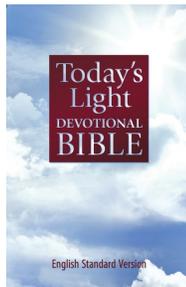




~Third Sunday after Pentecost~

## ADULT BIBLE CLASS

*Read through the Bible in two years*



Week 79 Date	
06/30/2025	Mark 16:1-20
07/01/2025	Luke 1:1-80
07/02/2025	Luke 2:1-3:38
07/03/2025	Luke 4:1-5:39
07/04/2025	Luke 6:1-49
07/05/2025	Luke 7:1-8:56

## Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
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

### Sunday Coffee & Treats



This Sunday's coffee and pastries are being provided by the Human Care Committee. Free will offering will go towards the purchase of underwear for the homeless shelter. They are going to be serving them in the **Fellowship Hall** before Sunday School and Adult Bible Class. Come join us downstairs.



### ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers for the altar this weekend are from Brenda Johnson in memory of her husband Dave Johnson on what would have been their 50th anniversary.

## Prayer of the Church/Third Sunday of Pentecost/June 29, 2025

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. God of our salvation, when Your Son set His face to go to Jerusalem and the cross, His zeal would not be deterred. Grant us to pray with the same fervor and boldness, trusting that You hear us for the sake of the Son of Man. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the Church, You give pastors and church workers to proclaim Your steadfast love, to announce freedom from the yoke of slavery to sin, and to point all toward the cross of Christ. Bless their faithful work, that their labor in the Lord may never be in vain. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the living, You set us free from bondage to the works of the flesh, that we may live and walk by the Spirit. Bring forth the fruits of the same in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the living, We thank You for all those who took part in the UKANDU event this week. Bless their work that it may contribute to the sharing of the Gospel in the greater Chicago area. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of refuge, Your salvation draws near to all who trust in You. Grant peace to Your people, and show us Your salvation. Hear our petitions for healing, strength and comfort for [*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), **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)] all for whom we pray. Be near them as the refuge of the weary and the God who preserves His people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

God of holiness, in this heavenly food and drink, You graft into our hearts the love of Your name. As You create new hearts within us, bless us with the fruit of the Spirit, that our love for You might be expressed for our neighbor's good. 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 29 Patsy Heinitz, Isabella Sexton  
 June 30 Tyce Alt, Lacie O'Leary, Mary Ann Schlueter, Evan Waring  
 July 01 Kathryn McIlrath  
 July 02 Brian Kirstein, Eric West  
 July 03 Debra Vinsand  
 July 04 Kylea Greve, Denise Schwarting, Kevin Sellers  
 July 05 Heidi Bricker, Bruce Maurer, Evelyn Mueller, Karrie Price

### STEWARDSHIP June 21/22, 2025

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 6/21—5:30pm	39	Contributions	\$8,841.62
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 6/22—8:00am	66	Monthly needs for budget	\$71,996.33
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 6/22—10:30am	120		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	225	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	19/52

### This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, June 29—July 6, 2025

<u>Sunday, 6/29</u>		<u>Thursday, 7/3</u>	
Worship Service	8:00am	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
UKANDU Presentation	9:20am	Visitation	6:30pm
Worship Service	10:30am	Al-Anon	7:30pm
<u>Monday, 6/30</u>		<u>Friday, 7/4—Office Closed</u>	
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	***	
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm		
<u>Tuesday, 7/1</u>		<u>Saturday, 7/5</u>	
Solon Nursing Home	9:30am	Worship Service	5:30pm
Al-Anon	7:00pm	<u>Sunday, 7/6</u>	
<u>Wednesday, 7/2</u>		Worship Service	8:00am
TOPS	8:00am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	9:20am
Bible Study	11:00am	Worship Service	10:30am
Lunch Bunch	12:00pm		
Youth Night	6:00pm		



**Building Healthy Families:** Someone once said you know you are Lutheran if you feel guilty about not feeling guilty enough. That's only funny because it's true! It's easy for us to hold on to guilt, but the effects of doing so are detrimental to physical, emotional and spiritual wellness. Studies show that unresolved guilt and negative thinking increase the stress hormones cortisol and adrenaline. Too many stress hormones increase heart rate, blood pressure and inflammation throughout the body. Our relationships with others and God become distant when guilt separates us. Go to the source of lasting help to be cleansed from guilt (Psalm 51, 1 John 1:5-10, Hebrews 10:19-23) and talk with your pastor or an LFS counselor if you are stuck.

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

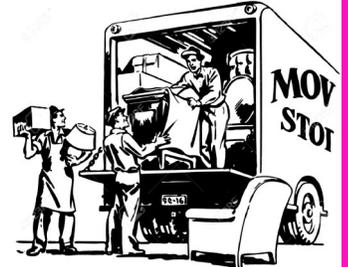
## It is nearing that time!

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



## 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!



## 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!**

# Colorado Peaches

## OUR REDEEMER YOUTH 28TH ANNUAL PEACH FUNDRAISER

Pickup date is determined when peaches are ready to harvest, usually in August or September. You will be notified by email and a postcard of the exact pickup date & time.



### ORDER & PREPAY NOW

PICK UP DELICIOUS PEACHES LATER



### \$25 PER FLAT

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## ORDER FORM



Click on the QR code or  
visit our website  
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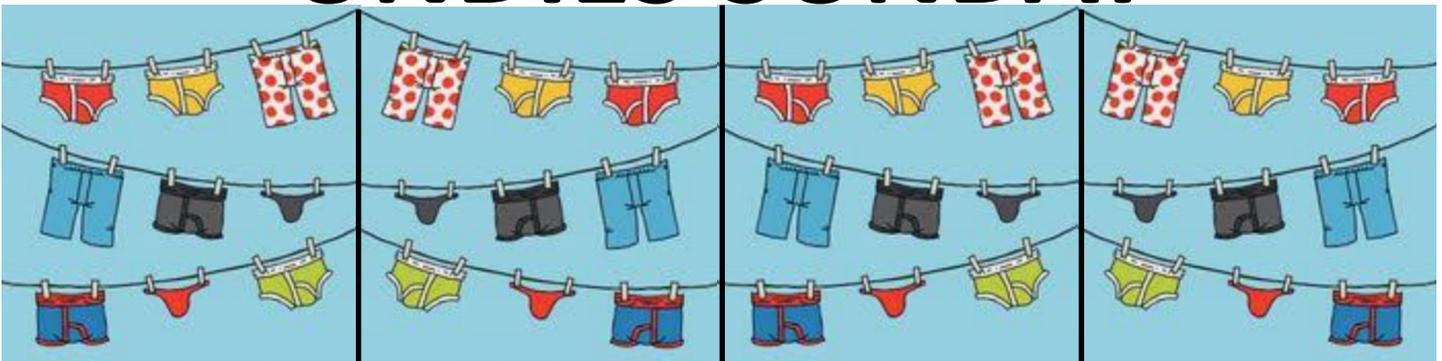


**OUR REDEEMER**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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Looking for exciting ways to engage your children in faith? Check out the Gospel Adventures Show! This kid's audio program uses songs, storytelling, and activities to help kids encounter clear and compelling Gospel 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 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!

# Summer Preschool Newsletter

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

June 23—27, 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



## A QUESTION TO ASK YOUR KIDS!

Of all the things you are learning, what do you think will be the most useful when you are an adult?

## JESUS TIME- Enable children to...

- \*hear stories about Jesus, their Savior and friend
- \*feel secure in Jesus' love
- \*rejoice and express feelings of praise
- \*talk to Jesus in prayer
- \*sing their praises
- \*be happy knowing that there is a place for them in heaven because of Jesus' death and resurrection
- \*discuss ways to share Jesus' love with others

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

**Claims she isn't going to be invited to someone's birthday party.**

Birthday parties are standard preschool bargaining chips as in—"If you don't give me a turn on the swing right now, I won't invite you to my birthday party." Rest assured that such threats have nothing to do with actual parties.



# 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 29<sup>th</sup>

9:20 am —10:05 am



Lesson: UKANDU Presentation in the Fellowship Hall (all ages)

## 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:

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## Upcoming Events



**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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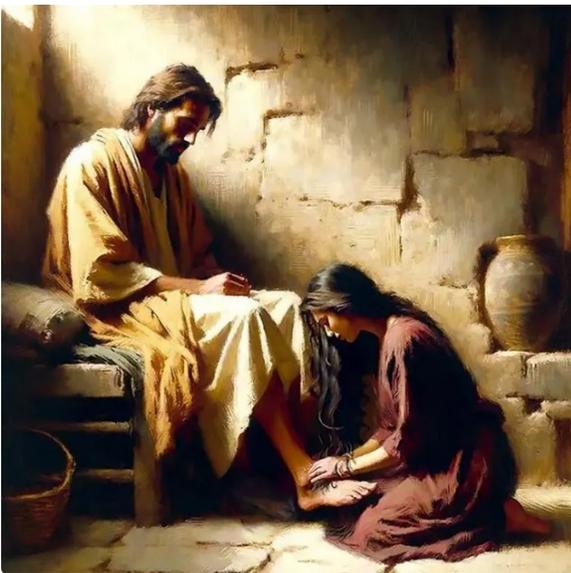
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Mary Anoints Jesus  
John 12:1-8**



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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.