



The Parish Beacon

Volume 46—No. 6

June/July 2025

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to the season of “Life in the Church”. With our upcoming celebration of Pentecost, we will be moving into the second half of the church season: the one in which we focus on the life of the church.

For those that do not remember, the church year is broken into two six-month chunks. The first 6 months, beginning with Advent, follow the life of Christ from His birth to His ascension. The second six months, beginning with the celebration of Pentecost, focus on the life of the church and how to walk in faith as one of God’s people. During this season, we tend to read through whole Epistles in the lectionary as well as focus on how we can serve God in and as the Church.

It is easy for us, as Christians, to forget how important the church is for the life of our faith. However, we should consider the words of St. Paul in Ephesians:

“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.” – Ephesians 2:19-21

Consider what this means for our lives: to be baptized into Christ is to be called into His church. We are not here to have a “me and Jesus” relationship, we are here to be part of His body and serve Him in the church. That is what this season is all about. It is about learning and growing together as we work as the Body of Christ to serve Him in the various vocations that He has called us into. So how do we continue to nurture and grow in this calling in our lives? Here are three ideas to help you grow as part of the church.

- 1) Attend the Divine Service: We are so blessed to live in a time where live streaming is an available option for when we are sick or unable to make it to worship; however, we should be cautious not to use this as a means to avoid attending worship in person whenever possible. Just as attending a family gathering via FaceTime is not the same as being there in person, so attending worship in person allows us to grow with our family in ways the online will never be able to compare.
- 2) Attend Bible Study: Services are important for receiving God’s Word and Sacraments and calling upon Him in prayer and praise, but we stunt our spiritual growth when we only set aside 1 hour a week to fill ourselves with God’s Word in the company of other believers. Attending Bible study allows us to dive deeper into God’s Word and its impact on our lives.
- 3) Assess your skills: See what gifts God has given you. Are there ways you can translate these skills to serve God in the church? Utilizing the skills God has given you to serve Him in both your career as well as the church, you may find, not only serves to sharpen your skills, but also strengthens your faith and promotes spiritual growth.

As we move into this season of growth, it is my prayer that you allow the Holy Spirit to work in you and strengthen your faith, that you may grow into the Body of Christ both here in our small community and as the One Holy Church.

In the Love of Christ,
Vicar Simmons



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Prayer of the Church—Responsive Form
Sixth Sunday of Easter
25 May 2025

Let us pray to our risen Lord and savior Jesus Christ who lives now and forevermore.

Heavenly Father, You desire Your Church on earth to be one. Grant unity in doctrine, in witness and at Your holy table.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You have placed us in communities and families where we are nurtured in the knowledge of Your Word and in love. May we be faithful teachers of that Word to our children and those not yet of the kingdom.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, You give us endurance for the race set before us. Grant that we may run the course You have given us in faith. According to Your good will, give healing to the sick, relief to the suffering, comfort to the grieving and peace to the dying. [*we especially remember **Becky Behrens, Arlene Boots, Dorothy Blume** (Carol Schuldt's sister), **Loren Deetz, Kathy Eick, Chuck Enokian, John Enokian** (brother of Chuck Enokian), **Mary Helen Gibson** (sister of Gwen McNatt Enokian), **Dennis Huedepohl** (friend of Bruce & Grace Maurer), **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), **Ruth Langehough, Ben Malcom** (father of Tiffany Roiseland), **Norma Miller** (Twyla Freeman's aunt), **Jane Mills** (aunt of Rob Ghabel), **Marvin Muhlenbruck, Merri Mullane, Julie Pratt-Mullenkamp** (Cousin of Ruth Varney), **Delores Nace** (sister of Doris Siemer), **Erin Nielsen** (cousin of Crissy Pence), **Ed Pederson, John Robinson, Lucas Schildknecht** (friend of the Hartwigs), **Lee Schwarting** (Art Schwarting's mother), **Pat Sexton, David Soldner** (friend of Carol Holman), **Carol Schuldt, Stanley Seese** (friend of Harold Warner), **Marlene Thompson, Natalie Ullrich** (Jeff Kucera's cousin), **Reece Ullerich, Don Warner** (Harold Warner's brother), **Harold Warner, Mark Wilson, Rod Wittich, Beth Wu, Martha Van Kirk, and Velma Zebuhr** (Bruce Maurer's aunt)]*

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You have instituted and given Your Sacrament for the faithful to receive the very body and blood of Your Son for their forgiveness, life and salvation. Grant us all pure hearts to receive this gift worthily.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Your Son has ascended to heaven and promises to bring His heavenly city to earth in the world to come. Give us such hope in His heavenly city that we spurn the allurements of this world.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, 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 06/01	Worship Service 8:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:20am Worship Service 10:30 The Chosen 6:00pm
Mon 06/02	Staff Meeting/Planning 1:00pm Chamber Singers 6:00pm Sunlight AA Group 6:00pm Youth Committee 6:00pm
Tues 06/03	Solon Nursing Home 9:30am Al-Anon 7:00pm
Wed 06/04	TOPS 8:00am Bible Study 11:00am Lunch Bunch 12:00pm
Thurs 06/05	Comfort Tiers 9:00am Visitation 6:30pm Al-Anon 7:30pm
Fri 06/06	***
Sat 06/07	George & Carol Schuldt Reception 2:00pm Worship Service 5:30pm
Sun 06/08	Worship Service 8:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:20am Worship Service 10:30am The Chosen 6:00pm

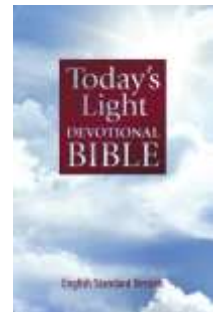


Flowers for the altar this weekend (June 1) are from Brian and Lynne Westphal in celebration and giving thanks to God for their 31st wedding anniversary.

THE BIBLE IN TWO YEARS

Week 75

06/02/25	Matthew 1:1-2:23
06/03/25	Matthew 3:1-4:25
06/04/25	Matthew 5:1-7:29
06/05/25	Matthew 8:1-9:38
06/06/25	Matthew 10:1-11:30
06/07/25	Matthew 12:1-13:58



George and Carol Schuldt will be hosting an open house reception in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, June the 7th, at 2:00pm, for their 65th wedding anniversary. No gifts, please; only best wishes accepted! Along with a few hugs...cake and ice cream will be served.

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: May 31, June 1, 14, 15, 28, 29
July 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



June 4
Bible Class 11:00am
Lunch 12:00pm
Fellowship Hall



Last Day of School Iowa City
June 6 ~ 2 Hour early release



UKANDU
Commissioning
Sunday, June 15
10:30am service



June 15



June 18
Bible Class 11:00am
Lunch 12:00pm
Fellowship Hall



LWML National
Convention
June 26-29



UKANDU Chicago
June 21-28



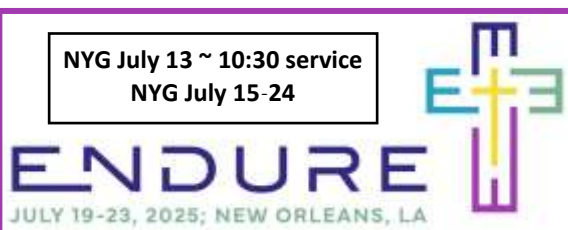
UKANDU Presentation
Sunday, June 29
9:20am During Bible Class



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



Happy 4th of July
Office Closed
Watch Reflections for
Parade details



NYG July 13 ~ 10:30 service
NYG July 15-24



Vicar Farewell
Sunday, July 27
Last Weekend to Preach
Farewell Lunch 12:00pm
Fellowship Hall



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Mission Committee
Christ said, *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations."*



PENNY CHALLENGE & MISSION MINUTES

Vote for the mission(s) of your choice with your pennies (up to 100 pennies per week).
For the next several weeks we're going to hold a Mission Minute during the church services.

Each week the Mission Minute will highlight one of the missions noted below.
At the end of six weeks, the mission funding will be allocated according to the penny votes.



Parish Nurses of Eswatini

Mission Minute for April 27



UKANDU

Mission Minute for May 4



**Panama
Eyeglass Clinic**

Mission Minute for May 11



Lutheran Church of Panama

Mission Minute for May 18



Lutheran Family Service

Mission Minute for May 25



**Iowa District East
Student Aid**

Mission Minute for June 1

Mission Committee Members

Denise Holida / Anita Nicholson / Val Penney / Bob Powers/Lynn Smith

Birthdays

June 1	Linda Brachtel, Kristin Breza
June 2	Eli Haack
June 3	Dana Chown
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

Stewardship—May 24/25, 2025

ATTENDANCE		TREASURES	
Sat. 5/24 In Person 5:30pm	61	Contributions	\$6,219.02
Sun. 5/25 In Person 8:00am	84	Monthly needs for budget	\$71,996.33
Sun. 5/25 In Person 10:30am	95		
TOTAL WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	240	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	****

Thank you for your support.



MISSION	May
Iowa District East	\$3,333.33
TOTAL	\$3,333.33
Panama-Rickman	\$250.00
Peace Officer Ministry	\$125.00
Housing Fellowship	\$375.00
MONTH TOTAL	\$4,083.33
Crisis Center	***
Lutherans for Life	***
Concordia Seminary Food Bank	***
TOTAL	\$4,083.33

Membership Changes and Official Acts

<u>Baptisms</u>	
Peyton Rae Freie	05-18-2025



Building Healthy Families: Sum, sum, summertime – it's coming! What's your plan for summer free time for you and your family? Wait - what, no plan?? Without a plan, we're more likely to migrate to our favorite individual activities or spot in front of the television or computer screen. Consider challenging your family this week to make a "summer bucket list," brainstorming a list of interesting things to do, perhaps with a set of parameters like, "it can't include screen time, and it must be within a 2-hour drive of our home." Make up your own rules and let the brainstorming ideas begin! Be sure to add a Bible story or Scripture reading plan for the summer to your list. Reading the Bible with mom and dad instead of endless days of playing computer games alone or with friends will create powerful memories for your children, and what an impact it will have on their lives! **Lutheran Family Service**
www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Board of Directors Meeting
May 8, 2025

All members were present!

1. Call to order. Welcome
2. Opening devotion—Pastor
3. Administrative Regulations Review
 - Article II—Boards Responsibilities
 - Section 1: Board of Directors
 - Section 2: Board of Elders
4. Minutes approved from last meeting
5. Treasurer's Report—Kennedy Donovan
 - April net income \$20,000
 - Income down \$18,000 for the year
6. Elder's Report—Bill Benson
 - Spent two evenings with staff evaluations. We are blessed with staff members.
 - Bill and Beth Benson went to St. Louis to meet and welcome our new vicar.
7. At Large Reports—
 - Mary Robinson (Outreach, Missions, Smal Group)—N/A
 - Marilyn Albright (Connections, Health Ministry, Human Care, Technology)—N/A
 - Steve Scott (Children, Preschool, Youth)—
 - a) Children's Committee working on Vacation Bible School.
 - b) Preschool wrapping up end of year activities.
 - c) Youth Committee working on their summer schedule.
8. Church Properties—Dave Yansky
 - Fire Marshall coming next week.
 - Triple A repaired and cleaned flow rate on A/C.
 - Roof on Parsonage will be repaired for \$12,000.
 - Approved motion to fund deck project i donations do not cover the project.
 - Elevator inspections.
 - Property meeting next Wednesday, May 14th.
9. Staff Reports—
 - Pastor
 - a) No Board of Directors meetings in June and July. August 14th will be next B.O.D. meeting.
 - b) Pastor thanked the Board of Directors, Board of Elders, and staff for being a good group to work with at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. All are vital to the overall ministry.
 - Vicar
 - a) GriefShare was cancelled for the spring session. It will start again in the fall.
 - b) Planning the National Youth Program.
 - c) Planning continues on new theme for next year.
 - Denise (Adult)—N/A
 - Kaja Preschool, Children)
 - a) Open House was held May 7th.
 - b) Graduating 13 children
 - c) Sunday School Sunday was held May 11th where memory work was shared.
 - d) Looking for Sunday School teachers.
 - Kara (Children, Youth)
 - a) Planning continues for UKANDU and National Youth Gathering.
10. Discussion items:
 - IT Project saved \$28,800 over four years.
11. Kudos:

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- Children Committee--Allison Haack, Kate Lothamer, Crissy Pence, Denise Schwarting, Steve Scott
- Preschool Committee—Ashley McCaulley, Kristin Weis, Linda Diggelmann, Pam Wilson, Tiffany Roiseland
- Youth Committee—Karyl & David Bohnsack, Marilyn & Skip Kempnich, Jill Kuennen, Melissa Mullane, Tracy & John Nelson, Art & Denise Schwarting, Chris Schwartz, Steve Scott
- Confirmands, April 27, 2025—Madelyn Bell, Cyrus Ghabel, Eloise Guhl, Anna Klein.

12. Prayer and Adjourn—Nest meeting August 14th at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Pronk, B.O.D. Secretary



Stephen Ministry

Submitted by Marcia Hulse

We care, Christ cures.

We like to think of summer as being a relaxing, enjoyable time. But hurts, struggles, crises, and problems don't take a vacation. Many times our difficulties seem even worse during the summer because everyone else seems to be enjoying life while you are feeling down. If you are experiencing a difficult time—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally—you don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. It's free. It's confidential. And it will make a difference in your life!

To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders or Pastor Hartwig. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERS

Pastor Hartwig 319-338-5626

Bill Benson 517-881-9848

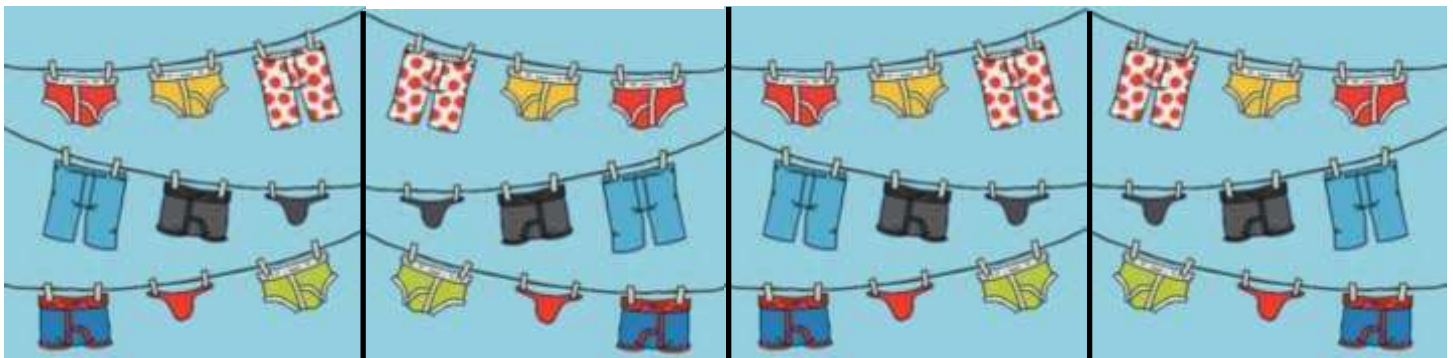
Marcia Hulse 319-541-4026

Kevin Sellers 319-631-8924

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.



UNDIES SUNDAY



Starting Sunday, June 1st to June 29th, Our Redeemer Human Care Committee will be sponsoring our fourth annual "Undies Sunday" to benefit the Iowa City Shelter House. Since this drive started in 2022, our church and community have donated a total of 2,097 pairs of underwear. We would appreciate your support in making this year the most successful!

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 are out shopping for you and your family, please consider purchasing a package of underwear and making a difference to the homeless in Johnson County. Thank you!



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Mission Committee
Highlighting the Christian/humanitarian work of our congregation
as a whole and as individuals, here and around the world.

LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICE



Please help to provide HOPE for those
experiencing difficult times.

<https://lutheranfamilyservice.org/>

LFS Provides



Pregnancy Help



Adoption
Services



Marriage
Counseling



Mental Health
Counseling



Outreach

Mission Committee Members

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

MISSIONS SCHEDULE

2025-2026

22 May, 2025

**Panama
An
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esentation by:
Arthur
kman
and
Pies for All!

14-23 Nov, 2025

**Panama
Eyeglass
Clinic**

**\$1,100
per-person**

Open to the whole
congregation

NO MEDICAL
EXPERIENCE
NECESSARY

\$200 Deposit by 1 June 2025

21 Feb - 2 Mar, 2026

**Panama
VBS**

CLASS FULL

Spanish comprehension
helpful but not required.

\$200 Deposit by 1 June 2025

2026

**eSwatini
Trip**

Be on the lookout for
more information.
Dates YTBD.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Iowa City



SPIRITUAL GROWTH RECEPTION April 26,



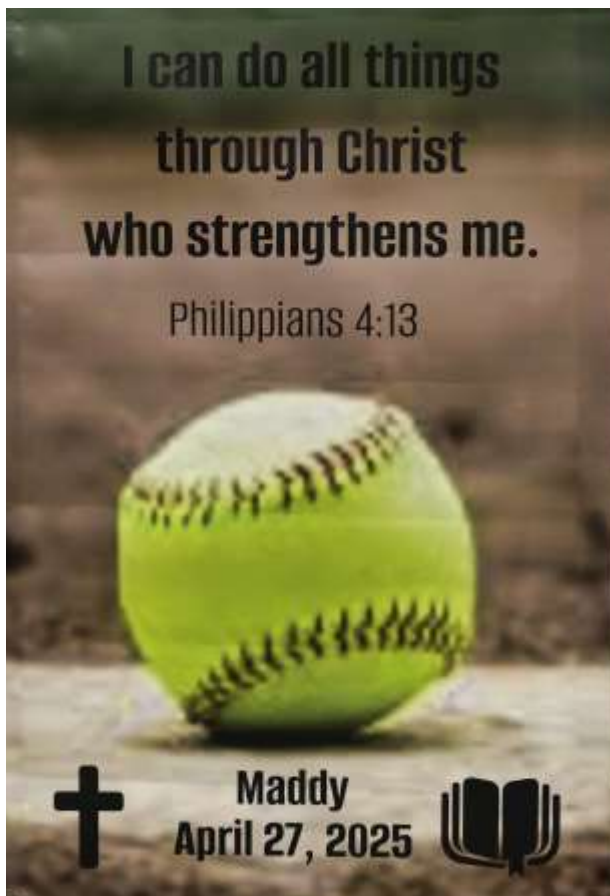
Confirmands Anna Klein, Eloise Guhl, Madelyn Bell, Cyrus Gabel



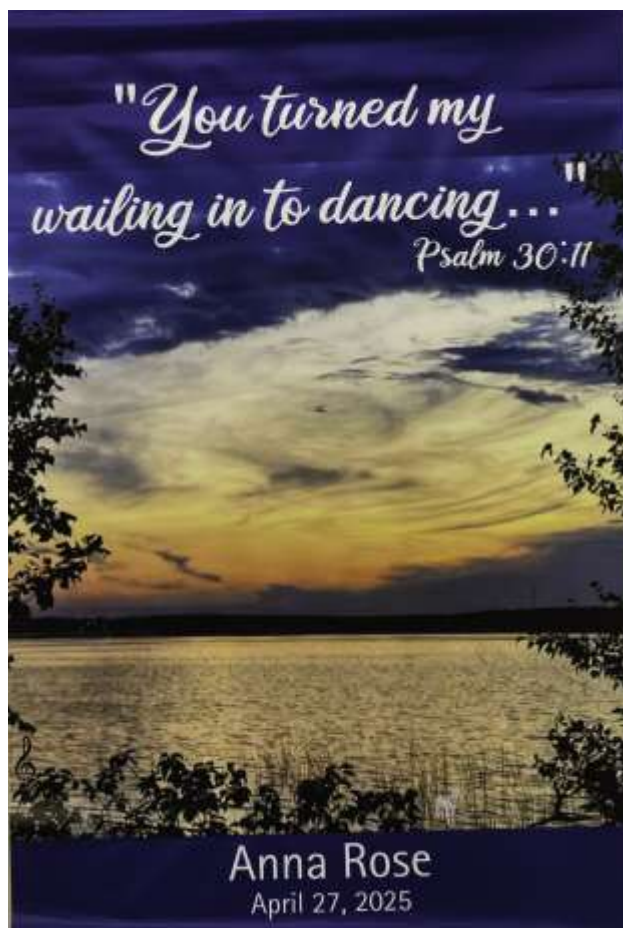
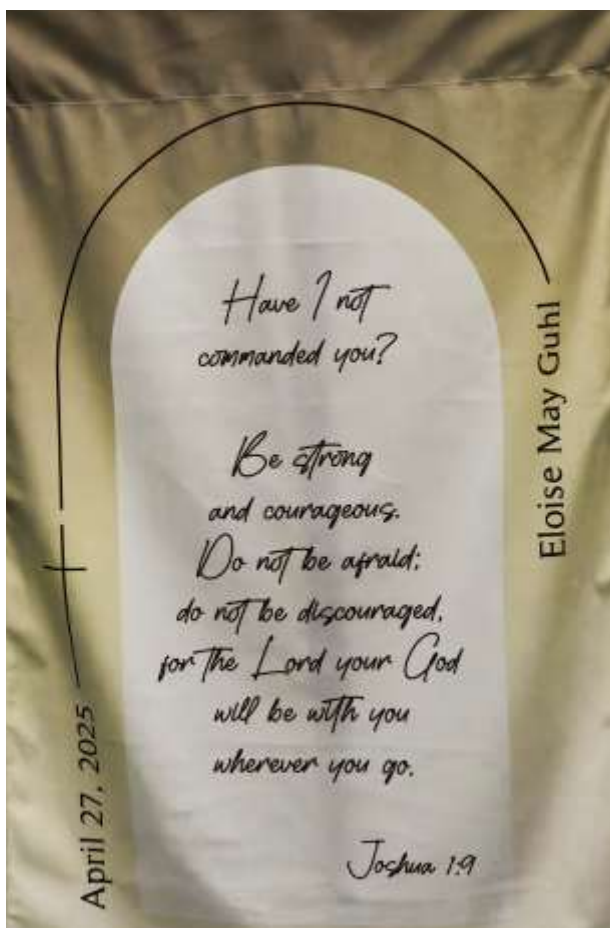
Kara emcees the presentation by the high school group

High schoolers present gifts to confirmands and invite to join youth





CONFIRMATION BANNERS



TASTING BEE April 26, 2025



Tasting Bee chairpersons



Door prize chairpersons & helpers



Door prize tables



Decorated tables





Tyler Drew Bell 2025

Graduate from: Solon

College/Future Plans: Mt. Mercy

*Field of Study: Exercise Science &
play football*

Congratulations to the



Nicholas Andrew
Caylor 2025

Graduate from: West High

College/Future Plans: University of Iowa

Field of Study: Business



Philip Emmanuel
Bloesch 2025

Graduate from: City High

College/Future Plans: Luther College

Field of Study: Chemistry & Music



Karsten Eugene Ali
Ghabel 2025

Graduate from: West High
College/Future Plans: Iowa State University
Field of Study: Genetics



Molly Jane Krogh
2025

Graduate from: Liberty
College/Future Plans: University of Iowa
Field of Study: Radiologic Sciences



Claire Noel
Hartwig 2025

Graduate from: City High
College/Future Plans: Concordia University
Wisconsin
Field of Study: Elementary Education & LTE



Rachel Elizabeth Matel
2025

Graduate from: City High
College/Future Plans: Washington University-
St. Louis
Field of Study: Microbiology



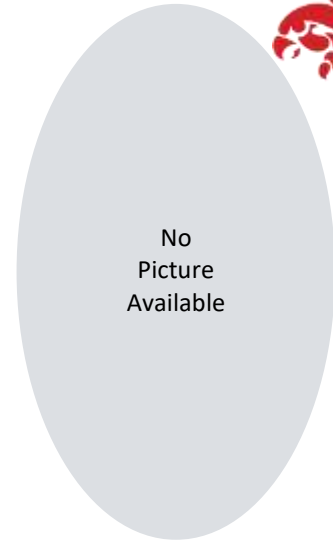
Addyson Rose McKillip 2025

Graduate from: Liberty

College/Future Plans: Hawkeye

Community College

Field of Study: Animal Sciences; Softball

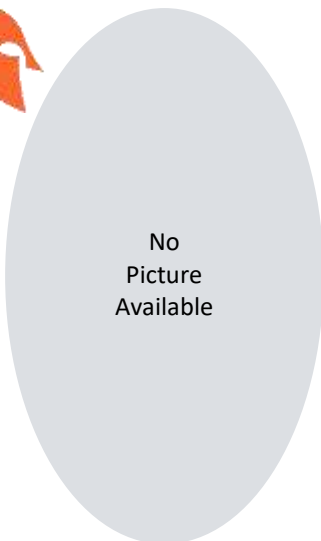


Adam Schaefer 2025

Graduate from: City High

College/Future Plans: Unknown

Field of Study: Undecided



Grant Lane Wilson2025

Graduate from: Solon

College/Future Plans: Unknown

Field of Study: Undecided



Connor Ulrich Cross 2025

Graduate from: City High

College/Future Plans: University of Georgia

Field of Study: Unknown

Senior Blankets made with a lot of love for our high school graduates. Thank you blanket makers!





Congratulations!
Graduates



GRAD BREAKFAST
May 18, 2025



Tyler Bell



Philip Bloesch



Nick Caylor



Connor Cross



Karsten Gabel



Claire Hartwig



Molly Krogh



Rachel Matel



Addyson McKillip



Adam Schaefer



Grant Wilson



2025



Contestant Mission Dollar Wins:

Sadie (Emma) \$100 to IDE Scholarship
John \$60 to Panama Eyeglass Clinic
Kean \$100 to UKANDU
Erica \$110 for eSwatini



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!



PRESCHOOL 2025 Class of



The Lord blessed us with 13
Preschool Graduates this year.
We had a nice reception
following the end of the
school presentation.



The students were busy with many end of year activities





Have a nice summer!



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



SUMMER 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
June 1	John 9	The Seeing Sign—Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind
June 8	John 11:1-44	A Resurrection Sign—Jesus Raises Lazarus
June 15	Luke 17:11-19	The Thankful One—Jesus Heals Ten Lepers
June 22	Luke 18:15-17	The Kingdom of Children—Jesus Blesses the Children
June 29	UKANDU Presentation—All ages meet in the Fellowship Hall	
July 6	John 12:1-8	The Passion Prediction—Mary Anoints Jesus
July 13	Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 24:7-10	The King Arrives—Jesus Rides into Jerusalem
July 20	Mark 12:41-44	A Trusting Widow—Jesus Teaches about Offerings
July 27	Luke 22:7-23	Forever Food—The Lord's Supper



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church VBS

2301 East Court Street, Iowa City, IA

Sunday, August 3, 2025 to Thursday, August 7, 2025

5:00 PM—8:15 PM

Sign up today for **Epic Australian Adventure VBS** this summer! Throughout this program, we will go on an epic adventure through Australia and along the way be guided by our Savior, Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life! Let's go on an unforgettable journey!

NIGHTLY SCHEDULE

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 2025-26)

Sign up to attend or volunteer:

<https://vbsmate.com/OurRedeemerVBS2025>

Youth

6th - 12th Graders

JUNE 2025

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					

JULY 2025

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
6/6	Last Day of Iowa City School	
6/11	Youth Night	7:00pm
6/15	UKANDU Commissioning	10:30am
6/18	Youth Night	6:00pm
6/21	UKANDU (June 21-28)	
6/29	UKANDU Presentation	9:20am
DATE	EVENT	TIME
7/2	Youth Night	6:00pm
7/4	4th of July—Office Closed	7:00pm
7/9	Youth Family Night—Bohnsacks'	
7/13	NYG Commissioning	10:30am
7/15	NYG (July 15-24)	
7/27	Vicar Simmons Last Sunday Lunch	12:00pm
7/30	Youth Night	6:00pm

June/July Events

Friday, June 6th

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IOWA CITY



Sunday, June 15th

10:30am—UKANDU

Commissioning



June 21st—28th

UKANDU in Chicago



Sunday, June 29th

UKANDU Presentation 9:20 am

During Sunday School Time



Friday, July 4th

Happy 4th of July

NYG Commissioning
July 13 ~ 10:30 service
NYG July 15-24

ENDURE
JULY 19-23, 2025; NEW ORLEANS, LA



Office Closed/4th of July Parade



Are you volunteering for VBS?
If so, don't forget to register
for it.

Sign up to volunteer:

<https://vbsmate.com/OurRedeemerVBS2025>

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

<u>STAFF & EMAIL</u>	<u>PHONE NO.</u>	<u>STAFF & EMAIL</u>	<u>PHONE NO.</u>
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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.



Our Triune God

Genesis 1,2

Oh, our Father, Creator—

You mold our bodies in Your likeness
yet we often do not remember You
as our Maker
but You love us, still love us
from the dawn of our time
although we often do not love You back.

Oh, our Savior, Redeemer, Christ Jesus—

You came to earth molded in our form,
ready to save us from our filth and sin
so that our Father once more
sees us as He made us
through You—pure as the whitest snow.

Oh, our Comforter, Holy Spirit—

You give us breath to live
and take our imperfect prayers
to our Father in the purest form
acceptable to Him and keep us
in the true faith to follow
in our Lord's footsteps
until we are ready to come Home.

Oh, our Triune God—

although we cannot reason
in our earthly form
we believe You are One
but three separate Persons
because Your Word tells us so--
our LORD GOD Word cannot lie
and He keeps His promises.

Carol Schuldt