



# The Parish Beacon

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Hear this from Proverbs 24:3-4 ESV:

<sup>3</sup>By wisdom a house is built,  
and by understanding it is established;  
<sup>4</sup>by knowledge the rooms are filled  
with all precious and pleasant riches.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church built their first house in 1958. You can still see the cornerstone in our Narthex. The congregation was formed, a call committee found a pastor, and ground was broken at the corner of Court Street and the new, gravel road, First Avenue.

Subsequent building projects happened. Over the last sixty-seven years, some of these have been lost to time, and we are left with the building project outcomes, but we certainly recall recent building projects.

In 1996, a significant expansion of the building footprint was made by adding numerous classrooms, a nursery, a choir room, and a youth room.

In 2007, the East Wall Project was completed, featuring new windows and an exterior design that matched the overall architecture of the building.

In 2016, we renovated the building's infrastructure, including asbestos abatement, roof replacement with a new plywood base, and an overhaul of the electrical and HVAC systems. The Sanctuary was remodeled, featuring new flooring, a painted reredos wall, refinished pews, and an expanded communion rail. The AV equipment in the sanctuary was upgraded entirely and replaced with top-of-the-line equipment. The dividing wall between 208 and 210 was opened to create our Adult Education Room. The entire building was refreshed with new paint and flooring, and the Gathering Place was created by opening the library and relocating the chapel to its new location, providing us, as the name implies, with a place to gather. This new space has been beneficial to the ministries at this house of God.

That is the point. Over the many decades, through wisdom, we have improved and expanded the physical building of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church for ministry, worship, for the purpose of Instruction, Fellowship, Evangelism, and Service. The mnemonic is WIFES. These are the five areas of the Christian life. These are the pleasant and precious riches that fill the rooms of the house of God.

I promised that Vision 2020 (*the 2016 building project*) would not be the end. There is never an end to the improvements to the house of God for ministry. We must consistently determine how our facility and its improvements will aid in enhancing and expanding the Christian life through Worship, Instruction, Fellowship, Evangelism, and Service.

You might recall that a committee was formed a couple of years ago called the Cross and Entrance Committee. They have written articles and even had a display at our entrance for a while. After much diligent work, utilizing the expertise of Neumann Monson Architects and receiving a bid from Merit Construction, we have a presentation for the congregation. The first presentation will be at the September Voters' Meeting on September 21, 2025. Additional presentations will be announced.

It has been almost a decade since our last building project. By wisdom and understanding, let us continue to establish and build this house of God for His ministry.

Blessings, Pastor Hartwig

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

Almighty God, grant mercy to Your Holy Church here and throughout the world and to all who confess the Christ, that unity of the Church in doctrine and practice may abound.

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

Almighty God, You have established the family and the home to be a place where we learn, care, and extend Your love to one another. We come to You on behalf of Your people, asking that You would visit and bless our homes. Strengthen and restore our relationships through the healing power of forgiveness.

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

Almighty God, we commend to You all who pass through difficult circumstances: the lonely and the persecuted, the imprisoned and the addicted, those suffering from mental distress, and those suffering from bodily affliction [*especially **Becky Behrens, Dorothy Blume** (Carol Schuldt's sister), **Joanne Bowman** (Rob Bowman's mother), **April Tutton Clark** (Sister of Grace Maurer), **Tom Cowley** (Aaron Mueller's brother-in-law), **Loren Deetz, Kathy Eick, John Enokian** (brother of Chuck Enokian), **Raymond Forman, Mary Helen Gibson** (sister of Gwen McNatt Enokian), **Dennis Huedepohl** (friend of Bruce Maurer), **Jeff 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 Ghabel), **Marvin Muhlenbruck, Merri Mullane, Julie Pratt-Mullenkamp** (Cousin of Ruth Varney), **Erin Nielsen** (cousin of Crissy Pence), **Ed Pederson, Lee Schwarting** (Art Schwarting's mother), **Russell Sexton, Eunice Scheer, 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, Mark Wilson, Rod Wittich, Beth Wu, and Martha Van Kirk***].

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

Almighty God, send your holy angels to guard and protect the group from Our Redeemer going to Greece to "Walk in the Footsteps of St. Paul." May the group grow in their faith and understanding of Your Word through their journey.

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

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the love between husbands and wives and that you instituted holy marriage between husband and wife. Bless **Art and Denise Schwarting** for their 26<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

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

Almighty God, comfort the family and friends of **Velma Zebuhr** (Bruce Maurer's aunt), as they mourn her death. Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

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

Almighty God, You prepare a heavenly feast for us this day. Grant us faith to cherish this banquet of forgiveness, life and salvation and, being honored by a place at Your table, inspire us to spurn all the small and fleeting honors of this world.

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

Almighty God, You promise to hear our prayers and, through them, to involve us in Your divine plan. 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 08/31	Worship Service 8:00am Worship Service 10:30
Mon 09/01	Sunlight AA Group 6:00pm
<b>Labor Day</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
Tues 09/02	Solon Nursing Home 9:30am
<b>Preschool</b>	Human Care 6:30pm
<b>Begins</b>	AI-Anon 7:00pm
Wed 09/03	TOPS 8:00am
<b>Preschool</b>	Bible Study 11:00am
<b>Begins</b>	Lunch Bunch 12:00pm Choir Rehearsal 6:45pm
Thurs 09/04	Comfort Tiers 9:00am Visitation 6:30pm AI-Anon 7:30pm
Fri 09/05	***
Sat 09/06	Worship Service 5:30pm
Sun 09/07	Worship Service 8:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:20am Worship Service 10:30am



Flowers for the altar this weekend (August 31) are from Art & Denise Schwarting for being blessed with 26 years of marriage.



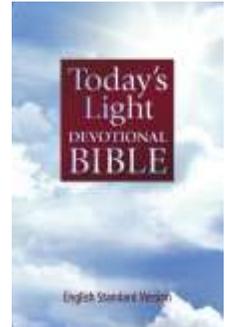
### Sunday Coffee & Treats

This Sunday's coffee and pastries are being provided by the Human Care Committee. Free will offering will go towards BEST DAY BOXES. See page 9 for details.

## THE BIBLE IN TWO YEARS

### Week 88

- 09/01/25 1 Corinthians 1:1-2:16
- 09/02/25 1 Corinthians 3:1-4:21
- 09/03/25 1 Corinthians 5:1-6:20
- 09/04/25 1 Corinthians 7:1-40
- 09/05/25 1 Corinthians 8:1-9:27
- 09/06/25 1 Corinthians 10:1-33



You're invited to the LWML Salad Luncheon and BABY SHOWER for Vicar and Keely Vought on September 15, 2025 (Monday).

It's a boy!



The Voughts would be appreciative of diapers and boy clothes sizes 6-12 months, 12-18 months. Also gift cards for Target would be appreciated.

The luncheon will be at 6 PM. Following the meal the shower gifts will be given. Then Vicar will have a Bible Class and tell us about himself and his family.



Mark your calendar and join us.

### 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: September 6, 7, 20, 21**

**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—  
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Louise Klopp: [choirdirector@ourredeemer.org](mailto:choirdirector@ourredeemer.org)**

# UPCOMING EVENTS



**Labor Day**  
**Monday, September 1**  
**OFFICE CLOSED**

**PRESCHOOL  
 BEGINS  
 September  
 2 & 3**



**Greece Trip**  
**September 2—12**



**September 3**  
**Bible Class 11:00am**  
**Lunch 12:00pm**  
**Fellowship Hall**



**NOISY OFFERING**  
**All 3 services**  
**September 13/14**



**RALLY DAY**  
**September 14**  
**Check Reflections & Beacon**  
**Youth Ministry page for**  
**details**

**RALLY DAY**  
**POTLUCK LUNCH**  
**September 14**  
**11:45am**  
**Fellowship Hall**

**CONFIRMATION**  
**ORIENTATION**  
**September 14**  
**12:45pm**



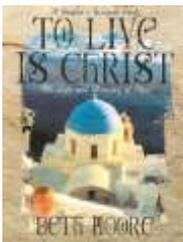
**September 17**  
**Bible Class 11:00am**  
**Lunch 12:00pm**  
**Fellowship Hall**



**BASICS OF THE FAITH**  
**Friday, September 19, 7:00pm**  
**Saturday, September 20, 8:30am**  
**Signup sheet on the**  
**Welcome Counter**



**STEWARSHIP SUNDAY**  
**VOTERS MEETING**  
**September 21, 11:45am**



**Women's Beth Moore**  
**Bible Study**  
**Tuesday's 10:00am—12:00pm**  
**September 23**  
**October 7, 21**  
**November 4, 18**  
**December 2, 16**



**PARADE PARTY**  
**September 24, 5:30pm**  
**Parking Lot**

**PANAMA FORO**  
**Pastor gone**  
**September 24—30**

## Birthdays

August 31	Steven Scott, Jacob Wahlert
September 1	David Hintze
September 2	Dawn Saterfield
September 3	Jeffrey Kleinmeyer, Nalia Naraine, Michael Schmidt
September 4	Kean Mueller, Christopher Stoll, Ryan Stoll, Michael Trimpe, Joseph Van Zante
September 5	Kale Clark, Sarah Gabel, Kari Kibby, Caden Olsen
September 6	Crissy Pence

## Stewardship—August 23/24, 2025

ATTENDANCE		TREASURES	
Sat. 8/23 In Person 5:30pm	40	Contributions	\$7,083.17
Sun. 8/24 In Person 8:00am	89	Monthly needs for budget	\$71,996.33
Sun. 8/24 In Person 10:30am	145		
<b>TOTAL WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>274</b>	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	54/5



MISSION	August
Iowa District East	\$3,333.33
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,333.33</b>
Panama Rickman	\$250.00
Peace Officer Ministry	\$125.00
Housing Fellowship	\$375.00
<b>MONTH TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,083.33</b>
Crisis Center	***
Lutherans for Life	***
Concordia Seminary Food Bank	***
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,083.33</b>

## Membership Changes and Official Acts

<b>Transfer In</b>	
Daniel & Kasey Gaffey	08-05-2025
<b>Transfer Out</b>	
James & Elizabeth Schanbacher	08-20-2025



*Submitted by Marcia Hulse*

# Stephen Ministry

We care, Christ cures.

Stephen Ministers are Care-Givers; God is the Cure-Giver. The role of Stephen Ministers is to give care. They listen, empathize, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support on a weekly basis to people going through a difficult time for as long as their need persists. God works in and through them to bring hope and healing.

If you are feeling lonely, experiencing a crisis, struggling through a difficult time, or simply stressed by everyday life, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders or Pastor Hartwig to learn more about Stephen Ministry. **Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you.** They are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one care as you search through the pieces and find what is truly in your heart.

#### STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERS

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**Bill Benson 517-881-9848**

**Marcia Hulse 319-541-4026**

**Kevin Sellers 319-631-8924**



## SUPPORT GROUP

Our next GriefShare grief support group begins on Tuesday, September 16, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Room 208/210. Please share this information with anyone who is grieving a loved one's death and may benefit from this 13-week program.

No matter what the circumstances, grief is a painful, confusing process. A GriefShare group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. At this 13-week support group program, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

Topics include how to manage grief-related emotions such as loneliness, anxiety, sadness, anger, and regret; how to cope with the changes in your life and relationships; and how to recognize what's normal in grief and what to do if you feel stuck or hopeless.

At a weekly GriefShare meeting, group participants will view a video featuring respected counselors, teachers, and healthcare professionals on grief-related topics. After that is a small-group discussion to allow people a time of sharing, support and personal application of what they learned on the video. If you have any questions or would like more information about how to register for this GriefShare program visit [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org).

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
Board of Directors Meeting  
August 14, 2025, 7:00pm

1. Call to order, Welcome
2. Opening Devotion – Pastor
3. Article II, Section 3-7
  - Section 3: Board of Church Properties
  - Section 4: Connections Committee
  - Section 5: Children’s Committee
  - Section 6: Financial Review Committee
  - Section 7: Human Care Committee
4. Minutes from May meeting were reviewed and minutes were approved by the board.
5. Treasurer’s Report: Kennedy Donovan – N/A
6. Elder’s Report: Bill Benson – N/A
7. At Large Reports:
  - Mary Robinson – Fun Faith Fest held inside because of rain.
  - Marilyn Albright – New Member Brunch being planned. Continued work on Pictorial Directory.
  - Steve Scott – Vacation Bible School was a big success.
    - A. Peaches will be here August 16<sup>th</sup>
8. Church Properties: Dave Yansky
  - Louise has completed over 50 different projects.
  - Mowing crews have been busy this summer and have kept things looking great at Church properties.
  - Reprogrammed all the thermostats this summer.
  - Rob Bowman cleaned the chillers and hopefully that will help with the noise.
  - Fire Marshall inspection was approved.
  - Eagles Scout project was completed and was well done.
  - Water leaks in Gathering Place repaired.
  - Problem in ceiling in Gathering Place. Need to remediate the mold and put in fans.
  - Elevator passed its inspection.
  - Sewer lines into Parsonage and Vicarage need to be repaired.
  - Vicarage was cleaned and minor things repaired.
  - Parsonage deck need repairs.
9. Staff Reports:
  - Pastor:
    - A. Updated computer network and integrated new security system.
    - B. LCMS YG: 34 went to youth gathering in New Orleans Adults that chaperoned created friendships and extended relationships as much as the youth.
    - C. Annual Plan: the new theme will be announced September 14.
    - D. Time-priority: Pastor wants to be more open about priority of his time.
    - E. Pastor thanks congregation for allowing him to be himself.
    - F. Entrance Project: Presentation of this project will be at the September Voters Meeting. We will not be voting on the project at that meeting.
    - G. Pastor admits that he is not an average pastor but works with his strengths and creative talents.
  - Vicar:
    - A. Attending many meetings and getting orientated to duties and activities. He is excited for his year.
  - Denise – N/A

- Kaja – Preschool
  - A. 9 children on MWF and 10 children on T-Th
  - B. Orientation Night for the families on August 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Kara:
  - A. Peaches arriving Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

10. Discussion Items:

Loving Arms Daycare: Their directors were very grateful for our church letting them move here when their center was closed this summer. The B.O.D. voted to let them use our facilities until they move into the new center. This is an outreach service to love our neighbors when a need arrives. The Daycare directors were very positive about the time they have spent with us and how well they have been treated and accepted by our church members.

11. Kudos:

The Board of Directors recognizes and thanks; the 62 VBS volunteers who made VBS Week a success.

The members who helped clean and repair the Vicarage:

- Linda & Henry Diggelmann
- Dave & Cynthia Freundt
- John & Sue Mentink
- Bill & Beth Benson
- Donna Saehler
- Rick Gienapp
- Pam Wilson
- Steve Scott
- Marcia Hulse
- Brenda Johnson
- Barb Pronk

Also, additional kudos to:

Rob Gabel for updating our computer network and integrating a new security system.

Bill Alt for providing a refrigerated truck for our Colorado peaches.

12. Prayer and adjourn: Next meeting will be September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barb Pronk, B.O.D. Secretary

Our Redeemer's **Human Care Committee** would like to bring a little joy to a family in need by building **Best Day Boxes** to benefit the **CommUnity Food Bank** during September. We take for granted that we can have a cake mix and the ingredients to make it along with frosting in our cabinets or it's simple to make a quick stop at the store on our way home. That's not so easy for our Food Bank families who many times lack the basics of even having an egg. Hold on because we found a short cut! Did you know that you can make a cake simply by mixing a standard cake mix with a 12 oz can of soda? It's true!

Our Human Care Committee tried and sampled the cakes. They were amazing. **Would you be willing to help us out by donating cake mixes and containers of frosting?** We'll be happy to take care of the pan and the soda and put everything together. It will bring many smiles to the faces of families wanting to celebrate their special moments whether it be a birthday, anniversary, a new job, or even moving into a new home.

To simplify our Best Day Box assembly process and consistency we're limiting the cake flavors to **STRAWBERRY CAKE, CHOCOLATE CAKE, or LEMON CAKE**. Any brand of cake mix and a container of frosting to go with it would be GREAT. We're excited to start this new project and appreciate your help!

Thank you for your kindness in helping us give others the **BEST DAY!**

Human Care Committee



# 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 welcomes.....



### **Our Redeemer welcomes new member Deb Grolmus.**

Her current occupation is daycare provider. In her spare time she likes to read, crochet, sew, cook, and bake.

She has recently completed Stephen Ministry training.

## Our Redeemer welcomes.....



### **Our Redeemer welcomes new members Ethan and Melissa Monhollon & children Elise & Olivia.**

Their current occupations are emergency medicine physician and human resource manager.

Their children Elise is almost 2 years old and Olivia is 4 years old.

When they are not busy they enjoy triathlons (Ethan) and tennis (Melissa). Other leisure activities that they engage in are family movie nights, walks, reading books, and travel. They like Nebraska (Go Big Red!). They have been to the California Redwoods.

# VICAR SIMMONS FAREWELL

Sunday, July 27



Vicar Simmons' final sermon as Vicar



David, Rachel, John, Vicar, Ruth and Hannah Simmons



Farewell remarks from Pastor and Vicar



Potluck meal with herb roasted chicken





# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday, August 3 – Thursday, August 7



Kaja Mueller leads opening and closing



Kitchen & Meal Helpers



Volunteers



Skits



VBS volunteers and participants

# EPIC Australian Adventure

An Unforgettable Journey with Jesus



Music  
Crafts  
Games  
Bible Lesson  
Snacks





Sunday, August 10



Rain moved the fun indoors, but the carnival followed hot dog meal in the fellowship hall





**LWML at  
Barnyard  
Putt Putt**

**Saturday,  
August 16**



**Lutheran  
Women  
in Mission**

# Children's Ministry

Birth—5<sup>th</sup> Grade



## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

"God Redeems His People"

Toddlin' age—12<sup>th</sup> Grade

9:20 a.m.—10:15 a.m.

*Invite your friends and come learn about Jesus!*

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
August 31	Labor Day Weekend—No Classes	
September 7	John 20:19-31	The Proof Room—Jesus Appears to Thomas
September 14	<p><b>RALLY DAY</b>—1st day of regular year; Sunday School Teacher Orientation during Sunday School.</p> <p>9:15am Opening in Sanctuary</p> <p>9:30am Adult Bible Study with Vicar in Sanctuary until 10:15am</p> <p>Teacher training with Pastor in Room 208</p> <p>1st graders &amp; parents with Kaja in Room 119</p> <p>Toddlin' will be in their classroom</p> <p>Preschool through 5th Grade will be in the Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Middle and High School will be in the Youth Room</p> <p>10:15am Closing—Teachers will get their students from the Fellowship Hall and take to classrooms for parent pickup.</p> <p>Lesson: John 21:1-19      A Revealing Restoration—Jesus Appears in Galilee</p>	
September 21	Acts 3:1-4:22	A Walking Wonder—Peter and John Heal a Lame Man
September 28	Acts 10	A Centurion Converts—Peter and Cornelius



The mid-week classes and Kids Club will resume in September 17. Watch Reflections and Beacon for future announcements.

6:00pm Midweek Meal

6:45pm Activities begin and end at 8:00pm

# Youth

6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Graders

## SEPTEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	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				

DATE	EVENT	TIME
9/1	Labor Day—Office Closed	
9/14	Rally Day—(Sanctuary) Milestone Presentations Potluck Lunch Confirmation Orientation	9:20am 10:30am 11:45am 12:45pm
9/17	Midweek Meal Midweek Classes begin	6:00pm 6:45pm
9/19 9/20	Basics of the Faith	7:00pm 8:30am
9/20	6th Grade Confirmation Retreat	5:30pm
9/24	Parade Party—No Classes	5:30pm

### FINAL PEACH UPDATE!

The Peach fundraiser was a success.  
All the peaches sold!

A special thank you to those who helped with the peach drive and to those who bought peaches.



## September Events

Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

LABOR DAY WEEKEND—No Sunday School

Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>

LABOR DAY—Church Office Closed

Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

RALLY DAY—Noisy Offering  
Meet in Sanctuary at 9:20 am  
(all ages)

Milestone Presentation 10:30am

For 3 year olds, First Graders,  
Third Graders, 6th Graders,  
and Juniors

Potluck Lunch—11:45am

Confirmation Orientation—12:45pm

Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

MIDWEEK MEAL—6:00pm

MIDWEEK CLASSES BEGIN—6:45pm

Friday/Saturday,

September 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

BASICS OF THE FAITH—

7:00pm (Friday)

BASICS OF THE FAITH—

8:30am (Saturday)

Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

PARADE PARTY—

5:30pm in Parking Lot

No Classes



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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.

## *A Lesson from Roses*

*(Please find a Bible Study Group!)*

*Ecclesiastes 12:9-11*

*My husband picked four roses for me  
to put into water.*

*Not noticing the water level drop,  
one soon dried up,  
one was lovely while the other two drooped.*

*I recut the stems and put fresh water on them  
but they were not reviving.*

*I recut them once more, close to the flowers,  
putting each into rose bowls  
where they flourished.*

*Christians can do the same  
if they deprive themselves  
of His Living Water.*

*They are able to allow their faith  
to dry up or become so-so  
and wilt in their trust in Him.*

*Pruning is needed to cut off doubt  
and be refreshed through Bible Study  
while drinking in His Word  
in communion with others.*

*Come to Him, our Living Water,  
and be refreshed!*

*Carol Schuldt*