

The Parish Beacon

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October 2024

Dear Christian Friends:

As we move into the wonderful season of fall, we get to see the immense beauty of this creation which, even in its fallen state, still has incredible depth of color and life. As Psalm 19:1 reminds us, “The heavens declare the glory of God, the sky above proclaims His handiwork.” For me, this time of year makes that even more apparent. It is the season for leaf piles, apple cider, corn mazes, and bonfires, but it is also a season for preparation.

In older generations, the preparation of fall was essential. Winters are dark and harsh. Prior to the modern convenience of heaters, stocked grocery stores, and modern insulation, winters were a time where a lack of preparation could result in death. We can praise God that winters no longer pose as serious a threat for us as they have in the past. What about Spiritual winters, though? Times where we feel trapped in darkness. We feel isolated, lonely, in grief, guilt, or shame? How do we prepare for the winters when we have to constantly ask our soul “why are you downcast, oh my soul? And why are you in turmoil within me?” (Psalm 42:5).

St. Paul refers to these times as times of wrestling against this present darkness and that of the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places (Ephesians 6:12). The remedy? We must put on the full armor of God. Just like a knight does not wait until the heat of battle to don his armor, we too must don our armor *before* the winter comes upon us. How do we do this? Consider the armor we are to wear:

Fastening the belt of truth: God’s word is truth (John 17:17), thus we must immerse ourselves in the truth of the Gospel by regular participation in the sacraments, worship, and fellowship with other Christians. We receive God’s truths in our fellowship around His altar every Sunday, and when we come together to study His word throughout the week.

Breastplate of Righteousness: Our righteousness is given to us by God (Romans 1:17). This righteousness then pours through our lives as we walk according to the calling by which we have been called. Thus, to fasten on this breastplate is to obey the will of God for our lives, joyfully, across the vocations He has placed us in.

Shoes of the Gospel: We are called to always be prepared to give an account for the hope we have in Christ (1 Peter 3:15-17). This comes with studying and knowing the word of God and living in the Hope He brings us.

Shield, Sword, and Helmet: These tools go hand in hand (pun intended), as our faith stems from our salvation received by Christ which comes to us through the Word and is refined through prayer. We must develop an active prayer life and confidence in God’s work during the times of preparation, so when the fiery trials come upon us, we will already be equipped for battle with the whole armor of God.

It is my prayer that you take the time to enjoy this beautiful season both physically and spiritually. May the changing of the leaves and the tart and sweet taste of apple cider remind you of your faithful preparation and help you fix your eyes upon the cross of Christ.

In the love of Christ, Vicar Simmons



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

Remember, Lord, Your Holy Church. May Your holy angels watch over her and guard her. Grant her peace and unity throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember our president, our public servants and all in our armed forces. Guide, bless, protect and uphold them in honor. Bring all nations into the ways of peace and justice. In Your kindness and love, grant us seasonable weather and an abundance of the fruits of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember all who suffer for Your name, all who are in prison, the hungry and ill-clad, the poor and the lonely, those who travel, and all who cry out to You in their time of need, especially all who have asked for our prayers [*Be with **Arlene Boots, Dorothy Blume** (Carol Schuldt's sister), **Loren Deetz, Linda Diggelmann, Kathy Eick, Chuck Enokian, John Enokian** (brother of Chuck Enokian), **Gabe Hundley** (grandson of Karen Abernathy), **Dora Jacobson** (granddaughter of George and Carol Schuldt), **Sonja Jacobson** (daughter of George and Carol Schuldt), **Todd Jones** (Barb & Ron Jones' son), **Norma Miller** (Twyla Freeman's aunt), **Merri Mullane, Julie Pratt-Mullenkamp** (Cousin of Ruth Varney), **Delores Nace** (sister of Doris Siemer), **Erin Nielsen** (cousin of Crissy Pence), **Marcia Osborn, Lucas Schildknecht** (friend of the Hartwigs), **Lee Schwarting** (Art Schwarting's mother), **Roger Simpson** (Kara Hartwig's father), **Marlene Thompson, Connie Ullrich** (Jeff Kucera's aunt), **Natalie Ullrich** (Jeff Kucera's cousin), **Reece Ullerich, Karen Warner, Mark Wilson, and Beth Wu**]. Grant that Your holy angel may be with them always, that the evil foe may have no power over them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Remember, Lord, Your Son instituted His Holy Supper for the forgiveness of our sins. Give us humble hearts to receive this blessed Sacrament with thanksgiving, and strengthen us through the same for our daily lives of faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember, Lord, You have ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember, Lord, 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 made us your chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation belonging to you, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sun 9/29 Worship Service 8:00am
 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:20am
 Worship Service 10:30
 Johnson Baby Shower 2:00pm

Mon 9/30 Parade Party 5:30pm
 Sunlight AA Group 6:00pm
 Chamber Singers 6:00pm

Tues 10/1 Sharon Hintze PEO Lunch 10:00am
 Women's Bible Study 10:00am
 Human Care Committee 6:30pm
 Al-Anon 7:00pm

Wed 10/2 Tops 8:00am
 Bible Study 11:00am
 Lunch Bunch 12:00pm
 Midweek Meal 6:00pm
 Choir Rehearsal 6:45pm
 Midweek Classes 6:45pm
 Adult Midweek 7:00pm

Thurs 10/3 Comfort Tiers 9:00am
 Visitation Meeting 6:30pm
 Board of Elders 7:00pm
 Al-Anon 7:30pm

Fri 10/4 ***

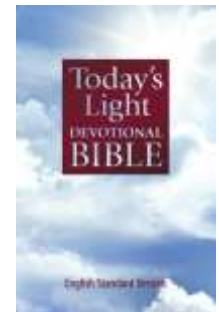
Sat 10/5 Worship Service 5:30pm
 6th Grade Retreat 5:30pm

Sun 10/6 Worship Service 8:00am
 Clergy Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:20am
 Appreciation Worship Service 10:30am
 LWML Kaja Mueller 20 Year Ann. Lunch 12:00pm
 Sunday The Chosen 6:00pm

THE BIBLE IN TWO YEARS

Week 40

9/30/24 1 Chronicles 18:1-20:8
 10/1/24 1 Chronicles 21:1-30
 10/2/24 1 Chronicles 22:1-19
 10/3/24 1 Chronicles 23:1-27:34
 10/4/24 1 Chronicles 28:1-21
 10/5/24 1 Chronicles 29:1-30



Brothers and sisters in Christ,
 My heart is filled with gratitude for you. Thank you for all your prayers, concern, cards, meals, and thoughtful acts of kindness. Surgery went well and today I got a referral for physical therapy so we are headed down the right path of recovery. I thank the Lord for you. Blessings in Jesus, Marlene Thompson



FLOWERS TODAY

Today's flowers (September 29) for the altar are provided by Denise Holida in memory of her mother Dolores Wemndt.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

****WATCH YOUR FRIDAY EMAIL FOR LIVE STREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP****

Saturday 5:30pm In Person/LIVE STREAM
Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am In Person/LIVE STREAM
Communion: October 5, 6, 19, 20

Sunday School 9:20am—In Person
Adult Bible Study 9:20am—Fellowship Hall/ZOOM

Bible Study/Lunch Bunch meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11:00am with lunch following.

Comfort-Tiers meet Thursdays at 9:00am

Choir practice Wednesdays at 6:45pm

Praise Team Practice schedule varies—
Contact Myrl Holida: myrl-holida@uiowa.edu or
Louise Klopp: choirdirector@ourredeemer.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parade Party, 5:30pm
Monday, September 29



SOCKTOBER



Collecting donated socks
October 1—31
Sock bin by
Welcome Counter



October 2
Bible Class 11:00am
Lunch 12:00pm
Fellowship Hall

MIDWEEK MEAL
October 2
6:00pm
Fellowship Hall



6th Grade Confirmation Retreat
Saturday, October 5, 5:30pm



Fall Zone Event—Cedar Rapids
Saturday, October 5



Clergy
Appreciation
Day
October, 6



43 years

20 Year Anniversary Lunch
For Kaja Mueller
Sunday, October 6, 12:00pm
Fellowship Hall



Panama Mission
Eye Glass Clinic
October 10-20



Kids Free Lunch & Matinee
Sunday, October 10
11:45am
Fellowship Hall
See sign up link on
Children's Ministry page

Columbus Day
Office Closed
Monday, October 14

School Closed—ICCS
October 14-15



October 16
Bible Class 11:00am
Lunch 12:00pm
Fellowship Hall



New Member Brunch
Sunday, October 27
11:45am
Fellowship Hall



Sunday, October 27, 4:00pm
South Parking Lot

School Closed—ICCS
October 31

Birthdays

September 29	Mark Greve, Kyle Kelley, Kyle Mullet, Dennis Peer, Todd Saterfield, Addison Spiekermeier
September 30	Jackson Caylor, Nathan Kibby
October 1	Julie Cole, Lisa Hintze
October 2	Grace Anderson, Morgan Siems, Kathleen Wittich
October 3	Lindsay Bolton, Jacob Recker, Chris Schwarz
October 4	Brielle Bex, Rebecca LaRoche, T.J. Ramsey, Hannah Ramsey, Luke Ramsey, Lynn Smith
October 5	Kyle Clark, Erin Dyson, Kathy Eick

Stewardship—September 21/22, 2024

ATTENDANCE		TREASURES	
Sat. 9/21 In Person 5:30pm	52	Contributions	\$11,103.00
Sun. 9/22 In Person 8:00am	81	Monthly needs for budget	\$66,114.00
Sun. 9/22 In Person 10:30am	113		
TOTAL WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	246	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	58/46

Thank you for your support.



MISSION	September
Iowa District East	\$3,333.33
UIHC Chaplain Endowment Fund	\$208.33
TOTAL	\$3,541.66
Common Fund (CommUnity)	\$125.00
Lutheran Hour	\$125.00
St. Paul's Chapel	\$375.00
MONTH TOTAL	\$4,166.66
Crisis Center	***
Lutherans for Life	***
Concordia Seminary Food Bank	***
TOTAL	\$4,166.66

Membership Changes and Official Acts

<u>Baptisms</u>	
Emery Lynn Toraason	09-21-2024
Charlie Monet Schamberger	09-22-2024



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church would like to welcome new member Travis Habben. He is currently very busy at being a medical laboratory scientist/student. He just recently got married and his wife's name is Razel. They like aquarium fish, movies and games.



Building Healthy Families: "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit... therefore honor God with your body." (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). This Biblical instruction isn't written just for young people! No matter your age, take time this week to do something that will make your body stronger or healthier. Fix a healthy snack, go for a walk, and invite a friend or neighbor to join you. Shared activity makes it more fun, and creates an open door for conversation about wellbeing, including the importance of faith, and spiritual wellness. Honor God with your body, no matter how many years it's been around!

Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Board of Director Minutes
September 19, 2024, 7:00pm

Present: Ben Weis, Jeff Kucera, Barb Pronk, Kari Kibby, Dave Yansky, Mary Robinson, Marilyn Albright, Steve Scott

Absent: Bill Benson

Staff: Pastor Hartwig, Vicar Simmons, Denise Holida

1. Call to Order, Welcome
2. Opening Devotion—Pastor
3. Constitution Review—Article VI; Sections 1-5
 - Section 1: Regular scheduled meetings
 - Third Sundays of February, September, November.
 - Section 2: Special Meetings
 - Section 3: Quorum-20 Voting Members
 - Section 4: Eligibility for Office
 - Section 5: Removal-2/3 majority vote to remove
4. Minutes were approved from last meeting.
5. Treasurer's Report—Kari Kibby
 - January-August income up \$27,000
6. Elder's Report—Bill Benson N/A
7. At Large Reports—
 - Mary Robinson (Outreach, Missions, Small Groups) N/A
 - Marilyn Albright (Connections, Health Ministry, Human Care, Technology)
Connections pursuing new members.
Human Care Socktober in October, Prime Time Dinner in November.
 - Steve Scott (Children, Preschool, Youth)
Preschool is up and running.
8. Church Properties—Dave Yansky
 - Lighting Projects-All classroom lights and tubes in church have been replaced. Canned lights have been replaced with LED lights. Outside lighting that needs attention will be contracted out.
 - Because of the grant from Iowa City, the church will need to give a report on how we have used the grant.
 - Next year Vicarage deck will need to be replaced.
 - Parsonage roof needs to be replaced.
 - Sconce light tubes, ballasts and clips are on backorder and will be installed in October.
9. Staff Report--
 - Pastor—
 - New Theme—Chosen: Amen, Amen, Amen!
 - Church Entrance update next month from architect to sub-committee. Do we manage the project or hire Newmon?
 - Motion-The Board of Directors unanimously voted to pursue our own site supervisor, Jeff Kucera
 - Pastor was notified that a house across from our church will be up for sale in the near future. Discussion followed on how we could use this to expand our ministry.

- Celebrated the slate of officers for 2025 has been filled.
- All Vicars in the Seminary need intentional training since ¼ of their training is spent as a Vicar.
- There is a Panama trip for Pastor and Vicar to attend. FORO coming up.
- Mission Trip—
 - Motion: All mission and youth trips will be funded with this formula:
 - 1/3 mission cost funded by participant.
 - 1/3 fund raising.
 - 1/3 funded by the church. Our church will ensure this fundraising for the participant.
 - We are a mission church to support each participant.

Motion was unanimously approved to support the fundraising portions if short of the goal.

Budget 2025

- Motion: The Board of Directors gives Pastor the responsibility to prepare the budget as he has done in the past. Unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

Vicar—

- Thanked all members of the church for making him and his family feel so welcomed.

Denise—

- Silent Auction is still ongoing. Money raised will go to Panama Trip.
- Bible Studies are starting up.

Kaja—

- Preschool students are adjusting well. 3 open slots-MWF class.
- Sunday School teacher spots have been filled.
- 19 students received Milestones.
- Retreat for 6th grade coming up.

10. Kudos—

The Board of Directors recognizes and thanks Dave Yansky for all his time organizing and working to complete the on-going church lighting project. Thank you to Steve Scott, Micah Hartwig and John Robinson for volunteering to help with this project.

11. Next Meeting—

Thursday, October 10, at 7:00pm.

12. The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Pronk, Secretary

VOTERS MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 2024

Call to Order - Ben Weis

Opening and Theme Review - Pastor

- Briefly spoke about our theme for the '24-25 academic year

Officer Ballot - Ben Weis

- Highlighted the three new nominees: Kennedy Donovan (Treasurer), Kevin Roiseland (Elder), and Chad Waring (Elder)

- No questions or comments were raised

Voter's unanimously approved the new and incumbent candidates

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Ben Weis



Submitted by Marcia Hulse

Stephen Ministry

We care, Christ cures.

This information will be new for some of you, and others may have heard or read this information before. However, this is what it's all about. The Stephen Ministry Series is a complete system for training and organizing laypeople to provide one-on-one Christian care to people in need within our congregation.

Have you ever thought of becoming a Stephen Minister?

Do you want to become a Stephen Minister? If so, we will soon begin recruiting for our 2025 training which will start in mid-January. If you would like to find out more about how you can be involved in this caregiving ministry, contact Pastor or any of our Stephen Leaders.

What is a Stephen Minister?

A Stephen Minister is ...

- A child of God who walks beside a hurting person.
- A caring Christian who really listens.
- A member of our congregation who has received 50 hours of training in how to provide distinctively Christian care.
- A person who is ready to focus on their care receiver's needs.
- A trustworthy confidant who will keep everything their care receiver say—and even their identity—confidential.
- Someone who will faithfully meet with their care receiver on a weekly basis for as long as your need persists.

A Stephen Minister is NOT...

- A counselor or therapist;
- A problem-solver;
- Someone who runs errands or helps with chores; or
- A casual visitor.

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide members of Our Redeemer with confidential, one-on-one Christian care they need to make it through a crisis or help them through a difficult time.

Why Stephen Ministry?

Because the Bible tells us to:

"Love one another as I have loved you." **John 15:12**

"Bear one another's burdens, and in the way you will fulfill the law of Christ." **Galatians 6:2**

"Encourage one another and build each other up." **1 Thessalonians 5:11a**

"Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn." **Romans 12:15**

"Serve one another in love." **Galatians 5:13**

"Live in harmony with one another, be sympathetic, love as brothers and sisters, be compassionate and humble." **1 Peter 3:8**

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." **Ephesians 4:32**

STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERS

Pastor Hartwig 338-5626

Bill Benson 517-881-9848

Marcia Hulse 351-7059

Kevin Sellers 631-8924

**His Only Son, Our Lord:
Singing the Life of Jesus
Sunday, October 20, 2024
2:00 PM**



You are invited to join the students and congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel for a hymn festival.

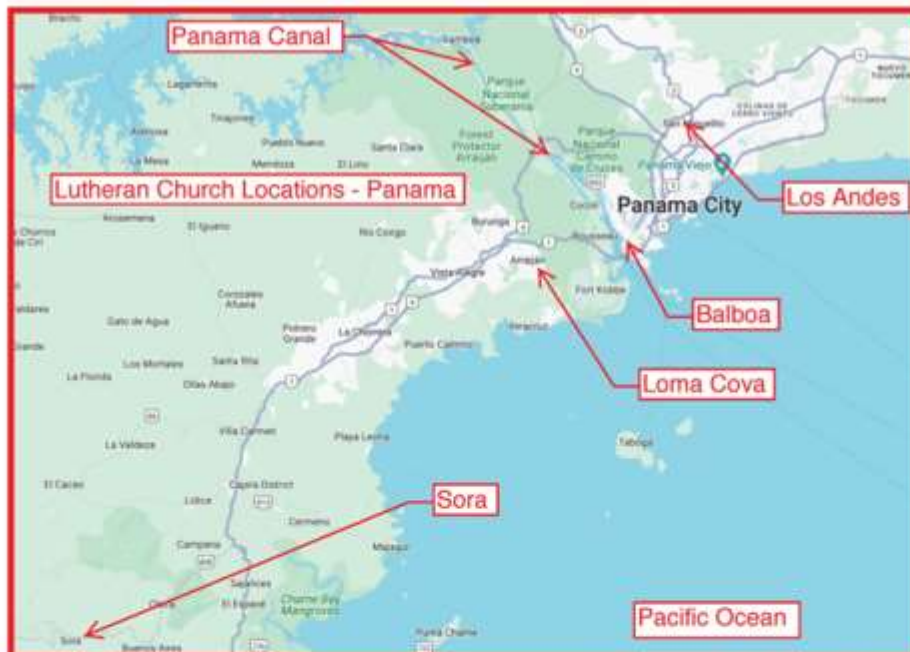
We will sing our way through the life of Jesus, His only Son, our Lord, using hymns from *The Lutheran Service Book*.

A cake reception follows the hymn festival.

St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel
and University Center
404 E. Jefferson Street
Iowa City, Iowa



SILENT AUCTION THANK YOU



Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Sora, Panama



God Is Great Lutheran Church
Loma Cova, Panama



Redeemer Lutheran Church
Balboa, Panama



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Los Andes, Panama

The Mission Committee would like to thank the congregation for helping to make this year's Silent Auction a success! The funds raised will help defray the cost of future mission trips to Panama and elsewhere.



Mission Committee Members
Denise Holidá / Anita Nicholson / Val Penney / Bob Powers / Lynn Smith (Chair)

Panama Mission Fundraiser September 3, 2024



Tirzah Krey speaks on Latin American Missions following a dinner sponsored by those going to Panama for eyeglass clinic



This marked the beginning of the silent auction fundraiser which ran through September 22

47 in attendance





RALLY DAY 2024
September 15



Milestone Gifts

3-Year-Olds

Ellis Dyson
Samuel Weis
Emery Naraine
Winifred O'Shea
Hannah Simmons

1st Grade

Liam Sexton
Brynn O'Shea
Caleb Marks
Toby Haack

3rd Grade

Aibhlin O'Shea
John Simmons
Titus Mueller
Zander Ohlmann
Kaylee Murken
Rhett Marks
Beckham Dyson
Sammy LaGrange

6th Grade

Kayden Murken
Nalia Naraine
Kean Mueller
Andrew Quillin
Raegan Pence
Jace Dyson

11th Grade

Rachel Haack
Mitchell Holman
Jessi Kucera
Evan Waring







**Preschool
Playground
Cleanup
2024**



Preschool Beacon



Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller Assistants, Christie Cherian M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH
Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949 www.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org preschool@ourredeemer.org
Our Redeemer Preschool where children play, learn, and grow in Jesus!



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

"God Redeems His People"

Toddlin' age—12th Grade

9:20 a.m. — 10:15 a.m.

Invite your friends and come learn about Jesus!

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
September 29	2 Kings 2:1-15	A Whirlwind Ascent—Elijah is Taken to Heaven
October 6	2 Kings 5:1-14	Healing Waters—Naaman and Elisha
October 13	Book of Jonah; Matthew 16:1-4, 21; Luke 11:29-32	Unwilling Prophet—Jonah
October 20	Isaiah 6:52-54	Promising Prophet—God Calls Isaiah
October 27	2 Kings 17	Enduring Exile—Israel Goes Into Exile



KIDS CLUB
 (Pre K to 5th Grade)
WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 2, 6:45pm



CREATION WINDOW

MIDWEEK MEAL
6:00pm
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Lesson:
Creation
Window 2

FREE Children's Lunch & Matinee
Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 11:45 am
Church Fellowship Hall



Bring your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, and friends for a free children's lunch and matinee!

Join us for

- Yummy meal of chicken nuggets, mac& cheese, veggies and fruit, plus dessert
- The Veggie Tales movie "Lord of the Beans" (51 minutes)
- Activity pages and coloring sheets



Please sign-up to attend by using this link by Friday, October 18th: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScUbR0QQVrjFaMbL5sVRn2lwabY8DDR2fj-POP8pzgxxXx0XQ/viewform>

Youth

6th - 12th Graders

October

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

DATE	EVENT	TIME
2	Midweek Meal <i>MEAL CREW: 8th Grade Families</i> Confirmation Classes / Youth Worship Rehearsal for High School	6:00 pm 6:45 pm
5	 6th Grade Retreat	5:30 pm
7	Youth Committee	6:00 pm
9	Confirmation Classes / Youth Worship Rehearsal for High School	6:45 pm
14	Church Office Closed	
16	Confirmation Classes / Youth Worship Rehearsal for High School	6:45 pm
23	Confirmation Classes / Youth Worship Rehearsal for High School	6:45 pm
27	 Trunk Or Treat	4:00pm



NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING '25
For 8th thru 12th graders
Information Meeting
Wednesday, October 2nd
8:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
Contact Kara for more details.

Youth Worship Rehearsals



It's that time of year when we begin rehearsals for our annual Youth Worship services.

High School students — We start practicing the songs and rehearsing our skit on **Wednesday, October 2nd**. If you're not available on Wednesday nights but want to participate, contact Kara and plan to attend our Sunday afternoon rehearsals.

6th Grade Retreat



6th Graders please meet here at the church at 5:30pm. For more information ask Kara.

Trunk of Treat is
October 27th



Do you have a car trunk to use and want to volunteer for Trunk of Treat? Time to come up with your theme and volunteer a trunk.

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2024 Board of Directors

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	Marilyn Albright	319-430-8129
	Steve Scott	563-889-0990

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.



God's Workmanship

Ephesians 2:10—**For we are God's workmanship, created in**
Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared for us to do.

We each have been made, crafted by God,
To do His work here on earth.
He gave us our hands, our feet and voice
Along with humor and mirth.

Christ showed us the Way, the Truth and Life;
He gave us a good demonstration
On being hardworking, humble, too,
With folk of every nation.

We give our time, talents and treasure
Supporting any in need.
We wrap love in our quilts and kits--
'May their hearts feel this!' we plead.

So when approaching a chore too large,
Too hard, (or so we believe),
We only to pray to our Lord
And our fears He will relieve.

Carol Schuldt