



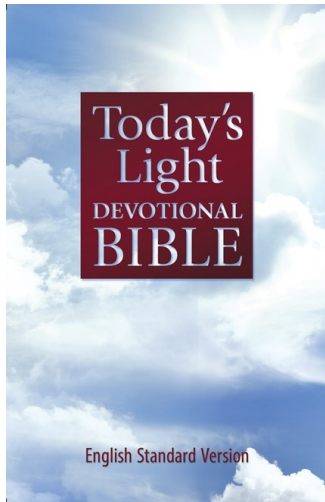
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Reflections



Weekly Newsletter—June 22/23, 2024

~The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost~



ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Read through the Bible in two years

Week 26 Date	Scripture
6/24/24	1 Samuel 24:1-22
6/25/24	1 Samuel 25:1-44
6/26/24	1 Samuel 26:1-25
6/27/24	1 Samuel 27:1-29:11
6/28/24	1 Samuel 30:1-31
6/29/24	1 Samuel 31:1-13

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
June 23	Judges 4	The Palm-Tree Judge—Deborah
June 30	UKANDU PRESENTATION	



Sunday Coffee & Treats

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



ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers for the altar this weekend are from Brenda Johnson in memory of her husband David on what would have been their 49th wedding anniversary.

Prayer of the Church/The Fifth Sunday of Pentecost/June 23, 2024

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

Mighty Lord, we thank you for Your steadfast love and Your wondrous works to the children of men. You hold power over wind and wave, sin and death. Deliver us from every trouble and distress, and bring us at last to our eternal haven. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Lord, open wide the hearts of Christians to one another, especially within the home and between neighbors. Let love be genuine, speech truthful, and patience constant. Let us commend ourselves in everything as those known by God's love and, therefore, unashamed to serve one another. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Lord, You command wind and wave. Out of Your mercy, spare us from disaster. Give success to crops; send suitable rain for the earth; give protection to those endangered by storms on land, sea or air; and give us faith both to call to You in trouble and to trust that You will work everything for our good for the sake of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Lord, You see that we are perishing, yet You bid us to set our fears aside and trust in You for the sake of Christ, by whose blood we have received peace for our troubled consciences. Do not reject our prayers for their faithlessness, but teach us to trust in You fully. Give Your protection and peace to those in need [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*), **Todd Jones** (*Barb & Ron Jones's 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 Kucera's cousin*), **Reece Ullerich**, **Karen Warner**, **Mark Wilson**, and **Beth Wu**]. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Lord, we join with the sons of God and shout for joy as Christ Jesus gives to us His true body and blood in the Lord's Supper. Let us not doubt but firmly believe Your Word, that You who formed our world and its matter know well how to be present for us and our forgiveness in this Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Lord, sustain Your servants of this congregation at UKANDU. Bless them with strength and zeal for Your house. May the work that they do be a blessing to others and further Your glorious name. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Lord, You instituted marriage between one man and one woman. We give you thanks for the 30 years of marriage you have granted **Julie and Marty Kranz** and for the 50 years of marriage you have granted **Tom and Cory Strumpel**. 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 Mercy, 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 23	Brian Fetzter, Kathy Schweer, Korene Severt
June 24	Gary McIlrath, Kimberly Steinke, Craig Stranathan, Turner Watkinson
June 25	Marilyn Albright, Matthew Davies, Maeve Obermueller
June 26	***
June 27	Emily Jones, Bob Lentfer, Jeffrey Nicholson Emelia Richardson
June 28	Trisha Cornwell, Megan Jerred, Mark Martens, Diane Thomas
June 29	Patsy Heinitz, Isabella Sexton

STEWARDSHIP June 15/16, 2024

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 6/15—5:30pm	46	Contributions	\$7,578.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 6/16—8:00am	99	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 6/16—10:30am	100		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	245	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	64/21

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, June 22—30, 2024

<u>Sunday, 6/23</u>		<u>Wednesday continued...</u>	
Worship Service	8:00am	Emerson Point	2:00pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am		
Worship Service	10:30am	<u>Thursday, 6/27</u>	
District 13 Meeting	2:30pm	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
		Al-Anon	7:30pm
<u>Monday, 6/24</u>			
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	<u>Friday, 6/28</u>	
<u>Tuesday, 6/25</u>		<u>Saturday, 6/29</u>	
Girl Scout Troop #3744	6:00pm	Worship Service	5:30pm
LLL Meeting	6:30pm		
Al-Anon	7:00pm	<u>Sunday, 6/30</u>	
		Worship Service	8:00am
<u>Wednesday, 6/26</u>		Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
TOPS	8:00am	Worship Service	10:30am

It is nearing that time!

It is nearing that time when Vicar & Krista Boester will be heading back to the seminary for Vicar's final year of academics. Vicar's farewell and last Sunday will be July 14.

There will be a farewell lunch following the late service. Chicken and drinks will be provided. We ask that the congregation to bring side dishes and desserts to share. All are invited.

Vicar and Krista will need help loading the moving truck on Sunday, JULY 21 immediately following the late service. Some volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

So long
Farewell
GOODBYE!
Adios Godspeed



THANK YOU FOR THE HOSTA DONATIONS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Linda Diggelmann would like to let everyone know that she thanks everyone for their hostas donations and that she has PLENTY of them to move forward and complete the project.

CONFIRMANDS 2024

Your banners are waiting for you in the office.
Please come pick them up and
take them home with you.



Building Healthy Families: Attention parents, grandparents and pew buddies—when involving little ones in the worship service, take baby steps! It’s tempting to have an all or nothing mentality. That, however, can easily become discouraging. Saying “Amen” is a great place to start, as it comes up numerous times throughout a given service. Try having your child repeat the name of the book of the Bible where we find the weekly Scripture reading(s). Responses like “Thanks be to God!” following “This is the Word of the Lord.” or “Let us bless the Lord!” are also very accessible to younger worshippers. With continued exposure, encouragement and, ultimately, the work of the Holy Spirit, children will know that God’s house and being in worship is for them, too!

Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org

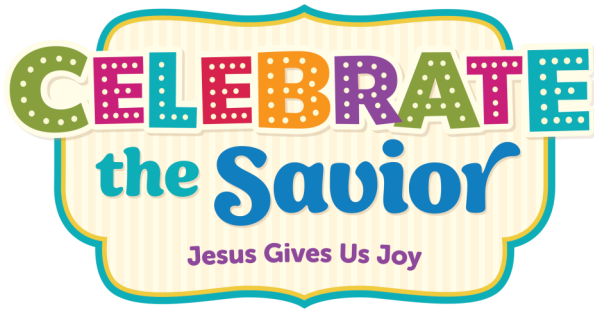
CAN YOU HELP?



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



Our Redeemer Lutheran VBS

Sunday, August 4 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.

The schedule will include:

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>

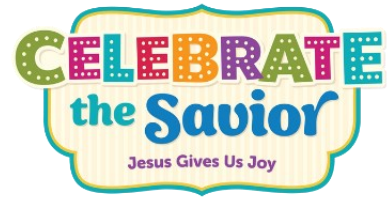
DONATE:

Scholarship money to help defray costs (box on the welcome center)

Food donation signup on Welcome Center

Amazon Wishlist QR code for purchases needed for crafts and games on following page and on Welcome Center—purchases will be sent directly to Our Redeemer

VBS 2024



Amazon Wishlist

Please scan the QR code to see the Amazon VBS 2024 wishlist.



Turn on camera app



Frame the QR



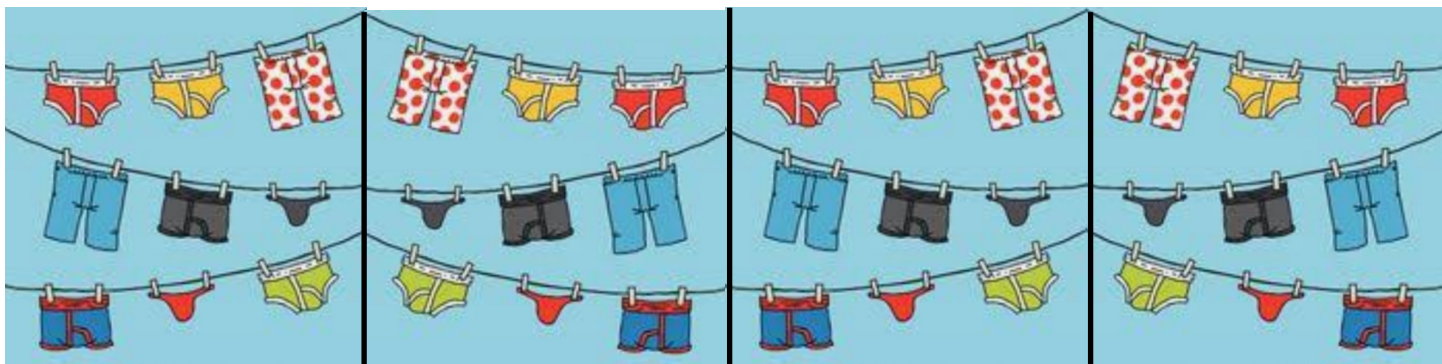
Click the pop-up

Look through the items on the list, buy it on Amazon and it will be sent directly to church.

Please purchase items by July 28th.

Thank you for your support!

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



June 10—14, 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!
What is something that makes
your family special?**

Pool Noodles



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

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.

MANIPULATIVES - Enable children to...

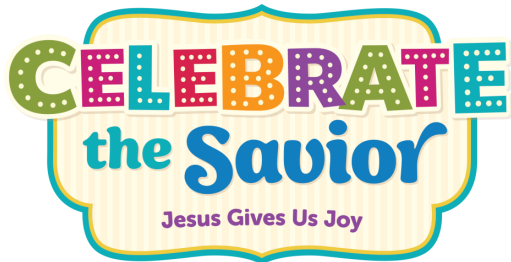
- *improve fine-muscle control
- *improve eye-hand coordination
- *develop visual discrimination skills
- *practice problem-solving
- *learn to share with others and take turns
- *discover basic math concepts
- *use concrete materials to develop abstract concepts





Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



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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>

**Children's Summer Sunday School
PreK—5th grade
June 23, 2024
9:20 am—10:15 am**



**Lesson: The Palm Tree Judge—Deborah
Judges 4**

Sunday School Supplies Wish List

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

- 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

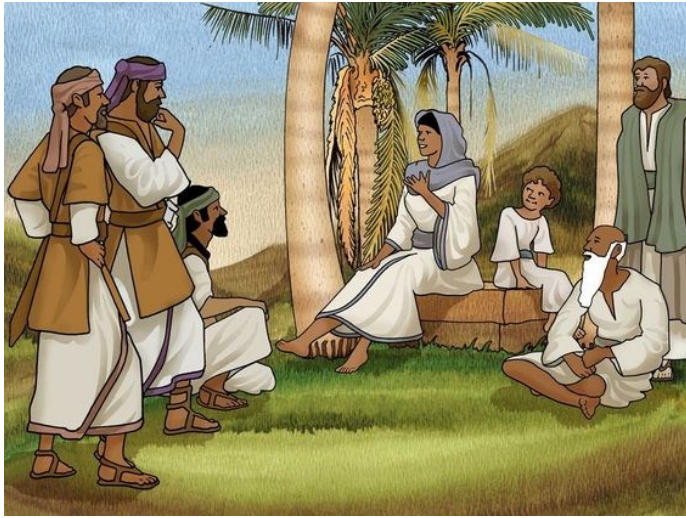
Youth Coordinator Kara Hartwig youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org (319) 855-2728



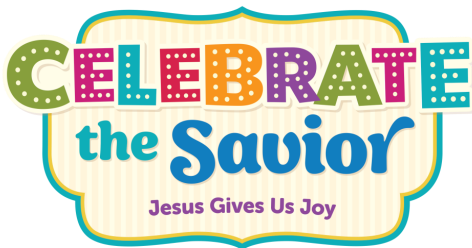
YOUTH Sunday School

Sunday, June 23rd

9:20 am —10:05 am



Lesson: The Palm Tree Judge—Deborah
Judges 4



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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



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



Thursday, July 4th
INDEPENDENCE DAY
Office Closed

PEACH UPDATE

We have reached our limited expected amount but we are still accepting orders. The forms will be kept in order received without cashing the checks in the hopes we will get a bigger supply.



OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

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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.