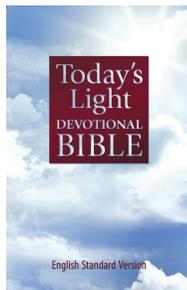




~Ninth Sunday after Pentecost~

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Read through the Bible in two years



Week 85 Date	
08/11/2025	Acts 13:1-14:28
08/12/2025	Acts 15:1-35
08/13/2025	Acts 15:36-16:40
08/14/2025	Acts 17:1-18:23
08/15/2025	Acts 18:24-21:16
08/16/2025	Acts 21:17-23:35

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
August 10	No Classes—Fun Faith Fest Setup for indoor worship, Church Picnic	
August 17	NYG PRESENTATION—All ages meet in Fellowship Hall	
August 24	Mark 14:53-72	Standing Trial—Jesus on Trial/Peter Denies Jesus
August 31	No Classes—Labor Day Weekend	

ALTAR FLOWERS



Flowers for the altar this week-end are from Ruth Varney in celebration of David Varney's 80th birthday.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR LUNCH BUNCH

Due to a scheduling conflict the August Bible Class and Lunch Bunch has been moved to August 27. We hope to see you there.

Prayer of the Church/Ninth Sunday of Pentecost/August 10, 2025

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

Merciful God, increase our faith in Your wise ways and gracious will. Preserve us from reliance on our own plans and natural powers, that we would ever trust in You and be counted righteous in Your Son, Jesus Christ.

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

Merciful God, You promised great and abundant blessings to Abram, which he believed by faith. Bless the hearts of Christian parents to prize the gift of their children and to work in their lives for the good of generations yet unseen.

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

Merciful God, because we are weak and powerless apart from You, defend us against all our enemies and bless our nation and those who lead us. Make them wise and endow them with a good heart, that they may seek justice and show mercy.

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

Merciful God, You know our needs before we ask, yet You invite us to pray for health and healing, comfort and consolation, and peace at the last. Deliver those who are sick, and grant Your grace to all who cry to You for mercy [*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 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), **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, Mark Wilson, Rod Wittich, Beth Wu, Martha Van Kirk, and Velma Zebuhr** (Bruce Maurer's aunt)] all who suffer..*

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

Merciful God, grant us a steadfast faith in Jesus Christ, a cheerful hope in Your mercy, and a sincere love for You and our neighbors. Although we are not worthy of Your benefits, accept our sacrifice of thanks, together with the offerings that we return to You in faith, that we would not be fruitless or ungrateful but magnify Your grace.

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

Merciful God, we give you thanks for the love between husbands and wives and that you instituted holy marriage. Bless **Jim and Kathy Eick** for their 66th wedding anniversary. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful 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!**

BIRTHDAYS

August 10 Willow Hahn, Florence Miller
 August 11 Alexander Chabal, Marcus Emmel, John Mentink
 August 12 LilliAnne Eldridge, Debbi Johnson, Hope Kocj, Loyd Koopman, Winifred O’Shea, David Varney
 August 13 Matthew Gerard, Claire Gienapp, Nicholas Pumfrey, Jeff Saehler, Michalle Waring
 August 14 Ali Carlson, Scott Redlin, Faith Reynolds, Abigail Saehler-Hall
 August 15 Tammy Bower, Nathaniel Glandorf, Beatrice Guhl, Sharon Hintze
 August 16 ***

STEWARDSHIP August 2/3, 2025

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 8/2—5:30pm	54	Contributions	\$13,688.29
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 8/3—8:00am	95	Monthly needs for budget	\$71,996.33
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 8/3—10:30am	158		
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	307	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	17/58

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, August 10—17, 2025

<u>Sunday, 8/10—Fun Faith Fest</u>		<u>Thursday, 8/14</u>	
Worship Service	8:00am	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Fun Faith Fest Setup	9:20am	Lantern Park	10:00am
Worship Service	10:30am	Staff Calendar Planning	11:00am
Hot Dog Lunch	12:00pm	Briarwood	4:00pm
Fun Faith Fest	1:00pm	Board of Directors	7:00pm
		Al-Anon	7:30pm
<u>Monday, 8/11</u>		<u>Friday, 8/15</u>	
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Loving Arms Day Care Graduation	2:30pm
Preschool Committee	6:30pm		
<u>Tuesday, 8/12</u>		<u>Saturday, 8/16</u>	
		LWML Barn Lot Putt Putt	10:00am
Connections Committee	6:30pm	Worship Service	5:30pm
Al-Anon	7:00pm	NYG Presentation Planning	6:30pm
<u>Wednesday, 8/13</u>		<u>Sunday, 8/17</u>	
TOPS	8:00am	Worship Service	8:00am
Properties Committee	3:30pm	NYG Presentation	9:20am
Youth Night at Bohnsacks’	6:00pm	Worship Service	10:30am



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.





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)
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CONNECT Read the *Discover Your Gifts Workbook*. See reply form.

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

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.





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

Come one, Come all to our annual Fun Faith Fest! It will be held outside this Sunday on Our Redeemer's front parking lot! Our 10:30am service with praise band will be in the Sanctuary follow by a hot dog lunch in the Fellowship Hall. From 12:00pm to 2:00pm outside in the parking lot we will have a variety of games and prizes, cotton candy, popcorn, a bouncy house and dunk tank

Volunteers are welcome to wear Our Redeemer shirts or Thrivent shirts. We will be setting up during and after the 8:00am service so we could use some volunteers to carry out game equipment, set up canopies and tables before the 10:30am service. Volunteers should go first in line for the lunch so that they can be ready at noon to start their assigned duties.

The front parking lot will be blocked off from parking, but on the south and east lots are still available. Handicap parking will extend to the east side parking lot.

We are excited to provide outreach to our community families and celebrate God's goodness to Our Redeemer church family! We hope to see you there! Bring a friend or a neighbor!

Sincerely, The Outreach Committee

Melody Strom, Donna Saehler, Carol Holman Committee ~~~Chairs for Fun Faith Fest



Next Saturday, August 16, all women of the church are invited to go Putt Putt golfing with us at a private miniature putt putt golf course set outside in the country, Barnyard Putt Putt or you can just sit and watch and laugh at those of us trying. Send your golf ball into the back of an old pickup truck. Fun day. 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 no later than 2:00 pm and head back to Iowa City. Contact Cynthia Fruendt with questions, 319-855-8891. You can also respond to this email to signup. Join us for FUN!



LLL Steak Fry August 26 at 6:00pm Fellowship Hall

Men of the congregation are invited to bring their own meat to grill along with a side dish.



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
\$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

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	_____
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.



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9-11 pounds per flat

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Summer Preschool Newsletter



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

August 4—8, 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

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QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR KIDS!

What is the best gift you have ever given? Why was it so special?

What is the hardest thing about being a kid?

If you were a teacher, and the kids in your class would not listen to you, what would you do?

Where is your favorite place in the world?

If you could give one gift to every single child in the world, what gift would you give?

If you could travel back in time three years and visit your younger self, what advice would you give yourself?

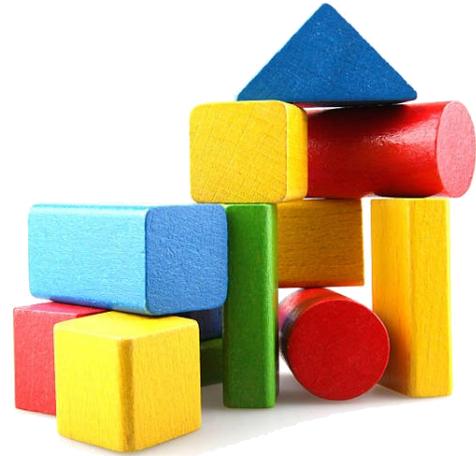
What five words do you think most describe you?

If you could invent something that would make life easier for people, what would you invent?

When was a time that you felt lucky?

What do you think would be the hardest thing about being blind?

If you could make one rule that everyone in the world had to follow, what rule would you make? Why?



BLOCKS - Enable children to...

- *express creativity
- *discover concepts of quantity, length and inequality
- *plan and work with one another to solve problems
- *use building as a means of non-verbal expression
- *develop large and small muscle control
- *improve eye-hand coordination

Parents Save The Dates

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

Preschool Begins
September 2 & 3



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



Sunday School
Sunday, August 10th



No Classes—Fun Faith Fest Setup for indoor worship, church picnic, and fun.



Thank you for all who helped, volunteered, and donated to this epic VBS adventure to journey with Jesus.

The VBS kids will be singing music they learned at the 10:30am Sunday service on August 10.



Sunday School
Sunday, August 17th
9:20 am —10:05 am



ENDURE
JULY 19-23, 2025; NEW ORLEANS, LA

NYG Presentation
All ages meet in the Fellowship Hall

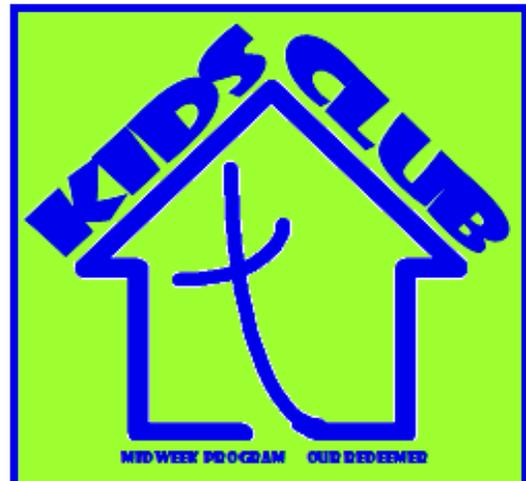
The mid-week classes and Kids Club will resume in September. Watch Reflections and Beacon for future announcements.



Sunday School
Sunday, August 24th
9:20 am —10:05 am



Lesson: Standing Trial—
Jesus on Trial/ Peter Denies Jesus
Mark 14:53-72



Youth

6th —12th Grade

Youth Coordinator Kara Hartwig youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org (319) 855-2728



Sunday School

Sunday, August 17th

9:20 am —10:05 am



**Lesson: Standing Trial—
Jesus on Trial/ Peter Denies Jesus
Mark 14:53-72**



Sunday School

Sunday, August 10th



**No Classes—Fun Faith Fest Setup
for indoor worship, church picnic,
and fun.**

Upcoming Events



Sunday, August 10th

**Fun Faith Fest, Indoor
Service, Picnic Lunch in
Fellowship Hall, fun time
outside**



Saturday, August 16th

NYG Presentation Planning 6:30pm

Sunday, August 17th

NYG Presentation

9:20 am during regular Sunday School time.

All ages meet in Fellowship Hall

PEACH UPDATE

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



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.