



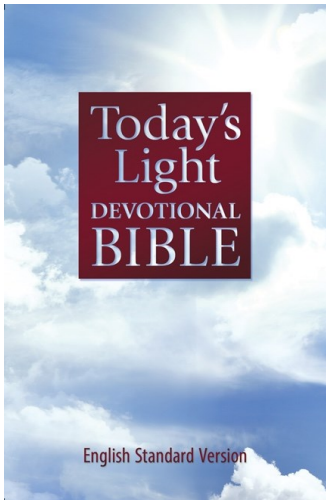
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Reflections



Weekly Newsletter—May 18/19, 2024

~The Day of Pentecost~



ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Read through the Bible in two years

Week 20 Date	Scripture
5-20-2024	Judges 3:1-31
5-21-2024	Judges 4:1-5:31
5-22-2024	Judges 6:1-8:35
5-23-2024	Judges 9:1-10:18
5-24-2024	Judges 11:1-12:15
5-25-2024	Judges 13:1-16:31

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
May 19	Graduation Breakfast all ages gather in Fellowship Hall—No Sunday School Classes	
May 26	Memorial Day Weekend—No Classes	

Graduation Breakfast

Sunday, May 19th
 Fellowship Hall
 9:15 am—10:15 am



The congregation is invited to attend this celebration for Our Redeemer's high school seniors who are graduating in 2024.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers for the altar this weekend are from Sandy and Tom Wagner giving thanks for 44 years of marriage and the many blessings the Lord has given them.

Prayer of the Church/The Day of Pentecost/May 19, 2024

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

God of comfort, Your Spirit fills the world and gladdens Your Church with the remembrance of all Christ Jesus has spoken. Glorify His name among us in every word and deed. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, guide the Church into all truth by Your Holy Spirit through Your Word, that we may be guarded from all error and false doctrine and other great shame and vice. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, give hope to Your people in the midst of this world of death and despair. Put Your Spirit within us to believe, to live and to serve according to Your promises and commands. Lead our homes to confess our confidence in Your power to raise the dead — now and at the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, send Your Holy Spirit upon Your faithful people, that convicted of their sin they may also be convinced that the righteousness of Christ is theirs: His holy body and precious blood for the forgiveness of sins. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, comfort and help the sick and the distressed [*especially Arlene Boots, Diana Bowman, Dorothy Blume (Carol Schuldt's sister), Loren Deetz, Marilou Dyson (Chad Dyson's mother), Chuck Enokian, John Enokian (brother of Chuck Enokian), Clint Fult (nephew of Robert Siems), 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), 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)].. Heal them and give life to all those who hold Your Son in faithful hearts. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

God of comfort, You instituted marriage between one man and one woman. We give you thanks for the 44 years of marriage you have granted **Sandy and Tom Wagner**. Bless them and all husbands and wives as you strengthen the love between them and their love for you. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, comfort those who grieve. Assure them that, since Christ has gone away to the cross and has risen victorious over death, so those who go away from us in this life will rise also to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, You tell us to come to You with our burdens, hear our silent prayers...

[We pause for a moment of silent 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

May 19 Kenneth Shaner, Gerald Thompson, Daniel Titus
 May 20 Bill Benson, Devyn Schramm, Jerry Sexton
 May 21 Jackson Ellyson, Michelle Greve, Kaylee Kasal, Amy Lane
 May 22 Robert Holmes, Michael Martens, Leora Smith, Zachary Swart
 May 23 Fredrick Walters
 May 24 Marlene Moeller
 May 25 Brent Caven, Jace Caven, Eric Fletcher

STEWARDSHIP May 11/12, 2024

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 5/11—5:30pm	41	Contributions	\$12,875.84
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 5/12—8:00am	99	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 5/12—10:30am	145		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	285	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	No Classes

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, May 19—26, 2024

<u>Sunday, 5/19</u>		<u>Thursday, 5/23—Last Days of Preschool</u>	
Worship Service	8:00am	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Senior Grad Breakfast	9:15am	Book Club	7:00pm
Worship Service	10:30am	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Chamber Singers—Auditions	2:30pm		
		<u>Friday, 5/24—Last Days of Preschool</u>	
		Boy Scout Troop 250—Hamburger Drive Thru	3:30pm
Staff Lunch Meeting	1:00pm		
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	<u>Saturday, 5/25</u>	
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Grad Breakfast Set-up	9:00am
LWML Ladies Night Out	6:00pm	Steinke/Beranek Graduation	9:00am
		Worship Service	5:30pm
		<u>Sunday, 5/26—Memorial Day Weekend</u>	
Solon Nursing Home	9:30am	Worship Service	8:00am
SM-Small Group/Marcia	6:30pm	Chamber Singers—Auditions	2:30pm
Al-Anon	7:00pm		
		<u>Wednesday, 5/22</u>	
TOPS	8:00am		
Emerson Point	2:00pm		



LWML LADIES NIGHT OUT REMINDER!

A reminder to those ladies who signed up for Ladies Night Out at the Copper Boar in North Liberty this Monday Night, May 20 at 6 pm. For those carpooling from church we are leaving church at 5:30, so be at church loading in cars by 5:20... For those meeting us at the Copper Boar, reservations are at 6 pm. See you all Monday.

**SALE
Ends 5/31
BOOK
NOW!**



CONGREGATIONAL CRUISE

7-Night Mexican Riviera

Dec 28, 2024 from San Diego
Holland America Line 1-800-758-5693
Ship: **Koningsdam** (SailingID: 269570)



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- Exclusive Package Pricing

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- FREE Upgrade From Interior
- 100 Onboard Credit
- 3rd & 4th Guests: **FREE**
- \$99 Reduced Deposit
- Meals Onboard Included
- Nightly Entertainment
- Exclusive Package Pricing

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- \$125 Onboard Credit
- 3rd & 4th Guests: **FREE**
- \$99 Reduced Deposit
- Meals Onboard Included
- Nightly Entertainment
- Exclusive Package Pricing

Included in the Price

- \$150 Onboard Credit
- 3rd Guest: **FREE**
- \$99 Reduced Deposit
- Meals Onboard Included
- Nightly Entertainment
- Exclusive Package Pricing

Ring in the New Year with your church family in the Mexican Riviera!

Date	Day	Ports of Call	Arrival	Departure
Saturday, December 28, 2024	1	San Diego, California	--	5:00 PM
Sunday, December 29, 2024	2	At Sea	--	--
Monday, December 30, 2024	3	Cabo San Lucas, Mexico	11:00 AM	6:00 PM
Tuesday, December 31, 2024	4	Mazatlan, Mexico	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
Wednesday, January 01, 2025	5	Puerto Vallarta, Mexico	8:00 AM	8:00 PM
Thursday, January 02, 2025	6	At Sea	--	--
Friday, January 03, 2025	7	At Sea	--	--
Saturday, January 04, 2025	8	San Diego, California	7:00 AM	--

**7:30 PM
DINING**

Ship Facts

GUEST CAPACITY: 2,650
LENGTH: 975 FEET
ENTERED SERVICE: 2016
DAILY ACTIVITIES
NIGHTLY ENTERTAINMENT
DAILY GROUP BIBLE STUDY
WITH PASTOR HARTWIG
GROUP DIVINE SERVICE



To book call: 702-946-5288 Code: #2VMLHD Hartwig

Stephanie Karandos Lead Cruise Specialist

Call Pastor Hartwig with any questions and to let him know that you have booked!

Lost & Found



We have quite a few things from the Lost and Found bin that will be displayed on the table in the narthex for the owners to pick up. **Anything left after May 19 will be donated.**

We have cups, reading glasses, bags, shoes, jackets, baby's binkie, other items, and several sets of keys (Lorrie keeps those in a secure place so ask Lorrie or Laurel about them).

Also included in the lost and found and has been put in time out on Lorrie's desk is Piggy who would like to go home with his owner.



Hosta Bed on North Side of Church Needs Plants

In order to maintain the variety of hosta plants in the bed on the north side of the church, we are in need of more hosta plants. Do you have an abundance of hosta plants in your gardens at home? If you wish to donate plants, a box is available in the church office to place your sacks of plants. Donations of a variety of hostas are appreciated.



Building Healthy Families: Bringing young kids to worship can be a challenge for parents and grandparents, but what joy is found there, too! Enter "pew buddies"! These are members of the church family who support and encourage children (littles on up!) and their parents by engaging them in the worship service and providing a helping hand, all with the intent of pointing them to Jesus and his love and grace. This can mean a variety of things including, but not limited to, holding/soothing fussy babies, welcoming exuberant toddlers into the Lord's house, sharing gentle compassionate smiles with worn out moms and dads, inviting kids to "help" follow along with the service (from the hymnal, bulletin or screen), and generally following the parents' lead in guiding their little ones. The goal is involvement over distraction! Look around and see how you might come alongside your fellow little worshippers this week!

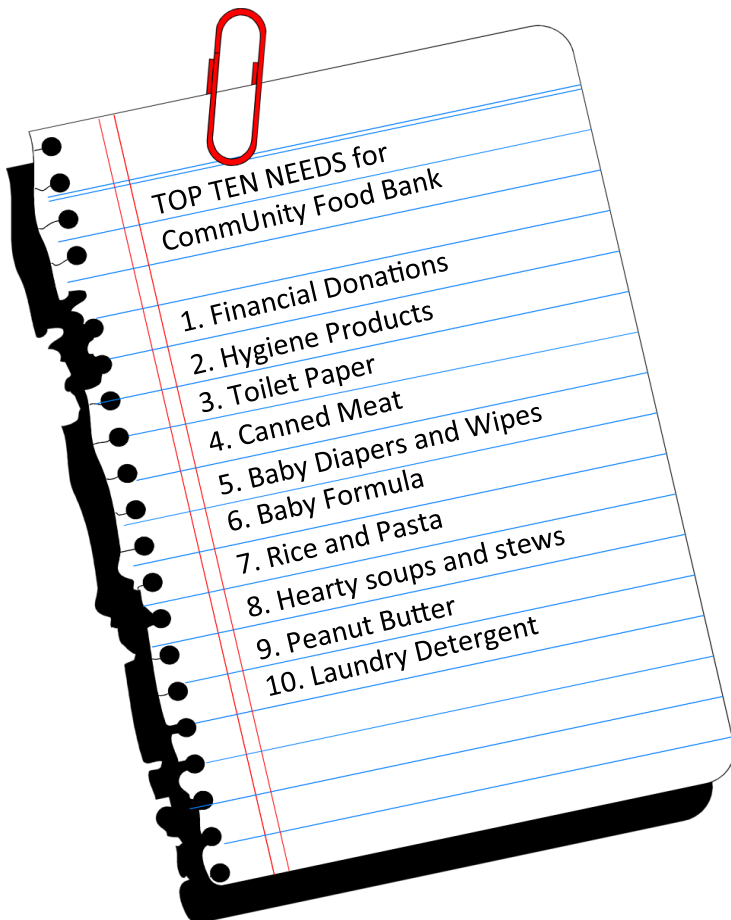
Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org

LUNCH BUNCH



SUMMER LUNCH BUNCH

We will be having Lunch Bunch during June and July, on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Bible Class is at 11:00am with lunch immediately following in the Fellowship Hall. Bible Study and Lunch will be taking a break in August and resume starting September 4.



TOP TEN NEEDS for CommUnity Food Bank

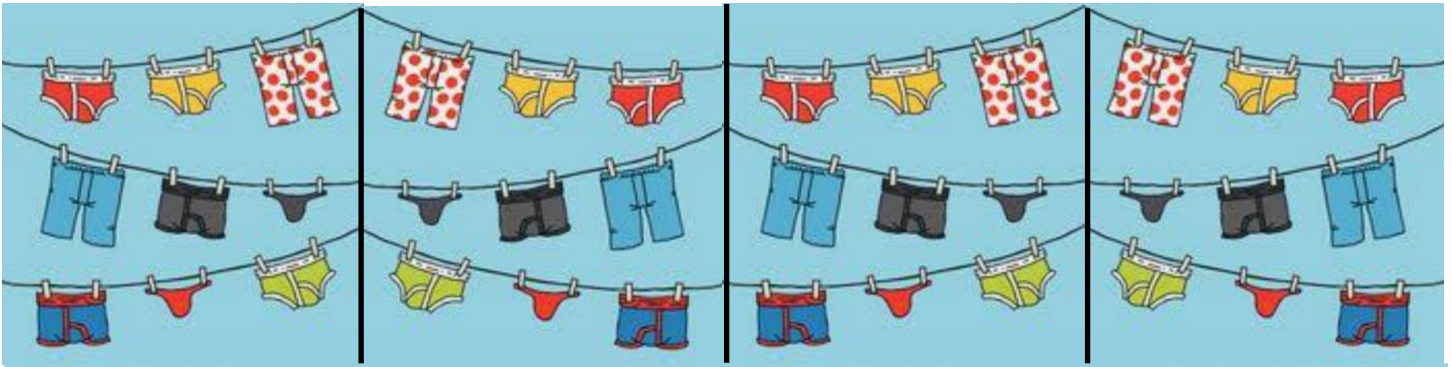
1. Financial Donations
2. Hygiene Products
3. Toilet Paper
4. Canned Meat
5. Baby Diapers and Wipes
6. Baby Formula
7. Rice and Pasta
8. Hearty soups and stews
9. Peanut Butter
10. Laundry Detergent



**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.

UNDIES SUNDAY



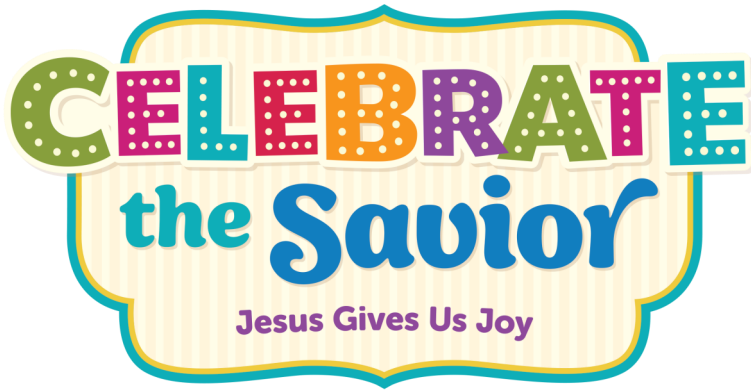
During the month of June, Our Redeemer Human Care Committee will be sponsoring our third annual "Undies Sunday" to benefit the Iowa City Shelter House.

Did you know that underwear is one of the most requested items for the homeless that does not get donated very often? Having a clean pair of underwear each day is critical for a person's physical and emotional well-being. Our committee is asking the congregation to donate NEW underwear for men, women, and children. Selections in all sizes and colors are appreciated.

Laundry baskets will be placed in the Narthex for donations. Next time you're out shopping for you and your family, please consider purchasing a package of underwear and donating to benefit the homeless in Johnson County.



Thank you!



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

VBS

Sunday, August 4, 2024 to Thursday, August 8, 2024
5:00 PM—8:15 PM

2301 East Court Street
Iowa City, IA

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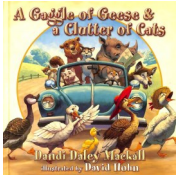
5:00 pm meal
5:30-5:45 pm opening
5:30-8:00 pm activities
8:00-8:15 pm closing

STUDENT AGES:

4 years old (who are potty-trained) through 8th grade students (for 2024-25)

Sign up to attend or volunteer:

<https://vbsmate.com/events/OurRedeemerVBS2023/28577>



Preschool Newsletter

May 14—17, 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!



Home Question

If you could have one animal, what would it be and why?

This Week

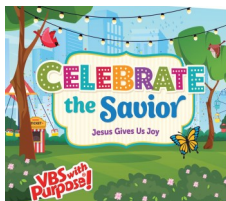
- Welcome farm question
- Classroom rules
- Farm animal facts
- Farm animal sounds
- Line leader book
- Bible lesson—God changed Saul's heart
- Songs for the celebration
- Old McDonald activity
- Monthly writing project



Coming Up

- August 4-8th —Vacation Bible School from 5:00-8:15 pm with optional dinner at the beginning.
- September 3rd —Preschool class 2024-2025 begins

Vacation Bible School



Celebrate the Savior: Jesus Gives Us Joy Vacation Bible School will be held August 4-8, 2024, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church & Preschool. 5:00-8:15 pm (meal & activities). VBS classes are for 4-year olds

through entering 8th grade. All other ages and grades in school can volunteer. Registration for both students and volunteers is available online: <https://vbsmate.com/events/OurRedeemerVBS2023/28577>

Snack Next Week

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

- Monday: Maeve
- Tuesday: Matthias
- Wednesday: Leif
- Thursday: Silas
- Friday: Cohen



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 5th Birthday, Barnabas!

End-of-Year Celebration

On the last days of preschool, May 23/24, we will have our End-of-Year Celebration in the church sanctuary at 11:45 am. Invite whomever you would like to come celebrate! The preschoolers will sing a few songs. Mrs. Kaja will introduce each student and present each one with a certificate. Each student will receive a special gift after the program is done. The preschool classroom will remain open for families to walk through or students to get their items.

Please fill out the parent survey by May 17, 2024

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfv6YnKp0i3Qm3p65obyWvQRx-WL4zVdHwsZfvdrG0S9ggGqg/viewform?usp=pp_url



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade

class of 2024

SUNDAY, MAY 19

There will be no regular Sunday School class this Sunday because of the Senior Grad Breakfast. All are invited to the breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15am



The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Revelation 22:21

SUNDAY, MAY 26

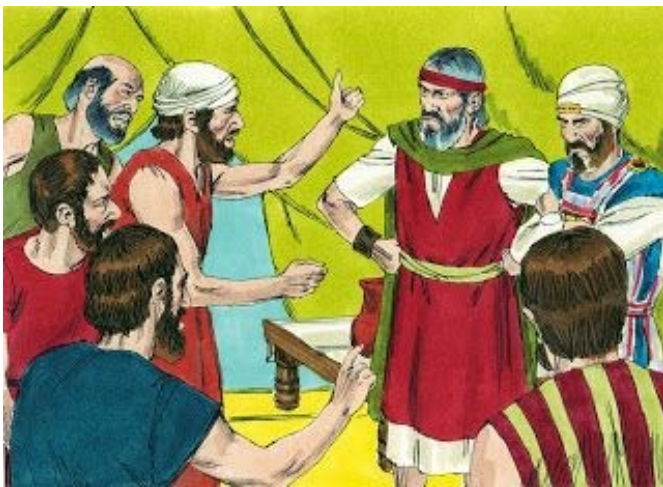
There will be no regular Sunday School class since it is Memorial Day weekend.

Children's Sunday School

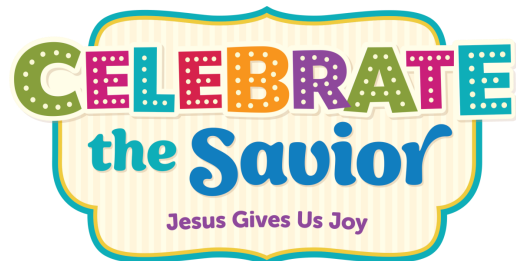
PreK—5th grade

June 2, 2024

9:20 am—10:15 am



**Lesson: The Fall Short Report—
The Twelve Spies
Numbers 13:1-14; 38**



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Youth

6th —12th Grade

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

Graduation Breakfast



Sunday, May 19th
9:15 am—10:15 am
Fellowship Hall

The congregation is invited to attend this celebration for Our Redeemer's high school seniors who are graduating in 2024.



YOUTH Sunday School

Sunday, May 19th
9:15 am —10:15 am
Senior Grad Breakfast

*Come support our high school class of 2024!
There will be no traditional Sunday School on this day*

JUNE JULY AUGUST

Summer Youth Schedule Coming Soon!

Summer Youth activities begin on **Wednesday, June 5th**



MAY EVENTS

Saturday, May 18th
GRADUATION BREAKFAST SET-UP
9:00 am—11:00 am
6th graders thru 11th graders
and families helping



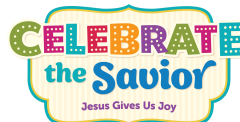
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Sunday, May 26th
No Sunday School
Monday, May 27th
MEMORIAL DAY
Office Closed
No School—Iowa City

Watch Reflections and Beacon for peach updates.



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6th, 7th & 8th graders for 2024-25 can sign up to ATTEND
or
9th graders and older for 2024-25 can sign up to VOLUNTEER:
<https://vbsmate.com/events/OurRedeemerVBS2023/28577>

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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.