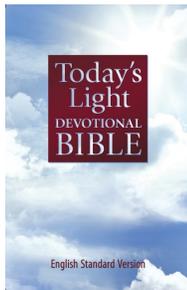




*~Second Sunday of Pentecost~*

## ADULT BIBLE CLASS

*Read through the Bible in two years*



Week 78 Date	
06/23/2025	Mark 9:1-50
06/24/2025	Mark 10:1-52
06/25/2025	Mark 11:1-33
06/26/2025	Mark 12:1-13:37
06/27/2025	Mark 14:1-72
06/28/2025	Mark 15:1-47

## Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
June 22	Luke 18:15-17	The Kingdom of Children—Jesus Blesses the Children
June 29	UKANDU Presentation	
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

**Dear Members of Our Redeemer,**

**Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Outreach Committee will NOT be participating in Coralville's 4th of July parade this year.**

**Thank you for the bottles of water you have donated already. We have upcoming events that will use these. For now, we do not need any more bottles of water.**

**Thanks for all your help in the past.**

**Our Redeemer Outreach Committee, Arlan Thompson, Chair**

## Prayer of the Church/Second Sunday of Pentecost/June 22, 2025

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

Lord, You keep in perfect peace those who trust in You. Grant Your perfect peace in the world, in the Church, in the home and in our lives.

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

Lord, You are a shield around us, our glory and the lifter of our heads. Draw near to our homes, and keep them safe from discord and every evil intention. Give faithfulness to husbands and wives, love and respect between parents and children, and allow our homes to be havens from fear and doubt.

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

Lord, You have established governments and institutions for good order and our well-being. Guide and grant wisdom to leaders and citizens. Give peace, security and good laws to our own country, our cities and our communities.

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

Lord, We thank you for the opportunity to take part in the **UKANDU** event this week. Guide the work of all who are participating in the event. Bless their efforts that their work will contribute to the sharing of the gospel in the greater Chicago area.

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

Lord, You are the Great Physician. According to Your good and perfect will, grant healing to the sick and those who suffer. Give comfort to the grieving in their loss and peace for the dying in their last days on earth. [*we especially remember **Becky Behrens, Dorothy Blume** (Carol Schuldt's sister), **April Tutton Clark** (Sister of Grace Mauer) **Loren Deetz, Kathy Eick, Chuck Enokian, John Enokian** (brother of Chuck Enokian), **Raymond Forman, 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, 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, Lynne Westphal, Mark Wilson, Rod Wittich, Beth Wu, Martha Van Kirk, and Velma Zebuhr** (Bruce Maurer's aunt)].*

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

Lord, You give abundant gifts to Your children. Give us also thankful hearts to receive Your gifts. Grant us grace in giving, that we may return to You the tithes and offerings You are due.

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

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!**

## BIRTHDAYS

June 22 Beau Cornwell, Luella Feldman  
 June 23 Brian Fetzer, Kathy Schweer, Korene Severt  
 June 24 Gary McIlrath, Craig Stranathan, Turner Watkinson  
 June 25 Marilyn Albright, Matthew Davies, Maeve Obermueller  
 June 26 \*\*\*  
 June 27 Emily Jones, Bob Lentfer, Jeff Nicholson, Emelia Richardson  
 June 28 Trisha Cornwell, Carol Helle, Megan Jerred, Mark Martens, Diane Thomas

## STEWARDSHIP June 14/15, 2025

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 6/14—5:30pm	30	Contributions	\$7,055.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 6/15—8:00am	72	Monthly needs for budget	\$71,996.33
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 6/15—10:30am	130		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	232	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	4/53

## This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, June 22—29, 2025

<b><u>Sunday, 6/22</u></b>		<b><u>Thursday, 6/26—LWML Natl' Convention</u></b>	
Worship Service	8:00am	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	9:20am	Book Club	7:00pm
Worship Service	10:30am	Al-Anon	7:30pm
District 13 Meeting	2:30pm		
		<b><u>Friday, 6/27—Office Closed</u></b>	
<b><u>Monday, 6/23</u></b>		***	
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	<b><u>Saturday, 6/28</u></b>	
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Men's Bible Study	8:00am
		Worship Service	5:30pm
<b><u>Tuesday, 6/24</u></b>			
SM-Small Group/Marlene	6:00pm	<b><u>Sunday, 6/29</u></b>	
Al-Anon	7:00pm	Worship Service	8:00am
		UKANDU Presentation	9:20am
<b><u>Wednesday, 6/25</u></b>		Worship Service	10:30am
TOPS	8:00am		
Emerson Point	2:00pm	<b>LWML National Convention June 26-29</b>	

## It is nearing that time!

It is nearing that time when Vicar & Rachel Simmons will be heading back to the seminary for Vicar's final year of academics. Vicar's farewell and last Sunday will be July 27.

There will be a farewell lunch following the late service. Chicken and drinks will be provided. We ask that the congregation to bring side dishes and desserts to share. All are invited.

***Vicar and Rachel will need help loading the moving truck on Sunday, JULY 27 after the Farewell Luncheon. Some volunteers would be greatly appreciated.***

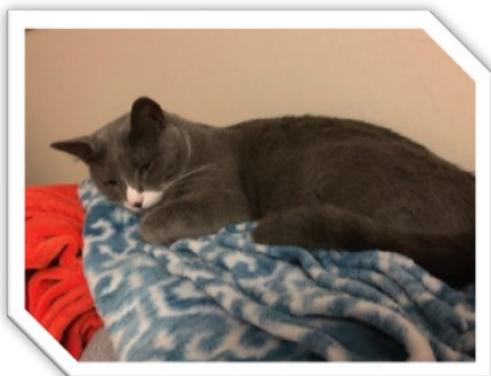
So Long  
Farewell  
GOODBYE!  
Adios Godspeed



**Building Healthy Families: We're Growing with You!** If you haven't done so yet, it's not too late to make your spring "Grow with Us, Go with Us" gift to support the growing, going work of Lutheran Family Service in your area! New partners are needed to build new LFS resources to serve more people in need than ever before. Be one of 10 new partners from your congregation to make a gift of at least \$10 before the end of June and you will grow the ministry of love, mercy, and care that we are called to accomplish together for our neighbors in need — and your pastor will receive a gift card for a nice evening out with his spouse or a friend! Make your gift today at [https://lutheranfamilyservice.networkforgood.com/!](https://lutheranfamilyservice.networkforgood.com/)

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

## Trying to find friendly new furry family member?



A member of our church family is looking to relocate their 5-year-old indoor cat to a new home. She is a quiet and extremely soft cat who takes up very little space and is happy to lounge around the house all day and be a companion. She is great with adults but a bit nervous around children and would be better off in a home with no, older, or grown children. She is spayed, completely house trained, and comes with all the necessities (litterbox, food bowl, fountain water bowl). She and all of her amenities are free to a good home. If you would like more details, please contact the church office!

*You are invited!!!*

You are cordially invited to join Trinity Lutheran Church and School on Sunday, July 6, for the installations of Rev. Daryn Bahn and Dr. Karen Bahn. Dr. Bahn will be installed as school principal during our 9:00 AM worship service. A breakfast potluck and card shower will follow downstairs in the fellowship hall. Rev. Bahn will be installed as associate pastor the same day at 3:00 PM. A cake reception and card shower will be held afterward. We hope you can join us for these special occasions.

Trinity Lutheran Church & School  
1363 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue SW  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52405



## Our Redeemer Lutheran Church VBS

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

2301 East Court Street  
Iowa City, IA



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

Sign up to attend or volunteer:

<https://vbsmate.com/OurRedeemerVBS2025>

# Our Redeemer Youth 28 Annual Colorado Peach Fundraiser



9-11 pounds per flat  
15-20 peaches per flat  
\$25.00 a flat

*We're so excited to host our Peach Sale this year! We continue to pray for a good harvest as we look forward to the arrival of fresh, handpicked, juicy Colorado peaches. As always, orders will be filled on a first come first serve basis – as quantities allow. Please get your order form in early.*

1. Your cleared check is your confirmation receipt.
2. You will be officially notified by postcard of the exact pick-up date and time once we get word that our peaches are ready. Pick up will be at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, **possibly** in August or September (depending on ripening of fruit).
3. On **pick up day**, you **must have** your **reminder postcard** in hand. If you are having someone else pick up your peaches, please give them your postcard.
4. Complete form, cut along dotted line and *keep top portion* for your records. *Return bottom portion* with cash or a check payable to "LYF". Orders must be **prepaid**. Orders should be dropped off at or mailed to:

**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**

Attn: Peaches  
2301 East Court Street  
Iowa City, IA 52245

5. Questions or comments: Phone #319-338-5626 OR email: [peaches@ourredeemer.org](mailto:peaches@ourredeemer.org)

Cut on dotted line ..... Cut on dotted line

## 2025 Order Form

**Return with payment to Church – No phone orders accepted**

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
Attn: Peaches  
2301 East Court Street  
Iowa City, IA 52245

<b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY</b>	
Date	_____
Check #/Cash	_____
Amount \$	_____
Deposit #	_____

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

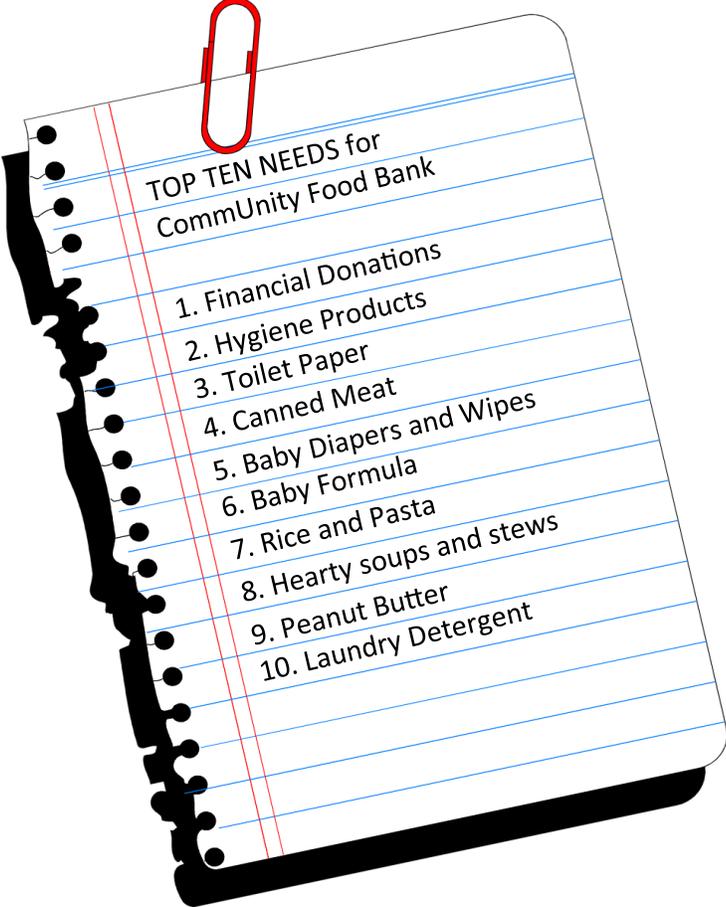
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Flats: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00/Flat=\$\_\_\_\_\_ **(2 flats = 1 box)**

IF APPLICABLE, name of youth who told you about peaches: \_\_\_\_\_

*We greatly appreciate your support of youth ministry programs at Our Redeemer!  
All proceeds will go to the youth and their mission projects.*

**THANK YOU FOR ORDERING!**



**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.

## WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER WEARING MY NAME TAG?

Because wearing your name tag helps –

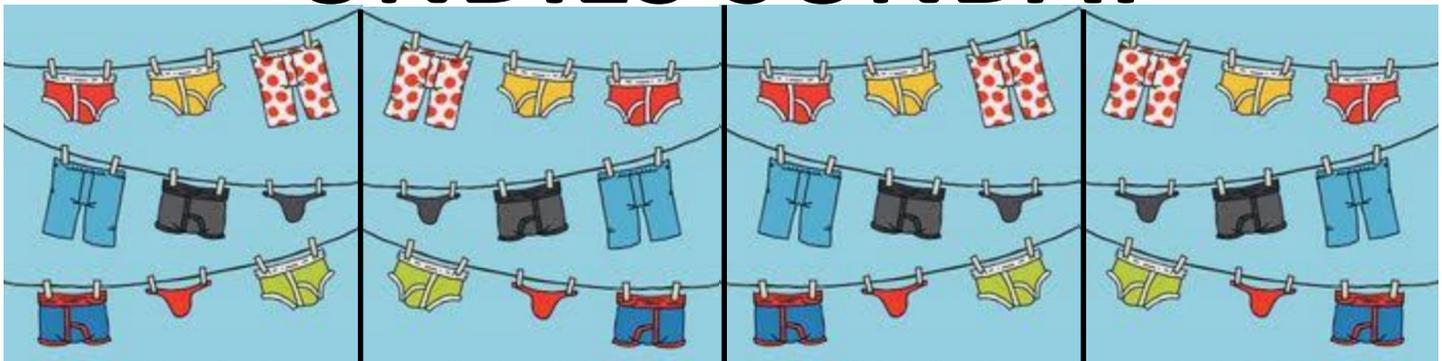
- ◆ others to call you by name
- ◆ you to be known by others
- ◆ encourage new members to wear their name tags
- ◆ those who have a hard time remembering names
- ◆ start conversations
- ◆ everyone to get to know each other better
- ◆ to identify those who are members and those who are visiting
- ◆ those who think they know your name, but because you're wearing your name tag, they can be sure of it



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.



# UNDIES SUNDAY



Starting Sunday, June 1st to June 29th, Our Redeemer Himan 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!

# Summer Preschool Newsletter

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

June 16—20, 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.ourredeemerpreschool.org preschool@ourredeemer.org



**A QUESTION TO ASK YOUR KIDS!**  
What is something that makes  
your family special?

## Things Not To Worry About When Your Child Starts School

**Doesn't bring home any artwork at all.**

There are so many other interesting things to do. And they're every bit as worthwhile. You just can't hang them on the refrigerator.

## MANIPULATIVES - Enable children to...

- \*improve fine-muscle control
- \*improve eye-hand coordination
- \*develop visual discrimination skills
- \*practice problem-solving
- \*learn to share with others and take turns
- \*discover basic math concepts
- \*use concrete materials to develop abstract concepts



# Youth

6<sup>th</sup> —12<sup>th</sup> Grade

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



## YOUTH Sunday School

**Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:20 am —10:05 am



Lesson: The Kingdom of Children—  
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Luke 18:15-17

## PEACH UPDATE

The 2025 Peach forms were mailed out. If you have not received one there are some available in the office.



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

Sign up to volunteer:

<https://vbsmate.com/OurRedeemerVBS2025>

## Upcoming Events

**June 21<sup>st</sup>—28<sup>th</sup>**

**UKANDU in Chicago**



**Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**

**UKANDU Presentation 9:20 am**  
During Sunday School Time



**Wednesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**6:00pm—Youth Night**  
**Nerf Battle**



**Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July**  
**Office Closed**

**Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00pm ~ Youth Family Night @ Bohnsacks'**

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

**ENDURE**

JULY 19-23, 2025; NEW ORLEANS, LA



**Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Vicar Farewell Luncheon**

**12:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**



# Children's Ministry

Birth—5<sup>th</sup> Grade



## Sunday School

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9:20 am —10:05 am



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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.