christian faith
- Display and explain their confirmation banner/verse
- Share their confirmation paper

Following their presentations and questioning, there will be a cake & punch reception in the Fellowship Hall.

*Brynnley Fetzer
Eric Fletcher
James Haack
Micah Hartwig
Desmond Knock
Joseph La Grange*

*Jackson Lyon
Evelyn Mueller
Kenley Murken
Tate Nelson
Willa Ohlmann*



PIZZA IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL AT
6:00pm BEFORE THE
EVENT. COME JOIN US!

Blessing Books *Now through May 12th*

*We will continue to do our senior books a page at time.
Messages of encouragement and congratulations to
the graduates can be sent via email or write them on a
quarter sheet of paper allowing half an inch on the left for binding.*

WHO SHOULD "SIGN" THE BLESSING BOOKS? Everyone in the congregation can sign.

WHAT SHOULD I WRITE? Write a short note of Christian encouragement, share your favorite Bible verse or simply sign your name.

HOW DO I SHARE MY MESSAGE? You can either write your message on a quarter sheet of paper and email a picture of it or just email the text you want--you can use the same message or create one for each student (please make sure that you specify the recipient of individual messages).

**Please email your message to Laurel at:
consultant@ourredeemer.org by May 12th**



Zachary Aisenbrey
Eli Casteel
Jordyn Kucera
Kendra Schwarting

Jalynn Beranek
Cade Dyson
Ava Pence
Luke Traetow

Brice Bernhard
Allison Fetzer
Carson Pence

Mission Minute



Christ said, *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations."*

The Great Commission calls us to share God's Word near and far, and the Mission Committee at Our Redeemer had worked hard to do so, even in a pandemic! Now you have an opportunity to help. For the next several weeks we're going to hold a "Mission Minute" during service.

This Mission Minute will provide an update on six of Our Redeemer's missions:

- ~The Crowded Closet
- ~Iowa District East Student Aid
- ~Lutheran Family Service
- ~Panama Lutheran Church
- ~Parish Nurses of Eswatini
- ~UKANDU



One of these six missions will receive an extra allotment of mission funds— and you'll help decide which through a "Penny Vote!" Every individual may "vote" with up to 100 pennies (one dollar's worth) per week, by placing them in the appropriate glass jars in narthex. At the end of these six weeks, mission funding will be allocated accordingly. Go, get your pennies ready to support the growth of God's Kingdom.

In Christ,
Mission Committee



The LWML is having a Ladies Night Out on Monday, May 20. We are going to the Copper Boar, 575 Cameron Way, Unit B, in North Liberty. Signup sheet is hanging on the LWML bulletin board downstairs right before entering the Fellowship Hall. Signup will end Sunday, May 12. We will carpool from church on Monday, May 20 at 5:30 pm. Reservations are at 6:00 pm at the Copper Boar. If you plan on meeting us there please let Cynthia Freundt know, indicating on the signup sheet or calling Cynthia at 319-338-5546 or 319-855-8891. Leave a message if no answer.



SUMMER STAFF NEEDED

Looking for a summer job? Get that and more with a summer camp experience at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca in Solon, IA is hiring for male and female camp counselors for the upcoming summer.

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to spend your summer serving as a Christian role model for youth from Eastern Iowa and beyond!

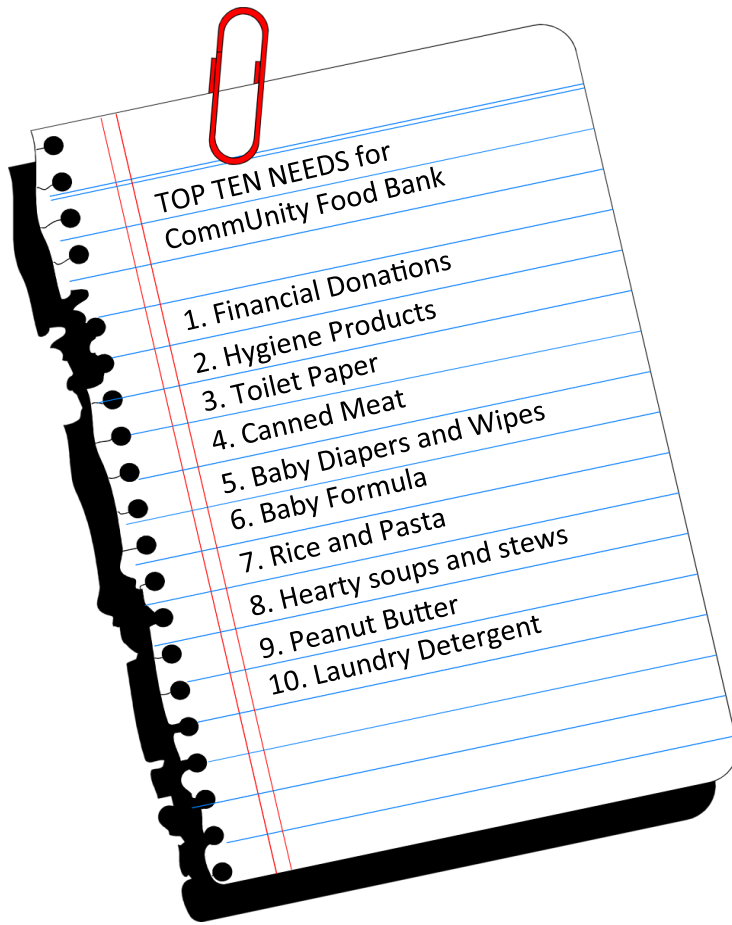
Employment begins May 29 and ends August 3. All summer staff go through training in early June to be fully trained in camp activities and safety, including CPR, AED, and first aid training. Candidates should be at least 18 years old.

To get started, head on over to www.nloma.org and complete a summer service profile.

Please contact Alec Deppe at [319-848-4187](tel:319-848-4187) or email programdirector@iodiseca.org if you have any questions or for more information, or check out Camp's website at www.campiodiseca.org.

Looking for exciting ways to engage your children in faith? Check out the Gospel Adventures Show! This kid's audio program uses songs, storytelling, and activities to help kids encounter clear and compelling Gospel themes. Learn more and listen now at gospeladventures.org or wherever you listen to podcasts.





Donation bin located in Narthex by the Welcome Counter

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

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



From the Comfort-tiers/LWML mission committee: They need t-shirt donations!

Are you clearing out older T-shirts to make way for Caitlin colored ones? If so, bring those you do not want—too tight, stained, torn, logos, any kind for us to make diapers from! Any colors. Size Large on up are best. Also, if you have any lengths of flannel you don't want to sew up, please add them to the pile for receiving blankets—both used in the baby care kits for LWR. We are so grateful for all you do besides donating!!

Our Redeemer Preschool

For children ages 3-5 years and are potty trained

Open House



May 7, 2024
6:00pm-7:30pm

- ♥ Meet the staff
- ♥ Explore our classroom
- ♥ Create a craft
- ♥ Ask questions
- ♥ Enroll your child



Phone: (319) 338-3949

Email: preschool@ourredeemer.org

[www.http://ourredeemer.org/preschool/](http://ourredeemer.org/preschool/)

2301 East Court Street, Iowa City 52245

Preschool Newsletter

April 15—19, 2024

Director/Teacher: Kaja Mueller M-F Assistants: Christie Cherian M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH
Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949 Fax: 319-338--9171 www.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org preschool@ourredeemer.org

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



Question for a Kid

What is your favorite weather and what do you like doing in it? Why?

This Week

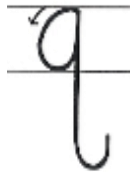
Welcome weather questions
Songs for the spring program
Letter Qq—*recognize, write, and make the sound*
Classroom rules
Bible Lesson—Jesus' Ascension
Weather facts—*tornados, hail, thermometers, etc.*
Weather chart
Tornado drill



Big C curve
Keep going
Little line

Dates

May 3— Pizza & Playground Night at Preschool—free pizza and fun connecting with families from 5:30 pm—7:00 pm
May 7— Preschool Open House Night for all students and their families coming to preschool next year held from 6:00 pm—7:00 pm
May 23/24—Last Days of School Celebration and Graduation



Snack for Next Week

You get to bring snacks and be our line leader!
M/W/F = 18 kids; T/TH = 14 kids

Monday: Emersyn
Tuesday: Emerson
Wednesday: Judah
Thursday: Matthew
Friday: Teddy

You only need to bring 2 healthy food groups for snack from the five presented in our Credible Food List packet. **Half a gallon of a drink is all we really use in class.** If your child brings lunch, they need to have all five food groups present in their lunch.



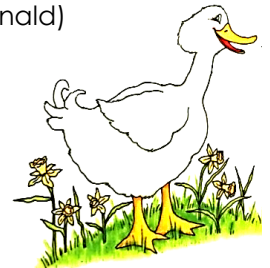
Happy 4th Birthday, Britta!



Happy 4th Birthday, Bennett!

Qq (To the tune of Old MacDonald)

Quentin's duck went
"Quack! Quack! Quack!"
Q-U-A-C-K. Though Quentin
tried to teach him more,
"Quack!" was all he'd say.



Spring Program Songs

The Flower Song * The More We Get Together * Hosannah * Color Green * Love Come Down



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



**Children's
Sunday School**
PreK—5th grade
April 21, 2024
9:20 am—10:15 am



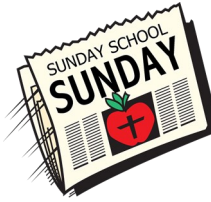
This weeks lesson:
Waterworks—
Water from the Rock
Exodus 17:1-7

Sunday School Sunday

Sunday, May 12th

during both worship services

*All students will share the
Memory Work they've been working on.*



Toddlin' —Jesus Loves Me song

Preschool ages —Exodus 3:12 "God said, 'But I will be with you.'"

Kindergarten & 1st grade —Psalm 119:105 "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

2nd & 3rd grade —John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

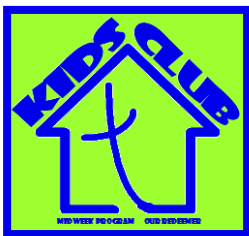
4th & 5th grade —Books of the Old and New Testaments

Confirmation—The Apostles' Creed & The Ten Commandments

High School—Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will make straight your paths."

Psalm 23 "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Sunday School is one step along the way of equipping disciples to make disciples for Jesus!



Kids Club

4 years old—5th Grade
Wednesday, April 24th

6:00pm
**Pizza Meal in
the Fellowship Hall**

7:00pm
**End-of-Year Celebration in the
Toddlin' Room**
(Spiritual Growth Event in the Sanctuary)

8:00pm
**Cake and Punch Reception in
the Fellowship Hall**

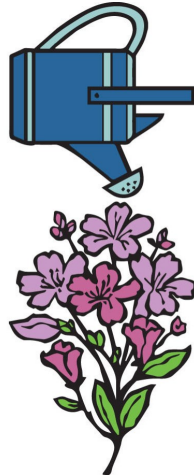
Youth

6th —12th Grade

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

Confirmation
(6th—8th Grade)
Wednesday, April 24th

Spiritual Growth Event



6:00pm *Pizza Meal in the Fellowship Hall*

7:00pm *Spiritual Growth Event in the Sanctuary*

8:00pm *Cake & Punch Reception in the Fellowship Hall*

Save these dates...

Spring Confirmation Retreat

Friday, April 19th

Meet at church at 12:30pm



Spiritual Growth Event

Wednesday, April 24th

6:00pm Pizza Meal

7:00pm Spiritual Growth

8:00 pm Reception

High School Youth will present their cards to the 8th Grade Confirmands in the Fellowship Hall during the reception.



Spiritual Growth Event

Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, April 28th

10:30 am service

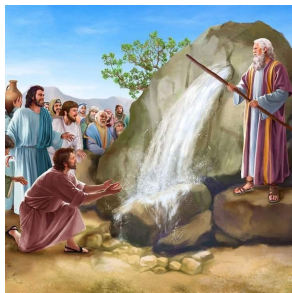
All are welcome to this special Service.



YOUTH Sunday School

Confirmation: Room 208

High School: Room 208



Sunday, April 21th

9:20 am — 10:15 am

Lesson:
Waterworks—Water from the Rock
Exodus 17:1-7

High School Youth will join the Confirmation class this week in Room 208.



High School Midweek

All high school youth and their friends are welcome!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH

6pm Pizza

7pm Spiritual Growth Event

8pm Reception

Present cards & welcome 8th Grade Confirmands to High School Youth.

OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

Office: 338-5626 Fax: 338-9171

Website: <http://www.ourredeemer.org>

Preschool: 338-3949

Prayer Chain: 351-5297 or prayerchain@ourredeemer.org

Special Announcements Line: 338-3505

<u>STAFF & EMAIL</u>	<u>PHONE NO.</u>	<u>STAFF & EMAIL</u>	<u>PHONE NO.</u>
Rev. Dr. Brent Hartwig, Senior Pastor bhartwig@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church) 337-2403 (home)	Kaja Mueller, Preschool Director preschool@ourredeemer.org	338-3949 (preschool) 338-5626 (church)
Ethan Boester, Vicar vicar@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church)	Lorrie Bailey, Office Coordinator redeemer@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church)
Christie Cherian, Preschool Assistant preschoolassistant@ourredeemer.org	338-3949 (preschool)	Sara Cross, Preschool Assistant preschoolassistant@ourredeemer.org	338-3949 (preschool)
Sarah Gabel, Bookkeeper bookkeeper@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church)	Kara Hartwig, Youth Coordinator youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church)
Denise Holida, Adult Coordinator smallgroups@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church) 930-0165 (cell)	Louise Klopp, Director Choirs/ Properties choirdirector@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 (church)
Marilyn Paetz, Organist organist@ourredeemer.org	351-4262 (home)	Kevin Sellers Director of Technology technology@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 ext. 18 631-8924 (cell)
Laurel Sellers, Consultant consultant@ourredeemer.org	319-331-3242 (cell) 338-5626 ext. 21		

2024 Board of Elders

Bill Benson	517-881-9848
Dave Bohnsack	319-430-2054
Tim Eick	248-514-2881
Rick Gienapp	319-331-7425
Ryan Haack	319-325-7915
Skip Kempnich	319-351-5297
Brad Mullane	319-936-5826
Chad Pence (Chair)	319-321-5686
Art Schwarting	319-325-6152

2024 Board of Directors

President	Ben Weis	319-936-6850
Vice President	Jeff Kucera	563-316-1088
Secretary	Barb Pronk	641-425-4880
Treasurer	Kari Kibby	319-573-4127
Board of Elders	Chad Pence	319-321-5686
Properties	Dave Yansky	319-621-7694
At Large	Mary Robinson	319-400-5572
	Marilyn Albright	319-430-8129
	Steve Scott	563-889-0990

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.