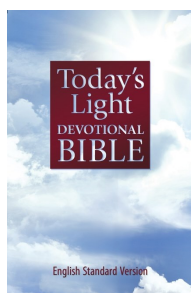




~Fourth Sunday of Easter~

## ADULT BIBLE CLASS

*Read through the Bible in two years*



Week 72 Date	Scripture
05/12/2025	Habakkuk 1:1-2:20
05/13/2025	Habakkuk 3:1-19
05/14/2025	Zephaniah 1:1-2:15
05/15/2025	Zephaniah 3:1-20
05/16/2025	Haggai 1:1-2:23
05/17/2025	Zechariah 1:1-2:13

## Sunday School Lessons

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



### “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.

## A Fellow Our Redeemer Member Needs Rides



One of our members is no longer able to drive, but is quite mobile and would very much like to attend worship and Bible study. If anyone could give rides either consistently or occasionally, it would be very much appreciated. This is an opportunity to put Christian service and caring into action. If this is a way you would be willing to assist your fellow members, please give Lorrie a call at 319-338-5626 for more information.

## Prayer of the Church/Fourth Sunday of Easter/May 11, 2025

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

Holy Father, accept the prayers we offer through Your Son, our Savior, and keep us forever in Your name and Word, that we may be one just as You are one. Sanctify us in the truth; Your Word is truth.

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

Holy Father, You have gathered us again before Your presence. Grant that we may dwell in Your house all the days of our lives and gaze upon Your beauty manifested here in Your Word and Sacrament. Graciously receive us as we inquire in Your temple.

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

Holy Father, since it is Your will that we pray for all in authority, we believe with confidence that You hear our prayers for our president, governor, Congress, legislature and judges. Teach them the testimony of the truth, that they may be wise and effective in their offices.

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

Holy Father, You have testified that eternal life is given in Your Son and that whoever has Him has life. Comfort and help the sick and the distressed [*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), **Danny Fuhrmeister, 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, April Tutton Clark** (Grace Maurer's sister), **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)] Heal them and give life to all those who hold Your Son in faithful hearts.*

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

Holy Father, You have given us a mirror of Your love in the vocation of mothers who nurture, guide, and raise their children in all things good. Bless them in their calling. Sustain them through weary and difficult times. Remember in compassion all who are barren and bring them comfort through the children of Your Church.

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

Holy Father, we thank you for the gift of Sunday School and the teachers that have served the past year. It is good for Your people of all ages to be in study of Your Word.

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 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!**

## BIRTHDAYS

May 11 Ava Cross, Patricia Morrow, Zachary Rozmus, Pat Sexton  
 May 12 Sara Caven, Callie Foster, Taylor Pence, Linda Langenberg  
 May 13 Maggie Schmidt, Seth Schwarting  
 May 14 Julie Chown, Russell Sexton  
 May 15 Marilyn Kempnich, Jodie Obermueller, Thomas Recker, Shana Stuart  
 May 16 Tim Eick, Michael Jones, Matthew Lepic, Erin McDowell, Janeen McKillip, Cy Miller, Violet Price, Easton Richardson, Carol Zimmermann  
 May 17 Grace Maurer, Betty Redeker

## STEWARDSHIP May 3/4, 2025

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 5/3—5:30pm	32	Contributions	\$14,097.51
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 5/4—8:00am	94	Monthly needs for budget	\$71,996.33
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 5/4—10:30am	151		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	277	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	34/56

## This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, May 11—18, 2025

<u>Sunday, 5/11 Sunday School Sunday/Noisy Offering</u>		<u>Thursday, 5/15</u>	
Worship Service	8:00am	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
THE BIBLE IS RIGHT—ALL AGES	9:20am	Atrium Village	3:30pm
Worship Service	10:30am	Cross & Entrance Committee	6:00pm
The Chosen	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
<u>Monday, 5/12</u>		<u>Friday, 5/16</u>	
Staff Planning Meeting	1:00pm	***	
Chamber Singers	6:00pm		
Old Capitol Quilters	6:00pm	<u>Saturday, 5/17</u>	
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Set up for Grad Breakfast	9:00am
Outreach Committee	6:30pm	Worship Service	5:30pm
LWML Board Meeting	7:00pm		
<u>Tuesday, 5/13</u>		<u>Sunday, 5/18</u>	
		Worship Service	8:00am
Old Capitol Quilters Workshop	8:00am	GRADUATION BREAKFAST	9:15am
Connections Committee	6:30pm	Worship Service	10:30am
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Hartwig Set up	12:00pm
		Claire Hartwig Graduation Reception	3:00pm
<u>Wednesday, 5/14</u>		The Chosen	6:00pm
TOPS	8:00am	Hartwig Cleanup	7:00pm
Properties Committee	5:30pm		

## 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.





## Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Mission Committee



# **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

## **Blessing Books *Now through May 11<sup>th</sup>***

*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](mailto:consultant@ourredeemer.org) by May 11<sup>th</sup>**



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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**during both worship services**

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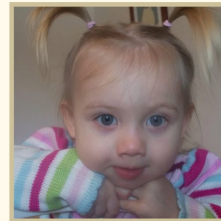
we cordially invite you to a  
celebration in honor of

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



## FREE CONCERT

The Vocal Artists of Iowa have their spring free-will offering concert on Saturday, May 17th from 3:00-4:00 at the Voxman Music Building, located on the corner of E. Burlington Street and S. Clinton Street. The theme of the concert is the vibrant energy of spring with songs inspired by the elements -- Wind, Fire, Rain, Light, and Stone. Ryson Stuart is a part of this group and wants to invite anyone to the concert.



**Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**GRADUATION BREAKFAST**  
**9:15 am—10:15 am**

Come join us in the Fellowship Hall during the regular Sunday School hour for breakfast to celebrate our high school seniors' milestone. All are invited.

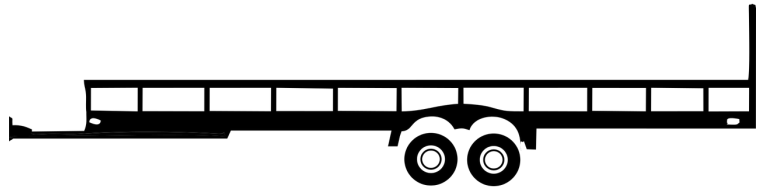


## HEAVY DUTY TRAILER NEEDED!

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

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5:00 PM—8:15 PM

2301 East Court Street  
Iowa City, IA

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5:30-5:45 pm opening  
5:30-8:00 pm activities  
8:00-8:15 pm closing

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

Sign up to attend or volunteer:

<https://vbsmate.com/OurRedeemerVBS2025>

# MISSIONS SCHEDULE

2025-2026

22 May, 2025

## Panama And Pie

Presentation by:  
Rev. Dr. Arthur  
Rickman  
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

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

A small group for people  
who have a heart for  
children's ministry and  
have experience teaching  
Sunday School and VBS.  
Spanish comprehension is  
helpful but not required.

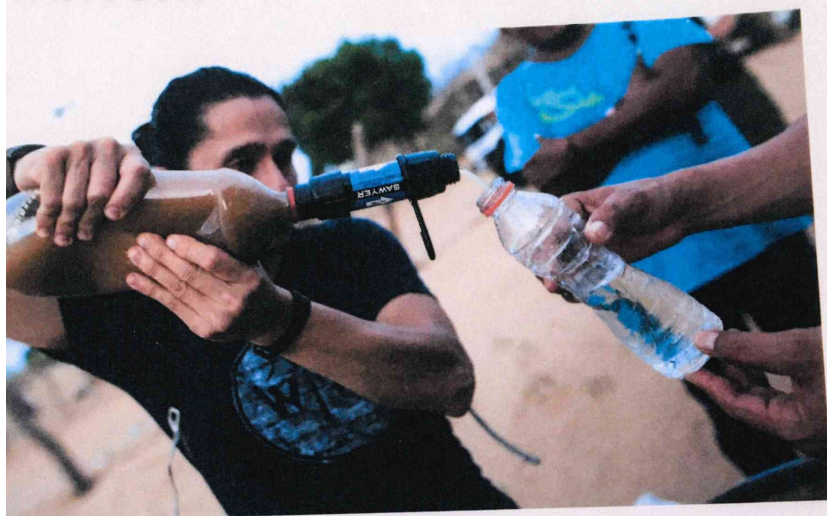
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2026

## eSwatini Trip

Be on the lookout for  
more information.  
Dates YTBD.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Iowa City



**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



## Karsten's Deck Project

Karsten Gabel is still trying to get monetary donations in order to complete his Eagle Scout project. The project of replacing the back deck at the Vicarage needs a total of \$6000 to complete it. So far, Karsten has been able to raise \$1700. He needs \$4300 more to complete it. If you wish to donate please call the church office.



## Pictorial Directory Update Reminder

Do you have your photo in the directory, or would you like to update your current photo? Any Saturday or Sunday before/after services, it can be done! Just ask a member of the Connections Committee to take your photo!

**ASK:** Aubry Lyons, Ruth Varney, Julie Neiland, Barb Gienapp, Denise Johnson, Pam Wilson

**OR:** email a photo of your own to the church office ([redeemer@ourredeemer.org](mailto:redeemer@ourredeemer.org)).

**OR:** bring or mail a printed photo to the office.

**OR:** arrange a photo time in advance by calling Pam Wilson (319-530-1920).



**Building Healthy Families:** Parents, grandparents and pew buddies! Did you know that even from the womb a child comes to know his or her mother's voice, nurturing their bond, providing comfort, and building trust? As we celebrate Mother's Day today, we also mark Good Shepherd Sunday on the church calendar. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, says "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27). Thank you, Lord for the gift of mothers who reflect the comfort, security, and love of our Good Shepherd, Jesus and for the incredible gift of hearing His voice in our churches and homes! Happy Mother's Day!

**Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)



## Part-Time Administrative Assistant Needed

St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel, Iowa City is hiring a part-time Administrative Assistant to help with tasks such as maintaining attendance records, managing social media, producing weekly bulletins, and handling mailings. This flexible position requires 5–10 hours per week. If you're organized, tech-savvy, and looking for a way to support our chapel, please contact Jon Kohlmeier at [jonkohlmeier@gmail.com](mailto:jonkohlmeier@gmail.com) for more information.

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CHAMBER SINGERS OF IOWA CITY

# HAYDN *THE CREATION*

Directed by Dr. David Puderbaugh

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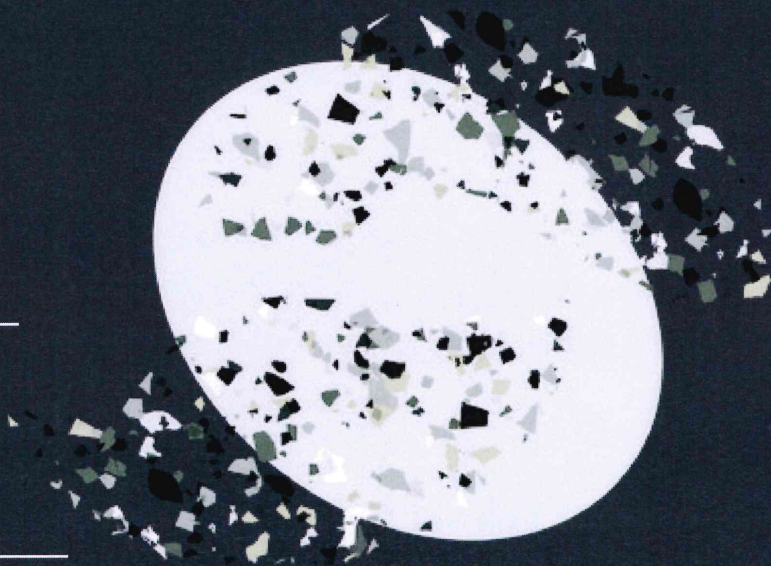
**Sunday, June 8, 2025**

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3:00 PM Voxman Music Building Concert Hall



Tickets: \$20 General Admission  
Student tickets are free  
[www.icchambersingers.org](http://www.icchambersingers.org)



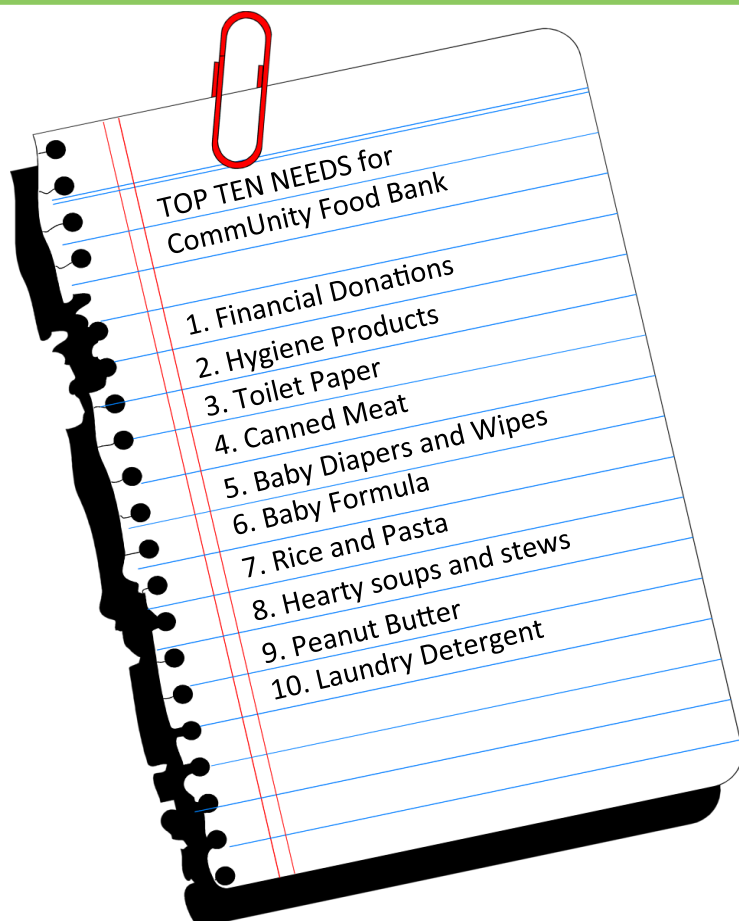
Haydn's *The Creation* is a breathtaking musical portrayal of the world's beginning as told in Genesis. This timeless masterpiece brings to life the six days of creation with full orchestra and chorus, featuring soprano **Jessica Pray Patel** as Gabriel/Eve, tenor **Colin Wilson** as Uriel, and baritone **David Meyer** as Raphael/Adam. From primordial chaos to the Garden of Eden, witness the wonder of creation unfold through Haydn's inspired music.



Our Redeemer will be serving The Loving Arms Kids Care Center and allowing them to use parts of our church facility, as they must vacate their current building while renovating a new one of their own. A portion of the church staff met with their leaders to discuss details. We discussed our expectations and theirs. They are very willing to work around, and with all the meetings and events that take place here throughout the summer and fall. Their estimate to be here is after Memorial Day and through the beginning of October. Some Details are still pending.

This is such a unique way of serving others in our community. We talk about Outreach when we have a resource that meets a community need. We have space, and they need to be somewhere temporarily. This speaks very much to the serving heart of Our Redeemer Church and Preschool. God be praised in this journey.

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](http://gospeladventures.org) or wherever you listen to podcasts.



**Donation bin located in  
Narthex by the  
Welcome Counter**

Please consider picking up extra items as you are shopping to donate to the CommUnity Crisis Center.



# Preschool Newsletter

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

May 5—9, 2025

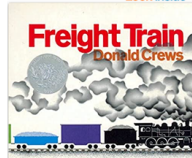
Director/Teacher: Kaja Mueller M-F  
Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949 Fax: 319-338--9171

Assistants: Christie Cherian M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH  
www.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org preschool@ourredeemer.org



## This Week

Welcome question  
Daily math question  
Boat facts  
Car facts  
Train sounds  
Traveling facts  
Bible Lesson—Jesus' Ascension and the Great Commission  
Color song—line leader chooses  
Calendar  
Free-style painting  
Transportation books  
Fire drill  
Bike safety video  
Robotics special guests



## Next Week's Snacks

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

Monday: Maeve  
Tuesday: Theo  
Wednesday: Judah  
Thursday: Elizabeth  
Friday: Mason



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.



**Happy 3<sup>3/4</sup>th Birthday, Gwen!**

**Please fill out the parent survey  
by May 16, 2025**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKKhzENr2p-7rpdcvwaBmMj6AddGIGMh0-IYEv3PpN53gJbA/viewform?usp=header>

Our Redeemer Preschool  
invites you to join us for a free



**& PLAYGROUND NIGHT!**

May 9, 2025  
5:30pm—7:00pm.

## Open House

Thank you for such a great support at Open House Night. Preschool open house offers a valuable opportunity for potential and current families to get a firsthand look at the school environment, meet the staff, and learn about the curriculum and program.



**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—5<sup>th</sup> Grade



**Sunday School,  
May 11, 2025**  
9:15 am—10:15 am

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
CELEBRATION IN THE  
FELLOWSHIP HALL ALL  
AGES ARE WELCOME—  
THE BIBLE IS RIGHT**



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**Sunday School SAVE THE DATE!**

**May 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Graduation  
BREAKFAST**



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# Youth

6<sup>th</sup> —12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Youth Coordinator Kara Hartwig [youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org](mailto:youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org) (319) 855-2728

## Graduation Breakfast



Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>  
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 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY**  
9:15 am

**Sunday School Celebration**  
*in the Fellowship Hall—THE BIBLE IS RIGHT*  
**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*

*Sunday School is one step along the way of equipping disciples to make disciples for Jesus.*

### Noisy Offering

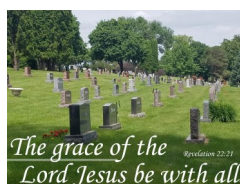
*Bring your coins to put in the offering jar  
in the Narthex*

**Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**GRADUATION BREAKFAST SET-UP**  
9:00 am—11:00 am  
6<sup>th</sup> graders thru 11<sup>th</sup> graders  
and families helping



**Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**GRADUATION BREAKFAST**  
9:15 am—10:15 am  
6<sup>th</sup> graders thru 11<sup>th</sup> graders  
and families helping

**Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**No Sunday School/Adult Bible Class**



**Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**MEMORIAL DAY**  
**Office Closed**  
**No School—Iowa City**



**YOUTH Sunday School**  
**Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**  
9:15 am —10:15 am

Come on down to the Fellowship Hall.  
You might be a contestant on  
**THE BIBLE IS RIGHT!**



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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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.