



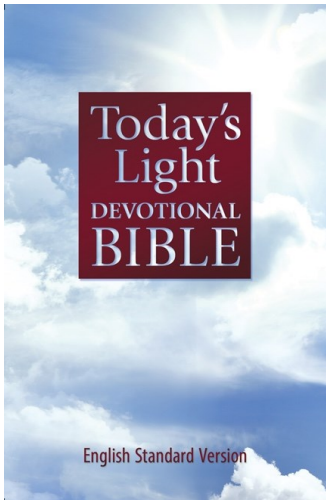
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Reflections



Weekly Newsletter—June 8/9, 2024

~The Third Sunday after Pentecost~



ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Read through the Bible in two years

Week 24 Date	Scripture
6/10/24	1 Samuel 9:1-10:27
6/11/24	1 Samuel 11:1-15
6/12/24	1 Samuel 12:1-25
6/13/24	1 Samuel 13:1-23
6/14/24	1 Samuel 14:1-52
6/15/24	1 Samuel 15:1-35

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
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 Brian and Lynne Westphal giving thanks for 30 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 Third Sunday of Pentecost/June 9, 2024

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

Heavenly Father, You have sent the promised Offspring to crush Satan's head forever by the death of Christ, our Savior. As You gave comfort to Adam and Eve, receiving their meager confessions for the sake of Your grace and promising deliverance from sin and its curse, so comfort us by the forgiveness of sins and give us hope in the promise of eternal life and Your new creation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Christ has made us His brothers by His incarnation and suffering for our sake, fellow heirs of Your undivided kingdom. Give boldness to those who preach, strength to those who work, generosity to those who give, and patience to those who suffer in Your Church, that we may always do the will of God and so be true and faithful members of the household of God. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, be with all adults and youth who will attend **UKANDU**, especially those who we commission this week at Our Redeemer, that working together with God, they would proclaim the day of salvation and God's help; that they would put no obstacle in anyone's way; that their hearts would be open wide in Christ to those they serve. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, as Satan once overcame our first parents through the eating of the tree's fruit, so overcome him now among us by the fruit of Your Son's cross, His body and blood given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. Bless all who commune with repentance and faith, that in the comfort of the Gospel they may be cleansed and prepared for eternal life with You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, hear our prayers for Your servants who suffer in this earthly tent, especially [**Arlene Boots, Dorothy Blume** (Carol Schuldt's sister), **Loren Deetz, Marilou Dyson** (Chad Dyson's mother), **Kathy Eick, 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), **Claire Ujcich** (Krista Boester's grandmother), **Connie Ullrich** (Jeff Kucera's aunt), **Natalie Ullrich** (Jeff Kucer's cousin), **Reece Ullerich, Karen Warner, Mark Wilson, and Beth Wu**] Do not let them lose heart, but fix their eyes beyond what is transient to the things unseen. By this slight momentary affliction, prepare them for an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, when at last You will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with You into His presence. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You instituted marriage between one man and one woman. We give you thanks for the 30 years of marriage you have granted **Brian and Lynne Westphal** and the 64 years of marriage you have granted **George and Carol Schuldt**. 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.**

Heavenly Father, we pray for the family and friends of **Butch Miller** (Friend of Aaron/Kaja Mueller & family) 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.**

Heavenly Father, 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

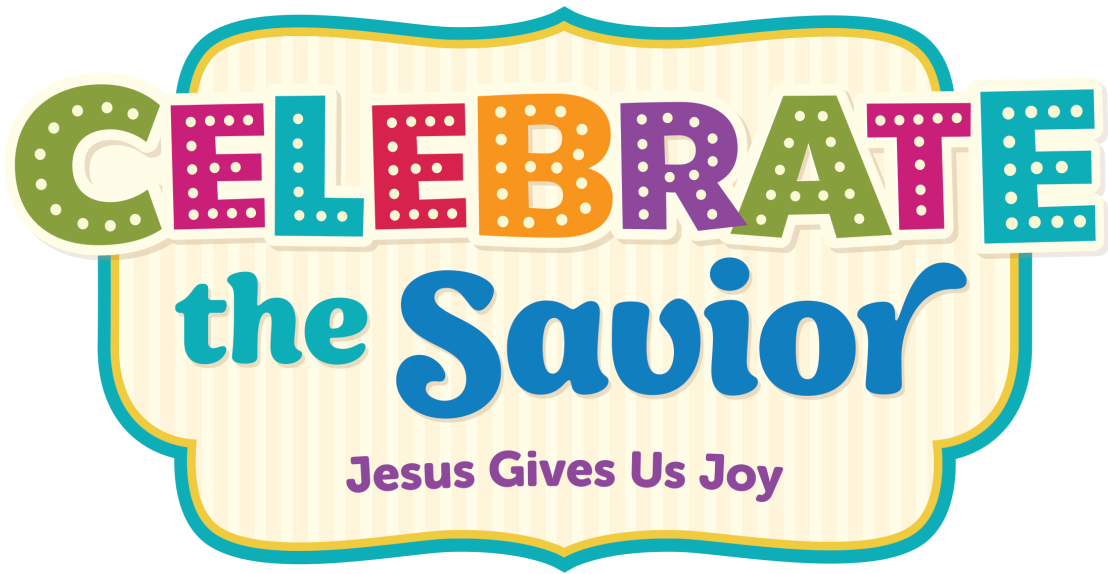
June 9 Bradley Kempnich
 June 10 Mathilde Baldwin, Amy Guhl, Reanne Honemann, Joesetta Redlin, Cory Servantez
 June 11 Anna Klein
 June 12 Sydney Alt, Marven Doehrmann, Beckham Dyson, Pastor Hartwig, Nancy Jones, Kaylee Murken
 June 13 Ryan Haack, Rebecca Hanson, Kenneth Robe
 June 14 Amy Bolton, Mary Kay Brooks, Brian Lund
 June 15 ***

STEWARDSHIP June 1/2, 2024

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 6/1—5:30pm	36	Contributions	\$17,449.13
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 6/2—8:00am	81	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 6/2—10:30am	122		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	239	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	65/14

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, June 9—16, 2024

<u>Sunday, 6/9—UKANDU Commissioning</u>		<i>Wednesday continued...</i>	
Worship Service	8:00am	Properties Committee	5:30pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am		
Worship Service	10:30am	<u>Thursday, 6/13</u>	
Reserved for Schwarting Family (Fellowship Hall)	10:30am	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Kendra Schwarting Graduation Reception	1:00pm	Lantern Park	10:00am
		Briarwood	4:00pm
<u>Monday, 6/10</u>		Board of Directors	7:00pm
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Old Capitol Quilters	6:00pm		
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	<u>Friday, 6/14</u>	
Children's Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Life Line Screening	8:15am
Outreach Committee	6:30pm		
		<u>Saturday, 6/15</u>	
<u>Tuesday, 6/11</u>		Worship Service	5:30pm
Girl Scout Troop #3744	6:00pm		
Al-Anon	7:00pm	<u>Sunday, 6/16—Father's Day</u>	
		Worship Service	8:00am
<u>Wednesday, 6/12</u>		Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
TOPS	8:00am	Worship Service	10:30am



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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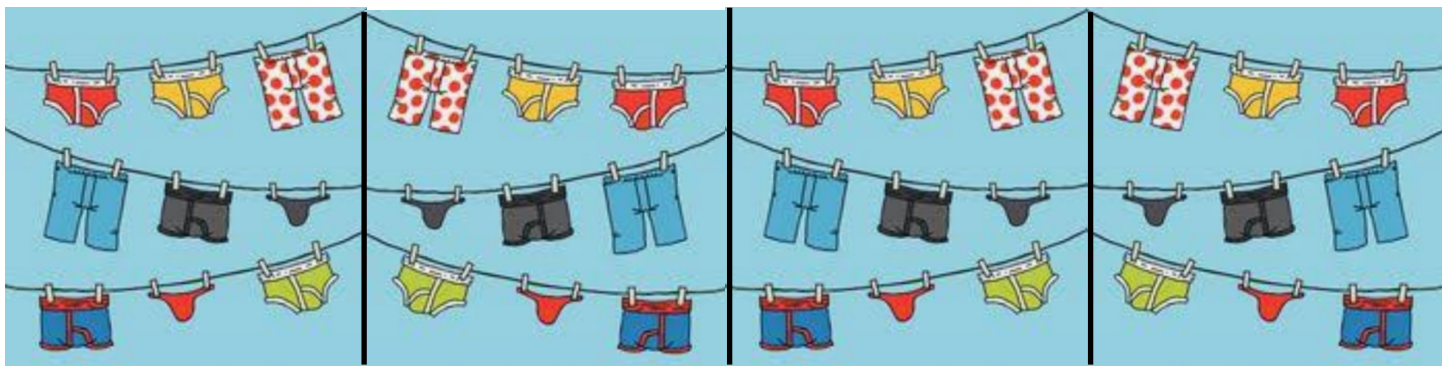
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potty-trained) through
8th grade students (for 2024-25)

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!





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. **Donations must be in by Sunday, June 16.**

Let's support the companies who advertise in our Pictorial Directory!

- Need a relator or know someone who does? **Call Verne Folkmann.**
 - Need your car detailed? **Call Brad Mullane.**
 - Need work done around the house or yard? **Call HandyWoman Louise.**
 - Need to dine in or carry out a good meal? **Go to Midtown Family Restaurant.**
- Need a great company for your investments? **Call Lutheran Church Extension Fund.**
 Check the Pictorial Directory for phone numbers, addresses, and email connections.
 (Directories are available in the Church Office.)



Building Healthy Families: How many hours each day do you spend on social media? How many watching TV? Playing golf? Shopping? Gaming online? Working? Although these activities in themselves are not bad, hobbies, habits and jobs can take a great amount of time, replacing more important things if we let them. Psalms 90:12 instructs, *“So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.”* May you wisely live out your days on earth, spending time with your Creator and those He has created to share your life with you. **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.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.



Lutheran Hour Ministry

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.

Our Redeemer Youth 27th Annual Colorado Peach Fundraiser



18-22 pounds per box
30-40 peaches per box
\$48.00 a box

We're so excited to host our Peach Sale this year! We continue to pray for a good harvest as we look forward to the arrival of fresh, handpicked, juicy Colorado peaches. As always, orders will be filled on a first come first serve basis – as quantities allow. Please get your order form in early.

1. Your cleared check is your confirmation receipt.
2. You will be officially notified by postcard of the exact pick-up date and time once we get word that our peaches are ready. Pick up will be at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, **possibly** in August or September (depending on ripening of fruit).
3. On **pick up day**, you **must have** your **reminder postcard** in hand. If you are having someone else pick up your peaches, please give them your postcard.
4. Complete form, cut along dotted line and *keep top portion* for your records. *Return bottom portion* with cash or a check payable to "LYF". Orders must be **prepaid**. Orders should be dropped off at or mailed to:

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Attn: Peaches
2301 East Court Street
Iowa City, IA 52245

5. Questions or comments: Phone #319-338-5626 –ext. 27; OR email: peaches@ourredeemer.org

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2024 Order Form

Return with payment to Church – No phone orders accepted

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Attn: Peaches
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Date	_____
Check #/Cash	_____
Amount \$	_____
Deposit #	_____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Number of Boxes: _____ @ \$48.00/Box=\$_____

IF APPLICABLE, name of youth who told you about peaches: _____

*We greatly appreciate your support of youth ministry programs at Our Redeemer!
All proceeds will go to the youth and their mission projects.*

THANK YOU FOR ORDERING!

Summer Preschool Newsletter

June 3—7, 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!



A QUESTION TO ASK YOUR KIDS!
At what age is a person an adult?
Why do you think so?

Pool Noodles



Once again, we would love to have people bring in some new pool noodles that the preschoolers could use on the playground, in the classroom. Please bring them to the church office. Thank you!

Things Not To Worry About When Your Child Starts School

Brings home sheet after sheet of easel paper completely covered with greenish-brown paint.

Don't worry; he's not depressed. It's just one of the earliest stages of painting. To kids, it's a major accomplishment to cover the entire sheet of paper. They also like to paint one color over another, resulting in that murky shade of brown. It may not look like much, but it takes a tremendous amount of concentration to do.



CRAFTS - Enable children to...

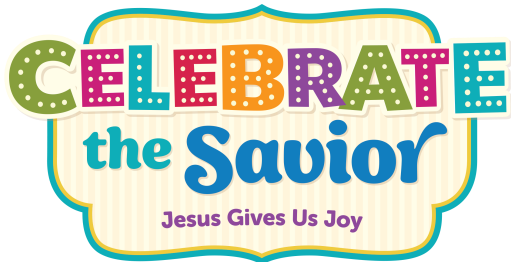
- *create an expression of self
- *work with a wide variety of materials
- *experiment with color, texture, and shape
- *use visual expression as a means of communication
- *develop problem-solving skills
- *improve fine-muscle control





Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



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Children's Summer Sunday School

PreK—5th grade

June 9, 2024

9:20 am—10:15 am



**Lesson: The Unlikely Ally—
Rahab Believes
Joshua 2**

Sunday School Supplies Wish List

Sunday School is in need of some
supplies. If you can help donate
these items it would be greatly ap-
preciated.

- New Crayons (20 boxes)
- Elmers Glue bottles (10 bottles)
- Construction Paper Packs
- Pipe Cleaner
- Cotton Balls
- White Paper Plates
- White Copy Paper (4 Reams)
- Markers
- Pencil Sharpener
- Colored Pencils



Youth

6th —12th Grade

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



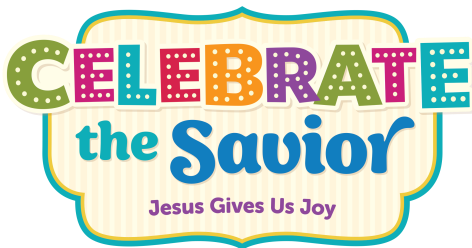
YOUTH Sunday School

Sunday, June 9th

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 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

PEACH UPDATE

Watch your mail. The 2024 Peach forms should be arriving to you soon. They have been mailed.



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

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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

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President	Ben Weis	319-936-6850
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	Marilyn Albright	319-430-8129
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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.