



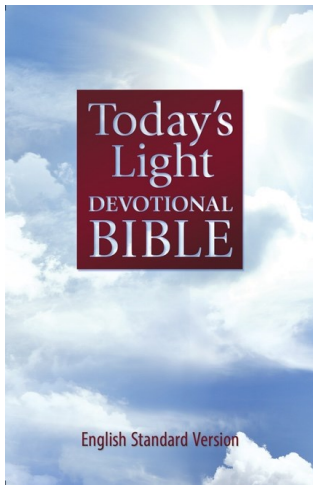
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Reflections



Weekly Newsletter—June 29/30, 2024

~The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost~



ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Read through the Bible in two years

Week 27 Date	Scripture
7/1/24	2 Samuel 1:1-2:32
7/2/24	2 Samuel 3:1-4:12
7/3/24	2 Samuel 5:1-25
7/4/24	2 Samuel 6:1-23
7/5/24	2 Samuel 7:1-29
7/6/24	2 Samuel 8:1-10:19



**UKANDU
PRESENTATION**
June 30
9:20am

There will be a UKANDU presentation, during the regular Sunday School hour, in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
June 30	UKANDU PRESENTATION	



Sunday Coffee & Treats

This Sunday's coffee and treats are being provided by the Human Care Committee. Come join us for a little refreshment and fellowship before Sunday School and Adult Bible Class. Free will offering goes towards the purchase of underwear for Shelter House.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers for the altar this weekend are from George and Linda Bonefeld for their 46th wedding anniversary and other blessings from the Lord.

Needing Volunteers to help load bottles of water onto the float after the 10:30am service on Sunday for the 4th of July parade.

ALSO, we need volunteers to walk the 4th of July parade route and give out bottles of water. Please meet at James Street east of Camp Cardinal Road at 9:30am. ALLOW EXTRA TIME TO FIND A PARKING FOR YOUR VEHICLE.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please give Julie Nieland a call at 319-530-1476.

Prayer of the Church/The Sixth Sunday of Pentecost/June 30, 2024

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

Holy Father, from whom our help comes, You have brought us into Your Holy Christian Church and made Christ our shield from every enemy. Preserve us in such faith until at last You bring us out of this world in the resurrection forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, You call men to enter the ministry to proclaim the Gospel and administer the sacraments. We give You thanks for the 25 years of service from **Bruce Miller**. A son of this congregation we praise You, O Lord, for the work done through him. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, You have shown to Your Church the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who for our sakes became poor that by His poverty we might become rich. Give us generous hearts, that our abundance may supply our fellow saints in their need. Let our preachers serve for the sake of Christ's call, not for earthly gain; and let those who have received excellence in faith, speech, knowledge and every other gift of God's Word provide richly for the preaching of the Gospel and the work of the Church. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, Your compassion does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men, but Your mercies are new every morning. Bestow Your steadfast love on every Christian home. Turn parents in kindness to their children; make children ready in obedience and love toward their parents and each other. Let the young learn discipline and trust in You, and let fathers not exasperate their children, but be devoted to the fear and instruction of the Lord as examples to them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, You did not turn aside the bold request of Jairus nor the timid faith of the woman. We implore You, hear our prayers for those in need. Drive away our fears and give us believing faith. Give healing and strength to the sick and suffering [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*), **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.**

Holy Father, You instituted marriage between one man and one woman. We give you thanks for the 46 years of marriage you have granted **George and Linda Bonefeld**. 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.**

Holy 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 30	Tyler Alt, Lacey O'Leary, Mary Ann Schlueter, Evan Waring
July 1	Kathryn McIlrath
July 2	Brian Kirstein, Eric West
July 3	Debra Vinsand
July 4	Kylea Greve, Denise Schwarting, Kevin Sellers
July 5	Heidi Bricker, Evelyn Mueller, Karrie Price
July 6	Linda Diggelmann

STEWARDSHIP June 22/23, 2024

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 6/22—5:30pm	28	Contributions	\$11,688.93
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 6/23—8:00am	82	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 6/23—10:30am	115		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	225	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	56/6

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, June 30—July 7, 2024

<u>Sunday, 6/30</u>		<u>Wednesday continued...</u>	
Worship Service	8:00am	Bible Study	11:00am
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Lunch Bunch	12:00pm
Worship Service	10:30am		
		<u>Thursday, 7/4</u>	
<u>Monday, 7/1</u>		Al-Anon	7:30pm
Staff Meeting	1:00pm		
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	<u>Friday, 7/5</u>	
Youth Committee	6:00pm		
		<u>Saturday, 7/6</u>	
<u>Tuesday, 7/2</u>		Al-Anon District	4:00pm
Solon Nursing	9:30am	Worship Service	5:30pm
Human Care Committee	6:30pm		
Connections Committee	6:30pm	<u>Sunday, 7/7</u>	
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Worship Service	8:00am
		Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
<u>Wednesday, 7/3</u>		Worship Service	10:30am
TOPS	8:00am		

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 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



>>>2024 Silent Auction<<<

The Mission Committee is seeking unique items, handicrafts and/or services for this year's Silent Auction.

Some service ideas would be using your unique God given talents for: bread & pie of the month club/lawn care/professional photographs/etcetera.

The donated items should be new or well cared for pieces.

Donations can be dropped off at the church office.

The Silent Auction will help support individuals participating in Short-Term Mission Trips.

Those items not selected for the Silent Auction will be returned.



Mission Committee Members

Denise Holida / Anita Nicholson / Val Penney / Bob Powers / Lynn Smith (Chair)

Please fill out the form below & attach it to the donated item or service.

SILENT AUCTION

Name: _____

Donated Item or Service: _____

Minimum bid (optional): _____

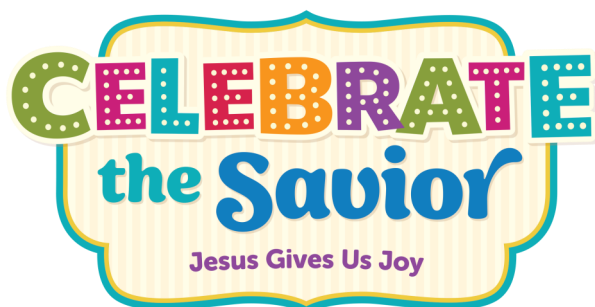
CONFIRMANDS 2024

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



Building Healthy Families: Many years ago, our Lutheran ancestors left behind the familiar and came to America seeking religious freedom in a new land. We celebrate that freedom today, even as we recognize the growing challenges to religious liberty. Join us in praying for our leaders this week, both in government and in our church. Pray that God will strengthen our leaders to speak and act in ways that secure our freedom not just to have faith, but to live out that faith in the public square. Your prayers for the staff and leadership of Lutheran Family Service as they boldly proclaim God's good plan for life, marriage and family are also appreciated.

Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org



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>

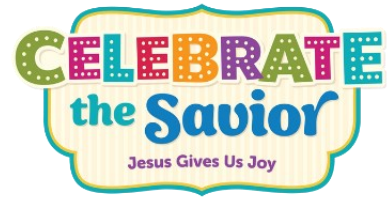
DONATE:

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



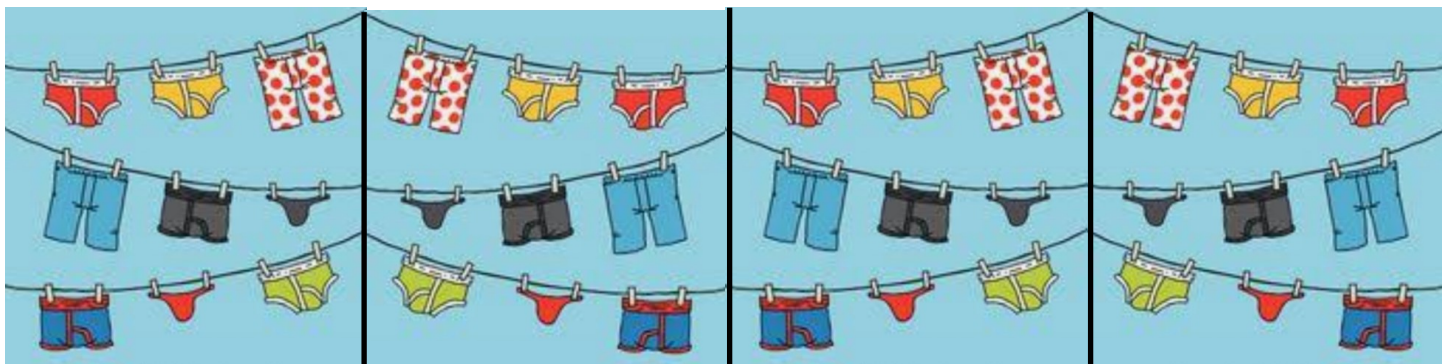
Click the pop-up

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!



Heartland LCMS *Singles Retreat*

July 19-21

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
near Iowa City, Iowa

Join us for a weekend of indoor and outdoor recreation, Bible studies, fellowship, and the opportunity to meet other Lutheran singles from the Midwest states. Open to ages 21-41.

\$100 per person
for two nights of lodging and four meals

To register:

<https://www.faithwinterset.org/registration/>



Summer Preschool Newsletter



June 24—28, 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!

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!



A QUESTION TO ASK YOUR KIDS!

Of all the things you are learning, what do you think will be the most useful when you are an adult?

JESUS TIME- Enable children to...

- *hear stories about Jesus, their Savior and friend
- *feel secure in Jesus' love
- *rejoice and express feelings of praise
- *talk to Jesus in prayer
- *sing their praises
- *be happy knowing that there is a place for them in heaven because of Jesus' death and resurrection
- *discuss ways to share Jesus' love with others

Things Not To Worry About When Your Child Starts School

Claims she isn't going to be invited to someone's birthday party.

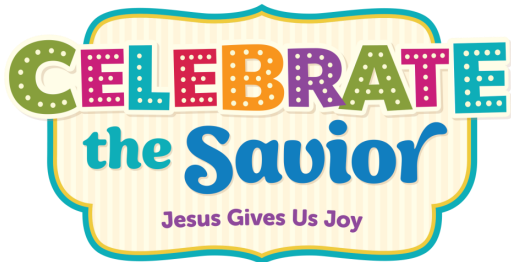
Birthday parties are standard preschool bargaining chips as in—"If you don't give me a turn on the swing right now, I won't invite you to my birthday party." Rest assured that such threats have nothing to do with actual parties.





Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



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Sign up to attend or volunteer:

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

Children's Summer Sunday School

PreK—5th grade
June 30, 2024
9:20 am—10:15 am



**Lesson: UKANDU Presentation
during regular Sunday School
Time in the
Fellowship Hall**

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



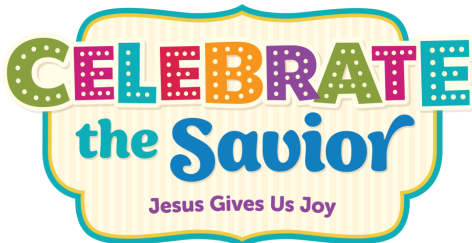
YOUTH Sunday School

Sunday, June 30th

9:20 am —10:05 am



Lesson: UKANDU PRESENTATION—in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday School time.



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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



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



Thursday, July 14th
VICAR'S FAREWELL LUNCH
12:00 pm
Fellowship Hall
Chicken & Drinks will be provided. Bring a
side dish or desert to share.

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.