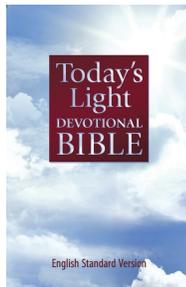




~Fourth Sunday after Pentecost~

## ADULT BIBLE CLASS

*Read through the Bible in two years*



Week 80 Date	
07/07/2025	Luke 9:1-62
07/08/2025	Luke 10:1-42
07/09/2025	Luke 11:1-12:59
07/10/2025	Luke 13:1-35
07/11/2025	Luke 14:1-35
07/12/2025	Luke 15:-16:31

## Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
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



**Building Healthy Families:** Parents, grandparents and pew buddies! Martin Luther reportedly once said something to the effect of “When you wash your face, remember your baptism!” With warmer temperatures and (sometimes) more relaxed schedules, this time of year brings with it an increase in swimming, running through sprinklers and otherwise splashing about in various water sources. As you and your family are refreshed by such water play, take the opportunity to remind one another that you’re baptized and beloved children of God, washed in the waters of Holy Baptism, and “heirs having the hope of eternal life” (Titus 3:5-7).

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

### ATTENDEE IN NEED OF A RIDE

We have an individual that has been attending church here at Our Redeemer at the Sunday services. He lives up near Kinnick Stadium on Calvin Ct. If you live in this area and can help with rides to and from church on Sunday give Lorrie a call at the Church Office at 319-338-5626 and talk to her.

## Prayer of the Church/Fourth Sunday of Pentecost/July 6, 2025

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. O Lord of the harvest, at Your Son's instruction we pray that You would continue to send laborers into Your vineyard, that the plentiful harvest may be gathered into the peace of Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord of the harvest, grant that we may sow the seed of Your Spirit and fulfill the law of Christ by bearing one another's burdens. Guard us, lest we grow weary in doing good or become boastful, that in due season we may enjoy the Spirit's harvest of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord of the harvest, be with those who govern in our nation, especially our president, our governor, and all those elected and appointed to serve us in Your name. Give to the nations an end to violence and terror. Guide us to work toward the common good for the sake of those most vulnerable. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord of the harvest, the work of Your hands is evident in the heavens above and the sun in its course. Teach us thankfulness for Your created order, that we may rejoice in Your provision and care for Your creation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord of the harvest, sustain the sick, the suffering, the grieving and the dying with Your Word of peace and Your healing grace. [*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, Lexi Little, Ben Malcom** (father of Tiffany Roiseland), **Mike Miles, 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)] Give them patience in their afflictions and faith in Your sufficient grace, that they may be kept through the day of trouble and brought with us, at last, to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

O Lord of the harvest, as Your people of old drank and were satisfied by Your abundant comfort shown to Jerusalem, may we likewise be satisfied to eat and drink of Your Son's body and blood, given for our comfort today. 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

July 06 Linda Diggelmann  
 July 07 Diane Amundson, Pearl Bricker, Linda McBride, Dixie Walker, Kelsey Westemeyer  
 July 08 Mike VanKirk, Jerry Waddilove  
 July 09 Terry Kapple  
 July 10 Daniel Lake  
 July 11 Kathryn Bolton, Marlene Folkmann  
 July 12 Dennis Stockman

### STEWARDSHIP June 28/29, 2025

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 6/28—5:30pm	39	Contributions	\$11,669.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 6/29—8:00am	93	Monthly needs for budget	\$71,996.33
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 6/29—10:30am	120		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	252	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	60 (all ages)

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

<u>Sunday, 7/6</u>		<u>Thursday, 7/10</u>	
Worship Service	8:00am	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Lantern Park	10:00am
Worship Service	10:30am	Briarwood	4:00pm
		Al-Anon	7:30pm
<u>Monday, 7/7</u>		<u>Friday, 7/11</u>	
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	***	
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm		
Children's Committee	6:00pm	<u>Saturday, 7/12</u>	
		Men's Bible Study	8:00am
<u>Tuesday, 7/8</u>		Worship Service	5:30pm
Connections Committee	6:30pm		
Al-Anon	7:00pm	<u>Sunday, 7/13—NYG Commissioning</u>	
		Worship Service	8:00am
<u>Wednesday, 7/9</u>		Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	9:20am
TOPS	8:00am	Worship Service (NYG Commissioning)	10:30am
Youth Family Night @ Bohnsacks'	6:30pm	Pre NYG Meeting	12:00pm



## Donations needed for the Bricktacular Group Building Activity

This coming winter, Our Redeemer is hosting a Bricktacular Building activity. We need people to donate assorted LEGOS to supply bricks for building. Donations do not have to be just Lego brand; they can be off brand. Donations can be new or used, whole sets or just separate pieces. Donations will be kept for future use and can be left in the church office. Contact Kaja Mueller at: [kaja@ourredeemer.org](mailto:kaja@ourredeemer.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 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.***



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5:00 PM—8:15 PM

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Iowa City, IA



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### STUDENT AGES:

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

**Sign up to attend or volunteer:**

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**ALL Ladies....**have we got a fun outing for you to join us on Saturday, August 16. We are going to Barn Yard Putt Putt. It is an 18 hole mini golf court a short drive outside of Iowa City. It is owned by a Mennonite woman who designed the course and with her kids constructed the course. There is no charge to play but she does have a collection box and all monies go to missions. We will meet at church at 9:15 for car pooling and leave church at 9:30 am. Bring a lawn chair (for when you are not golfing), a sandwich for lunch. We will provide drinks, chips and a cookie to go with your sandwich. Also bring money for golf and missions. There is a signup sheet in the narthex so we will know how many to plan for and how many drivers we will need. This will be a fun day. Don't miss out. We plan to leave Barn Yard Putt Putt at 2:00 pm. Contact Cynthia Freundt with questions, 319-855-8891.

# A Special Thank You

The Human Care Committee would like to thank everyone for the HUGE success in this year's Undies Sunday campaign. Your generosity will give comfort to the guests who stay at the Shelter House. On Tuesday morning, July 1st, we were able to donate a record-breaking amount of underwear to the Johnson County Homeless Shelter. The following are the donated numbers that we'd like to share with you all:

Church Family & Friends: 676 pairs  
Thrivent Card: 516  
Coffee/Snacks free will offering on 6/29: 36 pairs  
Scheels: 22 pairs  
25 Thrivent t-shirts  
(1) 10 pack of socks

This was our 4th year in collecting underwear for the homeless in our community. Pictured here is part of our committee with thankful employees Christine Hayes and Jessica Field and all 1,250 pairs of undies. Also giving gratitude for Sheila Alt's donation of her undie-themed cookies for part of the snack enjoyed in between services on June 29th,



## 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!

# STOCK THE PANTRY



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

## *Pantry Needs*

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

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.

# 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



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## ORDER FORM



Click on the QR code or  
visit our website  
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**OUR REDEEMER**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MISSOURI SYNOD

# Summer Preschool Newsletter



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

June 30—July 4, 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 www.ourredeemerpreschool.org pre-



## A QUESTION TO ASK YOUR KIDS!

Are you a good friend? Why do you think so?

## SCIENCE - Enable children to...

- \*explore and experiment
- \*develop skills in using the scientific method of problem solving: observing, predicting, testing predictions and generalizations
- \*use source materials in problem solving
- \*manipulate objects to move from concrete to abstract
- \*find out about nature
- \*classify relationships between objects

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

**Is unusually obnoxious at home.**

Kids make a real effort to behave well at school for the first few weeks. Meanwhile at home, where they feel safe, they let it all out. Don't worry. Their refined company manners will wear off as soon as they feel comfortable at school—and they won't need to bring all those pent-up feelings home to you.



# Youth

6<sup>th</sup> — 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

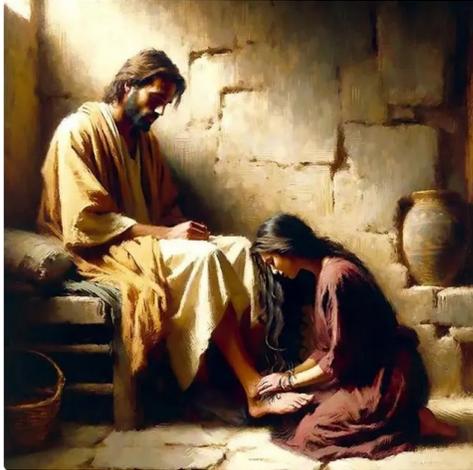
Youth Coordinator Kara Hartwig [youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org](mailto:youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org) (319) 855-2728



## Sunday School

Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>

9:20 am — 10:05 am



Lesson: The Passion Prediction—  
Mary Anoints Jesus  
John 12:1-8

## 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



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



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Vicar Farewell Luncheon  
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# Children's Ministry

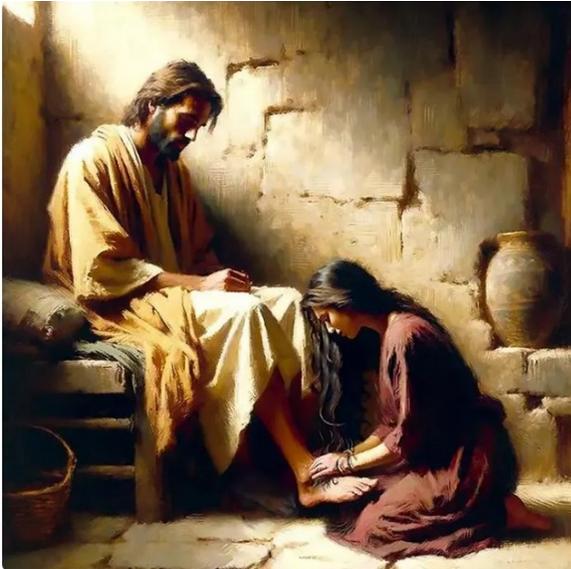
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Art Schwarting	319-325-6152

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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.