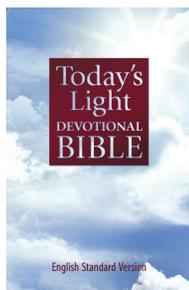




~Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost~

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Read through the Bible in two years



Week 87 Date	
08/25/2025	Romans 7:1-25
08/26/2025	Romans 8:1-39
08/27/2025	Romans 9:1-11:36
08/28/2025	Romans 12:1-21
08/29/2025	Romans 13:1-14:23
08/30/2025	Romans 15:1-16:27

Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
August 24	Mark 14:53-72	Standing Trial—Jesus on Trial/Peter Denies Jesus
August 31	No Classes—Labor Day Weekend	



RALLY DAY September 14

Rally Day will be September 14 with a potluck at noon. All Sunday School classes including the adult classes will meet in the Sanctuary at 9:20am.

Presentations for 3 year olds, first graders, third graders, sixth graders, and juniors will take place during the late service.

**NOISY
OFFERING
September 13/14**



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/Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost/August 24, 2025

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

O Lord, prosper Your Church, the preaching of the Word, and the work of all pastors and church workers. Guide and strengthen the catechumens and all who teach and learn Your Word.

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

O Lord, You have called parents to bring up their children in Your fear and love. Sanctify and sustain them through Your Word, that they would lovingly discipline their children and so show forth Your own divine care for Your baptized children.

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

O Lord, You have made some to be teachers and some to be students. As the academic year begins, we ask your blessing upon both. At every level, from preschool to college, prepare the teachers. Enrich their lesson plans. Give the teachers excitement and enthusiasm that is contagious. And at every level, from preschool to college, prepare the students for learning. Open their minds and understanding so that they may live a life fulfilling the many vocations You have given them.

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

O Lord, the kingdoms and nations of this world rise and fall while Your Church remains before You. Give Your Church a holy confidence in Your grace so that she fears no worldly threat and ministers to the nations boldly and faithfully.

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

O Lord, bless all those who care for the sick and attend to the dying; all those who care for our children; and our police, firefighters, emergency personnel and disaster-relief workers. Increase our generous support of those in need.

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

O Lord, be with the sick and those who suffer, those troubled in mind or heart, the grieving in their sorrow, and the dying in their last days on earth [*especially **Becky Behrens, Dorothy Blume** (Carol Schuldt's sister), **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, Martha Van Kirk, and Velma Zebuhr** (Bruce Maurer's aunt),] strength to the weak, endurance to bear up under trial, patience to await His deliverance, and peace at the last.*

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

O Lord, comfort the family and friends of **Delores Nace** (sister of Doris Siemer), 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.**

O Lord, 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 24 Mark Becker, Carla Jackson
 August 25 Virginia Alston, Isabella Brogley, Zoey Palmer, Todd Schuldt
 August 26 Gary Burge, Leola Meraz, Randall Sexton
 August 27 Rob Bowman, Alan Cross, Paul LaRoche, Brittney Pirkel, Nathaniel Thoe, Samuel Weis
 August 28 Jeff Reuter, Kevin Roiseland, Grant Wilson
 August 29 Johnny Stoll, Martha VanKirk
 August 30 Loren Deetz, Beth Hargens, Anita Nicholson, Jack Thomas, Rodney Wittich III

STEWARDSHIP August 16/17, 2025

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 8/16—5:30pm	52	Contributions	\$15,114.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 8/17—8:00am	87	Monthly needs for budget	\$71,996.33
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 8/18—10:30am	180	Youth Gathering Presentation	
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	319	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	94 (all ages)

This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, August 24—31, 2025

<u>Sunday, 8/24</u>		<u>Wednesday continued...</u>	
Worship Service	8:00am	Lunch Bunch	12:00pm
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am	Emerson Point	2:00pm
Worship Service	10:30am	Elders Dinner/Meet the Vicar	6:30pm
District 13 Meeting	2:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm
<u>Monday, 8/25</u>		<u>Thursday, 8/28</u>	
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Comfort Tiers	9:00am
Chamber Singers—Social Gathering	6:00pm	Loving Arms Meeting	5:30pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
Children's Committee	6:00pm		
<u>Tuesday, 8/26</u>		<u>Friday, 8/29</u>	
LLL Steak Fry	6:00pm	***	
SM-Small Group/Marlene	6:00pm	<u>Saturday, 8/30</u>	
Preschool Orientation	6:00pm	Worship Service	5:30pm
SM-Large Group/Marcia	6:45pm		
Al-Anon	7:00pm	<u>Sunday, 8/31—Labor Day Weekend</u>	
		Worship Service	8:00am
<u>Wednesday, 8/27</u>		Worship Service	10:30am
TOPS	8:00am	District 13	2:30pm
Bible Study	11:00am		



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.





WILL YOU SERVE?

“For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: If prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching, the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.”

Romans 12:4-8

Where has the time gone? Believe it or not, it is coming up on election time again at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Throughout the years, God has blessed us with outstanding individuals whom He has personally equipped to serve in the various positions needed to run our church. As much as we know most would love to maintain their positions, it is important for the spiritual development of our congregation that we stick to our established term limits to allow all individuals to have the opportunity to serve God according to their abilities. This year, we will have openings for new individuals to serve as Elders and Treasurer. But what exactly does it mean to serve in the church?

In Greek, the word for church is *Ecclesia* which literally means “to be called out”. With this in mind, we understand that this is not simply a community organization that we stumbled upon. God has **hand selected** each one of us to be part of His mission here at Our Redeemer. Have you ever stopped to ponder that God may have used past experiences in your life to prepare you for this exact moment? This idea is perfectly captured in Romans 12:4-8. In this passage, St. Paul is calling his hearers to put their God given skills and abilities to work in the service of the Gospel. How has God prepared you for the position He is calling you into?

Now, as you begin to feel a nudge to throw your name in the hat for a position, you may catch yourself thinking, “I’m not qualified for a church leadership position!” If this is a dilemma you have, know that you are in good company. Consider Moses’ response to God as he is standing before the burning bush in Exodus 3:11: “Moses said to God, ‘Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?’” Moses literally heard God **vocally** tell him He chose him to bring deliverance to His people in Egypt and how did Moses respond? He was petrified and **tried to talk God out of selecting him for the position!** Likewise, Gideon (Judges 6), David (Psalm 8), Solomon (1 Kings 3), Elijah (1 Kings 19), and Isaiah (Isaiah 6) all felt a sense of unworthiness to serve in the ways God was calling them.

Using the skills God has given you to fill a position here at Our Redeemer is stepping into a new role in your family. Everyone on our team is eager to work together through prayer, gentle instruction, and love so that we can continue to bear witness to Jesus in the community that God has called us into. We are confident that, if God has put it on your heart to step into a leadership position here, He has and will continue to equip you with the skills necessary to carry it out! We are excited to walk along side you as you prayerfully consider serving our congregation to help share the good news of Jesus with the world!



Hear ye, Hear Ye! Come one, come all!

An exciting group is looking for more people to make the group even more exciting! That exciting group is the Choir! Yes, you read correctly! Choir is a great opportunity to share the love of Christ with others through singing. Choir meets on Wednesday nights from 6:45 - 7:45 in the Choir room. (That means parents, you can drop your children off at mid-week activities, and come to Choir!) Choir usually sings twice a month for both the Sunday services. No one is expected to sing every Sunday that the Choir is scheduled (although we would be thrilled if you did!) The first rehearsal is Aug. 27th; now, I realize this is a week before the Mid-week activities begin, but don't let that stop you from joining! If you can't make it to the first rehearsal, that's fine.

God gave you an instrument to use to His glory. There is a quote by Henry David Thoreau that I believe wholeheartedly; "The woods would be very silent if the only birds that sang were those who sang best."

See you soon!



Basics of the Faith

Friday, September 19, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Saturday, September 20, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Basics of the Faith will be happening September 19 & 20. It's a great way to refresh one's knowledge. For new members or those who want to become a member it is an excellent way to receive instruction.

Signup sheet is on the counter.



Building Healthy Families: Trauma, emotional distress, or mental illness negatively impact many people, including those within our church fellowship today. When it does, we are often left searching for answers without knowing where to find help, especially help that will share and incorporate the important tenets of our Lutheran Christian faith. Lutheran Family Service offers professional mental health counseling with master's prepared and licensed therapists who share your faith and world view, now available to all regardless of location through telehealth. Call us...it's why we're here!

Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org



VOTERS MEETING

Sunday, September 21, 11:45am

There will a voters meeting Immediately following the 10:30am service.

**POTLUCK SALAD SUPPER AND BABY SHOWER
FOR VICAR AND KEELY VOUGHT
Monday, September 15, 2025, 6:00 pm
Fellowship Hall**



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.



COME JOIN THE PARTY!

Parade Party

Come on **Wednesday, September 24, at 5:30pm** to the Church parking Lot to watch the City High Homecoming Parade.

Bring your own chairs or blankets to sit curbside.

Hot dogs, chips, and a drink will be served in the parking lot.

**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.



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



FRUIT FOR PIES



The Youth are requesting fruit donations for their annual Youth Pie Sale held in November.

If you have any extra fresh fruit, we are asking you to donate it to the youth to make their pies. The types of fruit we are looking for are:

CHERRIES



BLUEBERRIES



PEACHES



BLACKBERRIES



STRAWBERRIES



RASPBERRIES



CURRENTS



RHUBARB



When apples are ready later in the year, we would appreciate them also.

Please wash the fruit, slice or chop as appropriate, and put the fruit in a LABELED gallon ziploc bag. Please write "Youth Pies" on the bag and the type of fruit & approximate quantity. Place the bag(s) in the church kitchen freezer.

We appreciate keeping down the cost of making the pies. With your help there will be some FABULOUS pies in November for you to buy.

If you have questions, contact Kara Hartwig.

Summer Preschool Newsletter



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

August 25-29, 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.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org preschool@ourredeemer.org

Pray for our Preschoolers

Dear God, thank you for our preschoolers. Please keep them safe and help them be kind to their teachers and friends. Help them to have fun learning new things and to be happy as they play. Be with us all this new school year. Amen

- ◇ Ava
- ◇ Brooklyn
- ◇ Calvin
- ◇ Catalina
- ◇ Coen
- ◇ Ellis
- ◇ Elsie
- ◇ Emma
- ◇ Evelyn
- ◇ Given
- ◇ Hazel
- ◇ Hudson
- ◇ Iven
- ◇ Jane
- ◇ Mason
- ◇ Norah
- ◇ Samuel
- ◇ Yoel



Things Not To Worry About When Your Child Starts School

Doesn't bring home any artwork at all.

There are so many other interesting things to do. And they're every bit as worthwhile. You just can't hang them on the refrigerator.

Parents Save The Dates

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

Preschool Begins
September 2 & 3



I'm using Class Dojo to communicate with parents this year. Contact Mrs. Kaja if you have not received a text message or have lost your code.



Consign through the Stuff; this is a fundraiser for our preschool. You can donate items by dropping them off yourselves or placing them in a box outside the preschool. Preschool will receive 50% of the profit from the donated items that are sold at Stuff. All items given to Stuff will be a donation if they cannot sell them. **Consigner Number:** Iowa City #43522 Coralville #38168



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



Sunday School Sunday, August 24th

9:20 am — 10:05 am



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



Rally Day 2025 September 14

**Rally Day—1st day of regular school year
Sunday School. Teacher Orientation during
Sunday School**

9:15am—Opening in Sanctuary

9:30am—Adult Bible Study w/ Vicar in
Sanctuary until 10:10am

Teacher Training w/ Pastor in
Room 208

1st Graders & Parents w/ Kaja in
Room 119

Toddlin' will be in their classroom
Preschool thru 5th Grade will be in
the Fellowship Hall

Middle School and High School will
be in the Youth Room

10:10am—Closing—Teachers get their students
from the Fellowship Hall & take to
classrooms for parent pickup



Sunday School Sunday, August 31st

**No Classes
Labor Day Weekend**



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

Youth

6th —12th Grade

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



Sunday School

Sunday, August 24th

9:20 am —10:05 am



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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.