



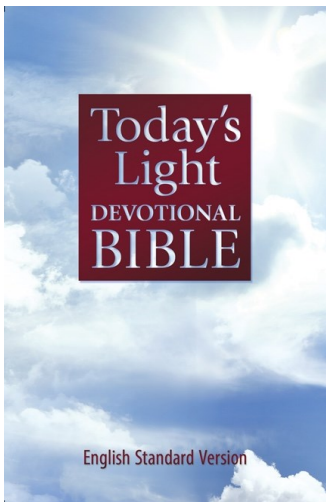
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Reflections



Weekly Newsletter—June 1/2, 2024

~The Second Sunday after Pentecost~



ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Read through the Bible in two years

Week 23 Date	Scripture
6/3/24	1 Samuel 2:1-36
6/4/24	1 Samuel 3:1-21
6/5/24	1 Samuel 4:1-22
6/6/24	1 Samuel 5:1-7:2
6/7/24	1 Samuel 7:3-17
6/8/24	1 Samuel 8:1-22

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
June 2	Numbers 13:1-14:38	The Fall Short Report—The Twelve Spies
June 9	Joshua 2	The unlikely Ally—Rahab Believes
June 16	Joshua 6	The Downfall Wall—The Fall of Jericho
June 23	Judges 4	The Palm-Tree Judge—Deborah
June 30	UKANDU PRESENTATION	



ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers for the altar this weekend are from Harold and Eunice Scheer giving thanks for 57 years of marriage and the many blessings the Lord has given them.

CAN YOU HELP?



Our Redeemer will have a float in Coralville's 4th of July parade again this year, so we need bottled water. Can you help provide cases of bottled water? We have Gospel labels for 6000 bottles of water.

Please bring the cases of bottled water to the narthex AFTER JUNE 4th.

Thank you!, Outreach Committee

Prayer of the Church/The Second Sunday of Pentecost/June 2, 2024

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

God of all light and power, You shine upon Your creatures and eradicate all darkness that lies within them. Destroy the darkness our sin has caused in our lives. Help us to shine the light of Your grace and truth. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all light and power, You have gathered Your Church and sanctified us in Your truth. Guide and direct all called workers. Preserve all vacant congregations; send laborers into Your harvest and sustain those whom You have sent. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all light and power, bless the fields and orchards with good weather, that all people may be well supplied and filled with an awareness of Your mercies. Grant that we may show forth grateful and generous hearts within Your Church and in the world around us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all light and power, You have established all authorities on the earth. Bless all public servants that they would fulfill their offices with wisdom and compassion. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all light and power, be the strength and song of those who are afflicted in body and mind, 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), Marcia Hulse, 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), Georgia Skubal (Kathy Bell's mother), Connie Ullrich (Jeff Kucera's aunt), Natalie Ullrich (Jeff Kucer's cousin), Reece Ullrich, Karen Warner, Mark Wilson, and Beth Wu*] as well as all who suffer in our midst. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all light and power, You instituted marriage between one man and one woman. We give you thanks for the 57 years of marriage you have granted **Harold and Eunice Scheer**. 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 all light and power, we pray for the family and friends of **Dean Scheer (Harold Scheer's brother)** as they mourn his death. Help us, we pray, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all light and power, 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.



Building Healthy Families: Ever find yourself feeling overwhelmed by the evening news, thinking the world and everything you care about and value is going to hell in a handbasket? Here's a friendly reminder to check our attitude and remember God's promises, as well as the impact of sharing negative, cynical, hopeless expressions about the future within earshot of children, teens, and young parents in our family and church. Instead, refocus! Instill in the hearts and minds of young people who are just starting life they can—with God's help and blessing—be an important part of building a better future. Remind them as Paul reminded Timothy: "...God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control." Through our words and prayers, let's encourage and build world-changes, not fearful hearts! **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

BIRTHDAYS

June 2	Eli Haack
June 3	***
June 4	Claudia Cornelius, Kara Hartwig
June 5	Kecia Boysen, Shelby Davis
June 6	Kayla Huedepohl, Don Reddel, Kimberly Sexton, Alissa Sotzen
June 7	Casey Sexton
June 8	Steven Betcher, Lennox Boyum, Hanna Hein, Alana Mullet, Russ Schomers, Jack Young

STEWARDSHIP May 25/26, 2024

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 5/25—5:30pm	31	Contributions	\$6,497.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 5/26—8:00am	64	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 5/26—10:30am	95		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	190	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	No Classes

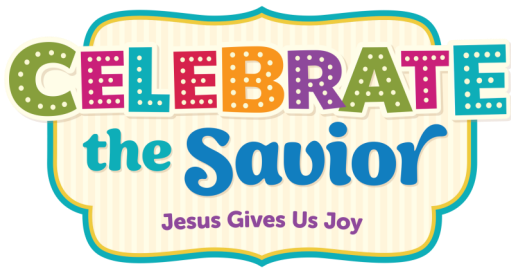
This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, June 2—9, 2024

<u>Sunday, 6/2</u>		<u>Thursday, 6/6</u>	
Worship Service	8:00am	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Visitation	6:30pm
Worship Service	10:30am	Al-Anon	7:30pm
<u>Monday, 6/3</u>		<u>Friday, 6/7</u>	
Staff Lunch Meeting	1:00pm	***	
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm		
Youth Committee	6:00pm	<u>Saturday, 6/8</u>	
		Men's Bible Study	8:00am
<u>Tuesday, 6/4</u>		Worship Service	5:30pm
Primary Election—Precinct 17	7:00am		
Solon Nursing Home	9:30am	<u>Sunday, 6/9—UKANDU Commissioning</u>	
Human Care Committee	6:30pm	Worship Service	8:00am
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
		Worship Service	10:30am
<u>Wednesday, 6/5</u>		Reserved for Schwarting Family (Fellowship Hall)	10:30am
TOPS	8:00am	Kendra Schwarting Graduation Reception	1:00pm
Bible Study	11:00am		
Lunch Bunch	12:00pm		



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.



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

Let's get ready to celebrate the Savior! God has given us so many amazing blessings: our families, friends, and His everlasting love. At **Celebrate the Savior VBS**, children will dive into five events in Jesus' life and discover that Jesus' love always gives us a reason to celebrate.

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- 5:00 pm meal
- 5:30-5:45 pm opening
- 5:30-8:00 pm activities
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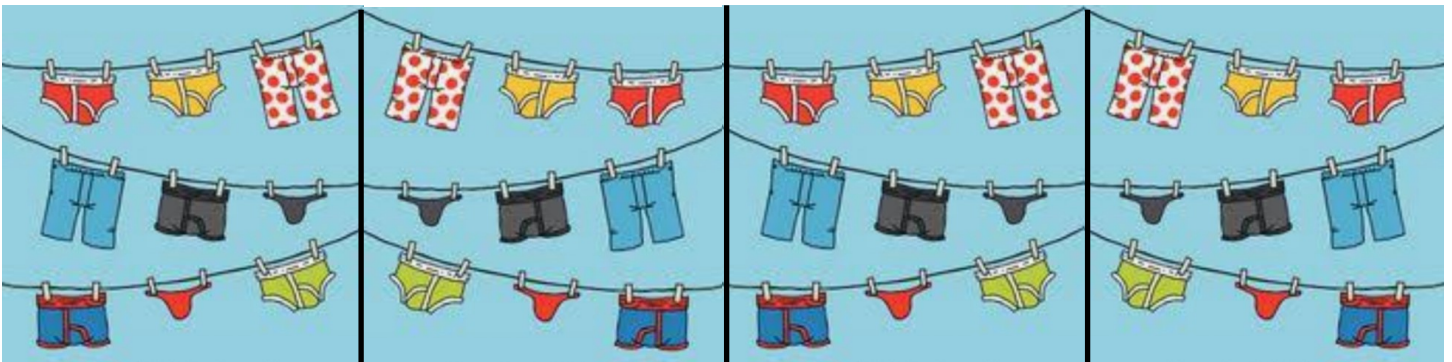
STUDENT AGES:

- 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>

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!



Summer Preschool Newsletter

May 28—31, 2024

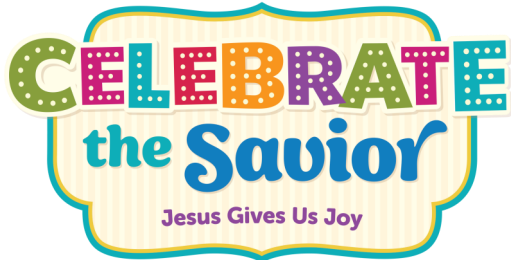
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Our Redeemer Preschool where children play, learn, and grow in Jesus!





Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



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to

Thursday, August 8, 2024

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Children's Summer 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

Youth

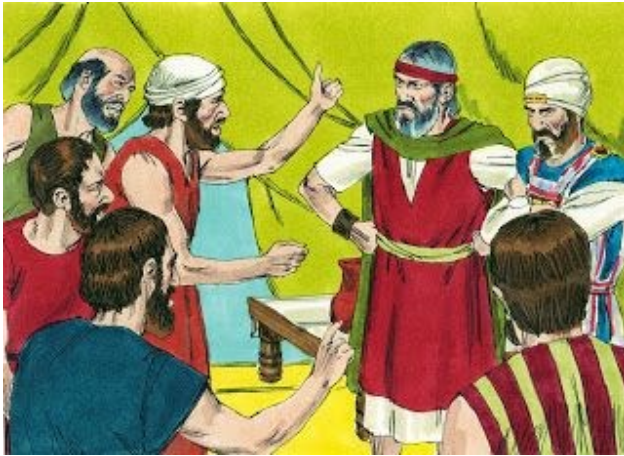
6th —12th Grade

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

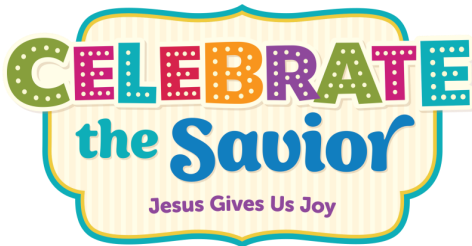


YOUTH Sunday School

Sunday, June 2nd
9:20 am — 10:05 am



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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>

JUNE EVENTS



Wednesday, June 5th
PINSEEKERS
(Golf Hitting Games)
7:00 pm—9:00 pm

Wednesday, June 12th
SUMMER YOUTH EVENT
7:00 pm—9:00 pm

Wednesday, June 19th
SUMMER YOUTH EVENT
7:00 pm—9:00 pm

Saturday, June 22nd
DEPART FOR UKANDU CHICAGO
Return to Iowa City
Saturday, June 29th



Sunday, June 30th
UKANDU PRESENTATION
During regular Sunday School time
in the Fellowship Hall (9:20 am)



Wednesday, July 3rd
YOUTH FAMILY NIGHT
AT BOHNSACK'S
7:00 pm—10:30 pm



Watch
Reflections
and Beacon
for peach
updates.



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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.