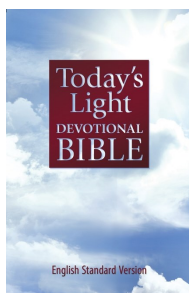




~Third Sunday of Easter~

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Read through the Bible in two years



Week 71 Date	Scripture
05/05/2025	Micah 1:1-2:13
05/06/2025	Micah 3:1-4:13
05/07/2025	Micah 5:1-15
05/08/2025	Micah 6:1-16
05/09/2025	Micah 7:1-20
05/10/2025	Nahum 1:1-3:19

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
May 4	Luke 15	Lost-and-Found Wonders—Jesus Seeks the Lost/Last Sunday School of the school year
May 11	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY—The Bible is Right—<i>No traditional classes this day</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kids will speak at the end of 8:00am service and the beginning of the 10:30am service Pastor will teach all ages in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday School time 	
May 18	Graduation Breakfast all ages gather in the Fellowship Hall—No traditional classes	
May 25	Memorial Day Weekend—No Classes	



Sunday Coffee & Treats

This Sunday's coffee and pastries are being provided by the LWML. Free will offering will go towards current and future missions projects. Come join us for pastries & fellowship before Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers for the altar this weekend are from Val and Cindy Penney in celebration and giving thanks to God for Cindy's parents 68th anniversary and Val's and Cindy's 42nd anniversary (June).

Prayer of the Church/Third Sunday of Easter/May 4, 2025

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

Worthy are You, O Lord, to receive the praise and thanksgiving of Your people. For You have sent Your Son as the Lamb to ransom us by His blood and make us a kingdom of priests in Your service. Bless Your Church, that all we endeavor to do in Your name may be in accord with Your will.

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

Worthy are You, O Lord, You raised up Saul from among Your enemies, that he would suffer for Your name. Stir up all those baptized into Your name, and call many men to the service of Your Church. Sustain all *the parish nurses of eSwatini and the Lutheran Church of Panama* who share the Gospel.

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

Worthy are You, O Lord, You are glorified in the sufferings of Your faithful people. Teach us to trust You through all our trials and graciously bear up those who struggle among us, [*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.**

Worthy are You, O Lord, for You have raised up among us men who are pursuing the Office of Holy Ministry. We praise you for **Josiah Coblenz's** Vicarage assignment to St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Arlington, Wisconsin, and for **Andrew Vought's** assignment as Vicar here at Our Redeemer next year. We also praise You that **Ethan Boester** has been assigned as Associate Pastor at St. James Lutheran Church in Chicago, Illinois. With churches wanting Vicars and Pastors, we give you praise for these assignments.

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

Worthy are You, O Lord, You gave Your Son to be the Lamb. He has given us His own flesh to be our food and His very blood to be our drink. Give us Your Holy Spirit so that we who approach His table may receive His gifts with repentant hearts and faith, that what we receive with our lips we may keep in holy hearts and show forth in holy lives.

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

Worthy are You, O Lord, 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!**

LWML Ladies Night Out, Monday, May 19, 6:00pm

The ladies of Our Redeemer are having a Ladies Night Out at the Miller Homestead—a full Amish meal. Signup sheet is in the narthex. The meal is a two entree meal, which includes fried chicken and Salisbury steak, homemade noodles, vegetable, salad, homemade bread, pie, and drink. The price is \$25 which includes tip. If you want to join us, please sign up by Sunday, May 11. Make checks payable to Miller Homestead. Pay in cash or check and mail to Cynthia Fruendt, 1224 Ash Street, Iowa City 52240. Must sign up and pay by Sunday, May 11. We will carpool from church **leaving** at 5:15 p.m.



BIRTHDAYS

May 4	Meleah Fesler, Brock Wenck
May 5	Tobias Haack, Brian Poust
May 6	Emily Peterson, Paul Ragan, Wyatt Thompson
May 7	Ryan Roth, James Schanbacher, Kristin Weis
May 8	Karen Alderman, Todd Davis, Brian Potter, Callie Schneider, Robert Stoddard
May 9	Marc West
May 10	***

STEWARDSHIP April 26/27, 2025

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 4/26—5:30pm	59	Contributions	\$5,840.11
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 4/27—8:00am	79	Monthly needs for budget	\$71,996.33
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 4/27—10:30am	145	Spiritual Growth Event	N/A
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	283	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	38/53

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, May 4—11, 2025

<u>Sunday, 5/4</u>		<u>Wednesday continued...</u>	
Worship Service	8:00am	Preschool Open House	6:00pm
Adult Bible Class & Sunday School	9:20am	Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
Worship Service	10:30am		
The Chosen	6:00pm	<u>Thursday, 5/8</u>	
		Comfort Tiers	9:00am
<u>Monday, 5/5</u>		Lantern Park	10:00am
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Briarwood	4:00pm
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	Board Directors	7:00pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Youth Committee	6:00pm		
		<u>Friday, 5/9</u>	
<u>Tuesday, 5/6</u>		Pizza and Playground	5:30pm
Solon Nursing Home	9:30am		
Sharon Hintze-PEO Lunch	10:00am	<u>Saturday, 5/10</u>	
Stephen Ministry Training	6:00pm	Men's Bible Study	8:00am
Board of Elders-Staff Evaluations	6:30pm	Set up for The Bible is Right	9:00am
Human Care Committee	6:30pm	Worship Service	5:30pm
Al-Anon	7:00pm		
		<u>Sunday, 5/11 Sunday School Sunday/Noisy Offering</u>	
<u>Wednesday, 5/7</u>		Worship Service	8:00am
TOPS	8:00am	THE BIBLE IS RIGHT—ALL AGES	9:20am
Bible Study	11:00am	Worship Service	10:30am
Lunch Bunch	12:00pm	The Chosen	6:00pm



**“EVERYBODY COME ON DOWN.....YOU MAY BE THE NEXT
CONTESTANT ON THE BIBLE IS RIGHT!!”**

Come join us on Sunday, May 11, during the regular Sunday School time of 9:20am for “The Bible Is Right”. All ages are welcome to come and it will be held in the Fellowship Hall. The contestants, whoever he or she is, will have their Bible trivia put to the challenge in front of an audience. Join us for fun and the contestants chance to win mission dollars for one of our missions.

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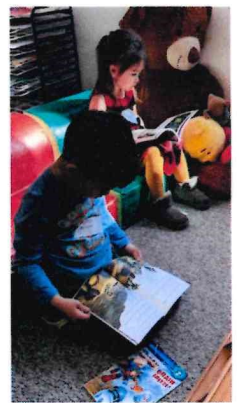
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[www.http://ourredeemer.org/preschool/](http://www.ourredeemer.org/preschool/)

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Blessing Books *Now through May 11th*

We will continue to do our senior books a page at time.

Messages of encouragement and congratulations to the graduates can be sent via email or write them on a quarter sheet of paper allowing half an inch on the left for binding.

WHO SHOULD “SIGN” THE BLESSING BOOKS? Everyone in the congregation can sign.

WHAT SHOULD I WRITE? Write a short note of Christian encouragement, share your favorite Bible verse or simply sign your name.

HOW DO I SHARE MY MESSAGE? You can either write your message on a quarter sheet of paper and email a picture of it or just email the text you want--you can use the same message or create one for each student. (Please make sure that you specify the recipient of individual messages)

Please email your message to Laurel at consultant@ourredeemer.org by May 11th



Tyler Bell
Connor Cross
Molly Krogh
Adam Schaefer

Philip Bloesch
Karsten Gabel
Rachel Matel
Grant Wilson

Nicholas Caylor
Claire Hartwig
Addyson McKillip



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Sunday, May 11th

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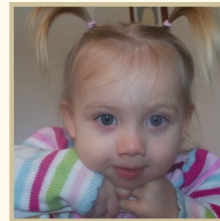
we cordially invite you to a
celebration in honor of

OUR GRADUATE

*Claire
Hartwig*

THE EIGHTEENTH OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-FIVE
AT 3 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

May 18th 2025, 3-6pm
2301 East Court Street
Iowa City, IA, 52245



Pastor & Kara Hartwig with Vicar Josiah Coblentz and his wife Katie at Concordia Seminary-St. Louis call day. Josiah will be doing his vicarage at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Arlington, WI



**CALL
DAY
2025**



Former vicar, Ethan Boester now pastor-elect has been called as Associate Pastor to St. James Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL



Vicar & Katie Coblentz posing with vicarage supervisor Pastor David Juhl.



New vicar for the 2025-2026 year is Vicar Andrew Vought pictured to the right with his family and Pastor & Kara Hartwig

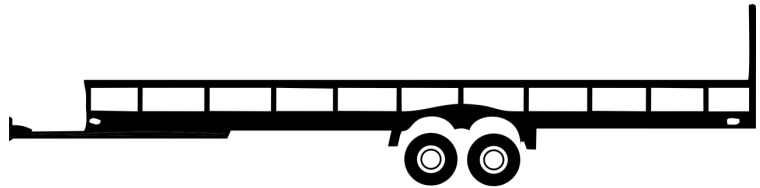


HEAVY DUTY TRAILER NEEDED!

The Outreach Committee is in need of a heavy-duty flatbed trailer for the Fourth of July parade because the trailer we used in the previous year is no longer available. We would like the trailer to be between 15 and 30 feet long and 96-102 inches wide. It will need to hold approximately 6000-8000 pounds of water and decorations. We hope to use the trailer from Saturday, June 28th through Friday, July 4th. If you know of a trailer that we could possibly use, please contact any Outreach Committee member. Thank you in advance for helping us to keep the ORLC parade tradition alive!

Outreach Committee members:

Arlan Thompson	319-338-2938
Donna Saehler	319-321-3207
Skip & Marilyn Kempnich	319-351-5297
Judy Schwartz	563-650-6610
Carol Holman	651-226-7722
Melody Strom	319-330-3326



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church VBS

Sunday, August 3, 2025 to Thursday, August 7, 2025
5:00 PM—8:15 PM

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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

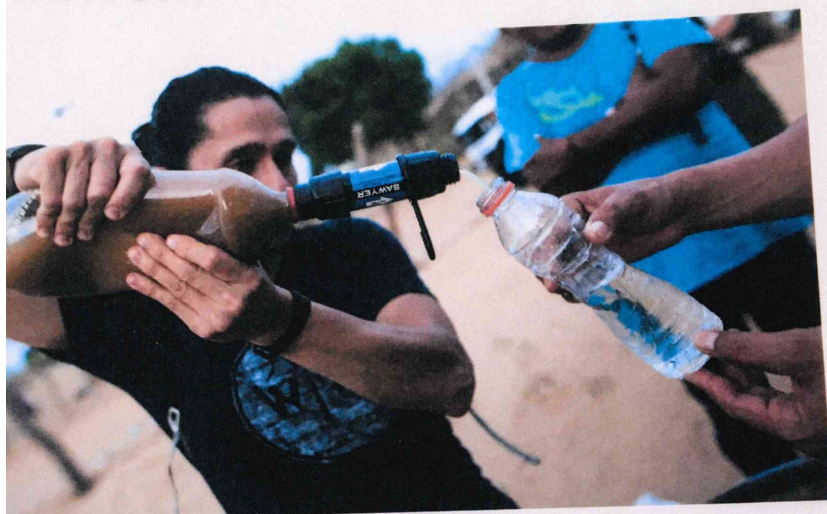
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4 year old (who are potty trained)
through 8th grade students (for 2025-26)

Sign up to attend or volunteer:

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780 million people live without access to clean drinking water. And the number of people in need of purified water is increasing daily. Each enclosed Wine to Water filter is designed to make a sustainable impact by providing 10-12 people with drinkable water for at least 10 years.



If you are a Thrivent member, log into your account and go to request a Thrivent Cause kit. Information below. We did one and picture is included. Give it a try for a great cause.

- Request kit
- Assemble at home
- Send it back to give back
- Help transform lives



Complete a Thrivent Cause Kit to make an impact in communities worldwide. Invite friends and family to join you so they can give back, too! Each kit includes:

- 3 filters or lights to assemble
- Step-by-step assembly instructions
- A return mailing label



—OR—

Both builds are designed for easy assembly and any tools needed are included with the kit. The SolarBuddy Light kit involves steps that require fine motor skills. Instructions are included in both kits, making the process simple and straightforward.



Select your kit
You're eligible to get 1 per year.

For more information contact
Cynthia Fruendt



Preschool Video

Preschool Newsletter

Our Redeemer Preschool where children play, learn, and grow in Jesus!

April 28—May 2, 2025

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

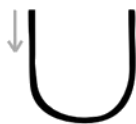
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This Week

Welcome question
Daily math question
Bible Lesson—Jesus cooks breakfast for his disciples.
Letter Uu —*recognize, write, sound*
Calendar
Free-style painting
Bug books
Emergent reader books
Mystery Readers
Librarian visit
Global awareness
Around the world—clothes & food
Free Lions Club Eye exam



Big line
Turn
Big line



Uu



Dates

May 5&6—Bike Days
May 7—Open House (6-7pm)
May 9—Pizza and Playground event (5:30-7pm)
May 22/23—Graduation/Celebration (11:45 am) with lunch to follow

Next Week's Snacks

You get to bring snack and be our line leader!
M/W/F = 15 students; T/TH = 13 students

Monday: Bennett

Tuesday: Reuben

Wednesday: Zion

Thursday: Gwen

Friday: Vinley



You only need to bring 2 healthy food groups for snack of the 5 presented in our Credible Food List packet. **Half a gallon of a drink is all we need.** Thank you. If staying for lunch, our preschoolers need all 5 food groups present.



Uu

(To The Eensy Weensey Spider)

My uncle's ukulele goes unka, plunka, doo. Each night he strums it underneath the moon. Unka, plunka, plunka, doo...I hear Uncle's happy tune floating upstairs to my room.

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Enrollment for 2025-2026

Preschool enrollment for next year is open!

Preschool is from 9:00am until 12:00pm. Morning/lunch extended care and scholarships are available. Ask for more details. preschool@ourredeemer.org.



Consign through the Stuff; this is a fundraiser for our preschool. You can donate items by dropping them off yourselves or placing them in a box outside the preschool. Preschool will receive 50% of the profit from the donated items that are sold at Stuff. All items given to Stuff will be a donation if they cannot sell them. **Consigner Number:** Iowa City #43522 Coralville #38168



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



**Sunday School,
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9:20 am—10:15 am

**Lost-and-Found
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May 19th

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BREAKFAST**



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Youth

6th —12th Grade

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

Graduation Breakfast



Sunday, May 18th
9:15 am—10:15 am
Fellowship Hall

The congregation is invited to attend this celebration for Our Redeemer's high school seniors who are graduating in 2025.

MAY EVENTS



Sunday, May 11th
SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY
9:20 am

Sunday School Celebration
in the Fellowship Hall

Memory Work during Worship Services

*End of 8:00 am service &
beginning of 10:30 am service*

Confirmation—*The Apostle's Creed & The Ten Commandments*

High School—*Proverbs 3:5-6 and Psalm 23*

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Noisy Offering

*Bring your coins to put in the offering jar
in the Narthex*

Saturday, May 17th

GRADUATION BREAKFAST SET-UP

3:00 pm—5:00 pm

6th graders thru 11th graders
and families helping



Sunday, May 18th
GRADUATION BREAKFAST

9:15 am—10:15 am

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Sunday, May 25th

No Sunday School/Adult Bible Class

Monday, May 26th

MEMORIAL DAY

Office Closed

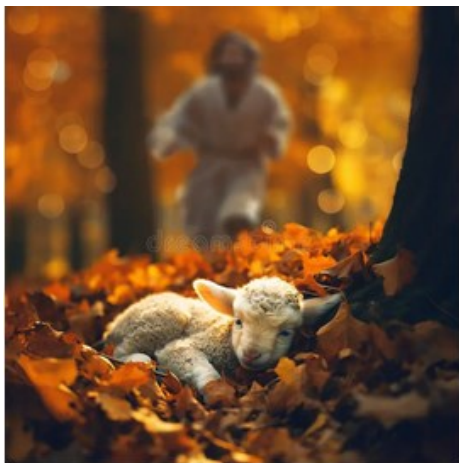
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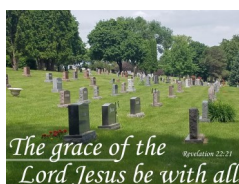
YOUTH Sunday School

Sunday, May 4th

9:20 am — 10:15 am



Lost-and-Found Wonders—Jesus Seeks the Lost
Luke 15



*The grace of the
Lord Jesus be with all.*

OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

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 Prayer Chain: 351-5297 or prayerchain@ourredeemer.org Special Announcements Line: 338-3505

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Marilyn Paetz, Organist	351-4262 (home)	Kevin Sellers Director of Technology technology@ourredeemer.org	338-5626 ext. 18 631-8924 (cell)
Laurel Sellers, Consultant consultant@ourredeemer.org	319-331-3242 (cell) 338-5626 ext. 21		

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Bill Benson (chair)	517-881-9848
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Tim Eick	248-514-2881
Rick Gienapp	319-331-7425
Chad Waring	319-331-8303
Skip Kempnich	319-351-5297
Brad Mullane	319-936-5826
Chad Pence	319-321-5686
Art Schwarting	319-325-6152

2025 Board of Directors

President	Ben Weis	319-936-6850
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Secretary	Barb Pronk	641-425-4880
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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.