



The Parish Beacon

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August 2025

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to invite you into a memory. It is not particularly spectacular. It isn't a memory of a heroic conquest. It is not a memory that would be played on the big screen. It isn't a memory that people would come far and wide to be told. It is a memory of... well it is a memory of the normal, the daily grind, the day in and day out of a life of purpose. It is a memory of a house that is well maintained by people who care. Who pick up the phone and dedicate time to fix a toilet or move a piano. It is a memory of a friendly conversation, a discussion across a desk about the pronunciation of a minor prophet.

This memory has vivid moments, emotional moments, moments of deep pain as a once full pew sits empty, as a body exits the sanctuary for... well for the last time. But it's not just pain. There are vivid moments of joy, as a child is born and food floods a house for months, delivered with love by people who care, people who just want to give because they love their neighbor. And then the baby is born again, welcomed from Satan's kingdom, the kingdom of the damned, into God's kingdom by a simple action, just some water and a few words spoken by a sinful man but carrying the weight of God's own promise. And man, this memory has its vivid moments of sheer laughter. Eye rolls and grunts of amused agony as another punny comment is made. A grin from ear to ear waiting for the satisfaction of a joke that lands. Laughing to the point of tears as a simple comment mixed with the right moment becomes a bookmark that elicits laughter every time it is stated... and restated... and stated again.

It isn't all vivid though, some of this memory sits in the fog. Hours on the road, hours in study, beautiful conversations that serve their purpose and fade to the recesses of the mind, never again to be articulable but leaving their own implicit impact. Impromptu sermons that... sometimes... go a bit longer than they should, and the laughs that follow. Meetings and studies and sermons and services, all so deep yet so common place they overlap like paper-mâché forming a greater image but, themselves, losing their own individual properties.

Yes, I'd like to tell you about this memory, this memory of the church being the church. Of you, God's people, living your life to serve Him, to love your neighbor, to train a [future] pastor and treat his family like your own. To walk alongside and support someone you didn't know but chose to love because you want nothing more than to reflect the love you have been shown by Christ. This memory, this wonderful beautiful profoundly simple memory is one I will carry with me for the rest of my life. So thank you, for sharing the love of Christ with me and my family. May He continue to bless you and yours from now into all eternity.

In Christ, Vicar Tyler Simmons



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

Heavenly Father, You hear the prayers of Your dear children and care for all their needs of body and soul. As we come before You with our petitions, unburden our hearts from the weight of our sins and troubles, and give us faith to live in light of Your promises. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You have bestowed a high honor and duty upon Your Church by teaching her to pray and promising to hear her. Bless our pastors in their prayers for Your people, and hear us all as we offer our petitions in the name of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You have called the hearts of fathers to their children by bringing Your Son into our world. Nurture the life of prayer in the homes of Your people, that we all would know the full blessing of Your fatherly care. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for the love between husbands and wives and that you instituted holy marriage. Bless **Jerry & Pat Sexton and Bill & Beth Benson** for their 57th wedding anniversaries. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You promise to hear our prayers and, through them, to involve us in Your divine plan. As You heard and considered the prayers of faithful Abraham, hear our prayers on behalf of [*we especially remember **Becky Behrens, Dorothy Blume** (Carol Schuldt's sister), **April Tutton Clark** (Sister of Grace Mauer) **Loren Deetz, Kathy Eick, John Enokian** (brother of Chuck Enokian), **Mary Helen Gibson** (sister of Gwen McNatt Enokian), **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, Dot Langholdt** (friend of Ruth Varney), **Lexi Little, Ben Malcom** (father of Tiffany Roiseland), **Mike Miles, Norma Miller** (Twyla Freeman's aunt), **Jane Mills** (aunt of Rob Gabel), **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), **Russell 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 who suffer. Spare their lives, and through all things draw them ever closer to You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Heavenly Father, You do not wink at wickedness, and You promise that Your patience with evil will not last forever. As You punished Sodom and rescued Lot in days of old, save Your people today and vanquish our enemies. Give us prayerful hearts to leave all vengeance in Your hands. 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!**

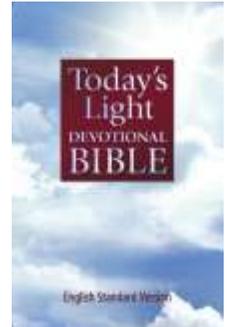
THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sun 07/27	Worship Service 8:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:20am Worship Service 10:30 Vicar's Farewell Luncheon 12:00pm Chamber Singers Audition 2:00pm
Mon 07/28	Staff Meeting/1:00pm Chamber Singers Audition 6:00pm Sunlight AA Group 6:00pm
Tues 07/29	Al-Anon 7:00pm
Wed 07/30	TOPS 8:00am Youth Night 6:00pm
Thurs 07/31	Comfort Tiers 9:00am Chamber Singers Audition 6:00pm Al-Anon 7:30pm
Fri 08/01	VBS Decorating & Setup
Sat 08/02	VBS Decorating & Setup Worship Service 5:30pm
Sun 08/03	Worship Service 8:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:20am Worship Service (VBS Comm.) 10:30am VBS Volunteer Lunch & Training 12:00pm VBS Setup 1:00pm VBS 5:00pm

THE BIBLE IN TWO YEARS

Week 83

07/28/25	John 15:1-16:33
07/29/25	John 17:1-26
07/30/25	John 18:1-19:42
07/31/25	John 20:1-21:25
08/01/25	Acts 1:1-26
08/02/25	Acts 2:1-47



Flowers for the altar this weekend (July 27) are from Jerry & Pat Sexton and Bill & Beth Benson in celebration and giving thanks to God for their 57th wedding anniversary.

Sunday Coffee & Treats



This Sunday's coffee and pastries are being provided by the ORLC Comfort Tiers. Come join us in the Gathering Place for treats, coffee, and a little fellowship before Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.

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: August 2, 3, 16, 17

**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



Vicar Farewell
Sunday, July 27
 Last Weekend to Preach
 Farewell Lunch 12:00pm
 Fellowship Hall
 Help Vicar load the moving truck after lunch



VBS Decorating & Setup, August 1 & 2
VBS Commissioning, Sunday, August 3, 10:30am
VBS Volunteer Lunch & Training 12:00pm
 Fellowship Hall
VBS Setup 1:00pm
VBS August 3-7, 5:00pm



FUN FAITH FEST, Sunday, August 10
 Setup 9:20am (No Sunday Classes)
 Worship (VBS Worship) 10:30am
 Hot Dog Lunch 12:00pm
 Fun Faith Fest 1:00pm



LWML Barn Lot Putt Putt
Saturday, August 16
10:00am



NYG Presentation
Presentation Planning
 Saturday, August 16, 6:30pm
Presentation
 Sunday, August 17, 9:20am
 Fellowship Hall



August 20
Bible Class 11:00am
Lunch 12:00pm
 Fellowship Hall



First Day of School—ICCS
August 25

Preschool Orientation
August 26
6:00pm to 7:00pm



LLL Steak Fry
August 26 at 6:00pm



Labor Day
Monday, September 1
OFFICE CLOSED

Birthdays

July 27	Daniel Juhl
July 28	Dillon Bruckman, Cade Obermueller
July 29	Amy Frantz, Kelsey Johnston
July 30	Andrew Bell, Kelly Carlson, Kristene Lake, Lonnie Loney, Alexander Rasmussen, Amanda Saterfield, Cade Sexton, Zoey Sexton
July 31	Frannie Ogilvie, Claire Siems, Ardith Stoner
August 1	Kora Johnson, Cody Kreutz
August 2	Dylan Carlson, Bob Carroll, Paul Jahnke, Brad Mullane, Emery Nariane

Stewardship—July 19/20, 2025

ATTENDANCE		TREASURES	
Sat. 7/19 In Person 5:30pm	45	Contributions	\$9,079.98
Sun. 7/20 In Person 8:00am	55	Monthly needs for budget	\$71,996.33
Sun. 7/20 In Person 10:30am	117		
TOTAL WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	217	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	30/n-a



MISSION	June/July
Iowa District East	\$6,666.66
TOTAL	\$6,666.66
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca	\$250.00
Lutheran Family Service	\$125.00
Orphan Grain Train	\$125.00
Common Fund (CommUnity)	\$125.00
Lutheran Hour	\$125.00
St. Paul's Chapel	\$375.00
MONTH TOTAL	\$7,791.66
Crisis Center	***
Lutherans for Life	***
Concordia Seminary Food Bank	***
TOTAL	\$7,791.66

Membership Changes and Official Acts

Transfer In	
Ethan & Melissa Monhollon & family	07-8-2025



Submitted by Marcia Hulse

Stephen Ministry

We care, Christ cures.

Love One Another as I Have Loved You...In John 15:12, Jesus says, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Loving and caring for one another is not just the pastor's job—it's something Jesus calls us all to do! **Stephen Ministry** is a ministry in which people with special gifts for caring ministry can put those gifts to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus's love and care to those who most need it.

If you, or someone you know is going through a difficult time and could benefit from the focused care, encouragement, and support of a Stephen Minister, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders or Pastor Hartwig. They can talk with you about how we can connect you or that person with one of our Stephen Ministers. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide focused confidential, one-to-one Christian care—to help you or them experience the healing power of Christ's love.

STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERS

Pastor Hartwig 319-338-5626

Bill Benson 517-881-9848

Marcia Hulse 319-541-4026

Kevin Sellers 319-631-8924

STOCK THE PANTRY

*Let's help
Vicar Vought & family
with their*

The Vought family will be moving into the vicarage soon. Let's give them a warm Our Redeemer welcome with things for their pantry.



Pantry Needs

Suggested items to donate include:

- *non-perishable food items
- *household goods
- *paper products
- *cleaning supplies
- *gift cards (grocery store, local restaurants or area businesses)

The items collected will be presented to them upon their arrival. We will continue to collect them through his installation in August. Please place your donations of goods in the box in the Narthex. **However**, please put your donations of gift cards in the church office.

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.



Did you know local radio isn't the only way to catch **The Lutheran Hour**? Listening is more convenient than ever—on *YOUR* schedule!

More ways you can listen include:

- SiriusXM Family Talk (Sundays, 10 a.m. ET)
- Online at lutheranhour.org
- **Connected by LHM** app
- Spotify, iHeartRadio, TuneIn, and Apple Podcasts
- Ask Alexa or Google to "Play The Lutheran Hour"
- Podcast subscription
- Receive transcripts by email
- Listen by phone or speakerphone
(Dial 855-JOHN-316. Select option 3.)

Visit lutheranhour.org for 25 years of archives, including Reflections and Q&A segments. You'll also find historic broadcasts by Dr. Walter A. Maier and other past Speakers. ♦

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YOUR NEXT STEPS WITH LHM

SHARE Help a friend in their *Journey Through Anxiety*. lhm.org/learn

CONNECT Read the *Discover Your Gifts Workbook*. See [reply form](#).

SUPPORT August is National Make-A-Will Month! lhm.org/giftplan

Amazon Wishlist Donations for VBS 2025

Help provide supplies for crafts, snacks,
and the Bible Challenge at VBS.



Look through the items on
the list, buy it on Amazon
and it will be sent directly to
church.

Scan the QR code
to see the
Amazon VBS 2025
wishlist.



Please purchase items by July 27th.

Thanks for your support!



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>

DONATE:

Scholarship money to help defray costs (box on the welcome center) Amazon Wishlist QR code for purchases needed for crafts and games on page 6 and on Welcome Center—purchases will be sent directly to Our Redeemer. Also, VBS Snack Food donation signup sheets are located on the Welcome Center.

Lutheran World Relief Kits



We will be packing and sending the School Kits, Baby Kits and Personal Care Kits in October. While you are out shopping for Back to School items, please buy a few extra to donate to Lutheran World Relief.

School Kits:

Notebooks—70 sheet wide or college-ruled spiral notebooks approximately 8"x10-1/2".

Rulers—30cm with centimeters on one side and inches on the other side.

Pencil Sharpeners

BLUNT –tipped Children’s Scissors

Box of 16 or 24 Crayons

Black or Blue Ballpoint Pens

2-1/2" Erasures



Personal Care Kits:

Soap—any kind of bar soap—8-9oz.

Metal Nail Clippers

Bath Towels—lightweight, dark colored bath-size towels—**NEW bath towels only.**



Baby Kits:

Receiving Blankets—made from cotton, flannel or lightweight yarn.

Hand Towels—dark-colored, **NEW hand towels only.**

Soap—gentle bar soap—8-9 oz.

Jackets—jacket, sweater or hooded sweatshirt for boys and girls.

T-shirts—lightweight cotton t-shirts.

Sleepers or Gowns—long or short sleeved and sleepers without feet.

Socks

Diaper Pins



Thank you for all of your contributions—we really appreciate your generosity!



Sandy Wagner
Lynne Westphal

Our Redeemer Youth 28 Annual Colorado Peach Fundraiser



9-11 pounds per flat
15-20 peaches per 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

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

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
Date _____
Check #/Cash _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

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

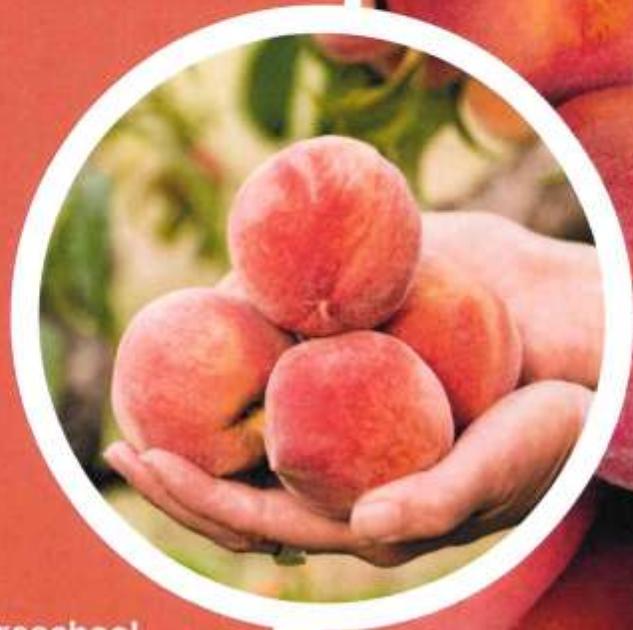
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ORDER FORM



Click on the QR code or
visit our website
www.ourredeemer.org



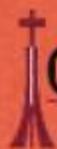
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OUR REDEEMER
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**PRAYFULLY SEEKING
VOLUNTEERS TO HELP
WITH THE FUN FAITH FEST
ON AUG. 10TH!**

The Outreach Committee is excited to announce that we will host our Fun Faith Fest again this year on Sunday, August 10th from 12 p.m.- 2 p.m., after the second Sunday service and a hot dog lunch in the Fellowship Hall. This event is large and in order to get the event set up and make it successful, we are in need of a LOT of volunteers! There will be games, prizes, popcorn, cotton candy, a bouncy house and a dunk tank! PLEASE use the link below to sign up online, or you can sign up in person on the weekends at church. The link is :[FFF Sign up](#)

WE are also in need of CANOPY TENTS to provide sun protection for the games and registration and prize tables. If you have a canopy tent you would be willing to loan to us for that day, please contact Melody Strom at 319-330-3326 or via email at jmstrom@southslope.net. Thank you! Looking forward to working with you at this Fun Outreach event!



Comfort-Tiers present Vicar Simmons with a quilt.



LWML NATIONAL CONVENTION 2025
 Omaha, Nebraska
 June 26-29, 2025
 Theme: Growing in God's Grace



National LWML Convention attendees: (Left to Right) Cheryll Davisson, Linda Diggelmann, Laura Stresow, Laurel Sellers, Donna Saehler, Kathy Schweer (Not in picture)



Vicar Simmons designed the LWML convention banner for the SELC District.



**MANY YOUTH
FROM ACROSS
THE NATION
WERE IN
ATTENDANCE**

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!



A QUESTION TO ASK YOUR KIDS!

If you could grow up to be famous, what would you want to be famous for?



HOUSKEEPING- Enable children to...

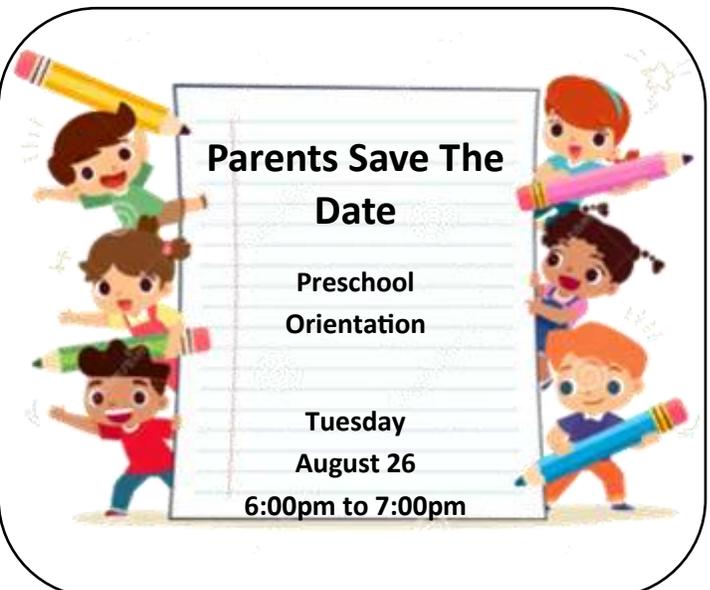
- *construct the world as she/he sees it
- *act out feelings and emotions in a comfortable setting
- *role-play real life situations
- *practice language and social skills
- *interact with other children in an informal setting
- *plan and work with others

Things Not To Worry About When Your Child Starts School

Comes home in “school” pants because his somehow got wet.

Lots of young children are reluctant to use unfamiliar bathrooms and decide to wait until they get home to go.

Don't worry. Teachers are used to changing wet pants. With time, the school's facilities will be on your child's list of Approved Bathrooms.



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
August 3	Matthew 26:36-56	Betrayed and Arrested—Jesus in Gethsemane
August 10	No Class—Fun Faith Fest Setup for indoor worship, church picnic and booths	
August 17	Mark 14:53-72	Standing Trial—Jesus on Trial/Peter Denies Jesus
August 24	Mark 15:16-16:8	The Living Wonder—Jesus' Death and Resurrection
August 31	No Class—Labor Day Weekend	



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through 8th grade
students (for 2025-26)

Sign up to attend or volunteer:

<https://vbsmate.com/OurRedeemerVBS2025>

Youth

6th - 12th Graders

AUGUST 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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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	9/1					

DATE	EVENT	TIME
8/1	VBS Decoration & Setup	
8/2	VBS Decoration & Setup	
8/3	VBS (August 3-7) VBS Commissioning VBS Volunteer Lunch & Training VBS Setup VBS	10:30am 12:00pm 1:00pm 5:00pm
8/10	Fun Faith Fest Setup VBS Worship Hot Dog Lunch Fun Faith Fest	9:20am 10:30am 12:00pm 1:00pm
8/13	Youth Night at the Bohnsacks	6:00pm
8/16	NYG Presentation Planning	6:30pm
8/17	NYG Presentation	9:20am
8/25	First Day of School (ICCSD)	
9/1	Labor Day—Office Closed	

August Events

Friday/Saturday, August 1st & 2nd
VBS DECORATING AND SETUP

Sunday, August 3rd
10:30am—VBS Commissioning
12:00pm Volunteer Lunch & Training
1:00pm VBS Setup
5:00pm VBS (August 3rd to 7th)

Sunday, August 10th
FUN FAITH FEST
9:20am Setup Fun Faith Fest—No Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service (VBS Worship)
12:00pm Hot Dog Lunch
1:00pm Fun Faith Fest

Wednesday, August 13th
6:00pm YOUTH NIGHT AT THE BOHNSACKS

Saturday, August 16th
6:30pm NYG PRESENTATION PLANNING

Sunday, August 17th
9:20am NYG PRESENTATION
In the Fellowship Hall (No Sunday School)

Sunday, August 31st
LABOR DAY WEEKEND—No Sunday School

Monday, September 1st
LABOR DAY—Church Office Closed



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

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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.

Enjoyment

Psalm 37:3

I enjoy:

a goldfinch camouflaged in the sunflowers	sunrises and sunsets
a furry kitten	a cardinal on snow covered branches
the smile you gave me, a stranger	learning
a word of welcome	fish nibbling at my bait
a rose's ripened red pip encased in sleet	a rainbow
the fragrant spring breeze	the flash of a bluebird
a frost covered cobweb	the odor of baking bread
sunshine shimmering on a sea of grass with every blade holding a dewdrop	a gentle hug
snowflakes falling at night, flashing like diamonds under the street light	an opening rose
the love of my family	you
the sight of deer running	dark chocolate
songs from a bobolink	cotton candy
	the peace in my heart

my Lord and Savior, forevermore!

Carol Schuldt

